

COMING EVENT

Our next event will be our **Annual Meeting, Election of Officers, and Dinner -- Sunday, May 20, 5:00 PM** at Church of the Nativity United Church of Christ in Kenmore. This will be a nice opportunity to visit with fellow Guild members and enjoy a fine dinner. All of the details will be in the May newsletter. Put it on your calendar now so you don't forget.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next Board Meeting will be May 4, 7:00 PM at Church of the Nativity U.C.C. – 1530 Colvin Blvd. in Kenmore. **PLEASE BE SURE to let Chris Snyder know if you are unable to attend (C50Snyder@aol.com / 832-4969).**

NOMINATING COMMITTEE . . . CANDIDATES

The nominating committee (Ed Witul, chair; Elaine Gardner, and Chris Snyder) announces the candidates for the May election. John Novak will run for SubDean, and Caryn Lawler for Secretary. Roger Dahl will continue as Treasurer. These officers will run on a single slate. Six members who will run for the Executive Committee are: Elaine Apczynski, Diane Green, Joanne Jasinski, Joel Kumro, Joyce Mathis, and Tim Socha. Three of the six will be elected.

FROM PROFESSIONAL CONCERNS

IMPORTANT NOTICE: if you are asked to sub, or see an ad, for the position at a church where you suspect that the organist (an AGO member) was suddenly dismissed for no reason, it is recommended that you check with Professional Concerns before accepting or applying for the position.

– E. Gardner, Professional Concerns chair

REED JEROME LIBRARY LIST NOW ON WEBSITE

The complete list of the contents of the Reed Jerome (anthem lending) Library is now on our chapter website. Please check it out and make use of the music that is available to you as a Guild member – free of charge. If you have any questions, or would like to borrow any music, contact Marlene Harrington at: 839-1930 or mwharrington.35@verizon.net. The Library is housed at North Presbyterian Church, 300 North Forest Road in Williamsville.

Thanks goes to John Novak, our Webmaster, who has spent a considerable amount of time getting this list set up for viewing on line.

<u>BOMBARDE DEADLINES</u>	
Please note these dates for your articles and Date Docket material:	
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FROM THE DEAN

Greetings to everyone. I am writing this 3 days before Easter, and, like many of us, I'm busily trying to get the complicated but beautiful Easter music back under my fingers. It will be a glorious but busy day for all of us. By the time you read this, we will have stored our Easter music for another year and will be back to perhaps more routine Sunday services.

On **March 10th** we enjoyed an excellent **Members Recital and Competition**. Peter Gonciarz, a student of James Flood at Villa Maria, was awarded first prize in the competition. Thanks to judges David Bond, Abigail Rockwood, and Ron Martin for judging. The competition was followed by an excellent members recital. Christina Shrewsbury, Diane Green, and Jeff Thompson played very beautiful and interesting music. The chapter appreciates their playing. And a special thanks to John Novak for organizing and hosting the event.

Looking ahead, we will enjoy a recital by Robert Duerr at 3:00 PM on April 22nd at Westminster Presbyterian Church. Fr. Duerr will be a busy musician that weekend. In addition to the Westminster program he will conduct the Buffalo Philharmonic Chorus and Orchestra in a concert called "Songs of Eternity: Choral Spectacular" at Kleinhans Music Hall on Friday, April 20 at 8:00 PM. Our last event of the season is our annual meeting and dinner at 5:00 PM on May 20th at Church of the Nativity.

Last month in this column I commented on the sad passing of organ great Gerre Hancock. Unfortunately, we have the passing of another organ and education great this month. David Craighead, internationally-known recitalist and professor of organ at Eastman School of Music passed away at the age of 88 on March 26th. His playing was wonderful, and he influenced many hundreds of fortunate organ students that came under his guidance at Eastman. I have a special memory of Professor Craighead. I was traveling from Buffalo to somewhere (I forget) on business quite a few years ago. The plane stopped in Rochester on the way, and Professor Craighead and his wife boarded the plane and sat across the aisle from me. I bravely if foolishly introduced myself, and we had a conversation about organ playing, etc. He was a kind and gracious man, and we in Buffalo were fortunate to have him so close by.

– Curt Holmes, CAGO, Dean

DAVID CRAIGHEAD

By now most of you are aware of the passing of our dear friend, colleague and mentor, David Craighead on March 26. His funeral took place on Saturday, March 31 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church where he served faithfully for nearly 50 years as organist. It is a great loss for all of those who knew him, studied with him, or otherwise benefited from his great musicianship and humanity. David was 88 years old.

For more information and to sign a Guest Book go to: <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/democratandchronicle/obituary.aspx?n=david-e-craighead&pid=156734240>

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