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**NEXT EVENT: ANNUAL MEETING, BRUNCH,**  
**ELECTION OF OFFICERS, and MINI-RECITAL**  
**Sunday, May 22 — 2:00 PM**

**Clarence Presbyterian Church, 9675 Main Street, Clarence**

Our next and final event for the season will be our Annual Meeting, Brunch, Election of Officers, and a Mini-Recital. We will begin the afternoon with a delightful Brunch at 2:00 PM. This will be followed by a short meeting, the announcement of the election results, and presentation of our attendance award. Then our host for this event, Koto Shimojo will play a short recital for us on the church's 14 rank Schlicker organ and demonstrate its new extensive midi attachment.

The Brunch will be catered again by Lisa Schulz and is just \$13.00.

- The menu is: Salad  
 Herb crusted garlic chicken  
 Home made mashed potatoes  
 Grilled asparagus  
 Rolls  
 Dessert

In past years we have honored members at the Annual Meeting who have been members for 35 and 50 years. This year we have three 35-year members: Thomas Borowski, Gladys Gifford, and Elaine Will. Our congratulations to all of them.

Clarence Presbyterian Church is located on the south side of Main Street just east of Clarence High School. Gunville Road crosses Main Street on the west side of the school. There is a parking lot on the east and south sides of the church. Please use the tear slip (below) for your reservation, and be sure to get it to Curt Holmes by May 19.

**ANNUAL MEETING ----- BRUNCH RESERVATION**  
**Sunday, May 22, 2011 — 2:00 PM**  
**Clarence Presbyterian Church, 9675 Main Street, Clarence, NY**

Brunch: \$13.00 each (U.S. Funds) ---

Brunch: salad, chicken, potatoes, asparagus, rolls, dessert

Total number of reservations \_\_\_\_\_ Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Payment must be included with this reservation --- make checks payable to "Buffalo Chapter AGO" and send to: Curtis Holmes, 68 Laurel Lane, Willimasville, NY 14221-8004

IF YOUR RESERVATION IS FOR OTHERS AS WELL AS YOURSELF, PLEASE LIST THOSE NAMES HERE:

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**RESERVATIONS NOT  
 CANCELED BY May 19  
 MUST BE PAID FOR**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CANDIDATES**

The following biographical information about those running for the Buffalo Chapter AGO Executive Committee should help you in making your choices. You should vote for three members whose term will run for three years. Use the enclosed ballot, and PLEASE REMEMBER TO VOTE -- in person at the Annual Meeting or by mail:

**JACK BARR** came to Buffalo in the fall of 1960, accepting a position at Buffalo State College teaching mathematics. He writes, "I like to recall that I was hired without a personal interview, apparently on the strength of my correspondence, or was it the shortage of mathematicians then? Little did I know then that Buffalo would become my permanent home. I retired from Buffalo State after 42 years of teaching. In 1967 I was introduced to the organist and teacher, Squire Haskin. That re-awoke my interest in the pipe organ. I took lessons with Squire from then on. Organ music and Bach has been a dominant part of my life." Jack has been a member of the Buffalo Chapter AGO for several years.

**SUSAN BRESE** has a Bachelors degree in organ from Concordia College and a Masters in Education from the University of Buffalo. She also studied organ with Fred Burgomaster. Locally she was organist at Trinity Lutheran Church in West Seneca for thirty-four years where she directed vocal choirs and a bell choir. Since then she has been Organist and Director at First Trinity Lutheran Church in Tonawanda for three years and has directed the Vespers Services there for the past six years. Sue also teaches piano. She has been a member of the Buffalo Chapter AGO for 40 years and has served on committees in the past.

**ELIZABETH CURTIS** has been Organist and Director at Christ United Methodist Church in Snyder since 1994. Before that she was at Church of the Advent (Episcopal) in Kenmore for two years. Her first job was at the University Catholic Center in Madison, Wisconsin. Elizabeth also studied organ with John Hofmann. She was soprano soloist at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Buffalo from 1974 to 1989 and has sung in many other venues. She taught voice and directed a choir at Daemen College and taught voice and theory at Buffalo State College. She previously served on the Buffalo Chapter AGO Executive Committee in the early 1990's.

**JAMES FLOOD**, FWTC, FCSM, was graduated from Syracuse University with a BA in Mus and did graduate organ study with Squire Haskin. For many years he owned Poppenberg's Music Store and installed many organs in the area. He has concertized in the US, Canada and England. Jim has recorded two CD's of American organ music of the last century. He is presently organist and Director of Music at First Baptist Church, Niagara Falls, NY and teaches organ, advanced piano, handbells, and directs the choral groups at Villa Maria College of Buffalo.

**LOIS JONES** is Minister of Music (organist and choir director) at Salem Lutheran Church in Buffalo, owner and director of a private piano and organ studio in the Buffalo area, and a faculty member of the American College of Musicians. She has an Applied Music degree from Houghton College and is an active member of the Piano Teachers Forum of Western New York as well as the National Federation of Music Clubs. She lives in the Boston Hills, south of Buffalo and is the mother of three girls and grandmother of two girls. She joined the Buffalo Chapter in 1968 and has served on its committees in the past.

**ROBERT KIERSZ** is Director of Music at Nativity of Our Lord RC Church in Orchard Park. He has served as Treasurer of the Church Musicians' Guild, RC Diocese of Buffalo, for several years. He has sung bass in the Buffalo Philharmonic Chorus for more than thirty years and has been a member of the Buffalo Chapter AGO for over twenty-five years.

**The following members are running on a single slate for the 2nd year of their terms:**

**FOR DEAN:** Curtis Holmes, CAGO

**FOR SUB-DEAN:** Debi Overton

**The remaining continuing officers are listed on the ballot**

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**PLEASE don't overlook the Membership Renewal form that is enclosed/attached with this newsletter, and please fill in all applicable parts of the form — front and back even if you have given us this information in the past. Renewals are due by June 15**