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NEXT EVENT: DINNER, ANNUAL MEETING and ELECTION OF OFFICERS – Sunday, May 20 @ 5:00 PM
Church of the Nativity United Church of Christ, 1530 Colvin Boulevard, Kenmore

Our next and final event for the season will be our Annual Meeting, Dinner, and Election of Officers. Last year we had a brunch and a short recital following the meeting. This year we are having a Dinner with no other event planned beyond the meeting. This will give those attending a good amount of time to visit with one another in a relaxed atmosphere. Nativity Church has a 1965 Schlicker organ that is similar in size to the one we saw and heard last year (at Clarence Presbyterian Church) but without the midi attachment. It will be available for viewing and playing after the meeting. Carole Harris, Organist and Choir Director at Nativity, is our host and chair for this event.

The Dinner will be catered again by Lisa Schultz and is just \$13.00 . . .



THE MENU IS:
Greek Salad
Lasagna
Rolls and butter
Dessert, coffee and tea

*There will also be
door and table prizes*

In past years we have honored members at the Annual Meeting who have been Buffalo Chapter members for 35 and 50 years. This year we have one 50-year member: Bruce Jacobs, and two 35-year members: William Smith and Barbara Wagner. They will be honored at the dinner. Our congratulations to all of them.

Church of the Nativity is on the west side of Colvin Blvd. one block north of Sheridan Drive, and there is a large parking lot behind the church. Please use the tear-slip (below) for your reservation, and be sure to get it to Carole Harris by May 15.

ANNUAL MEETING — DINNER RESERVATION

Sunday, May 20, 2012 -- 5:00 PM

Church of the Nativity U.C.C., 1530 Colvin Boulevard, Kenmore/Town of Tonawanda

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

Dinner: Greek Salad, Lasagna, Dessert Check here if you need vegetarian

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: Carole Harris, %o Church of the Nativity U.C.C., 1530 Colvin Blvd., Buffalo, New York 14223

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

**RESERVATIONS NOT
CANCELED BY MAY 15
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:

ELAINE APCZYNSKI holds Masters degrees in Early Childhood Education and the Humanities (vocal literature/opera) from the University of Buffalo where she studied with Muriel Wolf, Barbara Harbach, and Livingston Gearhart. While living in Olean, NY she studied organ with Frederick Crumley and served as substitute organist as well as soprano soloist with area churches and the Community Chorus and Orchestra. Her focus as signer and voice teacher is sacred solo repertoire which she coached for many years with Dilys Jones Smith at Grace Church, New York City. Elaine has presented programs of sacred solos and music by women composers for AGO chapters and other organizations. In addition to maintaining a private voice/piano studio for the past thirty-five years Elaine has taught voice and piano St. Bonaventure University, voice in the Williamsville Community Education Program, and music at the Montessori Children's House of Olean. A long time member of the AGO, Elaine has served as Program Chair and Dean of the Allegheny, NY Chapter and is currently serving on the Buffalo Chapter's Executive Committee.

DIANE GREEN is Director of Music Ministries at Kenmore Presbyterian Church where she is organist and director of three vocal choirs and two handbell choirs. She earned a BM in Organ Performance, a BME in vocal music education from Baldwin-Wallace College in Berea, Ohio, and a MM in Organ from Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville, Illinois. Diane is a member of several music organizations including the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers, Choristers Guild, and the Presbyterian Association of Musicians; and she has held several teaching and organist/choir director positions before coming to Kenmore. Diane has served on the Buffalo Chapter's Executive Committee and is a past Dean.

JOANNE JASINSKI is a native of WNY and graduated from the State University School of Music at Fredonia, where she was the first recipient of the Performer's Certificate in Organ. She earned her Master of Music degree in organ performance from the College-Conservatory of Music, University of Cincinnati, where she was the graduate assistant in organ. While at Cincinnati, she performed with the Cincinnati Wind Ensemble and was honored with the Outstanding Achievement Award. Additional studies have taken place at the Konservatorium der Stadt Wien, Vienna, Austria and the Haarlem Organ Institute, The Netherlands. Successful organ competitions have included the Strader Organ Competition, American Guild of Organists and Chicago Club of Organists. She is an active recitalist and has presented concerts in the United States and abroad. A Past Dean of the Buffalo Chapter American Guild of Organists, she has also served on the Executive, Program, Professional Concerns, and Competition Committees. Joanne is currently the chapter's Education Chair.

JOEL KUMRO is a recent graduate of SUNY Buffalo State College, where he received an undergraduate degree in Music. He has studied tenor voice with Cheryl Hudson-King, piano with Marcella Branagan, and organ with Patrick Barrett and Margaret Harper. Joel is currently serving as Director of Music and organist at Our Lady Help of Christians Parish in Cheektowaga, NY, where he directs an adult and children's choir. In addition, he established and oversees a successful classical music series which has been featured by WNED Classical 94.5. Joel serves on the board of directors of the Church Musicians Guild of Buffalo, as well as the Buffalo Philharmonic Chorus where he is a singing member. Joel is very active within the Western New York music community. As a vocalist, he has appeared as soloist with many organizations including the Amherst Chamber Ensembles, Camerata di San Antonio Orchestra, the Buffalo Philharmonic Chorus, and the Buffalo State College Chamber Choir. He has also accompanied many ensembles as an organist and pianist and has significant experience as a chorister. In addition, Joel has been featured as a soloist on the concert series of Our Lady Help of Christians, St. Nicholas Anglican Church, and St. John the Baptist RC Church. Joel is a member of several music organizations in addition to the AGO. In 2010, Joel was awarded the Msgr. Kawalec Memorial Organ Scholarship for young organists. He has also been awarded the Chiavetta Memorial Music Scholarship and the National School Choral Award.

JOYCE MATHIS is a retired school teacher, having taught in the Buffalo public School system for thirty-three years. She was Minister of Music at Lutheran Church of our Savior for three years, and has been an organist for fifty-two years. Joyce is accompanist for the Royal Serenaders Male Chorus, a prominent choral group in the community which was founded and directed by her husband, Roy Mathis. She has been a member of the AGO for many years and has served on the Executive Committee in the past.

TIMOTHY SOCHA is currently Director of Music at St. Joseph Cathedral, Buffalo. He is a graduate of Colgate University, where he studied organ with Mary Ann Dodd and choral conducting with Marietta Cheng. He maintains a private studio of piano and organ students. Tim has previously served as Director of Music at Grace Episcopal Church, Lockport, SS. Peter & Paul RC Church in Williamsville, and Trinity Episcopal Church, Buffalo. He was Hospitality Chair for the 1997 AGO Region II convention and for many years chaired the "Meet-Eat-Sing" event. Tim is a past Dean of the chapter.

The following members are running on a single slate: [The remainder of the candidates remain the same as for last year]

FOR SubDean: JOHN NOVAK is an active church organist, performer and music educator in Western New York. John has served as the Organist and Minister of Music at University Presbyterian Church in Buffalo, NY since September of 2005. John also holds a full-time position as the middle and high school vocal music teacher at Letchworth Central School in Gainesville, NY, directing four choral ensembles and teaching classroom music and music theory classes. He studied organ with Jonathan Biggers and Judy Congdon and holds degrees from Binghamton University (Master of Music in Organ Performance, 2006) and Houghton College (Bachelor of Music in Music Education, 2001). In addition to his teaching responsibilities he also co-directs the spring musical production at Letchworth and has organized multiple regional solo and ensemble festivals for middle and high school students. Certified as a NYSSMA piano adjudicator, he judges young pianists at NYSSMA festivals each spring. John is an active performer, appearing in organ recitals in Binghamton, Geneseo, Buffalo and East Aurora in recent years. He is also very involved in several Western New York organizations, currently serving as president of the Genesee Valley School Music Association, advisory board member of the Portageville Chapel (a retreat for organists), and president of the Letchworth Central Teachers' Association. John has served on the Executive Committee and is Competitions Chair and Webmaster for the Buffalo Chapter AGO.