

**COMING EVENTS . . .**

Our next events will be a **Hymn Festival on Sunday, October 23 — 4:00 PM at Kenmore Presbyterian Church** [see the article on p. 3] and an **Organ Recital by David Higgs on Friday, October 28 — 7:30 PM at Slee Concert Hall**. We usually try not to have two events so close together. But this was unavoidable this time. Further details about these events will appear in the October *Bombarde*.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING**

The next Board Meeting will take place on Friday, October 28 - 6:15 PM at UB preceding the Higgs recital. **PLEASE BE SURE to let Chris Snyder know if you are not able to attend [ C50Snyder@aol.com / 832-4969 ]**. Please come at 6:00 if you can to help Chris carry things in for the reception after the recital.

**TO THOSE WHO SUBSTITUTE . . .**

If you were on the chapter's substitute list for last year, and want to be on that list for this year, **PLEASE let Marge Metz know about that ASAP . . .** if you haven't already done so — at 689-4043.

**ELECTION RESULTS**

At our Annual Meeting and Election in May the following members were elected to the Executive Committee for 2011-2014: Susan Brese, Lois Jones, and Robert Kiersz. Abigail Rockwood has had to relinquish her position from the 2010-2013 group of members, and James Flood is filling her unexpired term.

**NUNC DIMITTIS**

Longtime member Thomas Borowski died on June 20. His funeral was on June 23. Tom was organist at St. Stanislaus RC Church in Buffalo for many years.

Buffalo Chapter member George Clarke, husband of Mary Anne Clarke (member) died on June 29. His funeral mass was on July 9 at St. Joseph's Church of the Holy Family RC Church in Niagara Falls, NY where he was organist and choir director for about five years.

Buffalo Chapter member Susan Gervase died on July 2. She served as organist and director at many WNY churches. The last two were Wayside Presbyterian Church in Hamburg, and St. Matthew's UCC in Hamburg. Her funeral service was on July 9 at St. Paul's Cathedral.

<b><u>BOMBARDE DEADLINES</u></b>	
Please note these dates for your articles and Date Docket material:	
<u>Issue</u>	<u>Deadline Date</u>
October . . . . .	October 7, 2011
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March . . . . .	February 17, 2012
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**FROM THE DEAN**

Greetings, everyone . . .

I trust everyone has had a warm and enjoyable summer and is looking forward to the fall season. As August approaches its end, we will soon begin our fall season and will look forward to another successful year for the Buffalo Chapter.

Our program committee has been busy developing the program for 2011-2012. We will start in September with a Meat, Eat, and Sing at Calvary Church in Williamsville. October will feature a hymn fest at Kenmore Presbyterian. Later in October David Higgs will present a recital for us. In January we will have our traditional Post-Epiphany dinner. Gail Archer will present a workshop and recital in Orchard Park Presbyterian Church. March will see our annual contest and members recital. We will soon receive the details of the schedule, laboriously put together by Greg White. All in all, we will have another great season.

We've had a couple of changes in leadership of the chapter. Debi Overton had resigned as SubDean due to increasing responsibilities at her church. We appreciate her service and are pleased that she plans to continue participating in chapter activities. Christina Shrewsbury was appointed new SubDean and has graciously accepted that appointment. Abigail Rockwood has resigned as a member of the executive committee because of scheduling difficulties with her position at St. Paul's Cathedral. Jim Flood will take her place on the executive committee. Thanks to Abigail for her service, and thanks to Jim for accepting the position on the committee.

I hope to see many of our members at our events this season. Best regards and best wishes for a successful season.

— Curt Holmes, CAGO – Dean

**MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY**

The new Membership Directory for 2011-2012 is included with this newsletter. It includes everyone who has renewed their membership as of the date on the list. Every year we have some who have not renewed by the cutoff date even though the deadline this year was June 15. Apparently some of our members still don't realize that the calendar year for the Guild is July 1 to June 30. You can renew at any time, BUT if it's after July 1 you're not getting a full year's worth of membership benefits. We have to have a final cutoff date at some point for the directory, and as of now those who haven't renewed are no longer members until they renew. Next year, when we expect that the National AGO will be doing renewals, all of this will be done in a very different way.

**OUR CHAPTER WEB SITE**

A REMINDER: That the *Bombarde* is available at the web site. So if there are any problems with the e-mailing of the newsletter, it will always be available to you. Please also remember that due to National changes, to get to the "Positions Open" information, you no longer need to enter: username: *agomember*, and password: *memberago*

Visit our chapter's OWN web site:  
**[www.agobuffalo.org](http://www.agobuffalo.org)**

## HYMN FESTIVAL IN OCTOBER

Last spring during discussions of future programming, the suggestion was made that the Guild cosponsor events that are being planned by members. This would help the AGO with programming while also supporting member events. Members may apply to the Program Committee to have their event cosponsored by the Guild. While the Executive Committee is still working out all the details, it was decided to proceed for this year.

The first event to be cosponsored by the Guild will be the **Harvest Hymn Festival** to be held at **Kenmore Presbyterian Church** on **Sunday, October 23 at 4:00 PM.** The event is open to all AGO members and their choirs. The festival is designed around a Litany of Thanksgiving. It will include a brass quartet, flute, oboe and timpani. Some music may be borrowed, a few anthems will need to be purchased. If you are interested in having your choir (or some of your choir members and/or yourself) participate in this festival, please contact Diane Green at 875-7600, ext.12, or [maestrogreen@yahoo.com](mailto:maestrogreen@yahoo.com) as soon as possible for a list of music and further details.

And be thinking about an event at your church that you would like to have the Guild cosponsor. We'll let you know when it's time to apply, and the deadline for applications, for the 2012-2013 season.

## POSITIONS OPEN . . .

*Note: Only churches providing F.I.C.A. and Workers' Compensation as well as Unemployment and Disability Insurance are listed, and a written contract will be provided for all positions listed unless otherwise noted.*

### Previously Listed - Still Open

Org/Org-Dir: Trinity Lutheran Church (MS), West Seneca  
Organist: Mount Olive Lutheran Church, Lockport  
Organist: First Presbyterian Church, Springville

### New Position

Organist: St. David's Episcopal Church, West Seneca; play two or three Sunday morning services per month; 2-man. pipe organ with limited facilities; no benefits; Salary: per service according to AGO Guidelines - level of ability [Evaluation = Good] call the church at 674-4670 or Fr. Farabee at 882-4981

PLEASE NOTE: For information about Roman Catholic Church positions please call Alan Lukas at 652-6565

IMPORTANT: You are reminded that listing of positions in this newsletter does not imply endorsement by the Buffalo Chapter A.G.O. or any of its committees. Appropriateness of a position must be judged by the applicant him/her self. For help with this, you may wish to contact the Placement Chair for additional information about a position and/or consult with a member who previously held the position. You are also reminded to be very cautious about accepting a position without a written contract.



## DATE DOCKET . . . a listing of members events

*All events are free unless otherwise noted*

Sunday, October 9 at 3:00 PM - Kenmore United Methodist Church, 32 Landers Rd. [corner of Delaware Rd.]: 50th Anniversary of the Schlicker organ - RECITAL BY DONALD INGRAM . . . in memory of former organists - Marie Shoemaker Obernauer and Roy F. Kehl [Don Ingram will also be playing during the 9:15 and 10:15 worship services that morning]

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Lockport - EVENTS:

Friday, September 23 at 7:30 PM - **ORGAN RECITAL** by **HECTOR OLIVERA** (see article below)

ORCHARD PARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - EVENTS:

Saturday, September 17 at 7:30 PM - "Lyra - Live from St. Petersburg, Russia" in concert as part of their U.S. East Coast Concert Tour ... Russian Orthodox Church Music and Folksongs performed by five opera singers - alumni of the St. Petersburg Conservatory of Music; suggested donation: \$10

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## HECTOR OLIVERA COMING TO W.N.Y.

World renowned organist, Hector Olivera will present an Organ Recital at First Presbyterian Church in Lockport — Friday, September 23 at 7:30 PM. If you have never heard Mr. Olivera perform, and even if you have, you will not want to miss this concert. It's a one-of-a-kind experience, and First Presbyterian Church, Lockport is offering this event free and open to the public.

Since entering the Buenos Aires Conservatory as a child prodigy at age six, Maestro Hector Olivera has become one of the most sought after and revered international concert organists of the present time.

Born in Buenos Aires, Mr. Olivera began playing the pipe organ when he was three. At age five he played for the legendary Eva Perón; at twelve he entered the University of Buenos Aires and by eighteen had performed for heads of state and celebrities throughout Latin America. When offered a scholarship at the renowned Juilliard School of Music in New York, he moved to the United States. Three years later, Mr. Olivera's outstanding professional concert career was launched when he won the AGO's National Improvisation Contest.

. . . the most sophisticated and demanding organ aficionados claim that Maestro Hector Olivera is 'one of the greatest organists in the world today.'

*(from Hector Olivera's web site)*

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FRIDAYS at 12:30 PM – Cathedral Recitals –

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