

The Treasure Coast Chapter of The American Guild of Organists



Monthly Newsletter

September 2023

MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN



With all good intentions, Anthony Baron and I had planned for a smooth transition of officers for the year. However, Anthony wasn't able to attend the member's recital, where we traditionally elect our officers. Since the summer is quiet, plan B was to hold the election after the Blessing of the Musicians this month. Now that that has been pushed back to October, I offered to serve another year with Anthony as subdean, Tom Goetz as secretary/treasurer, so Paul Ives can retire, and Dan Kroger and Jerry Myers have offered to serve as members at large. These are my nominations, our webpage to be updated after the vote.

I offered to take over as newsletter editor so Jack VanderPlate can have reprieve. Scholarship chair, Brady Johnson; Webmaster, Claire Klein; and Chaplain, the Rev. Dr. Michael Carter all remain the same. All this will be voted prior to a recital hosted by Ryan Kasten at **St. John of the Cross on October 6th at 6:30 pm**. There will be the Blessings of the Musicians during the intermission of Ryan's recital. Since it's being held in the Catholic tradition, St Johns will conduct the service.

Folks, our goal this year is to return to board meetings possibly by Zoom at least once a month, follow our bylaws and return to the monthly lunches and halt any feeling that our chapter is splintering. When I look back on the previous year, I know I could have done better. When asked if I'd serve, it came in an email when I agreed. There really was nothing more. But serve I did and with that came a better understanding of the position and the needs of our chapter. I know I disappointed some, but I assure you it wasn't intentional. Residing in Port St Lucie and subbing in Stuart didn't help the situation, since our core chapter is Vero Beach. But Stuart to Vero is our chapter, nonetheless.

The events for the season will be submitted to our Director of Programing, Anthony Baron and will include Dr Neal Campbell. It's going to be a busy season with some very exciting events coming in. Stay tuned.

Please, I'm asking you to attend our events. When I and the program committee meet to organize and finalize our season, you all will be the first to know.

It is an honor for me to serve the TCCAGO another year.

Keep Practicing.

Steve Giddens
Dean TCCAGO



TCCAGO Chapter Lunch

Ocean Grill Vero Beach

Thursday, October 5th 12:00 Noon

RSVP to scgiddens@hotmail.com

Do You Know Your Hymns?

Dentist's Hymn	. . .	Crown Him with Many Crowns.
Weatherman's Hymn	. . .	There Shall Be Showers of Blessings.
Contractor's Hymn	. . .	The Church's One Foundation.
Tailor's Hymn	. . .	Holy, Holy, Holy.
Golfer's Hymn	. . .	There's a Green Hill Far Away.
Politician's Hymn	. . .	Standing on the Promises!
Optometrist's Hymn.	. . .	Open My Eyes That I Might See.
IRS Agent's Hymn	. . .	I Surrender All.
Gossip's Hymn	. . .	Pass It On.
Electrician's Hymn	. . .	Send The Light..
Shopper's Hymn	. . .	Sweet Bye and Bye.
Realtor's Hymn	. . .	I've Got a Mansion, Just Over the Hilltop.
Massage Therapist's Hymn.		He Touched Me.

AND for those who speed on the highway - a few hymns:

55 mph	. . .	God Will Take Care of You
75 mph	. . .	Nearer My God To Thee
85 mph	. . .	This World Is Not My Home
95 mph	. . .	Lord, I'm Coming Home
100 mph	. . .	Precious Memories

Give me a sense of humor, Lord, Give me the grace to see a joke,
To get some humor out of life, And pass it on to other folks.

Brought to you by Jack VanderPlate

TCCAGO'ers of the Month

By Ray Adams

Joseph Rumberger and I, after an invitation to attend, departed to the Noordbroek Organ Academy, June 26-July 2. What an experience for the two of us!

In addition to Joseph, there were two participants in graduate studies from Korea, one from China, studying in Germany, and three undergraduate students from Dordt College in Sioux Center, IA. Joseph was the youngest organist ever invited to this event. I had attended once before. This was an experiential academy where all the participants received individual private and group lessons with Peeter Westerbrink, the organist at both the Aa Kerk in Groningen and the famous Schnitger organ at Noordbroek, and Dr. Christian Teeuwssen of Redeemer College in Ancaster, Canada.

The lessons focused on the Stylus Fantasticus and the North German School of Composers (D. Buxtehude, G. Bohm, V. Lubeck, H. Scheidemann, M. Weckman) from approximately Jan P. Sweelinck to J.S. Bach. We studied the 17th-century statements of theorist Johann Mattheson on first and second practice and how they might be interpreted in the four organ works each one of us was assigned. We then applied the ideas on the various instruments we would play during the week. The week culminated with a concert by all at the NoordBroek organ.

The morning classes were held on the 1696 Arp Schnitger organ, and for the afternoons, we traveled to other significant instruments in the surrounding area. Many of these instruments were maintained in their original tuning/temperaments. As they say, there is no substitute for playing music on the instruments of the same era. We were able to spend several hours playing each instrument below.

Unfortunately, because of scheduling, we could only hear the world-famous St. Bavo organ. We hope to spend some time with this instrument next year. Joseph and I are invited to return next year. As a thank you to many of the local people who financially supported Joseph to attend this Academy, Joseph and I will present a concert at the 1st Baptist Church in Vero Beach sometime in October, using the large sanctuary screen to show videos of us playing many of these instruments. Afterward, we will demonstrate how we use our newfound knowledge to adapt the music to instruments of our modern time.

If anyone is interested in attending this Academy next year, please contact me, and I can give you the audition/interview information. Also, there is talk of allowing bystanders to observe the classes and visit the instruments who do not wish to play.





**Nieuw Scheemda organ Schnitger
1699**



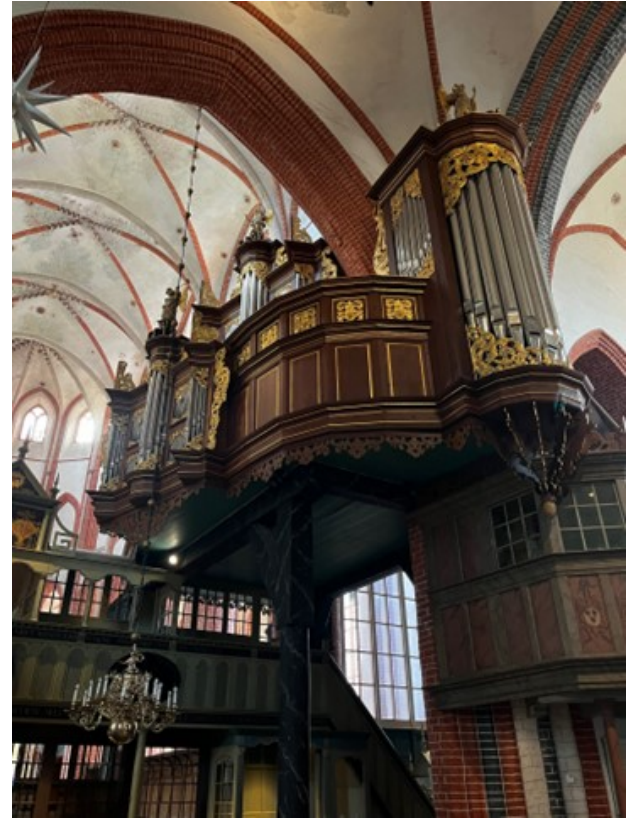
**Zandweer Schnitger/
Freytag 1795**



**Zuidbroek Schnitger/
Freytag 1795**



St. Bravo Haarlem Muller 1738



**Norden, Ger. Schnitger
1687**



**Huis/Freytag/ Lahman
1833**



Tom Ingui:
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SEPTEMBER 10, 2023
3:00 PM
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Tom Ingui, our former scholarship student is attempting to perform all of Bach's organ works (along a few other ditties, like the entire *Well Tempered Clavier!*) and is presenting another Bach recital on September 10th at his church in Lakeland.

Jerry Myers attended the southeast region convention in Augusta, Georgia and sent back these photos.





Dan Kroger's daughter, Sarah has been nominated for a Dove Award for her recording made in London.

The recording is called "The London Sessions"-

Check it out at www.sarahkroger.com.

TCCAGO Officers for 2023—2024

Dean:	Steve Giddens
Subdean:	Anthony Baron
Secretary/Treasurer:	Tom Goetz
Board Member :	Jerry Myers
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Scholarship Chair:	Brady Johnson
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Election to be held October 6, 2023