

Notes from A Loft

September 2023

The American Guild of Organists

Tampa, Florida Chapter

Celebrating 75 years!

Hello Members!

It is time to gear up for another great year of programs and fellowship with the Tampa Chapter of the American Guild of Organists! The Summer just seems to get shorter and shorter.

Your Board has worked diligently to prepare a variety of events – from traditional to innovative.

A brief listing will be posted in this Newsletter, but the one that needs everyone's immediate attention is our

POT-LUCK SOCIAL

Sunday, September 17, 2023

5:00 p.m.

**5432 Windbrush Drive
Tampa, Florida 33625
(The home of your Dean)**

Bring a dish to share
Beverages and table settings will be provided
BYOB if you desire wine, etc.

RSVP by Friday, September 8
either:

Stephen Allen SLAFL@AOL.COM

813-997-7859 – cell (Please text)

or

fill out the form here:

<https://forms.gle/rWkR52B1FreKT7Hw5>

Details of each meeting will be provided as they are confirmed.

Your Dean – Stephen L. Allen

AGO PROGRAMS

2023-2024

Save the dates and times where applicable.
All other details will come as they are confirmed!

September 17 – Pot-luck Social
See (front page, Dean’s Letter for details)

October – Program at Tampa Theater (TBA)

November 11 – Member’s Recital
Palma Ceia Presbyterian Church

December 1- Holiday Social
Red Lobster – Dale Mabry – Tampa
RSVP by November 27

January 2024
Joint program with Clearwater Chapter

February
Educational Programs on Organ and Choral Music

March
Bach Bash – 4:00 p.m.
Hyde Park United Methodist Church

April
Scholarship Auditions
Bach Recital by Tom Ingui
Election of Board Members

May
Installation Service

***As a NEW project this year – our chapter will collect at each program non-perishable food items to be given to local food banks to help with the issue of food insecurities in the Tampa Bay area.
Your donations will be greatly appreciated!***

Upcoming Concerts

United Methodist in Sun City Center

- Sunday October 15th, 2023 – 3 p.m. - Organ Duet – Jonathan Poe and Teodora Mitze-Circiumaru.
- Sunday January 21st, 2024 – 3 p.m. - Piano Trio - Levi Mitze-Circiumaru - violin, Yoni Draiblate - cello, Teodora Mitze-Circiumaru - piano.

First Presbyterian Church, Lakeland



Tom Ingui:
The Essential Bach
PIANO & ORGAN RECITAL

SEPTEMBER 10, 2023
3:00 PM
FREE

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We receive many calls from chapter officers who are confused or have been misinformed about when a membership expires. I want to thank Phylcia Ross, CAE, manager of member engagement and chapter support, for clearly explaining the timeline that begins three months prior to a member's expiration. Please share this information with your members so that they fully comprehend that AGO payments are due by the *last day of the month before expiration*. For those of you who do not know how to access ONCARD, step-by-step instructions can be found [here](#). Each month a chapter officer should login to ONCARD to retrieve membership and dues reports. Your member roster should be analyzed, so that you can see who is coming up for renewal, who is about to be canceled and view expired members who you can encourage to rejoin. If you need help, please contact us!

Understanding AGO's Renewal Timeline

Three Months Before Your Expiration Date

An invoice is created for your next membership year. "Renew Dues and Subscriptions" appears on your ONCARD menu. Your status changes to "invoiced not paid" on your chapter's member roster. A renewal notice is sent from headquarters, either by email or postal mail depending on your preferences.

Two Months Before Your Expiration Date

A second renewal notice is sent from headquarters, either by email or postal mail depending on your preferences.

One Month Before Your Expiration Date

A third renewal notice is sent from headquarters by postal mail.

2 Weeks Before Your Expiration Date

Chapter officers receive notification of all members who have not yet renewed.

Bill Due Date

AGO dues payments are due on the *last day* of the month before expiration.

Expiration Date: Always the First of the Month

A membership expires, and a two week grace period begins at the time of expiration.

Two Weeks After the Expiration Date

The grace period ends and memberships are marked canceled. If a payment is received after this date, delivery of *The American Organist* may be delayed.

2023 –2024 Officers –Tampa Chapter

Dean

Stephen Allen

Sub-Dean

Steven Ball

Secretary

Michael Dougherty

Treasurer

Van Howard

Members-At-Large

Andre Botero -2026

Sylvia Chai -2026

Thomas Ingui -2025

Tony Sievert -2024

Rebecca Steinke -2025

Edwin Taylor -2024

Rebecca Steinke, Webmaster

John Matthew Cowan, Social Media Coordinator

Please send any newsletter submission by no later than the 25th of the prior month for the next month's newsletter to Michael Dougherty at mdougherty@hydeparkumc.org.

Positions Available

Please send available positions to Michael Dougherty at mdougherty@hydeparkumc.org along with clear contact information for any inquiries

Substitutes Available

(O –Organist, P –Pianist, O/D –Organist/Director, D –Director, V –Vocalist)

Please send updates or corrections to this list to Michael Dougherty at mdougherty@hydeparkumc.org.

Inclusion in this list does not constitute the Chapter's endorsement of skills, and thus it encourages interviews with prospective substitutes. Those listed must be a member of the American Guild of Organists.

Mr. Stephen Allen	O/D	(813) 997-7859	Mon –Sat
Mr. Timothy Belk	O/D	(704) 309-0822	Sun, Tue –Sat
Ms. Cheryl Blackwell-Cox	O/P	(813) 465-3332	Sun -Sat
Ms. Sylvia Chai	O/D	(813) 390-0911	Sun –Sat
Mrs. Teodora Mitze-Circiumaru	O/P/D	352-251-9395	Mon-Sat
Dr. Christopher Combie	O	(813) 990-7369	Mon –Fri
Dr. Michael Dougherty	O/D	(813) 624-6768	Mon –Sat
Mr. Dennis Douglas	O	(813) 352-4748	Mon –Sat
Mr. John (Jay) Findlater	O/P	(313) 410-6478	Sun -Sat
Ms. Jan Ellis Highsmith	O	(813) 495-8905	Sun –Sat
Ms. Frances Johnson	O/P	(813) 730-4173	Sun -Sat
Mr. Cal Leferink	O/D	(813) 850-9845	Mon –Fri
Ms. Rebecca Steinke	O/D	(619) 841-8930	Mo, Tu, Th, Fr
Mr. Edwin Taylor	O/D	(203) 947-3497	Sun –Sat
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