



Statement of Purpose

Restore the glory of the *King of Instruments* throughout our society.

Mission Statement

The purpose of the *American Guild of Organists* is to promote the organ and its music in their historic and evolving roles, to encourage excellence in the performance of organ and choral music, and to provide a forum for mutual support, inspiration, education, and certification of guild members.



Late April, 2011

Annual Meeting and Service of Installation May 2, 2011, 5 pm

Dear Evansville area chapter members in Indiana, Kentucky and Illinois, The first half of our 50th anniversary celebrations is drawing to a close with our annual meeting with dinner and service of installation of officers on Monday, May 2 at 5:30 p.m. We are delighted to enjoy the hospitality offered by St. Paul's Episcopal Church in downtown Evansville located on historic First Street at Chestnut. If you haven't already made your dinner reservation, please do as soon as possible by contacting Kevin Ellerbusch by Thursday, April 28th kevin.ellerbusch@windstream.com. 812-897-0601

The cost for dinner is \$12. Menu is Chicken Queen of England, mixed seasonal greens, green beans, roasted potatoes, and fresh breads all catered by Just Rennie's.

The Service of Installation be-

gins at 7:00 p.m. Please see page two for the slate of officers that have been nominated for the 2011-2012 season. You will notice that we have a new position of Membership Coordinator. The mandate of this position is to grow the local chapter and encourage all church musicians to join our local AGO chapter.

You will have the opportunity to renew your membership for the 2011-2012 year on Monday evening.

Chapter member Barbara Waite has done an excellent job following up with families who participated in Pedals, Pipes and Pizza on March 26, 2011. They have received a letter offering free organ lessons with local guild members, details of local organ events, and a special organ Wordsearch puzzle. We look forward to hearing from them soon.

Many thanks to all who participated through playing and listening to our second Annual Members' Historic organ recital held at First Avenue Presbyterian Church, and St. Anthony Catholic Church on April 10, 2011. The concerts were attended by ninety people. It was delightful to hear these two instruments sing forth with their varied colors and timbres.

I received delightful thank you notes from Katelyn Emerson and Katie Minion who played for us on March 27. Katelyn writes:

*Dear Evansville Chapter of the AGO,
Thank you all so much for having me to play this past weekend and also for your generosity in helping me pay for travel expenses. It really was a pleasure to finally be able to play the gorgeous Fisk! I hope very much to visit again soon.
Thank you so much!*

Katelyn Emerson

- Robert Nicholls, Dean

Evansville Chapter Sponsors Workshop at Region V Convention

The Evansville Chapter of the American Guild of Organists is sponsoring a workshop at the Region V Convention in Lexington, KY, June 12-15.

The workshop is on Monday, June 13 at 9:30 a.m. and is entitled Treble by Choice: Working with Children's Choirs presented by Dr. Lori Hetzel. Dr. Hetzel is on the faculty at the

University of Kentucky and does extensive work with children's choirs.

The Evansville AGO executive committee agrees with the Lexington organizers that as we all need voices in the future this is an essential workshop for the convention. We are pleased and proud to sponsor this event.

It's not too late to sign up for the convention yourself. Surf to www.lexingtonago.org and register online. You will be joining Neal Biggers, Robert Nicholls, Helen Reed, and Dean Parker from our chapter and hundreds of others in a thrilling few days of mutual support, inspiration, and education.



Proposed

OFFICERS 2011-2012

Robert Nicholls, Dean
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Neal Biggers, Sub-Dean
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Secretary, Dean Parker
(dean.parker4@insightbb.com)

Kevin Ellerbusch, Treasurer
(kme1988@wowway.com)

AT-LARGE MEMBERS **(Elected to 3-year terms)**

Kristin Jones, At-large (1 year to go)
(waynekristin@insightbb.com)

Margaret Kimberling (2 years to go)
(morgel@wowway.com)

Betty Altheide (3 years to go)
(bjaltheide@yahoo.com)

EX OFFICIO MEMBERS

Daniel Wilkinson, Chaplain
(dmwilk@bellsouth.net)

Carolyn Adams, Historian
(lcadams_1@juno.com)

Neal Biggers, Webmaster
(nealbiggers@yahoo.com)

Barbara Waite, Membership Coordinator
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<http://www.evansvilleago.org/>

Evansville AGO Programs for 2010—2011

We encourage you to get involved in your chapter activities in the 2010-2011 season. If there is an event which appeals to you, please contact the Coordinators directly. Special thanks to Neal Biggers for leading our program plans for the coming season.

May 2, 2011

Spring Social at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Evansville (5:30 p.m.), Dinner (6:00 p.m.), Annual General Meeting and Service (7:00 p.m.). Cost for dinner \$12.

Coordinator: Margaret Kimberling

Our program for the 2011-2012 is under consideration for finalization before our May meeting, so that we may all know what we are signing up for in the coming year. If you have an event idea, or concern to be addressed, please let a member of the Executive Committee know.

Proposed events include

- End of Summer Social/Chapter Meeting/Summer Conference reports
- Silent film with or-

- gan accompaniment
- Historic Organ Chapter Recital: 1897 Votey in Troy IN
- Professional support discussion.
- Master Class: Seasonal pieces in the Certification repertoire
- Outreach events/PP&P
- Chapter Recital on new organ at St. Mary Catholic Church, Evansville
- Dinner and Service of Installation.

Again, please let us have your thoughts and input on what we hope will be an enjoyable continuation of our 50th anniversary. Please contact Neal Biggers, our Sub-Dean with your input.

Organ events in the Evansville area in coming weeks:

First Presbyterian, E-ville
Sunday, May 1
4:30 p.m. Chris Holman, 2009 POEA student from University of Illinois.

5:00 p.m. Evensong followed by Community Pot Luck meal.

St. John's East UCC
Tuesday, June 7, 7:00 p.m.
Organ, Strings and Chorus
Organ, Mark X. Hatfield
Conductor, Alfred Savia

1911 Kilgen organ being played by Neal Biggers.
Listen at www.evansvilleago.org



Performers at St. Anthony Catholic Church, L-R
Kevin Ellerbusch, Helen S. Reed, Matthew Vanover, Carolyn Adams, Neal Biggers, Robert Nicholls, Daniel Wilkinson.

To view Evansville and Tri-state area church music positions available visit the AGO website: <http://www.evansvilleago.org/>