



# American Guild of Organists Evansville Chapter

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## From the Dean...

It is a great pleasure to write my first newsletter as Dean of the Evansville chapter of the AGO. I don't know about you, but this summer seems to have gone very quickly and with the weather now turning hotter it seems that the change of season brings new opportunities and changes.

We might be tempted as a chapter to rest on our laurels following the exceptional success of the Pipe Organ Encounter Advanced. The eighteen students returned home to various parts of the US, (California to Maine, Florida to Washington!) with newfound energy and enthusiasm. The twelve faculty left with new contacts and friends and having helped teach the next generation of organists. The POEA committee and our chapter feels a vibrant mixture of pride, achievement, excitement and exhaustion!

It is very important that we focus on the first three and build on our success. I am confident that our membership will grow, and that potential members will look in and see a group dedicated to the organ and choirs, high-quality music, and education. We, looking out, must present ourselves as a friendly, hospitable, outgoing group focused on providing unique experiences for our members and the Tri-State community. This is not an exclusive club: Anyone can be come involved. *The purpose of the American Guild of Organists is to promote the organ in its 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.*

We can start by inviting a friend to come to the Annual Summer Social on Sunday, Au-



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gust 23, 2009, at the home of Kristin Jones. This will be a wonderful time of fun and fellowship. I'll see you there!

## Members make the chapter grow

Our members are what make the Evansville Chapter a thriving group. Through the Executive Committee, we plan and execute events through the program year, normally September through May. We have at least two annual meetings of the entire membership, one in the autumn at the beginning of the program year, and the other at

the Annual Meeting and service of Installation of Officers for the coming year.

Please make your interest in serving on the Executive Committee known. We normally meet on the First Monday of the Month at 5:30 p.m. All members of the Evansville Chapter are welcome to attend meetings. All meeting times are

posted on the chapter website.

It is up to all of us to invite friends and lovers of the organ to be members of the guild. There are various levels of membership to suit all levels of interest.

We welcome your input and membership.

—Executive Committee

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

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## **Programs for 2009-2010 and beyond**

### **August 23, 2009**

Summer Social at the home of Kristen Jones, 12741 Red Gate Road, Evansville, at 5:00 p.m. Please join us and bring a friend. RSVP Kristen Jones at 812-867-1883 or [waynekristin@insightbb.com](mailto:waynekristin@insightbb.com)

### **September 14, 2009**

“Global Christian Song”  
A presentation by Dr. Douglas Reed in Neu Chapel, University of Evansville campus 7:00 p.m.  
Preceded by dinner at 6:00 p.m. in the Ridgway center

### **October 17/18, 2009**

Philip Scriven, Organist and Master of the Choristers, Lichfield Cathedral, UK

Saturday 17, Observe choral rehearsal at First Presbyterian Church 10:00 a.m.

Sunday 18, 4:00 p.m. Recital at First Presbyterian Church

### **November 8, 2009**

Tinker Memorial Concert  
4:00 p.m. Wheeler Concert Hall, University of Evansville

### **November 21, 2009**

Dual meeting with Southern Indiana Chapter at St. Meinrad Archabbey 3:00

p.m. CST

Contact Robert Nicholls as soon as possible if you are interested to perform in this concert .

### **December 2009**

No meeting

Merry Advent/Christmas!

### **January 2010**

Celebration of the 100th anniversary of the historic Pilcher organ at Central Presbyterian Church, Owensboro, KY.

Time and date tbd

### **February 13, 2010**

Pedals Pipes and Pizza in Vincennes, IN. For more information, contact Douglas Reed, Education Convener

### **March 2010**

Fundraiser to support the scholarship funds and work of the Evansville Chapter of the AGO. Date, Time and Format TBD

### **April 2010**

Evansville AGO Young Artists Competition. Date, Time, and Place tba.

### **May 3, 2010**

Annual Meeting and Service of Installation of Officers at 5:30 p.m. Location TBD

## **FUTURE PROGRAMS**

We welcome your suggestions for future programs. Which of the following interests you? Let us know. Your input can shape the future!

Bach-a-thon

Music-a-thon

Members Recital

Music sharing

Picnic/Social events

Hymn Festival

Professional Concerns

AGO Certification Workshop

Service Playing techniques

Organ crawls

Pianists to Organists event

Organists to Pianists event

Organ Plus (instruments)

Choral Reading Session

Progressive meal/recital

Remember, the Evansville chapter doesn't just serve Evansville! We have many members in Kentucky and Southern Illinois. We value all of you. Be sure to let the Executive Committee know how best we can serve our whole region.

To submit an article for inclusion in the Evansville AGO newsletter, contact Robert Nicholls, Dean.

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