

June 2009

# The Richmond STOPLIST

The Official Newsletter of the Richmond, Virginia Chapter of the American Guild of Organists



## MAY 2009 CHAPTER MEETING BON AIR BAPTIST CHURCH, BUFORD ROAD CAMPUS



Interpretative Ensemble of  
Bon Air Baptist Church



**Keith Murphy**  
Organ Scholarship Recipient



Paul Honaker, Host  
Associate Pastor for Worship and  
Music at Bon Air Baptist Church,  
Buford Road Campus

### RichChap Executive Committee 2009-2010

Dean	Larry Heath
Sub-Dean	James Dorn
Secretary	Marion Tredway
Treasurer	Cathy Grant
Auditors	Ardyth Lohuis 2008-2010
	Bill Van Pelt 2009-2011
Members-at-Large	Bill Brown 2007-2010
	Cheryl Van Ornam 2007-2010
	Judy Fiske 2008 - 2011
	Neil Kraft 2008 - 2011
	Stan Baker 2009 - 2012
	Bill Drake 2009 - 2012

*Congratulations to the Executive Committee for 2009-2010. Thanks to everyone who agreed to run for office, to everyone who has agreed to serve, and to all the members who voted in person or by proxy.*

**Nancy Reed** for the Nominating Committee

## DEAN'S LETTER

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Just a few months short of two years ago (September 2007) I wrote my very first Dean's Letter for the *Stolist* and thanked you for the opportunity to serve our chapter in this leadership capacity. Now as I am finishing my tenure as dean I am writing just one more of these more-or-less monthly epistles, number 20 to be exact. I am still as honored now as I was back then to have been selected to lead our chapter; I still believe that the Richmond Chapter has much to offer to those who love the pipe organ for its capability to produce both glorious grandeur and quiet solace within the time of a heartbeat; and, I still believe there is much yet to do for the good of our chapter, our professions and our craft.

It has been a wonderful experience to have served our chapter officially; now, I am looking forward to continued service (albeit unofficial) as I attend programs, workshops and recitals and support the work of a fine group of folks who have been elected to serve as your leaders for the coming year. The new executive committee will be one of the best ever for our chapter; I am confident that the officers will provide the kind of leadership that will carry us triumphantly into our 100<sup>th</sup> year and lead us bravely and creatively into our second century.

My best wishes to one and all, thank you so much for this opportunity.

Sincerely,



Elvin Nicely, Dean 2007-2009

## NEWS FROM THE TREASURER

### National AGO's Timetable for Membership Renewal and Dues Collection

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|-------------|---|
| April 15    | Dues collection begins for 2009-2010. All who become members after this date will automatically begin their membership in the 2009-2010 year.   |
| July 1      | Start of the new membership year.   |
| September 1 | Deadline for Chapters to report dues to National Headquarters.  |
| November    | The last issue of TAO sent to any 2008-2009 member not renewing for 2009-2010.  |
| December    | The first issue of TAO that all 2009-2010 members will receive. New members may receive earlier issues of TAO if their membership is reported to National Headquarters before September. Mailing labels for each issue of TAO are submitted to the printer one month before the cover date. |

### **Please renew promptly!**

All 2009-2010 members have been given or sent the 2009-2010 renewal form. This form is also available at the web site: [www.richmondago.org](http://www.richmondago.org). Please send your renewals to Cathy Grant, 222 Colony Point Road, Williamsburg, VA 23185.



## 2009 HANDBELL FESTIVAL

On May 1 and 2 twelve handbell choirs and several handbell enthusiasts from churches with starter choirs had a wonderful time polishing and perfecting their ringing skills with clinician Tim Waugh from Bluefield, West Virginia. While the number of participating choirs was less than more recent years, it is obvious from the evaluations to those who attended that this may have been one of the best Festivals presented by the chapter in recent years. With few exceptions attendees expressed a desire to come to the 2010 Festival which will mark its twentieth anniversary.

The committee is already hard at work on plans for the next event. If there are chapter members who would like to be a part of this committee, please contact the 2010 chair, Jennifer Ripley via e-mail at MusicDirector@lcosva.org. The committee would also welcome any suggestions for clinicians, repertoire, Festival sites, and dates. Other committee members are Sharon Freude, Anita Williams, Betty Girardeau, Bob Ford, and Ruth Lewandowski.



## NEWS NOTES

### News from the Editor:

#### Cheryl Van Ornam

September Issue (due August 15): As you attend conferences, etc. please make notes and send them to the editor. We will publish "Summer Fare" in September.

### News from the Communications Chair:

#### Betty Girardeau

If people are having problems getting their newsletter, getting the chapter E-Bulletins, or similar chapter communications issues, please contact Betty Girardeau at 804-647-0825 at any time.

### News from the New Organist

#### Scholarship Auditions Committee:

#### Larry Robinson, Mary Ellen Balazs

##### WHAT is the scholarship?

The Richmond AGO annually provides teachers and partial funding for up to three deserving and interested persons who wish to study the art of organ playing. Organ students receive the following:

- 50% of the funds needed for 30 lessons from a qualified AGO teacher
- a free membership in the AGO, which includes a subscription to The American Organist magazine
- opportunity for performance in an AGO concert next May

##### WHO is eligible?

Keyboard players from Grade 8 through adulthood who have not yet begun organ study.

##### HOW do I apply? Visit our website at:

<http://www.richmondago.org/scholar.htm> or fill out the application on the previous page.

##### Still have questions? Contact Larry Robinson:

E-mail: [larry.art.music@verizon.net](mailto:larry.art.music@verizon.net) Phone: 804-320-7734



## CARILLON NEWS



Ryan Hebert played a full recital on the World War I Memorial Carillon in Byrd Park on Sunday May 10. On the ground, Larry Robinson answered questions from listeners about the instrument and what makes it play... a real, live person!

On Monday May 25 Larry will play for the Memorial Day Ceremony in Byrd Park beginning at 3:50 PM. Then on July 4 he will play a thirty-minute program of patriotic music at 6:30 PM followed by the Richmond Concert Band in a full concert ending with the Tchaikovsky "1812 Overture." Richmond is the only place in the nation where this work is performed with all players live on site. No pre-recorded sounds are used.

Sunday July 12 at 4 PM will feature guest carillonneur Gerald Martindale from Toronto, Canada in a full recital on the Byrd Park carillon.

On Saturday, August 15, Larry Robinson will play a full recital, 6:00 - 8:00 PM on the Netherlands Carillon in Arlington, VA.

## New Organist Scholarship Application

### Richmond Chapter of the American Guild of Organists New Organist Scholarship Application

Applicant's name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (cell) \_\_\_\_\_

**Prepared audition pieces (titles and composers):**

**Applicant's commitment: If I am offered a scholarship, I agree to pay half of the cost of my lessons (\$300 for the year), to practice faithfully, to attend lessons regularly, to purchase promptly the necessary music and shoes and to play in public at the May AGO meeting.**

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent's commitment (if applicant is a minor): I approve this application and will cooperate fully to see that all obligations involved in it are met.**

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Piano teacher's approval (if applicant is currently studying piano):**

**I understand that this applicant may be studying organ and piano concurrently. If a scholarship is awarded to this applicant, I pledge my support.**

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Deadline: All applications must be received by Friday, June 12, 2009.  
You will be contacted regarding the date, time and location of the auditions.**

**Mail your signed application to:**

**Mr. Larry Robinson, chairman  
New Organist Scholarship Committee  
4411 Saratoga Road  
Richmond, VA 23235-1265**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### JUNE BIRTHDAYS



06	Kristin M. Schussler
13	Bettie H. Lindsey
16	Lois L. Standen
17	Deborah Sparks Mueller
18	Reginald J. Long
21	Wanda Sauley Fennell
22	Cheryl M. VanOrnam
25	David E. Sachs
29	Ardyth J. Lohuis

## COMMITTEES

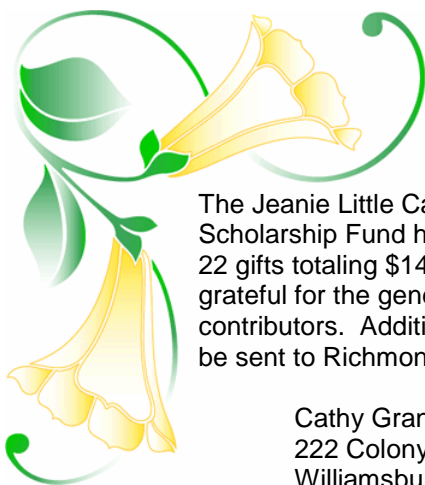
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### Other RichChap Committees 2008-2009

*\*denotes chair of multi-member committee*

Chaplain	TBD
Chapter Programs	Larry Heath*
Communications	Betty Girardeau
Educational Concerns/ AGO Exams	TBD
Handbell Choir Festival 2009	Ruth Lewandowski*
Historian	Donald Traser
Meet the Pipe Organ Initiative	Judy Fiske
Membership	LaVern Moffat
New Organist Development/ Scholarships	Mary Ellen Balazrs, Larry Robinson
Newsletter Editor	Cheryl Van Ornam
Nominations 2009	Nancy Reed*
Organ Consultation	Grant Hellmers 804-355-5236
Professional Concerns/ Referrals	Betty Girardeau
Publicity	Neil Kraft
Recital Series 2008-2009	Chris Martin*
Registrar	Cathy Grant
Webmaster	Anne Porosoff
Yearbook Team	Bruce Stevens, Larry Heath



The Jeanie Little Castle Memorial Scholarship Fund has received 22 gifts totaling \$1465. We are grateful for the generosity of all contributors. Additional gifts may be sent to Richmond Chapter Treasurer:

Cathy Grant  
222 Colony Point Road  
Williamsburg, VA 23185

### FOR SALE

1973 Rodgers Scarborough 110,  
AGO Standard pedal board;  
two manuals - single-contact mechanism keys,  
magnetic pedal contact. Good condition. \$1200.  
Includes external speakers.

Contact Suzanne Krauss at 739-8047 or  
kmsmusic88@comcast.net.

## POSITIONS AVAILABLE

**CAMPBELL MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,**  
3712 Weems Road, (PO Box 18) Weems, Virginia 22576,  
www.campbellchurch.net. Seeking part-time organist/choir  
director for two Sunday services (contemporary and  
traditional) and one weekly adult choir rehearsal. Rodgers  
960 3-manual organ of 69 ranks plus 10 ranks of ancillary  
pipes and a MIDI sequencer. Allowances for books and  
music, continuing education and automobile. Salary  
beginning at \$20,000 with 4 weeks paid vacation.  
Resumes and references should be mailed to the church  
at the above address Attention: Music Search Committee  
or e-mailed to office@campbellchurch.net. For further  
information and questions please call Nancy Byrne at  
804-435-1131 or e-mail at byrne@nnwifi.com.

**GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH,**  
4200 Dover Road, Richmond, Virginia 23221.  
Seeking part-time organist/pianist for one Sunday service  
and several special services during the church year and to  
accompany one weekly adult choir rehearsal. 3-manual  
Allen organ. Salary range \$7,500 - \$9,000 per annum with  
2-4 weeks paid vacation, sick leave, continuing education,  
professional leadership leave and sabbatical of 4 weeks  
after 5 years of service. Contact the Rev Wanda S.  
Fennell days and evenings at 540-891-0259 or the  
Rev. Dr. Betty P. Mills days at 804-353-0134 or evenings  
at 804-869-6314.

**ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH,**  
1101 Forest Avenue, Richmond, Virginia 23229.  
Seeking full-time Minister of Music/organist for one  
Sunday morning service and four weekly rehearsals  
(Chancel Choir (Thursday evening), Children's Choir  
(Sunday evening), Handbells (Sunday evening), Hymn  
Choir (Sunday morning)). Additional special services on  
Christmas Eve, Christmas day, Maundy Thursday, Easter  
Vigil and Thanksgiving Day. Le Tourneau 2-manual pipe  
organ. Base salary range \$40,000 to \$50,000 per year  
with two weeks paid vacation, health insurance, sick  
leave, retirement and continuing education. Interested  
candidates should contact Lee Pemberton days or  
evenings at 804-744-2574 or the Rev. Charles Alley days  
at 804-744-2574 or evenings 804-673-7212.

## SUMMER 2009 SUBSTITUTE LIST

*This is a list of persons who have indicated a desire to be called for substituting at church services. No specific qualifications are implied by their inclusion on this list. The employer is responsible for determining that a substitute will adequately meet the needs of the church. Questions should be addressed to Betty Girardeau by e-mail at [bettyg@redfamiliar.com](mailto:bettyg@redfamiliar.com) or by phone at 804-647-0825.*

<b>Gillespie, Joan</b>	804-270-3569 (H)
<b>Heath, Margie</b>	804-730-2196
<b>Kazik, Kelly</b> (Fredericksburg area)	540-785-3649
<b>Loftis, Stephen</b> (May 17 - July 26, 2009)	804-317-1234
<b>Johnson, Betty Lou</b>	804-323-3970
<b>Stephens, Dennis</b>	804-529-9999
<b>Kerschbaumer, Evelyn</b>	804-744-3147
<b>Salmeri, Connie</b>	804-320-4310
<b>Neff, Joan L.</b> (June-August 2009)	804-855-1398
<b>Suerken, Ernest A.</b>	804-272-5545
<b>Gullicksen, Rita</b> (weddings, funerals and special events)	804-272-0505
<b>Nowowieski, Adella</b> (Sat./Sun. p.m. services; Funerals and weddings)	804-288-0917
<b>Sachs, David</b> (weddings, memorial and funeral services and Shabbat services - Synagogue)	804-222-2494
<b>Schrock, Patricia</b> (weddings, funerals and non-Sunday events)	804-254-2744
<b>Worsham, Marsha Ann</b>	804-883-6035
<b>Schutt, Ed</b> (weddings, funerals, concerts, special programs/services)	804-564-4887
<b>Smithdeal, Cynthia</b>	804-739-3948
<b>Branch, Ada Andrews</b>	804-862-4480 (H)
<b>Candler-White, Laura</b>	804-360-5754
<b>Davis, Debbie</b>	804-921-8234
<b>Krehbiel, Cynthia</b>	804-261-7877
<b>Creager, Alice, AAGO</b>	804-935-8735
<b>Freude, Sharon</b>	804-353-4683
<b>Frolund, Bodil</b>	804-330-7689
<b>Van Ornam, Cheryl</b> (weddings, funerals, accompanying, special programs)	804-814-6677

## EVENTS

**Monday, June 1, 11:00 AM**

**Cathedral of the Sacred Heart**

**823 Park Avenue, Richmond (across from Monroe Park)**

*FREE Concert "Your Favorite Sacred Solos" with Vocal Soloists from the Cathedral and VCU Department of Music.*

*12 Noon FREE Luncheon follows; reservations are not required. To view the complete program please go to [www.richmondcathedral.org](http://www.richmondcathedral.org)*

Parking: On-street/Parking deck next to the Landmark Theatre  
Information: 804-359-5651 or [www.richmondcathedral.org](http://www.richmondcathedral.org)

**Saturday, June 6, 7:30 PM**

**Bon Air Presbyterian Church**

**9201 W. Huguenot Road**

*Lisa Edwards-Burrs, soprano, in concert with Pamela McClain, piano, and Branch Fields, bass. Selections from new operas Pocahontas and Sunshine and Shadows. Songs by Strauss, Debussy, Purcell and Rodrigo. Free-will offering.*

Parking: Church lot

Information: 346-9024

**Monday, June 15, 11:00 AM**

**Cathedral of the Sacred Heart**

**823 Park Avenue, Richmond (across from Monroe Park)**

*FREE Concert "Songs of the Musical Theatre" with Vocal Soloists from the Cathedral and VCU Department of Music.*

*12 Noon FREE Luncheon follows; reservations are not Required. To view the complete program please go to [www.richmondcathedral.org](http://www.richmondcathedral.org)*

Parking: On-street/Parking deck next to the Landmark Theatre  
Information: 804-359-5651 or [www.richmondcathedral.org](http://www.richmondcathedral.org)

**Sunday, June 28, 5:00 PM**

**Centenary United Methodist Church**

**411 E. Grace Street, Richmond**

*Leave It to Biber!: Vocal and Instrumental Music by Heinrich Ignaz Franz Biber and his contemporaries. The Centenary Festival Choir and orchestra (period instruments) performing music from Austria/Bohemia written in the mid-to-late 1600s. Other composers include Johann Kuhnau, Johann Heinrich Schmelzer and Pavel Josef Vejvanovsky. Admission by \$10 donation. Nursery will be open.*

Parking: church lot at 4th and Franklin (free)

Information: 804-648-8319

### SAVE THE DATE

**Sunday, August 30, 3:00 PM**

**Reveille United Methodist Church**

**4200 Cary Street Road, Richmond**

**PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS! RALEIGH RINGERS** will give a concert at Reveille UMC, Richmond! If you have heard the Raleigh Ringers then you KNOW you need to come; if you've never heard them, then you DEFINITELY need to come!! Donations accepted at the concert. PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD!! For more information, please call Cathy Armistead at 804-359-6041 x123.



### JUNE 2009 CANDLELIGHT CONCERT ORGAN SERIES

**Bruton Parish Church & The College of William and Mary**

Contact: [bdavy@brutonparish.org](mailto:bdavy@brutonparish.org) or 757-229-2891

*(All concerts are held at the Church unless otherwise noted.)*

**Tuesday, June 2 @ 8:00 pm**

*Organ Recital. Dr. JanEl B. Will, Organist*

**Thursday, June 4 @ 8:00 pm**

*Organ Recital. Rebecca E. Davy, Organist*

**Saturday, June 6 @ 10:00 am (Wren Chapel)**

*Historical Organ Recital. James S. Darling, Organist*

**Saturday, June 6 @ 8:00 pm**

*Vocal & Organ Recital, Including a tribute to Ned Rorem  
Lois Wright, Contralto & Dr. JanEl B. Will, Organist*

**Tuesday, June 9 @ 8:00 pm**

*Vocal Recital. Shannon McCall, Soprano & Rebecca E. Davy,  
Accompanist*

**Thursday, June 11 @ 8:00 pm**

*Organ Recital. Rebecca E. Davy, Organist*

**Saturday, June 13 @ 10:00 am (Wren Chapel)**

*Historical Organ Recital. James S. Darling, Organist*

**Saturday, June 13 @ 8:00 pm**

*Organ Recital. Rebecca E. Davy, Organist*

**Tuesday, June 16 @ 8:00 pm**

*Choral Concert. Choir from St. Michael's Episcopal Church from Raleigh,  
North Carolina, Kevin Kerstetter, Director.*

**Thursday, June 18 @ 8:00 pm**

*Handbell Concert*

*Handbell Choir from Meridian Street United Methodist Church  
in Indianapolis, Indiana, Miriam Wells-Metelko, Director*

**Saturday, June 20 @ 10:00 am (Wren Chapel)**

*Historical Organ Recital. James S. Darling, Organist*

**Saturday, June 20 @ 8:00 pm**

*Choral Concert: "American Patchwork"  
New England Girls Choir from West Hartford,  
Connecticut, Dr. Brenda Keen, Director*

**Tuesday, June 23 @ 8:00 pm**

*Handbell Concert*

*Bruton Bell Choir & Campana Ringers, Dr. JanEl B. Will, Director with  
Rebecca E. Davy, Organist*

**Thursday, June 25 @ 8:00 pm**

*Youth Choral Concert*

*Choir from Northfield School of the Liberal Arts from Witchita,  
Kansas, Rolaine Hetherington, Director*

**Saturday, June 27 @ 10:00 am (Wren Chapel)**

*Historical Organ Recital. Rebecca E. Davy, Organist*

**Saturday, June 27 @ 8:00 pm**

*Organ & Harpsichord Recital  
Dr. JanEl B. Will & Rebecca E. Davy,  
Organists & Harpsichordists*

**Tuesday, June 30 @ 8:00 pm**

*Organ Recital. Dr. JanEl B. Will, Organist*



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<http://www.richmondago.org>

**CHAPTER PHONE  
804-228-6243**

## DID YOU KNOW?

The hotel room rate for the 2009 AGO Region III Convention is the second lowest of all the conventions this summer.

You can get a lower rate if you want to stay in Albuquerque NM, otherwise you may book rooms at the Norfolk Waterside Marriott for \$119/night (plus tax)

This rate is available before and after the convention, so you may spend a few extra days enjoying Hampton Roads.

But hurry - the convention room rate is not available after June 20th.

Visit [www.hitthestops.org](http://www.hitthestops.org) for more information.

