



CAPE COD and the ISLANDS CHAPTER AMERICAN GUILD of ORGANISTS

February 2024

Dear Colleagues,

Nothing I could say this month could even come close to the awesomeness we all experienced at the New Year's dinner and Yankee Swap on January 5th. A huge shout-out to Mark Lawlor for organizing the event, shopping for the food, supervising the kitchen crew, bringing decorations from home including tableware - providing us with an event unlike any we have seen before. To the kitchen crew - Charlene Higbe, Maggie Bossi, and Betsy Lawlor who cooked and then served us all a specially prepared and delicious meal - My most hearty thanks!! After the meal we had our annual Yankee Swap with all the requisite twists and turns. It was truly an evening to remember. Thank you so much to everyone involved!!

I also want to thank everyone who read and approved the new Chapter Operating Procedures. As I'm writing this on January 18th 36 out of 54 members approved the new Chapter Operating Procedures.

The Nominating Committee is working with them now. Please give them every courtesy when they contact you. If you haven't served in chapter leadership before, please give it a try. The people I've met and worked with in AGO leadership roles have given me some of the best experiences of my life, and they're many of my closest friends. Together, I feel that we are making a difference in the lives of our members and doing the important work of bringing the organ to our churches and to the wider community.

Please bring your choirs, family, friends and neighbors to our Hymn Sing coming up on February 11th, 3PM at Corpus Christi Parish 324 Quaker Meetinghouse Rd, East Sandwich. Please bring a plate of cookies for convivial fellowship in the Parish Hall following the program. Last year Corpus Christi treated us to a feast - let's repay the compliment! Please see the flyer below.

A new chapter Sub List is in the works. If you would like to be included in the new list, whether or not you have been on previous lists, please fill out and submit [this form](#). Please email me at capeago@gmail.com if you have any problems.

Some people have told me they have forgotten the password to the members' section of the website. If you are one of these people, just email me at the above email and I'll be happy to share it with you. I cannot share it in a newsletter because it gets shared to many chapters.

Chapter board meetings are once again live at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Barnstable in the second floor library. Our next meeting is Thursday, March 14th at 11. Meetings are open for member observation.

Enjoy these beautiful, lengthening days and I'll see you at the Hymn Sing.

Cordially yours,

Cheryl



Pictures from the New Year's Eve Dinner and Yankee Swap - January 5, 2024
Group photo: Row one : Erik Bertrand, Cheryl Duerr, Cindi Verrill, Charlene Higbe
Row two: Richard Bunbury, Kari Fietek, Nancy McCarthy, Maggie Bossi, Karen Crosby, Lois Toepner
Row Three: Becket Senchur, Maury Castro, Mark Lawlor, Gary Mazzola,
Jeff Mereschuck, Barbara Leighton





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FEBRUARY 11, 2024 3PM

FREE EVENT | REFRESHMENTS SERVED

CORPUS CHRISTI CHURCH
324 QUAKER MEETINGHOUSE RD,
EAST SANDWICH, MA 02537

Come and join voices with other choirs to celebrate the great tradition of hymnody from multicultural sources.

Celebrate the unity of music!

For more info: paula.jwumc@gmail.com



Please help us host a great reception for the Hymn Sing on February 11th!



Bring a plate of cookies (or a tin if you buy them)

Come a bit early to help set up.

Be welcoming to our guests

Enjoy our colleagues

Help us with cleanup afterwards so that Corpus Christi
will want to host us again sometime.

Thank you in advance! See you there.

Corpus Christi Church
324 Quaker Meeting House Road
East Sandwich



**Invite your friends and colleagues to a
free year of membership!**

The chapter board has agreed to reimburse expenses for any new membership for the first year. He or she should fill out membership forms and pay upfront. Once the chapter is notified, our treasurer Gary Mazzola will reimburse the amount of the membership to our new member! Don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions at capeago@gmail.com.

Chapter Substitute List

Want to join the Cape Cod AGO Substitute List? Please [click here](#) to fill out and submit a request form or print out the form [here](#) to mail. Thank you!

Upcoming Regional and National Events

2024 National AGO Convention

June 30th to July 4th, 2024

San Francisco, CA

[Click here for more information.](#)

Guidelines for Submitting Material to the Newsletter

All articles or flyers must be submitted in PDF form as you would like them to appear in the Newsletter.

The ability to advertise our musical events to our colleagues is one of the privileges of membership in the AGO.

All articles about Guild events must be in PDF format.

Articles and flyers must be submitted by the 15th of the previous month to capeago@gmail.com. Please make a note of this email address.

Thank you

Cape Cod and the Islands AGO 2023-2024 Program

Mark your calendars for these chapter events!

October 7 (Saturday) 32nd annual Nantucket Organ Crawl Members and significant others receive \$20 discount off group ferry cost.

November 4 (Saturday) Speed Workshops
St. Peter's Episcopal Church Osterville

January 5 (Friday), 2024 Potluck and Yankee Swap
St. Mary's Barnstable

February 11 (Sunday) Hymn Sing - Alleluia!
Corpus Christi, Sandwich

April 28 (Sunday) Organ Plus
Dennis Union, Dennis

June 2, (Sunday) Fun annual gathering and meeting
June 9, (Rain) location and activity TBD

Summer Stay tuned for summer 2024 events
and further details of these events.

Your 2023-2024 Chapter board is working very hard to bring you exciting
programming for the coming year.

Please watch your email for the Chapter Newsletter and further information on
these events.

If you would like to help with any of the above events, please contact Cheryl Duerr
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20th of the month to be included in the following month's email. Send announcements with complete
information in the text of an email, including relevant website links, to Cheryl Duerr, dean and Brittany
Lord, newsletter editor, at capeago@gmail.com.*

**Local and regional events are received and included in our communications as a member benefit for
AGO members only.*

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