



CAPE COD and the ISLANDS CHAPTER AMERICAN GUILD of ORGANISTS

May 2024

Dear Colleagues,

We had a wonderful Members Recital Sunday with a good turnout. A big thank-you to Jeff Mereschuk for organizing this event, monitoring practice time, and getting so many Dennis Union members to the recital. Thanks to Maggie Bossi for hosting us. There was also a large contingent of people from St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Harwich.

On June 2nd we'll be celebrating our Annual Dinner at the Marconi Center in Chatham. The Chatham caterers Mary Bakas Provisions will be providing appetizers and a buffet dinner. Come and bring your spouse or significant other \$45 per person. Please see the invitation and menu in this Newsletter. Please sign up before May 21 to save \$\$ with the caterer. Thanks

We will be holding our annual Election at this meeting, so please come out to show your support for our new board. The Slate is below.

On Sunday a group of 8 concerned members, including myself, 4 former chapter Deans and 2 members of the nominating committee met prior to the Member Recital. The week before this meeting David Martin, Nominating committee chair and I put our heads together and we and one volunteer made a lot of calls. The feedback from these calls gave us much to discuss. We also discussed our favorite programming events and how the coming year's workload could be lightened for the new board.

I'm happy to say that since that meeting David Martin and the Nominating Committee have a full slate of officers! Please thank David Martin, Karen Crosby and Maggie Ribb when you see them.

Cape Cod Chapter, American Guild of Organists SLATE OF NOMINEES, 2024-2026

Officers:

Dean, Charlene Higbe
Sub-Dean, Richard Bunbury
Secretary, Jeff Mereschuk
Treasurer, Gary Mazzola

Board Members At Large:

Brittany Lord, Communications
Joe Hammer, Registrar
Paula King, Membership
Cindy Verrill, Chapter Life
Craig Tocher, Hospitality

All terms are 2 years. Jeff, Paula and Richard of the current board, and Craig, Cindi and Brittany would be eligible to be asked to a second term of 2 years for a maximum of 4 years served. Charlene, in her first term as Dean would be eligible for a second term.

Cape Cod and the Islands Chapter, AGO

Annual Dinner and Meeting

Sunday, June 2, 2024

Marconi Museum Center

Route 28, Chatham, MA

Buffet Dinner from 5:00 – 7:00

Wine will be provided by the Chapter

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Stationary Appetizers

Mezze Platter with Hummus, Beet Borani, Flatbreads

Cucumbers and Carrots for Dipping

Buffet Dinner

Baked Cod on Wilted Spinach, Topped with Tomato Basil Cruda

Chicken Piccata with Lemon and Capers

Basmati Pilaf

Sauteed Haricots Vert

Salad of Crisp Organic Greens with Pears, Pecans, and Chevre

with Vinaigrette

Dessert

Lemon Buttermilk Cupcakes

Coffee and Tea

Cost: \$45 per person/Chapter will subsidize \$15 from original cost of \$60

PLEASE FILL OUT THE FORM BELOW AND RETURN with a check payable to:

Cape & Islands Chapter, AGO

Send to: Donna Murphy, 611 Millstone Road, Brewster, MA 02631 to be

received no later than Tuesday, May 21st. Thank you! (508-896-1383)

Name of Member _____ Guest Name _____

Contact Information if there is a question: Phone Number _____

Upcoming Local Events

Organ Recital - Maurice Clerc, Emeritus organist of Dijon Cathedral, France

Wednesday, May 22nd; 7:00pm

St. Christopher's Episcopal Church, Chatham

[Click here for more information.](#)

Upcoming Regional and National Events

2024 National AGO Convention

June 30th to July 4th, 2024

San Francisco, CA

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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 and Islands Chapter Board 2023-2024

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This communication is sent on the 1st of the month, or shortly thereafter. Please submit events by the 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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