



CAPE COD and the ISLANDS CHAPTER AMERICAN GUILD of ORGANISTS

June 2024

Dear Colleagues,

With gratitude in my heart, I welcome our new Dean, Charlene Higbe. She was willing to step in to lead our chapter into another year of work supporting organists and the organ on Cape Cod and the Islands.

Gratitude for the rest of our board who are willing to take on chapter responsibilities for the benefit of us all.

Gratitude for Chris Babcock's 12 years as chapter Registrar - Thank you Chris for your faithful service.

Gratitude for the support, advice and help of previous Deans - we are all standing on the shoulders of those who have gone before us.

Gratitude for the perseverance of the Nominating Committee! They worked for nearly four months to bring us the slate of officers.

Gratitude for the opportunity this year to call many people on the member list, and I've learned a lot! Thank you for sharing so much about yourselves! I learned how important our older and younger members are - we need to listen to you.

In his commencement address at Providence College May 19th, Arthur Brooks advised the graduates to remain open, pay attention to others' needs, and live with humility using these affirmations:

- I do not know what this day will bring, but I will live it the best I can, with an attitude of love and generosity.
- I am grateful for the good I experience today, but I do not fear the bad, which is part of being alive and an opportunity for learning and growth.
- I do not possess the absolute truth, but today I will seek it with honesty, an open heart, and a spirit of adventure.
- *I will focus today on the miraculous world outside myself*

(The entire address is available at numerous sites on the internet. Arthur Brooks is professor at Harvard Business School and his most recent book is [Build the life you want: The art and science of getting happier.](#))

Ideas like these have helped me learn from tough days and relish the good ones and to remember it's my choice to choose to enjoy life as it happens to me - I'm truly blessed. It is with that gratitude in my heart that I give my best wishes to Charlene and the incoming board. Please give them all the support you possibly can!

Cheryl

Upcoming Local Events

Noontunes Summer Concert Series

Wednesdays - July 10, 17, 24 and 31st at 12:15pm

Church of the Messiah, Woods Hole

[Click here for more information.](#)

Organ Dedicatory Recital: Becket Senchur

Sunday, August 11th; 3:00pm

Holy Redeemer Catholic 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 2024-25

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

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