

April 2023

## Dean's Corner

Dear Colleagues and Friends:

As we are now in the Lenten season, I reflect upon the concept of sacrifice - of giving something up for Lent. I usually joke that I've given up giving things up, but then I've come to realize that many of us may in fact be giving up something: some of our free time. For me, my service playing workload doubles during the Advent and Lenten seasons with the addition of two midweek services. The pressure builds to prepare musicians and choristers for the coming Easter celebration. It becomes easy to let the workload overtake us and weigh us down. Whether or not you are playing for a congregation, Psalm 46:10 reminds us to "Be still, and know that I am God." The psalmist reminds us to take time for ourselves, relax, and enjoy some time. It's ok to end that choir rehearsal 10 minutes early once in a while. It's ok to program some easier pieces for the choir so you can spend more time on the more difficult ones that will need time.



Jeffrey White—Dean

I again want to thank all who were involved in the February Flourish - whether a participant or a committee member. On February 25, the Handbell Association of Greater St. Louis hosted an event called "SpRingfest", a smaller version of the Flourish. The reason I mention these is to again encourage you to consider attending a Regional convention. If you have never attended, you are in for a treat. There are a number of musical opportunities to hear, and a good number of educational classes. You can attend any regional convention, and our area's event is in Minneapolis this year, for which several members are already registered - myself included. These types of events can be energizing and inspiring!

The Executive Board will be meeting (in person) on March 27 at 5:30 prior to the dinner at 6:30 at Grace United Methodist Church. Remember to please RSVP with Cathy Bolduan if you plan to attend dinner. The dinner is optional, and the program starts at 7:30. I hope you will be able to come and support those who will be playing in the Members' Recital.

Have a wonderful March!

Jeffrey White  
*Dean, St. Louis AGO Chapter*



Mary Beth Wittry  
[wittrym@stgabrielstl.org](mailto:wittrym@stgabrielstl.org)

Greetings, colleagues, and happy spring to you all!

The year is marching on very quickly; we have two more very nice events for this program year of the St. Louis Chapter of the AGO. On Monday, March 27, the Chapter will meet for dinner and a Members' Recital at Grace United Methodist Church. Five organists are playing in the concert, and I promise you will be pleased with the repertoire! We will end the season with our closing banquet at the Sisters of St. Joseph's Motherhouse in Carondelet with a chance to see the beautiful chapel and possibly hear the historic organ.

Presently, David Erwin, David Sinden and I are planning the events for the calendar year of 2023-2024; exciting things to come!

Have a blessed Lent and Easter and I hope to see many of you on March 27!

Mary Beth

## 2022-2023 Leadership Team

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# Concert Calendar

If you are hosting or sponsoring an event, or know of any that may be of interest to the members of our Chapter, please be sure to send that information to [events@agostlouis.org](mailto:events@agostlouis.org) so those events may be posted on the Chapter website. Thank you!

Check the [Concerts and Events](#) section of the Chapter website for more details and recently posted events.

Organ Recital

**Chelsea Chen**

May 4, 2023 - 7:00 p.m.

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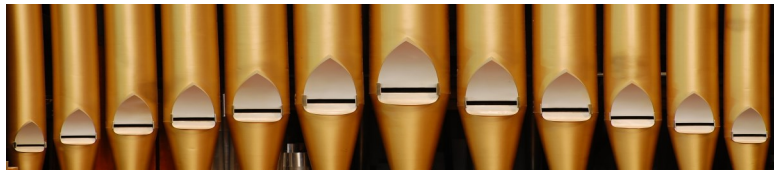
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Kirkwood, MO 63122 United States

This concert is free, but a free-will offering will be taken.

Free ice cream follows the concert.

For more information, please visit: <https://conspirito.kirkwoodpres.org/>



Organ Recital

**Dennis Bergin**

June 9, 2023 - 7:00 p.m.

TWIN OAKS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1230 Big Bend Road

Ballwin, Missouri 63021 United States

The concert is free and open to the public.

For further information: (636) 861-1870.

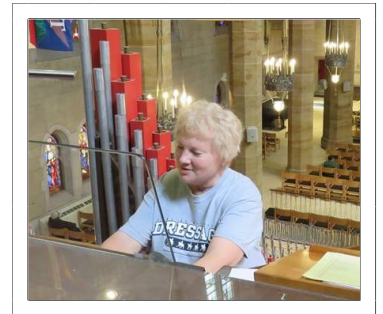
# 2023 NOMINEES

The time for our annual elections has arrived. You should receive a ballot via email on April 1. If you do not receive the ballot via email, please contact Secretary Gaye Anderson ([brierbankfarm@juno.com](mailto:brierbankfarm@juno.com)). You will have one week to submit your completed ballot online. After April 8 a paper ballot will be mailed to those who have not responded online. To save on the cost of mailing paper ballots, you are urged to PLEASE submit your vote online via the link you will receive in the email. All voting must be completed by April 15. Once again, here are the nominees.

## SECRETARY

### **GAYE ANDERSON**

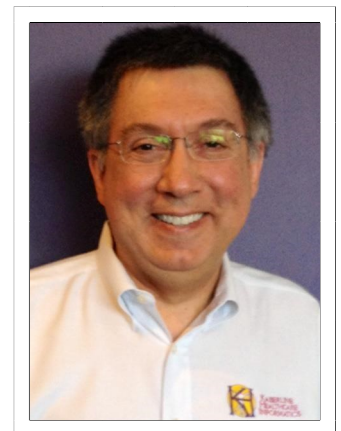
Gaye is the Organist/Choirmaster at St. Paul's Episcopal Parish in Alton, IL. She holds a Bachelor of Music Education degree with emphasis in Piano Performance from Greenville College in Greenville, IL and a Master's degree from Webster University, St. Louis in Organ Performance. Gaye is a student of Canon Precentor Dr. William Partridge at Christ Church Cathedral in St. Louis. She operates Livery Haus Music Studio in her hometown of Marine, IL and is also an equestrian instructor at the family-owned dressage and hunter/jumper stable Brier Bank Farm in Marine. Gaye is married to attorney Roy Anderson. They have been blessed with two children: Son, David (Organist/Music Director at St. Peter's UCC in Ferguson) and daughter, Lauren (artist). In her 'spare time', Gaye assists the staff at Gateway Music Group, LLC and enjoys antiques, renovating old houses, and playing with the family's two Jack Russell "hunt terriers."



## TREASURER

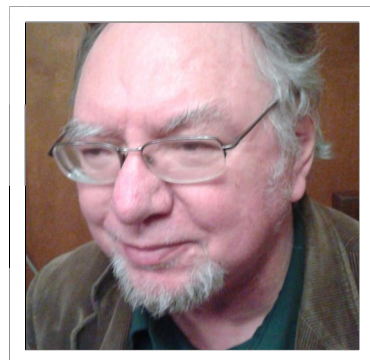
### **MIKE KABERLINE**

Mike began serving as Treasurer for the 2015 AGO Regional Convention in St. Louis and then as the Treasurer for the St. Louis Chapter shortly after. He has held positions in finance and financial reporting for several non-profit and political organizations – on national, state-wide, and local levels. In addition to managing a Healthcare Informatics company, he is also the Product Manager for three medical practice management software products for eMDs/CompuGroup Medical. Although not an organist, he has a long admiration and love of organ music and the physical design of organs.



**NOMINEES CONTINUED****CLASS OF 2026****Stephen Jones**

Stephen Jones is a composer pianist, organist, choir director and music teacher. He has composed music for solo piano, song cycles for piano and voice, chamber ensemble as well as orchestral pieces. Stephen studied music composition and theory with composer John Huggler at the University of Massachusetts Boston MA. After completing a BA in Theory and Composition and a BA in English Literature he went to graduate school in SUNY Fredonia New York. His primary composition teacher there was Donald Bohlen. He completed his Masters degree in Composition and Theory and earned his teaching certificate in Vocal music K-12. After twenty-five years teaching vocal music in the St. Louis Public Schools Stephen retired from teaching in June 2015. His career as a part-time church musician began when he started student teaching. He had been a choir director and an organist before moving to St. Louis. In St. Louis Stephen was the organist at St. Philip's Lutheran for ten years and was the Minister of Music for ten years at Church of the Open Door UCC. His most recent position was at St. George Catholic Church—a position which was eliminated when St. George and St. Dominic Savio merged in May 2018. Stephen is currently the Music Director for St. Stephens Protomartyr Catholic church.

**Mark Lawson**

Mark W. Lawson is the President of ECS Publishing Group, parent company for E.C. Schirmer, Galaxy Music Corporation and MorningStar Music Publishers. Mr. Lawson has been active in developing digital delivery methods, strategizing about the development of music web-sites, and has been involved in numerous recording projects. As a publisher, he enjoys working with both new as well as established composers. He is actively involved in the Music Publishers Association, the Church Music Publishers Association, and serves on the board of directors of Chorus America.

**Sharon Whitlock**

Sharon Whitlock moved to Wentzville from Rockford, IL in August 2022 to be close to her children and grandson after the death of her husband, Brad (married 41 years). Sharon worked as a Medical Technologist (Microbiology) for 31 years at Swedish American Hospital in Rockford and was active in the local figure skating club. She has written several figure skating novels. But Sharon's main involvements were and still are in music. She started piano lessons when she was seven and was playing in several churches by the time she was 13! Sharon was in demand in Rockford as an accompanist for choirs of all ages and experience levels, soloists, musical theater, music competitions, local arts festivals, and of course, for churches. Her church children's choir grew from 24 children to 70 children in three years. Sharon has also written music for children and adults. Sharon was also active in musical organizations in Rockford, including serving on the board of the Rockford Choral Union, and serving as the Chair of the Annual Chandler Starr Miller Youth Music Competition for a dozen years. She has presented workshops in Hymn History. Sharon is a member of the American Guild of Organists (AGO) and is a patroness for the Sigma Alpha Iota International (Women's) Music Fraternity.





By Suzanne Chisum

### Looking for Pics of Your Organ

If you have any pictures of your organ, pipes or console, please consider sharing them with me so that I may post them to Instagram or Facebook. Please send photos to [suzchisum@gmail.com](mailto:suzchisum@gmail.com).

### Have you joined the STL AGO Member Group yet?

If you are interested in joining a dynamic group of other organists of the St. Louis Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, you may message me on Facebook at Suzanne Olszewski Chisum, or scan the QR Code to the right. This is a place that you can share information as well as questions with other AGO members. Hope to see you there!



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