

# THE COUPLER

## The Dean's Message



Dear Colleagues:

Happy New Year to you and yours! This month's column is exceptionally short since I am saving my remarks for the Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 11 at 6pm at the Franciscan Monastery. As a chapter, we have lots to

celebrate - membership is growing due to our efforts to expand our outreach and image and we are actively promoting the pipe organ and its music in our community. We do all of this to make the world a better place. All Best, *Russ*

## JANUARY 2015

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## Thank You, Victoria Shields

Victoria Shields has stepped down from her position as Sub-Dean of the DC AGO Chapter. While we are sorry to see Victoria leave the board, we also keep her close in mind, wish her all of the best and look forward to seeing her at future Chapter events and meetings. Victoria's youthful spirit, engaging creativity, positive vibe, and contagious laugh will be

missed. The Sub-Dean position is now vacant and we hope to fill the post as soon as possible. Nominations can be sent to our nominating committee (please see page 2). The Board is looking forward to continuing its fine work of building up a positive image of the DC AGO Chapter in the community and looks forward to welcoming its newest members.

# January Annual Meeting and DC AGO Board Nominations

Join your fellow DC AGO Members at the upcoming January 2015 event:

On Sunday, January 11, at 6pm, we will gather at the beautiful Franciscan Monastery for Solemn Vespers celebrating the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Dr. Jeremy Filsell will serve as the organist for the liturgy, joined by a professional choral schola. The Annual Meeting and Dinner will follow (\$20 per person - RSVP to [dcagochapter@gmail.com](mailto:dcagochapter@gmail.com) by January 5), prepared by our chapter caterer. At the annual meeting, we will welcome new members and our DC

AGO Board of Directors will offer updates on Chapter news and upcoming events/projects.

Also at the Annual Meeting, the Nominating Committee will present the slate of nominations for next year's DC AGO Board. If you would like to be considered, or if you would like to nominate someone for a board position, please email Irvin Petersen at [idpete2001@yahoo.com](mailto:idpete2001@yahoo.com) If there is only one event that you attend all year long, please consider the Annual Meeting.



*There is safe, free, and ample parking available at the Franciscan Monastery.*



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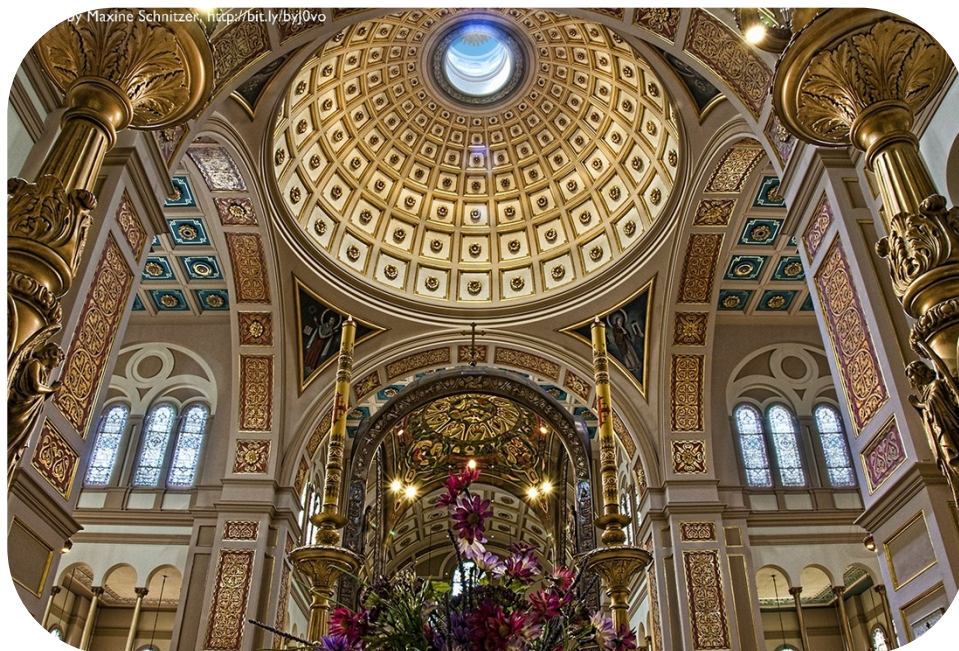
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## Music @ the Monastery

*Together with the Franciscan Monastery, the DC AGO is proud to support a series of community outreach musical events titled, "Music @ the Monastery". These events are free of charge and take place on the second Sunday of every month at 4pm. All are welcome!*

### 2014-2015 Recitalists

*September 14: Russell Weismann (St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Bethesda)*

*October 12: Paul Hardy (Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle, DC)*

*November 9: Andrew Vu (St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Bethesda)*

*December 14: Paul Campbell (Sacred Heart, Winchester)*

**January 11: DC AGO Event - Solemn Vespers and Annual Dinner (6pm)**

**February 8: Victoria Shields (St. Paul, Rock Creek)**

**March 8: Russell Weismann (St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Bethesda)**

**April 12: Jeremy Filsell (Epiphany, DC)**

**May 17: DC AGO Young Organists' Competition**

**2014-2015**

**DC AGO Chapter Schedule of Events**

*Monday, September 22, 2014, at 7:30 p.m.*  
*Hymn Festival with Installation of Officers*  
*John Walker, organ*  
*Church of the Redeemer, Bethesda, MD*

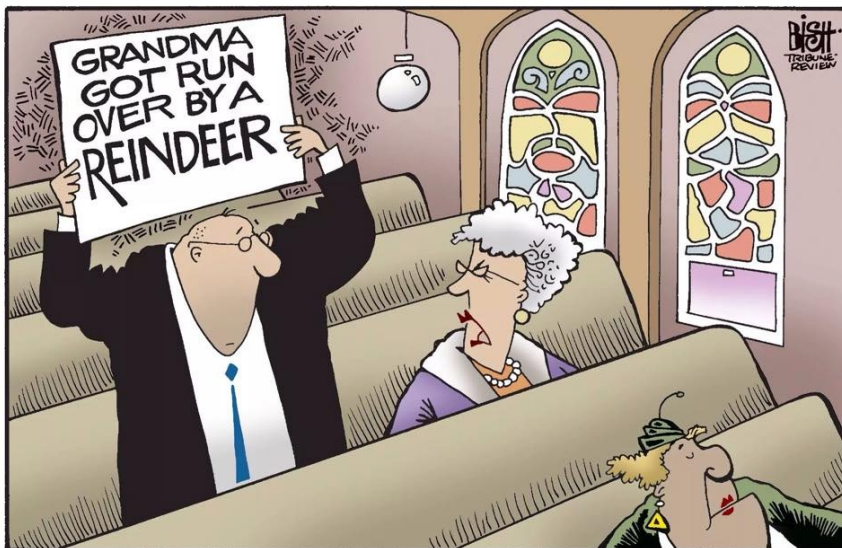
*Sunday, November 16, 2014, at 4:00 p.m.*  
*Tri-Chapter Pipes Spectacular*  
*Parker Ramsay, organ*  
*Saint Luke Church, McLean, VA*

**Sunday, January 11, 2014, at 6:00 p.m.**  
**Vespers and Annual Dinner & Meeting**  
**The Franciscan Monastery, Washington, DC**

**Monday, February 16, 2015**  
**Presidents' Day Road Trip**  
**Richmond, VA**

**Monday, April 27, 2015, at 7:30 p.m.**  
**Masterclass with Olivier Latry**  
**St. John's Episcopal Church, Georgetown**

**Sunday, May 17, 2015**  
**First Annual DCAGO/Franciscan Monastery**  
**Young Organists Competition**  
**The Franciscan Monastery, Washington, DC**



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A Message from Chapter Friend, Tom Scheck, who is moving to beautiful Key West, FL!:

I have a two-rank organ for sale. It was built by Wicks Organ Company, completed in the factory in 1990 and installed in my house in Falls Church, Virginia in January 1991.

Specifications:

Manual I

4' Gemshorn 58 pipes (50% tin)

Manual II

8' Gedeckt 58 pipes (cherry)

Couplers (operated by hitchdowns)

Manual II to Manual I

Manual I to Pedal

Manual II to Pedal

Mechanical key action with aluminum trackers. There is no stop action as the stops are permanently on. There is no expressive enclosure. The organ is completely encased in a beautiful dark-stained cherry case. Manual naturals are ebony with maple accidentals. The organ is 6'0" wide, 5'4.5" deep (including pedalboard, 5'8" including bench) and 7'10" high.

I also have a 16' Quintade of 61 pipes for sale. These pipes are from the 1969 Moller former in Christ Episcopal Church in Georgetown, Washington, DC. 1-13 are zinc; 14-61 are spotted metal. Included are the gates for 1-12. D# in the fourth octave has a dent in the foot, but the speech is not affected.

I also have organ magazines I do not plan to take with me, but would hate to throw away. Please let me know if you might be interested in any or all of the following:

The Diapason (I have been a continuous subscriber for over 50 years and have copies of all since then.

The American Organist and Music Magazine (many issues throughout the years)

The Tracker (Organ Historical Society's quarterly magazine -- many issues throughout the years)

Also a few issues of Choir and Organ

Also Handbooks and Atlases from Organ Historical Society conventions)

If you're not interested but know of somebody who may be, please let me know.

Many thanks!

Tom Scheck  
tomlscheck@aol.com

## Upcoming Members' Events

**Sunday, January 4, 2015 | 5:15pm - 6:00pm**

Organ Recital

Washington National Cathedral

Karen Electra Christianson, Organist

**Wednesday, January 7, 2015 | 12:10pm - 1:00pm**

Organ Recital

Saint John's Church, Lafayette Square

Iris Lan, organist

**Sunday, January 11, 2015 | 4:00pm - 6:00pm**

Solemn Vespers and DC AGO Annual Dinner

Franciscan Monastery

**Sunday, January 11, 2015 | 5:15pm - 6:00pm**

Organ Recital

Washington National Cathedral

Janet Yieh, Organist

**Sunday, January 18, 2015 at 4:00 PM,**

The 44th Season of Chevy Chase Concerts presents Apollo Orchestra. Maestro Stephen Czarkowski conducts the Apollo Orchestra in an exciting program, generously underwritten by the Robert Downing Family Foundation, including Beethoven's Leonore Overture No.3, Dvorak's Symphony No. 7, and Barber's Toccata Festiva, with organist, Julie Vidrick Evans.

The Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church, One Chevy Chase Circle, N.W. 202.363.2202x33,

www.chevychasepc.orgday, January 18, 2015 | 4pm

**Sunday, January 18, 2015 | 5:15pm - 6:00pm**

Organ Recital

Washington National Cathedral

Katherine Meloan, Organist

**Sunday, January 25, 2015 | 5:15pm - 6:00pm**

Organ Recital

Washington National Cathedral

Mickey Thomas Terry, Organist

*Submit your event to [dcagochapter@gmail.com](mailto:dcagochapter@gmail.com)*

## Annual DC AGO Presidents' Day Road Trip

Join your fellow DC AGO Members at the upcoming February 2015 DC AGO event:

On Monday, February 16, members of the DC AGO will depart our nation's capital by luxury coach bus for Richmond, Virginia. Richmond is home to a variety of fine pipe organs, including instruments by Fisk, Beckerath, Pasi, Rosales, and Buzard. In many ways, Richmond is far ahead of DC in building up an eclectic assortment of first-class pipe organs for its residents to enjoy!

We will depart the DC suburbs at 8am and plan to arrive in Richmond by 10:30am. After visiting two organs in the morning, we will stop for lunch, then visit two more instruments in the afternoon before returning to DC for a 6:30pm planned arrival.

Cost per person is \$50. RSVP to [dcagochapter@gmail.com](mailto:dcagochapter@gmail.com)

Due to the increasing popularity of this yearly daytrip, early RSVP is recommended.

Specific information will be forthcoming.



*Richmond is home to a large and eclectic collection of fine pipe organs.*

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