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2013-2014

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From the Dean

I moved to Grand Rapids in 2006 and was almost immediately recruited by Howard Slenk to become a part of the Grand Rapids AGO organization. I have belonged to several other AGO chapters across the country, and I can honestly say that the Grand Rapids Chapter is among the best! There are several reasons for that, and the word that comes to mind is *quality*. I have noticed *quality* among the leadership. Past deans Howard Slenk, Larry Biser, Jim Metzler, and Chris Dekker have all been wise and caring as they have taken their turns. The *quality* of the programming is outstanding! There have been amazing recitals, excellent workshops on improvisation, and festival services, to name a few. Each chapter event has been carefully prepared and executed. And finally, the *quality* of the members! All of you pay your dues, which is no small thing. Members attend the programs; members attend the dinners; members serve on committees; members play on recitals; members recruit other members, and members provide the energy that keep the Grand Rapids AGO one of the most vibrant in the country!

I am looking forward to the next year with you all! The programming looks amazing, and I encourage all of you to come to the monthly events. Please continue to support the chapter with continuing energy and enthusiasm!

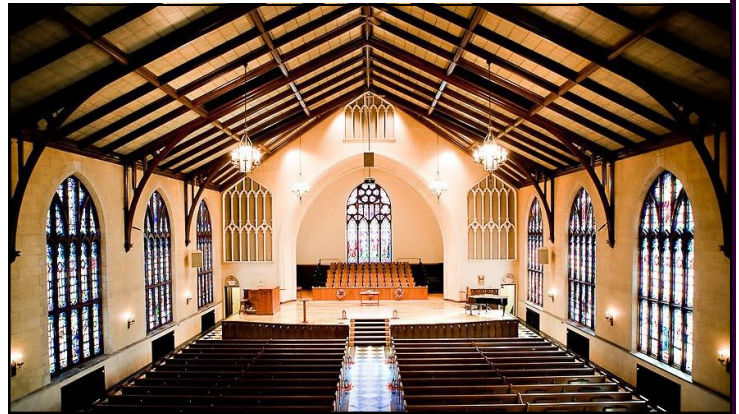
Helen Hofmeister Hawley



Grand Rapids Chapter AGO Program for 2014/15

Monday, September 15 - 8:00 p.m.

Combined Guild Installation Service in Dimnent Chapel at Hope College in Holland. Holland AGO Dean Rhonda Sider Edgington in charge.



Monday, October 20 - 8:00 p.m.

The Music of Leo Sowerby at St. Mark's Episcopal Church. The Grand Rapids Choir of Men and Boys. Organists - Greg Crowell and Jonathan Tuuk.



Friday, November 28 - 8:00 p.m.

Young Artist Concert at Mayflower Congregational Church. Nicholas Quardokus, 2013 Winner of the Region V Young Organists Competition.

Saturday, November 29 — 10:30 a.m.

Workshop for Young Organists at Mayflower Congregational Church. Nicholas Quardokus - *The Four Pieces of Joseph Jongen*.



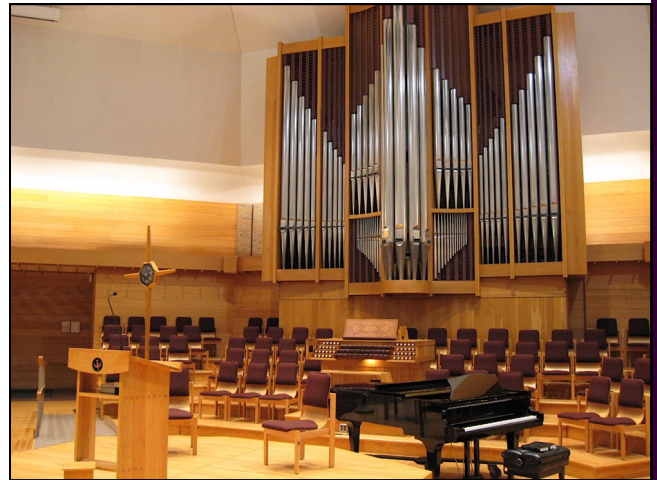
Monday, February 2 - 8:00 p.m.

Eileen Gunther, former President of the AGO, at Aquinas College. Clergy and Musician Relations.



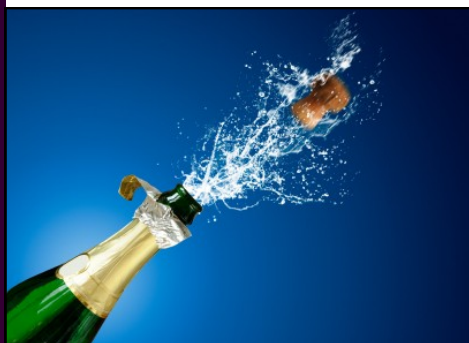
Monday, March 16 - 8:00 p.m.

The Organ Concerti of Johann Sebastian Bach at the Calvin College Chapel. Organists – Kenneth Bos, Greg Crowell, Norma De Waal Malefyt, Jonathan Tuuk, and Larry Visser



Monday, April 20 - 3:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

The Rotman and Quimby Organ Competitions at Calvin Christian Reformed Church. Bruce Klanderman and Joan Ringerwole in charge.



Monday, May 18 - 6:00 p.m.

House Organ Crawl and Cavort! It's party time at the Fred and Lynn Keller chalet and the living room of Jim and Jeanne Ransford.

Election of Officers

At our May meeting the following slate of officers and council members was presented:



Dean:
Helen Hofmeister Hawley



Sub-dean
Howard Slenk



Secretary
Emily Brink



Treasurer
Errol Shewman

In addition, the following two persons have agreed to serve as Members-at-large on the Executive Council through 2017.



Barbara Dulmage



Mark Loring

To signify your agreement with the slate presented, please send an email to our Dean, Helen Hofmeister Hawley at helenh@wpcgr.org with the subject line: **YES**

Thank you.