



# American Guild of Organists Evansville Chapter

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September, 2010

## Henderson, Kentucky Kick-off Event, Friday 9.10.10

Dear chapter members in Indiana, Kentucky and Illinois,

I hope you have had a restful summer and some time to unwind and relax with a good book. Probably now, though, you are back in the thick of things with your music ministry in full swing and the demands of job and family seemingly in a relentless grind? Most of us are full-time in our passion for the organ and part-time in our organ playing jobs, so finding a balance can sometimes be difficult. I encourage you to be a part of all our events in the coming year: they are a great way to connect and share with people like you who have an active interest in our instrumental home. Some of us are active performers and some are active listeners. We are all educators whose job it is to bring the organ to the forefront of our society as a vibrant and expressive musical instrument.

Our event on Friday, September 10, 2010 is one of our social get-togethers. Located near Audubon State Park in Henderson, St. Margaret's Chapel on Watson Lane is a meeting facility of Holy Name Catholic church. The scenic, wooded grounds border the State Park and have lovely walking trails and an outdoor worship area. Our meeting is taking advantage of all of these facilities starting with an optional walk in the woods at 5:30 p.m., an Evening Prayer Service at 6:00 p.m. in the woods, a pot-luck meal at 6:30 p.m. (the chapter is providing BBQ and drinks), and a chapter meeting at 7:15 p.m. to share reports from summer conferences. Please bring a church music colleague, Pastor, or friend. Don't worry if you didn't RSVP to Neal Biggers—there will be plenty to share!

If you are a renewing member, be on the lookout for our 2010-2011 membership book and listing of events. We have a new format this year and I am attempting to have an error free document!!! If any of your membership information has changed (moved house, job, recently retired etc.) since you sent your membership materials to Kevin Ellerbusch please let me know as soon as possible. Thanks.

It's not too early to be thinking about attending our Region V convention next year in Lexington KY June 12-15, 2011. Wouldn't it be fun to have an Evansville AGO group attend together? It's not too early to make your plans to be there. Their slogan is "Bluegrass, Bourbon, and now Bach." Check out: [www.lexingtonago.com](http://www.lexingtonago.com)

Robert Nicholls, Dean

## Indiana Organists United Fall Organ Conference

### Bach to School

The Indiana Organists United reunion weekend takes place at IU September 16-18, 2010 featuring the new C.B. Fisk Opus 135 organ.

The conference is focusing on works by J.S. Bach, and a new edition published by Wayne Leupold. Panelists include Dr. Quentin Faulkner, George B

Stauffer, and Christoph Wolff. There will also be open console time on the new organ as well as the opportunity to have individual lessons with IU faculty. Day registration rates are available. For more information, the brochure is attached electronically to this newsletter, or contact Robert Nicholls.



## Evansville AGO Programs for 2010—2011

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### **AT-LARGE MEMBERS (Elected to 3-year terms)**

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### **EX OFFICIO MEMBERS**

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We encourage you to get involved in your chapter activities in the 2010-2011 season. If there is an event which appeals to you, please contact the Coordinators directly. Special thanks to Neal Biggers for leading our program plans for the coming season.

#### September 10, 2010

Summer's End Social  
St. Margaret's Chapel, 685  
Watson Lane, Henderson.

5:30 p.m. optional hike in  
the woods

6:00 p.m. Prayer service  
6:30 p.m. BBQ dinner/  
picnic

7:15 p.m. Chapter meeting  
and sharing.

Coordinators: Neal Biggers  
and Dan Wilkinson

#### October 31, 2010

5:00—7:00 p.m. Halloween  
Concert (of scary music!)  
by chapter members at  
Main Street Methodist  
Church in Boonville, IN.  
Part of Boo-in-Boonville  
family Halloween activities.

Coordinators: Jenni Taylor  
and Kristen Jones

#### November 15, 2010

Open Repertoire Master  
Class led by Doug Reed.  
Any members interested in  
AGO Certification are  
encouraged to bring that

repertoire.

6:30 p.m. at St. John's East  
UCC

Coordinators: Robert  
Nicholls and Barbara Waite

#### January 9, 2011

**Golden Jubilee Party**  
Help us celebrate the 50th  
anniversary of the Evans-  
ville Chapter of the AGO  
at this post-holiday dinner  
at the north side home of  
Kristin Jones. Begins at  
5:00 p.m.

Coordinators: Kristen  
Jones and Rhoda Martin

#### February 13, 2011

4:00 p.m. POEA 2009  
Graduate Recital at First  
Presbyterian Church in  
Evansville. Features Bryan  
Anderson (Curtis), Pat  
Crowe (Eastman), Weston  
Jennings (Eastman).

Coordinators: Robert  
Nicholls and Carolyn Ad-  
ams.

#### February—March 2011

Outreach projects includ-  
ing Pedals, Pipes and Pizza  
(city and/or area wide).  
Members host an outreach  
event in his or her own  
church. Resources avail-  
able from Executive com-  
mittee and  
[www.evansvilleago.org](http://www.evansvilleago.org)

#### March 26, 2011

Pedals, Pipes and Pizza in  
Henderson, KY

#### March 27, 2011

4:00 p.m. POEA 2009  
Graduate recital at First  
Presbyterian Church in  
Evansville. Features Kate-  
lyn Emerson (Oberlin),  
Katie Minion (Maranatha).

Coordinators: Robert  
Nicholls and Carolyn Ad-  
ams.

#### March 19, 2011

1:00 p.m. AGO/Quimby  
Regional Competition.  
Coordinator: Robert  
Nicholls

#### April 2011, 2:00 p.m.

Progressive Historic Organ  
Concert.

First Avenue Presbyterian  
Church and St. Anthony  
Catholic Church, Evansville

Coordinators: Neal Biggers  
and Carolyn Adams

#### May 2, 2011

Spring Social at St. Paul's  
Episcopal Church, Evans-  
ville (5:30 p.m.), Dinner  
(6:00 p.m.), Meeting and  
Service (7:00 p.m.).

Coordinators: Dan Wilkin-  
son, Margaret Kimberling

To submit an article for  
inclusion in the Evansville  
AGO newsletter, contact  
Robert Nicholls, Dean.

To view Evansville and Tri-state area church music positions available visit the AGO website: <http://www.evansvilleago.org/>