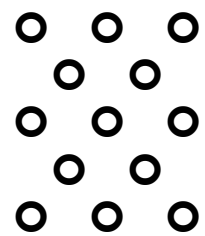


THE DRAWKNOB

Newsletter of the Denver Rocky Mountain Chapter
American Guild of Organists

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Election of Chapter Officers

This issue of *The Drawknob* contains the ballot for the election of officers for the Denver Rocky Mountain Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. Nominees were introduced in the April issue of *The Drawknob*, which can also be downloaded from the chapter website, www.agodrmc.org

The ballot contains instructions for returning either by e-mail or U.S.Mail. Take a moment to fill out and send the ballot before May 15.



Annual Meeting and Dinner

Sunday, May 18, 5:30 p.m.

**Park Hill Congregational Church (UCC)
2600 Leyden St., Denver, CO 80207**

At 5:30 p.m., members and guests are invited to gather on the patio for sangria and refreshments. A brief service of prayer and remembrance will follow in the nave at 6:00 p.m. Dinner will follow, catered by Chipotle. The meeting to carry out business of the Chapter concludes the evening.

Dinner is \$18, a budget-friendly buffet with vegetarian options, selected dessert bites and ice water or coffee.

Please **RSVP by Friday, May 8** to DrawknobEditor@myctl.com Pay at the door, cash or credit. The following Zeffy link allows people to pay for their dinner ahead of time using their credit or debit card, rather than at the door. <https://www.zeffy.com/ticketing/annual-meeting4>

We now partner with Zeffy.com to process your payment. Zeffy is a 100% free fundraising platform for nonprofits. Zeffy covers all transaction fees, so your full payment goes directly to the Denver Rocky Mountain Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. At checkout, Zeffy will ask for a donation to support its work. If you don't wish to contribute to Zeffy, simply click the dropdown menu, choose "Other," and change the donation to \$0. Please check your junk/spam folder if you do not receive payment confirmation. Just so you know, if you use a credit card at the door, you will have to put in name and email into an iphone using the Tap and Pay option. You will then have to answer the question about donating to Zeffy at that time.

Park Hill Church is located on the corner of 26th Avenue and Leyden Street – in North Park Hill. Parking and ADA parking are located on both Leyden Street and 26th Avenue

The Dean's Mixture

I hope you will consider attending the Annual Chapter Meeting and Dinner on Sunday, May 17. This annual event is a nice way to relax after a busy program year and gives chapter members the opportunity to spend some time with each



other. Please find the ballot in this newsletter with instructions on how to vote for new officers prior to that gathering.

The Annual Chapter Meeting also allows us the opportunity to install new officers whose terms begin on July 1. I thank the nominating committee chaired by Cathy Bruno who brought names forward for each open position. We also applaud these people for their willingness to serve this great chapter. A thank you to Billie Busby Smith for hosting this event at her church. Please see in this newsletter how to RSVP for the dinner that evening.

I also thank Denise Lanning and her helpers for leading the Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza event held on April 18. Similar appreciation goes to the work Billie Busby Smith is currently doing for the Scholarship Program. These important events provide outreach and education for the next generation of organists.

Happy Spring,
Andrew Peters, Dean

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Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza

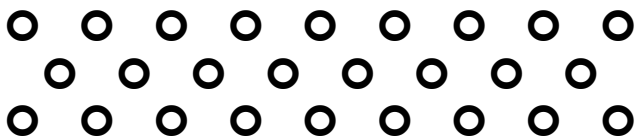
Twenty-two students had a wonderful time at Pedals, Pipes and Pizza which was held on Saturday, April 18 at Saint Andrew United Methodist Church in Highlands Ranch, CO. Pedals, Pipes and Pizza is a national outreach program of the American Guild of Organists, for young people. The Denver Rocky Mountain Chapter is grateful to Scientific and Cultural Facilities District (SCFD) for providing funding.



The morning began with a presentation of *Rex: The King of Instruments*, by Daniel Burton. *Rex* is an upbeat introduction to the pipe organ for organist and rap narrator. It was superbly presented by chapter members “King” Brian du Fresne and “Sir” Rick Seaton at the organ.



Next, the students (and their parents) split into two groups. While one group remained at the console to try out their piano pieces on the organ, the other group constructed the Orgel Kids pipe organ. Then the groups switched locations. We are grateful to Dan Dufford who picked up the kit from the Colorado Springs chapter and led everyone through the construction process. Photographer Ed Mack was kept busy snapping pictures.



A delicious lunch of pizza, organized by Linda Mack, concluded the event. Students were given tote bags containing a small wooden pipe, a copy of *The American Organist* magazine, a CD of organ music, beautiful color photographs of organ installations courtesy of Charles Ruggles, and an information sheet with news of local and national interest.

Thanks you go to David Vogels, site coordinator with the Saint Andrew staff and music director Mark Zwilling, Sharlie Morel and Linda Mack for supplying copies of TAO magazine, and Charles Ruggles and Craig Peters for their gifts of wooden organ pipes.

Denise Lanning, FAGO
DRMC Education Coordinator



Organ for Sale

Walker 2 Manual, 4 Rank Tracker organ built in 1991. This instrument was previously owned by Gabriele Korndorfer and purchased by Diane Gallagher in 2016. Contact her at 303-929-3475.

- MANUAL I
- 8' Rohrflute (always on)
- 2' Principal (drawknob)
- MANUAL II
- 8' Rohrflute (always on)
- 4' Chimney flute (drawknob)
- PEDAL
- 16' Bourdon (hitchdown)
- COUPLERS (hitchdown)
- I-P
- II-P
- II-I



Psalms at St. John's Boulder

On Sunday, May 24, at 4:00 p.m., The St. John's Music Society presents organist Aaron Hirsch in a program titled "Psalms." This performance, the official end of the 25-26 season, is a glance at how composers are able to capture uncertainty and strife in their music, and the comfort we may receive from the Psalms texts. Come hear Ligeti's *Volumina*, Mendelssohn's Sixth Sonata, and Reubke's monumental Sonata on the 94th Psalm, all on the Austin/Morel organ of St. John's. This performance is free and open to all. Hope to see you there! St. John's Episcopal Church is located at 1419 Pine St. in Boulder.

Positions Available

Organist, St. Barnabas Episcopal Parish, 1280 Vine St., Denver, CO 80206. 15 hours per week, \$15,836.00 per year. Play for Sunday services, choir rehearsals, and the following feast days: Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Day. Additional services such as Advent Lesson and Carols, the Great Vigil of Easter, and other services as mutually agreed upon in advance during long-term planning. A detailed job description and more information is available, contact the Rector, the Rev. Meredith Rogers (meredith.rogers@stbdenver.org).

Organist/Media Director, Third Baptist Church, St. Louis. Full time, salary range \$50,000-\$70,000. Position is part of the music staff and also serves as media director: the latter produces the weekly worship guide, monthly newsletter, and posts on the church social media pages. A detailed job description is available at the bottom of the homepage at <https://third-baptist.org/>

