

# Suffolk Soundings

*The Newsletter of the Suffolk Chapter of the American Guild of Organists*

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### Newsletter

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## A Message from the Dean

I hope that this newsletter finds you rested and in good spirits. This special, extra Summer Issue of *Suffolk Soundings* contains a great deal of exciting information for the 2015-2016 program year.

**Please be sure to renew your membership with both national and the Suffolk Chapter, online at <https://www.agohq.org/oncard-login/>.** The ONCARD renewal system has proven to be a simple and effective interface. Should you have any further questions on this, please contact our chapter Registrar, Eleanor Gould, (631) 234-3342 or at [elegould@verizon.net](mailto:elegould@verizon.net).

We bid a fond farewell to our chapter's Chaplain, the Rev. David Ware, formerly of St. John's Episcopal, Cold Spring Harbor, who recently moved to Baltimore with his wife Sarah Hoover. We hope to announce the appointment of a new Chaplain in the next issue of *Suffolk Soundings*.

We are excited to welcome Don Fellows back to Long Island for May 2016's Scholarship Recital. Don is the Director of Music and Organist of St. Paul Cathedral, Pittsburgh, but grew up on the island and received organ instruction from one of our chapter board members, Paul Eschenauer. We look forward to what will be a dazzling display of his virtuosity on the thrilling Peragallo organ at Sts. Philip and James, St. James, NY.

Our annual Potluck Supper will be hosted by Secretary Joan Wingerter. This is a lovely evening out with good company, and I highly encourage new, returning and even *prospective* members to join us! Spread the word, bring a friend!

Best wishes, and see you soon,

Matthew Koraus

### Next Chapter Meeting:

**Friday, September 18th at 6pm**

**ANNUAL POTLUCK SUPPER**

at the home of Joan Wingerter  
45 Dolphin Lane, Northport, NY 11768,

**RSVP to Joan W. by September 14th,**  
**phone: (631) 757-0722; email: [jpwin@optonline.net](mailto:jpwin@optonline.net)**

*See inside for more information and food assignments.*





## Chapter Programs at a Glance

Fri., 9/18, 6pm:

### Potluck Supper

Fri., 10/23 and Sat., 10/24:

### Chant Workshop Weekend

Columba Kelly, OSB, presenter  
Seminary of the Immaculate  
Conception, Huntington

Sun., 11/15, 3pm:

### SAGO Members' Recital and Organ Crawl thru Glen Cove -

a "progressive" recital in three historic churches

Mon, 1/18, 9am to 5pm:

### LI AGO MINI-CONVENTION

Dr. Eric Milnes, feature artist  
St. John's Episcopal, Lattingtown

Fri., 1/30 and Sat., 1/31:

### Children's Choir Festival (a 25th anniversary program!)

Madeline Bridges, clinician  
St. Patrick RC Church, Huntington

Sun., 4/3, 3pm:

**Organ Expo** - an introduction to the organ for children and adults  
Chaminade HS, Mineola

Fri., 4/29, 3pm:

### Scholarship Auditions

Sun., 5/29, 4pm:

### Scholarship Recital

Don Fellows, recitalist  
Sts. Philip and James, St. James

## Chapter Programs In-Depth

### Friday, September 18th, 2015, 6 pm

### Potluck Supper

Joan Wingerter and her husband have graciously offered to host this year's potluck. Come alone or bring a guest. Food assignments by last name are listed below. Come enjoy a lovely social event with your AGO colleagues. New members and prospective members are especially welcome.

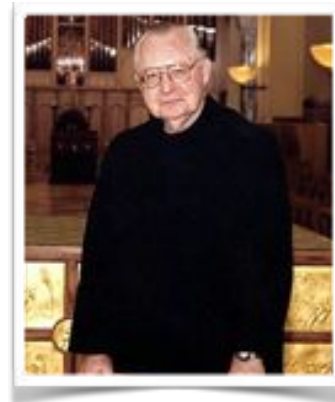
**A-F: Main course; G-L: Appetizer, M-S: Dessert; T-Z: Salad**

The Wingerter's are located at: 45 Dolphin Lane, Northport, NY 11768; phone: (631) 757-0722. Please RSVP to Joan W. by September 14th. Email: [jpwin@optonline.net](mailto:jpwin@optonline.net).

**Annual Music Swap:** *If you have any music that you'd like to contribute to a swap, please bring it to the Potluck. Donate your music and buy someone else's: \$5 for music collections, \$1 for individual sheet music. Any funds generated from the swap will be collected added to the Scholarship Fund.*

### Directions in next month's issue of Suffolk Soundings!

## Friday, October 23rd, and Saturday, October 24th, Chant Workshop Weekend with Columba Kelly, OSB



Considered by many to be the leading English-speaking scholar of Gregorian chant, Fr. Columba Kelly, OSB, has since 1964 directed the Schola of St. Meinrad Archabbey, Indiana, composing a body of English-language chants based on the principles used to create the original Gregorian Chant repertory, that is, based on the natural rhythm of the spoken word.

Fr. Kelly's presentation will be a comprehensive introduction to his revolutionary method, reinforced practically through class singing and conducting of various examples of chant. His workshops have traditionally drawn in musicians and clergy of all denominations.

We are honored to host such a distinguished guest, and we are especially grateful to our Sub-Dean Ray Henderson for all of his hard work in making this a reality. **Look to the next issue of Suffolk Soundings for registration information** on this once-in-a-lifetime event.



**Sunday, November 15th, 2015, 3pm**  
**“An Organist’s Pilgrimage:”**  
**SAGO Member’s Recital and Organ Crawl**  
**through Glen Cove:**

Suffolk Chapter will visit three historic churches in Glen Cove, with presentations given on the buildings as well as the congregations and the organs housed in each. Stops to include St. Paul’s Episcopal Church (1833, with a 1985 Gress-Miles organ), First Presbyterian Church (1876, with a 1909 Reuben Midmer), and St. Rocco’s RC Church, (1933, whose 1977 Peragallo organ was recently renovated by Elsener Organ Works).

The instruments for this program will be comparatively smaller than those featured on our recent Members’ Recitals (each has only two-manuals). It is the chapter board’s hope that members who have not played on any of recent recital programs will play on this program! If you are interested, please contact program coordinator Paul Eschenauer by email at [PEsch8@aol.com](mailto:PEsch8@aol.com).

***More info on our other chapter programs to come in next month’s issue!***

**Calling ALL Childrens’ Choirs and Youth Choirs! :**

The 25th Anniversary program of the **Suffolk AGO Childrens’ Choir Festival** will take place on Saturday, January 31st, 2016, at the Church of St. Patrick, Huntington. This year’s guest conductor will be the esteemed Dr. Madeline Bridges of the Nashville Children’s Choir, who will lead the festival choir in a service of music useful for all the different seasons of the church year, accompanied by a chamber instrumental ensemble and the great Glück organs of St. Patrick’s. The repertoire is accessible, the skills learned are vital, and the experience is one that will stay with your choristers for a lifetime. **We are hoping that ALL children’s choirs and youth choirs affiliated with our members’ churches will participate this year in this special anniversary program.** More info to come in our next issue.



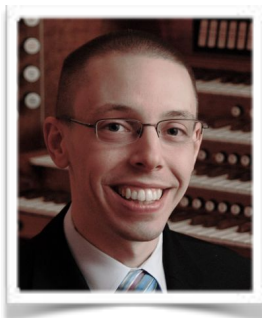
**Other Events  
of Note**

**Sunday, Sept. 20th  
at 3 pm.**

**Organ Recital**

Matthew Koras  
(FAGO) will play a

program of Bach, Mendelssohn, Vierne, as well a new work by Koras. Also featuring Bach’s famous solo soprano cantata BWV 51, “Jauchzetz Gott in Allen Landen.” With Julianne Klopotic, violin; Debra Koras, flute; Steve Miller, trumpet; and Katrina Montagna, soprano. The Church of St. Patrick is located at 400 Main Street, Huntington NY 11743. (631) 385-3311, ext. 365. Free-will offering. More info at <http://stpatrickhuntingtonmusic.weebly.com>



**Fri, Sat, Sun; Oct. 16, 17, 18  
Annual Choral Festival**

Led by Tom Trenney, minister of music at First-Plymouth Congregational Church, Lincoln. The Festival Concert will take place on Sun. Oct. 18th at 4pm, First Presbyterian Church, 330 Main St. Northport. For more info, please email [musicministry@gmail.com](mailto:musicministry@gmail.com) .

You must pre-register to sing in the Festival Choir. Free-will offering.

## Certification News

This year our certification exam center administered one Choir Master exam on May 27th, 2015 and one AAGO exam on May 28-29, 2015. Congratulations to the successful candidates! Dean **Matthew Koraus** passed the Choir Master exam and received the Choir Master Prize for scoring the highest on that exam this year. **Michael Haigler**, an NYC chapter member and Director of Music at Christ Church, Oyster Bay, passed the Associate. Special thanks to our Exam Coordinator, Deanna Muro, and to Abiding Presence Lutheran Church, Fort Salonga, and St. John's Episcopal Church, Cold Spring Harbor for hosting the exam sites.

The Suffolk Chapter is very supportive of the educational mission of the AGO. For many years Suffolk AGO has administered the Service Playing and Colleague exams. In 2008, Suffolk AGO was designated as an exam center for the upper level exams, and since then, has been administering the AAGO, FAGO and ChM exams in addition to the CAGO and SPC tests.

As an exam center, the Suffolk Chapter relies on the support of local AGO members. Deanna must recruit judges, proctors and, for the Choir Master exam, singers. Venues must be obtained, practice- and exam-times scheduled, music scores and exam documents distributed, and in some cases, recording equipment must be set up and operated. Suffolk AGO thanks Deanna for serving so ably.

**QUICK LINKS for Professional Certification:** Anyone who is interested in preparing and taking an exam can find information on exam dates, eligibility, requirements, literature, application procedures and fees on the AGO national website, [www.agohq.org/education](http://www.agohq.org/education), under Professional Certification. There are also preparation materials and resources available from the national headquarters on-line store, which can be accessed from the same page. Contact Deanna Muro for further information at [deanna8980@yahoo.com](mailto:deanna8980@yahoo.com).

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**Submissions:** Please send submissions in publishable form to Matthew Koraus at [matthewkoraus@gmail.com](mailto:matthewkoraus@gmail.com). Submissions are subject to editing.



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## Placement

All job seekers are encouraged to speak with the previous organist prior to accepting a long-term engagement.

**Caroline Church** - 1 Dyke Road, Setauket, N.Y. 11733

Position: Organist / Salary Range: \$11,000 to \$13,000

Two Sunday services with music (9:30am and 11:15am) Sept. thru June, and one 10am summer service.

Collaborate with the choir director to lead music in worship, accompanying regular choir rehearsals on Thursdays at 7pm. Extra services as needed for the usual Christian holy days. Weddings and funerals for additional compensation. The pipe organ is a two manual instrument by Gilbert Adams, 1997. Vacation days are "5th Sundays" in months that contain five Sundays. Please send resumes to

[visconti@carolinechurch.net](mailto:visconti@carolinechurch.net) or to Rev. Richard Visconti, Caroline Church, 1 Dyke Road, Setauket, N.Y. 11733

**Christ Covenant Church** - 67 Scudder Ave, Copiague, NY 11726

Position: Pianist - One Sunday 10am service accompanying the congregation on piano. No choir or soloists. Stipend rate of \$125 per service. Call Charles Cascio at 516-451-7601 for more information.

**Faith Lutheran Church** - 231 Jackson Avenue, Syosset, NY 11791

Position: Organist/Choir Master / Salary: \$12,000 with four weeks of paid vacation

One Sunday service at 10 am with 30 minute choir practice before service and 45 minutes after service.

Also play on one service on Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and two services on Christmas Eve. No other time required except for occasional funeral and wedding services with additional compensation. The Adult Choir is currently made up of 14 voices. The organ is a two-manual, 25-rank Bozeman-Gibson tracker pipe organ, with 30 stops, in excellent condition. Resume and three professional references may be forwarded to Anne Hickey, phone 516-456-0284, email

[ahbwell10@gmail.com](mailto:ahbwell10@gmail.com).

**St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church** - 36 East John Street, Lindenhurst, New York 11757

Position: Organist/Choir Master / Salary: \$17,000, with four weeks of paid vacation

Two Sunday services (9am and 10:30am) Sept. thru June, and one 9am service in July. Additional holiday services. The organ is three manual, 27-rank pipe organ, refurbished and maintained by Peragallo.

Please e-mail resumes to [stjohnslindy@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnslindy@gmail.com). Call St. John's at 631-226-1274 for more info.

**St. Thomas of Canterbury** - 90 Edgewater Ave. Smithtown, NY 11787

Position: Organist/Choir Master / Salary: \$15,500, with additional Christmas bonus

Two Sunday services with music (8am and 10am), with a 12-voice Choir singing the second service.

Regular choir rehearsals on Thursdays. Extra services include approximately five weddings and ten to eighteen funerals per year. The organ is a two manual Allen. Please contact Lawrence De Lion, Priest and Rector, [lawrencedelion@optonline.net](mailto:lawrencedelion@optonline.net), 631-327-4952, mobile, 631-366-0409 rectory, 631-265-4520 office.

