



# THE PIPELINE

## DEAN'S COLUMN

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Chapter Highlights

**A**s I write this last column as Chapter Dean, I'm reminded of my first Dean's Column in July of 2014 and my reluctance to once again serve a chapter as Dean. On reflection, it has been a great two years. We've had raffles to help with convention expenses; performances by Ben Sheen and Patrick Scott; workshops by Crista Miller and George Baker; social events at the homes of Glen Douglas and Ralph Tamper; three new Chapter Honorary Life Members, including our first female Life Member; a Guild service at First Evangelical Lutheran; and a little thing called convention planning. It has been an enjoyable two years and I appreciate the support from our members and Chapter board. Incoming Dean Dan Fenn will lead us through some wonderful programs next season. More details are on pages 2-3 of this issue.

There are many people whom I wish to thank: All of you who took the time to vote in our recent officer election; The nominees who selflessly have agreed to serve our Chapter; our outgoing Members-at-Large Paul Butt, Cathy Hildreth, and Sandi Ward for their three years of service; and George Baker, host Ken Cowan, and Sub-Dean Dan Fenn for a successful and informative workshop on February 6 at Rice. I'm grateful for everyone with whom I've had the pleasure to work over these past two years, and I look forward to collaborating with all of my fellow AGO members in the future.

Many national surveys have pointed out the aging Guild membership, but we have a chance to support a new generation of local organists. Join me in attending a concert at Foundry U.M.C. on April 17 by area high school, undergraduate, and graduate organ students. Please make this a priority! I hope to see all of you at the concert.

*Kathryn*

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## FINAL 2015-2016 HOUSTON CHAPTER EVENTS

### **Area Student Organ Concert**

**Sunday, April 17**

**Foundry United Methodist Church, 4 p.m.**

WOLFF & ASSOCIÉS LTÉE FACTEURS D'ORGUES

Opus 45, 2001; 47 stops, 62 ranks; suspended mechanical key-action, self-adjusting; electric stop-action

8350 Jones Road, Houston, 77065

Area university students and younger students perform a joint concert.

\*\*DRAWING: Chapter Members in attendance will be eligible for drawings of two \$50 Hilton gift cards to use at the Hilton of the Americas this summer.

### **Social Event following the Concert**

Following the April 17 concert: La Madeleine, 19710 Northwest Fwy.

#100, Houston, 77065

### **Banquet and Guild Service**

**Monday, September 19**

**Covenant Church, 4949 Caroline St., Houston, 77004**

Wine and hors d'oeuvres at 6:30, followed by dinner at 7, and the Guild service with the Covenant Choir at 8. The meal will be partially funded by the proceeds from the 2016 Convention. More info to come.

### **Organist Bradley Welch in Recital**

**Friday, October 14**

**Rice University, 7:30 p.m.**

Co-sponsored with Rice University; free and open to the public

### **Planned Improvisation in Worship Workshop with Bradley Welch**

**Saturday, October 15**

**Rice University, 10 a.m.-Noon**

### **Social Event**

**Friday, February 17**

**Omni Hotel, 5 p.m.**

In our post-convention year, we need another stress-free social event. Following happy hour, join us for Stephen Tharp's concert at 7 p.m. at St. Martin's.

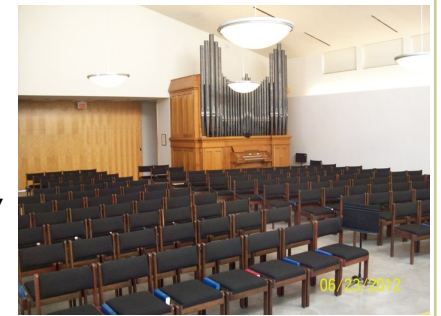
### **Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza**

**Saturday, February 18**

This partial-day event introduces children and youth to the pipe organ. Locations TBD.

### **Joint Hymn Festival and workshop with Choristers Guild**

**Date and time TBD**



**AGO Houston  
2016 National Convention  
June 19-23, 2016**



The convention is just around the corner, and we need you!

- If you have not registered, please sign up now. You will not want to miss this historical and spectacular Houston arts event! <http://agohouston2016.com/conference/registration>
- While you attend workshops, concerts, and worship services, you also can help by working as a volunteer. Every workshop needs a volunteer assistant, and the convention needs greeters, folks to help guide attendees to buses, drivers, and more. There is something for everyone! <http://agohouston2016.com/get-involved/volunteer>
- Even if you are not an “official” volunteer, look for ways to help. If you see someone that looks lost or confused (other than me) offer to help! Smile! Greet! Help people feel welcome.

Thank you for your support! Thousands of hours of work by your Steering Committee and over 100 committee members have resulted in a fabulous convention. The Steering Committee has worked as a team for the good of the convention, and their tireless efforts, cooperative spirits, and positive energy will be remembered long past this summer’s event. Please take time to send them a personal note of appreciation. They have achieved the goal as articulated in the vision statement from 2011 and created a convention that will “become a benchmark for future conventions,” a demonstration of the extraordinary caliber and character of the AGO Houston Chapter.

**AGO Houston 2016  
National Convention  
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Executive Secretary;  
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Treasurer;  
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Project Manager

1988 Advisor to 2016  
Steering Committee:  
Bob Bennett

1988 Advisory Council:  
Bob Bennett,  
Harvey Wheeler,  
Sandi Ward

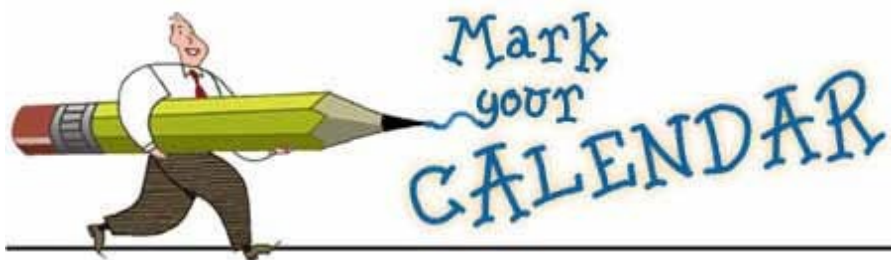
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### **Area Student Organ Concert at Foundry UMC**

**Sunday, April 17 at 4:00 p.m.**

8350 Jones Rd, Houston, TX 77065

Social event at La Madeleine on 290, following the concert

### **2016 AGO National Convention**

**June 19-23**

<http://agohouston2016.com>

**PLEASE NOTE:** *This is the last issue of Pipeline to be mailed. All future newsletters will be available by email, the chapter website or the chapter Facebook page.*