

## NOVEMBER 5, 2019 SARASOTA-MANATEE CHAPTER MEMBER NEWS

Dear Chapter Members,

**FLASH ANNOUNCEMENT –The Oct. 13 Oktoberfest at Church of the Redeemer was a tremendous success, the result of which will be a donation of \$3000 to our chapter to help defray the costs of the upcoming Festival of Sacred Music. Thank you Ann Moe, Church of the Redeemer and all of you who volunteered!**

Welcome to our twice monthly blasts. Please visit our website at [www.agosm.org](http://www.agosm.org). Under the Events tab you will find information about chapter events, concert series brochures and information about our January 25-26 Festival of Sacred Music. Under the News tab you will see all of our news blasts to date.

**Which is most important? We have two #1's for this blast!**

**1. Tuesday, November 12 – Join us at noon for a lunch social/roundtable discussion** at Der Dutchman restaurant, 3713 Bahia Vista St., Sarasota. This is a perfect occasion for you to be welcomed if you are a new to our chapter or to reconnect if you have been inactive. Please email Amy Cerniglia at [amycerniglia@gmail.com](mailto:amycerniglia@gmail.com) by Nov. 10 so we can give the restaurant a count of how many to expect. Some discussion topics will be: substituting, staff relations, hymn playing and anthems.

**1. Festival of Sacred Music on January 25-26 – Choir Directors – Please register your singers online as soon as possible. If you have members unable to do this, we have created a paper form below which can be filled out by them and given back to you to submit online.** We will offer January area rehearsals in Sarasota, Bradenton and possibly Venice, and we need to set the dates/times/places for those before the end of the year. By offering area rehearsals choir directors need not take so much regular practice time to familiarize singers with the anthems, and this should be especially helpful to those directors who might have only a small number of singers participating or individuals who no longer have a choir. Make sure each singer fills out the question about attending an area rehearsal.

Also, click here for how to order choir music from Cliff Hill <http://www.CliffHillMusic.com>. The Paulus anthem may be borrowed from local sources. We'll let you know how closer to the time you'll need it.

We invite **you, our members**, to become **patrons** of this tremendous event by contributing a gift of support. Checks can be addressed to Sarasota-Manatee AGO chapter AGO and sent to our treasurer, Susan Crumpler at 3765 Summerwind Circle, Bradenton, FL 34209. Your name will be listed in the Jan. 26 program.

**2. Monday, November 18 – Members Carol and Jim Hawkinson** will present an organ concert with a suite of duets as part of a program featuring works for solo organ by their composer friends at Christ Episcopal Church, Bradenton at 7 pm. Admission is free.

**3. Old Music Project – UF Gainesville organ students’ recital** – Look ahead to February 22, 2020 at Siesta Key Chapel. Dr. Laura Ellis, Professor at the School of Music, will bring 6-9 of her students to present an organ recital for our chapter. In addition to their wonderful gift of music to us, we in turn will “gift” them with free organ music from our music libraries: church service music, collections, recital works, those impossible French pieces that we never did learn, etc. (This is not the time to dig out those Diggles or Stickles albums that we do not want or are old and falling apart). What a great opportunity for us to support them with gifts that can be used in their lifetime of music education/experiences! Bring your gifts to our November 12 roundtable lunch or contact Jim and Carol Hawkinson at [jhawkinson@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:jhawkinson@tampabay.rr.com)

**4. Our 2019-2020 membership directory** is now available to print from our website by clicking here: <http://www.agosm.org/membership-directory> . For those of you unable to print your own copy, please contact Janet Davis at [janmato10@icloud.com](mailto:janmato10@icloud.com) and a copy will be sent to you.

**5. Follow** our Facebook page here <https://www.facebook.com/agosaramana/> to see updates, RSVP to events, and to promote our chapter.

Blessings, Nancy Siebecker, dean and Amy Cerniglia, Sub-Dean