

## March 3, 2020 Sarasota-Manatee Chapter Member News

Dear Chapter Members,

In our February 17th blast and in accordance with our operating procedures, we presented the Nominating committee's slate of officers and executive committee members for 2020-2021. A vote by our members will be conducted electronically after a 30-day period during which other candidates may be submitted by petition if each petition is signed by five members of the chapter. Since the 30-day period ends on March 17th, you will receive an electronic ballot so that the election is complete by April 1st. The slate is:

**Dean** – Nancy Siebecker

**Sub-Dean** – Amy Cerniglia

**Secretary** – Cynthia Roberts-Greene

**Treasurer** – Susan Crumpler

**Class of 2023** – Dr. Richard Benedum

Sam Nelson

**Class of 2022** – Steven Phillips (to replace David Ryall)

(The class of 2021 continues with Jim Culver and Janet Davis, and also the class of 2022 with Robert Reeves)

**Our sponsorship of the UF Gainesville organ students' recital** on February 22 was a huge success! Five students from **Laura Ellis's** studio performed pieces at Siesta Key Chapel in Sarasota on their 2017 Schantz pipe organ, and as a gift for their performance, our chapter members donated over 18 boxes of gently used music for the students' future use in their careers.



## **Look ahead to the many Musical Offerings in March.....**

**Lenten noon concerts** by several of our members at Christ Church in Bradenton and Church of the Redeemer in Sarasota. Performers include:

Jim Walton, Richard Benedum, Ann Stephenson-Moe, Sam Nelson, Cynthia Roberts-Greene, John Behnke, Amy Cerniglia and Nancy Siebecker.

**Note the Sarasota-Manatee Bach Festival** at Christ Church, Bradenton on March 8th at 4:00 pm and the Marie Morgan Bach Festival at Church of the Redeemer on March 9th at 7:30 pm.

**A concert by Fonda/Friends** at Englewood United Methodist church on March 15th at 2:00 pm which will include a variety of selections.

**Marilyn Keiser organ concert on Sunday, March 22nd** at St. Boniface Episcopal Church on Siesta Key at 6:00 pm. **Members will be admitted free of charge.**

**Handbell workshop on Saturday, April 25 for beginning and intermediate ringers to be led by none other than John Behnke.**

Handbell Directors – please share this opportunity with your ringers and reserve the date. It will be held at Pine Shores Presbyterian church in Sarasota from 8:30 am set-up, workshop 9:00 am to noon, and include a review of ringing techniques, how to use bells in worship, score study, how to practice and musicianship. \$15.00 per ringer and this includes a piece of music. **Registration is limited to 33, so register online ASAP because we have 18 registered as of this date.** You will find the registration form under Events when you scroll down to open the one titled Handbell Workshop.

**Our annual spring banquet – Mark your calendars for Monday, May 11th.** The banquet will feature German fare with a choice of meat (do you prefer traditional bratwurst or another meat?) or vegetarian, and will be prepared by Geier's and served at Church of the Redeemer, Sarasota. More information will be forthcoming, and you will be able to reserve with our treasurer Susan Crumpler. Exact time and cost to be determined soon.

**As Always, visit our website at [www.agosm.org](http://www.agosm.org)** for the many musical events listed under the tab for our local calendar and under community brochures.

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