

## AGO Chapter Message – May 24, 2021

Dear Sarasota-Manatee Chapter Members,



On May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021 our Chapter was finally able to offer its first and only in person event of the past year, and what a wonderful concert it was! Wylie Crawford, carillonneur and son of the late Andrew Crawford, played a sparkling forty-five-minute concert exclusively for us on the four octave forty-eight bell instrument that is a memorial to his father. Cast in Holland in 1992, the carillon was a traveling unit until it found its final home at the Venice Performing Arts Center two years ago.

Wylie was a physics major at the University of Chicago when he became interested in computers and carillons. He taught physics in high school, joined a software company, and then launched Kenwood Associates when he saw the opportunity for linking personal computers in local area networks. While enjoying a successful business career, Wylie maintained his passion for carillons and remains the resident carillonneur at the Chicago Botanical Garden in Glencoe and senior carillonneur at the University of Chicago.

### Tribute to Susan Crumpler

Susan Crumpler, our cherished and ever efficient treasurer, is turning over our treasury responsibilities to new board member Glen Olsen on July 1, 2021. Susan has worked seamlessly with our Board and with me personally since I became sub-dean five years ago and then dean three years ago. I was surprised to learn that Susan has not only been our treasurer since 2013, but that she served for two terms after Jim Hawkinson had been our treasurer for seventeen years! We are pleased that Susan will continue to help, cheerlead, and support us in her new position as Chapter Administrator.

Nancy Siebecker



Congratulations on a job well done and may your well deserved retirement bring you all the pleasures for enrichment and peace.  
Roger Roszell



Susan, you have been such a support to this chapter through the great times and the difficult ones. Under your leadership, we are always assured that financial concerns will be addressed quickly, accurately, and with unquestionable honesty. Thank you for the countless ways you have helped our chapter through your many years of service. It's been a joy to serve with you and I look forward to our continued work together no matter what form it takes.  
Amy Cerniglia

"What a blessing it has been to work with Susan. Always present, she devoted so much time and personal energy into her job as Treasurer for the AGO. I can think of times when she reached out and just said hello or sent a reminder on days when I felt like my world at church was collapsing. There were times I know she was stressed when she still used tact and diplomacy to achieve her goals. Her approach to everything she did and does is always so direct and efficient.

Thank you, Susan, for being you, and for all of your superb efforts working with and for the Saramana AGO Chapter. You will be missed, but we look forward to having you as our Chapter Administrator.

Blessings and love to you,  
Cynthia Roberts-Greene

It has been such a pleasure working with you. Your cheerful, matter-of-fact spirit was a comfort to me while getting used to Florida as a newcomer. I will always remember how welcoming you were to me before I even arrived! Thank you for your long service to our chapter, and I look forward to when we can all get together again.  
Sam Nelson

Dear Susan,

The words "Thank you" or even "THANK YOU!!!" are nowhere close to sufficiently thanking you for what you've done for our AGO chapter. You've given meticulous treasurer's reports, a model in their completeness and detail (along with keeping an eye on the chapter balance, and periodically issuing cautionary warnings about over-committing); conscientiously sent email reminders for all sorts of things--meetings and other chapter events, newsletters, and more; and most remarkable of all--always doing these things with a smile. You're indeed a hard act to follow!

Richard Benedum, DMA  
Organist-choirmaster, Christ Church Bradenton

When Susan Crumpler volunteered to step into the job of Treasurer many years ago, we were all delighted, especially me! She has done a terrific job from the very beginning to streamline, computerize, columnize and organize a state-of-the-art system for handling our funds and has dealt with many new innovations from the AGO Headquarters, especially the paying of our dues online and filing our non-profit status papers. Susan's accounting and money projections have been invaluable for the smooth operation of the Sarasota-Manatee Chapter. She also has worked closely over the years with our dynamo dean, Nancy Siebecker, who retires soon as well. Thank you, Susan, for your many years of handling our treasury!! All the best to you!



Jim Hawkinson

She will certainly be missed!  
Robert Reeves

I appreciate all the years of your AGO service- not just the many tasks completed, but the cheer spread along the way! That goes a long way in keeping an organization together- well done!  
Best Wishes!  
Bonnie Wolfgram

Susan, you have been and will be much more than our former treasurer. Always ready to respond to everything, you are an incredible person and special friend. Thank you!  
Love you and Dan,  
Peg Smith

Susan, your work as treasurer of our AGO chapter has been work of the highest order over all the years you have served in this capacity. In addition, I just have to comment on your always-happy way of going about your job and working with all of us, even when you had to remind us of our financial 'responsibilities' to the organization! It's been such a pleasure to get to know you as a treasured friend. Now, take a few deep breaths, and enjoy what lies ahead.  
Cheers!  
Janet Davis

My Dear Susan,

I would be remiss if I did not tell you what an exemplary gift of service you given all of us all these years. Thank you.

You have quietly and selflessly gotten the job done. I'm not sure that we have fully appreciated you, and really all the work your husband has done for the updating and good of the order. Thank you a thousand times.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart, thank you for all the times you have notified me and reminded of due dates, meetings, etc..

I hope that whatever you are going to do with some of these freed up hours brings you and your husband much deserved pleasure.

Much love and Faithfully,  
Ann St. Moe

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## **Sacred Music Institute of America 2021 summer class schedule**

Sacred Music Institute of America is proud to announce its Summer, 2021 class schedule. We are highlighting our own dean, Rebecca Abbott, who will be presenting "Introduction to Hymnology". Dr. Abbott brings many years of knowledge and experience in this area. This course will explore the history, theological themes, and literary structure of hymns, especially focusing on the interaction of text and tune.

The Institute is also offering these unique and educational classes: "Gregorian Chant for Beginners" taught by Emily Lapisardi, Dr. William Mahrt, and Dr. Jason Keefer; "History of Sacred Music" taught by Emily Lapisardi, and "Conducting and Vocal Pedagogy Intensive" taught by Dr. Jason Hiester.

If you are interested in the Hymnology, Chant, or History of Sacred Music classes and are looking to work independently and at your own pace without direct contact with an instructor, you may prefer to audit these classes.

For detailed class description or for more information, please visit our website at [www.sacredmusicinstitute.org](http://www.sacredmusicinstitute.org) or call 614-395-7783.