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2023 Regional Conventions Great Lakes and North Central Regions



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NORTH SHORE
JUNE 25-28, 2023

[North Shore Chapter](#)

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Hotel: Holiday Inn Chicago North-Evanston

June 25-28, 2023

<https://nsago2023.org/>

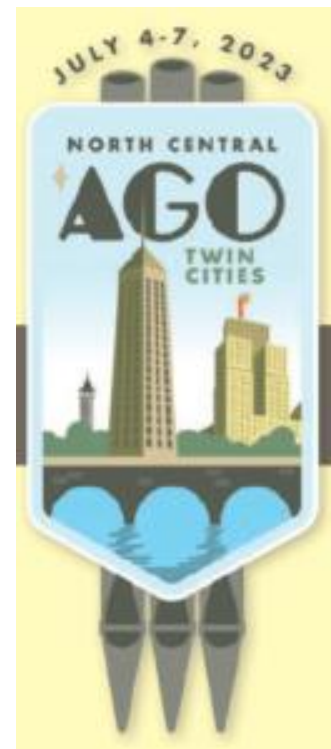
[Twin Cities Chapter](#)

Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota

Hotel: Hilton Minneapolis

July 4-7, 2023

<https://www.northcentralago2023.org/>



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AGO Milwaukee Chapter Upcoming Events

March 4, 2023

Organ Crawl

Northwestern Milwaukee Metro Area

May 7, 2023

2:00 Annual Meeting

3:00 Member's Recital

First Immanuel Lutheran Church

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January 2023

8 (Sun) 3:00 Epiphany Choral Vespers
Music at Historic Trinity
Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
1046 N. 9th St
Milwaukee, WI

10 (Tues) 7:30 Dr. Simone Gheller, Organ
Church of the Gesu
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February 2023

14 (Tues) 7:30 Dr. Sheri Masiakowski, Organ
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January 2023

Happy New Year!

I hope that everyone had a safe and healthy holiday season and now have had a little time to relax and rejuvenate. As we start the new year I want to thank the board members who have been working this fall to keep the chapter active and moving forward this year. I would also like to thank our members who have come out to programs and given their time and support to our chapter. It is only with your support and time that we can offer programs and educational opportunities to members and to the public. Thank you again for your continued support!

Please put these dates for upcoming programs on your calendar:

- **March 4, 2023 – Organ Crawl to the Northwestern Milwaukee Metro Area**
- **May 7, 2023 – Annual Meeting and Members Recital**

**First Immanuel Lutheran Church
W67N622 Evergreen Blvd
Cedarburg, WI**

I hope that I will see many of you at these events. Watch the website and PipeNotes for more information in the next couple of weeks about these two events.

John Schubring



American Guild of Organists
PIPE ORGAN ENCOUNTERS

June 18-23, 2023

Wheaton, Illinois

[Fox Valley Chapter](#)

Wheaton College

Director: David A. Lincoln

630-655-2124

[Email Fox Valley POE Director](#)

[Fox Valley POE website](#)

Registration Deadline: May 15, 2023

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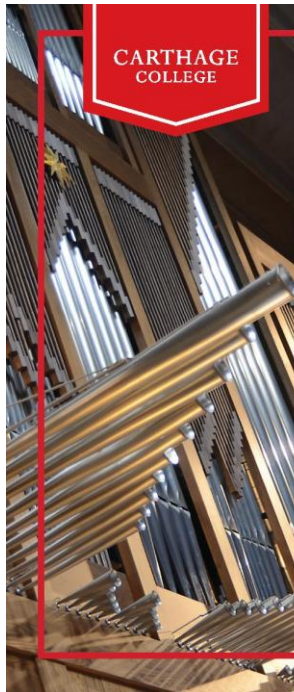
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Liz Walloch, Historian/Archivist

To start the New Year, I am sharing from a document entitled:

100 WAYS TO ENCOURAGE AND MAINTAIN MEMBERSHIP IN YOUR AGO CHAPTER

Granted I am not listing all 100 ways, but I am sharing 22 from the list and one that I added to broaden the scope of the chapter's vision.

1. Invite potential members to AGO concerts, programs, meetings, and social events.
2. Exhibit AGO and/or pipe organ displays (including membership forms) at local libraries (public/school/college), chapter events, workshops presented by colleges and music dealers and street fairs and malls.
3. Open membership to business people especially those with connections with churches and church music—music stores, funeral directors, religious bookstores, organ sales and maintenance, handbell salespersons.
4. Open membership to clergy and individuals serving on church worship/music committees.
5. Extend the chapter geographical area to the boundaries of neighboring chapters
6. Welcome new members in the newsletter.
7. Connect some social events to regular programs.
8. Report chapter events to the AMERICAN ORGANIST, using members' names where possible.
9. Recognize members who have reached milestone membership anniversaries.
10. Encourage individual members to pursue "pet projects" within the organization.
11. Encourage members to attend AGO conventions, regional and national.
12. Feature a "member of the month" in the chapter newsletter.
13. Encourage members to present organ demonstrations and adult education forums with their congregations.
14. Present some chapter programs in unusual venues (nursing homes, libraries).
15. Establishing a presence within the arts community by maintaining membership on the local arts council.
16. Sponsor pipe organ encounters (POE) and/or organ academies for new/potential organists.
17. Sponsor recitals by keyboard students of area music teachers, especially AGO members.
18. Cooperate and exchange programs with neighboring chapters.
19. Appoint a chapter historian and a chapter photographer. (We have the historian person, we could seek a photographer.)
20. Appoint a Membership Coordinator for your chapter who will be responsible for developing programs to retain current members and recruit new members to your chapter
21. Encourage dual membership for members with seasonal presence.
22. Have members make announcements about AGO membership at conferences, clinics, workshops sponsored by music dealers, colleges, the chapter, and other music organizations.

For the new year, here is the 23rd "way" I added to the list. It's an expansion of #5 and #18 from the list.

23. Connect with the other AGO chapters in the state of Wisconsin, begin a conversation for developing statewide events, pooling resources and expertise for educational, networking purposes and socializing within our own state.

This list is a small sampling of "ways" to maintain and build membership. Our Dean, John Schubring has mentioned he would like to schedule monthly gatherings for connecting with members over coffee. Might this be the beginning not only of the new year, but of exploration, networking with members far and near, sharing ideas and rediscovering the musical wealth within the Milwaukee Chapter and the other five (5) Chapters in our state this year?

Until next month, stay warm, safe and pedaling along.



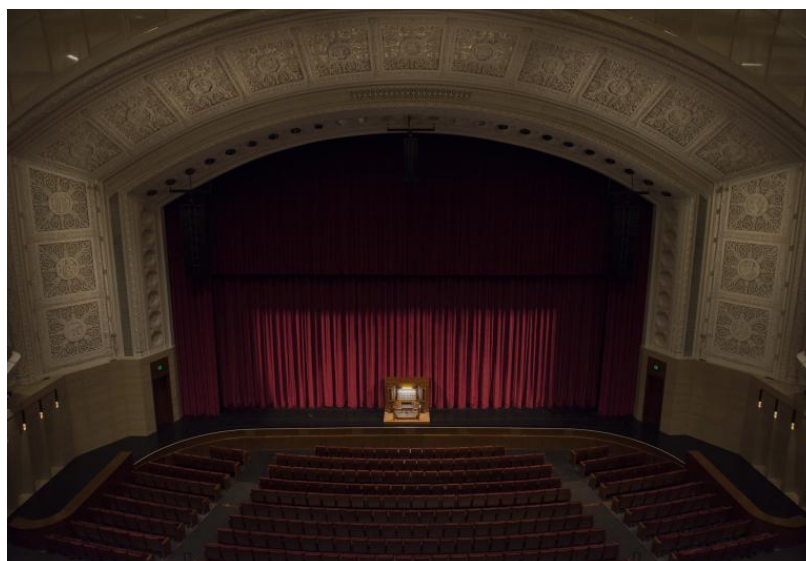
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