



# Lorain County Chapter American Guild of Organists

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## Carol Sharrock 1934-2018

Carol L. Sharrock (nee Rice), 84, of Elyria, died December 13, 2018 in her home. She was born September 9, 1934 in Jackson, Ohio and was a 1952 graduate of Jackson High School. In 1956 she received a Bachelor of Education Degree in Music with a major in piano from Ohio University. While in college she led the college choir on a tour throughout Ohio. After thirty one and a half years of teaching vocal music in K-12, including show choir, Carol retired in 1998 from Sheffield and Sheffield Lake Schools. Carol was a charter member of Community United Methodist Church in Elyria where she had been church organist for over fifty years and bell choir director. She was the founder of The Lorain Children's Pioneer Theatre, a member and past dean and treasurer of American Guild of Organists, member and past president of both Elyria Women's Club and Fourthurs Club. She was a member of American Association of University Women and also Elyria, State and National Education Associations. Throughout their marriage she and her husband had enjoyed traveling extensively.



Carol is survived by her husband of sixty years, Richard E.; sons, Steven R. Sharrock of Massillon and Kirk A. (Machelle) Sharrock of Marysville; daughter, Melody C. (Gary) Dyer of Elyria; grandchildren, Elizabeth and Jonathan Sharrock and Jacob and Arianna Dyer and a brother, Robert Rice of Jackson, Ohio.

Marty Bruner presented Carol with an orchid on behalf of LCAGO when she entered hospice care. Carol's son Steve sends his thank to the chapter. Steve is also looking for a good home for Carol's home organ, organ music, and organist magazines. If you are interested, you can reach him at (330) 418-2523.



## From the Dean

Dear Colleagues,

I apologize for the lateness of this newsletter. Various personal and professional issues kept getting in the way. In addition, a number of our planned programs for this year have fallen through, so it has been a slow year for the LCAGO.

Did you see the full-page article in *TAO* about our “Beauty of the Beast” program? It was written by Bob Ebert and appears on page. 83 of the December issue. If you missed it, you can see back issues of *TAO* at [agohq.org](http://agohq.org) using your ONCARD login.

Best wishes,  
*Brian*

## Chapter News

### News of Members

We mourn the death of long-time member and faithful officer Carol Sharrock. See the front page for an obituary.

We will also miss Marty Bruner, who has moved to Columbus. She writes:

After 37 years of living in Elyria, Bill and I and our cat, Howard, are adventuring to Columbus to a full-service retirement community called Wesley Glen.

We felt the need to be nearer to supportive care. The retirement home has many resources for that. But the best part is that our son, Chris, lives in Columbus, as do the parents of Mary’s husband. So it will be a central family gathering place.

Our address is:

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Apt. 307 West  
Columbus, Ohio 43214  
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We certainly hope that you will stop to see us if you are in the area.  
We will miss Marty’s friendly smile and dedication to the chapter!

Please welcome new chapter member Matt Bickett. Matt is a student at Oberlin. His contact information is:

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### **Chapter Business**

At our May annual meeting the following were elected to two-year terms:

Dean: Brian Wentzel  
Sub-Deans: Marty Bruner and Jimmy Madsen  
Treasurer: Ira Cooper  
Secretary: Bob Ebert

Marty has had to resign her position after her move.

The Executive Committee met in July to assign roles. Brian will continue to maintain the website and create the newsletter. Jimmy is overseeing programs. Ira continues his role as chair of the Nominating Committee. Bob is membership coordinator.

The committee outlined a number of programs for the 2018-2019 season. We co-sponsored the Family Promise benefit concert on October 7. Other proposed programs have come up against various obstacles. Details for future programs will be forthcoming.

### **Job Opening**

#### **North Ridgeville First Congregational UCC, Organist and Choir Director**

The position is 3 hours weekly directing the non-professional church choir and playing the organ/piano during services while the choir sings. It consists of 2 hours of rehearsal and directing the choir and 1 hour of performance/directing during church service with the choir as well as coordinating music selection with our pastor, Pastor Arik Borstad. We are looking for someone that would be able to incorporate all types and genres of music into our services along with incorporating the musical talents of our congregation's members, i.e. flute, trumpet, drums, etc Contact Diana Goode ([dianagoode80@gmail.com](mailto:dianagoode80@gmail.com)).

## AGO Mission Statement

**The mission of the American Guild of Organists  
is to foster a thriving community of musicians  
who share their knowledge and inspire passion for the organ.**

**The vision of the American Guild of Organists  
is to engage, support, and uplift every organist.**

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