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FROM THE DEAN

Dear Colleagues,

Last Sunday, about fifteen chapter members and friends attended **Christian Lane's** lecture-recital at Grace Church. Sitting in the beautiful, historic building listening to a wide variety of 20th and 21st-century organ music that players at all levels of ability could master, I was struck by the ways our profession can and must bring the riches of quality organ repertoire of our own time to our congregations, students and colleagues, and how this music can and must speak to current and future generations in ways that do not diminish the validity of more "traditional" forms of organ music played in "traditional" ecclesiastical buildings. Chris's recital shed new light on fascinating and useful modern repertoire which is based on traditional musical forms and compositional techniques, all eminently useful in service and recital. Featuring works of living (and a few dead!) American, English, Canadian and French composers, Chris enlightened the appreciative audience with his effortless virtuosity and engaging spoken commentary.

Looking to the future, I hope you are renewing your chapter membership soon. Do contact **Chris Souza**, our Membership Chair, with any questions, and make use of the very straightforward OnCard system to expedite your renewal and updated information. The April *American Organist* includes clear instructions for all means of renewing—high and low tech. We need you among our members to maintain a viable presence in the Rhode Island church music community!

Since I will be stepping down as Dean in June, and we need to fill two positions on the Executive Board, I am reminding you all once again that new leadership is vital to continuing the mission of the Guild in this area. We need YOU to step up to the plate and offer your service, experience and enthusiasm to the chapter as Dean or a member of the Executive Board.

We will not have any programs in April or May (for obvious church-related and springtime-related reasons!), but I want to call your attention to our final meeting on June 3 and 4, when we will sponsor a festival weekend at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church in Newport to celebrate their organ renovation, and host our Annual Dinner and Member's Recital there. Stay tuned for exciting news about this event!

All best wishes,
John Brooks, Dean

From the Editor: Elections are coming up! Volunteer or recommend a colleague for office from Dean to Executive Committee member. Call John Brooks with your recommendations.

STUDENT ORGANIST OPPORTUNITY EVENTS

The Seattle Chapter of the AGO is hosting a **Pipe Organ Encounter-Advanced** from July 23-28 at Seattle Pacific University, Seattle, Washington. The POE-Advanced differs from a regular POE, as prospective students must submit a recording with their application. Registration for the Seattle POEA is found online only at <https://www.agohq.org/education/poe/poe-advanced/>. Early Bird deadline is April 1, 2017. The brochure for the Seattle POEA can be found at <http://agoseattle.com/LinkedDocs/POEABrochure.pdf>. For more information in general, please visit the Seattle POEA website at <http://agoseattle.com/poea2017.html>.

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Contact Julie Tagen (401-885-7438) with changes.

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Castellani, Roger: 917-621-6530 Available after Sept., 2016
Clarke, Margaret: 401-726-4128 (all)
Conboy, Lois: 401-658-3838 (please inquire)
Gourd, Jacqueline: 401-828-4057 9all; no weddings)
Higgins, Stephen: 401-441-2270 (comfortable with any keyboard situation)
Johnson, Winfred: 401-847-8548 (interim)
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Markham, Susan: 401-821-6786
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Nolan, Robert: 401-884-7172 (available to provide all needs)
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Good Friday, April 14 at Noon: "St. John Passion" of contemporary British composer **Bob Chilcott**. **Central Congregational Church Adult Choir and Soloists** with viola, cello, timpani and organ; **Patrick Aiken** Choirmaster and Organist. New setting of the passion text includes five compelling new congregational hymn tunes set to familiar lenten hymn texts. Angell Street, Providence.

Sunday, April 30 at 3:00 pm: The Newman Church Choir presents a **Spring Choral Concert**, *Amazing Grace and other Amazing Spirituals* featuring **Becky Bass**, Soprano; **Barbara Youmans**, Alto; **Matt Kleyla**, Tenor; **Lucky Rattan**, Baritone, under the direction of **Geoffrey Greene** with special guests. Suggested donation: \$10 to benefit Church Music Program. Newman Congregational Church, 100 Newman Avenue, Rumford. 434-4742 x10 (*See Flyer*)

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Church of the Ascension Episcopal
390 Pontiac Avenue, Cranston, RI 02910
Rev. Michael Coburn 401-421-8755
Hook & Hastings 16 rks 2 man
13K one service/ cho Organist/ChM

St. John's Church
191 County Rd. Barrington, RI
Episcopal
Rev Robert Marshall 401-245-4065
Rodgers 3/56 digital
Salary negotiable Organist/ChM

First Baptist Church 1/17
91 Cottage Street, Pawtucket, RI 02860
Rev. Linda Watson 401-725-7225; 401-952-9951
Wicks 12 rks 3 man
\$10,000; 1 service, 1 rehearsal O/D

First Congregational Church of Sharon
Jamie Locke 781-784-2631
PO box 423, Sharon, MA 02067
Roche \$10,750 D

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Flyers you provide (for RIAGO members): \$10. Make checks out to RIAGO and mail to Althea Allard by the 20th.

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