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FROM THE DEAN

Dear Colleagues,

By now, you may know that I'm retiring in April and moving to Raleigh, NC. I've been honored to serve as the RIAGO Sub-Dean and Dean. However, for two years health problems have sometimes made playing the piano and organ difficult. So the plan is to retire and move on with adventures on my to-do list, as well as some I haven't even dreamed of yet. In April, I'll pass the baton to John Brooks, currently Sub-Dean, who will provide seamless, solid leadership. If you haven't gotten acquainted with John, please make a point to do so!

Our next chapter event is Saturday, March 7 at Providence College. Mark Laubach will lead a master class giving us friendly, fun input on preludes, offertories, postludes and hymns. Mark teaches organ students privately and through Marywood University in Scranton, PA. He has served as a faculty member for Pipe Organ Encounters and as an adjudicator for numerous organ competitions. He's in frequent demand for master classes, hymn festivals and presenting workshops and lectures on such topics as liturgical planning, hymnody, basic improvisation, pastoral care through music, and service playing skills. We still need a few people to be "players" at the class, and many more to attend and learn by listening. Please contact me or John Brooks if you'd like to participate.

As we look forward, I ask each of you to support our chapter by providing suggestions for events that will be meaningful to you and by attending those events. The 2015-16 season will begin September 15, 2015, with a presentation of *From Sea to Shining Sea* at First Baptist Church in America. This is a multimedia organ concert in which Dr. Jeannine Jordan, organist, and David Jordan, media artist, share the fascinating story of how the organ developed in America -- from its roots in Europe to becoming the premiere social instrument in America. *From Sea to Shining Sea* features some of the most-beloved American concert organ works and a narration that encompasses how American history interacted with the development of the organ. In addition, there will be a live video feed so the audience can see Dr. Jordan playing. This program will appeal to the whole community, but will require the help of many RIAGO members to publicize and execute. Think NOW about how you can help assure the success of this event! Do you have contacts in other musical or historical societies that can spread the word? We'll need all hands on deck for this special presentation. So, all aboard!

Blessings to each of you,

Kathy Hart, Dean

CONVENTION NEWS

June 28 - July 1, 2015

The New Haven Chapter of the AGO is thrilled to invite you to our exciting city for a convention of stellar artists, over 30 inspiring workshops, and lots of collegial fun. Our featured performers include Diane Meredith Belcher, Peter Richard Conte, Ahreum Han, Martin Jean, and Thomas Murray. We present a wealth of ensembles, a hymn festival, and first-class banquet entertainment! You can also experience the famous New Haven restaurant scene and take a bus trip to the scenic coastal town of Stonington.

Visit www.NewHavenAGO2015.org to see what we are offering. There is a wonderful lineup of presenters, ensembles, and instruments. We are fortunate to present this convention in cooperation with the Yale Institute of Sacred Music. Yale offers us some unique resources, including Woolsey Hall, Marquand Chapel, a special library exhibit, and tours of the wonderful Yale Instrument Collection.

Hope to see you in June!

Lars Gjerde, Convention Coordinator

Editor's note: Early discount available through March 1. Register online or see February issue of *The American Organist*.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

The Greater Bridgeport Chapter of the AGO has generously offered a number of student scholarships for the convention. Full-time students may apply. First-come, first-served waivers of the registration and banquet fees are available. Contact Maryann McCary at Registrar@NewHavenAGO2015.org.

EXHIBIT ORDERS, ADS AVAILABLE

Contact Ed Odell about exhibits at Exhibits@NewHavenAGO2015.org and Scott Perkins about ads at Ads@NewHavenAGO2015.org. Honor your company, school, or church music program with a color ad in the beautiful program book!

REGIONAL EVENT

The Merrimack Jubilee is February 21st 8:30 AM-PM, First Calvary Baptist Church, 586 Mass Ave, North Andover, MA. Eight workshops, an organ demonstration and a delicious lunch. All for \$25.00 (\$30.00 after January 31st).

Call Alain Bojarski (978-263-3979) or email to MVAGOJubilee@gmail.com with any questions.

MEMBER MATTERS

Change in Appointments: **Stephen Kirby** is now Membership Chair. Thanks to **Christopher Souza** for all your work, and welcome and thanks to Stephen for your willingness to take on the duties.

Directory changes: **Diana Norton-Jackson** has a new phone number through April: 401-714-2700.

Additions to the Directory:

Ronald Brown - 324 Oak Hill Ave, Attleboro, MA 02703; 401-744-8965

Natalya Goncharova - 22 Maria St., Lincoln, RI 02865; 401-334-9157

Janet Grant - 12 Pardon Tucker Place, Jamestown, RI 02835; jgrant@cox.net

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Thanks.

PLACEMENT LISTINGS

Contact Brian Larkin (272-8318) for more details or changes.

Congregational Church of Mansfield (UCC) 10/13
17 West Street, Mansfield, MA 02048
Carol Sosman Ham: 508-339-4793
O/ChM Austin 2manual 16K

Trinity Lutheran Church 4/14
100 High Street, Ashaway, RI 02804
Robert Manke, 401-378-8596
O/CM 2-manual, unknown builder 9-11K

St. Paul's Episcopal 8/14
55 Main Street, Wickford, RI
Canon Virginia Heistand 294-4357
Stuart 2/13 tracker 20-25K O/ChM

Barrington Presbyterian 10/14
Barrington, RI
Rev Patrick Notley 245-2218; ev 626-7852
1 service/ Rodgers organ 9K+ salary

Trinity Episcopal
139 Ocean Avenue, Pawtuxet Village, Cranston, RI 02906
Rev. Marsue Harris trinitypaw@gmail.com
O/ChM/ 15,600

St. Barnabas Church, Episcopal 01/15
3257 Post Road, Warwick, RI 02886
Rev James Bocchino 401-439-3765
O/ChM 15K 1 month vac./1 s; Allen 3/60 18 years old

SILENT FILMS; LIVE ORGAN MUSIC

AGO hosts organist Shari Lucas in a presentation of two silent films with live music at First Church, 190 Court Street, Middletown, CT, on Saturday, March 7, at 7pm. The short film *It's a Gift* (1923) and the classic comedy *Safety Last!* (1923) will bring the audience back to the Roaring Twenties, with live organ music as it was experienced at the dawn of cinema! Ms. Lucas will offer an introduction to the history and art of film accompaniment at 6:30pm. The event is a fundraiser for the 2015 Northeast Regional Convention Suggested donation: \$20, cash, check or credit card. Contributions are tax deductible. Email info@NewHavenAGO2015.org or call Lars at 585-200-8903 with questions.

SUBSTITUTE LISTINGS

Contact Brian Larkin (272-8318) with changes.

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Funk, Richard: 401-272-0693 (all)
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Gourd, Jacqueline: 401-828-4057 (all, no weddings)
Higgins, Stephen: 401-441-2270 comfortable with any keyboard situation
Johnson, Winfred: 401-847-8548 (interim)
Jones, Philip: 508-427-0081
Kohl, Karen: 401-787-2695 (please inquire)
Madubata, Chiduzie: 301-919-9632 (please inquire)
Norton-Jackson, Diana: 401-714-2700 (no weddings, \$150 min)
Phelps, Howard: 508-224-8475 (please inquire)
Scheibert, Beverly Jerold: 508-339-0579 (all, weddings/funerals)
Tagen, Julia L.: 401-885-7438 (all, weddings/funerals/interim)
Taylor, Terry: 401-253-9030 (tutti@fullchannel.net)
Vecchio, Gina: 401-954-2163
Westhaver, Verna: 401-683-2636 (substitute/interim)

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Black, John: 401-245-2356 (all, available Saturdays & weekdays)
Brown, Ronald: 508-222-0824 (funerals only)
Cienniwa, Paul: 617-466-9042 (\$150 min, no Sun. a.m.)
Conboy, Lois: 401-658-3838 (please inquire)
Hart, Kathy: 401-837-8873 (funerals)
Larkin, Brian: 401-272-8318 (weddings/memorials/funerals/consultant)
Martorella, Philip: 401-885-3431 (no Sun. a.m.)
Nicholson, Nancy: 401-521-9097 (all)
Nolan, Robert: 401-884-7172 (available to provide all needs)
Sobaje, Martha: 401-626-0099 (weddings, funerals)
Wiant, William: 401-683-3178 (Weddings/Memorials & Funerals)

RIAGO SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Sunday, February 8 at 2:00pm: The Chaminade Music Club of Attleboro presents **Margaret Clark** and others playing the pipe organ and other instruments at Murray Universalist Unitarian Church, 505 North Main Street, Attleboro. 508-286-3592; 508-222-5762; www.chaminademusicclub.org

Sunday, February 8 at 2:30pm: Philip Martorella, pianist, presents Beethoven's piano sonatas 1-5 at Courthouse Centerstage, 3481 Kingstown Road, West Kingston, RI. Donations accepted to support the Courthouse Center for the Arts.

SUBMISSIONS

DEADLINE: 20th of each month. SUBMISSIONS: Send Word or Text files to altheaallard@gmail.com or to Althea Allard, 166 Suffolk Ave., Pawtucket, RI 02861. ADVERTISING: Word doc, PDF (print ready), JPG (high resolution), or TIFF. All files should be grayscale at 300 dpi resolution. Email to altheaallard@gmail.com

ADVERTISING RATES

1/4-page ad (3.5"W x 5"H): \$18 -or- 1/8-page ad (3.5"W x 2.5"H): \$10
Flyers you provide (for RIAGO members): \$10. Make checks out to RIAGO and mail to Althea Allard by the 20th.