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FROM THE DEAN

Happy New Year to all RIAGO members!

I hope that your Christmas celebrations were meaningful to you as well as to all of your congregations. We spend so much time preparing and performing for others that sometimes we get lost in all the commotion. I hope that you had some time over the season to prepare for Christmas in a personally meaningful way.

For some it may mean more quiet time in prayer, listening to particularly meaningful Christmas music, reading special passages and books. I hope that you also had the opportunity to be with those who are closest to you to share in the joy of Christmas. I know that some of you have lost close relatives and friends this past year; I hope that you were able to find peace and strength in a special way.

And now, we have much to do in the next few months as we began the new calendar year. Please try to obtain as many ads as possible for our ad book for the concert on March 7th. The money that comes in with the ads is a very important part of the success of this undertaking. We need to pack the cathedral. We need every guild member to promote this performance. Specifically, please place announcements in your church bulletins; invite your choirs, congregations and clergy to attend. You can sell tickets in advance. You can pick them up at the cathedral office between 8am and 3pm.

This is not just another concert. It is a memorable event and we are sponsoring it, so please help make it a success. We are hosting a reception for the performers and audience in Cathedral Hall immediately after the concert (8:30pm). We need volunteers to set up the reception, bring in baked goods, make the coffee, /tea, serve, etc. Please help! We also need to clean up after the reception! We need volunteers to sell tickets at the entrances to the cathedral and to pass out the programs. We need volunteers to serve as ushers and help those in the audience that may need assistance. No task is too small and no effort will go unappreciated. With everyone pitching in, it will be a success and we will further bond as a unit!

Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find information regarding other chapter sponsored events. Please try your best to participate in these events.

Let's make the season a success! God bless you all!

Philip Faraone

Note: Due to sudden illness, the Christmas party has been postponed. Watch for rescheduling information.

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RIAGO SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Events for 2014

Sunday January 5, at 5:00 pm: *Choral Evensong in Celebration of the Feast of the Epiphany* features works of Morley, Cornelius, Titcomb and Perkins. Presented by the Choirs of St. Paul's, Wickford, **Mark Steinbach, DMA**, Organist and Choirmaster. Free; handicapped accessible. Reception follows at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 55 Main Street, Wickford, RI. 294-4357
www.stpaulswickford.org

Saturday, January 11 from 10:00am-12;noon: Master Class on Organ Technique by **Paul Cienniwa** at Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul, Providence (see sub-dean's message).

Monday, January 20 at 7:00pm: Board meeting: Faraone residence

Saturday, February 8 from 10:00am-12 noon: Organ maintenance and crawl by **Brian Mattias:** Trinity Episcopal Church, 139 Ocean Avenue, Cranston

Monday, February 17 at 7:00pm: Board meeting: Faraone residence

Friday, March 7 at 7:00pm: Concert Choir Saint Thomas Church, NYC: Cathedral of SS Peter and Paul

Saturday, March 22 from 10:00am-12 noon: Workshop on Creative Hymn Playing by Philip Faraone and Kathy Hart, Location TBA

Saturday, April 26 from 10:00am-12 noon: Anthem Sharing, Location TBA

Sunday, May 18 at 7:00pm: Annual Members' Recital: Saint Joseph's Church Newport

Monday, May 19 at 7:00pm: Board meeting: Faraone residence

Monday, June 9: Annual Dinner/Meeting, Location TBA

If you are able to host any event that needs to be determined, please contact the Dean. Thank you for your support of our chapter.

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Thanks.

FROM THE SUB-DEAN

Merry Christmas! I hope you experienced beautiful music-making this season and are relaxing today. As I listen to a LIVE performance of Messiah by the Handel and Haydn Society, I marvel that so many musicians still have enough energy to offer us this lovely gift on Christmas morning! It reminds me that all the hard work and exhaustion of the season are worth the effort as we have brought the message of the Gospel to listeners (who may or may not express this to us in person).

Now it's time to have some fun and do something for yourself! Here is a reminder of the next RIAGO event designed for you: Saturday, January 11 at 10:00 a.m., Paul Cienniwa will lead a masterclass on organ music of the baroque at the Cathedral of Sts. Peter and Paul. Let host Philip Faraone know that you would like to partake of this helpful, FREE lesson. (*See sidebar for phone, email.*)

Best wishes to you for the remainder of the holiday season and new year.

KathyHart

JANUARY JUBILEE

Join us at Central Baptist Church, 2 Union Street, Norwich, CT, on Saturday, January 25 from 8:00am. to 4:30pm., and enjoy good food (early snack and catered lunch), company, and practical workshops for church musicians.

Session I: *Practical Approach to Organ Registration or Hands on Handbells*

Session II: *Organ Repertoire for the New Organist or Building Children's Choirs & Older Adult Choirs*

Session III: *Improvisation for the Church Organist or Technology, Sibelius Software Demo*

Session IV: *Digital/Electronic Organs: New Direction or The Care and Feeding of Choirs*

Lois Fyfe Music will display music for browsing and purchase.

Church musicians of all skill levels are most welcome. We have a particular mission to support new (and even thinking-about-it) church musicians.

Joey Ripka, Dean, New London Chapter AGO

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PLACEMENT LISTINGS

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Martha MacMillin: 781-784-2631; 781-784-1816
O/Minister of Music 18-22K Roche 21 rks/ 3 man

Congregational Church of Mansfield (UCC) 10/13
17 West Street, Mansfield, MA 02048
Carol Sosman Ham: 508-339-4793
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MEMBER MATTERS

S. Stephen's Church, College Hill is pleased to announce that on 26th October at Academic Convocation **James Busby**, Organist and Choirmaster since 1993, was awarded the degree of Doctor of Music, honoris causa, by Nashotah House in Wisconsin, for his "significant contributions to the preservation of the Western Catholic tradition within Anglicanism." There are many historic connections between the Episcopal Church's Anglo-Catholic Seminary and S. Stephen's and this seemed an especially appropriate way of marking that ongoing relationship. It is worth noting that another recipient of that honor was **Hollis Grant**, Organist and Choirmaster of S. Stephen's 1944-1971 and founder of the St. Dunstan Conference.

Sister Gail P. Himrod, O.P. was featured in the Fall edition of *Providence College Magazine* in an article by Vicki-Ann Downing, who reports on Gail's role in planning the Smith Center for the Arts on campus, in developing the music education major and music minor. Her efforts led to accreditation by the National Association of Schools of Music in 2010. Sister retired in June, and among her projects is a biography of C. Alexander Pelloquin, composer, conductor, and organist at the Cathedral of Sts. Peter and Paul, with whom Sister served as assistant organist for twenty years. Gail also served RIAGO for many years as membership chair. We congratulate Sister on her many years of service and wish her godspeed in retirement.

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Wiant, William: 401-683-3178 (all, weddings/funerals)
Wilson, Lawrence: 860-857-5493 (please inquire)

AVAILABLE WEEKDAYS ONLY

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Cienniwa, Paul: 617-466-9042 (\$150 min, no Sun. a.m.)
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CONVENTION UPDATE

Welcome to the 2014 AGO National Convention in Boston this summer. Visit our website at <http://www.agoboston2014.org> and our registration page at <http://www.regonline.com/agoboston2014>. We have compiled a list of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) concerning the 2014 National Convention. We hope these will help you in your decision-making process. But do remember: Early registration closes at midnight on January 31, 2014. If you are registering by mail, your envelope must be postmarked by that date. We look forward to many members of RIAGO joining us.

Ray Cornils, Convention Coordinator

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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.