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FROM THE DEAN

Please join me for coffee and conversation at the Cinnamon Café in Warwick on Monday, May 5 at 8:00 am. This will be the last Morning Munch for this year.

ANNUAL DINNER

The final event of the year will be a catered dinner at First Baptist Church in America, Providence, on Monday, June 2. Appetizers at 6:00 pm; dinner at 6:30. Dinner menu: appetizers, green salad, chicken francese, baked stuffed sole, vegetarian lasagna, dessert and beverages.

The annual meeting, with election and installation of officers, will be held after dinner. **Stephen and Philip Martorella** will present a concert of four-hands piano and organ music following the annual meeting.

Parking for the event will be in the church driveway (left off Waterman as you are starting up the hill). Additional parking can be found on S. Main St. (1 or 2 block walk).

Please find the menu selection form and the election ballot on the next page.

MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY FOR RIAGO MEMBERS

The Bach Organ and Keyboard Music Scholarship, available from The Rhode Island Foundation, provides awards to promising music students with abilities in playing the organ or any keyboard instrument and for the professional development of church organists. Several scholarships of up to \$1,000 will be awarded annually.

Applicants must demonstrate financial need and be either a Rhode Island resident enrolled in college as a music major, or a church organist who is a Rhode Island resident and an American Guild of Organists (AGO) member. The application may be downloaded from www.rifoundation.org by typing the keyword Bach on the home page and clicking on the link "2. Bach Organ & Keyboard Music Scholarship" under Section 2 — Receive, or by calling Libby Monahan at (401) 274-4564. Deadline for submission is June 9, 2008.

THE PETER SYKES WEEKEND

The Peter Sykes recital, held at Phillips Memorial Baptist Church on Sunday, April 6, was a delight for all who attended. They heard music from Bach to Vierne, all masterfully played and showing the range of music that organ can play. The French music, particularly, always shines on the Phillips organ. A lovely reception followed. Thanks to Martha Sobaje and her church members for such a welcome to all.

The following people played for the masterclass on Saturday preceding the concert: **Nancy Nicholson** - *Prelude & Fugue in c minor*, Mendelssohn; **Jeff Allard** - *Piece Heroique*, Franck; **Christopher Gage** - *Chorale in a minor*, Franck; **Adam Schneider** - *Menuet* from *Suite Gothique*, Boellmann.

EVENTS

Friday, May 2, 6:00 pm:

A Night to Believe: Vocalists **Beth Beauregard, Emily Luther, and Kevin Shirey**, with **Justin Kisch**, (Music Director, St. Patrick's Church, Cranston) piano, perform songs from *Wicked, Rent, and Oklahoma!*, as well as jazz standards and contemporary popular selections. Benefit for 3-Day Breast Cancer Walk. \$30 donation (includes dinner) plus cash bar. Bella Restaurant, 1992 Victory Highway (Rt. 102), Burrillville. For reservations and information, call Cindy Beauregard: (401) 623-7072. (See enclosed flyer.)

Sunday, May 4, 4:00 pm:

Organ Spectacular! Internationally Acclaimed Organist, **Hector Olivera** at the Rodgers 4-Manual, 73 Stops: Central Baptist Church, 2 Union Square, Norwich, CT. Free. (860) 889-8313. (See enclosed flyer.)

Saturday, May 17, 8:00 pm:

Music at Park Place presents in concert the Providence String Quartet, the Quartet-in-residence for Community Music Works, the "revolutionary organization" (The *New Yorker*) which provides free after-school music education and performance programs to 120 at-risk Providence youth. The program includes music of Haydn, Schoenberg and Forrest Larson, a Pawtucket resident composer. St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 50 Park Place, Pawtucket 02860. Tickets are \$20, \$10 students: www.musicatparkplace.com or (401) 72-MUSIC (726-8724).

Sunday, May 18, 4:00 pm:

Diana Norton-Jackson will present a recital on the new two manual Letourneau tracker pipe organ. Composers featured are J.S. Bach, Joseph Bonnet, Dom Paul Benoit and Lefebure-Wely. Church of Christ at Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH.

Sunday, May 18, 7:00 pm:

The Choir of St. Paul's, Wickford, under the direction of **Mark Steinbach**, will sing a service of Evensong featuring music by Pinkham and Buxtehude, accompanied by a string ensemble and the 17th century "Purcell" organ at Old Narragansett Church, Church Lane, Wickford. (401) 294-4357.

Sunday, May 18, 7:30 pm:

Jim Morgan, Organist and Choirmaster of St. Peter's Church, Narragansett and a member of our chapter, will perform the Bassoon Concertino for strings and 2 horns by Ermanno Wolf-Ferrari with the RI Philharmonic Community Orchestra at Sapinsley Hall at Rhode Island College. Tickets are \$15.00.

Sine Nomine, directed by **Paul Cienniwa** will perform *A Collage Mass of Sacred Music* using music from the Middle Ages to the present including works by Machaut, Josquin, Ockgehem, Stravinsky, Thompson, and others. Admission \$12 (\$10 student/senior). (508) 252-9469; www.sinenominechoir.org. Two performances:

Saturday, May 17, 2008 at 7:30 pm at St. Columba's Chapel, 55 Vacluse Avenue, Middletown, RI.

Sunday, May 18, 2008 at 3:00 pm at St. Lawrence Martyr, 110 Summer St., New Bedford, MA.

ANNUAL DINNER SELECTION FORM

Name: _____

No. attending: _____

- chicken francese
 baked stuffed sole
 vegetarian lasagna

Please detach and **mail by Monday, May 19** to:
Julie Tagen, 30 Huguenot Dr., E Greenwich, RI
02818.

The cost of the dinner is \$23 per person. Please
make checks payable to RIAGO.

BALLOT FOR 2008-2009 OFFICERS

Cast one vote for each candidate:

- Dean: Julie Tagen
 Sub-Dean: Stephen Martorella
 Secretary: David Cranmer
 Treasurer: David Clyle Morse

Executive Committee

(term to 2011; 2 openings):

- Jeffrey Allard
 Laura Jensen

Mail ballot to Janice Aubin, 4107 Mendon Rd.,
Cumberland, RI 02864 or bring to the Annual
Meeting June 2.

MEMBER NEWS

Diana Norton-Jackson writes that she has played her last service at Trinity (Newport) and is retiring (again) to do free-lance and recital work and to travel. She served as interim for two years, three Easters—"a long interim for someone who thought it would be a couple of months." See Diana's recital listing in Events.

Jim Morgan, organist at St. Peter's Narragansett, was a bassoon major at New England Conservatory but switched to organ, studying with Yuko Hayashi. In the 1980s he served as Organist and Master of the Choristers at Grace Church, Providence, and is a former member of the RI Philharmonic Orchestra. See Jim's performance as bassoonist in Events.

Elsie McNeill is recovering from hip surgery over the Christmas holidays. She is recuperating at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Sue and Jeff Branco. (38 Plain St., Rehoboth, MA 02769). She misses getting to concerts and recitals, but would love to hear from her friends. (774) 565-0812; elsiemcneill@comcast.net.

Jan Aubin has a new address: 4107 Mendon Road, Cumberland, RI 02864; phone (401) 405-0564; e-mail: aubinmj@cox.net.

AGO NATIONAL CONVENTION NEWS

The forty-ninth AGO National Convention in Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minn., June 22-26, 2008 will inaugurate the International Year of the Organ and feature premier performances of new organ and choral music. More than 2,000 are expected to attend with more than 1,500 already registered. AGO members receive a discounted registration rate. Convention headquarters will be the Minneapolis Hilton Hotel. Details, including convention and hotel registration, are available online at www.ago2008.org.

REGIONAL BLOG LAUNCHED

Regional Councilor E Lary Grossman has created a blog to bring New England chapters news of each other. He urges us to check out the blog and send our calendar items to him at: www.agonewengland.blogspot.com

PLACEMENT LISTING

All job seekers are encouraged to speak with the previous organist prior to accepting a long-term engagement.

St. Augustine's Church (Episcopal) 2/08
35 Lower College Road, Kingston, RI 02881
Rev Dr Jennifer Phillips (401) 874-2739; (401) 782-0587
O/D \$10000 Potter Rathbun 2 mn 13 stops

St. Peter's Lutheran Church (ELCA) 3/08
525 Broadway, Newport, RI 02840
Richard Oswald (401) 849-6032
Rev. Dr. William Bogholtz (401) 846-9567
O/D \$13000-\$18000 Ahlborn-Galanti 2 man 42 st Digital

Unitarian Congregation of Mendon & Uxbridge 3/08
(Unitarian Universalist)
13 Maple Street, Mendon, MA 01756
Rev Ralph T. Clarke (978) 808-3770
O/D \$8000-\$10000 Mendon-Wm Laws; Uxbridge Hook & Hastings

Contact Howard Phelps (821-8475) for more information.

OF REGIONAL INTEREST

Late Summer Tour of Vermont and New Hampshire Organs in the Lake Sunapee Region of New Hampshire (August 25-29, 2008). The Governing Board of the American Organ Archives of the Organ Historical Society is sponsoring the trip as a benefit for the Archives. The tour will visit fifteen historical organs. Please visit www.organsociety.org/aoatour for information and registration materials.

MUSIC OF RHODE ISLAND

The *Rhode Island Pipes* CD features Rhode Island organists playing noteworthy Rhode Island instruments. Only \$18.50! See performer and venue details online at www.riago.org. Contact Julie Tagen to order.

SUBMISSIONS

Deadline: 20th of each month

Submissions: Send Word or Text files to aallard@ccri.edu or to Althea Allard, 166 Suffolk Ave., Pawtucket, RI 02861.

Advertising: Word doc, PDF (print ready), JPG (high resolution), TIFF, or EPS. All files should be grayscale at 300 dpi resolution. Email to celalla@cox.net.

ADVERTISING RATES

1/4-page ad (3.5"W x 5"H): \$18

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.