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FROM THE DEAN

Thanks to outgoing Dean Martha Sobaje for her strong leadership and wonderful support for our chapter programs for the last two years. She will be a hard act to follow!

Many thanks to David Morse for guiding us along the path to a very successful convention.

I hope you have all had a wonderful summer and have taken the time to rest and renew after all the good work that went into the convention. There was a wonderful energy and enthusiasm this summer with so many people contributing to the success of this event!

Sub-Dean Susan Carroll is lining up some interesting programs for this year. I look forward to seeing everyone at the opening event Sunday, September 30th!

Monday, October 1, 8:00 am

Morning Munches will continue at the Cinnamon Café, 300 Quaker Lane, Warwick.

Julie

FROM THE EDITOR

“There’s definitely a wonderful future for our chapter in the years ahead.”

—*David Clyle Morse*, Steering Committee Chair

In the afterglow of a vital and successful convention planned and hosted by our own chapter, let’s keep that energy channeled into a new year of celebration and collegiality. A look at our calendar of events suggests that Newport is the place to be as the crisp autumn days replace the summer weather. Diana Norton-Jackson offers a concert on the refurbished organ at historic Trinity Church on September 23, and the Newport Baroque Orchestra holds a refreshments-and-fundraiser/auction featuring cellist Audrey Cienniwa throughout the afternoon of September 30 at the Edward King House. Our own season opens on September 30th with a “Postlude Potluck” supper at Beneficent Congregational Church, Providence. That Sunday is a busy evening in Wickford where Mark Steinbach and the choir of St. Paul’s celebrate the church’s 300th anniversary with Choral Evensong followed by a concert. And in Pawtucket, on September 29, St. Paul’s on Park Place hosts *Polyhymnia* of New York City featuring the “suave, inventive polyphonies [and] sumptuous musical expression” of Nicolas Gombert. So check **Events** for details, take your pick, but get to these venues to support our fellow musicians and keep the excitement going in the RIAGO!

Althea

WILLIAM DINNEEN DIES AT 91

William Dinneen, a former dean of our chapter and the 2005 recipient of the Anna Fiore Smith Award, died in July. He served for many years as an organist and as a professor at Brown University. We extend condolences to his wife Frances.

POSTLUDE POTLUCK MEETING

Renew acquaintances; catch up on news; pick up your directory and see what we have in store for the year! Potluck Supper on Sunday, September 30, 5:30 pm at Beneficent Congregational Church, 300 Weybosset Street, Providence. Open bench starts at 5:00 pm; appetizers at 5:30; dinner at 6:00.

Please bring a dish to share according to the first letter of your last name:

A-H: Main dish; I-P: Appetizer; Q-Z: Dessert

After dinner, we will share some of our favorite postludes; those "pull out the stops" numbers that are short crowd pleasers and can be dusted off easily. If you would like to bring a postlude to play, e-mail your titles and composers to susankcarroll@gmail.com.

DIRECTIONS:

From North: Take I-95S, Exit 21 (Atwells). Turn left onto Atwells Ave. Bear left onto Empire St. Cross Weybosset St. to access the parking lot off Chestnut St.
From South: Take I-95N, Exit 21 (Broadway). Stay straight onto Service Rd. 8. Bear right onto Broadway. Bear right onto Empire St. Cross Weybosset St. to access parking lot off Chestnut St.

NOTICE FROM MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

I want to thank the many of you who renewed promptly this year. It makes a lot of people's jobs easier both here and at National. For those of you who haven't been able to get your renewal in to me, please do so by the end of the month. Otherwise, your subscription to the national magazine may be interrupted. If your renewal form has been misplaced, please call or e-mail me and I will send another right away. I will be going to press with the RIAGO membership booklets the second week in September. Please let me know of any changes by the end of the first week in September.

Doris J. Alberg, 665 Maureen Circle, Mapleville, RI 02839; 401-568-5781; dorisja@cox.net.

LOOKING FOR RI ORGAN CDS

Have you made a CD showcasing a RI organ? Bill Vineer, curator of the Vineer Organ Library in Canada, bought our Chapter CD *Pipes Rhode Island*. He is interested in other recordings of organs in Rhode Island. If you've made such a CD, let me know and I'll put you in touch with him.

Doris

EVENTS

Sunday, September 23, 4:00 pm:

Diana Norton-Jackson presents a rededication organ recital featuring works by C. Franck, J.S. Bach, J. Bonnet, M.E. Bossi and others. Trinity Church has added a Rodgers 928 digital organ and three-manual console to the existing Skinner-Wicks 30-rank pipe organ. Trinity Church, Newport. Suggested donation: \$15 to benefit the church's Parker Organ Fund. Reception follows.

Friday, September 28, 7:30 pm:

Tessa Souter, jazz vocalist, whose unique style "infuses jazz with the soul and passion of flamenco, Indian and Middle Eastern music...winning praise from critics around the world," opens the season for *Music Alive!* Concert Series, Wesley United Methodist Church, 114 Main St., Worcester. Free; donations accepted.

Saturday, September 29 at 8:00 pm:

Music at Park Place presents **Polyhymnia** of New York City, directed by John Bradley, in a program entitled **A Garden Enclos'd, The Genius of Nicolas Gombert (c.1490-1556)**, featuring the Missa *Quam pulchra es et quam decora* scored for six voices, the motet *Ego flos campi* for five voices, the twelve voice *Regina Caeli*, the *Magnificat* for three to eight voices, and a selection of motet settings. Nicolas Gombert's polyphonies unite sumptuous musical expression with the sensual texts of the "Song of Songs" in music honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary. St. Paul's Church, 50 Park Place, Pawtucket. Tickets \$20 advance sales, \$20 seniors, \$10 students. Information: www.musicatparkplace.com; 401-72-MUSIC.

Sunday, September 30, 3:00-6:00 pm:

Benefit Reception for the **Newport Baroque Orchestra** featuring cellist **Audrey Cienniwa** performing suites by J.S. Bach. Enjoy refreshments and bid on premiums, including items from the White Horse Tavern, the Newport Gulls and the Preservation Society of Newport County. The Edward King House, 35 King St., Newport. \$20. 401-855-3096; www.newportbaroque.org.

Sunday, September 30th, 5:30 pm:

Choral Evensong celebrates the 300th anniversary of St. Paul's Wickford. Music director **Mark Steinbach** presents an all Purcell Choral Evensong followed by a program of 17th century music played by *Quince*, a new 5 part string band directed by **Dana Maiben** (of *Foundling Baroque Orchestra*). This music was new when St. Paul's was new! The Old Narragansett Church, Church Lane, Wickford. (Concert follows evensong shortly after 6.) Reception follows. 294-4357

SUBSTITUTE LISTINGS

Report any changes to Howard Phelps.

Jeff Allard: 447-9035 (funerals)
Laura Brion: 578-4491 (weddings, funerals)
Brink Bush: 245-4065 (weddings, funerals)
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Howard Phelps: 821-8475 (no RC)
Jane B. Rankin: 884-0669 (funerals - weekdays only)
Martha Sobaje: 823-8024 (weddings, funerals, no RC)
Julie Tagen: 885-7438 (weddings, funerals)
Terry Taylor: 253-9030 (no RC; pipe organs only)
Br. E. J. Kevin Valentine: 273-1731 (weddings, funerals; all denom)
Laya Varghese: 908-420-1531 (No Holidays; Providence Only)
Verna Westhaver: 682-2636 (sub/interim)
Waylon Whitley: 369-7858 (weddings, funerals, etc.; no Sun. AM)
Dorothy Yoreo: 246-1223 (all)

NEED SHOES?

Dorothy Yoreo has two pairs of size 7W women's Organmaster shoes, slightly used, which she would like to give to anyone who can use them. (401) 246-1223.

BOARD MEETING

The next Executive Board meeting is on Monday, September 10, 7:30 pm at 30 Huguenot Dr., East Greenwich. Contact Julie if you need directions: 885-7438; julieltragen@yahoo.com.

PLACEMENT LISTING

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

Phenix Baptist Church 3/06
2 Fairview Avenue, West Warwick, RI 02893
Linda S. Martin (401) 294-6318 x103; (401) 397-7154
O/D \$120/week (4 hrs) Adams 2 Mn Tracker 15 stops

People's Baptist Church (American Baptist) 8/06
1275 Elmwood Avenue, Cranston, RI 02907
Dr. King Odell (401) 941-5472
O/D \$8000 3 hrs/week Moller 3 man. 25 Rank Pipe

Calvin Presbyterian Church 8/06
126 Angell Road, Cumberland, RI 02864
Pam Marcil (401) 333-0355
O/D \$8000-\$10000 Moller 2 Manual Pipe

St. Peter's & St. Andrew's (Episcopal) 12/06
25 Pomona Avenue, Providence, RI 02908
Rev. Joyce Penfield (401) 272-9649; (401) 350-0021
O/D \$125/service C.B. Fiske 13 Rank Tracker

St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church 5/07
381 School Street, North Kingstown, RI 02852
Rev Bertrand L. Theroux (401) 884-2105
O/D \$25,000 LA Carlson 2 Mn Pipe

Wesley United Methodist Church 7/07
55 Woodland Street, Lincoln, RI 02865
info@wesley-umc.org; (401) 724-7954
Organist \$12000-\$14000 Moller 2 man/26 stps/27 rnk

Church of the Epiphany (Episcopal) 7/07
1336 Pawtucket Avenue, Rumford, RI 02916
Beth Dench (401) 434-5012
O/D \$25280+ Moller 2 Man. 10 Ranks

Greenwood Community Church Presbyterian 8/07
805 Main Avenue, Warwick, RI 02886
Betty Stacey (401) 737-0717
O/D \$15000-\$25000 Rodgers 3 man 42 stops

The First Universalist Church in Providence 8/07
250 Washington Street, Providence, RI 02903
The Rev Mr. W. Scott Axford (401) 751-1821; (401) 454-1636
O/D \$9000 9 months Moller 2 Manual

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

FROM THE EDITOR

Submit for October newsletter by September 20, by e-mail (preferred) or snail-mail: aallard@ccri.edu; 166 Suffolk Ave., Pawtucket, RI 02861-2143.

Althea Allard