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FROM THE DEAN

Dear Colleagues:

Our upcoming program meeting will be of interest to all who work with choirs (amateur, student and professional singers of all ages), so I expect to see many of you on **Sunday afternoon February 7th, at 2:00 pm, at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in East Greenwich** for our "specialist" workshop on **DEVELOPING THE ALL-AGE CHOIR THROUGH A CAPPELLA SINGING**. RIAGO is partnering with the Rhode Island Chapter of the National Association of Teachers of Singing, and it is very important for all of us who care about the choral art (in a church or secular setting) to collaborate with our "sister" organizations in the area, and come to this day of "extracurricular" learning!

This workshop will be led by two eminent music educators, **Dr. Don St. Jean**, Director of Choral Activities and Coordinator of Music Education at Salve Regina University, and **Eden Casteel**, President of RINATS, Salve voice faculty, and well known concert singer and teacher. Don will guide us through a cappella techniques and repertoire to improve singers' accuracy and responsiveness, while increasing musical awareness, in a positive, challenging manner. Eden will guide us through techniques on working with the "challenged" amateur singer (whether due to age or lack of choral experience), and ways to keep them engaged and encouraged.

Do bring choir members would like to participate in this workshop, as we want to have a reasonably balanced ad hoc choir present for Don and Eden to work with! Even if you are not an experienced singer yourself, but work with a small amateur choir that wants to improve, you will benefit, musically and intellectually, from this workshop!

At the end of the day we will be treated to a short recital of some of Don's students from Rhode Island College (where he is also on the voice faculty), many of whom are promising soloists in their own right and are interested in securing professional choir section leader positions in the area. We will conclude with a brief Q&A session, covering such topics as what directors are looking for in student singers, how to audition for a church section leader position, contracts, suitable sacred solo and choral repertoire, and so on.

We will begin at 2:00 pm and end by 5:30 pm so that you can get home in time for the Super Bowl kickoff! So do come to this important program and tell your choir about it! St. Luke's is located at 99 Peirce St., in downtown East Greenwich, and there is ample parking in the church lot. We will be in the parish auditorium, adjacent to the church. See you on Sunday February 7th – NOT the 6th as I mentioned in my previous letter!

All best wishes,
John Brooks, *Dean*

RIAGO'S TWELFTH NIGHT

The successful 12th night dinner at First Evangelical Lutheran was the perfect way to end the holiday season: listening to marvelous music by others (in this case, the *Three Amigos*, Brad Logan and Bruce Dearnaley) and eating delicious food you didn't have to prepare.

Michael Ryan and the Burdock brothers Thomas and Joseph are just the sort of rising talent our Guild needs to survive beyond 2020. All three of these young men performed with great skill and had an obvious love of what they were playing.

The food from Fireworks Catering was worth every penny. There was more than enough to go around and some to take home as well! And of course the Christmas crackers, Three Kings Cakes, and surprise gifts made the evening as jolly as it could be. Thanks, John, for organizing such a delightful event.

Doris Alberg

EVENTS

Sunday, February 7 at 2:00 pm - 5:30 pm: RIAGO Event: *Building the All Age Choir*, a lecture/workshop led by **Don St. Jean** and **Eden Casteel** of Salve Regina University at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 99 Peirce Street, East Greenwich. *See Dean's message for details.*

Monday, April 11 at 7:30: **RIAGO Event:** *The Anton Heiller Legacy*, a lecture/recital by Brown University organist, **Mark Steinbach**, on the works and legacy of his distinguished teacher. Sayles Hall, Brown University. Open console time at the historic Hutchings organ following the program.

MEMBER MATTERS

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