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## FROM THE DEAN

As we launch into another year of chapter events and meetings, I would like to take a moment to reflect on how important each of us is, and how valuable the skills and talents are that we bring to the group. At the National Convention in Chicago earlier this summer, I had the opportunity to attend the Region I meeting where Lois Toepfner was so beautifully thanked for her years of service as our Regional Councillor. Lois brought a great deal of leadership and encouragement to our chapter. I was pleased to see that our new Regional Councillor, Jim Barry, is also a person of great ideas and positive outlook. Some of you have already met Jim at the last Convention Steering Committee meeting. We are fortunate to have such excellent leaders in our organization. And of course, we must never forget all of the time and energy our own David Morse devotes to RIAGO. And since David is the District Convener for both RI and Connecticut, he shares himself with chapters other than just our own. Each of **you** is valuable to our chapter. I look forward to seeing you and your talents blossom this year as we prepare for the Region I Convention.

*Martha*

## ANNOUNCEMENT:

Due to the Labor Day Holiday, there will not be a morning munch in September. The next munch will be on Monday, October 2, at 8:00 AM, at the Cinnamon Café.

Next AGO Executive Board Meeting is Monday, September 11, at 7:30 PM at Phillips Memorial Baptist Church.

## THE BRITISH ARE COMING!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for Wednesday, June 27, 2007 at 8 P.M. when **Gillian Weir** will appear in recital at the Cathedral of SS. Peter & Paul in downtown Providence to close a spectacular convention that will include talent from our own chapter as well as regional, national, and international artists and clinicians. "*Weir's performance was a marvel of sonic and technical brilliance while still finding room for the subtleties....*" (The Daily Telegraph)

Join **Paul Jacobs**, **The Providence Singers** and so many more exciting artists and clinicians. Support your chapter by encouraging your church to get involved. We'll need plenty of help getting things organized and on the move. Get involved. We promise this will be better than any amusement park ride!

## CONVENTION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

As part of the Steering Committee for the 2007 Convention, the Personnel Committee asks people to volunteer even a couple of hours to help make our event run smoothly. Please enlist choir members and any other warm body to join us. Be part of the fun. Please send names of people willing to volunteer to [loisconboy@cox.net](mailto:loisconboy@cox.net) and I will contact them closer to the dates of the convention. Thank you very much! *Lois*

## FROM THE SUB-DEAN

I hope everyone has had a relaxing and enjoyable summer! The first event this year will be September 17 at Beneficent Congregational Church, 300 Weybosset St, Providence. The evening will begin with an open bench at 5:30 PM followed by appetizers at 6 and a potluck dinner at 6:15. After dinner Greg Bover from C. B. Fisk will give a slide presentation on the building of the first American-made pipe organ in a European cathedral.

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

A-H - dessert

I-P - main dish

Q-Z - appetizer

### 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 the parking lot off Chestnut St.

Hope to see you there!

*Julie*

## AN OPEN LETTER FROM PRISCILLA RIGG, AWARD RECIPIENT

To the Members of RIAGO:

It was such a treat to be with you at the annual dinner in June. I was overwhelmed with nostalgia for the days when Anna Fiore-Smith and I worked together to maintain lively and challenging RIAGO programs. Anna and I shared many ideas and experiences about teaching and even about life. She was always a great sounding board and support during the sometimes difficult days of making music in the church. Anna has been a guiding light and mentor for many of us. My success and dedication as a church musician are thanks to Anna for offering the encouragement and vision that helped me accomplish whatever I set out to do.

As I listened to the clever introductions to the Anna Fiore-Smith Award by the members of the RIAGO board, I had flashbacks to the many times that Anna and I worked and taught together. As I listened, I thought how interesting that someone had a career similar to mine. It never crossed my mind that *I* was the person they were describing. It was indeed a surprise that you should select me as the recipient of the award for this year.

In those moments, my whole career flashed before me: the hours of practice, the demands of nurturing choirs, traveling for education, balancing home and work, finding the creativity necessary for a demanding career in music. I am indeed honored and humbled by this award, which has so much emotion attached to it for me.

You have honored me with this prestigious award. I shall treasure it always and proudly share it with my singing and ringing choirs. You have given me a gift of respect and pleasure for the many years of making music in the Lord's House. Thank you for this honor.

Sincerely,

*Priscilla A. Rigg*

Music Director, St. Luke's Church, East Greenwich

## RHODE ISLAND RECORDINGS

Thanks to Steve Dreyfuss and John Marks of Reel Superior Productions who have begun the chapter recording of organs in Rhode Island. Sound engineers have studied the samples. The tests and the comments will be featured with sound samples in *Audiophile Magazine*.

To date we have recorded the historic 1680 instrument in Old Narragansett Church, St. Paul's, Wickford, and the Christian Science Church in Providence, with organists Mark Steinbach and Peter Krasinski. Steve Martorella will pick the final track listing from a much wider offering of recorded selections. "*I wish we could put everything on, but then no one would be able to afford the CD. What a rare privilege to enjoy the stunning performances of such highly talented artists on these magnificent instruments in this small but mighty Ocean State. This project will be a wonderful treasure for our chapter.*" says Martorella.

The concept is to record instruments that reflect the musical variety of our religious communities and offer them on a two-disc set at an affordable price. This project has received assistance from the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts. The finished product should be ready for duplication by December, with discs available for the 2007 Regional Convention to be held in Rhode Island.

## MEMBER MATTERS

Thanks everyone for renewing membership so promptly. Only a few are among the missing. If you are one of the few, please get your renewal in the mail today so you make it into the membership booklet and keep your national magazine coming without interruption.

There is still time to get an ad into the membership booklet. The costs are \$50 for a quarter page (2 1/2x4"), \$100 for a half page (5x4") or \$200 for a full page (8x5). Please e-mail me your ad in one of these sizes and drop your check in the snail mail this week. It's a bargain.

*Doris Alberg*, Membership Chair  
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### NEW POSITION:

**Kevin DiLorenzo**, 126 West Shore Dr, Exeter, RI 02822; h. 385-9943; c. 524-6394. Director of Liturgical Music, St. Mary's RC Church, Newport.

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS:

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### NEW MEMBERS:

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### NEW E-MAIL:

**Diana Norton-Jackson**: diananj@cox.net

## SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCED

In 2007 the Charlotte Hoyt Bagnall Scholarship for Church Musicians will hold a competition for church musicians who have graduated or will graduate from high school as of June 30, 2007. Up to \$1,500 will be awarded. to be used for a variety of music studies including organ lessons, undergraduate or graduate studies related to organ or religious music, participation in organ festivals, seminars, music camps, etc.

Information and applications: [www.chbscholarship.com](http://www.chbscholarship.com), or email [CHBScholarship@1stchurchsimsbury.org](mailto:CHBScholarship@1stchurchsimsbury.org) or write The Charlotte H. Bagnall Scholarship, 17 Beaverbrook Rd., West Simsbury, CT 06092.

## 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

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd 4/06

383 Old North Road, Kingston, RI 02881

Rev Juliet S. Bongfeldt (401) 789-7776; (401) 295-8638

Church Musician/Pianist +/- \$14000 Baldwin Acrosonic Piano

People's Baptist Church (American Baptist) 8/06

1275 Elmwood Avenue, Cranston, RI 02907

Dr. King Odell (401) 941-5472

O/D \$7000 3 hrs/week Moller 3 man. Pipe Organ

Calvin Presbyterian Church 8/06

126 Angell Road, Cumberland, RI 02864

Pam Marcil (401) 333-0355

O/D \$8000-\$10000 Moller 2 Manual Pipe

## EVENTS

**Sunday, September 3, 11:59PM (yes, midnight):**

Sayles Hall, Brown University: **Mark Steinbach** plays works of Bach, Alain, Mozart, and Heiller. 863-2344

**Saturday, October 21, 8PM:**

St. Paul's Church, 50 Park Place, Pawtucket: Music at Park Place presents the **Schola Cantorum** of Boston, **Fred Jodry** director singing 17<sup>th</sup> century works by Schutz, Buxtehude and the ancestors of J.S. Bach accompanied by strings and chamber organ. Tickets \$20 advance sales (\$25 at door). Tickets, information at (<http://www.musicatparkplace.com>) or 401-72MUSIC.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### 2007 CONVENTION

- Sunday June 24, Opening Hymn Festival with The Providence Singers
- Monday June 25, Paul Jacobs Recital
- Tuesday June 26, Join us in Newport, RI
- Wednesday June 27, Dame Gillian Weir

## FROM THE EDITOR

Submissions for the October newsletter are due by September 20, by e-mail or snail mail, with e-mail preferred: [aallard@ccri.edu](mailto:aallard@ccri.edu) or 166 Suffolk Avenue, Pawtucket, RI 02861-2143.

*Althea Allard*