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## FROM THE DEAN

Dear fellow Chapter Members:

We did it! The concert by the Saint Thomas Church Choir of Men and Boys at the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul in commemoration of the 125th anniversary of the Consecration of the Cathedral on Friday March 7th was one of the most moving performances that most of us have ever experienced.

The beauty of the Cathedral, with its world class Casavant, great acoustics and might I dare say one of the finest choirs in the world all came together to provide the great audience two hours of heaven on earth.

Those in attendance were in awe at it all. The programming and execution of the selections were perfect. Dr. Scott is a genius! I am so very grateful for all of you who helped in any way to make the evening such a success for our Chapter.

It was great to see so many Chapter members there and of course it is always an honor to have Cheryl Duerr, our Regional Councilor, with us. Also in attendance were the Most Reverend Robert Evans, Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Providence, Monsignor Anthony Mancini, Rector and Music Director of the Cathedral, Reverend Jeremy Rodrigues, Administrative Secretary to His Excellency Bishop Thomas Tobin, Bishop of Providence, as well as many other clergy and religious from the Diocese of Providence and the Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island.

This performance perfectly fulfills the mission of the AGO which is to promote organ and choral music. The Choir from Saint Thomas is such a blessing and shows what can be done when talented people are well trained and dedicated in the discipline of great choral music. Dr. John Scott is an example to us all. Mr. Stephen Buzard's performance on the Casavant was a thrilling example of thoughtful registration and brilliant interpretation.

I hope that this performance inspires all of us to challenge ourselves to strive for excellence in all that we do. Thanks again to all who helped make the evening a success by selling tickets and ads for the program, serving as ushers, hanging posters, making phone calls and simply talking it up. We should all be proud of what we have accomplished and move on now to the remaining events of the Season.

May you have a Blessed Easter!

*Philip Faraone, KCHS*

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# RIAGO SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

## Events for 2014

**Tuesday April 1 at 8:00pm:** **Bruce Neswick**, former Organist of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York City and currently Associate Professor of Music in Organ and Sacred Music at the Jacobs School of Music at Indiana University, will perform works of Sowerby, Howells, Dupre, Franck, and Heiller on the 1903 Hutchings-Votey Pipe Organ in Sayles Hall on the Green, Brown University. Admission is free and open to the public.

**Friday April 4 at 7pm through Saturday April 5 at 7am** Community Musicworks overnight Bach Marathon returns with performances for solo instruments and ensembles curated by Sakiko Mori at the Manning Chapel on the Green, Brown University, Providence. Free admission

**Saturday, April 26 from 10:00am-12 noon:** Anthem Sharing, First Baptist Church, Wickford. *(See details, this page.)*

**Wednesday, April 26 at 12:15pm:** Eastertide Organ Recital: **Becky Silliman**, student of Barry Turley, will play music of Purcell, Buxtehude, Bach, and Franck at All Saints' Memorial Church, 674 Westminster Street, Providence (Allsaintsmemorial.org).

**Sunday, May 18 at 3:00pm:** Spring Choral Concert featuring *Requiem* by Faure and premiere performance of *The Newman Cantata* by Steven L. Jobe; **Geoffrey Greene**, director; **Alisa Cassola**, Soprano; **Barbara Youmans**, Alto; **Neil Letendre**, Tenor; **Paul Hutchins**, Bass. Newman Congregational Church, 100 Newman Avenue, Rumford. Suggested donation \$10 to benefit the church music program. 434-4742. *(See enclosed flyer.)*

**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 at 6:30pm:** Annual Dinner/Meeting: Costantino Ristorante on DePasquale Square, Providence. *(See item, this page)*

Be an active member. Attend as many of these events as possible. Thank you for your support of our chapter.

# FROM THE SUB-DEAN

Thanks to all who attended the very successful hymn-playing workshop on March 22. It was suggested that we have Part II next season! Because the workshop was so successful, we're going to have a followup next season so people can bring their own introductions and alternate harmonies to play for the group. For those who were unable to attend, I'll gladly provide you with a free one-on-one session. Just let me know!

The anthem-sharing event will be Saturday, April 26, 10:00, at First Baptist Church, Wickford, Elaine Alexander host. Please bring one or two anthems that would be accessible to most choirs (2-part, 3-part or 4-part). WE MUST HAVE TEN PEOPLE TO HOLD THIS EVENT, SO PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU CAN COME!

*Kathy Hart*

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## ANNUAL MEETING PLANS

Our Annual Spring Dinner/Meeting will be held at Costantino Ristorante on DePasquale Square on June 9th at 6:30pm. The dinner cost is \$36 per person which includes gratuity. We hope to have as many members as possible come out for a great evening. The final count is due on June 1, so please send in your check made out to RIAGO for \$36 to our Dean, Philip Faraone at 51 Summit Drive Cranston, RI 02920 as we will be paying with one check.

Please be part of this special evening as we say thank you to Philip who is leaving office and welcoming in our new Dean Kathy Hart and the other new members of the Board. We will recap this year's events and let you know what is being planned for the future.

## PLAY IN MEMBERS' RECITAL

Two more performers are needed to complete the program. Contact Philip Faraone if you would like to be one of them.

## PLACEMENT LISTINGS

Contact Brian Larkin (272-8318) for more details or changes.

Congregational Church of Mansfield (UCC) 10/13  
17 West Street, Mansfield, MA 02048  
Carol Sosman Ham: 508-339-4793  
O/ChM Austin 2manual 16K

## MEMBER MATTERS

Welcome to newest member **Philip Jones**, 127 Tilton Avenue, Brockton, MA 02301; 508-427-0081  
pjones345@comcast.com

## ORGAN COMPETITION

Applications and audition CD for the Albert Schweitzer Organ Festival September 5-7 at the historic First Church of Christ Scientist, Wethersfield, CT must be postmarked by June 10, 2014. 1st Prize in the High School Division is \$2,000; 1st Prize in the young Professional division is \$3,500. Other prizes also awarded. This year's judges are Diane Meredith Belcher, Charles Callahan, and Ken Cowan. This annual festival weekend features prominent organists in concert, an organ competition and an inspiring masterclass. 860.529.1575-x209 or music@firstchurch (.org); website: firstchurch (.org)/ASOF)

## PROPOSED SLATE OF OFFICERS

Dean: Kathy Hart  
Sub-Dean : John Brooks  
Members-at-large for 2017 Steve Kirby and Philip Martorella  
Auditors: Denise Petrucci and Jackie Gourd

We need an education coordinator. Contact Kathy Hart for information, interest.

The positions of treasurer, publicity, secretary, membership, newsletter, historian and placement will remain the same (See sidebar).

### SUBMISSIONS

DEADLINE: 20th of each month. SUBMISSIONS: Send Word or Text files to [altheaallard@gmail.com](mailto:altheaallard@gmail.com) or to Althea Allard, 166 Suffolk Ave., Pawtucket, RI 02861. ADVERTISING: Word doc, PDF (print ready), JPG (high resolution), or TIFF. All files should be grayscale at 300 dpi resolution. Email to [altheaallard@gmail.com](mailto:altheaallard@gmail.com)

## SUBSTITUTE LISTINGS

Contact Brian Larkin (272-8318) with changes.

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Kohl, Karen: 401-787-2695 (please inquire)  
Lee, Saeah: 781-664-3958  
Madubata, Chiduzie: 301-919-9632 (please inquire)  
Morgan, James: 401-737-5398 (all)  
Norton-Jackson, Diana: 401-783-0402 (no weddings, \$150 min)  
Phelps, Howard: 508-224-8475 (please inquire)  
Scheibert, Beverly Jerold: 508-339-0579 (all, weddings/funerals)  
Tagen, Julia L.: 401-885-7438 (all, weddings/funerals/interim)  
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Vecchio, Gina: 401-954-2163  
Vinson, Duncan: 401-932-8191 (July&Aug for Sun./weddings etc.)  
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Black, John: 401-245-2356 (all, available Saturdays & weekdays)  
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Conboy, Lois: 401-658-3838 (please inquire)  
Hart, Kathy: 401-837-8873 (funerals)  
Larkin, Brian: 401-272-8318 (weddings/memorials/funerals/consultant)  
Markham, Susan: 401-821-6786 (no Sun. a.m.)  
Martorella, Philip: 401-885-3431 (no Sun. a.m.)  
Nicholson, Nancy: 401-521-9097 (all)  
Nolan, Robert: 401-884-7172 (available to provide all needs)  
Sobaje, Martha: 401-626-0099 (weddings, funerals)  
Valentine, Bro. Enoch J: 401-440-4784 (all, weddings/funerals)

## BRIAN MATTIAS ENTHRALLS

On February 8, in the beautiful sanctuary of Trinity Episcopal, Cranston, Brian Mattias gave a delightful and beneficial talk on how to keep your organ and your organ tuner happy. In reviewing some of obvious yet often forgotten components of good organ care, he told amusing but informative anecdotes of organ conservation from his many years as an organ technician. These stories prompted attendees to share their own experiences as well as ask for advice. It was a congenial time, instructive for all whether we are masters of pipe or electronic organs.

*Doris Alberg*

### 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.



The Newman Church Choir  
Presents Our  
**Spring Choral Concert**

**Sunday, May 18, 2014 at 3 pm**

**featuring**

***Requiem***

**by Gabriel Fauré**

**The Premier Performance of**

***The Newman Cantata***

**by Steven L. Jobe**

**Geoffrey Greene, Director**

**Alisa Cassola, Soprano    Barbara Youmans, Alto**

**Neil Letendre, Tenor    Paul Hutchins, Bass**

**Suggested Donation - \$10**

**All proceeds to benefit the music program of Newman Church**

**Newman Congregational Church – 100 Newman Ave, Rumford, RI 02916**

**Childcare is Available**

**Sponsorship opportunities & tickets available at the church office 401-434-4742**