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FROM THE SUB-DEAN DECEMBER CHAPTER EVENT

Tuesday, December 14, 12 noon: Dean's Holiday Muncheon at The Community Church of Providence (formerly Central Baptist Church), 372 Wayland Avenue, Providence. 751-9328. Cost of the meal is \$10. Send check to David Morse at 93 Dexterdaled Road, Providence 02906-1925, by December 7th. Lois Toeppner, Region 1 Councillor -AGO, will be the speaker. Those with dietary concerns should contact David.

DIRECTIONS: From Gano St: Gano becomes Tabor Ave, turn right onto Adelphi Ave, turn left onto Elmgrove Ave, turn right onto Lloyd Ave, turn left onto Wayland Ave.

LOOKING AHEAD

January: New Organists Competition (see insert)

January 22, 10 AM, at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, East Greenwich

It is very important for chapter members to show support for those young people considering the organ. They need our encouragement!

February: Chapter Retreat *Soli Deo Gloria*

On Saturday, February 12, from 9 AM to 2 PM, we will have a chapter retreat at Canonicus Camp & Conference Center in Exeter, RI. The cost will be \$22.50, which includes continental breakfast, lunch, and the program. Those who register will be sent the Meyers-Briggs Personality Inventory to fill out and bring to the retreat. In the morning, leaders Sally Riley and Ginny Rasmussen (from Phillips Memorial Baptist Church) will lead a workshop based on the 1997 Abingdon Press book *Knowing Me, Knowing God* by Malcolm Goldsmith. We will discover how our different personalities bring about different approaches to worship. Having taken this class from these two leaders a few years ago, I know how interesting and enlightening this experience will be, and encourage you to give yourself this gift. The retreat will conclude with dialogue between clergy and retreat attendees. Bring those questions you always wanted to ask, and get the scoop on how and why clergy think what they do about the role of the church musician. To register, send your check for \$22.50 (made out to RIAGO) to Martha Sobaje, 2 Peacock Dr., Coventry, RI 02816 by February 1st. Because we want to get the inventory in the mail to you and give you time to carefully fill it out, the deadline is very important.

Dr. Martha Sobaje



BRINK BUSH OPENS 2004-05 SEASON

The Rhode Island Chapter kicked off the AGO year with a potluck supper/installation service at St. John's Episcopal Church in Barrington, RI on September 21st. Brink Bush, organist at St. John's, mesmerized the attendees with his wonderful pre-service organ music. October's event, held at the First Evangelical Lutheran Church in East Greenwich, RI, on October 16th, featured a lecture by Brink Bush on *The Life and Works of Wilhelm Middelschulte*.

EVENTS

Sunday, December 5, 4 PM: Festival of Advent Lessons & Carols: readings and music, for choir and handbells. Reception follows. St. Paul's Church, 50 Park Place, Pawtucket; 728-4300.

Saturday Dec. 11, 7 PM: Festival of Music and Word for Advent, St. Paul's Choirs and Brass, **Mark Steinbach**, choirmaster and organist. Works of Brahms, Paert and Palestrina. Reception follows. St. Paul's Church (Wickford), 555 Main St., N. Kingstown; 294-4357. (see flyer)

Sunday, December 12, 4 PM: Brown University Service of Lessons and Carols. Brown University Chorus, **Fred Jodry**, director, Brown University Brass Quintet and Organ, **Mark Steinbach**, University Organist. Sayles Hall, Brown University. 863-2344.

Sunday, January 9, 2005 7:00 PM: Choral Evensong for Feast of the Epiphany. Choir of St. Paul's Church, Wickford, **Mark Steinbach**, organist and choirmaster; works of Handl and Attwood. Reception follows. Old Narragansett Church, Church Lane, Wickford: 294-4357.

For info on the following events visit www.trinitynewport.org or call 401-846-0660:

MUSIC AT TRINITY CHURCH One Queen Anne Square, Newport:

Lunchtime recitals: Thursdays at **12:15 PM** (donations accepted to benefit Music at Trinity)

December 2: **Paul Cienniwa**, organist

December 9: **George Little**, classical guitarist

December 16: **Susan Carroll**, organist

Sunday, December 5, 4 PM: Handel's Messiah; Trinity Church Choir with the Brown University Chamber Chorus and chamber orchestra; **Paul Cienniwa**, director. \$15 to benefit Music at Trinity.

Sunday, December 19, 7 PM: Christmas on Historic Hill Advent Service of Lessons and Carols (ecumenical service of carols, featuring combined island choirs) **Paul Cienniwa**, director; donations accepted to benefit local charities.

BOARD MEETINGS

RIAGO Board meeting dates: January 10, March 14, May 9, and June 6.

PLACEMENT LISTINGS

Calvary Baptist Church (American Baptist) 06/04
747 Broad St, Providence, RI 02907
Rev. Linda Spoolstra (401) 461-7507
O/D \$10,000 Moller

St. Andrew Lutheran Church (Lutheran-ELCA) 08/04
15 East Beach Rd., Charlestown, RI 02813
Jean Fournier (401) 364-9103, (401) 364-7357
O/D \$10,000-15,000 Allen

Phenix Baptist Church (American Baptist) 10/04
2 Fairview Ave., W. Warwick, RI 02893
Dorothy Brindamour
Organist \$90-110/week Adams

Emmanuel Episcopal Church 11/04
120 Nate Whipple Hwy, Cumberland, RI 02864
Rev. Susan Stiles (401) 658-1506
O/D \$750/month Allen

DECEMBER PIPEDREAMS

Visit Pipedreams online for programming, resources, and features: <http://pipedreams.org>.

#0449 - In Anticipation - prelude to the Christmas festival, we play the 'waiting game' with this collection of music for the Advent season.

#0450 - An American Organist's Christmas - with a merry mingling of composers and performers to celebrate the holiday.

#0451 - Holiday International - music from many nations adds unique and distinctive flavor to our Christmas celebration.

#0452 - An Organist's Yearbook - a review of events from the past year and a projection for the future (contents tba).

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Cape Cod newsletter online: www.capecodago.org

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Submissions for the January newsletter are due by December 20, by e-mail or snail mail, with e-mail preferred: aallard@ccri.edu

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Althea Allard

HAVE YOU RENEWED MEMBERSHIP?

This is the last issue for expiring memberships.