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FROM THE DEAN

Dear Colleagues,

Last Friday evening, November 18th, almost 40 chapter members and friends gathered in Central Congregational Church in Providence for our “Next Generation” recital, with two of the most brilliant, gifted, articulate and engaging young organists I have ever had the pleasure of hearing, namely Colin MacKnight and Edward Landin. Exciting playing, interesting and important repertoire (both new and old, including a world premiere of Harvard composer Carson Cooman’s Exordium, with Carson himself in the audience!), and the glorious sounds of Central’s landmark 1965 Aeolian-Skinner organ were very much the order of the day! The panel discussion afterwards, moderated by our former national Vice-President Christian Lane (with Cheryl Duerr, our Regional Councillor), gave us much food for thought, and helped us get a glimpse into Edward’s and Colin’s busy lives, and how they were inspired to become organists. Colin, from a church-going and musical family, knew about the organ in general, but originally intended to become a double bass player before the music of Bach took hold! As a 12-year-old chorister at the St. Thomas Choir School in New York City, Edward would spend his Saturday nights in the school’s basement practice room, “trying out” the old electronic organ, while his friends were upstairs in the common room playing on their computers or watching TV!

How often can we, as church musicians who work to teach, inspire and motivate our choirs, students, and congregations, be a guiding influence on young musicians, at any level of ability? How often have you had an “open console” moment with your church school kids? Do you let those kids come up to the console and watch you play the postlude now and then – and answer their questions about playing with your feet, or why those trumpety sounds are so loud, or what all those little buttons are under the keyboards? How often have you let a promising student use the organ in your church for practicing? Have you been able to send a student to a POE (Pipe Organ Encounter, the most popular of all the AGO’s educational programs)? What can we do as a chapter to raise awareness of the role of serious organ music and its “performance” both in church and in concert? How good are we at educating and inspiring our own congregations, and encouraging young musicians who show any kind of interest in the organ? How can we further develop our own hymn playing and use of good quality, accessible repertoire? Do we write the occasional article for the parish newsletter about the anthem, the choir’s role as “ministers” of music, the organ itself, the role of congregational singing in the liturgy, and so on? These are just a few of the thoughts that have been swirling around in my mind for the past few days! Let’s get together and work on them!

In the meantime, I send greetings and all best wishes for a happy, healthy and very merry Christmas season. May we all have “sweet singing in the choir,” as the old English carol says – and time for relaxation and renewal after our seasonal exertions. We may or may not have a Twelfth Night dinner party in January...stay tuned!

Yours sincerely,
John Brooks, Dean

EVENT

July 2-6, 2017: Montreal Organ Festival.

For information, registration: www.montrealorganfestival.org;
Montreal Organ Festival
335-606, rue Cathcart
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Contact *Althea Allard* (728-4431) with changes.

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MEMBER MATTERS

A hearty thank-you to **Brian Larkin**, who has handled the Placemnt and Substitute lists for many years and is now relinquishing the position, as life calls him in other directions. Best wishes, Brian. Keep us posted!

Condolences to the family and friends of long-time member (since 1967) of **Marcella Goss**, who died in October.

CORRECTION AND ADDENDA TO THE DIRECTORY

The listing for **Eden Casteel** should read 81 Post Road, Wakefield, RI 02879; 401-932-5589; eecasteel@me.com. It has been corrected in the mailed directories, but those who picked them up in person have the incorrect listing. (National confused her with her father!)

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Hook & Hastings 16 rks 2 man
13K one service/ cho Organist/ChM

St. John's Church
191 County Rd. Barrington, RI
Episcopal
Rev Robert Marshall 401-245-4065
Rodgers 3/56 digital
Salary negotiable Organist/ChM

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.