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FROM THE DEAN

On Sunday, January 8th, five of our members performed for us at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in East Greenwich. It was wonderful to hear Nancy Nicholson (our competition winner last winter, who has been studying with David Morse since then) in her first organ performance, Brink Bush playing music he has been performing all over the United States in recent months, Susan Carroll with the wonderful Bach "Toccatina, Adagio and Fugue in C", and our chapter's newest duo, Priscilla Rigg and Pamela Stuerke. What a wonderful recital, followed by a fun time of refreshments. I would especially like to thank Pamela Stuerke and Julie Tagen for all of their help, and also St. Luke's for graciously hosting us.

Martha

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Monday, February 6, 8 AM: The next Morning Munch is at the Cinnamon Café, Warwick. The next Executive Board meeting will be Tuesday, March 14th, 7:30 PM at Phillips Memorial Baptist Church.

Anyone who would like to order Martha Sobaje's new organ CD (available in February), send a check for \$15 to Martha Sobaje, PMBC, 565 Pontiac Ave, Cranston, RI 02910.

RESOURCE DIRECTORY OFFER

Jerome Butera, editor of *The Diapason*, notes that its 2006 Resource Directory, designed as an organist's handbook, provides listings of companies, individuals, products and services for the organ and church music fields. A directory of associations and calendar of events is also included. The Directory (56 pages, 5 3/8 x 8" format) is available for \$5 postpaid, and included free with each subscription to *The Diapason*. For information, contact Jerome Butera, Editor, *The Diapason*, 380 E. Northwest Hwy., Suite 200, Des Plaines, IL 60016-2282; (847) 391-1045; jbutera@sgcmail.com; www.TheDiapason.com.

CONGRATULATIONS

Andrew Galuska has been appointed organist at Pawtucket Congregational Church; Adam Schneider, at St. Peter's & St. Andrew's, Providence.

MEMBER CARE

Ada Mahler writes: I would like members to know that Anna Fiore-Smith is temporarily in a nursing home for physical therapy. She is at Somerset Ridge Center, 455 Brayton Ave., Somerset, MA 02726. I know she'd appreciate any cards sent to her. Thanks – any questions, please contact me. *Ada*

AGO PROGRAMS 2006

Saturday, February 11, 9:30 AM:

Community Church of Providence
Choral Workshop, David Morse
(see Events calendar for more detail)

Saturday, March 4, 1:30 PM:

St. Luke's Episcopal Church, East Greenwich
Competition

Saturday, May 6, 10 AM:

Phillips Memorial Baptist Church, Cranston
Masterclass, Stephen Hamilton

Sunday, May 7, 4 PM:

Phillips Memorial Baptist Church
Recital, Stephen Hamilton

Monday, June 5, 6 PM:

St. Michael and Grace Church, Rumford
Annual Meeting/Catered dinner
Election and installation of officers
Presentation of Anna Fiore Smith Award
Musical program

RIAGO RECEIVES GRANT

From Stephen Martorella: Good news from Rhode Island State Council on the Arts—we have been awarded a \$500 grant for a CD project to feature significant organs in Rhode Island. We hope to have the CD available in conjunction with promoting our regional convention. Details will follow.

NEW AREA ORGANS

Glenn Giuttari of Harpsichord Clearing House announces the completion and delivery of 5 new mechanical action pipe organs for the year 2005:

From Bennett & Giuttari, three continuo organs:

- Brown University, I/3
- Wellesley College, I/4
- First Parish, (Bowdoin College), Brunswick, ME I/3

From Henk Klop, Netherlands:

- First Presbyterian Church of Atlanta, II/15
- Boston University I/4

Harpsichord Clearing House, 9 Chestnut Street, Rehoboth, MA 02769; (508) 252-4304; (800) 252-4304; (508) 252-4397 fax; www.harpsichord.com

EVENTS

Monday, February 6, 8 AM:

The next Morning Munch is at the Cinnamon Café, Warwick.

CHORAL WORKSHOP

Saturday, February 11*, 9:30 AM - Noon:

From Faces to Facets – The Art of Expressive Choral Singing: Choir singers and choir directors are invited to a special morning of making music together while experiencing the poetry of music, led by David Clyle Morse. The morning begins at 9:30 with getting acquainted while enjoying that second cup of coffee. Then we're off on a fun-filled musical ride, complete with magical ways of making expressive music with the trained and the untrained musician. Plan to stay until noon and be ready to leave exhilarated and inspired!

Community Church of Providence, 372 Wayland Avenue, Providence. Ample street parking. If in doubt, try the back door. Need directions? Check the church's website www.ccofprov.org and click on Directions. See you there!
**We are going with what was originally the "snow date."*

Friday, February 17, 8 PM:

Trumpet & Organ Concert. **John Roderick MacDonald**, Trumpet; **Donald Dame**, Organ. Kingston Congregational Church, Kingston, RI. Donations: Adults, \$15, Students, \$5. Reception to follow. Call 783-5330 or 789-8006.

Saturday, March 4 1:30 PM:

Organ Scholarship Competition: St. Luke's Church, East Greenwich. The competition will be followed by a brief concert-demonstration by David Clyle Morse. Refreshments are courtesy of Betty Drew.

CALLING ALL...

ORGANISTS: Our recitalist, Stephen Hamilton, is offering a masterclass on Saturday, May 6 from 10 AM-noon at Phillips Memorial Baptist Church, Cranston. Anyone interested in playing should contact Martha Sobaje with the selection you would like to play.

AUDITORS: two people are needed to audit our books. The job takes perhaps an hour once a year, generally in July. Can you spare an hour? Do you know someone who would be willing to offer us that service—a family member, perhaps (not necessarily an RIAGO member)? You don't need a business degree—just attention to detail. Contact Martha.

2006 NEW ORGANISTS COMPETITION APPLICATION

AGO-Rhode Island Chapter application requirements:

- Write a short statement about why you want to learn to play the organ, and submit it with this application.
- Complete and return this application form with a \$5 application fee by February 15, 2006. Address checks to the RIAGO.

Competition requirements:

- Perform two piano solos in contrasting styles (memorization optional).
- Play any major scale requested by the judges (two octaves, ascending and descending).
- Play a harmonic minor scale requested by the judges (up to three sharps or flats in the original key; one octave, ascending and descending).
- Sight-read a hymn or similar piece in four parts, at the judges' request.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Teacher's Name (if applicable): _____

Teacher's Contact Info: _____

Competition division:

____ Pre-High School (below grade 9)

____ High School (grades 9-12)

____ Adult (includes college students)

Piano Solo #1

Title: _____

Composer: _____

Length: _____ minutes, _____ seconds.

Piano Solo #2

Title: _____

Composer: _____

Length: _____ minutes, _____ seconds.

Competition: Saturday, March 4, 2006, 1:30 PM

St. Luke's Episcopal Church
99 Peirce St, East Greenwich, RI

Please return this application, \$5 fee, and short original statement by February 15, 2006, to:

Laura A. Brion
St. Michael and Grace Church
1336 Pawtucket Ave.
Rumford, RI 02916

PLACEMENT LISTING

All job seekers are encouraged to speak with the previous organist prior to accepting a long-term engagement.

Church of St. Sebastian (RC) 10/05
Cole Avenue, Providence, RI

John Barylck 831-2700 (D); 635-8311 (E)
O/D \$22,000 min 3 Manual Pipe

Trinity Episcopal Church 10/05
47 East Street, PO Box 55, Wrentham, MA 02903

Rev. Tara Soughers (508) 384-3958; (508) 384-1557
O/D \$10,000 (42 wks) 2 Manual Pipe 20 ranks

United Parish of Fall River (UCC & Presbyterian) 10/05
745 Wilson Road, Fall River, MA 02720

Linda D. Desmarais (508) 672-3956
Denise Dormer (508) 679-6835
O/D \$8000-\$11000 Allen MDS-15

First Baptist Church of East Greenwich 12/05
Peirce & Montrose Streets, PO Box 551, East Greenwich, RI 02818

Jan Fletcher 884-2322; 885-1224
O/D \$10000-\$13000 Casavant 2 Man/24 St

Wesley United Methodist Church 12/05
55 Woodland Avenue, Lincoln, RI 02865

David Philhower (800) 992-6422; 726-8906
O/D \$12000 Mongrel-Arnold 2 manual 15 ranks Electric Action

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

New Member (Dual membership):

Laura V. Jensen
42 Stoney Brook Dr. #10, Millis, MA 02054
(401) 787-3032; laura@organpower.com

New Student Member:

Ailin Lu
25 Charles St., Barrington, RI 02806
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VIEW OUR NEWSLETTER ONLINE!

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FROM THE EDITOR

Submissions for the March newsletter are due by February 20, by e-mail or snail mail, with e-mail preferred:
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Althea Allard