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FROM THE DEAN

Dear Colleagues,

Happy New Year! Here at the start of 2016 I send you all good wishes for a happy, healthy and productive year. I hope your Christmas services went well, with much "sweet singing in the choir." Now it's time to turn our attention to fresh insights and ideas on how we can best serve our various callings as organists, choir directors, teachers, singers, students, clergy, and enthusiastic laity!

One way to re-charge our batteries after Christmas, is to attend our Twelfth Night Dinner on Friday, January 8th at First Evangelical Lutheran Church, 124 Division Street, East Greenwich. Please send in your checks (\$30 per person, payable to RIAGO) to Doris Alberg RIGHT AWAY!! Dare I hope for 30 people? YES, with YOUR attendance! The caterer needs to know how much food to prepare! The cutoff date for reservations is January 4th, so I hope you read this before then! It is so important for us to come together after a busy season, to renew friendships, share stories, and just enjoy each other's company, so I am making this plea for your renewed commitment to our chapter's programs and continuing life! The dinner in the church's Fellowship Hall will begin at 7:00 pm, preceded by a recital of organ, piano and vocal music at 6:00 pm in the church. The gifted local are organist Michael Ryan (sophomore at Westminster Choir College, former chorister at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, East Greenwich), twin brothers Thomas and Joseph Burdick (also former choristers at St. Luke's, and graduates of St. Thomas Choir School in New York City), who will play piano and sing, and **The Three Amigos** (guitar-accompanied trio of Brad Logan, Rob Walsh and Bruce Dearnaley – also from the ranks of the St. Luke's Choir), who will entertain us during dinner. I feel sure that a carol singalong will be part of the program, so warm up your voices and prepare to get ALL the verses of "The Twelve Days of Christmas" under your belt! You don't want to miss these guys!

I want to whet your appetite for our upcoming programs in February and April (no program in March, due to the early date of Holy Week and Easter, so you are off that particular hook!), so do mark your calendars NOW for:

Saturday February 6 at 9:30 am: BUILDING THE ALL-AGE CHOIR. Workshop/masterclass on choral techniques with **Don St. Jean** of Salve Regina University and **Eden Casteel**, President of RINATS (and Salve voice faculty), with recital by student singers and round-table discussion of how to get promising student singers involved in our choirs. Venue TBA.

Monday April 11 at 7:30 pm: THE ANTON HEILLER LEGACY. Brown University Organist **Mark Steinbach** gives a lecture-recital on the organ works and performing legacy of his distinguished teacher. Sayles Hall at Brown University, with open console time at the historic Hutchings organ following the program.

That's all for now...and please come be a part of YOUR chapter's Twelfth Night Dinner and Festive Musical Soirée, beginning at 6:00 pm on January 8th! Party hats not required, though Christmas crackers will be provided...and there will be fun and useful door prizes!

All best wishes,
John Brooks, *Dean*

MEMBER MATTERS

A note from Sue Hoaglund tells us that her husband, **Dennis Schmidt** passed away unexpectedly on October 19. Our condolences go to all the family.

EVENTS

Friday, January 8 at 6:00pm: RIAGO Twelfth Night Celebration featuring a catered dinner and musical entertainment. Members and guests welcome. First Evangelical Lutheran Church, 118 Division Street, East Greenwich. *See reservation form below.*

Saturday, February 6 at 9:30 am: RIAGO Event: *Building the All Age Choir*, a lecture/workshop led by **Don St. Jean** and **Eden Casteel** of Salve Regina University. Venue TBA.

Monday, April 11 at 7:30: **RIAGO Event: *The Anton Heiller Legacy***, a lecture/recital by Brown University organist, **Mark Steinbach**, on the works and legacy of his distinguished teacher. Sayles Hall, Brown University. Open console time at the historic Hutchings organ following the program.

Clip and mail

Reservation for Twelfth Night Dinner Friday, January 8, 2016

Member name _____

Number of persons attending _____

Total enclosed @ \$30 each _____

Make checks payable to RIAGO and mail to

Doris Alberg, Treasurer

18 Highland Avenue

Lincoln, RI 02865

by January 4

Please choose for each attendee:

Chicken _____ Vegetarian _____

SUBSTITUTE LISTINGS

Contact Brian Larkin (272-8318) with changes.

AVAILABLE SUNDAYS & WEEKDAYS

Bramblett-Mollohan, Deborah 401-793-1723 (call for availability)

Casteel, Eden: 401-932-5589

Clarke, Margaret: 401-726-4128 (all)

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Gourd, Jacqueline: 401-828-4057 (all, no weddings)

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Note from Brian: no jobs open at all...and nobody looking for one. Everybody hang on to what you have!

SUBMISSIONS

DEADLINE: 20th of each month. SUBMISSIONS: Send Word or Text files to 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

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.