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## FROM THE DEAN

Dear fellow chapter members,

Now that the summer has arrived, I hope that you enjoy every minute of it! These are exciting times in our chapter as it continues to grow and becomes more visible in the Arts Community of Rhode Island. Thanks to all of you, our chapter has once again become strong and vibrant. I am in your debt for your support.

Thanks to all who attended the Annual Dinner/Meeting at Potenza's Ristorante in Cranston. The meal was wonderful and served in a beautiful and intimate setting. We return to Potenza Ristorante on September 9, 2013 for our Annual Kick off Dinner/Meeting when our Regional Councilor, Cheryl Duerr, will be our guest speaker. Reservations will be limited to the first forty chapter members who respond for this event. The cost will be the same as our last dinner, \$36 per person. Checks should be made payable to RIAGO and sent in to me at 51 Summit Drive, Cranston, RI 02920 no later than 9/1/13.

Now down to the real business. We are about to make Chapter history! On March 7, 2014 at 7pm the Choir of Men and Boys from Saint Thomas Church, NYC will perform a concert in the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul under the direction of John Scott.

Our Chapter along with the Cathedral is sponsoring this event to commemorate the 125th Anniversary of the Cathedral. We will need to work hard to bring in the funds necessary to make the evening possible. I am asking every chapter member to support this memorable event. Tickets will be \$20 each, \$15 for seniors and students. Chapter members whose dues are paid in full will be admitted free of charge! We need ALL chapter members to solicit ads for the ad book. I am asking that every member try to bring in \$200 each in ads and try to sell at least 10 tickets through church or to family and friends. The cathedral can hold up to 1500 people and we hope to pack the place.

We will advertise throughout Region I of AGO and hope to draw a large audience. If you are not familiar with the sound of this magnificent choir, I urge you to listen to their recordings. Once you have done so, you will do whatever you can to help this evening become a success.

We want to raise all the funds to cover the costs of the event without spending any chapter funds. In fact, if we all do our part, we may be able to add to our funds rather than spend them. Materials will be sent to you later this year. We will also need a chairperson to coordinate a reception and members to provide baked goods. **If you are willing to serve as chair, please call me.**

There are many other exciting workshops and events scheduled for the 2013-2014 season. Plan to attend as many as you can. See the list of events in this newsletter. I look forward to a rewarding season and I count on the support of all of you in making this year not only a success but a joy!

*Wishing all of you a restful, sunny and well deserved summer season, Philip Faraone*

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# RIAGO SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

## September 2013-June 2014

- Sep 9 Kick off Banquet and Meeting at Potenza Ristorante, Cranston
- Sep 16 Board meeting: Faraone residence, 7:00 pm
- Oct 5 Workshop on Vocal Technique by Gigi and Noel Velasco at Greenwood Presbyterian Church, Warwick, 10:00 am - noon
- Oct 21 Board meeting: Faraone residence, 7:00 pm
- Nov 9 Workshop and breakout sessions on problems faced by choir directors and organists: Cathedral of SS Peter and Paul, Providence, 10:00 am - noon
- Dec 29 Chapter Christmas Party held in conjunction with monthly meeting: Faraone residence, 5:00 pm
- Jan 11 Master Class on Organ Technique by Paul Cienniwa at Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul, Providence, 10:00am - noon
- Jan 20 Board meeting: Faraone residence, 7:00 pm
- Feb 8 Organ maintenance and crawl by Brian Mattias: Trinity Episcopal Church, 139 Ocean Avenue, Cranston, 10:00 am - noon
- Feb 17 Board meeting: Faraone residence, 7:00 pm
- Mar 7 Concert Choir Saint Thomas Church, NYC: Cathedral of SS Peter and Paul, 7:00 pm
- Mar 22 Workshop on Creative Hymn Playing by Philip Faraone and Kathy Hart, Location TBA, 10:00 am - noon
- Apr 26 Anthem Sharing, Location TBA, 10:00 am - noon
- May 18 Annual Members' Recital: Saint Joseph's Church Newport, 7:00 pm
- May 29 Board meeting: Faraone residence
- Jun 9 Annual Dinner/Meeting, Location TBA

If you are able to host any event that needs to be determined, please contact the Dean. Thank you for your support of our chapter.

## “DUE” IT NOW!

Chris Sousa pleads with members to renew membership today. He needs information by August 1 in order to compile the 2013-14 Directory. Get yourself listed in that book! (If you need a form, see the May newsletter on the website.)

# NEWSLETTER CHANGES

After more than ten years as the designer of the newsletter, my daughter Celeste MacPhee is “retiring” to devote more time to her family and her massage therapy business. I am indebted to her for making my job so easy all this time.

Now that I have retired from teaching English at CCRI, I am learning the programs that make this letter look the way it does. I hope there is no noticeable change there. There is one major change, though. My e-mail address has changed. Please direct all items to me at the new address: [altheaallard@gmail.com](mailto:altheaallard@gmail.com).

Another change the board has suggested is inviting those who are online to “opt out” of the paper issue of the letter. If you would like to access the newsletter online rather than receive a hard copy, please e-mail me your instruction.

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## PLACEMENT LISTINGS

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

St Anthony (RC) 1/13  
2836 East Main Rd, Portsmouth, RI  
Rev. Daniel Gray: 203-683-0089  
O/ChM Negotiable 1979 Rodgers 2 man.

First Congregational Church of Sharon (UCC) 2/13  
N. Main St, Sharon, MA 02067  
Martha MacMillin: 781-784-2631; 781-784-1816  
O/Minister of Music 18-22K Roche 21 rks/ 3 man

Central Baptist Church 5/13  
2 Union Sq, Norwich, CT 06360  
Rev. Nancy Forsstrom, Pastor: 860.889.8313  
D/M 4 man Rodgers

Revival Deliverance Edificatio 5/13  
122 Benefit Street; Pawtucket, RI  
Jenae Jones: 617-833-3799 non denom.  
O/Keyboard \$100/wk. make unknown \$100 wk.

Church of the Epiphany 5/13  
1336 Pawtucket Ave.; Rumford, RI 02916  
Phil Campbell: 508-761-4314 Epis  
O/ChM Moeller/ Sunday rehearsal about 12K

## BROWN BAG

Traveling to Cape Cod this summer? Enjoy a free half-hour concert on the E. M. Skinner organ each Thursday in July and August at the Church of the Transfiguration in Rock Harbor, Orleans, Massachusetts. Bring your own lunch or purchase a lunch for \$8.00 at the church. 508-240-2400. [www.churchofthetransfiguration.org](http://www.churchofthetransfiguration.org).

## VACATIONING?

As you plan a late summer vacation, consider the list of ready substitutes on our list. They are waiting for your call.

## SUBSTITUTE LISTINGS

Contact Brian Larkin (272-8318) with changes.

### AVAILABLE SUNDAYS & WEEKDAYS

Clarke, Margaret: 401-726-4128 (all)  
Dupont, Jean-Richard: 401-434-8476 (all, no weddings/choirs)  
Funk, Richard: 401-272-0693 (all)  
Goncharova, Natalya: 401-334-9157  
Gourd, Jacqueline: 401-828-4057 (all, no weddings)  
Johnson, Winfred: 401-847-8548 (interim)  
Kohl, Karen: 401-787-2695 (please inquire)  
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)  
Taylor, Terry: 401-253-9030  
Vecchio, Gina: 401-954-2163  
Vinson, Duncan: 401-932-8191 (July&Aug for Sun./weddings etc.)  
Westhaver, Verna: 401-683-2636 (substitute/interim)  
Wiant, William: 401-683-3178 (all, weddings/funerals)  
Wilson, Lawrence: 860-857-5493 (please inquire)

### AVAILABLE WEEKDAYS ONLY

Black, John: 401-245-2356 (all, available Saturdays & weekdays)  
Brown, Ronald: 508-222-0824 (funerals only)  
Cienniwa, Paul: 617-466-9042 (\$150 min, no Sun. a.m.)  
Conboy, Lois: 401-658-3838 (please inquire)  
Hart, Kathy: 401-837-8873 (funerals)  
Larkin, Brian: 401-272-8318 (weddings/memorials/funerals/consultant)  
Lee, Saeah: 781-664-3958 (weekdays/Sat. RC masses; no Sunday)  
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)

## MEMBER NEWS

Condolences to the family of long-time member **Ruth Johnston**, organist at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Park Place, Pawtucket, for 51 years. Ruth died on July 3 at 93.

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### 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)

### 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.