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MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

As always a big thank you to all who sent in their membership renewals. Everyone whose renewal I received before June 15 should now have their membership cards. The cards for renewals between June 15 and August 15 will be in the August newsletter. If you need the card before, let me know and I will mail it to you. The membership booklets will be prepared and printed, as usual, for distribution at the September meeting. The cut-off for inclusion is August 31. And guess what! The National renewal cutoff is also August 31 to keep your magazine coming without interruption! Imagine that.

Right now is the time to send back that form. If you have misplaced it, you can find it on our website: www.riago.org. Or if you have no computer access, call or write me and I'll gladly mail you another. No excuses!

May everyone be joyfully re-created this summer.

—Doris

ANNUAL FALL DINNER

RESERVE NOW, INVITE YOUR PASTOR, AND SAVE THE DATE!

Join us Tuesday evening, September 8th for our Annual Fall Dinner at St. Martha's Church, 2595 Pawtucket Ave, East Providence at 6:00 pm. Our keynote speaker will be our RIAGO Chaplain, Fr. Doug Spina, who will offer pastoral perspectives on the hiring of church musicians. Come look at your job through someone else's eyes. Gathering time at 6:00 pm; dinner at 6:30.

Don't let summer slip away without reserving your space. All reservations must be in by September 1! Send your dinner choice and check to Stephen Martorella.

ANNUAL FALL DINNER RESERVATION FORM

Name: _____ No. attending: _____

Choice of:

_____ Chicken Marsala _____ Stuffed Sole w/ Newburg

The cost of the dinner is \$23 per person. Make checks payable to RIAGO and mail to Stephen Martorella at The First Baptist Church in America, 75 North Main Street, Providence, RI, 02903.

EVENTS

Sunday, July 19, 4:00 pm: Food Pantry Benefit Concert featuring The Queen's River Trio: **Joanne Arnold**, soprano, **Jennifer Collins**, trumpet; **Diana Norton-Jackson**, organ, piano, and harpsichord. The program includes works of American women composers: Bitgood, Sobaje, the RI premiere of a piece by Sally Ann Morris; L. Smith; also Goodall, Pergolesi, Gounod, Vaughan Williams, Beck and others. St. Peter's-by-the-Sea, Narragansett, RI. Admission by monetary and non-perishable food donations. Reception to follow.

MEMBER MATTERS

Welcome to new member **John A. Cook**, 87 Varnum Avenue, Pawtucket, RI 02860-4616; 475-8917 johncook1213@cox.net. John is Director of Music at St. John's Episcopal, Ashton, RI.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Rhode Island chapter member **Christopher Gage**, who won the Delaware Chapter's Quimby RCYO Competition. Chris will be a senior at the University of Delaware pursuing a bachelor of music degree in organ performance where he is currently researching Sir Charles Villiers Stanford and three of his students: Frank Bridge, Herbert Howells, and Ralph Vaughan Williams. He is studying their organ music in connection with the Royal College of Music, paying particular attention to the harmonic, melodic, formal, and cultural influences that shaped their respective compositional styles. The result will be a lecture-recital for his senior thesis next spring, alongside a second recital in fulfillment of his degree.

Christopher studies with Dr. David Herman, who is Trustees Distinguished Professor of Music and University Organist at the University of Delaware. His research in English organ music concerns the voluntaries of Samuel Wesley, and he furthered his interests in that field by studying with the late Lady Jeans in England. He also researches the music of the German teacher-student pair Hugo Distler and Jan Bender.

Christopher will compete at the AGO Region III Competition in Norfolk, VA on July 4.

PLACEMENT LISTING

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

First Baptist Church of Charlestown 3/09
5073 Old Post Road, Charlestown, RI 02813
Mrs. Jean Babcock: 401-322-7998
Organist \$100/wk + FICA

Contact Howard Phelps (821-8475) for more information.

MUSIC OF RHODE ISLAND

The Rhode Island Pipes CD features Rhode Island organists playing noteworthy Rhode Island instruments. Only \$18.50! See performer and venue details online at www.riago.org. Contact Julie Tagen to order.



Christopher Gage at the organ with Dr. Herman and Johann Sebastian Bach, of course.

SUBMISSIONS

Deadline: 20th of each month
Submissions: Send Word or Text files to aallard@ccri.edu or to Althea Allard, 166 Suffolk Ave., Pawtucket, RI 02861.
Advertising: Word doc, PDF (print ready), JPG (high resolution), TIFF, or EPS. All files should be grayscale at 300 dpi resolution.
Email to camacphee@gmail.com.

ADVERTISING RATES

1/4-page ad (3.5"W x 5"H): \$18
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.