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It's still not too late to make a reservation for

THE ANNUAL DINNER

at Central Congregational Church, Angell Street, Providence, on **Sunday June 7**. There will be a fabulous dinner catered by Amos House More Than a Meal Catering served at 6:00 pm. All proceeds go directly to benefit the Amos House culinary arts training program helping those in need to obtain meaningful work. Show your support for your RIAGO by coming to the Annual Meeting to learn about the meaningful projects we will be engaging in for the coming season, voting for your new slate of officers and board members, and

honoring the recipient of the Anna Fiore-Smith award. Our program will feature a tour of the magnificent organ of Central Congregational Church, which has just undergone a massive renovation, in a live demonstration by Patrick Aiken. **Reservations are due by June 1, but we will hold the reservation block open through June 3**, so there is



still time. Send your dinner choice and a check for \$20 made out to RIAGO to Stephen Martorella at The First Baptist Church in America, 75 North Main Street, Providence, RI, 02903. Questions: call Steve at church 401.454.3418 or at home 401.885.0623 or email steve.fbc@verizon.net.

DINNER RESERVATION FORM AND ELECTION BALLOT CAN BE FOUND ON PAGE 2.

DUES DUE

It's that time of year again for the renewal of the world and your AGO membership. And yes, it has gone up this year. This, like the rain, cometh down from above at headquarters, so we cannot avoid it. The new rate for Chapter Friends is \$25.00. I hope to see many of you at the annual dinner with renewal form and check in hand so you can at least avoid the rise in the cost of postage.

Being a member of RIAGO is a good deal in this time of many bad deals. The inspiring, uplifting music, fellowship and education you'll encounter at our meetings are a good way to beat the feeling of being beaten down. Music and laughter are good for the soul. Please renew today and join us in the more important renewal: that of your spirit. You get it best when you come to the meetings!

—Doris

EVENTS

Saturday, June 6, 8:00 pm:

Newport Baroque presents Dutch violinist **Pieter Affourtit** and Dutch traverso player **Sachiyo Hayashi** with **Audrey and Paul Cienniwa**, basso continuo, in a concert of 18th-century trio sonatas by Bach, Couperin and Telemann. Hawes Room at Trinity Church, One Queen Anne Square, Newport.

\$25 general admission, \$10 ages 6-18,
10% off full-price tickets (seniors, students,
military, WGBH, EMA),
handicapped accessible tickets

ArtTix, 401-621-6123; www.newportbaroque.org,
401-855-3096.

A REQUEST

To get AGO news as soon as it is available, you are urged to provide your email address to National by sending an email to Tom Healey (thealey@agohq.org), the administrative assistant at AGO headquarters, asking to add your email address to the database records. As with all personal information collected by the Guild, AGO will never sell or distribute your email addresses to any organization or individual. Your contact information will be used only for official Guild business.

CHAPTERS PLANNING

FOR STRENGTH & GROWTH

The May edition of *The American Organist* on page six listed 18 possible program topics for exploration by chapter members. We have already programmed several of them this past season. We would love to hear your thoughts on these and any other programming ideas you may have.

- Cosponsor programs with arts organizations (🎵 2008-2009)
- Open dialogues with other organizations e.g. piano teachers (🎵 2008-2009)
- Great Choral Masterworks with combined choirs (🎵 2008-2009)
- Master classes (🎵 2008-2009)
- Explore the voice (🎵 2008-2009)
- All the questions you ever wanted to ask about the organ
- A program featuring piano and organ
- Liturgical music, hymns, accessible literature
- Clergy presentation of the role of music
- Rising Star recital
- Anniversary recital
- Youth programming
- Discover the music of all continents and peoples
- Handbells
- Explore inside the organ
- The world of MIDI
- Administration, time and budgeting for the church organist
- AGO Exam and professional development

ANNUAL DINNER RESERVATION FORM

Name: _____

No. attending: _____

_____ Chicken Marsala

_____ Stuffed Sole w/ Newburg

_____ Pasta Bolognese

The cost of the dinner is \$20 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.

BALLOT FOR 2009-2010 OFFICERS

Cast one vote for each candidate:

_____ Dean: Stephen Martorella

_____ Sub-Dean: Kevin DiLorenzo

_____ Secretary: David Cranmer

_____ Treasurer: David Clyde Morse

Members at Large (term to 2012; 2 openings):

_____ Kathy Hart

_____ Philip Martorella

Mail ballot to Janice Aubin, 391 High Street, Cumberland, RI 02864 or bring to the Annual Meeting June 7.

PLACEMENT LISTING

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

Church of Christ the King (RC) 12/08
130 Legris Avenue, West Warwick, RI 02893
Rev. John Codega: 401-821-9228
Organist \$300/week

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.



JUNE 2009

#0922 - A Cleveland Convergence - both the American Theatre Organ Society (July 1-5) and the Organ Historical Society (July 5-10) will hold their 2009 annual conventions in and around Cleveland, Ohio. After hearing these sounds, you'll want to attend.

#0923 - Celebrating Canada - in tribute to the Royal Canadian College of Organists (RCCO) in its centenary year, a trans-continental program of Canadian composers, performers, and instruments.

#0924 - The Liverpool Sound - you can't beat the sonorous supremacy of the famous Willis and Walker pipe organs in this famous-for-its-music city.

#0925 - A Buffalo Shuffle - revisiting old haunts with Joseph McCabe and friends of the Organ Historical Society.

#0926 - American Blessings - the rich resource of our nation's own compositional talent store gives our ears and hearts much for which to be thankful.

From American Public Media, *Pipedreams*® is public radio's weekly program dedicated to the artistry of the pipe organ. Host Michael Barone's celebration of the "king of instruments" is heard on stations nationwide. Visit www.pipedreams.org to locate a broadcast station in your area.

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SUBSTITUTE LISTINGS

REPORT ANY CHANGES TO HOWARD PHELPS

AVAILABLE SUNDAYS

Clarke, Margaret: 401-726-4128 (all)
Gage, Christopher: 401-632-1863 (all)
Larkin, Brian: 401-272-8318 (all)
Lide, Mary Jane: 401-714-0011 (all)
Norton-Jackson, Diana: 401-783-0402 (no RC/weddings, \$150 min.)
Phelps, Howard: 401-821-8475 (no RC)
Westhaver, Verna: 401-683-2636 (all, interim)
Wiant, William: 401-683-3178 (all, weddings/funerals)

NOT AVAILABLE SUNDAYS

Allard, Jeff: 401-447-9035 (funerals)
Boucher, Paul: 401-837-4802 (weddings, funerals, including RC)
Bush, Brink: 401-245-4065 (weddings, funerals)
Cienniwa, Paul: 508-676-8483 (\$150 min)
Conboy, Lois: 401-658-3838
Hart, Kathy: 401-837-8873 (weddings, funerals, accompanist)
Johnson, Mark D.: 401-996-9796 (no weddings; \$150 funerals)
Martorella, Philip: 401-885-3431 (weddings, funerals)
Morse, David: 401-486-0244 (no Sunday AM)
Nicholson, Nancy: 401-521-9097 (no Sunday AM)
Nolan, Robert: 401-884-7172 (weddings, funerals, non-Sun. services)
Rankin, Jane B.: 401-884-0669 (funerals)
Sobaje, Martha: 401-823-8024 (weddings, funerals, no RC)
Tagen, Julie: 401-885-7438 (weddings, funerals)
Yoreo, Dorothy: 401-246-1223 (all)

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.

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 celalla@cox.net.

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.