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FROM THE DEAN

Dear fellow RIAGO members,

It is with a deep sense of gratitude for all that you have done to support our chapter during the last two years that I write the last Dean's message of my term as Dean of our wonderful chapter of the AGO.

I truly believe that we have strengthened our chapter and made it, once again, strong and vibrant. We have sponsored many successful workshops and recitals that have served to motivate chapter members. We have developed a greater sense of purpose and delight in the friendships among our membership.

The performance by the Choir of Men and Boys from Saint Thomas Church, NYC was a spectacular event that we can remember for years to come. The annual member recitals are such a joy to attend. We are so fortunate to have so many talented organists in our chapter who share their talents at these events. I have so enjoyed the annual kick off and end of the year dinners. A good meal with good friends is always a blessing!

The dedication of the Board members is second to none. They are the core of the chapter who work diligently behind the scenes to be sure that every event is successful. It has been a great personal joy for me to serve as your Dean. I have come to know many of you very well during my term and I am so grateful for all that you have done to assist me in helping the chapter grow and develop into an important part of the Rhode Island Arts community.

Now, we are blessed with a new Dean and Sub Dean who are dedicated to building upon what we have accomplished. I am sure that our chapter will continue to flourish. I wish all of you well and I thank you for the opportunity to have served as your Dean during these last two years.

God Bless you all and I pray that you will continue to grow closer to the Lord as you serve Him as organists and choir directors in your respective positions.

Most gratefully yours,
Philip Faraone KCHS, Dean

Editor's note: Hearty thanks to outgoing Dean Faraone for his untiring service to the Chapter, spearheading many events, most notably the St. Thomas Concert in March.

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RIAGO SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday, May 31 at 7:30 pm: Commemorating the 125th anniversary of the consecration of the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul, the Gregorian Concert Choir and Festival Orchestra, **Rev. Monsignor Anthony Mancini, Director; Philip Faraone, Cathedral Organist**, presents *Great Music in a Great Space*, a concert of music performed in the cathedral over the past 125 years. Donation: \$10.

Sunday, June 1 at 4:00 pm: **Chiduzie Madubata** performs an organ recital including Buxtehude, Bach, Messiaen, Vierne, Boellman, Widor, Grieg and Gawthrop at St. Stephen's Church, Providence. Free.

Sunday, June 8 at 4:00 pm: the Shoreline Ringers, a top level handbell choir comprised of ringers from all over eastern and central Connecticut, under the direction of **Jane Nolan**, present a spring concert featuring 5+ octaves of Malmark handbells and handchimes, in a challenging and entertaining array of original handbell compositions, classical transcriptions, and popular favorites. St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 87 Narragansett Avenue, Jamestown, RI. Free; reception follows.

Monday, June 9 at 6:30pm: Annual Dinner/Meeting: Costantino Ristorante on DePasquale Square, Providence.

MEMBER MATTERS

Congratulations to **Dr. Thomas Day**, recently named Professor Emeritus at Salve Regina University after 35 years as faculty member, and from 1978-1993, as department chair. A recent issue of the University magazine features an interview with Dr. Day recalling some of the high points of his years at Salve. Noted for writing the book *Why Catholics Can't Sing*, Dr. Day has updated the work, *...Revised and Updated with New Grand Conclusions and Good Advice* (available on Amazon.com). We wish him well as he continues to teach part time and travel.

FROM THE SUB-DEAN

Update regarding dues payment: By now you have probably received an email from the AGO headquarters asking you to log in to the ONCARD system for your dues payment. (On May 15 I was told our chapter notices would be sent in one to two weeks). People who do not have an email on file will receive a paper invoice via snail mail. For the e-mailers: Your log in is your first initial and last name; your password is your member number, which can be found on the back of the TAO magazine. You have several options for paying your dues. You can pay with a credit card online, or you can print the invoice so that your church can send the invoice with a check to headquarters. Through this system, you also need to update your personal information, especially emails, phone numbers and church information. WE WILL USE THIS INFORMATION TO PREPARE THE MEMBER DIRECTORY FOR NEXT YEAR!! In order to ready the directory for distribution in early September, we are asking you to make sure your dues are paid by August 1. You can pay later than that, but we cannot guarantee that you will be listed in the directory. Thank you for attention to this important member matter!!

Kathy Hart

SUBSTITUTE LISTINGS

See Substitute list at riago.org
Contact *Brian Larkin (272-8318)* with changes.

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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.