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## FROM THE DEAN

Because we are hosting the Regional Convention this June, the Executive Board has decided that the chapter's Annual Meeting/Dinner will be held in May this year, rather than in June. This means that our election will take place sooner than usual. Therefore, this newsletter contains the proposed slate of officers submitted by the nominating committee (*see last page*), so that you may have the time needed to carefully consider them. As mentioned in the last newsletter, there are two rather than three names submitted for "Members-at-large."

*Martha*

## REMINDERS:

**Morning Munch** at the Cinnamon Café, Warwick, on Monday, March 5 at 8:00 am.

The next **Executive Board meeting** will be on Monday, March 12 at 7:30 pm at Phillips Memorial Baptist Church, Cranston.

# 2007 CONVENTION

## CONVENTION NEWS

All Region I members should by now have received the Convention brochure for the AGO Region I Convention to be held from Sunday, June 24, 2007 through Wednesday, June 27, 2007, in Providence. This promises to be an exciting time for attendees, with opportunities to visit historic sites in Providence and Newport. Accommodations are at the Providence Marriott. The Convention will include recitals by **Patricia Snyder, Mark Steinbach, Paul Jacobs, Brink Bush, Andrew Galuska, Hope Davis and Gillian Weir**, as well as workshops and an "organ crawl." For details and to register contact Doris Alberg, Registrar, 665 Maureen Circle, Mapleville, RI 02839 (401) 568-5781 [dorisja@cox.net](mailto:dorisja@cox.net).

## FEATURED COMPOSER: C. ALEXANDER PELOQUIN

As hosts to the Region I Convention, the Rhode Island chapter is offering attendees an opportunity to meet or reacquaint themselves with the multifaceted music of native Rhode Island composer C. Alexander Peloquin, a major force in the post-Vatican II evolution of liturgical music. Peloquin, who died in 1997, was a concert performer, conductor, and composer who in his long career worked with Leonard Bernstein and other notables. As choral conductor at Boston College and Salve Regina, he inspired countless students with a love for a wide range of music from French folksongs to *West Side Story* to the Mozart and Berlioz *Requiems*. As Composer in Residence and Music Director at the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul for over forty years, directing his highly respected Peloquin Choral, Peloquin promoted, by stunning performances, the best in music for liturgy. We are fortunate to have the successors to his legacy, the Gregorian Concert Choir under the direction of Dr. Peloquin's associate, Father F. Anthony Mancini, performing the music composed over the years by Peloquin in the very cathedral where he oversaw the installation of the spectacular Cassavant organ. Those who are not familiar with the wide spectrum of music composed by Peloquin will be amazed at the versatility and "mass appeal" of his music.

## CALLING ALL CHOIRS... CALLING ALL CHOIRS

Let your choir be a part of the exciting regional convention held here in Providence this June. All chapter members are hereby extended an invitation for their choirs to take part in the opening hymn festival on a timely theme for today's society:

### *Sing for Peace and Justice*

Andrew Clark and *The Providence Singers* will be our special guests, along with *The Festival Brass Choir* for this event, which opens the AGO Region I Convention, on Sunday, June 24 at 8:00 pm at the RC Church of the Blessed Sacrament on Academy Avenue, Providence. We will rehearse that afternoon from 2:00 - 4:00 pm. To be a part of this gala event just shoot an email over to Steve Martorella at [steve.fbc@veriozn.net](mailto:steve.fbc@veriozn.net) and be sure to include an approximate number of participants.

## THE DEADLINE COMETH

March 1<sup>st</sup> is near! If you haven't sent in your registration form for the Regional Convention June 24-27, NOW is the time to do it. The deadline for reduced-rate early registration is March 1. The on-line registration and website is not available right now, but don't let having to write a check deter you from getting your form mailed off today. If you have misplaced your form, let me know. I have plenty. Or I can e-mail you a pdf file of it. If you can help distribute forms to friends and acquaintances not in the Guild, please contact me. Some additional information is on our own website in the calendar of events section for June. A convention in your back yard! Don't miss it!

*Doris Alberg*, Registrar

## EQUIPMENT NEEDED

The **Region I Chapter Convention** is looking for someone who has closed circuit television camera equipment and/or a large projection screen to view it on. If you can help out with this project let Steve Martorella know via email at [Steve.fbc@verizon.net](mailto:Steve.fbc@verizon.net) or call him at The First Baptist Church in America at 454-3418 extension 13.

## EVENTS

**Sunday, March 4, 3:00 pm:**

*Twenty-first Annual Frank Crandall Memorial Organ Recital.* Featured performer, **Dr. Patricia Snyder**, Director of Music Ministry at Storrs Congregational Church, on the campus of the University of Connecticut, and Associate Faculty in Organ at the Hartt School, University of Hartford will present works by Vivaldi/Bach, Mendelssohn, Franck, Guilman, and Pinkham. Peace Dale Congregational Church, 261 Columbia Street, Peace Dale, RI. Free admission, donations accepted. Reception follows. Plan to attend this "prelude" to Trisha's opening concert on June 25 at the chapter-sponsored Region I Convention! 789-7313

**Saturday-Sunday, March 3-4:**

*NEA American Masterpieces Choral Festival*, is one of only seven sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts to be held nationwide! **The Providence Singers** (featured performers at the opening event of our regional convention this summer) present a weekend celebration of American choral music. Two major concerts, three world premieres, a professional conducting master class (includes repertoire for chorus and organ), a composers' panel discussion are on tap at Veterans Memorial Auditorium, Providence. A champagne reception will be held at the State House. For times, details: [www.ProvidenceSingers.org](http://www.ProvidenceSingers.org)

**Friday, March 23, 7:30 pm:**

Newport Baroque Orchestra, directed by **Paul Cienniwa**, presents *A Dublin Concert* featuring **Barbara Poeschl-Edrich**, Baroque and Celtic harps. Music from 18th-century Dublin (Handel, Geminiani, O'Carolan) celebrates Newport's Irish Heritage Month. Emmanuel Church, 42 Dearborn Street, Newport. \$20 general admission; \$25 preferred seating. [info@newportbaroque.org](mailto:info@newportbaroque.org) or 855-0687.

**Sunday, April 22, 3:00 pm:**

Newport Baroque Orchestra and the Tufts Chamber Singers, directed by **Andrew Clark**, perform Bach: Mass in B Minor at Tufts University, Medford, MA. [info@newportbaroque.org](mailto:info@newportbaroque.org) or 855-0687.

## PLACEMENT LISTING

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

- Phenix Baptist Church 3/06  
2 Fairview Avenue, West Warwick, RI 02893  
Linda S. Martin (401) 294-6318 X103; (401) 397-7154  
O/D \$120/week (4 hrs) Adams 2 Mn Tracker 15 stops
- People's Baptist Church (American Baptist) 8/06  
1275 Elmwood Avenue, Cranston, RI 02907  
Dr. King Odell (401) 941-5472  
O/D \$7000 3 hrs/week Moller 3 man. 25 Rank Pipe Organ
- Calvin Presbyterian Church 8/06  
126 Angell Road, Cumberland, RI 02864  
Pam Marcil (401) 333-0355  
O/D \$8000-\$10000 Moller 2 Manual Pipe
- St. Peter's & St. Andrew's (Episcopal) 12/06  
25 Pomona Avenue, Providence, RI 02908  
Rev. Joyce Penfield (401) 272-9649; (401) 350-0021  
O/D \$125/service C.B. Fiske 13 Rank Tracker
- St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA Lutheran) 1/07  
389 Greenwich Avenue, Warwick, RI 02886  
Rev. Dana K. Reardon (401) 737-6758; (401) 378-3512  
O/D \$15,000 (16 hrs) Schantz Pipe 2 Man 11+ Ranks
- Pilgrim Lutheran Church (Lutheran E.L.C.A.) 2/07  
1817 Warwick Avenue, Warwick, RI 02889  
Rev. Dennis Kohl (401) 739-2937 D (401) 821-8553 E  
OD \$18000-\$20000 Hutching-Andover 2 Man

## CHAPTER NEWS

Many thanks to Kevin DiLorenzo for a lively and helpful session on getting the most from the instrument we play each week. Thanks to performing members who helped Kevin demonstrate his points. We all learned. Thanks, too, to Warren Marble for hosting the event and providing a warm venue on a cold Saturday.

*Please note: the piano competition has been cancelled for this year.*

## CHAPTER NOMINATIONS

The proposed slate of officers and servers is:

- DEAN: Julie L. Tagen  
SUB-DEAN: Susan Carroll  
SECRETARY: David Cranmer  
TREASURER: David Clyde Morse  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
Members At Large 2010:  
Janice Aubin, Jacqueline Gourd

## SUBSTITUTE LISTINGS

*Report any changes to Howard Phelps.*

- Laura Brion: 578-4491 (weddings, funerals)  
Brink Bush: 245-4065 (weddings, funerals)  
Paul Cienniwa: (508) 676-8483 (\$150 min, No Sundays)  
Margaret Clark: 726-4128 (all)  
Lois Conboy: 658-3838 (weddings, funerals)  
Joan Daly: 943-5191 (weddings, funerals)  
Richard Funk: 351-7299 (all)  
Christopher Gage: 632-1863 (all, no weddings/funerals)  
Andrew Galuska: 233-1363 (weddings, funerals, no RC)  
John Jannis: (508) 287-4031 (weddings, funerals)  
Mark D. Johnson: 709-3983 (weddings, funerals, no Sun. AM)  
Brian Larkin: 272-8318 (all)  
Mary Jane Lide: 245-8331 (all)  
Philip Martorella: 885-3431 (weddings, funerals)  
Elsie McNeill: (508) 673-2583 (all)  
David Clyde Morse: 486-0244 (all, no Sun. AM)  
Nancy Nicholson: 521-9097 (all)  
Howard Phelps: 821-8475 (no RC)  
Jane B. Rankin: 884-0669 (funerals - weekdays only)  
Everett E. Salisbury: 782-2931 (RC only)  
Martha Sobaje: 823-8024 (weddings, funerals, no RC)  
Julie Tagen: 885-7438 (weddings, funerals)  
Terry Taylor: 253-9030 (no RC; pipe organs only)  
Br. E. J. Kevin Valentine: 273-1731 (weddings, funerals; all denom)  
Laya Varghese: 908-420-1531 (No Holidays; Providence Only)  
Verna Westhaver: 682-2636 (sub/interim)  
Jerry White: 884-2924 (West Bay area, no Catholic), \$150 min.  
Waylon Whitley: 369-7858 (weddings, funerals, etc.; no Sun. AM)  
William Wiant: 683-3178 (all)  
Dorothy Yoreo: 246-1223 (all)

## MEMBER MATTERS

The organist/director position at Woodridge Congregational Church has been filled by **Kathy Hart**, who comes to Rhode Island from Dallas, Texas. A big welcome from the smallest state in the Union!

## FROM THE EDITOR

Submissions for the April newsletter are due by March 20, by e-mail or snail mail, with e-mail preferred: [aallard@ccri.edu](mailto:aallard@ccri.edu) or 166 Suffolk Avenue, Pawtucket, RI 02861-2143.

*Althea Allard*