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## FROM THE DEAN

Dear Fellow Chapter Members,

A Blessed Easter to you all! All of your hard work and efforts during Lent and Holy Week served to make the celebration of the Lord's Passion, Death and Resurrection more meaningfully observed by thousands of our families, friends and neighbors.

Your dedication, skill and musical ability are so appreciated by your congregations. Know that you serve the Lord by your service to them. The understanding of your role in this light should enrich your own soul. Your labor at your church is not merely a job but a means of service to the Church. This knowledge should fill your heart with joy and gratefulness for the gift of music that you use as a "servant in the vineyard of the Lord."

Of course, our work is never over, even when the last lily blossom has fallen! For our chapter, we move forward during the month of May with our Annual Member Recital which will be held at Saint Joseph's Church, Newport. Please find specifics for this event printed elsewhere in this newsletter. I hope that all of you will try to support our volunteers who are preparing to play for us. The organ and sanctuary of Saint Joseph's Church make a wonderful setting for this recital.

Our Annual Dinner Meeting is also quickly approaching. It is only a month away. Please send in your payment to me ASAP: \$36 per person made payable to RIAGO. Our dinner and gathering at Costantino's Ristorante on DePasquale Square (Atwells Avenue, Providence) will be a most enjoyable evening. I hope that as many of you as possible will attend the Dinner Meeting as we welcome our new slate of officers and enjoy an evening of fine food and fellowship.

Remember to affirm our new Chapter Board by your vote. We are so fortunate to have such members who are dedicated to the further growth and success of our chapter and ready to build upon the strong foundation that all of us have built in the last two years.

We should all be proud of what our chapter has accomplished this past season, and I look forward to seeing you at the remaining events. Thank you all for all that you have personally done to help make our season the great success that it has been.

Gratefully yours,  
*Philip Faraone, KCHS*

## REMINDER: UPCOMING RIAGO EVENTS

Mark calendars NOW!

May 17, 7pm at St. Joseph's Church, Newport: Members' Recital--see details in Events.

June 9, 6:30pm at Constantino's Restaurant, DePasquale Square, Providence. Count is due by May 31. **Do not wait!**

## RIAGO SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**Wednesday, April 30 at 12:15 pm: Becky Silliman**, student of **Barry Turley**, will play music of Purcell, Buxtehude, Bach, and Franck at All Saints' Memorial Church, 674 Westminster Street, Providence (Allsaintsmemorial.org).

**Sunday, May 18 at 3:00pm:** Spring Choral Concert featuring *Requiem* by Faure and premiere performance of *The Newman Cantata* by Steven L. Jobe; **Geoffrey Greene**, director; **Alisa Cassola**, Soprano; **Barbara Youmans**, Alto; **Neil Letendre**, Tenor; **Paul Hutchins**, Bass. Newman Congregational Church, 100 Newman Avenue, Rumford. Suggested donation \$10 to benefit the church music program. 434-4742.

**Saturday, May 17 at 7:30 pm** at Saint Pius V Catholic Church, 55 Elmhurst Avenue, Providence; \$20, \$15 seniors and students *and--*

**Sunday, May 18 at 3:00pm** at Dartmouth High School, 555 Bakerville Road, Dartmouth, Massachusetts, proudly hosted by the town of Dartmouth, as it celebrates the 350th anniversary of the town's founding:

*Sounds of the Settlers:* Sine Nomine choral ensemble will explore the music of 17th century America through the eyes of our nation's founders. The program will feature rarely heard sacred and secular music of the time, as well as a world premiere of a work by composer Joel Rust, setting the poetry of early Massachusetts pastor-poet Edward Taylor, commissioned in celebration of Sine Nomine's twentieth season. [www.sinenominechoir.org](http://www.sinenominechoir.org)

**Sunday, May 18 at 7:00pm:** Annual Members' Recital: Saint Joseph's Church Newport. Performers are **Gigi Mitchell-Velasco, Paul Brooks, Winfred Johnson, Matthew Kelly** and **Margaret Clarke**

**Monday, May 19 at 7:00pm:** Board meeting: Faraone residence.

**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.

## FROM THE SUB-DEAN

Included in the April TAO (page 76) is information about summer courses and workshops, in addition to the Boston national convention, which provide continuing education for choral and organ enthusiasts. I urge you to find a workshop that would be beneficial to you. Believe me, a good conference is worth your time and money!

Also, we really want to know your thoughts and wishes for programming for next year. The chapter belongs to ALL of us, and we want to take into consideration what you need! Please send me your ideas for anything you would like to see happen in our chapter in the next couple of years. Also tell me the best way to communicate with you. Do you want a better website? Are you satisfied with the email communications? Etc, etc.

*Kathy Hart*

## ANNUAL MEETING PLANS

Our Annual Spring Dinner/Meeting will be held at Costantino Ristorante on DePasquale Square on June 9th at 6:30pm. The dinner cost is \$36 per person which includes gratuity. We hope to have as many members as possible come out for a great evening. The final count is due on May 31, so please send in your check made out to RIAGO for \$36 to our Dean, Philip Faraone at 51 Summit Drive Cranston, RI 02920 as we will be paying with one check.

Please be part of this special evening as we say thank you to Philip who is leaving office and welcoming our new Dean Kathy Hart and the other new members of the Board. We will recap this year's events and let you know what is being planned for the future.

## EVENTS, *CONTINUED*

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

**Monday, June 9 at 6:30pm:** Annual Dinner/Meeting: Costantino Ristorante on DePasquale Square, Providence. (*See item, this page*)

## PLACEMENT LISTINGS

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

Congregational Church of Mansfield (UCC) 10/13  
17 West Street, Mansfield, MA 02048  
Carol Sosman Ham: 508-339-4793  
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## MEMBER MATTERS

Please vote for the RIAGO slate, using the ballot below. Show these willing volunteers that you support their efforts to continue the active work of our chapter.

Also, if you haven't voted in the national AGO election, please do so at this website:

<https://www.intelliscaninc.net/ago/2014> by April 30. Our Regional Councillor, Cherly Duerr, is one of the candidates for the "new" Northeastern Region. Thanks.

## DON'T FALL THROUGH THE CRACKS!

Members are reminded to respond to the e-mail regarding dues payment. Renewals are available on the internet or the good old fashioned way--by check. Please do not delay. If your name does not appear in the RIAGO directory due to delayed payment, you miss out. It takes a while to have your information entered, and members do not always update their directory as contact information is published in the newsletter.

## SUBSTITUTE LISTINGS

Contact Brian Larkin (272-8318) with changes.

### AVAILABLE SUNDAYS & WEEKDAYS

Clarke, Margaret: 401-726-4128 (all)  
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)  
Lee, Saeah: 781-664-3958  
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)  
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)

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## BALLOT

Please mark the ballot and send to Philip Faraone, outgoing Dean, at 51 Summit Drive, Cranston, RI 02920

Dean: \_\_\_\_\_ Kathy Hart

Sub-Dean : \_\_\_\_\_ John Brooks

Members-at-large for 2017 (2):

\_\_\_\_\_ Steve Kirby

\_\_\_\_\_ Philip Martorella

Auditors (2):

\_\_\_\_\_ Denise Petrucci

\_\_\_\_\_ Jackie Gourd

We need an education coordinator. Contact Kathy Hart for information, interest. The positions of treasurer, publicity, secretary, membership, newsletter, historian and placement will remain the same. (*See sidebar*).

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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.