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FROM THE DEAN

Dear Colleagues,

We have come to the end of our 2015-2016 program year in the chapter, and look forward to our **Members' Recital, Dinner and Annual Meeting** on Sunday, June 5, at Central Congregational Church, 296 Angell Street, Providence. The evening's festivities begin with the recital at 5:00 pm, with Patrick Aiken, new member Michael Ryan, and me playing Central's landmark Aeolian-Skinner organ. Dinner follows at 6:00, masterminded by our Sub-Dean Stephen Kirby. Please note his article and sign-up list in this issue, and offer to bring a starter, main course, salad, side dish, or dessert. It is time for the chefs in our chapter to rise to this occasion! The Annual Meeting will follow dinner, and promises to be short and informative.

To whet your appetite for next year's programs, here are a few your board has lined up, or is thinking about:

- A "hands – and feet - on" workshop to introduce piano students to the pipe organ, in conjunction with local member of the Piano Teacher's Association. We will show Craig Whitney's marvelous documentary film "Pulling Out All the Stops," have "live" demonstrations of the organ and its repertoire. Who would like to host/coordinate this event? It's important that we continue to collaborate with other arts/educational organizations, as we did with NATS for the highly successful choral techniques workshop we had in February!

- On November 18, we will host two of the rising stars in the organ profession, Edward Landin and Colin MacKnight, in a recital at Central Congregational Church. You will not want to miss these exciting young musicians! Edward is currently Assistant Director of Music and Organist at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church in Bryn Mawr, PA (and a graduate of Westminster Choir College, AND a former chorister-student of mine back in the day, at St. James Church, Lancaster, PA!), and Colin is Assistant Organist at the Church of the Resurrection in New York City, and in his final year at the Juilliard School where he studies with Paul Jacobs. Colin won the recent AGO regional competition and played at the New Haven convention last year. We also hope to have a round-table discussion on the topic of how to provide for and support the next generation of organists, and let Edward and Colin talk about their lives and careers.

- We will have our annual Twelfth Night Party and Musical Soirée in early January, possibly as an afternoon event rather than a sit-down evening dinner. Be thinking of a venue, a musical program, and what you can bring in the way of winter refreshments!

- A visiting organ recitalist from Europe may be available to play in March.

- A practical workshop on hymn playing, to include ideas on playing technique, registration, improvisation, free harmonizations, descants, and so on, with hands-on demonstrations.

- A "choral conducting for organists" workshop with a guest leader, explaining basic conducting techniques, running effective rehearsals, and maybe even a few brave souls offering to "conduct" the class! Who wants to host/coordinate this event?

As always, your ideas and input for our programs are welcome at any time. Do mark your calendars for June 5th, and I look forward to seeing you at our final event, the Recital, Dinner and Annual Meeting!

All best wishes for a well-deserved summer break!

John Brooks, Dean

EVENTS

Thursday, May 5 at 7:30 pm: The choir of St. Paul's Wickford, presents a Choral Evensong celebrating the Feast of the Ascension. Featuring works of Blow, Purcell, and Hutchings under the direction of **Dr. Todd Borgerding**, Organist and Choirmaster. St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 55 Main Street, Wickford, RI. Free; handicapped accessible. 294-4357 or office@stpaulswickford.org

Sunday, June 5 at 5:00 pm: Annual Members' Recital and Dinner Meeting. **Dean John Brooks, Sub-Dean Stephen Kirby, Patrick Aiken, Michael Ryan** will begin the evening with a recital. Central Congregational Church, Providence. *Details below.*

CONVENTION REMINDER:

Early registration for Houston convention (June 19-23) ends May 16. Go to <http://agohouston2016.com/> for information.

RECITAL - POT LUCK DINNER

As Dean Brooks mentioned in the April Newsletter, we will have a Pot Luck Dinner after the Members' Recital which begins at 5 pm at Central Congregational Church in Providence. Please think what you might bring for this dinner. We need salads, main dishes and desserts. There is a kitchen with ovens, if any food needs to be warmed up. I will be providing all of the paper goods, etc. I will be sending members a separate e-mail, reminding you of the event and asking what you will be bringing. (If you do not use e-mail, please call me with your reservation and food offering.) This worked quite well last year. We had almost 30 people attend the event. Let's see if we can increase attendance this year!

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