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Editor's note: This month we welcome our new Dean, the former sub-dean, who willingly stepped into the position upon the resignation of our recent dean. We wish Phil the very best of success as he serves all of us in this new role.

DEAN'S MESSAGE

It is a pleasure to write to all of our wonderful chapter members as your new Dean. It has been a busy two weeks but so much has already been accomplished. Welcome to all the new members who have joined or renewed their membership in our chapter during these past days. Many members of our chapter have been working very hard to prepare the new directory, and prepare publicity and programs for the recitals during October. Thanks to all of you for your efforts.

Last weekend I attended my first Dean's retreat hosted by Cheryl Duerr, our Regional Counselor. Cheryl is very organized and focused and made every moment count. She is also friendly, outgoing and extremely kind. We are so fortunate to have her in her position. The many other Deans present were very welcoming and helpful. James Thomashower, the Executive Director of AGO, was also present and was most encouraging. He is such an asset to AGO.

Many new ideas and strategies which will benefit all the Chapters of AGO were presented and discussed. Some of the suggestions are easy to adapt to our Chapter and we will do so immediately. For instance, postcards have now been printed which will be inserted into the programs of Chapter sponsored recitals and events inviting people to join our ranks.

All Chapter members are asked to wear name tags, which we will provide to you, at these occasions so that others will be able to identify Chapter members. You will be able to speak to non-members and answer their questions about RIAGO.

I have many other ideas which will be discussed in our regularly scheduled board meetings before we put them in place. Remember, this is your Chapter, and everyone is invited to attend the meetings. Everyone's suggestions will be taken into consideration. Please make an effort to attend Chapter sponsored events. Without your participation, lots of hours of preparation would seem futile.

In November, the first of our three lectures by medical professionals will be held on **Tuesday, November 13th at 7:00 pm** at the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul, Providence. Dr. Lori Haber-DiBoni, a prominent Chiropractor, will present a one hour workshop which will not only be informative but will give each participant the opportunity to improve posture, a must for organists! The monthly board meeting will take place in conjunction with Dr. Haber-DiBoni's presentation.

On **Tuesday, December 3rd at 7:00 pm**, Dr. Norma A. Faraone-Ledgard, DCH Phd, will present the second lecture in the series. Dr. Faraone-Ledgard is a much sought after speaker and clinician. She has spoken at major conventions of health professionals throughout the United States. Her presentation will be held at her Cranston office which is located at 14 Haywood Street. It is diagonally across from Cranston High School East and behind the Park Cinema. She will help us to deal with the stress we all face during holiday seasons. The monthly board meeting will take place in conjunction with Dr. Faraone-Ledgard's presentation.

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EVENTS

Sunday, November 4, 3:00 pm: Chris Turner, harmonica in concert with **Geoffrey Greene**, piano and organ. Premiere performance of Turner's complete *Southern Cross Suite*. Newman Congregational Church, 100 Newman Avenue, Rumford. Suggested donation: \$5. Reception to follow. 401-434-4742.

Sunday, November 11, 5:00 pm: St. Martin's Church will hold "A Service of Celebration" on *Wachet, betet, seid bereit*, BWV #70 by J. S. Bach and *Elegischer Gesang* for choir and orchestra by Ludwig van Beethoven will be the featured works. 50 Orchard Avenue, Providence. Reception follows.

Worcester Event:

Friday, November 16, 7:30 pm: Organ and Brass Gala Concert featuring Worcester Polytechnic Institute Brass and Percussion Ensemble, Douglas Weeks, conductor; William Ness, organist. Music by Giovanni Gabrieli, Peter Dickinson, Josef Rheinberger and Dmitri Shostakovich's *Symphony no. 5*. Reuter/Gilbert organ 86 ranks. Free. Handicapped accessible. First Baptist Church, 111 Park Avenue, Worcester, MA. 508-755-6143 x227

Sunday, December 9, 3:00 pm: Deo Gloria! (A Choral & Instrumental Concert) the music program of Barrington Presbyterian Church (**John Black**, Director) will present a concert of choral and instrumental music for Christmas including favorite works by composers from Pachelbel and Purcell to Rutter. Works will be presented by choir, vocal soloists, and instrumentalists, in a varied fashion. Start your Christmas season with wonderful music!

From Paul Cienniwa, we have received a list of varied musical offerings. For information on the following performances, go to:
http://paulcienniwa.com/fr_home.cfm

Saturday, November 3 at 7:30 pm & Sunday, November 4 at 3:00pm: Paul Cienniwa plays continuo for the Mastersingers by the Sea. St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, Falmouth.

November 10 (Saint Pius V Catholic Church 55 Elmhurst Avenue, Providence at 7:30 pm) and **November 11** (Saint Lawrence Martyr Church, 565 County Street, New Bedford, MA at 3:00 pm): **Paul Cienniwa** leads Sine Nomine choral ensemble in a program titled, "Saint Hildegard" celebrating the 2012 canonization of Hildegard von Bingen featuring Hildegard's original compositions in a variety of

interpretations, along with polyphonic works celebrating her canonization, and the concert premiere of a Hildegard-based work by Rhode Island composer, **Jennifer Charleson**. Tickets for each performance: \$20.

Thursday, November 15, 12:15-12:45pm: Paul Cienniwa joins **Asako Takeuchi**, baroque violin, and **Andrew Arceci**, viola da gamba as part of the Early Music Thursdays series at First Church in in Boston, 66 Marlborough St., Boston, MA.

Sunday, November 25 at 3:00 pm: Paul Cienniwa plays continuo and conducts a Messiah performance by the New Bedford Symphony Orchestra and singers from area. St. Anthony's Church, New Bedford, MA

DEAN CONTINUED

On another note, my wife Deborah and I would like to invite all Chapter members to our home at 51 Summit Drive, Cranston for at Chapter Christmas Party on **Friday December 28th at 6:30 pm**. It will be a time for fun, food and drink. It is requested that you not bring any food, just come and enjoy yourself. You deserve a party, don't you!! We ask that you just let us know if you will be attending so that we can plan properly.

I also request that you give me a call at (401) 323-8600 or email Faraonefour@msn.com to let us know if you will be attending the workshops so that the doctors can also properly prepare. If we do not have at least ten members register by emailing or phoning no later than three days prior to the lectures, the events will be cancelled. We cannot ask these professionals to prepare and then have a poor showing. You know what it is like when you prepare for a good rehearsal and then the attendance is poor. We wouldn't want that now, would we!

Before I write too much and we have to spend more on postage, I will close by saying once again, that I am honored to serve as Dean of your Chapter and I am grateful to all of you who have reached out to me over the last two weeks with your kind words and help. I have many more ideas that I will present at the board meetings that will make our Chapter stronger, happier and fruitful. God Bless you all in your work.

–Philip Faraone, KHS

LOCAL POE

On October 10th, **Philip Faraone** gave a tour of the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul to the students in grades 6-8 from Saint Rocco's School, Johnston. Their school music teacher, **Cecelia Rodi**, arranged the event. At the conclusion of the tour, Mr. Faraone gave a demonstration of the mighty Casavant. All of the 100 students were able to look inside the organ itself and all of the students who had a piano background took turns playing the instrument. They had a blast!



Jake Pezzullo, Jason Ham, Gillian Austin, Victoria Reilly, Luis De Garta, and Michael Bittnes, all middle school students from Saint Rocco's School, Johnston, RI, played the Cathedral Casavant during a recent tour of the Cathedral arranged by Philip Faraone, Dean and Mrs. Cecelia Rodi, School Music Teacher.



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Br. Enoch John Valentine, BSG, 419 South Main Street, First Floor, Woonsocket, RI 02895; phone: 401-440-4784; brenochjohn@gmail.com

VIERNE WORKSHOP

Saturday afternoon, November 10 (see WorcAGO.org for details), International Vierne authority Brigitte De Leersnyder will explore the life and music of Louis Vierne, a perspective that few know about, including how he began to overcome his blindness through music, starting at the age of 2 when he picked out the notes of a Schubert lullaby on the piano. De Leersnyder will present a concert including an American premiere of a Vierne transcribed improvisation at "St. Joe's Casavant" at 7:30 pm following the workshop.



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

Greenville Baptist (American Baptist) 8/12
 Putnam Pike, Greenville, RI
 Joann Brown: 401-949-1134; 401-349-4423 e
 Organist only 10-13 K Moeller 6 rks about 40 yrs old

St. Andrew's-by-the-Sea (Episcopal) 9/12
 The Commons, PO# 491, Little Compton, RI 02837
 Rev Peter Tierney: 401-635-2452
 organist/choirmaster c 20K Allen

St Paul's Episcopal 10/12
 Park Place, Pawtucket, RI 02860
 Fr. William Locke: 401-728-4300; 401-728-1148
 O/ChM 26-36K 35 rks/ Austin Opus2700

First Baptist - Pawtucket (American Baptist) 10/12
 91 Cottage St, Pawtucket, RI
 Catherine Grant: 401-725-7225
 O/ChM \$7200 Wicks 1960 3 man.

SUBSTITUTE LISTINGS

Contact Brian Larkin (272-8318) with changes.

AVAILABLE SUNDAYS & WEEKDAYS

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 Dupont, Jean-Richard: 401-434-8476 (all, no weddings/choirs)
 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)
 Madubata, Chiduzie: 301-919-9632 (please inquire)
 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
 Wiant, William: 401-683-3178 (all, weddings/funerals)
 Wilson, Lawrence: 860-857-5493 (please inquire)

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 Conboy, Lois: 401-658-3838 (please inquire)
 Hart, Kathy: 401-837-8873 (funerals)
 Larkin, Brian: 401-272-8318 (weddings/memorials/funerals/consultant)
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 Nolan, Robert: 401-884-7172 (available to provide all needs)
 Sobaje, Martha: 401-626-0099 (weddings, funerals)
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 Westhaver, Verna: 401-683-2636 (please inquire)

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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 camacphec@gmail.com.

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.



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