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FROM THE DEAN

Dear Colleagues,

Well, here we are in the midst of another busy fall season at church, at school, and at work in the “real” world! I hope your workloads in all your places of employment are satisfying and productive, and not too stressful! Taking time to refresh our non-musical lives is important. I sometimes like to get outdoors, go hiking and visit historic sites in New England. Of course, visiting historic churches and playing historic organs is also on my to-do list!

I did not get to the OHS convention in Western Massachusetts this past summer, but would have liked to. So many wonderful old organs in beautiful old churches, and some exciting playing by both seasoned OHS “regulars” and rising stars such as Christopher Houlihan and Nathan Laube. And who could resist the Berkshires in summer? At least I got to our own regional convention in New Haven, which was fantastic. Do take advantage of the myriad educational, cultural and social “enrichment events” which conventions present – and which we should develop more extensively in right here in Rhode Island!

Speaking of developing our own events, I expect to see many of you at our chapter programs – more than have been attending in the recent past! It is time to mingle with friends and colleagues, and be inspired by the gifts and talents we all bring to our calling as church and school musicians. We will have an opportunity to do just that at our upcoming meeting on November 8th at 4:00 pm, when Peter Berton presents his fascinating lecture-recital *The Art of Organ Improvisation – The Gerre Hancock Legacy* at S. Stephen’s Church, 114 George St., in Providence. You will not want to miss this chance to hear Peter’s unique “take” on the improvisations of one of our profession’s truly great masters. Our next meeting will, we hope, take place in early January, when we will gather for a post-Christmas/ New Year “Twelfth Night” dinner. We will all need a relaxing evening of convivial fellowship, a good meal (catered), and musical entertainment by then! I have invited our regional councillor Cheryl Duerr, to give an inspiring “seasonal” message as well. And to whet your appetite, think Three Kings Cake, carols, and door prizes! Stay tuned for more news on date, time and venue. The December newsletter will have a form for you to fill out to reserve your place.

I hope you are taking advantage of some of the recitals and concerts in our region, as a way of networking with colleagues and getting a glimpse into what those colleagues are up to! Since it is impossible for most of us to attend each other’s Sunday morning services, we should at least try to get to afternoon or evening services or concerts as our schedules permit. Worcester and Boston are not that far away, so check out the schedules of meetings, concerts and recitals on those chapter’s websites, bring a friend or student, and make a pilgrimage to a favorite church or organ! And most importantly, take time to be refreshed, renewed, and inspired!

Best wishes, and see you on November 8th!

John Brooks, Dean

PLACEMENT LISTINGS

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

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East Providence, RI
Episcopal
Jennifer Zogg, Rector
401-434-5012; 401-680-0155, evenings
Org/ChM Moller 2M 16/19K

MEMBER MATTERS

Ann Dolbasian is enjoying life at an assisted living facility in Portsmouth. She keeps her fingers nimble by playing for events at the residence and enjoys the company of her cat. She can be reached at atdolbasian@gmail.com

Lois Conboy is looking forward to retirement (again), this time from Community Church in Providence. (loisconboy@verizon.net) Congratulations, Lois, and thanks for your many years of service

Please note a new address for **Julie Wardwell**, 78 Roxanna Lane, Kingston, RI 02881

Michael Browner, Jr. has been appointed organist/minister of music at First Baptist Church of Pawtucket. Congratulations!

3-MANUAL ALLEN ORGAN FOR SALE

**CONTACT PHILIP MARTORELLA
FOR PICTURE, STOPLIST,
DETAILS**

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(ASKING \$16,000)

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Funk, Richard: 401-272-0693 (all)
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Gourd, Jacqueline: 401-828-4057 (all, no weddings)
Higgins, Stephen: 401-441-2270 (comfortable with any keyboard situation)
Johnson, Winfred: 401-847-8548 (interim)
Jones, Philip: 508-427-0081
Jones, William 401-848-4327 (all)
Kohl, Karen: 401-787-2695 (please inquire)
Madubata, Chiduzie: 301-919-9632 (please inquire)
Norton-Jackson, Diana: 401-714-2700 (no weddings, \$150 min)
Phelps, Howard: 508-224-8475 (please inquire)
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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Spring Village, an assisted living community in Barrington, RI, is looking for someone with a musical background who would be interested in volunteering 2-4 hours a month to lead a group of seniors in a chorus to perform periodically throughout the year for the rest of the residents in the community. If interested, please contact suzy.baird@atriaseniiorliving.com

Thanks.

SUBMISSIONS

DEADLINE: 20th of each month. SUBMISSIONS: Send Word or Text files to 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

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.