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FROM THE DEAN

Dear Colleagues,

Here we are again at the beginning of a new season for the church as well as our AGO chapter. We have a wonderful array of programs in the works for you that vary in style and content. Our opening event will be interesting, invigorating and interactive with an engaging speaker, Dr. Victoria Sirota and a tasty buffet meal. Our second event (Nov. 8) will be fun and joyful as we lead each other in singing hymns with our individual styles of hymn-playing.

This leads me to Hymns and Hospitality--two of the most important aspects of worship. I recently attended First Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, North Carolina, where the congregation exuded hospitality. One choir member, whom I met before Sunday School, made a point to find me after worship to see how I liked it and make sure that everyone had been friendly!

The congregation has adopted the new Presbyterian hymnal, *Glory to God*, which prompted them to consider what their favorite hymns are and why. Members were invited to choose a hymn and write a short essay about it. Then some of the thoughts were compiled into a booklet. What a lovely idea! All the essays were thoughtful and interesting, but two really stood out. The Associate Pastor mentioned that she felt "woefully behind" her classmates when she started seminary because she hadn't been a religion major. But she realized that her faith and theology were deeply planted due to the hymns she had learned throughout her life. She commented that hymns "seep into our minds, hearts, and consciousness, giving us a firm ground to stand on as we navigate our lives in faith." Amen to that!!

A teenager mentioned that she finds herself humming hymns quite often, and said "I think that God sticks these tunes in my head to remind me of his presence even when I am not at church. For me, humming or singing hymns is one of the most enjoyable ways to be in a relationship with God."

Think about what hymn touches your heart the most. (Or maybe you're like me and have at least 20 favorites!) Plan to lead us in one of those hymns at the November 8 workshop. A schedule of events is enclosed for you to print and post on your refrigerator, bulletin board, bathroom mirror or car visor. PLEASE join us for as many events as you can this year. Our chapter is only as strong as YOU help to make it.

Kathy Hart, Dean

RIAGO SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, September 19 at 7:00pm: Dinner and program
at St. Paul's Church, Park Place, Pawtucket

Saturday, November 8 at 10:00am: Hymn Playing II:
Individual members accompany hymns as we sing.
A time to share our creativity and inspire each other!

ORGAN SCHOLARSHIP

Assumption College in Worcester, MA, will offer a full tuition scholarship for an Organ Scholar, renewable yearly, beginning in the fall of 2015.

Application deadline is January 15, 2015

For more information, contact:

Dr. Michelle Graveline, Professor of Music,
mgraveli@assumption.edu

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
O/ChM Austin 2manual 16K

Trinity Lutheran Church 4/14
100 High Street, Ashaway, RI 02804
Robert Manke, 401-378-8596
O/CM 2-manual, unknown builder 9-11K

Holy Trinity Episcopal 6/14
446 Hamilton Street, Southbridge, MA 01550
holytrinitysouthbridge@gmail.com
Organist/ChM, Laws/ 2 man/ 21 rks 8-10K

Trinity Episcopal 6/14
139 Ocean Avenue, Pawtucket Village, Cranston, RI 02905
Rev Marsue Harris, trinitypaw@gmail.com
Organist/ChM, 15,600

St. Paul's Episcopal 8/14
55 Main Street, Wickford, RI
Canon Virginia Heistand 294-4357
Stuart 2/13 tracker 20-25K O/ChM

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Gourd, Jacqueline: 401-828-4057 (all, no weddings)
Johnson, Winfred: 401-847-8548 (interim)
Jones, Philip: 508-427-0081
Kohl, Karen: 401-787-2695 (please inquire)
Lee, Saeh: 781-664-3958
Madubata, Chiduzic: 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)
Schneider, Adam: 401-946-5168 (No weddings)
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Wiant, William: 401-683-3178 (all, weddings/funerals)
Wilson, Lawrence: 860-857-5493 (please inquire)

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ARE YOU ALL PAID UP?

Please be sure to pay your AGO dues ASAP (if you haven't already). Don't miss out on the magazine or the news of our chapter. Make sure your personal info is correct in the system! If you have questions about dues, please contact Christopher Souza.



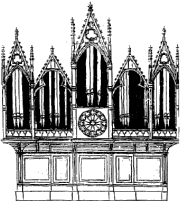
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DEADLINE: 20th of each month. SUBMISSIONS: Send Word or Text files to altheaallard@gmail.com or to Althea Allard, 166 Suffolk Ave., Pawtucket, RI 02861. ADVERTISING: Word doc, PDF (print ready), JPG (high resolution), or TIFF. All files should be grayscale 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.

RIAGO Preliminary Schedule of Events 2014-15

<p>FRIDAY, September 19, 2014 7:00 p.m. St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 50 Park Place Pawtucket</p>	<p>KICKOFF DINNER and Program: \$25 dinner. Send check to Kathy Hart.</p> 	<p>The Rev. Dr. Victoria Sirota, former AGO National Chaplain and Vicar of NYC's Cathedral of St. John the Divine, speaking on the inspiration and vocation of the church musician. Her book available for purchase. Door prizes!</p>
<p>SATURDAY, November 8, 2014 10 a.m. – 12 noon Greenwood Community Church, Presbyterian, 805 Main Ave. Warwick</p>	<p>HYMN-PLAYING Part II: Members accompany hymns while we sing. A time to share our creativity and inspire each other.</p>	<p>Players can practice on the organ Friday, Nov 7, to prepare your accompaniment. Door prize: Hal Hopson's <i>Creative Use of Organ in Worship</i></p>
<p>January __, 2015 Details TBD</p> 	<p>JUST FOR FUN. Finger food and entertainment – a time to relax after the busy Christmas season.</p>	<p>Food, conversation and viewing classic DVDs about organs in the United States and England.</p>
<p>SATURDAY, March 7, 2015 10:00 a.m. Providence College</p>	<p>"POP" MASTERCLASS (What?!?)</p>	<p>POP IN CHURCH? OF COURSE! Play your favorite <i>Preludes, Offertories and Postludes</i> for master teacher MARK LAUBACH, in a relaxed, friendly masterclass.</p>
<p>APRIL __, 2015 Details TBD</p>	<p>ORGANS IN PROVIDENCE</p> 	<p>Mark Steinbach providing a lecture/demo of the organ at Sayles Hall at Brown with open console time for members, and a visit to St. John's Cathedral to see/play the organ there.</p>
<p>May __, 2015 Details TBD</p>	<p>MEMBERS' RECITAL</p>	<p>Members offer their talents.</p>
<p>June __, 2015 Details TBD</p>	<p>FINAL MEETING AND POTLUCK</p>	<p>Entertainment hopefully!</p>