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FROM THE DEAN

Dear Colleagues,

Here we go again! Greetings and best wishes to you all, as we begin another RIAGO program year, and another year in our churches, schools, and other places of work! I hope the summer has been good to you, and you were able to find time for recreation, spiritual refreshment, continuing education, or just sitting under a tree reading a book!

I had a wonderful three-week vacation in England, based in Gloucester, where the famous Three Choirs Festival was held. The range of great choral-orchestral repertoire, the array of recitals and smaller concerts, the deeply moving and quintessentially English service of Evensong sung each night, plus Compline sung by the Cathedral Lay Clerks in the candlelit ambience of Gloucester's magnificent Lady Chapel, and the making and renewing of friendships among an enthusiastic and knowledgeable crowd of festival-goers, makes this festival a unique and memorable experience for lovers of choral music and the English choral tradition! You can tell that I had a marvelous time, and am already planning a return visit for next year's festival at Worcester.

Our chapter program year kicks off on **Saturday September 24th**, with a PLAY THE ORGAN day at the First Baptist Church in America in downtown Providence. Piano students and beginning organists of all ages will get to actually play a pipe organ, and Stephen Martorella, Nancy Nicholson and I will be on hand to guide them and talk about the organ's unique history, the families of tone, different stops, the pedals, and so on. We will begin at 9:00 am in the church's organ loft, and should finish the session by 12:00 or 12:30. We'll end with a pizza lunch and show the fascinating AGO-sponsored documentary film "Pulling Out All the Stops," in which the history and use of the pipe organ in America is engagingly told. This is a great DVD which should be in public libraries and churches, and your own collections! Please tell your students and their music-loving friends to come to this event! We must nurture the "next generation" of organists so that our profession has a viable future, and this is one small way in which we can do this!

I hope you will take advantage of the fine programs your board has been working on for the year ahead. We have a recital by two of the "next generation" of fine young organists coming up, plus a visit to the Estey organ at Providence's Music Mansion, a lecture-recital by Christian Lane on new organ repertoire, a practical workshop/masterclass on hymn playing and improvisation with David Enlow of the Juilliard School and the NYC chapter; and capping off the year, the annual Members' Recital will be featured in early June as part of a weekend Organ Festival celebrating the restoration of the organ at St. Mary's RC Church in Newport. You will not want to miss any of these events, which celebrate our art as organists, and hopefully engage and inspire us and our musician and clergy friends!

See you on September 24th!

John Brooks, Dean

MEMBER MATTERS

Welcome to Dual member (Cape and Islands Chapter) **Roger Castellani**, 15 Mechanic Street Unit 3, Provincetown MA. 917-621-6530; ROGERCAST@aol.com. Roger is serving as organist at First Congregational Church/United Church of Christ in Truro, MA through September. He comes to us after playing in two Brooklyn churches for 14 years. He is available for substituting beginning in October.

Philip Martorella has a new address: 17 North Pleasant Street West Warwick, Rhode Island 02893; New landline: 401 615-0769 cell: 401 243-3431.

PLACEMENT LISTINGS

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

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6-9K Director

Church of the Ascension
390 Pontiac Avenue, Cranston, RI 02910
Rev. Michael Coburn 401-421-8755
Hook & Hastings 16 rks 2 man
13K 1 service/Cho Organist/ChM

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Casteel, Eden: 401-932-5589
Castellani, Roger: 917-621-6530 Available after Sept., 2016
Clarke, Margaret: 401-726-4128 (all)
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EVENT

Saturday, September 24 from 9:00am-12:30pm: RIAGO sponsors *Play the Organ Day*, First Baptist Church in America. **Stephen Martorella**, organist at the church, **Nancy Nicholson**, and **John Brooks** will offer piano students and others who want to try their hands and feet at the organ an opportunity to learn about the organ and play it. Pizza lunch is included. See *Dean's message, p. 1, and Flyer, next page.*

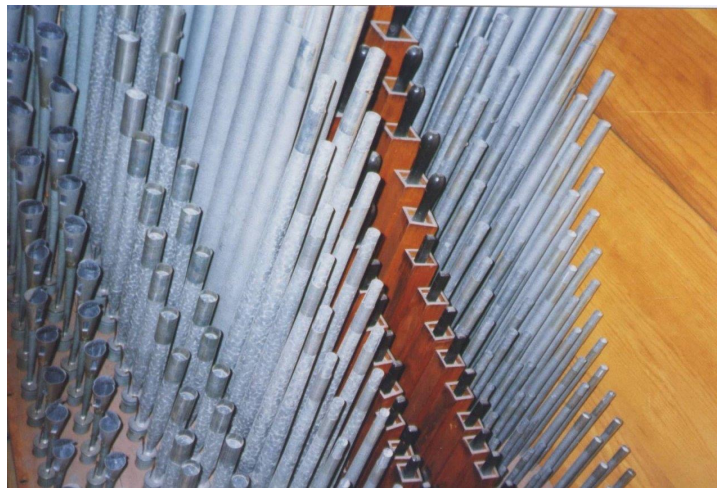
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Flyers you provide (for RIAGO members): \$10. Make checks out to RIAGO and mail to Althea Allard by the 20th.

**RIAGO
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PULLING OUT ALL THE STOPS
A HANDS ON DEMONSTRATION OF
THE FOLEY-BAKER ORGAN
AT
THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH IN AMERICA**



**Piano students of all ages are invited to try out their pieces!
Plus a showing of the Film
"Pulling Out All the Stops - The Pipe Organ in America"
Pizza and more**

**The First Baptist Church in America
75 North Main Street
Providence 02903**

**Saturday September 24
9 AM - 1 PM**

Admission is Free to this Event