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Rod Luther (Active) should have been included in the list of pianists (p. 26).

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

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RESIGNATIONS

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Augustus Hemenway (Associate)

Newsletter Notes:

If you have news of members or any other contributions for the Spring newsletter, please notify your editor, preferably by e-mail or by letter – The next deadline is **March 1, 2013**.

With apologies for the lateness of this issue,

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Chopin Club Newsletter

Fall 2012

NEWS

November's Musicales was a memorial for Samuel J. Chester (see *In Memoriam*, page 4.) A delightful addition to the program after it had been printed featured Kate (soprano) and John (piano) Norigian performing four arias, by Mozart (the Countess' *Dove sono* from *The Marriage of Figaro*), Leoncavallo (Nedda's *Stridono Lassù*, from *I Pagliacci*), Menotti (*Steal Me* from *The Old Maid and the Thief*) and Korngold (*Mariettas Lied* from *Die tote Stadt*).

Kate and John had been members of the Chopin Student Musicians and Kate received a Chopin Club scholarship. Members who were present to hear them all surely felt proud that the Club had helped their progress. Kate has won second prize in the Bel Canto Scholarship competition, for which the final competition took place on December 1 in the Music Mansion. John teaches at the Rhode Island Philharmonic Music School.

SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

The Chopin Club has awarded scholarships to two talented pianists for the 2012-2013 academic year.

The Chopin Club Scholarship is awarded to a promising high school senior, who is a member of the Chopin Student Musicians' Club. This award was presented to Nikita Zabinsky by counselor Karen Dingley, at the May graduation concert of the club. Nikita is now a freshman at the Boston Conservatory of Music.

The Sarah and Harold Libby Scholarship of the Chopin Club was awarded to Mo Tian. Mo is a past member of the student clubs and a current member of the Chopin Club. He has degrees from Brown University and the Jacobs School of Music at Indiana University. This year he is attending The University of Connecticut in the Doctoral program. The Libby Scholarship complement the older scholarships, being earmarked for music students all ready in postsecondary music programs rather giving graduating seniors priority.

Congratulations to our two scholarship winners! More information about the Chopin Club Scholarships is available in the handbook, on line at <http://chopinclub.org>, or by calling Susan Kelley, 401-421-4076 well before the application deadline of March 1.

ACTIONS OF THE BOARD

Haig Yaghoobian replaces Jane Rankin, who replaced Margaret D. (Dazzle) Gidley as Membership Chair. Applications for membership should be addressed to him. Associate membership is open to all. Active members are admitted by audition or professional reputation and are eligible to perform in our musicales. The Chopin Club web site contains printable application forms for both categories of membership, at <http://chopinclub.org/becomeamemberorrenew.html>. Membership dues and donations can be paid by credit card on line or by check. We encourage all members to bring their musical friends - listeners as well as performers - to the musicales and encourage them to become members.

The Constitution of the Chopin Club stipulates that we may have up to six Directors, members of the board who do not have specific duties in the various committees but may participate in board meetings, which are held after the musicales in the Music Mansion. Directors may be Active or Associate members. Anyone interested should speak with President Speer.

The Chopin and Chaminade Clubs have agreed to provide each other with advance notice of programs, and to encourage member to attend each other's performances.

CHOPIN STUDENT MUSICIANS

The Student Musicians invite all Chopin Club members to each of their monthly musicales. Their holiday concert took place on December 2. The Chopin Student Musicians Club is enthusiastic and thriving, and is grateful for the support of the Chopin Club, which enables monthly performances at the lovely Music Mansion.

CHOPIN YOUNG MUSICIANS

New members Joy Weng and Kate Flanders have taken on the role of Counselors, joining Advisor Deborah Concannon. There are some 14 young musician members, who presented their Holiday Concert on December 1.

We encourage all members of the adult club who teach music to encourage their young students to join the appropriate youth club for opportunities to perform, to meet other musicians and to take on leadership roles.

CONTRIBUTE TO THE POST-MUSICALE TEA

We welcome volunteers interested in donating a plate of their favorite appetizer or dessert to compliment our "social tea" following the musicale each month. Please call Deborah Concannon of the Tea Committee for additional details at 401-885-8656.

DUES AND DONATIONS

Please also consider contributing to the Chopin Club over and above the dues, so that we can maintain our various programs and activities.

Donations to the Scholarship funds can be made at any time. Many thanks to all you donors for your support. The Scholarship Treasurer is **Elizabeth Reardon**, 56 Harwood Road, East Greenwich, RI 02818.

MEMBER NEWS

IN MEMORIAM

Dr. Samuel J. Chester passed away at the age of 99 on July 6, 2012, less than five months after the death of his wife, Esther. He was a violinist in the Rhode Island Philharmonic for 28 years and long-time member of the Chopin Club. President of the Friends of the Music Mansion, he played a major role in the survival of the Music Mansion as a performance space. As a physician he was prominent in cancer research.

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