



# BOSTON PIPINGS

news and notes for members of Boston Chapter AGO

## In this issue: August 16, 2014

From Barbara Bruns, Associate Conductor, The Boston Cecilia:

It is with great sadness that I inform you that our esteemed colleague, Donald Teeters, has died unexpectedly from apparent heart disease. Following his recent retirement from All Saints Parish, Brookline and the Boston Cecilia, Donald had begun a new and vibrant life. He had been looking forward to serving on the Executive Committee of the Boston Chapter of the AGO, teaching at the New England Conservatory, writing reviews of local classical music performances, and working with the new group "Opera Brittenica", for whom he conducted *The Burning Fiery Furnace* in early May. Earlier this month, he returned from a trip to Prague, where he had visited the monument and grave of Dvorak, Smetana, and many other Czech luminaries. His latest communication was a-glow with excitement. All who knew Donald are in shock that he has departed this life so abruptly. His family is planning a memorial service for sometime this fall at All Saints Parish in Brookline where his ashes will be interred. You will all be notified of the date and time of this service.



May Donald's soul rest in peace and rise in glory.

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From Ray Cornils, AGO Boston 2014 convention coordinator:

Carole Lawton of Arlington was killed in a car accident on Route 2 in Athol on Thursday. David, her husband was driving and is in very serious condition at UMass Memorial Medical Center. I am in utter shock and incredibly saddened to hear this news. May she rest in peace, may the angels guard David, and may God comfort all her family and friends.



From Lee Ridgway:

Carole was a major presence in the Boston chapter of the AGO for the several decades of her membership. Over the years she was a valuable member of several committees and

the executive committee as well as for the 2014 convention. She was also one of the most consistently reliable and best substitutes the chapter could have ever had. She exemplified what a professional substitute should be. And above all, she was just an absolutely marvelous person. We were truly blessed to have her in our midst.

From John Walker, AGO President:

Words are powerless at this time to express the universal grief which all members of the AGO will share as they learn about the tragic death of Carole Lawton. Our lives are so fragile, and even if we live to a normal age, they are so short. I mourn with you and your colleagues of the Boston Steering Committee the untimely passing of Carole, who devoted so much of her energy and creativity to the AGO during the final years of her life. Your AGO colleagues throughout America join you in a warm embrace as together we grieve Carole's passing. May the saints and angels welcome Carole to Paradise eternal.

An early news article is [here](#). It is reported that her husband has been released from the hospital.

We will send out more information as we have it.