



The Newsletter of the
**PROVIDENCE FEDERATION
OF MUSICIANS, 198-457**

MAY, 2005

ED PLUNKETT NAMED INTERIM SEC-TREAS

GEN'L MEETING JUNE 7, UNION

There will be a general meeting of the Local on Tuesday, June 7, at 7 p.m. at the Union Hall for the purpose of improving finances.

Executive Board Member John Worsley will introduce and lead a discussion about a new scale for blues musicians working in blues clubs. The scale will apply only to musicians known as blue players, and who are working in clubs that are known, through advertisements and hirings, as primarily blues clubs. The new scale will allow for lower rates Sundays through Thursdays. The regular general business scale will apply on weekends, and for musicians who only play blues casually and in clubs with general business agendas.

Other financial resolutions will be introduced and discussed.

Ed Plunkett, a piano player and computer programmer, has been named interim Secretary-Treasurer by President Artie Cabral and the Executive Board.

Plunkett has been a member for 24 years, though his affiliation goes back 41 years. He first joined in 1964, serving until 1983 when he resigned to enter the computer programming profession. He rejoined in 2001.

Plunkett fills a vacancy in the position left in January when Bob Sagnella resigned. The vacancy has been filled temporarily by Bob Juliano. Plunkett will serve until a permanent Secretary-Treasurer is elected in November.

All officer positions, including President and Vice-President and Executive Board members, are open in the November elections.

Plunkett was a math major for his bachelor's degree from the University of Rhode Island. He later received a master's degree in computer science from URI. In music he holds a senior diploma in piano from Longy School of Music, Cambridge, MA.

As a computer programmer and analyst Plunkett worked for the RI Court system for 24 years, designing, operating and maintaining systems. Much of the work, Plunkett says, was related to the financial systems, in both collections and expenditures. His position brought him into working relationships with the state's Auditor-General.

Cabral and the Executive Board feel that Plunkett is highly qualified for the position. Plunkett hopes to make improvements in the local's financial operations based on his experiences.

BENEFICIARIES NAMES NEEDED

In January, the Local dropped its life insurance program, but then added a survivor's benefit program of \$1,000 to be paid to the beneficiary of every deceased member in good standing.

But the benefit cannot be paid if no beneficiary is named. So, the beneficiaries names are needed, and they legally must be sent to the Secretary-Treasurer in writing. **DO IT TODAY!!!**

LOCAL SEEKS NEW MEMBERS

There is a membership drive going on in the Local, sanctioned by the American Federation of Musicians.

What this means is that the new member saves \$189 initiation fees. It happens this way. The usual membership initiation is a Federation initiation fee of \$65, a local initiation fee of \$50 and local dues of \$154, for a total of \$269.

But under the drive, the total cost for

Initiation fees and dues for the year total only \$80, saving a new member \$189.

The local calls upon all members to help in this drive. If you know players who ought to be members of this local, now is the time to get them in --- at a major saving to them.

Have the new, potential applicant call the Local at 941-2717 for an application form.

CAVALCADE OF BANDS, TUESDAY, MAY 24, RHODES

The Cavalcade of Bands will be held Tuesday, May 24, at Rhodes-on-the-Pawtuxet, Cranston.

The doors will open at 5:45 p.m., and dancing will be from 6:00 to 11:30 p.m. Al DeAndrade is the chairman.

There is an expanded music program for the ballroom. In addition to the two major dance bands, two 16-piece groups, one led by Art Medeiros, the other by Duke May 2005

Belaire, Hank Doiron will have his Strollers playing and Tommy Rotondo will have his dance band. These smaller groups will keep the music flowing almost continuously while the larger groups set-up.

Ed Drew and his Dixieland Pops will open the festivities in the foyer followed by: The Nomads; Mike Renzi with Dick Johnson and George Masso, and Bonnie

Mann on vocals; Tony Cipolla; Johnny Badessa's Group with Charlie Harris on vocals, and Tommy Terren's Septet.

All musicians donate their time, talent and skills. Monies collected go for the benefit of the Providence Federation of Musicians. The Federation is extremely appreciative of all the efforts, and offers its greatest thanks.

FROM THE GOLF COMMITTEE, PROVIDENCE FEDERATION OF MUSICIANS

Dear Fellow Members,

The Golf Committee is trying to upgrade our annual golf tournament. We will have more prizes, a different golf course, and a better meal.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

TO HAVE THE GOLF TOURNEY SUCCEED

HERE'S WHAT YOU CAN DO:

1. Encourage golfers to sign up, particularly try to enroll foursomes.
2. Have a local business buy a tee sign – at \$50 each.
3. Obtain donated prizes – no prize is too small – for our awards and raffles.
4. Attend yourself – either to golf or to the cocktail hour and steak dinner for only \$25. Enjoy a great meal, the fun and the camaraderie.

Thank you.

Your Golf Committee

Al DeAndrade / John Worsley, co-chairs

Bill Custer

Bob Mainelli

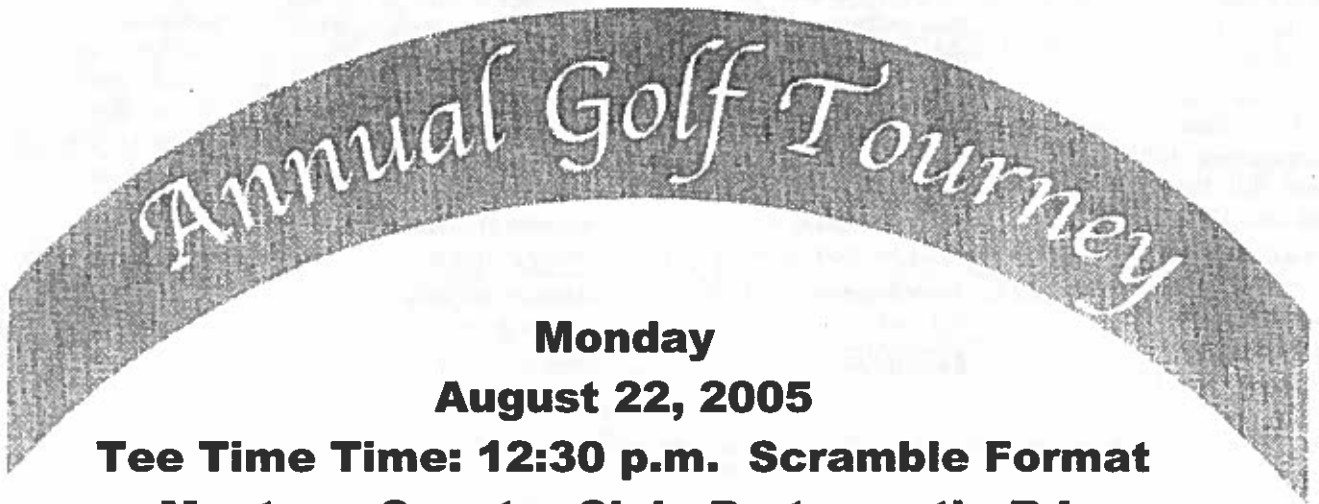
Alex Mansour

Art Medeiros

Greg Wardson

Artie Cabral, ex-officio

Providence Federation of Musicians Health and Welfare Fund



\$100/golfer - Includes: carts, green fees, steak dinner, prizes
cash bar available (cocktails at 5 pm; dinner at 6pm)
Proper dress required

Great Raffle
Prizes

Par 3
Challenge

Fun
Camraderie

Golf Prizes for: 1) closest to the pin 2) longest drive 3) closest to center fairway line
Front and back nines

Registration Form

Deadline: August 8, 2005

Name: _____

Others in Foursome: _____

Address: _____

City / Town / Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Send form and check to:

Golf Tourney / Providence Federation of Musicians
681 Park Ave / Cranston, R.I. 02910

Dinner Only:
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Gregory B. Zeitlin 11/07/04

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Olga Gelber
Vincent Lato
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Vincent Mattera
Mark Pinto
Alexander Porrazzo
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