January 2012

Dear RSLI'ers,

Happy 2012! I hope your holidays were enjoyable and that you are ready to greet a successful New Year. If the recent weather is any indication, spring is not far off and good things are in store for us!

Some fabulous guest conductors are lined up for us in the coming months. On January 14<sup>th</sup>, Lisle Kuhlbach will be visiting us for the first time. I hope we'll all be there to welcome her and show what a great chapter we have. In February through May we'll have, in order, Larry Lipnik, our favorite redhead; Wendy Powers; Tricia van Oers, and Rachel Begley. It's not too early to consider playing for your peers at our May meeting. Find a courageous fellow player and check our library for music scores that work for you. Rachel is happy to coach you privately as you prepare.

Your Board is investigating the feasibility of a two-day commuter workshop in late March or early April. We'll let you know more as details are worked out as to location and conductors.

We have finally dispensed with our old rusty-pin nametags and have nice new ones to hang around your neck for January. So no more nasty pulls in your good sweaters!

To close, I want to thank you all for your participation in our monthly meetings. The presence of each of you is vital to our remaining a viable organization. Special thanks to those who give a little extra each month, coming early and staying late to prep and clean up, those who bring refreshments for our breaks, and those of you making extra donations to keep our expenses in control.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Barbara