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Daily news updates from the 2017 Mid-Atlantic Regional Convention

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Well the convention is now in full swing, and we hope that you are enjoying our programs and our Richmond Southern hospitality. Last night's opening performance at River Road Church, Baptist was just a sample of what is to come. Of course our little friend, shown on his perch atop the capital of a nearby column, was thrilled to welcome conventioners to his church.



Following this morning's workshops, we were treated to a stellar recital by our Quimby winner, Clara Geredes. Seen here receiving well deserved applause at the Grace Covenant console, Clara is definitely a rising star in the organ performance world.



After the morning recital, lunch was served in the Grace Covenant fellowship hall. Thanks to Judy Fiske, our chair person for hospitality, and her committee, for a delicious meal and an opportunity to break bread with friends and colleagues.



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Left: Outgoing Richmond Chapter Dean Cheryl Van Ornam with AGO Executive Director James E. Thomashower following the Grace Covenant morning recital. At right, Mary Beth Bennett prepares for her afternoon workshop despite a recent leg injury that has confined her to a wheel chair.

COMING UP: On Monday evening, we will have an opportunity to hear one of Richmond's finest young recitalists, Daniel Stipe, when he performs on the Fisk organ at St. James Episcopal Church.



Richmond is the home to many historical, cultural and fine arts museums. The Virginia Museum of Fine Arts is home to the largest collection of Faberge Russian Imperial Eggs outside of Russia. The Richmond Railroad Museum exhibits train and railroad memorabilia, cars, and locomotive engines in a former passenger station. The Science Museum of Virginia includes an OmniMax theater and hands-on exhibits, in the former Broad Street Station. These are just a few!

There is a steam locomotive and some flat cars buried in an old railway tunnel on the east side of the city. In 1925, the train was trapped when the Church Hill Tunnel (built in 1870) collapsed while work was being done on the tunnel. Four railway workers were killed, their bodies never recovered. The tunnel continues to cause shifts in the overhead landscape, and ghost watchers have claimed to hear noises coming from the tunnel on Halloween night.

Richmond was settled in 1607, the city's street grid was laid out in 1737, and the city was incorporated in 1742. It was named by William Byrd II, who believed the view of the James River from a hill in the east part of the city was identical to the view of the River Thames from Richmond Hill, west of London.

The city has a carillon! Located in Byrd Park (named for the city's founder) in the near West End of the city, it was built in 1932 and is officially named the World War I Memorial Carillon, and is a memorial to those who died in the war. It contains 56 bells, and is played several holidays during the year. It is listed on both the US and the Virginia registries of historic landmarks. A member of the Richmond AGO chapter is the City's Carilloner.

THINGS TO REMEMBER WHILE VISITING RICHMOND



If you are driving, remember that right turns on red light after stop are permitted in Virginia.

Many of the older Richmond streets have turn lanes that pop up often without advance warnings. Be sure to look well ahead and anticipate your lane usage before you reach an intersection.

Tuesday's weather: Mostly cloudy with high of 72 and low of 61 Deg. F.