

The Organ Spiel

NEWSLETTER FOR THE SIERRA CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN THEATRE ORGAN SOCIETY

ANNUAL MEETING & CHRISTMAS POTLUCK



DECEMBER 2009

FAIR OAKS CLUBHOUSE
7997 CALIFORNIA AVE.

SUNDAY, DEC. 6TH
1:00 P.M.

The Christmas Party this year is
going to be FUN SERIOUSLY

Organ Games Name That Tune Singing

Our own **Randy Warwick** will start the party on the Wurlitzer, with a mini-concert from 1:00 to 1:30 PM. He has promised to do some FUN things! If you know Randy, you can be sure he is up to the task!

Perhaps the most important part of the day will be *the election of Officers and Board members*. In order to make that happen **we need a quorum** To achieve a quorum requires at least 20 members be present to vote before it is official.

We need YOU there!

You are going to bring your favorite main dish, plus a salad or dessert to share for the potluck. You need to bring along your own paper plates and utensils. Beverages will be provided by the chapter. After lunch will be an open console opportunity, so bring along your song sheets and plan to play a couple of tunes. **See you there!**



THE ARTIST: RANDY WARWICK

Even though Randy has lived away from Sacramento for over twenty years, he has been a member of Sierra Chapter since 1968. He served as Chapter VP and President in the late 70's, early 80's and returned to serve as Chapter VP again in 2009. With Dale Mendenhall's help, he arranged for the re-location of the Fair Oaks organ from Cal Expo to the Fair Oaks Club House.

About to retire from a career in radio and TV broadcasting, Randy is in the process of preparing for his wife her 108 year old dream house near Grass Valley that will soon become their primary residence. He has three grown sons and two grandsons. He says he is not a musician, but does play the organ for his own amusement, as well as for any one willing to listen. Those of us who heard him at our last Open Console can attest that Randy did a great job. He has owned too many electronic organs to count and at one time had a six rank "Mortitzer" T.P.O.

JANUARY PREVIEW

Sunday, January 10th at 2:00PM,
Fair Oaks Community Clubhouse

2009 winner of ATOS Young Theatre Organist competition— Nathan Avakian

Please support the chapter by your attendance at these events. These Young Artists are the **FUTURE of Theatre Organ!** Our ability to bring such outstanding talent to Sacramento is in jeopardy if we continue to have low attendance! **Please Come!!!**





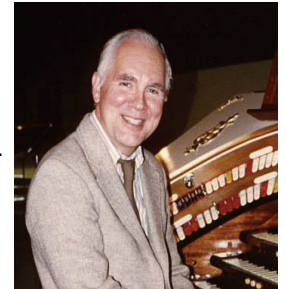
President: Carol Zerbo

Carol is running for her second term as President of the Sierra Chapter Board. Prior to reconnecting with the theatre organ world, she served on committees as diverse as town incorporation, land use planning, homeowner associations, and medical ethics. A lifelong appreciation of theatre organs in all their incarnations has led her to focus her energies toward preserving the instrument and encouraging young people to become involved in the effort.



Treasurer: Dave Sauer

Dave Sauer is a charter member of Sierra Chapter. He served as technician for the Grant Union High School Wurlitzer from 1965 to 1985, and has served as a volunteer organist at the California Auto Museum since 1994. Dave has been Sierra Chapter's webmaster since 2001 when he created our new website. He is also responsible for organizing our bus trips to Berkeley. Dave is running for his second term as treasurer.



Board Member: Jim Leach

Already a 3 year member of ATOS and a Sierra Chapter Board Member involved with updating the "Music Library," Jim has been a "George Wright" enthusiast and follower since 1953. Jim retired from IBM after 28 years and he currently owns an Allen R-311 Theatre Organ to carry out his passion from childhood. He will continue to do his part in preserving the "King of Instruments." He was recently appointed the Sierra Chapter Music Librarian.



Board Member: Craig Peterson

Craig Peterson has been a member of the Sierra Chapter for years. He is currently the organist for Hope United Methodist Church. He has served this chapter in many ways, including Officer and Board positions, Program and Publicity Chairman, Editor of the Spiel and more. At the national level, he is currently Chairman of the Board of the American Theatre Organ Society. He's always serving somewhere and making sure there are no snafus at our events.



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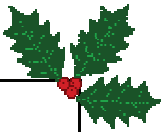
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PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE – CAROL ZERBO



Yikes!--Time really does fly when you're having fun.. The George Wright concert at Grant on the 15th is still ringing in my ears. Chris Gorsuch is reeeally good!

We had a great crowd; they were not shy about showing it's appreciation for Chris's efforts.



Some NorCal members made the trip over to hear him and they are looking forward to hosting him at Berkeley in March. Fir anyone who missed him at Grant - the date is March 14th.

As always, **Dave Moreno** and **Bill Gardner** had the organ sounding its best. Chris had some good things to say about the venerable old girl and seemed pleased that she would soon be sporting a new relay system, courtesy of the *Twin Rivers*

Unified School System.

I asked for and received a large round of applause for **Frank and Sondra Fuson** for their years of hard work and

dedication to this concert, a wonderful example of ATOS' mission.

I can't believe it's already time for our

Christmas Party at Fair Oaks. Long-time Sierra Chapter member, **Randy Warwick**, will be playing before we dine and I'm sure there will be some wonderful food. **So, do plan to attend.** Remember, this is also our annual meeting. We will be electing Board members for 2010 so your attendance is vital!

Jim Leach has agreed to replace Sierra member **Alice Kutzer** as our Sheet Music Librarian. Jim is already leading the effort to computerize the

library, so his willingness to take on another responsibility is most appreciated. **A big Thank You to Alice for her years of service.**

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support this last year. If ATOS had a contest to determine which chapter had the best Board of Directors, Sierra would win -- hands down! We've had fun and, I think, accomplished a lot.

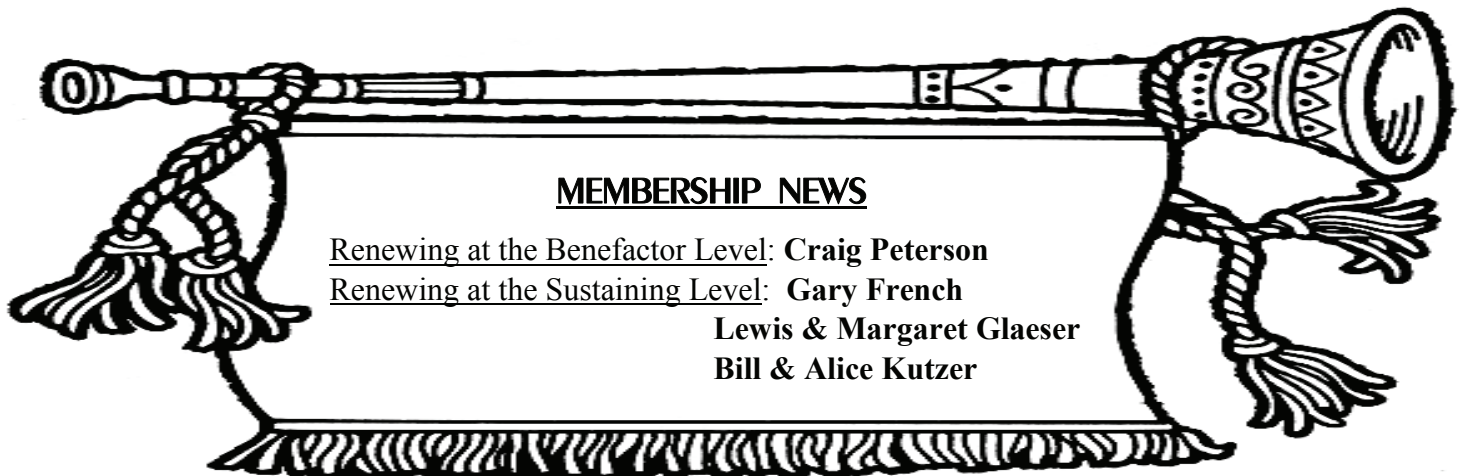
We will present some format changes for 2010 which represents suggestions from you members. We hope you will continue to support our efforts to keep theatre organs playing in the Sacramento Valley.

A very Happy Thanksgiving and



warmest Holiday wishes to you all!

Carol Z



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Renewing at the Benefactor Level: **Craig Peterson**

Renewing at the Sustaining Level: **Gary French**

Lewis & Margaret Glaeser

Bill & Alice Kutzer



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR EVENTS

SIERRA CHAPTER EVENT

Fair Oaks Clubhouse
7997 California Ave

Sunday December 6th
1:00 PM

Annual Meeting and
Christmas Party
Potluck Dinner



We request that Voting
(Regular) Members make
every effort to attend the
Annual Meeting. Our by-
laws dictate that we must
have a quorum of at least
25% in order to conduct the
vote for new Officers and
Board Members



BIRMINGHAM EVENT
ALABAMA JUBILEE
Nov 27-29
6 concerts at 2 venues

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Or Go to their Web Site

www.alabamatheatreorgan.com



NOR-CAL TOS EVENT

Berkeley Community Theater

Sunday Feb 14 -
2:30 PM

Donna Parker

\$15/General Admission



LOS ANGELES EVENT

Wurlitzer Weekend

January 15 - 17



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Please Order Early, some venues
have limited seating
www.latos.org

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