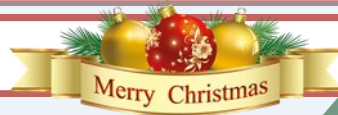


The Organ Spiel

NEWSLETTER FOR THE SIERRA CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN THEATRE ORGAN SOCIETY

ANNUAL MEETING & LITE LUNCH

DECEMBER, 2022



Christmas Party

Mini-concert from 2:00 - 2:30

Provided Lunch from 2:30 - 3:30

Annual Meeting after lunch

OPEN Console
after the annual meeting.

The meal will be provided!

Bring a \$5 donation!

Desserts to share are welcome.

Beverages will be provided.



Jim Brown started his musical experience by playing the trombone in his elementary, intermediate and high school bands, as well as singing in various choral groups throughout his school years. He began studying the organ in early 1974 at the age of 18, thanks to several professional organists who mentored him as he developed his musical skills and style. He also studied classical organ and piano with Terry Compton and Donna Crosson.



About the Artist

His first professional break came in December, 1975, when he became one of the organists at Big Top Pizza in Carmichael, California. He held this position until 1981. He also played at Pizza and Pipes as their substitute organist, both in Sacramento and in Fresno, California. He began playing the organ for church services in July, 1981 and has been playing almost non stop ever since.

Jim and his family moved to Spokane, Washington, in December, 2005, after his retirement from the City of Roseville. He returned to the Sacramento area in November, 2016 and became organist at Lincoln Community Church in March, 2017. Jim, his wife Denise and daughter Melissa currently reside in Auburn, California. In addition to his duties as organist; he also serves as office administrator at Lincoln Community Church.



SATURDAY, DEC. 3RD

2:00 P.M.

\$5 DONATION

JACOB'S MUSIC ROOM
48 COLLEGE PARK
DAVIS, CA

The most important part of the day will be the **election of Board members.**

We need a quorum!

A quorum requires that at least 25% of our National ATOS members be present to vote.

We need YOU there!

PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE - RANDY WARWICK



As 2022 wraps, I would like to thank your Board of Directors: **Craig Peterson, Gary French, Joanie Grootveld, Terry Clifton, Tom Sebo** and **Bev Harris** for all their efforts in various capacities too numerous to list here. I do have to give **Terry** kudos for crawling up into the rafters of the Grant auditorium and to **Dave Moreno** for getting the Grant organ to the best condition in years. Also thanks to

Bill Trabucco for three years of storing our Trumpet rank (one of the original seven from the Chapter organ).

We hope to see you at the Christmas Party. The 3/14 Moller Pipe Organ from the Lobby of the San Francisco Fox is a fine sounding instrument, well worth the drive to Davis. Our featured organist will be **Jim Brown.**



Board Member: Joan Grootveld

Joan Grootveld has been a member of the Sierra Chapter of ATOS since November 2007 and joined the National ATOS in 2013. She and her husband Gary have enjoyed the silent movies, concerts, and educational opportunities to learn about the intricacies of the theatre pipe organ. As music enthusiasts, they own a player piano with 885 rolls and a Kimball organ that Joan learned to play when she was 12. Joan's previous board member experience includes one year as board member and five terms as Secretary of the Sierra Chapter of ATOS, a term as president of the PTA, and several years as secretary of the Sacramento Council for Delayed Preschoolers. Joan is excited about continuing to serve on the Sierra Chapter Board of Directors and is looking forward to working on future events and preserving the theatre pipe organ for future generations.



Board Member: Beverly Harris

Beverly Harris, a long time member of Sierra Chapter, is the daughter of the late Carroll and Barbara Harris who were charter members of the chapter. She currently serves the chapter in the ad hoc position of Historian and Recording Librarian and has served on the board a number of times in past years. In her spare time, she enjoys playing various woodwind instruments with local groups such as the Capital City Concert Band and Winds of Grace at Advent Lutheran Church. She is currently writing several books for children and adults. And she also works for the state.



Board Member: Craig Peterson

Craig Peterson has been a member of the Sierra Chapter for years. He is currently the organist for Lodi First 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 previously served as 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.



Board Member Serving as Vice President: Tom Sebo

Tom has been interested in the theater organ since 1978 when he first heard it played in Cleveland, Ohio at Gray's Armory. There was going to be a silent film presentation that weekend. He just couldn't miss it. From then on it was theater organ all the way. He joined the national American Theater Organ Society in February of 2018 for the express purpose of being able to attend the national convention in 2018. There he also became a member of the Sierra Chapter of ATOS. Recently he has become a member of the NorCal Chapter ATOS. Tom is interested in all aspects of theater organ preservation. He has a collection of vintage stereo equipment and is an amateur photographer. Traveling extensively and visiting cathedral organs in Europe with his wife Cheryl has occupied much of his retirement time since 2002.



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Additional Board Position IS OPEN

While our Bylaws allow the number of board members to decline to six, we believe it is in the best interest of the chapter to retain as many positions and points of view as possible. **If you are interested in a Board position**, you may request that your name be placed into nomination at the Christmas Party. Your only additional requirement is to either be a current member of the National ATOS organization or join the National prior to January 2023.