

The Organ Spiel

NEWSLETTER FOR THE SIERRA CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN THEATRE ORGAN SOCIETY

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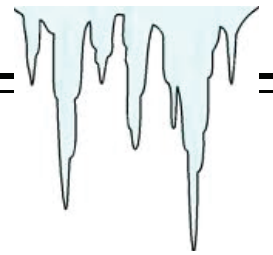
JANUARY 2011



FAIR OAKS COMMUNITY CLUBHOUSE

7997 CALIFORNIA AVENUE FAIR OAKS

SUNDAY, JAN. 9TH 2:00 PM



GUEST ARTIST: Bill Coale



Dr. William (Bill) Coale, Ph.D., is a retired school superintendent from Michigan who started playing theatre pipe organs approximately 35 years ago when he first encountered the 3/11 Barton "Butterfield Special" in Flint, Michigan's

Capitol Theatre. He soon became a student of the late Rev. Jim Miller and became president of the Flint Capitol Theatre Organ Club, being heard in concert on that instrument a number of times.

Bill has had the opportunity and privilege over the years to play more 30 theatre pipe organs in the

United States and England. Primarily self-taught, Bill has a particular interest in ragtime music and marches. In addition to his twenty years as a band and choir director, he also conducted a professional concert band, as well as conducting and performing in the pit orchestras for many musical theatre productions. He also served as a church choir director for over a decade.

After completing his doctorate in Educational Leadership in 2005, Bill re-entered the theatre organ hobby after a long period of inactivity and purchased his Allen GW-319 digital theatre organ, now in his El Cerrito residence. He currently owns an educational consulting business, and does his best to act as though he's really not retired. He is delighted to get back on the bench after that long hiatus, hopefully to the enjoyment of the wonderful members and guests of the Sierra Chapter ATOS.

He is honored to perform for you today!

About the George A. Seaver Memorial Pipe Organ

George A. Seaver expressed a dream for Sierra Chapter to possess its own theatre pipe organ, but he died in 1972 before his dream could become true. In 1974, Sierra Chapter purchased Larry Weid's home organ, a two-manual, seven rank, style E Wurlitzer (Opus 0939). This organ, originally from the Palace Theatre in San Leandro, was installed in the Golden Bear Playhouse at Cal Expo. When the Playhouse was converted into exhibit space, Dale Mendenhall made arrangements to have the organ installed at the Fair Oaks Community Clubhouse. The work was done by thirty volunteers, led by Dave Moreno and Dale Mendenhall, and completed in March, 1981.

The organ has gone through many changes, improvements and additions. A three manual Robert Morton Console, once owned by Hollywood musician Buddy Cole, was donated by Sierra Member Steve Restivo from San Jose. The old relay system was replaced with a Z-tronic multiplex system, and an English Post Horn and Tuba Horn were added, bringing the organ to its present thirteen ranks of pipes.



THE SIERRA CHAPTER'S MUSIC LIBRARY



Does everyone, reading this article, know that our Sierra Chapter has an extensive "Music Library" containing music books, sheet music and reference materials dating back to the 1930's? This repertoire has been donated with the generosity of Sierra Chapter members over the course of many years. It is our intent to create a music library where members can search and physically check out or borrow from the marvelous collection. In order to preserve, update and catalog the "Music Library's" content,

WE NEED VOLUNTEER ASSISTANCE.

A training session is in the works for mid-January 2011 to February 2011. Computer inputting experience is a plus for cataloging but not necessary for filing.

PLEASE call
Jim Leach at:
916-705-9515



Currently, our ONLY volunteers are: Gary French, Jeanne Paquette and Jim Leach.



OROVILLE UPDATE

Our man in Oroville (David Dewey) reports that the two Silent Movie events in November were a big success with over 300 people attending *Phantom of the Opera*, and about half that number for the selection of comedy shorts. The final numbers are not in yet, but it appears that over \$1,500 was raised for the Theatre Organ project. YAHOO!



Your Board Needs Some Feedback

Our Annual Christmas Party / Board Meeting / Potluck / Open Console continues to be our least attended event. It's a struggle to get enough members for the quorum, that is mandated by our bylaws, for election of officers and board members.

Are you pot-lucked out at this time of the year/other commitments? We need your reasons for not attending, and suggestions on what we could do to get you there!! We try to keep this event free. If we were to get a paid artist, we would need to charge an admission fee, or we could host a modest catered event for less than \$5. **HELP US MAKE IT FUN!**

Enclosed with this newsletter is a postcard for your replies. Or you can save a stamp and e-mail us directly. All responses will be kept confidential. You can reply to terry@parklaneblessings.com

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PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE – CAROL ZERBO



The annual Christmas Party and

Chapter meeting signals the end of another year of concerts and gatherings for Sierra Chapter members and friends. As always, the party was great fun with food, wonderful food, way too much food (and I enjoyed every bit of it!). Many thanks to **Sherry Clifton & Carol Zerbo** for the beautiful table decorations, to **Craig Peterson, Tom Norvell** and **Beverly Harris** for the raffle prizes, and to **Dave Moreno** for the pre-lunch music and movies after the meeting. Those in attendance heard a summary of this year's activities and report of our financial condition for 2010. The election of Chapter officials produced two new Board members and retained our Vice President and Secretary.

I am pleased to welcome **Eric Parker** and **Bill Coale** to the Sierra Chapter Board of Directors. Eric has rejoined Sierra after pursuing other interests for a while and we are very glad to have him

back. **Bill Coale** is our newest Board member, **he will open our 2011 schedule with a concert at Fair Oaks on January 9th.** You can visit YouTube for a sampling of Bill's musical talents. To my vast relief **Terry Clifton** and **Randy Warwick** agreed to run, and were elected to a second term as Secretary and Vice President respectively. I think of Terry as a world-class "can-do" guy: our Secretary, membership person, co-editor of the Spiel and he is always so calm! As could be seen from his bio in last month's Spiel, VP Randy is the right person at the right time to make sure the public is aware of the marvelous, mechanical music machines we treasure. Because our calendar for 2011 is already filling up, Randy will have his hands full. Since I know I will be seeing them at most of our events, I refuse to say goodbye to departing Board members **Marian Galbraith** and **Dr. Bob Barrett** - just THANK YOU so much for your service to Sierra Chapter. It was a real pleasure

working with you both!

Onward to our first concert of the year with **Bill Coale**. Come meet the new guy and hear what's in store next.

I think we have a great year ahead of us, maybe even a few surprises (the good kind, of course). With pipe organs, you never can tell. BTW -- those of you who found some sort of 21st century communication device under your tree: iphone, ipad, mac, pc, or any other mechanism capable of receiving the Spiel via internet, please give SierraChapterATOS.org a look. We're in color there! And let us know how we may continue to send you exciting news of the theatre organ world via your email address.

Looking forward to hearing from y'all,

Carol



BOARD MEETING

Saturday
Jan 15th
10:00AM



Home of
Carol Zerbo

Open to all Regular Members, but please RSVP to Carol if you are planning to attend.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Renewing at the Benefactor Level:

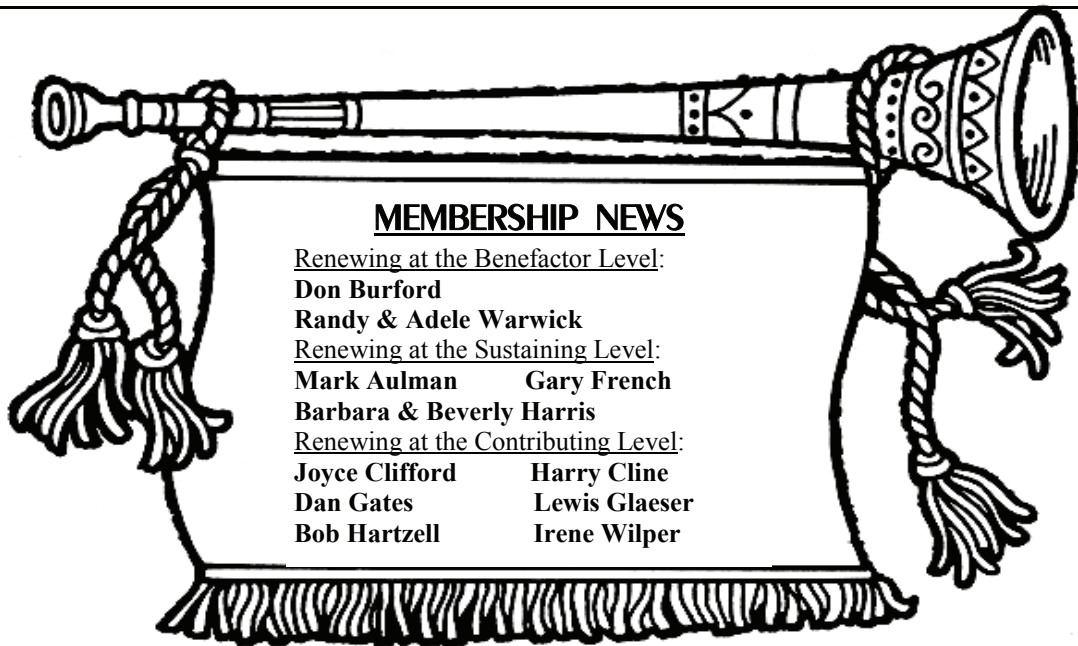
Don Burford
Randy & Adele Warwick

Renewing at the Sustaining Level:

Mark Aulman **Gary French**
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Renewing at the Contributing Level:

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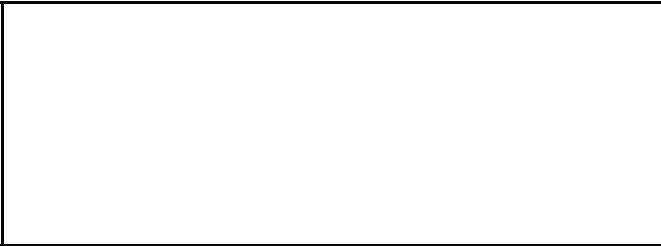





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MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR EVENTS

SIERRA CHAPTER EVENT

Fair Oaks Clubhouse
7997 California Ave

Sunday January 9th
2:00 PM

Bill Coale

\$10/General
\$8/Members
\$5/Students
\$20/Family



SIERRA CHAPTER EVENT

Fair Oaks Clubhouse
7997 California Ave

Sunday February 13th
2:00 PM



Ken Double

LOS ANGELES EVENT

Wurlitzer Weekend

January 14 - 16

**Tickets available ala-carte
or for the entire event.**

For Information, call the LATOS Info &
Message Line at 1-888-LATOS22

Or go to: www.latos.org/ww2011_event.html

STOCKTON FOX EVENT



Casablanca
Friday Jan 14
6:30PM
\$8/Adults

Featuring Tom Thompson

Harmony Wynelands Event

9291 East Harney Lane, Lodi

Silent Movie
Featuring:
Laurel & Hardy

Friday Jan 28 7:30PM
\$12/Adults \$10/Harmony

Club Reservations neces-
sary (209) 369-4164

Featuring
Dave Moreno
On the Mighty Morton



The Chapter was organized in 1968 as a not-for-profit corporation under the statutes of the State of California and is recognized as tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and Section 23701d of the California Revenue and Taxation Code. It was organized for the purpose of preservation and promotion of the Theatre Pipe Organ and its music. Membership in the local Chapter also encourages membership in the National Organization, American Theatre Organ Society (ATOS.) www.atos.org