

# The Organ Spiel

NEWSLETTER FOR THE SIERRA CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN THEATRE ORGAN SOCIETY

ANNUAL MEETING & CATERED LUNCH



DECEMBER, 2018

## Christmas Party

Mini-concert from 1:00 - 1:30

Catered dinner from 1:30 - 2:30

Annual Meeting after dinner

*OPEN Console  
after the annual meeting.*

**The meal will be catered!**

**Bring a \$6 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 and singing in various choral groups throughout his school years. He began studying the organ in early 1974 at the age of 18 shortly after graduating mid-term from high school. His organ studies were self-taught initially. Jim then studied classical organ and piano with Terry Compton of Roseville, California, and has also studied with Donna Crosson of Shingle Springs, California.



*About the Artist*

His first professional break came in December, 1975, when he was hired to play the theater pipe organ at Big Top Pizza in Carmichael, California. He held this position until 1981. He also played the theater pipe organs at Pizza and Pipes as their substitute organist, both in Sacramento and in Fresno, California. He started playing the organ for church services in July, 1981 and has been playing almost non stop ever since. He and his family moved to Spokane, Washington, in December, 2005, after his retirement from the City of Roseville, California. He returned to the Sacramento area in November, 2016.

Jim, his wife Denise, and daughter Melissa reside in Auburn, California. He is currently organist and office administrator at Lincoln Hills Community Church.



SUNDAY, DEC. 2ND

1:00 P.M.

\$6 DONATION

FAIR OAKS CLUBHOUSE  
7997 CALIFORNIA AVE.

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!**

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR EVENTS

### SIERRA CHAPTER EVENT

Fair Oaks Community Clubhouse  
7997 California Ave



**Annual Meeting  
Christmas Party**

**Sunday,  
December 2**

**1:00PM**



Featuring  
**Jim Brown**

**\$6 donation Includes catered meal**

### FAIR OAKS PARK EVENT

Fair Oaks Community Clubhouse  
7997 California Ave


**Friday, January 25th, 2019 7:00PM**

**Silent Movie  
Safety Last (1923)**

**Dave Moreno**  
on the Sierra Chapter Pipe Organ  
\$6 Advance  
\$8 at the Door if not sold out





# 2019 Board Member Candidates



### Board Member: Joan Grootveld


Joan Grootveld has been a member of the Sierra Chapter of ATOS since November 2007 and joined the National ATOS three years ago. She and her husband Gary, who is also a member, 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 two 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.






### 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: 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. The sound just astounded him. There was going to be a silent film presentation that weekend. He just couldn't miss it. From then on it was theater organ interest 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 at the encouragement of the chapter's president. 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,




**Chapter Officers**

**President/Publicity**  
4th term expires Dec 2019  
**Randy Warwick**  
530/477-7018  
Email: rwarwick@bak.rr.com

**Vice President**  
3rd term expires Dec 2018  
**Carol Zerbo**  
916/624-9182  
Email: cazbo@sbcglobal.net

 **Secretary**  
2nd term expires Dec 2018  
**Joan Grootveld**  
916/635-4160  
Email: joanie52@sbcglobal.net

**Treasurer**  
3rd term expires Dec 2019  
**Terry Clifton**  
916/863-6344  
Email: terry@elegantminis.com



**Board Member**  
4th term expires Dec 2019  
**Gary French**  
916/726-4516  
Email: garyf8201@comcast.net

**Board Member**  
1st Term expires Dec 2018  
**Beverly Harris**  
916/332-2837  
Email: wurligirl530@gmail.com

**Board Member**  
1st Term expires Dec 2019  
**Greg De Santis**  
707/876-3139  
Email: rollei@sonic.net

**Board Member**  
2nd term expires Dec 2018  
**Craig Peterson**  
916/682-9699  
Email: peterson59@comcast.net

**Webmaster**  
**Dave Sauer**  
916/925-7440  
Email: davesauer@comcast.net

**Membership**  
**Terry Clifton**  
916/863-6344  
Email: terry@elegantminis.com



**Newsletter Editors**  
**Sherry & Terry Clifton**  
916/863-6344  
Email: sherry@elegantminis.com

**Organ Technician**  
**Dave Moreno**  
916/484-7356  
Email: davem@lanset.com

**Historian & Recording Library**  
**Beverly Harris**  
916/332-2837