The Organ Spiel

Newsletter for the Sierra Chapter of the American Theatre Organ Society

Annual Meeting & Mini-Concert — December, 2026

Christmas Party

Mini-concert from 2:00 - 2:30
Refreshments 2:30 - 3:30
Annual Meeting and Raffle after refreshments

Everyone is invited to bring their favorite Christmas Cookies. Deli Trays and Beverages will be provided.



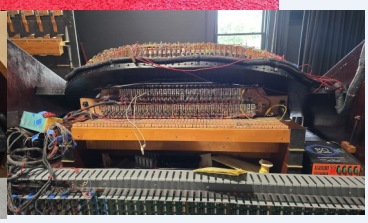
Sunday, Dec. 6th
2:00 P.M.
$5.00

Fair Oaks Community Clubhouse
7997 California Ave
Fair Oaks, 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!



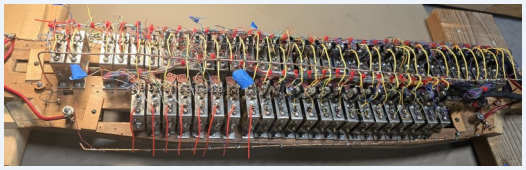




Morton to Wurlitzer Console Swap Project

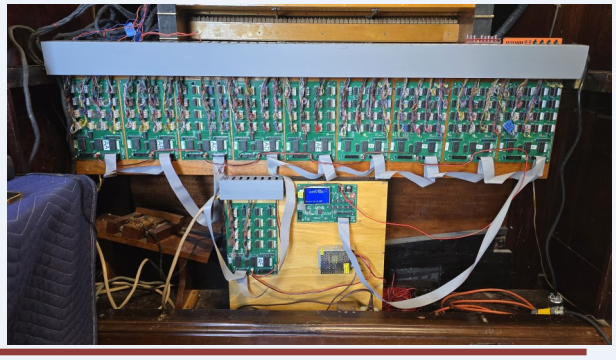
This annual meeting will be a little different. As of this writing, we still have some to-do's to complete but **Dave Moreno** assures us that the console will be playable by the time of our meeting. We will not have an organist, but Dave has volunteered to record some holiday related music on our new Uniflex 5000 relay. This capability has been on the Chapter's wish list for decades and thanks to **Geoff Hansen**, it has become a reality.

Months of paid and volunteer work, starting in March was required to remove and rewire all of the electronics in the chambers and console, and replace them with a Uniflex electronic relay.









2027 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 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 six 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 singing in the choir at Carmichael Presbyterian 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 too 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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Please read

Additional Board Positions ARE 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 2027.