

The Organ Spiel

NEWSLETTER FOR THE SIERRA CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN THEATRE ORGAN SOCIETY

ANNUAL MEETING & CATERED LUNCH



NOVEMBER - DECEMBER, 2015

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 by the chapter.



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

\$6 DONATION

FAIR OAKS CLUBHOUSE
7997 CALIFORNIA AVE.

About the Artist



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!

Dr. William Coale was a band/choir director and professional musician/conductor in Michigan before retiring in 2009 as a superintendent of schools. He started playing the theatre organ in the early 1970s, and studied with the late Fr. Jim Miller. His work in the field of education and advanced studies took him away from the hobby for a decade, but upon finishing his Ph.D. in educational leadership, Bill purchased an Allen GW-319 and quickly fell back in love with the hobby. He's been working full-time for the last 2 1/2 years researching a forthcoming biography of legendary theatre organist George Wright. The book is scheduled for release in July, 2016. Bill loves playing ragtime and marches on the theatre organ, and has recorded a CD on an Allen GW-4 once owned by Walt Strony.

The Genius of

GEORGE WRIGHT



reflections on his life

GOOD NEWS for George Wright fans! The DEADLINE for pre-ordering "The Genius of George Wright--Reflections of His Life" has been extended to FEBRUARY 1,

2016! Pre-order now for reduced price, free shipping, special deals on BANDA CDs, and a genuine leather bookmark embossed with GW's signature in gold foil (mailed to you upon receipt of order). ACT NOW! Merry Christmas!

<http://www.geniusofgeorgewright.com>

The Sierra Chapter CD - *The Genius of Young George Wright* is also available for purchase at the above website.



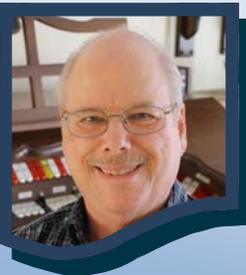
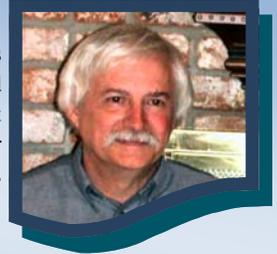
Randy Warwick

A member of Sierra Chapter since 1968, I served as Chapter VP and President in the late 70's, early 80's. While not a musician, I do play the organ for my own amusement, as well as for anyone willing to listen. I have owned too many electronic organs to count and at one time a six rank "Mortitzer" T.P.O. (thank you Dave Moreno for all the work on that too short-lived organ). I look forward to serving another term working with the Board and as many of you who are willing, at keeping Sierra Chapter both a fun group as well as a vital presenter and advocate of the wonderful sound of wind through the pipes that we all love.



Terry Clifton currently serves on the Board as Treasurer. He previously filled two terms as Secretary and is also the printer and mailer of your *Organ Spiel*. Additional duties include Membership Secretary and co-editor of the *Spiel*. He first became hooked on theatre organs back in the late '60s with Friday night Silent Movies at the West Seattle Granada Organ Loft. He has been a member of ATOS since 1986 and a member of Sierra Chapter since 1992. While not a player or technician, he remains fascinated by the mechanics and sound of these fabulous instruments.

Terry Clifton



Gary French

Gary is honored to serve as one of your board members over the last four years and wishes to continue to serve the chapter for another two years. There are a lot of challenges facing our mission of "preservation and promotion of the Theatre Pipe Organ and its music." During the last two years, we have updated the Constitution and Bylaws, and are nearing completion of a new Policy and Procedures Manual. We are actively working on bringing both the Fair Oaks Clubhouse and Grant High School organs to their full potential by performing upgrades and maintenance that, in many cases, are overdue. Gary asks all members to help him and the board to build the chapter membership and bring the fascinating world of Theatre Organ and its music to new people, young and old.



Charlie is running for his second term on the Sierra Chapter Board. "In this, my "rookie term" on the Sierra Chapter Board I found it very enjoyable to be of service to our membership. Now I seek the opportunity to continue to serve in a second term."

Charles Metcalf



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PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE — Randy Warwick



I hope to see a turnout by as many as possible to our Christmas Party and Annual Meeting for two reasons. First, it is fun to share the holiday get together with all of you in the friendly and warm setting of the Fair Oaks

Clubhouse, enjoying the sound of theatre pipes. Second, you are needed to vote for the half of the Board of Directors whose term is up, who are running for a board position for the next two years.

I extend many thanks to this year's Board and

Officers: **Carol, Terry, Joanie, Gary, Paul, Craig, and Charlie** for a job very well done! And kudos to Webmaster and Concert Recordist **Dave Sauer**; Program Director **Craig Peterson**; and Organ Tech, Player, and Humorist **Dave Moreno**.

I would also like to offer a note of thanks to **Paul Brown**, whose effort and time with the Chapter organ and other Chapter projects resulted in a very nice contribution to be made to our qualified 501(c)(3) organization by his former employer Intel.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Renewing at the Benefactor Level:
Robert & Linda Jarvis
Bill Coale

Renewing at the Contributing Level:
Gary French

Renewing at the Patron Level:
Vernon Bickel & Shirley Newharth

Renewing at the Sustaining Level:
Virginia Thomas
Manuel Viera

Free Sheet Music

Sierra Chapter will have a box of sheet music available at the Christmas Party.

1900 - 1925 selections are free. For better known selections from 1920 - 1960 we are asking for a 50 cent donation or 3 for a dollar. Proceeds go to the Scholarship Fund.



"... one of the most outstanding young organist on the scene today. His unassuming manner and his sure and relaxed technique hide a fiery yet totally musical approach to organ playing."

CHICAGO, IL, The Diapason

"His program and performances here are certainly heroic, tailor made for this instrument, exploiting its seemingly limitless tonal resources." (recording review)

The American Organist

"... an outstanding performance by the young artist." (recording review)

American Record Guide

FREMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AND AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS - SACRAMENTO CHAPTER PRESENTS

CONCERT ORGANIST

KEN COWAN

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22

4:00 PM

Tickets \$15 suggested donation.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR EVENTS

SIERRA CHAPTER EVENT

Fair Oaks Community Clubhouse
7997 California Ave



**Sunday,
December 6th
1:00 PM**

Annual Meeting and

Christmas Party



◆ \$6.00

◆ Catered Dinner

FAIR OAKS PARK EVENT

Fair Oaks Clubhouse
7997 California Ave

**Friday,
January 29th, 2016**



STOCKTON FOX EVENT

BOB HOPE THEATRE

242 East Main Street

WHITE CHRISTMAS

**Sunday
Dec 20**

**1:30PM
\$8/Adults**



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