

The Organ Spiel

NEWSLETTER FOR THE SIERRA CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN THEATRE ORGAN SOCIETY

ANNUAL MEETING & CHRISTMAS POTLUCK



DECEMBER 2008

FAIR OAKS CLUBHOUSE
7997 CALIFORNIA AVE.

SUNDAY, DEC. 7TH
1:00 P.M.



Perhaps the most important part of the day will be *the election of Officers and Board members*. In order to make that happen **we need a quorum**. To achieve a quorum requires at least 20 members be present to vote before it is official. **We need YOU there!**

The next best reason to be there is certainly going to be *lots of theatre pipe organ music!!!* **Dave Moreno** will start the party on the Wurlitzer, with a mini-concert from 1:00 to 1:30 PM.

You are going to bring your favorite main dish, plus a salad or dessert to share for the potluck. You need to bring along your own paper plates and utensils. Beverages will be provided by the chapter.

After lunch will be an open console opportunity, so bring along your song sheets and plan to play a couple of tunes. Our Christmas party is early in the month so it won't get in the way of your other celebrations.

See you there!



ABOUT THE ARTIST,
DAVE MORENO

Dave Moreno has an extensive background in playing the theatre organ, beginning when he was just 13 years of age. His style at the console is as uniquely his own as is his fashionable appearance. Moreno is an avid collector of vintage platform shoes, mostly from the 1970's; his collection is currently over 600 pairs! Watch his favorite *pair of the day* glide over the organ's pedal board during his performance.

Dave's warmth, personality and sense of humor is most evident in his performance. This is when he shares his enthusiasm for the art and musicality of another era to his delighted audiences. He's equally comfortable with silent movie accompaniment, solo music of the 1920's-1950's, jazz organ, and playing the numerous requests of dining patrons.

Over the past 30 years, Dave has played in many of the great, remaining vintage theatres and organ restaurants from Sacramento to Fresno. Today, Moreno is regularly featured in such fun California venues as The Ironstone Vineyards in Murphys, The College of the Sequoias in Visalia and the Towe Auto Museum in Sacramento.

In addition to being one of the great showmen of the console, Dave truly knows his work inside and out: He is one of the state's leading organ technicians and re-builders and is responsible for the maintenance of no less than 40 theatre organs in California alone! Occasional trips have taken him as far as Kalamazoo, Michigan, to work on rare instruments there.

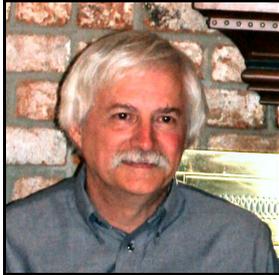
ELECTION OF OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS

This year, we have openings for Vice President, Secretary, and two Board positions. Listed below are the nominees along with a short Bio of each.



Vice President: Open

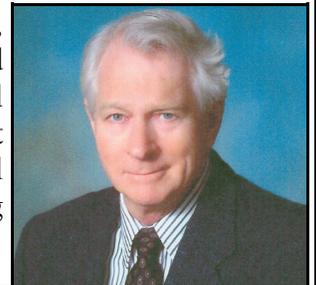
Secretary: Terry Clifton



Terry Clifton has served as the printer and mailer of your Organ Spiel for many years., Most recently, he took on the duties of 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 1970 and a member of Sierra Chapter since 1992.

Board Member: Robert Barrett, MD

Dr. Robert Barrett developed a liking for the theater organ when his parents took him, as a schoolboy, to the Radio City Music Hall. He maintains a collection of popular and sacred organ music and enjoys giving technical and logistical support to professional local and visiting organists. He served 28 years in the military service as a pilot, flight surgeon, and general surgeon. He has had 11 years of private solo practice of general surgery after military retirement and now maintains a limited practice in the operating room.



Board Member: Marian Galbraith



Marian Galbraith has always been a big fan of organ music and joined ATOS two years ago. She was appointed to fulfill the term of Board Member Madrina Smith. Now, she wants to promote ATOS by being a Board Member in her own right. .She says: Play on, and keep the events going!

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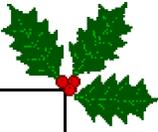
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PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE — CAROL ZERBO



In youth-speak -- OMG! What a great concert Mark Herman gave on Nov. 9th George Wright Memorial Concert! Mark played a huge variety of songs from the 20's right up to today and even included some of his own compositions. This was definitely one of those "you shoulda been there" events. Without a doubt, the future of the theatre organ is in good hands and feet, thanks to artists like Mark Herman.

I think the alumni of Grant Union High School was very impressed and pleased to see that future play its vintage instrument; George Wright would have been proud! The Alumni Association also sponsored Mark to give an assembly on Friday, the 7th. What started out as a great way to get out of classes, ended up with whoops and loud clapping as Mark showed the students what that thing living in their auditorium could do. They crowded around Mark after the mini-concert for pictures and questions, all of which Mark handled with good humor and grace.

Remember our Christmas Party on the 7th at Fair Oaks. I'm really

looking forward to hearing Dave Moreno. He played my 324 once and I learned that it is possible to hear a theatre organ laugh. Some of the tunes and sounds he coaxes out of an organ really tickle its funny bone, er components.

A huge Thank You to three people who are finishing their terms on the Board and will be dearly missed:

Beverly Harris, a most creative, sweet person who could be counted on to provide us with a common-sense perspective. She has spent her whole life in the theatre organ world, taking over the recording library duties from her father, Carroll. Bev, I hope we can still look forward to your adorable Christmas decorations. Though not a Board member, Bev's mom, Barbara has provided me with invaluable Chapter history.

Tom Norvell Vice President, to whom I am very grateful for his knowledge and superb wit. Board meetings were never boring, always educational and, Tom, I don't think you were all that "gripey".

Sherry Clifton, Secretary.

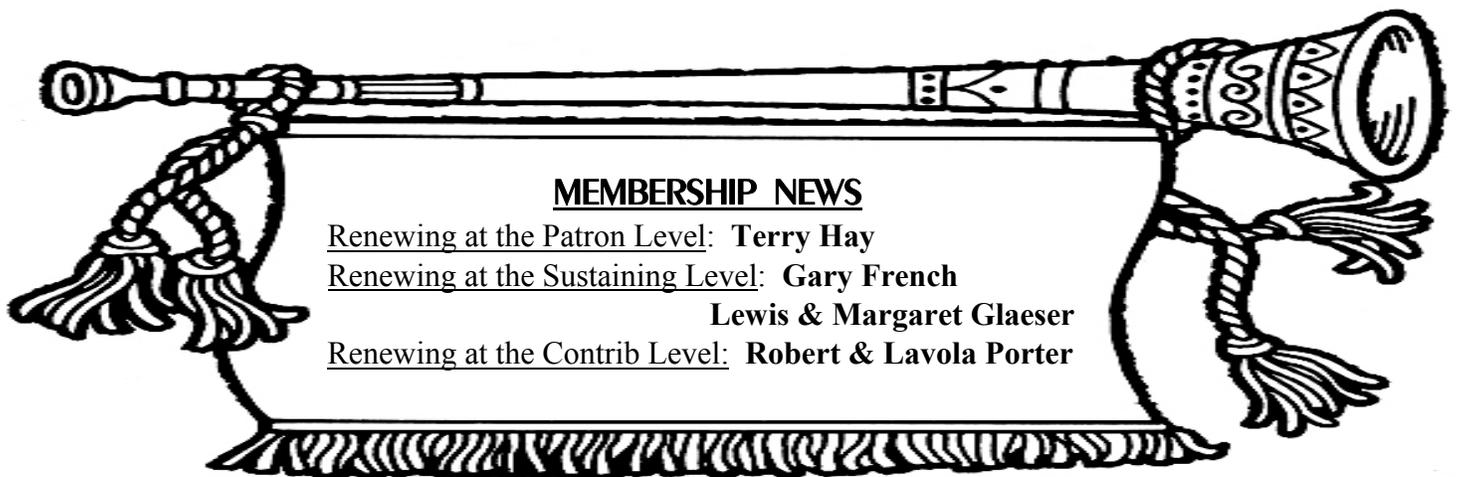
Anyone taking on that job is a very special person and Sherry did it with grace and efficiency. I cannot say enough good things about you, Sherry. You are a blessing as a person and a Board member.

See y'all at the Christmas Party!

Carol Z



Just a reminder to anyone who's got some spare change and wants it to help a fledgling organist learn the craft - our Scholarship Fund is growing, albeit slowly, and we always welcome contributions. We hope to have some great gifts to raffle at the Christmas Party so be sure to bring those dollars and make Tom's day. Who knows, we may have a budding Mark Herman in our midst who could use a little help paying for those lessons.



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Renewing at the Patron Level: Terry Hay

Renewing at the Sustaining Level: Gary French

Lewis & Margaret Glaeser

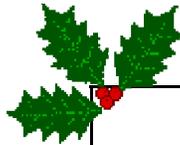
Renewing at the Contrib Level: Robert & Lavola Porter



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SIERRA CHAPTER EVENT

Fair Oaks Clubhouse
7997 California Ave

**Sunday December 7th
1:00 PM**

**Annual Meeting and
Christmas Party
Potluck Dinner**

**We request that Voting
(Regular) Members make
every effort to attend the
Annual Meeting. Our by-
laws dictate that we must
have a quorum of at least
25% in order to conduct the
vote for new Officers and
Board Members**

PHOENIX EVENT **DESERT WINDS**

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