

# The Organ Spiel

NEWSLETTER FOR THE SIERRA CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN THEATRE ORGAN SOCIETY

ANNUAL MEETING & CATERED CHRISTMAS



DECEMBER 2011

## The Christmas Party

is going to be FUN!

### Organ Name That Tune Singing

Our own **Randy Warwick** will start the party on the Wurlitzer, with a mini-concert from 1:00 to 1:30 PM. He has promised to do some FUN things! If you know Randy, you can be sure he is up to the task! *OPEN Console after lunch!*

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 National ATOS members be present to vote before it is official. **We need YOU there!**

**Bring ONLY a \$5 donation as the meal will be catered!. Be there by 1:00 as a count for meals will be taken.** Beverages will be provided by the chapter. See you there!!!

SUNDAY, DEC. 4TH

1:00 P.M.

FAIR OAKS CLUBHOUSE

7997 CALIFORNIA AVE.



THE ARTIST:  
RANDY WARWICK



Even though Randy has lived away from Sacramento for over twenty years, he has been a member of Sierra Chapter since 1968! He served as Chapter VP and President in the late 70's, early 80's and returned to serve as Chapter VP again in 2009. With Dale Mendenhall's help, he arranged for the re-location of the Fair Oaks organ from Cal Expo to the Fair Oaks Club House. Randy has owned too many electronic organs to count and at one time had a six rank "Mortitzer" T.P.O.

Retired from a career in radio and TV broadcasting, Randy and his wife Adele live in a beautifully restored, 108 year old Victorian set high on a hill near Grass Valley. Because they have three grown sons and two grandsons still living in Bakersfield, they still retain their residence there as well. Randy says he is not a musician, but does play the organ for his own amusement, as well as for any one willing to listen. He has been gracious enough to play at our Open Consoles and for our 2009 Christmas Party; we can all attest that Randy did a great job.





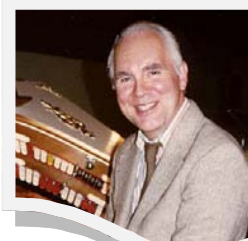
### President: Randy Warwick

A member of Sierra Chapter since 1968, Randy 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 any one 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 again as Chapter President 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.



### Treasurer: Dave Sauer

Dave Sauer is a charter member of Sierra Chapter. He served as technician for the Grant Union High School Wurlitzer from 1965 to 1985, and was a volunteer organist at the California Auto Museum from 1994 to 2010. Dave has been Sierra Chapter's webmaster since 2001 when he created our website. He is also responsible for organizing our bus trips to Berkeley and Ironstone Vineyards. Dave is running for his second term as treasurer.



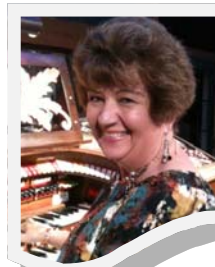
### Board Member: Gary French

Gary retired last year as a communications analyst for the State. He has a love of organ music, especially theatre pipe organ music, going back to when he was 8 years old and his dad played a radio show of pipe organ music. Privately at about age 14, he would play the organ at his church to get a feel for it. "Pizza and Pipes" prompted Gary to purchase his first spinet organ and later to purchase his Conn 651. He has been a choir accompanist and special service organist. Gary desires to have a more active role as a Board member in the "preservation and promotion of the Theatre Pipe Organ and its music."



### Board Member: Joan Grootveld

Joan Grootveld has been a member of the Sierra Chapter of ATOS since November 2007 and recently joined the National ATOS. 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 serving as president of the PTA and secretary of the Sacramento Council for Delayed Preschoolers. Joan is excited about the possibility of being 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.




#### Chapter Officers

##### President

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##### Board Member


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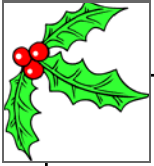
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# PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE – CAROL ZERBO

Whooo-boy -- Dave Wickerham is one amazing theatre organ artist!! He arrived here from

Florida at 11:30PM Saturday night for our George Wright concert on Nov 13th, got acquainted with Grant High's venerable pipe organ Sunday morning, proceeded to play a concert that had the crowd on it's feet for a standing "O" at intermission no less, and flew back to Florida on Monday at 6:00AM. I introduced Dave as a "something for everyone" artist and that's exactly what he played - right down to a list of requests a page and a half long! We heard patriotic music, show tunes, the Great American songbook, and hymns complete with the most convincing bagpipe sounds I've ever heard. The whistling, shouting and clapping was so loud that someone outside the auditorium might have wondered if we were having a pep rally. It is an understatement to say that the audience was most appreciative of Dave's efforts.

Several people told me this was *"the best one yet!"*

Of course no concert happens unless a great deal of effort from dedicated volunteers happens first. And to them, MANY THANKS - couldn'ta done it without you. Advance ticket sales and refreshments are the domain of the Grant Alumni Association's indefatigable leader, **Sondra Fuson**. She and **Frank** are the (my favorite word) "champions" of the Grant organ and auditorium, seeing to it that everything is in its place and working,

including District and School representatives. Sierra Chapter provides the artist and, this year, the cleaning crew. **Joyce Clifford** and son, Michael, Board members **Terry Clifton, Randy Warwick, Jim Leach, and Craig Peterson**, along with Randy's sweet wife **Adele** and moi, armed ourselves with mops, brooms, cloths and vacuums, and gave the building a good going-over. Hey - it was good exercise and we had fun! BTW - thanks for the great coffee and donuts, Joyce. And while all that was going on, chapter technician and resident comedian, **Dave Moreno** was putting the finishing touches on the organ's annual pre-concert tune-up.

I know we have had some excellent concerts in the past, but, I have to agree that Dave Wickerham certainly knows how to please an audience. A good time was definitely had by all!

The holiday season is now upon us and I hope y'all have saved Sunday, December 4th to be with your fellow Sierra Chapter members at the Fair Oaks clubhouse for our annual meeting. As you can see, we are trying something different this year - catering! Yup - at last year's party, we asked y'all to fill out a brief questionnaire relative to our events and the majority of respondents indicated a wish to try something other than bringing food to the Christmas Party. So, this year's party will be catered. All you need to do is come, eat, listen to **Randy Warwick's** fun music and cast your vote for our new Board

members during the annual meeting.

BTW - We had an unexpected resignation from the Board recently. **Eric Parker** resigned due to health reasons and **Marian Galbraith**, bless her sweet self, agreed to come back and finish Eric's term. We will miss Eric's valuable input but look forward to seeing him at some functions perhaps in the future. Marian, welcome back! When you see her at the Christmas Party, give her a big "Thank you" for her willingness to serve again. Hugs are welcome too.

The December Christmas party is my last event as your President and I'm just selfish enough to take up this space to say how much I have enjoyed myself. Sierra Chapter is blessed with a welcoming spirit and cooperation that is reflected in the Board. It has been my honor and pleasure to be a part of that. And to **Terry Clifton, Dave Sauer, Randy Warwick, Craig Peterson, Bill Coale, and Jim Leach** - it has been a real privilege to work with you. You gentlemen brought ideas, knowledge, and order to our meetings. I was just the mistress of ceremonies and I loved every minute! My thanks to all of you for your support and friendship.

See y'all at the Party,

Carol





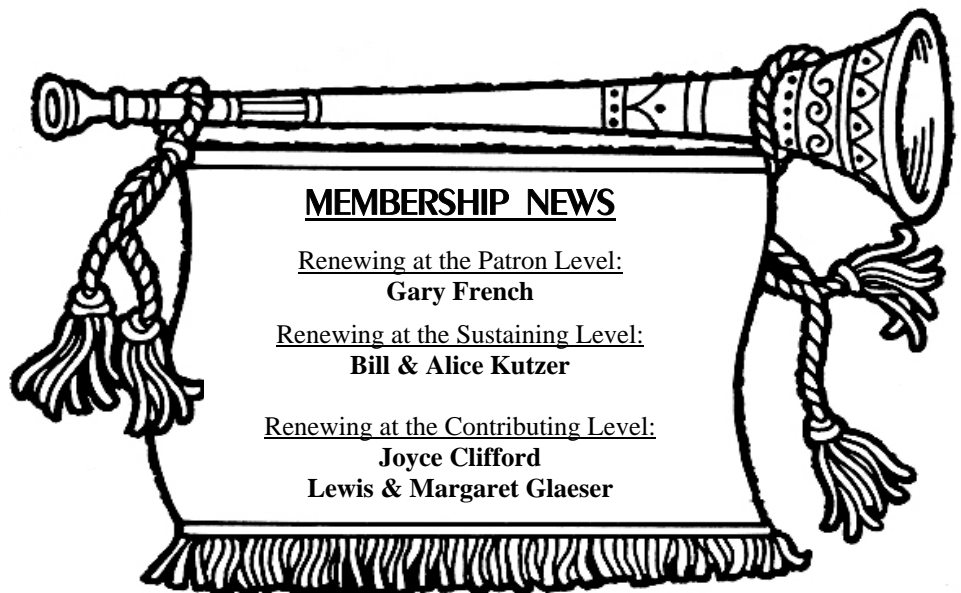
**Annual Meeting**  
and  
**Christmas Party**

**Sunday**  
**December 4th 1:00PM**

Fair Oaks Community Clubhouse

Open to all Members

**\$5.00 Donation**  
**includes catered meal!**



**MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

Renewing at the Patron Level:  
**Gary French**

Renewing at the Sustaining Level:  
**Bill & Alice Kutzer**

Renewing at the Contributing Level:  
**Joyce Clifford**  
**Lewis & Margaret Glaeser**





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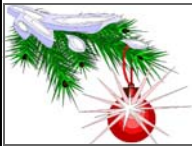


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# MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR EVENTS

## SIERRA CHAPTER EVENT

Fair Oaks Clubhouse  
7997 California Ave



**Sunday  
December 4th  
1:00 PM**

Annual Meeting and  
Christmas Party -

Catered Dinner

**\$5.00**



**Please arrive by 1:00PM so  
that we have an accurate head  
count for the Dinner.**

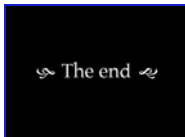
## SIERRA CHAPTER/ FAIR OAKS PARK & REC EVENT

Fair Oaks Clubhouse  
7997 California Ave

**With Dave Moreno  
Friday January 27th**



**Silent Movie ???**



## STOCKTON FOX EVENT

*White Christmas*

**Sunday December  
18 1:30PM**

**\$8/Adults**

Featuring

*Tom Thompson  
On the Mighty Morton*



## HARMONY WYNELANDS

**A Collection of Crazy  
Comedy Shorts of the  
1920's**

**Photo-play by Dave Moreno  
Friday December 16  
7:30PM**



Reservations: (209) 369-4184  
9291 East Harney Lane, Lodi, CA

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](http://www.atos.org)