

The Organ Spiel

NEWSLETTER FOR THE SIERRA CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN THEATRE ORGAN SOCIETY

ANNUAL MEETING & CATERED LUNCH



DECEMBER, 2019

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 \$7 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, as well as singing in various choral groups throughout his school years. He began studying the organ in early 1974 at the age of 18, thanks to several professional organists who mentored him as he developed his musical skills and style. He also studied classical organ and piano with Terry Compton and Donna Crosson.



His first professional break came in December, 1975, when he became one of the organists at Big Top Pizza in Carmichael, California. He held this position until 1981. He also played at Pizza and Pipes as their substitute organist, both in Sacramento and in Fresno, California. He began playing the organ for church services in July, 1981 and has been playing almost non stop ever since.

Jim and his family moved to Spokane, Washington in December, 2005, after his retirement from the City of Roseville. He returned to the Sacramento area in November, 2016 and became organist at Lincoln Hills Community Church in March, 2017. Jim, his wife Denise, and daughter Melissa currently reside in Auburn, California. In addition to his duties as organist; he also serves as office administrator at Lincoln Hills Community Church.



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!

IL TEMPIO DI MUSICA EVENT Near Grass Valley

Friday, January 17th, 2020

**Piano Concert
Adam Swanson**

Adam Swanson is one of the world's foremost performers of vintage American popular music, including ragtime, early jazz, the Great American Songbook, and more. Although he is only twenty-seven years old, Adam has been a featured performer and lecturer at ragtime and jazz festivals across the United States, and he is the only four-time winner of the World Championship Old-Time Piano Playing Contest.

More info and RSVP:
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FAIR OAKS PARK EVENT

Fair Oaks Community Clubhouse
7997 California Ave

Friday, January 24th, 2020 7:00PM

Full Length Silent Movie

Dave Moreno

on the Sierra Chapter Pipe Organ

More information in the January Spiel



Randy Warwick

A member of Sierra Chapter since 1968, I served as Chapter VP and President in the late 70's and 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

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.



Gary French

Gary is honored to serve as one of your board members over the last six years and wishes to continue to serve the chapter for another two years. There continues to be 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 completed a new Policy and Procedures Manual. We are continually 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. If you heard the George Wright Memorial Concert on November 12, 2017, you may have noticed a more pronounced sound created by moving the overpowering English Horn from the Fair Oaks organ to the George Wright organ. The Fair Oaks organ has a new trumpet that matches that organ much better. 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.



PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE—Randy Warwick

I hope to extend Holiday greetings to everyone at the Christmas Party as we enjoy food, libations, camaraderie and hopefully hear the Chapter organ as **Jim Brown** once again plays music of the season.

The past year brought us a mix of some satisfying well attended events and a disaster of sorts. The disaster being that after 37 years in the Fair Oaks Clubhouse earlier this year mice got in under the stage and feasted on the leather of the regulators. They have been releathered at considerable expense by Joe Lamberina of Porterville, a well regarded specialist in pipe organ wind supply systems and components. **Dave Moreno** is working with help from **Terry Clifton** on re-installing the regulators, hopefully in time for the party.

The satisfying issues of the year include the January silent movie at Fair Oaks with **Dave Moreno** and for those willing to drive to Grass Valley, the silent film presentations with accompaniment by **Walt Strony** on his Allen at the Peace Lutheran Church. Also at Peace Lutheran in June was the wonderful concert by Simon Gledhill.

We especially have to thank **Wendell Jacob** for his last minute hosting of the Ice Cream Social at his home and to **Bill Coale** for a fine presentation. Then the *Ron Rhode Concert* at Hunter Hall in Rio Vista with thanks to **Geoff Hansen** for co-sponsoring the concert. Lastly, the *GW Tribute Concert* by **Donnie Rankin** was well played. Also, I must thank the trio of **Carol Zerbo, Dick Taylor** and **Ed Stout** for hosting our out of town organists including shuttling them to and from the airport and venues plus room & board. So hats off to them!

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Additional Board Position IS 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 prior to January 2020.