

# Relay Chatter

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**“After the Holidays”  
Potluck Social, Sunday, January 9 at the Rialto! Current ATOS Secretary and former ATOS President, Jack Moelmann at the Barton Theatre Pipe Organ! See page two for details.**

**The JATOE Board of Directors wishes to extend to all members and friends of JATOE a very happy Holiday Season and all the best in the new year!**



**Ken Double will be featured for our February social at the VanDerMolen residence, Wheaton, IL. Please join us on Sunday, February 13. Don't miss this amiable artist in the magnificent setting of the Wheaton Fox music studios. See page two for complete details!**

## President's Message

Happy Holidays to all of you, since we will not be together until after the holidays.

The new Extravaganza 8 CD is available for \$30. Contact me at (708-562-8538) or at (jpatak@comcast.net) for your copy. We do have credit card capability or you may use a check made out to JATOE. This CD has some tracks by Jelani Eddington from the Wheaton Fox and Ron Rhode/Dave Wickerham from the Victorian Mansion. You will not be disappointed. Jerry Le Compte did a great job putting this project together. We must also thank Dennis Scott for the graphics and John Mueller for the photography.

You should be sure to contact me for Extravaganza 9 tickets as soon as you can. This year the tickets are going better than expected. We are having more bus groups than previous years. Our January 9<sup>th</sup> after Christmas Potluck should also be another success. More information in the newsletter.

We had a major problem with the Barton in that we lost the main chamber. We had to overnight a CPU Board from Artisan (Kenmore, WA) to help solve the problem. I thank Red Carlson of Artisan, LeRoy Petry, and Taylor Trimby for getting us up and running again. The host computer in back of the console also had to be repaired so that we could load the entire program back into the organ. Needless to say, LeRoy and I had a few sleepless nights.

Dave Wickerham has relocated to Boca Raton, FL. He will be the resident organist for the Milhous Museum there. The museum collection is similar to the Victorian Palace with more antique cars and two organs. One is a large Walker with 478 speakers on it and the other is the Rudolph Wurlitzer personal pipe organ. This should be a great move for Dave. We will miss him in this area.

Let me say again that I wish all of you and yours a very happy and healthy Holiday Season, and looking forward to seeing you on January 9<sup>th</sup> at the Rialto Theatre.

**Jim Patak**

## Dues are Due!

2005 JATOE DUES RENEWAL FORM—PLEASE CUT AND MAIL TO DON BORRE' OR BRING TO JANUARY SOCIAL.

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## Col. Jack Moelmann appears at Rialto on January 9.

Jack Moelmann is originally from Oak Park, Illinois (a suburb of Chicago). He received a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from Bradley University, Peoria, Illinois in 1965. He retired from the U.S. Air Force as a Colonel in April 1991 after serving in the Communications & Electronics field for 26 years. His last assignment was at Scott Air Force Base, Illinois (near St. Louis) near which he currently lives in the town of O'Fallon, Illinois.

In addition to Jack's Air Force career, he also had a career in music and in particular the organ. Jack started in music (with the piano and soloist in the church choir) at age 8, and has pursued this avocation ever since. His main interests are classical, theatre, and popular stylings on both the organ and the piano. Jack has been a member of the American Theatre Organ Society (ATOS) since 1967, served on their Board of Directors in one capacity or another continuously for the past 18 years, chaired several committees, and was the President of ATOS from 1985 until 1988. He currently serves as the ATOS Secretary and is still on the ATOS Board of Directors. He was elected as the ATOS Honorary Lifetime Member in May 1994.

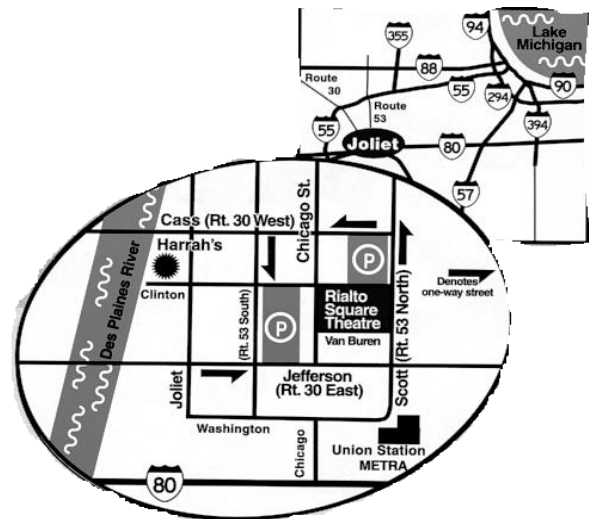
**Doors to the Rialto will open at 1:30 pm, and the program will begin promptly at 2:00 pm. Food and open console will follow the program.** Take this opportunity to share your culinary talents with your fellow members by contributing food items based on the following guidelines:

**Last names beginning with the following letters:**

**A-I: please bring a dessert**

**J-R: please bring a meat/casserole dish**

**S-Z: please bring a vegetable/potato dish**



## Sportscaster/Theatre organist Ken Double on Feb. 13!

With the exclamation "I get paid to have fun in TWO different professions," organist and sportscaster **Ken Double** has spent more than 25 years on radio and television, and at the console of the great theatre pipe organs, providing entertainment for his audience. During his concert career, Double has performed all over the world, including stops in Rochester, NY; Wilmington, DE; Tampa, FL; Chicago, IL; Los Angeles, CA; the famous Casa Loma in Toronto, and two six-week tours throughout Australia. He will make his third trip "down under" in July of 2005. In addition to his hundreds of concerts, he has six CD's to his credit. And, making use of his broadcast talents, Ken has been the Master of Ceremonies of choice for no fewer than 14 American Theatre Organ Society annual and regional conventions. **Don't miss this exciting artist! Doors to the VanDerMolen residence will open at 3:00 pm. You will not be able to gain access to the studios prior to 3:00 pm. The program will begin promptly at 3:30 pm. Please bring a refreshment of your choice. There will be no open console. Please watch for the parking attendant for directions on parking your vehicle. We extend our thanks to Paul and Linda VanDerMolen for sharing their music studio with JATOE once again! Directions to the VanDerMolen residence are outlined below:**



Coming from the south, take I-355 or IL Rt. 59 north to the Roosevelt Road exit. Proceed west to Main Street in Wheaton (one block west of Naperville Road) (If you are driving from IL Rt. 59 north, follow the signs to turn east on Roosevelt Rd, then left on Main St.) Turn right on Main Street, and proceed north to Harrison St. Turn left on Harrison to Gary Ave. Turn right (North) on Gary to Jewell Road (1st traffic light) Turn left on Jewell Road. Count four (4) streets on the right side of Jewell Road, and turn right on Willow Road. Proceed to the second block. The VanDerMolen residence is the large gray house (3rd) on the left.

**Watch for the attendant for parking directions,** or park in the driveway, or on the west side of the street only.

From the north, take I-355, Illinois Rt. 59, or I-290. Exit at North Avenue, Rt. 64. Go west to Gary Avenue. (If traveling from Rt. 59, turn left, going east on North Ave to Gary.) (White Castle is on the SW corner, about 10 miles from I-290) Turn left and go south about 2 miles to Jewell Rd, the fifth traffic light. Turn right and go west. Count four (4) streets on the right side only of Jewell Road. The fourth street is Willow Road. Turn right, go into the second block.

Look for the third house on the left side of the street. **Watch for the attendant for parking directions,** or park in the driveway, or on the west side of the street only.

**The VanDerMolen residence is located at 0N 468 Willow Road, Wheaton, IL 60187**