

Relay Chatter



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Join us on Sunday, January 13 for our annual holiday potluck. We are featuring young organist, Zach Frame at the Barton organ. Members are asked to bring their favorite dish to pass, and JATOE will provide the meat selections. Doors open at 1:30pm, and Zach's program begins at 2:00pm. Dinner will be serviced after Zach's program with open console.

Please join us on Sunday, February 10 as we feature our own, Glenn Tallar at the Barton. Glenn has been invaluable to JATOE as our crew chief and organ maintenance technician. His experience in both pipe organ maintenance and performance has made him a popular name in ATOS and local organ circles. Doors open at 1:30pm and the program will begin at 2:00pm. Refreshments and open console will follow the program.

President's Message from Jim Patak

Well, the holidays are almost over and I hope that all of you had a very Merry Christmas and I hope you all have a prosperous and healthy New-year.

We have finally received the final copy of our last year's CD. Much of it was held back because of the passing of Chris Gorsuch and the fact that Dave Wickham did not receive his portion of the program. As you know, Dave has moved to Crystal Falls, MI and in the move the cd was misplaced or lost.

We are not going to produce the CD just yet, but we will have it ready for the next Extravaganza. We have not as yet replaced Chris for the show. It might be that we will not.

Glenn Tallar will be working on the Barton in the coming months to get rid of air leaks, rebuilding chests and other maintenance. If any of you wish to help out, let Glenn know. (cobraglenn@yahoo.com) Much of the work will have to be done in the evenings and possibly weekends.

January 13 will be our after the holidays potluck. Be sure to read Don's note about this. JATOE will provide the meat selections and the rest will be up to you. I had a question asked me by a CATOE member and he wanted to know if we always have so much food at our socials. I told him that we have the greatest club refreshments all the time.

Peterson Company will also be doing some additional wiring in the console. We found that in the initial wiring, some of the buttons did not have a common line to them therefore they were inoperable. This will be resolved.

Besides January 13 on the schedule, we also have February 10 as our next social. Please mark this on your calendars.

I do have tickets on hold for JATOE and others for the 17th Extravaganza. Let me know what your preferences are and I will set the seats aside.

Dues are also due as of January 1. If you have already paid, disregard the notice. If you are not sure, call me. (708-562-8538)

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Jim Patak

Zach Frame returns to the Rialto for our holiday social!

Born and raised in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, Zach has an Associates Degree of Applied Science in Recording Technology from McNally Smith College of Music in St. Paul, Minnesota. He discovered the theatre pipe organ when he was 5, and in 2003, Zach was the first recipient of the George Wright Fellowship from the American Theatre Organ Society. This allowed him to attend the annual convention of ATOS in San Diego, California.

Equally at home behind the console as in front of it, Zach enjoys the technical side of the theatre pipe organ as well, and is helping assemble a large theatre organ in Wisconsin. Aside from the organ, Zach also plays the drums and saxophone and is in several jazz groups in Wisconsin and Illinois. As a recording engineer, Zach currently has several albums in progress with well-known organists across the country. Zach is one of the staff organists at Organ Piper Pizza in Greenfield, Wisconsin. Zach is happily married as of 2012!

So that we have a nice variety for our holiday potluck, members are asked to bring items based on the following guidelines:

Members whose last names end with A-M, please bring a side dish such as vegetable, potato or salad.

Members whose last names end with N-Z, please bring an appetizer or dessert dish.



Organ maintenance crew chief, Glenn Tallar performs in February!

Glenn began playing organ at a very young age. His interest in theatre organ grew as a result of his father's interest in roller rink pipe organs. This interest led to the installation of a pipe organ in the families Homer Glen residence. Glenn has been staff organist at Beggar's Pizza in Lansing, IL for more than ten years, starting when he was only 14 years of age. This has exposed thousands of people in the area to theatre pipe organ music as Glenn is happy to play requests from thousands of selections ranging from pop to traditional standards.

Glenn is also a pipe organ technician at JW Pipe organ services in Chicago and maintains many instruments in the Chicago area. As Glenn puts it, "everyday is a different type of work." We are very happy to feature this young organist/organ technician at the Rialto Barton!

The stage door opens at 1:30pm and Glenn's program begins at 2:00pm. Please bring refreshments to share with fellow members.

