

# Relay Chatter



The Official Newsletter of the Joliet Area Theatre Organ Enthusiasts

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**Join us on Sunday, March 17, 2013 at the Rialto Theatre, Joliet IL as we feature the exciting young organist, David Rhodes! David is Chairman of our sister chapter, CA-TOE, and we are pleased to invite their members to join us for this social. The doors open at 1:30pm and David's program will begin at 2:00pm. Open console and refreshments will follow the program.**

**Please join us on Sunday, April 7, 2013 as we welcome back to the console, Don Springer. Don always selects vintage theatre organ favorites and we are pleased that he is returning to the Rialto Barton organ. 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

The Barton Grande is being repaired at this time with the swell shade motor out at the moment. Sometime in the past someone used a foam material gaskets instead of proper leather. It didn't work and the chest was leaking badly. The Concert Flute chest was also worked on. When finished, we should have the largest and best Barton in the US. Now if we could only change the thinking of the theatre management about the use of the organ lift, we would be in great shape.

An update on some of our members:

Leroy Petry- he was in Central Dupage Hospital with MRSA. He is also on dialysis three times a week. Currently he is at Lexington Healthcare in Streamwood, IL.

Joyce Borre'- who received a new kidney on Christmas Eve is doing very well as some of you observed at our last social.

Jim Bradley is at Rosewood Nursing Home in Joliet, IL

Connie Purkey passed away on the 2/17/12. Her ashes will be interred in Hammond, IN where she lived before moving to Salt Lake City, Utah.

If any of you are aware of other members in medical facilities or ill, please let me know.

Ticket sales for our April shows are starting to come in on a regular basis. Remember the \$5 discount for the Sanfilippo Mansion is in affect until March 1 only. Many of you don't know that for every ticket we sell for the mansion, \$25 goes to the Sanfilippo Foundation.

Our 2012 CD will be ready for the April shows. We had delays as you know with the passing of Chris Gorsuch and the move of Dave Wickerham.

Our By-Laws state that if dues are not updated by January 15th membership will lapse. We have not followed this directive, so if you are not sure that your dues are up to date, check with me (Jim-708-562-8538).

Start thinking about the elections this year. Nominations will be made in April with the election in May.

Please support the Rialto Theatre

If any of you are interested in being a Rialto Volunteer, let me know and I will put you in touch with the Volunteer Contact

**Jim Patak**

**Editors note: The notice of our next two socials is on the left. We have reserved page two of the newsletter for a contribution by member, Jan Challender.**

## Jan's Joliet Jottings...

I must reiterate—-but, first, I lied! I don't belong to 5 organ "Clubs." I belong to 6 Organ Chapters! Yes, JATOE is the nicest, friendliest, most congenial, and most fun Chapter of ATOS! We owe this to JIM and DOLORES PATAK—who work tirelessly behind the scenes to make JATOE what it is—a huge success! Today, (1/13/13) they moved four huge tables and all of the chairs into the rotunda from the esplanade for our Holiday Party. D and JIM, you are the best!!!

BARB PETRY, our secretary (absent today), does a great job recordings all of the minutes, takes charge of Open console at each social, sell memorabilia when available, and sends articles for Chapter notes in the Theatre Organ magazine. Thank you, Barb!!

Our beautiful Barton Theatre Pipe Organ is at its best thanks to JIM PATAK and LEROY PETRY (Please pray for his health!) and most recently under the loving care of GLENN TALLAR. You must agree...we have the very finest talent play for our Socials—Thanks so much to our V.P. DON WALKER. You do a super job as our talent scout!!

We must Thank our Directors: JIM BRADLEY (Please pray for his health!), MIKE CIERSKI, and DON YOUNG who help to guide our Chapter in the right direction.

Thank you to DON BORRE' our Membership Chairman who is on a "short leave" to care for his wife, Joyce. (Pray that her new, Christmas kidney loves her!)

Thanks to our members who bring delicious goodies each month—a sight to behold —-we should video the snack tables! Last, and very important, our BIG Thanks to NORMA PETERS and MILLIE JURICIC who do a fantastic job of set up—and clean up—of all those goodies, under the direction of DOLORES PATAK. You always help to make the parties special!!

Please remember to Thank these "Volunteers" when you see them. I always have a fun time at JATOE and hopefully you do too!

With a Song in My Heart.....Jan Challender