

# Relay Chatter



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Our next social will take place on Sunday, October 22 and will feature Indiana favorite, Bill Tandy at the Rialto Barton organ. Doors will open at 1:00 PM, and the program begins promptly at 2:00 PM. Don't miss Bill's performance! Mark your calendars now!

On Tuesday, November 7, JATOE has been invited to the Wheaton Fox Studios for a very special concert by International concert organist, Richard Hills from England. Richard gave a stunning performance at the ATOS National Convention in Tampa this year, so don't miss this rare opportunity to hear a truly great artist! See page two for details.

## President's Message from Jim Patak

Our last 2 socials were very successful with Jelani Eddington and Dean Rosko (the Milwaukee Brewers organist). Jelani has moved back to the Racine, WI area and we are thankful for that. We thank all of you for coming and providing the wonderful refreshments as you always do. I would also like to thank Norma Peters and her friend Millie for helping Dolores with the refreshments and cleanup. We thank the Koller's for handling the sale of the music willed to them from our deceased member Jack Quedens. The money collected has been generously donated by Jim and Cyndae to JATOE. The remaining music has been placed into the ATOS Archives.

Extravaganza 11 is now underway for Saturday-April 28, 2007. At this time it appears that we will have the new Trio Con Brio (Donna Parker, Jonas Nordwall and Martin Ellis). Martin Ellis has taken over for the departed Tom Hazleton. Joining them will be Clark Wilson and hopefully Dave Wickerham. We will also have the Friday event and the Sunday event at the Sanfilippo Victorian Palace. This should be a great weekend of organ music.

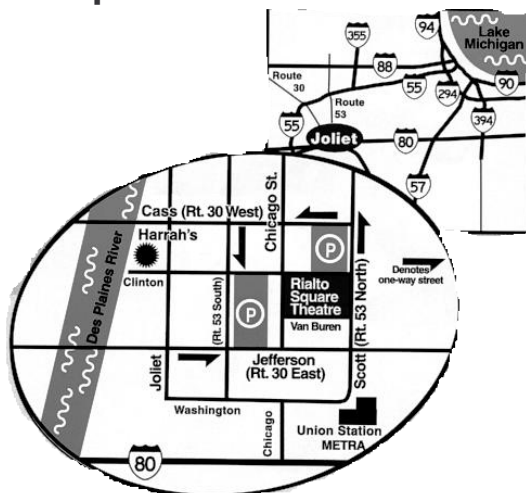
We are on schedule for the new relay to be installed in January and we certainly know that the problems we are experiencing will be solved. As you know, the Rialto Theatre is providing the money for this project. We thank Randy Green (General Manager) and the WCMEAA for their far-sightedness to keep this art form in front of audiences for years to come.

If you have a group that would like to tour the theatre and also have an organ presentation, call Bonnie Nix at 815-726-7171 for information. The theatre has many tours throughout the year from many parts of the country.

The JATOE Board is also reviewing the membership list for the members that are in arrears in dues. The JATOE Board has voted to drop all people who are in arrears. We certainly do not want to drop any people, so if you think you are in arrears, call Don Borre' at 847-966-8473 to check your status.

A rather interesting upheaval has taken place on the National ATOS Board. The President (Bob Davidson) was asked to resign his post. Following him were Jack Moelmann, Fr. Gus Franklin, Russell Holmes and Nelson Page. The last four were not asked to resign. Ken Double was made President and our own John Reister is the new National Secretary. You will undoubtedly hear all kinds of gossip as to why this happened. At this writing, I have no idea as to what went on. Ken Double assured me that all is well and business will be as usual.

## Map to the Rialto



## Important information and directions to the Van Der Molen Residence:

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 Van Der Molen 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 Van Der Molen residence is located at 0N 468 Willow Road, Wheaton, IL 60187. Paul's phone number is: (630) 653-4986**

## Bill Tandy returns to the Rialto Barton!

Bill Tandy has been playing for approx 28 years. He taught himself to play the Theater Organ during free time at college. He spent many mornings with the Barton Theater organ at the Temple Theater in Saginaw Michigan. After graduating from Northwood Institute, he returned to his home in Chicago and took a job playing at a then new Pipe organ equipped restaurant called Sally's Stage. After five years, he accepted an offer to play full time at the Pipe Dream restaurant in Kokomo IN. During this time he started playing concerts around the Midwest, and also has performed at four American Theater Organ National conventions. Owning over 10,000 vintage recordings has helped him with a repertoire of over 4,000 songs dating from the pre WWI era to current hits. During the last ten years, he has also become known as a ballroom dance musician, playing his own blend of synthesizers and electronics that recreate big band era, and dance favorites. When Bill isn't playing, he is an automobile wholesaler and buyer. He also is a morning talk show co-host on 100.5 WWKI FM radio.

Doors to the Rialto will open at 1:30 PM, and the program will begin promptly at 2:00 PM. Please bring refreshments, and enter via the stage door at the rear of the theatre (Scott Street). Open console will follow Bill's program.

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## International concert organist Richard Hills on Nov. 7

Richard Hills burst on the scene in 1995 with a short but dazzling performance at the annual American Theatre Organ Society convention, later becoming overall winner in the *Young Organist Competition* that same year at age 14. With a maturity of style far beyond his years in both classical and light repertoire, Richard was appointed Organ Scholar at Portsmouth Cathedral in 2002 and then at world-famous Westminster Abbey in 2003. He has performed concerts in many countries, including the U. S., Canada and the U. K. He is a 1999 graduate of Exeter College, Oxford University in England. While at Exeter, he received rave reviews for his imaginative music stylings. Hills was offered a selection of envelopes containing musical themes. He chose Abba's, "Lay All Your Love on Me" which he turned into a set of variations drawing on influences from Back right through to '70's Disco.

**Doors to the Van Der Molen residence will open at 6: 30 PM, and the program will begin promptly at 7:00 PM. Please bring refreshments to be enjoyed during intermission. There will be no refreshments after the program! Paul and Linda will provide the coffee. There will be NO open console at this special concert event.**

**We thank Paul and Linda Van Der Molen for their generosity in opening their famous Wheaton Fox Studios for this special JATOE event.**

**When arriving, please observe parking rules and watch for the attendant to direct you to a parking place.**

