

Relay Chatter



The Official Newsletter of the Joliet Area Theatre Organ Enthusiasts

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President's Message

Social Lineup:

Sunday, Jan. 21, 2018

1:30 pm doors, 2:00

pm concert. Rialto

Theatre, Joliet, IL.

**Artist will be our own
Don Young at the Bar-
ton organ.**

Sunday, Feb. 11, 2018.

Doors, 1:30 pm, pro-

gram 2:00 pm, Rialto

Theatre, Joliet, IL.

**Artist will be Bert
Kuntz from Quincy, IL
in his JATOE pre-
miere. Burt is very ex-
cited to share his
unique style with us in
what will prove to be a
very special social.**

Dec. Meeting notice

**Please note that we
will have a short busi-
ness meeting during
our December social
to discuss a dues in-
crease. You are en-
couraged to attend.
After the outcome of
the meeting, dues for
2018 will be accepted.**

Winter is coming and I hope you have your snow blowers in running condition. Mine are summerized and now I have to winterize them.

Dolores and I are in the process of selling our lake house and this has taken more time than I thought. We have a wonderful offer and are waiting for the Realtor to get a closing date. The new people want to close before the first of the year. As a result we have not met with the membership about a dues increase.

As you know, we are now paying the stagehands to set up and take down our social tables. The artists we procure for you are also getting more money for their performance. So it is imperative that we have a dues increase. The Board has agreed to raise the dues, but our by-laws require that the membership agree. Therefore, we will have a short meeting at our next social to discuss this matter.

Some of you may know that the pipe chamber key has disappeared from the key box back stage. And also that someone tried to cut the lock on the blower room door. I have not found out who was responsible for this action, but we surely don't want anything happening to any parts of the Barton.

I have to thank Matt Spinello and his dad for changing all the lock tumblers and rekeying the locks. Matt is a locksmith from Rockford and one of our fine members. He donated the material and time to do this for JATOE.

Please go to the theatre website to see the upcoming shows that will be there. The one show that I will be playing for is the Joliet American Legion Band. This is a free show and all you have to do is bring some canned goods for free tickets. The canned goods go to the food banks locally.

Our January social will be our AFTER CHRISTMAS PARTY. Read Don's side bar so you know what to bring for our potluck. Meats will be provided by JATOE.

Our next social is December 23 at the Rialto. Have a Happy and Healthy Holiday Season.

Jim

Potluck social guidelines-Jan 21

In order to assure a wide variety of food for our Jan 21 social, please consider the following guidelines. Thank you for your participation!

Last names beginning with letters A-M— provide an appetizer, potato or vegetable side.

Last names beginning with letter N-Z—provide a salad or dessert item.

Don Young opens our 2018 social season!

I am happy to have another opportunity to entertain the JATOE members, my friends and relatives at the Rialto! This will be my 4th time since becoming a member in 2010. I can remember the 1st social I played, how nervous I was and so unfamiliar with the playing a Pipe Organ! It was a huge jump from 55yrs playing home organs to only 5 months on Theatre Pipe Organ! Now after 8yrs and getting a lot of extra time on the bench helping Jim with the Rialto Tours and other events, it's becoming a little easier to take command of our Grand Barton Pipe Organ! Music has always been my passion and being a member of JATOE has helped me continue that passion and blessed me with many Great Friends! I'm looking forward to entertaining at our Christmas Party social!

Musically Yours, Don



Doors to the Rialto open at 1:30 pm, and Don's program begins at 2:00 pm. Our potluck meal will begin after Don's program along with open console.

Social date: Sunday,
January 21, 2018



Bert Kuntz makes his Rialto Debut!

Bert found his love for music at the age of 5. He was first introduced to the violin at the age of 5. He then progressed to the piano and accordion. After receiving a few music lessons he withdrew from formal musical education because he "wanted to do it his way". At the age of 12 he parents bought him a spinet organ and he continued to teach himself to play. He plays strictly by ear by listening to recordings. He formed a dance band at 15 and played all over Illinois for 12 years before moving to California. This is where he encountered his first theater organ and again, taught himself. He became staff organist at Arden Pizza and Pipes in Sacramento California. Bert has played many concerts in northern California. He relocated to Quincy Illinois in 2008 and has now has started to perform in the St. Louis area. Bert has a unique approach to the theater organ. He has a love of ballads, big band, and will sometimes throw in a little old time rock n' roll.

Doors to the Rialto open at 1:30 pm, and the concert begins at 2:00 pm. Please bring refreshments to share. Open console will follow Bert's performance.

Social date: Sunday, February 11, 2018

