

No July Meeting

July 1 - 5, ATOS Annual Convention in Los Angeles, California

July is ATOS Annual Convention time and this year our 50th Anniversary will be celebrated at the "Golden Greats" convention in Los Angeles, California. Featured artists (in alphabetical order) are: Barry Baker, Dan Bellomy, Carlo Curley, Jelani Eddington, Chris Gorsuch, Tom Hazelton, Mark Herman, Lyn Larsen, John Ledwon, Bob Mitchell, Jonas Nordwall, Len Rawle, Bob Richards and Walt Strony. 14 great musicians playing wonderful organs at 11 venues. Hope you can be there. It will be great!

Friends of the Strand expands Board...

In an effort to attract more grass roots participation the Friends of the Strand Board has added additional local Mariettans to its Board of Directors. Included are Bill Dunaway the current Marietta mayor, Terry Pendlly President of Mayes Ward Dobbins Funeral Home, Ken and Mark Kirk local developers, Carol King of Jackson and King Realty, Rick Kuhn of the marketing firm Sellutions among others.

The time table for construction has been redone to provide for the Strand opening in December of 2006. Rick Sibly the Strand architect has participated in tours, arranged by Ron Carter, at Stephens H.S.; the Fox theatre and the Alabama Theatre in Birmingham. Rick has been extremely interested in the movie palace era and with his wife being a musician he is very supportive of the Robert Morton Theatre organ installation. He is

not bashful about climbing up vertical ladders to examine organ chambers and has taken hundreds of photos and very detailed notes about the organ installations he has visited.

The Friends are also very pleased to announce a new \$100,000 gift from a local Marietta family which brings our capital campaign to \$750,000.

I cannot thank Jack Sandow, Joe Patten, Larry Donaldson, and Cecil Whitmire enough for arranging tours of their facilities. I also want to publicly thank Kenn Fields for his most generous donation. Our chapter is made up of so many decent, giving and caring individuals who unselfishly give of their time, their energy, their talent and yes their financial resources to further the cause of this wonderful musical instrument—The Theatre Organ.

Ron Carter

Revised Atlanta Chapter, ATOS By-Laws Available...

The original Atlanta Chapter By-Laws were located and recently revised by the Board of Directors to reflect our current operation. You may obtain a copy by emailing your request to President Larry Davis at: acatos@earthlink.net. If you don't have email, call 770-402-8319 and leave a message.

If you want a hardcopy sent by mail, be sure to include your complete mail address.



President Larry Davis thanked long-time member **Kenn Fields** for his generous contribution in memory of his friend Ralph Dowling. This donation was designated to cover our recent purchase of the Robert Morton console which will be installed in the Strand.

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A Sweet Summer Treat...

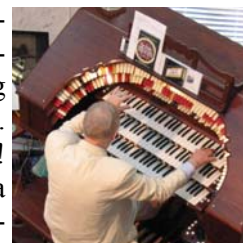
Attendees at the June meeting in the Reddish home were treated to an exciting program by Chapter member **Larry Douglas Embury**. One could



make a comparison of Embury's eclectic, energetic performance that showed off the wonderful Walker to its best advantage.

When we hear Larry at the Fox it's great! It's sweet, satisfying, sparkling

and is refreshing like an old-fashioned drug store soda. We love it! But we got a musical banana split with a solid fruity base, assorted flavors of tasty tunes, some saucy selections, creamy topping and even a smattering of nutty nose music. The cherry on top was Embury's easy going patter and rapport with the appreciative audience.



The Atlanta Chapter has a history of presenting outstanding artists, some of international stature, but we take justifiable pride in the excellence and generosity of our own gifted members

The Listener

President's Message...

The Second Vatican Council Document on Sacred Liturgy states, "The pipe organ is to be held in high esteem in the...Church, for it is the traditional musical instrument, the sound of which can add a wonderful splendor to the Church's ceremonies and powerfully lift up men's minds to God and higher things." Even though

the primary focus of our chapter is theatre organ, all of us appreciate classical artistry, many of us have served as church organists, and we support our friends and colleagues in the AGO in their efforts to promote the art of the organ.

That leads me to recognize **Art Schlueter, Jr, Art Schlueter III** and their colleagues at the **A.E. Schlueter Pipe Organ Company**. These men and women are helping to keep the art form alive by providing wonderful new organs to churches and concert venues and by rebuilding and maintaining older instruments. As you



know, they were responsible for the restoration and installation of the Rylander Theatre Möller, and Art, Jr. was a major force in the effort to restore the Lucas Theatre Wurlitzer. When that endeavor failed, he played an important role in getting the organ deeded back to the chapter while keeping it safely in his care. Some parts of our Grande Page Organ have been repaired at the shop, and we value the advice that we receive regarding our pipe organ projects. They were our hosts for an exciting and very different meeting in May. In this month when we celebrate the 50th anniversary of ATOS, we appreciate Art and his son and their associates for their contributions to the "wonderful splendor" of the world of the pipe organ.

Finally, congratulations to Kevin Cartwright who placed **FIRST** in this year's ATOS Electronic Theatre Organ competition.

Stay in touch.

Larry Davis

Upcoming Meetings & Events *(Mark your Calendars)*

- **July 1 - 5, ATOS Annual Convention in Los Angeles, CA** - No Atlanta Chapter meeting in July.
- **July 6, 7:30 P.M. ... Gerre Hancock at Peachtree Road UMC** - \$10
- **July 13, 7:30 P.M. ... Timothy Wissler & Connie Melgaard at Christ The King** - \$10
- **July 19, 7:30 P.M. ... Norman Mackenzie at Trinity Presbyterian Church, Buckhead** - \$10
- **August Meeting** - To be announced
- **September 25, 3:00 P.M. Meeting...** To be announced (Page organ at Stephenson High School not available as planned)
- **October 23, 3:00 P.M. Meeting...** Ron Reseigh at the **Bucky Reddish** residence