

The Newsletter Voice of the Chicago Area Theatre Organ Enthusiasts

Highlights:

- * Catoe Social on **August 17th**
- * Beggar's Pizza Lansing, Illinois
- * **Doors 9:30**
- * **Business Meeting 9:45**
- * **Program at 10:00**
- * **Joel Gary** at the console
- * Bring Treats to share and your music to play during open console

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CATOE Business Meeting/Social on August 17th.

The next CATOE social will be held on **Saturday August 17th** at **Beggar's Pizza** in Lansing Illinois

There will be a short business meeting to discuss changes to our by-laws (see page 2). Pending approval, nominations for open positions to the CATOE board will be taken from the floor. Following the business

meeting, **Joel Gary** will provide the entertainment for us on the 3/17 Barton. The organ at Beggar's came from the Oriental Theatre in Milwaukee Wisconsin. **Glenn Talar** performs on both Tuesday's and

Friday at the restaurant. A big thanks to Glenn and to the Management of Beggar's.



Directions to the Beggar's Pizza

Beggar's Pizza is located at 3524 Ridge Road in Lansing, Illinois. To get to the restaurant head to 80/94/294 and exit at Torrence Avenue (exit 161). Drive south about 2 miles until you come to Ridge Road. Turn left

and go about 1.5 miles and you will see the Beggars Marque. There is plenty of parking on the street or in the lot along side of the restaurant. Please invite all of your neighbors, friends, and family

members to attend.



Joel Gary

Joel Gary became interested in music at an early age. Starting with the piano, he moved to the organ at the age of nine. Joel attended Aquinas College in Grand Rapids, MI and Red Wing Technical College in Red Wing, MN. His organ teachers include William Elliott, Joseph Sullivan and George Shirley. He has established himself as a church and theatre organist, as well as a teacher of both styles of organ playing. Growing up in Grand Rapids, MI he became acquainted with the theatre organ at "The Roaring Twenties" later re-named "Good Time Charley's" Restaurant. In 1989 he joined the staff as organist until

the business closed in 1991. His affair with this well-known Wurlitzer organ continued as he worked with the G.M. Buck Pipe Organ Company in restoring and installing this instrument in the new Grand Rapids Public Museum.

For several years Joel worked in the pipe organ maintenance and restoration business. This eventually led to a keen interest in the modern digital computer organ. Since 2000 he has been employed by Westfield Organ Company in Grand Rapids, representing Allen Organs. He is currently Director of Music and Organist at



East Congregational Church in Grand Rapids, MI and is a staff organist at the Grand Ledge Opera House in Grand Ledge, MI. Mr. Gary has performed for several chapters of the American Guild of Organists as well as the American Theatre Organ Society. His other interests include antiques, Grand Rapids history, home improvement, computers and classic automobiles.

Joel is a member of the American Guild of Organists, serving the Grand Rapids Chapter as Educational Coordinator and director of the Pipelines program. Pipelines is an annual event that introduces fourth grade students to the pipe organ. He is also a member of the American Theatre Organ Society and President of the Great Lakes Chapter.

Bylaw Update—from the Board of Directors

The CATOE board met recently in special session to review the bylaws and have proposed revisions. In accordance with our bylaws, these revisions need to be reviewed and approved by the membership. All paid members should have received a copy of the proposed revisions in the mail. Please take

a few moments to review the proposed bylaws changes prior to the August 17th Business Meeting/Social at Beggar's. If the proposed revisions are approved, then nominations for the open positions on the CATOE board will be taken from the floor.

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From the editor

WELCOME NEW MEMBER!

Ralph and Gerry Spears

Joel Martis

Edward Glab

Richard Stocker

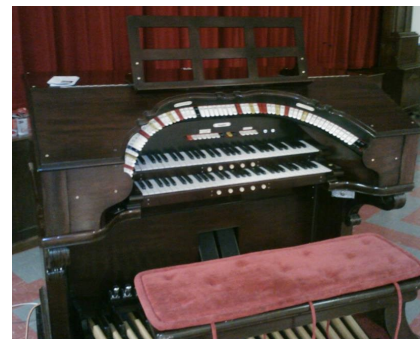
Sure would like to keep this portion of the column (New Members) in every month. How about bringing in a new member or two? Tell them about CATOE and how enjoyable our club is....and also



that we are trying to promote and save these wonderful instruments .

Another tease for our September social/business meeting held at St. John Cantius Parish in Chicago on Sunday

September 22nd. David Rhodes will debut the wonderful 2/7 Style "E" Wurlitzer. The organ came from The Terrace Theatre in New York. Prior to the concert, the church will be having a luncheon in the "Cafe San Giovanni" in the church hall. Much more on this next month.



2/7 Style "E" Wurlitzer at St. John Cantius Church in Chicago



July Social Review

Our July social was held at the beautiful Tivoli Theatre in Downers Grove, Illinois. At the console of CATOE's 3/10 Wurlitzer was **Ron Newman**. Ron has been involved in the local organ scene for over 45 years! His program contained songs from

many different era's and were familiar to most. Twilight Time and Stardust were two of my favorites—but the best in my book was Crazy written by Willie Nelson. After Ron concluded his concert with a rousing rendition of the Washington Post March,

members enjoyed plenty of open console time and a bounty of treats. The organ sounded wonderful—better I think than it has in a while. Thanks to the work crew for their tireless efforts and to the Johnson's for all they do for CATOE and to promote the Wurlitzer.



Jim Koller

Long time CATOE member **Jim Koller** recently passed away. He and his wife Cyn-dae were involved in the local organ scene for many years. Our condolences go out to Cyn-dae and their families.

CATOE in the Past

What was happening in CATOE.....

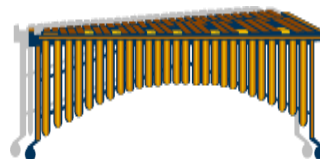
August 2005 Social with JA-TOE at the Rialto featuring Mark Herman

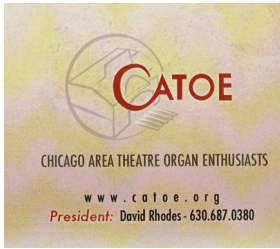
August 2004 Social at Van Der Molen's with Walt Strony

August 2002 Social at the Tivoli with David Rhodes .

Volunteer?

Like to help out with the setup before a social? Or maybe you would be interested in staying a bit after a social and help clean up? If so, see Taylor Trimby





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The Chicago Area Theatre Organ Enthusiasts are committed through performances and educational efforts to help the public understand and appreciate how remarkable these organs truly are. It is also why we are committed to their preservation.

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What's Up in the Area?

CATOE will have it's next **Business Meeting/Social on Sunday September 22nd** at St. John Cantius Parish in Chicago. They have installed a 2/7 style "E" Wurlitzer in the Parish Hall. Organist for the debut concert will be our very own **David Rhodes**. And speaking of **David Rhodes**, he and **Tim Charlton** share bench duties at the Tivoli Theatre each Friday and Saturday nights playing before the movies. Stop by, say "hi" and enjoy a great time at the Tivoli.

Our sister chapter, JATOE has it's next social on Sunday August 18th according to Vice President **Don Walker**. **Stan Zimmerman** will make his debut for JATOE on the Barton Grande. You can enter via the stage door on Scott Street — doors at 1:30 and program begins at 2:00.

Orbit Skate Center in Palatine features **Carl DeSanti** on

Tuesday Mornings from 10—Noon or Thursday Nights starting from 7:00—10:00 pm. If you are in Aurora, stop in at the Aurora Skate Center on Monday nights and skate to **Frank Pellico** (www.skateaurora.com) from 7:30—10:30 pm. Frank of course is the organist for the **Stanley Cup Champion Chicago Blackhawks**.

Glenn Tallar is the house organist on the Mighty 3/17 Barton at Beggars Pizza, 3524 Ridge Road in Lansing. If you want to hear some great music and enjoy a delicious meal, stop in. Glenn plays on Tuesday from 6:00—9:00 and Friday from 6:00—10:00 pm.