



Pipes along the Rockies

Newsletter of the Rocky Mountain Chapter
American Theatre Organ Society, Inc.
December, 2010

Information Line: 303-466-3330

December Club Social

Christmas Gathering

Sunday, December 5th, 2 pm

Holiday Hills Ballroom

Our "members only" Christmas Social will be held on Sunday, December 5th, at 2 pm in the Holiday Hills Ballroom. If you plan to attend and have not already signed up, please call, by December 3rd,

Rick Knoll at **303-237-6486** or
Doris Beverly at **303-466-3330**.

The event will be pot luck, with the club providing ham, turkey, drinks, plates, silverware and napkins. Members will provide salads, main dishes, relish trays, vegetables or dessert. When you call with your reservations, let Rick or Doris know what you plan to bring..... that will help us make sure that everyone doesn't bring broccoli or cheese cake!

There will be **no** "White Elephant" exchange this year, so your elephants will have to stay at home.

Christmas music will be played, on a casual basis, throughout the afternoon and the event will close with our traditional Christmas sing-a-long.

Start Practicing

Everyone's A Musician

Sunday, January 16th, 2 pm

Holiday Hills Ballroom

Everyone is welcome; No charge

All during the year we watch and listen to others perform and once a year **everyone** gets to perform. In addition to the opportunity to hear and see individual performances by some of our more "timid" members, there are usually "everyone participates" activities planned.

The simple rules for performers are: Perform on or with anything musical. Play or sing a minimum of 8 measures of just one song.

Since there was no "Everyone's a Musician" last year, the rule about not being able to do what you did last year does not apply. Thus, all members are eligible and are encouraged to participate.

Light refreshments will be served.

To sign up to perform and/or arrange for rehearsal time on the theatre organ or grand piano, call **Rick Knoll** at **303-237-6486** or **rlknoll1@msn.com**.

Everyone took a trip

Fantasy Destinations

Lee Traster and his "orchestra" provided free transportation for the 120 in attendance to visit, musically, a number of fantasy destinations on Sunday, October 3rd, in the Holiday Hills Ballroom.



Joining Lee (piano & organ) were Don Rea (drums), Tom Allen (accordion & guitar), **Jim Calm** (tuba) and vocalist Don Hermasillo.



Restaurant stops were not needed as each table of “travelers” had more than an adequate supply of snacks and goodies to sustain them throughout the entire enjoyable trip.

Hallelujah! Got Gospel?

Just a few under 140 folks were on hand to enjoy our annual “Got Gospel?” club social, November 14th, at the Holiday Hills Ballroom.

The performers during the first half of the event were excellent and all were under the age of 18: Abe Lamontagne, 5th grade (organ); Bobby Haynes, HS Jr. (organ); Angie Fitzsimmons, HS Jr. (organ); William Thrussell, HS Jr. (piano).



Performers during the second half were all (way) over the age of 18: **Bev Bucci** (organ), **Jim Calm** (organ), **Suzanne McClung** (vocal), **DeLoy Goe-glein** (organ) & **Helene McGuire** (piano).

The afternoon also included an impromptu hymn sing and viewing the recent “Random Act of Cul-ture” at the Philadelphia Macy’s with the Wana-maker organ and 650 singing the Hallelujah Chorus.



During break time a special anniversary cake was served in celebra-tion of the 65th wedding anniversary of members **Wayne & Mardie Van Arsdale**.

More Got Gospel? photos on page 4 & on the website.

Same low annual fee!

Dues are Due!

Annual dues of \$15 per household, January to De-cember, are now due for year 2011.

Save 44 cents by paying, in person, at the Decem-ber social at Holiday Hills, or....

Send a check for \$15 payable to RMCATOS to:

Richard Brooks

1301 Dahlia St.

Denver, CO 80220

Prompt payment makes life easier for all us. Thanks.

To all our volunteers.....

Time to say Thanks

RMCATOS is closing out another successful year. This would not be possible without members volun-teering to handle some of the many support tasks.

With so many volunteers to thank, listing names is always dangerous for fear that some name or names might be omitted, unintentionally. That being said, we’ll take the risk and offer our thanks to the fol-lowing members (in no particular order) for their time, trouble and cooperation during the past year.

Nina Edwards and now **Rick Knoll** have taken care of our “light refreshments” responsibilities with help from **Elsie Johnson**, and **Irene Backes**.

Doris Beverly & Rick Knoll coordinate the annual Christmas Potluck. Additional assistance for the Christmas Potluck is provided by **Lois Cady**, **Bob Koelmel**, **Judy Halverson** and many others.

Assisting at the “administrative table” at our Holi-day Hills and Paramount events one sees: **Rich Brooks**, **Doris Beverly**, **Carole Ann Ball**, **Kathy Brayton**, **Mary Hemmerle** and **Fern Roberts**.

Our wonderful photos are the work of **Bill Kwin**. Video taping support is by **Bill & Marilyn Decker**.

Did you ever wonder how our newsletter gets prepped for mailing? **Rich Brooks**, **Kay Diehl**, **Nina Edwards**, **Maxine Mulliniks**, **Lillian Oliver**, **Thelma Reed** and **Sandy & Joan Wadding** each volunteer, when needed, to fold, tape, sticker, stamp and sometimes stuff!

Pre-program facilities set up at the Holiday Hills Ballroom is done by **Bob Koelmel**. **Mike Schuh** takes care of the sound and light control systems.

Clean up time finds the prep folks and the back table folks plus **Irene Backes, Lois Cady, Alan Elder, Don Bullock, Jim Hunter, Carl Hoff** (and others we have probably overlooked) putting the Ballroom back to its natural state.

The RTD Senior Ride bus arrangements are coordinated by **Lorna Koelmel**. Advance ticket sales for “fee” events are handled by **Doris Beverly**.

We are indebted to **Bob Castle, Bev Bucci, Lee Traster, Jim Calm, DeLoy Goeglein, Doug Thompson, Ken & Barbara Mervine, Irene Shaffer** and **Annette Cash** for being there when their musical talents are needed.

We have a wonderful organ maintenance crew that keeps the Paramount Wurlitzer in working condition: **Bob Castle, Don Wick, David Charles and Ryan Kroll** with additional help from **Jud Murphy** and **John Decker**.

Our heart-felt thanks to all the volunteers!

Yes, there will be a Pipes & Stripes V

Sunday, February 13th, 2 pm
Scottish Rite Masonic Center
1370 Grant St., Denver

Everyone is welcome; No charge

The 101st Army Band is joined by the recently restored 1925 Kimball pipe organ.

This will not be an RTD Senior Ride event. More details in the February newsletter.

Welcome New Members

Jean Hackley, Denver
Gary Miller, Denver
Edward & Barbara Smith, Lakewood

Additional volunteers needed

Rick Knoll and **Janice Blakney** have agreed to share the position of Program Chairman.

That leaves a vacancy for one or two volunteers to take care of our monthly “light refreshments”.

We all enjoy the break-time goodies, but without a captain at the helm, the refreshments will go away.

Those interested in taking refreshments responsibilities should contact **Rick Knoll (303-237-6486)** or **Jim Calm (303-989-3671)**.

A volunteer is also needed for the advance prep of hanging the theatrical lights, etc. This work is normally done a day or two prior to an event. It takes from 3 to 9 hours depending on what facilities are needed. This volunteer must be “ladder capable”. If you are willing to volunteer, contact **Jim Calm (303-989-3671)** or **Lee Shaw (303-530-2421)**.

RMCATOS Events Calendar

Dec 5th – (Sun) – **Holiday Pot Luck**

Holiday Hills Ballroom – 2 pm
Our annual Christmas-time event of food and fellowship.
Members only.

Jan 16th – (Sun) – **Everyone's A Musician**

Holiday Hills Ballroom – 2 pm
Music, mucking and merriment....
A blend of America's Got Talent and The Gong Show!
Everyone Welcome. No charge.

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Scottish Rite Masonic Center – 2 pm
101st Army Band & 1925 Kimball Organ

Non-RMCATOS Events of Interest

Dec 11, 2010 - (Sat) - **Hector Olivera - Workshop**

South Broadway Christian Church - 10 am
23 Lincoln Street, Denver, CO
Roland Classic Organs & Harpsichords
Free – open to the public

Dec 12, 2010 - (Sun) - **Hector Olivera - Concert**

South Broadway Christian Church - 3 pm
23 Lincoln Street, Denver, CO
12-rank Kimball with Rodgers 4-manual digital expansion
Freewill offering

Pikes Peak Chapter Events

Dec 2nd – (Thur) – **Holiday Sack Lunch Serenade**

thru (Pikes Peak Chapter event – 719-473-2010)

Dec 30th ((*Jim Calm guest organist December 9th*))
City Auditorium, Colorado Springs
Every Thursday @ noon in December
Donations accepted.



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**Got
Gospel?**

November 14, 2010
Holiday Hills Ballroom