



Pipes along the Rockies

Newsletter of the Rocky Mountain Chapter
American Theatre Organ Society, Inc.
December, 2011

Information Line: 303-466-3330

December Club Social

Christmas Gathering

Sunday, December 4th, 2 pm

Holiday Hills Ballroom

Our "members only" Christmas Social will be held on Sunday, December 4th, at 2 pm in the Holiday Hills Ballroom. If you plan to attend and have not already signed up, please call, by December 2nd,

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.

Actual program TBD

Work in Progress

Sunday, January 15th, 2 pm

Holiday Hills Ballroom

Members, No Charge: All others \$5

Plans for our January cub social look good, but cannot be confirmed at this time. Reserve the date and come for a surprise, or receive more details via e-mail the week before the event.

Same low annual fee!

Dues are Due!

Annual dues of \$15 per household, January to December, are now due for year 2012.

Save 44 cents by paying, in person, at the December 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.

A fun time at the Paramount

Red, White & Blue Ragtime Revue

Sunday, October 16th, a crowd of around 550 converged on the Denver Paramount for an afternoon of Ragtime (and other) theatre organ and grand piano musical delights.



Dave Wickerham at the Mighty Wurlitzer and member **Dick Kroeckel** at the Steinway Concert Grand Piano put both instruments through their paces with duets and individual solos.

Surprises included the opening of the second half with Dave and Dick rising out of the pit playing "76 Trombones"

together at both Wurlitzer twin consoles (dressed in full red, white and blue marching band uniforms complete with white hats and red plumes) ...



then part way through, they left the consoles (while

the organ kept playing) to reunite at the piano playing a piano duet along with the phantom organ to finish off the number.



The performance closed with Stars & Stripes Forever, the big US flag flying in amidst a shower of red, white and blue streamers.

The show is available on a DVD. Let us know if you would prefer audio only on a 2-CD set.

Additional *Ragtime* photos may be found on the RMCATOS web site: www.RMCATOS.org.

Hallelujah! **Got Gospel?**

Just one or two fewer than 150 folks were on hand to enjoy our annual "Got Gospel?" club social, November 13th, at the Holiday Hills Ballroom.

Artists included: **Bruce & Kitty Spangler**, 16 year old Joel Trekell, **Don Bullock & Irene Shaffer**, **Janice Blakney**, **DeLoy Goeglein**, **Bob Flinn**, the Moyers Gospel Trio: **John**, **Kendra & Shelbia**, **Ted Carnes** and **Bev Bucci**.

More "Got Gospel?" photos on page 4 of this newsletter & on the RMCATOS website.

To all our volunteers.....

Time to say Thanks

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

We apologize if we've failed to list someone.

Judy Halverson has taken care of our "light refreshments" responsibilities this year.

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Rick Knoll has been doing most of the program planning since the first of the year.

Assisting at the "administrative table" at our Holiday Hills and Paramount events one sees: **Rich Brooks**, **Doris Beverly**, **Carole Ann Ball**, **Kathy Brayton** and **Mary Hemmerle**.

Doris Beverly & Rick Knoll coordinate the annual Christmas Potluck. **Lois Cady**, **Bob Koelmel**, **Nina Edwards** and many others also pitch in.

Our wonderful photos are by **Bill Kwinn** and **Jerry Nix**. Video taping is by **Bill & Marilyn Decker**.

Les Anderson, **Rich Brooks**, **Kay Diehl**, **Nina Edwards**, **Carol Foor**, **Rick Knoll**, **Maxine Mulliniks**, **Lillian Oliver**, and **Thelma Reed**, our newsletter distribution team, each volunteer 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**, **Don Bullock**, **Jim Hunter**, **Carl Hoff** (and others we have probably overlooked) putting the Ballroom back into 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 **Bev Bucci**, **Jim Calm**, **Bob Castle**, **Bob Flinn**, **DeLoy Goeglein**, **Doug Thompson**, and **Lee Traster** for being there when their musical talents are needed.

Our wonderful organ maintenance crew, led by **Don Wick**, keeps the Paramount Wurlitzer in working condition & this year upgraded the digital relay plus added back the original second Vox Humana pipe rank: **Bob Castle**, **David Charles** and **Ryan Kroll**.

Pipes & Stripes VI

Sunday, February 12th, 2 pm

Denver Paramount Theatre

Everyone is welcome; No charge

"Pipes & Stripes" returns to the Denver Paramount for it's sixth annual presentation. The successful series joins the 101st Army Band of the Colorado National Guard with the twin consoles of the Paramount's Mighty Wurlitzer theatre pipe organ.

The event is once again sponsored by Kroenke Sports Charities and RMCATOS. There will be no admission charge and no tickets are needed.

An RTD bus from Holiday Hills has been requested:

Pipes & Stripes VI is an RTD Senior Ride Event. An RTD bus from Holiday Hills to the Paramount is being requested, but our number of available seats will not be known until later in December.

Round trip bus fare between Holiday Hills and the Paramount is \$2.25 for Seniors (65 & over) and \$4.50 for all others.

Reserve Your RTD bus seat NOW!

RTD reservations must be made before January 23rd. Call **Lorna Koelmel, 303-430-4335**. Seats are first come, first served, since we do not know how many bus seats we will get. Closer to the show date, Lorna will contact you regarding what time the bus departs Holiday Hills.

Bus fare is paid in exact change when boarding the bus. There is no admission charge for the show.

Note from the President

It has been my honor to be your club president for the past three years. My term will end next month, and we are still looking for club members willing to take their turn in a leadership position.

We are a great club & present an amazing variety of programs including inviting nationally recognized artists to perform here. We need for more members to buy tickets and attend these outstanding events so we can afford to keep doing them.

I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation to all of the volunteers who work tirelessly to help the club with performances, organization and communication. I'd especially like to thank two of our heroes who work behind the scenes to do great things for the club.

Our Treasurer **Rich Brooks** manages our finances, pays the bills, sends required reports to governmental agencies, and crunches mountains of numbers to keep us in balance. It is comforting to know that our club is a solvent non-profit organization, with a strong financial position; the result of the hard work of a gifted and responsible businessman.

Lee Shaw, our "The Man Behind the Curtain," would never tell you just how hard he works for the club. Lee is a talented visionary who is responsible

for the growth of the club, our unique variety of programs, our outreach to young musicians, he writes this newsletter, maintains the club web site plus a thousand other things you never imagined.

He hangs lights, drops huge flags, shoots patriotic streamers from cannons & climbs ladders to dizzying heights to make our shows exciting and fun.

Lee, you are heart of the Rocky Mountain Chapter of the American Theatre Organ Society, and we are profoundly grateful to you.

Welcome New Members

Michael & Bonnie Collins, Denver
Bret Dowlen, Lakewood

Additional volunteers needed

There is a need for the following additional volunteers if RMCATOS is to maintain its current activity and support levels.

President, VP, Refreshments, Manager of CDs,
Membership Chairman, Publicity coordinator
Hang theatrical lights prior to monthly socials

Those interested should contact:

Rick Knoll (303-237-6486)

Rich Brooks (303-322-8485)

RMCATOS Events Calendar

Dec 4th – (Sun) – **Holiday Pot Luck**

Holiday Hills Ballroom – 2 pm

Our annual Christmas-time event of
food and fellowship.

Members only.

Jan 15th – (Sun) – **Work in Progress**

Holiday Hills Ballroom – 2 pm

More details later.

Members, No Charge: All others \$5.

Feb 12th – (Sun) – **Pipes & Stripes VI**

Denver Paramount Theatre – 2 pm

101st Army Band & Mighty Wurlitzer

No charge, no ticket necessary.

This is an RTD Senior Ride event.

Pikes Peak Chapter Events

Dec 1nd – (Thur) – **Holiday Sack Lunch Serenade**

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

Dec 29th City Auditorium, Colorado Springs

Every Thursday @ noon in December

(No Dec 22nd : it will be on Dec 21st).

Donations accepted.



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