



Pipes along the Rockies

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

June, 2020 *Special Stay-Safe-at-Home edition!*

Information Line: 303-466-3330

Virtual Zoom!

The RMCATOS Board of Directors had a Virtual Zoom from home meeting on May 16 and voted to make some changes to the club officer positions. Rich Brooks has served with distinction as club Treasurer for over 13 years and has decided to step down and let in the next generation of leadership. Ryan Kroll has been our outstanding President for six years and will become our new Treasurer, and Vice-President Randy Morris will move up to be our new President. We appreciate the hard work and dedication of these fine gentlemen and look forward to the continued success of our club.

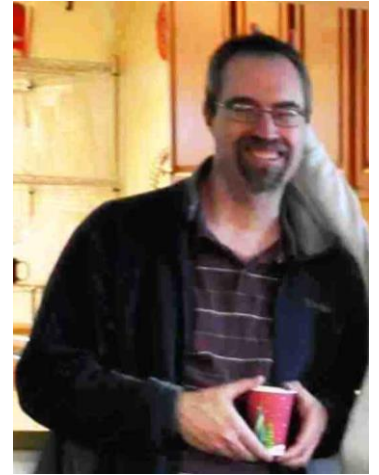
The Gentleman from Brighton is Pres! **RMCATOS New President**



Randy Morris is one of our talented chapter organists and has appeared in concert many times at the Holiday Hills ballroom, the Paramount Theatre, Lakewood Cultural Center and Sacklunch Serenades at the City Auditorium in Colorado Springs.

New Chapter Treasurer

Ryan Kroll is a very familiar face at RMCATOS events, attending all of our functions and serving the club as President, taking the minutes at Board meetings, Pipe Organ Tech, Stage Techie and Event Organizer navigating contracts, publicity and deadlines with the Lakewood Cultural Center when we do big concerts. And Chief Bottle Washer, literally,



Ryan is part of the team that provides intermission refreshments for our Holiday Hills socials. Ryan is working on his residence Wurlitzer project and has attended numerous ATOS Summer Tech Camps. Being Treasurer for a non-profit organization like RMCATOS is a big job and we really appreciate Ryan buckling-up for this new adventure!

THANK YOU, RICH BROOKS!

Rich Brooks set a high standard as our organ club Treasurer for 13½ years and will help Ryan ease in to the position as his assistant. Rich collected membership dues, maintained a roster of club members, managed club funds and investments with balance-to-the-penny accuracy, and paid venue fees and artist expenses. Rich's friendly face could always be seen at the Hospitality Table at Holiday Hills, Lakewood Cultural Center and the Paramount greeting audience members as they arrived, selling CD's, signing up new members and generally being an ambassador for the club. And filing all of those reports with the state to keep us legal and protect our 501(c)(3) status. Thank you!

Message from Rich Brooks:

At our “Virtual” Board meeting on May 16, 2020 I made a motion for me to replace Doris Beverly as assistant Treasurer and appoint Ryan Kroll as Treasurer on our U.S. Bank account, effective on June 1, 2020... the motion was seconded and approved. As your Treasurer since



September 2006, 13 plus years I felt it was in the best interest of our club. Doris has been my “right hand” for all these years and accomplished her duties in an exemplary fashion. She was responsible for new memberships and renewals. Over these countless financial transactions her “bank” (cash envelope) always balanced ... an unbelievable feat. She was also an ambassador for our club in dealing with new and current members. When our club held events at the Denver Paramount and the Lakewood Cultural Center it was apparent I needed additional assistance to accomplish our Treasurer’s responsibilities. I called on many members for assistance and they responded without a second thought; Lee Shaw, Jim Calm,

Irene Backes, Carole Ann Ball and other members who provided assistance who are no longer available. Over these many years Lee Shaw has provided his expertise in reviewing the countless financial documents for errors, his assistance is very much appreciated. Our club’s newsletter mailing is another responsibility which requires additional assistance, Lee Shaw and Doris Beverly accomplish this task in short order. Years past when our membership was large other members were always available. Sherry Broderick, resident at Holiday Hills has been our ambassador with Holiday Hills Management for making arrangements for club meetings and practice sessions. In addition, Sherry has welcomed our Board of Directors for meetings at her lovely home in Holiday Hills, we all appreciate her hospitality. Respectfully submitted, Rich

In Memoriam

Member and organist Bob Flinn recently passed away. Our sympathies to his family and friends.

2020 RMCATOS Officers

President: Randy Morris (303) 868-3193

Vice-President:

Treasurer: Ryan Kroll (970) 679-0196

Assistant Treasurer: Rich Brooks (303) 322-8586

Bill Kwinn, RMCATOS Chapter Photographer

RMCATOS Events Calendar

All RMCATOS activities have been postponed indefinitely during the health crisis. Please stay safe!

Stay-Safe-at-Home Ideas!

We sure miss getting out and doing stuff, especially having wonderful concerts and socials and hanging out with our organ club friends! If during the lockdown you’d like to hear some theatre organ music remember that RMCATOS has a number of video clips on YouTube. Go to www.RMCATOS.org and find “YouTube Video Clips” on the left-side menu.

Some of our favorites: America the Beautiful; Battle Hymn of the Republic; Flat Foot Floogie with a Floy Floy; Rondo a la Turk; and Rondo in G (be sure to watch Dave Wickerham’s feet flying on the pedals!)

You can also go to www.YouTube.com and do a search “RMCATOS” to find these videos, but sometimes they don’t show all of our posted videos. You can enter the names of famous organists, including some we’ve brought to Colorado to play concerts including Dave Wickerham, Jelani Eddington, Walt Strony, Lance Luce, Chris Elliott and John Ledwon.

It is amazing how the hours can pleasantly go by when you use the search box to enter your favorite songs, songs you haven’t heard for a long time, fun places you’ve been to or wanted to visit. Have fun!

