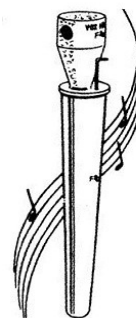
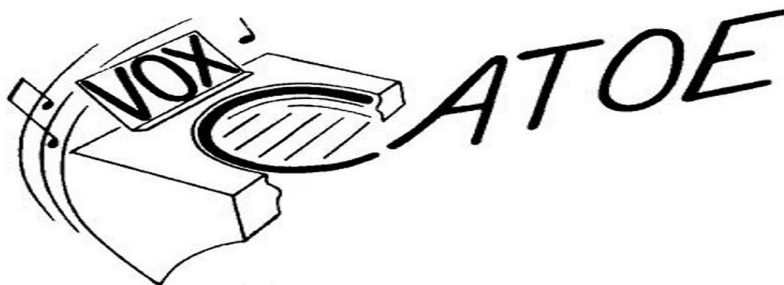


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Highlights:

- * August Social Ted-
de Gibson on the
25th
- * September Business
meeting and Social
at Downers Grove
North High School
- * October Social in
Mundelein
- * November Social
with Luke Stasiunas
on the 7th

Up Coming Events

Hello Everyone! Hope you are enjoying this unusual summer. I am at the ATOS convention as I write our newsletter and looking forward to hearing and seeing what their convention has to offer. We **ALL** will have to step up our game when we welcome the world to Chicago in 2022.

I am happy to report that I was elected to return as the Secretary for ATOS for another year! The ATOS board is really working hard to ensure the future of ATOS. The by-laws committee is making great progress on the shaping of ATOS. Our own **Lee Maloney** is on the committee.

We will be scheduling a business/election/convention meeting in September at Downers Grove North High School. By then, I will have the dates secured for the 2022 convention and we can begin our planning.

To have a successful convention, **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** Think about how you can help—Working in the chambers—Be a “gofer” to help the work crews—Soliciting for donations for the convention—Publicity—Planning the convention—Finding bus company. We will also need: Volunteers to be bus captains—Work in the record shop and in Registration—,Be our own “Uber” to help get organists to and from airports and to practice time. So many things that we need to plan and prepare for. I will discuss this more in September! **STAY TUNED!**

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Upcoming Socials

We have several socials planned for the remainder of the year —

August will feature **Tedde Gibson** at the Allen Organ Studios of Chicago. Tedde is the Vice Chairman of ATOS and he will be accompanying a short silent movie as part of his performance. Social is on the 25th at 3 pm with doors at 2:30

September we will be at Downers Grove North High School for a business/election of officers/convention meeting. Meeting will begin at 3pm with musical performance at the conclusion.

October will bring us to Mundelein to hear the magnificent 4/21 Wurlitzer. **David Rhodes** will entertain us and his performance will begin at 3pm

November will feature **Luke Staisiunas** on Sunday November 3. Program at 3

More on all of these exciting events in coming editions.

Next Social

Tedde Gibson

Sunday August 25th
3PM

Allen Organ Chicago

Other Clubs Events

CTOS: Cletus Goens
on July 28th at Allen
Organ of Chicago

JATOE: Frank Pellico
on August 4th Rialto
Theatre in Joliet

WELCOME to all our new members — and **THANK YOU** to everyone that has renewed, donated and help at our socials. We couldn't do this without you!

John Peter Devona

We are saddened to hear of the passing of CATOE member, **John Devona**. John had just played a fun program for us at the Tivoli in March; an organ that he was on the crew to help install in 1992. John was only 45 and had a short battle with a rare form of cancer. Our sincerest condolences to his friends and family.



Arcada Theatre Update

Arcada Theatre in St. Charles sold to local development group

The iconic Arcada Theatre building in the heart of the downtown St. Charles historic district has been sold for \$3 million. The development group is father-and-son duo Curt and Conrad Hurst, St. Charles residents who say they want to bring the building to its full potential. The plans for



the three-story building will involve a “team effort” between the new owners, the city of St. Charles and Onesti Entertainment, which manages the theater, according to The Downtown St. Charles Partnership. “Local ownership in a property with a historic structure that is within a historic location is good for the community,” St. Charles City Administrator Mark Koenen said. The Arcada Theatre

celebrated its 90th anniversary in 2016 as an entertainment venue. Ron Onesti, president and CEO of The Onesti Entertainment Corporation, has owned the operations of the theater since 2005. “Their concern and focus is to make sure the Arcada Theatre continues its path as an entertainment venue,” Onesti said.” Koenen said the city is pleased the new owners are local and have an interest in making improvements to the building and the theater.

He said Onesti has been “generous” in addressing maintenance issues associated with the historic venue.

“The new owners are aware that there is additional work that needs to be done in the building and theater,” Koenen said. “They seem to have an understanding and are prepared to make those corrections and invest in the building that will address the needs of the audience.”



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What's Up in the Area?

David Rhodes and **Tim Charlton** share bench duties at the Tivoli Theatre on CATOE's 3/10 Wurlitzer each Friday and Saturday nights playing before the movies. Stop in and enjoy their performance on our Mighty Wurlitzer!



Check out our web page www.catoe.org for more information about CATOE and upcoming socials and events.



Silent movies continue at the Arcada in St. Charles. Please take an opportunity to attend as this shows our support for the theatre and **Ron Onesti**. **July 9**—Fatty Arbuckle and Buster Keaton Show-

case and **August 13** features 2 Charlie Chaplin movies. **Jay Warren** at the Geneva Marr/Colton Theatre organ. Tickets are only \$8.00 for CATOE members.



Ron Onesti will be doing the programming at the Des Plaines Theatre. The Des Plaines was home to a 3 manual Geneva Theatre Organ that was removed many years ago. We wish him the best of luck as he brings this wonderful neighborhood theatre back to life. Also, Ron has taken over the operations of Wild West Town in Union Illinois. If you are looking for some fun this summer, stop in and check out the theme park (and try the fried chicken)!