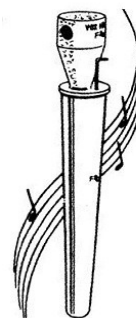
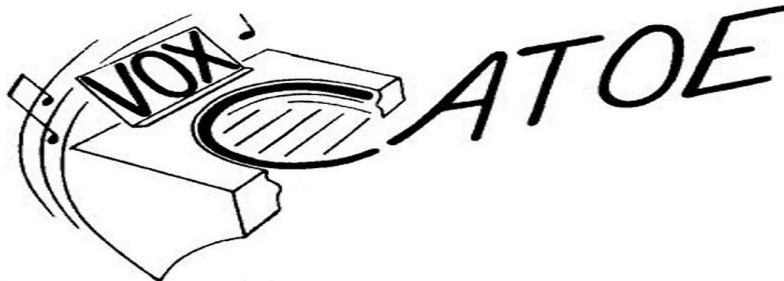


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## **Hello Everyone and Happy New Year!**

On behalf of the CATOE Board of directors, we want to wish all our members and friends a Happy and wonderful New Year. Let us give thanks for all we hold dear: Our health, our family and our friends!

We have many challenges in front of us this year and we will need your help. Restoration work and social planning are the two big ones right now.

If you would like to help us with working on the organs at Downers Grove North High School or the Tivoli, please let me know. We are going to work up a grant request for ATOS to help with the Tivoli.

We also need some more CATOE Board members that are going to be able to stay involved with the club, help with social planning (selecting a venue, artist, stay within budget, etc.) as well as the newsletter, web page, future CATOE events and more.

Contact information for me is on the last page.

I apologize for the lateness in getting this edition out.

**Happy New Year**  
*Muse Printables*



Our October Social was held at the University of St. Mary of the Lake with **Dean Rosko** performing on the 4/21 Wurlitzer. It was a beautiful sunny afternoon and the attendees certainly enjoyed his program. This was the first time that I had heard Dean play! Comments included "Fantastic Song Selections" "Very Well Played" and "We



could have listened for hours." We will have to have Dean back to play for us again soon! After the social some of the folks took a stroll around the grounds and enjoyed the beauty of the seminary.





## Walt Was Wonderful!

A wonderful afternoon celebrating Walt and 'Muriel' today. Was very glad to see so many people turn out to celebrate with us. Happy 50 years to Walt's superb musicianship, and a special 100 years to our best gal, Muriel, CATOE's Wurlitzer Opus 942. Walt did a fantastic job showcasing all of Muriel's colors and showed,

without question, that a small-ish theatre organ, even without all the extra bells and whistles can rival a much larger instrument any day of the week. Walt and Muriel got on like old pals and it was so nice to hear them together

Many thanks to those who helped to put this together for us; Linda and the staff at the Tivoli... Mike from Classic Cinemas... Gary Rickert, Taylor Trimby and Jan Stack the CATOE Crusaders and to Walt for celebrating his 50th reunion with us! *David Rhodes*





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## More News

**David Rhodes** continues to entertain on our 3/10 Wurlitzer on Friday nights before the evening show at the Tivoli. Be sure to check out Classic Cinemas web page to find out the schedule



After honoring our Wurlitzers 100th Birthday, David and Muriel kept right on going by celebrating the Christmas Holiday at the Tivoli. David and Mike, from Classic Cinemas, led



the attendees on a 30 minute sing-a-long before all the holiday movies began! Great crowds and they always enjoy singing with Muriel!

