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**Next Meeting**  
**March 13<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, 2:00 PM**  
**Deadline for the next newsletter is:**  
**Last Friday of March, 2010**

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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Several people have asked about "hosting" a meeting when they have no organ or not enough space. The process is as follows: first, contact the person whose location you'd like to use. Then, if you are not going to play yourself, contact the person you would like to play to get their agreement and check their availability. You will likely have to plan this for several months in advance. Our meetings are normally on the third Sunday afternoon of the month, but can be held on an evening or a Saturday. You are expected to bring the refreshments, set them up, and clean up afterwards. After you have all of this planned and confirmed, you need to contact Denny Ammann to reserve the date. It is actually nice to have an occasional Saturday or evening meeting as some of our members have ongoing commitments on the third Sunday afternoon. SLTOS's Vice-President is always the one who officially schedules the meetings.

We have several members who are currently battling some really major health issues, and although they don't want their names mentioned, they would appreciate your prayers.

Some have asked about the "Joe Barnes" fund in our treasury. Joe was a devoted member of SLTOS for many years, and was incredibly knowledgeable about theatre organs. Joe not only played the instrument, knew about building, tuning, and the technical part of organs. He also was a church organist. Joe was willing and anxious for others to learn all they could about theatre organs, musically and technically. When he passed away, a number of people made donations in his memory, and the board set those donations aside into "an education fund" as Joe had tried to do previously. The fund has been used a couple of times at the discretion of the board. The last time was to help Peter Schilliday with some of the expenses of going to the ATOS's Young Organist's Summer Camp last year. This is exactly the kind of thing Joe would have loved. Peter said he learned a lot in that short "organ camp". The current balance in that account is getting low, so if you'd like to make a donation in honor of or in memory of someone, and would like to see the money used for expanding someone's organ education, just put "Joe Barnes Fund" in the memo part of the check, and send or give it to Wallace since he is your treasurer. We will be sure to mention the honorarium in this newsletter, and elsewhere if possible.

# SHUTTER CHATTER

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There is a notice later in this Shutter Chatter about individual day pricing for the Party on the Pipes in April. We talk every year about more of our own members participating in this event, and as usual, not very many have signed up. We are only a month away, and need to have accurate numbers for planning the meals and transportation. We have so many people from outside our chapter who are thrilled with this mini-convention, as other regionals as well as the national convention don't include as much as we do, and for a reasonable price. You will never have such a great chance to meet other theatre organ enthusiasts, or to have the opportunity to talk one on one with professional artists such as Donna Parker, our World Renowned Guest Artist for this year!

Notice: The April board meeting will be March 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 at the home of Jim and Dee Ryan.

Jim

## The John Ledwon Concert

It is happening! August 22 at 2:pm at the Lincoln Theatre in Belleville I would ask that all who made pledges please send your money to Wallace. We will print the tickets and send them in July.

Jim

## Directions to March meeting

The March meeting will be the 13<sup>th</sup>, a Saturday afternoon at 2:00, at the home of Wallace Dittrich, 4824 S. Broadway, 63111. Sharon Theurer will host the meeting. From I-55 either direction, exit at 4500 Broadway, and go south to 4824. It will be on your left, and there is a driveway that looks like a street on the south side of his home. Go toward the back of the road, and someone will be there to guide you as to where to park.

## PARTY ON THE PIPES

Single day pricing will be the same as it was last year. There will be no single event prices.

<b>Thursday Pre-Glow April 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>\$ 25.00</b>
<b>Friday April 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>\$ 75.00</b>
<b>Saturday April 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>\$ 75.00</b>
<b>Sunday April 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>\$100.00</b>
<b>Monday April 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>\$ 75.00</b>

Upcoming Events

Please note that all of the upcoming months are listed. If there is no meeting information listed for that month, and you wish to host a meeting, please contact  
**Dennis Ammann, 618.654.7855.**

**SLTOS MEETINGS and SPONSORED EVENTS ARE IN BOLD TYPE.**  
**Guests are welcome**

<b>March, 13<sup>th</sup> 2:00 pm Sharon Theurer hostess at Dittrich's. NOTE: SATURDAY</b>
<b>April 9 – 12, PARTY ON THE PIPES</b>
<b>May 16<sup>th</sup> 2:00 pm Jeff Barker at Ryan's home</b>
<b>June 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Picnic at Carondelet Park</b>
<b>July 18<sup>th</sup> 2:00 pm Home of Bernie and Betty Nordmann Please remember to bring chairs!</b>
<b>August 15<sup>th</sup> 2:00pm Midwest Music</b>
<b>August 22 2:00 pm John Ledwon concert at the Lincoln Theatre</b>
<b>September Home of Dave &amp; JoAnn Bartz</b>
<b>October 17<sup>th</sup> Dennis Rathert</b>
<b>November 21<sup>st</sup> SLTOS's Annual Official Meeting at the home of Pam &amp; Richard Masching</b>
<b>December Annual Holiday Party at the home of Denny and Mary Lou Ammann</b>
<b>January 16<sup>th</sup> 2:00pm Ken and Dawn Iborg</b>

**Please note the open meeting dates and get your request in. (It doesn't have to be the third Sunday afternoon!)**

## NEW NAME BADGES

You should find your new name badge(s) included in this mailing. If you receive this via e-mail, we will try to catch you at an upcoming meeting. If not, we will mail them to you after the June picnic June 5<sup>th</sup>. Keep your badge holders, as they don't mail easily.

**New rosters are also included. Email rosters are attached to the notification email.**