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Sunday, May 16, at the Ryans

June Meeting
Saturday, June 5th, 11 AM – 4 PM

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NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

First of all, please note that this newsletter is for the months of both May and June, mostly because the picnic in June is early in the month, so we don't know that the newsletter would arrive on time.

WOW! Party on the Pipes was the best we have ever had. I heard so many people making the same comment. The first seven were great – each one having it's own reason for being special. But 2010 was number 8, and it really was the best one so far. Is it because those who plan the convention have finally gotten it down pat? Or because of the people who came from across the country and from Canada just gelled so perfectly? Sharon, I am so sorry you had to miss this one – and so happy you could at least join us for dinner. For the many of you who didn't attend, Sharon Theurer's Mom, Lenore, had some major medical issues that prevented Sharon from being able to attend the weekend. You would have to understand that Sharon has always done a huge amount of the pre-planning for these mini-conventions, and she did so this year. She is truly an integral part of these mini-conventions. Then this year, she had to miss the actual weekend. We really missed you, Sharon. For the rest of you, Lenore's doing better, but please keep the Theurers in your prayers.

Donna Parker was our special guest artist, and if you weren't there, you missed meeting and having the opportunity to know the most delightful, down-to-earth, genuinely nice, incredible woman you could ever spend time with. She was a part of everything we did as a group, and I believe everyone had a chance to talk with her and get to know her a bit. Dee and I lucked out with being able to spend some private time with just Donna and a few others, and spent most of the time laughing. It was terrific! I hope we can get her back again, and soon! There were options after her concert to buy CD's, and if you missed that chance, you missed some really good music.

I need to say a couple of things about Mr. Kay McAbee. He was the primary organist at one of the earlier Extravaganzas, and has come back each year to fill different roles in our mini-convention

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weekend. People raved about Kay's talent and the excitement he puts into his music from the first time we heard him. He is willing and eager to play just about anything that has a keyboard! Every thing he plays sounds fantastic. Kay informed us that next year he wants to come to the Party on the Pipes, but as a guest - not as a performer. What an endorsement of the Party! And I have no doubts that whatever time he spends during open console will be wonderful music!

Betty Bill developed a serious infection after scraping her face in a fall, and ended up in the hospital on the second day of Party on the Pipes getting IV antibiotics. She was in the hospital for four days - a long stretch in this day and age - and is home and doing much better. There are several other members and their families who are battling some serious health issues, so please keep the club and our members in your prayers.

Happy 94th birthday to long-term member, Hazel Edick!

Jim

THE MAY MEETING AND JEFF BARKER

Well-known organist, Jeff Barker, will play a concert before a meet and greet at the home of Jack Moelmann on May 15th. Snacks and liquid refreshments will be served. The cost will be \$35 per couple or \$20 per person, with each price level including one Jeff Barker CD. We hope to have other CD's for sale if they are done in time. Jeff will then play at the May meeting at the Ryan's on Sunday afternoon May 16th. There will be CD's there also for \$10 each. The sale of these will help to defray the cost of bringing him here from New Jersey.

Jeff hasn't been in St. Louis to do a concert for a goodly number of years, and I believe you will find both these musical experiences to be worthwhile.

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	
May 15th 7:00pm Jeff Barker meet and greet at Jack Moelmann's, \$20 per or \$35 per couple.	
May 16th 2:00 PM, Jeff Barker at Ryan's home.	
June 5th Annual Picnic at Carondelet Park, 11:00 to about 4:00.	
July 18th 2:00 PM Home of Bernie and Betty Nordmann. Please remember to bring chairs!	
August 15th 2:00pm Midwest Music	
August 22, 2:00 PM, John Ledwon concert at the Lincoln Theatre.	
September Home of Dave & JoAnn Bartz.	
October 17th Home of Dennis Rathert.	
November 21st SLTOS's Annual Official Meeting at the home of Pam & Richard Masching.	
December Annual Holiday Party at the home of Denny and Mary Lou Ammann	
January 16th 2:00 PM, Ken and Dawn Iborg (?)	

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

NEW NAME BADGES

You should have your new name badge if Shutter Chatter is mailed to you, or if we saw you at the last meeting. We will distribute them if we see you in May or at the June picnic. Then we will mail the rest out. Keep your plastic holder, as we will not be routinely distributing them.

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PARTY ON THE PIPES 2010

While it is true that the long weekend is about organ, the most fun part is the people. Each year, many of the same people return because SLTOS puts on a comfortable, relaxed, long weekend for not a lot of money, and they provide transportation and food unlike other chapters and groups. The guests become more and more like family to each other and to our hosts. How cool is it that several of them have become members of SLTOS as well as the one where they live just because this chapter is active and fun, and they want to be a part of what this group does, even if they live far away. The weekend really is a party with a great group of people. Because of the guest artist participation, everyone gets to learn more about organ and gets to make new friends and renew old friendships. Those of you that do not attend even a portion of the weekend are missing a great experience.

YOU ARE INVITED TO A SILENT FILM!

On Sunday, June 13th, at 2:00 PM, the silent film, "The Eagle" starring **Rudolph Valentino**, will be highlighted in a special screening at the Kansas City, Missouri Music Hall, accompanied by **Marvin Faulwell**.

Set in the Imperial Court of 18th-century Russia, "The Eagle" is a dashing and romantic adventure in which Rudolph Valentino gives what many consider to be his finest screen performance. Here is a role tailor-made for the legendary Valentino – that of Vladimir, the handsome young Cossack guardsman who is banished after rejecting the amorous advances of Catherine the Great (stunningly portrayed by **Louise Dresser**) and becomes the "Black Eagle", a Russian Robin Hood dedicated to robbing the rich and giving to the downtrodden peasants. Keep an eye out for an uncredited **Gary Cooper** as a masked Russian Cossack.

Marvin Faulwell is a retired dentist in the Kansas City area, but is now better known for his organ

playing talents. He specializes in accompanying silent films – over 120 different ones in his career. Marvin was staff organist at the Granada Theatre during its organ program years, and has been organist for the Kansas Silent Film Festival in Topeka since it started 14 years ago.

Marvin and his wife, Mary, are very warm, very genuine people. They have a fascinating home built around the pipe organ and the studio just inside the front door!

Do try to get to KC for this incredible film.

E-MAIL NEWS LETTERS AND LOBBY ORGAN

Each month, an e-mail is sent with a link to the newsletter. The lobby organ sign up sheets are sent in Excel format, and the newsletter is sent in PDF format. Starting this summer, both will be sent to the web site where you can retrieve them. The link will be sent to each group in an e-mail. As changes to software take place we need to use the PDF format in order to be standard to all.

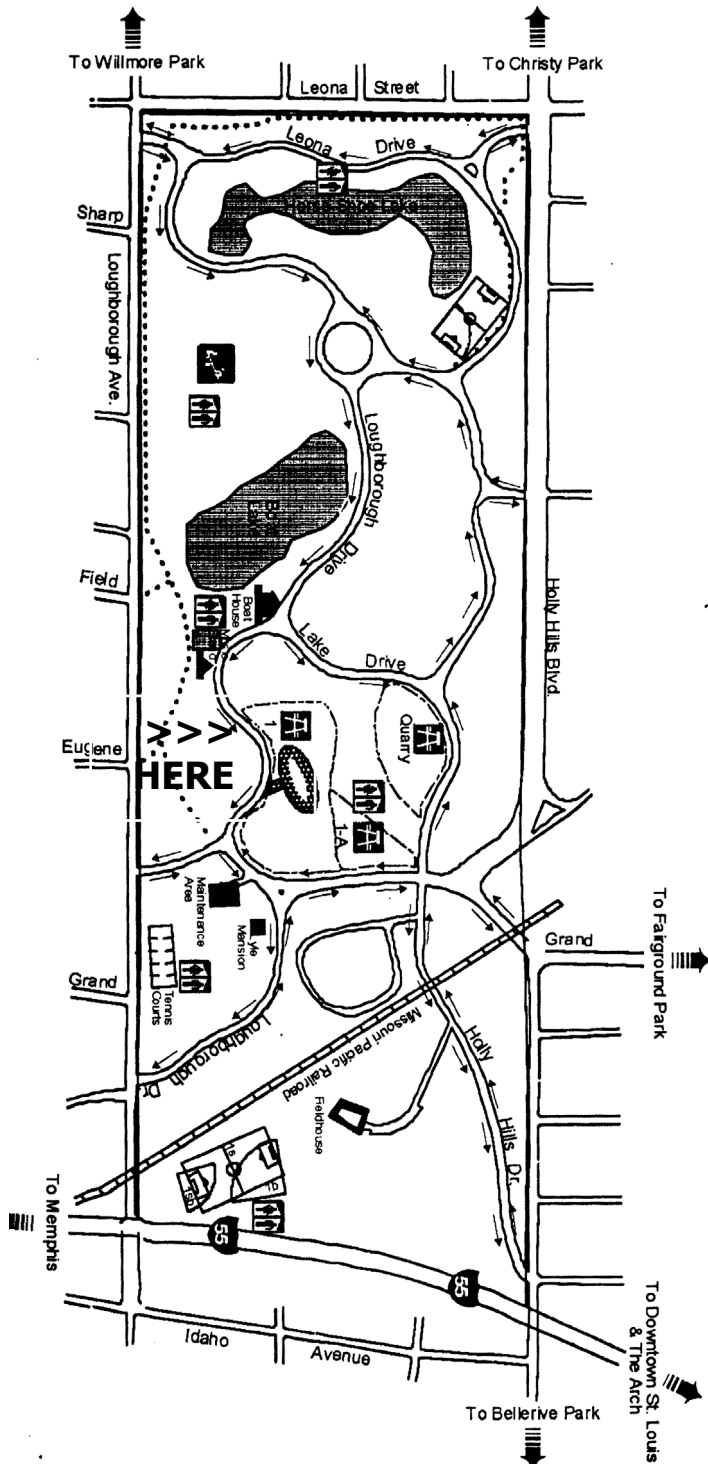
June 5th Our Picnic in Carondolet Park

The annual picnic for SLTOS will again be in the pavilion on the east end of Carondolet Park in South City.

The map below is much more detailed than the one we used to use, so perhaps there will be fewer folks getting lost in the park. Look carefully at the map to see which roads are one-way. If you enter the park from Loughborough at the road listed as Leona Drive, just east of the residential Leona Street, and stay to your right at every option, you will end up at the pavilion indicated by the arrows and the HERE sign. There is a one lane oval driveway around the pavilion used by those who have to unload supplies. Come early and help us set up the food and the picnic site.

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AN INTERESTING WAY TO SAY THANK YOU!

Our member, Brian Bild, attended the Party on the Pipes this year, staying at the hotel at Our Lady of the Snows, and traveling to all the functions and venues on one of the busses we use for that purpose. The groups of fourteen people on each bus

Return of the Trolley

By: Brian Bild
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In St. Louis, many years ago,
Judy Garland had a trolley.
And now, what do you know,
There's another trolley
To get you where you go-o-o-o-o.

*During the April 2010 "Party on the Pipes", we had 14-passenger shuttle busses that would take participants from location to location. One passenger called these busses "The Wally Trolley", after Wallace Dittrich, one of the organizers and bus drivers. Upon thinking, Brian Bild came up with this poem. Someone could set the poem to music."

What, oh what? Yes, there it goes,
What is it? Oh, by golly,
Gliding, gliding past us all,
The jolly, Wally Trolley.

Down the road and up the hill,
On to the Lincoln Cine.
Music in the distance,
Organ concerts dreamy.

As we depart down the road,
Looking back - what do I see?
The charming Lincoln Cine
Thanks jolly, Wally Trolley.