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**Next Meeting:**  
Holiday party at the Ryan's, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> 2:00 PM

**Deadline for the next newsletter is:**  
**Last Friday of December, 2011**

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### **NEWSLETTER**

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## **DUES ARE DUE**

It is that time again. Please place your member number from your mailing on your check, or enclose the dues notice. We were able to have a special concert this year because many of you put a little extra in with your dues. If you want to include a bit extra for the concert fund, please note that on your check. Donations are deductible, but dues are not.

New name badges will be sent at the end of the month that the dues are paid. We are sending only the insert, not the holder. If you need a holder, please note that with your payment.

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

We had not planned on doing a December Shutter Chatter, but here we are!

First of all, may we wish all of you the happiest of holiday wishes and blessings for peace whether you celebrate Christmas or Hannukah (or both)!

Our Annual Meeting was held on a cold and rainy afternoon at the home of Dennis and Mary Lou Ammann in November. Despite the weather, there was a good crowd to enjoy the 3/14 Barton pipe organ. Mary Lou had made her famous cherry coffeecake and several other wonderful treats as well. A good time was had by all, and thanks to the Ammann's.

For the last five or six years, we had no reason for a formal election for officers or board members because no one wanted to run. This year, we had a couple of folks who expressed interest in being on the board, and to becoming more actively involved in SLTOS. Rich Masching was asked to be the election chairman, and handled the ballots and envelopes sent to the members who are also active members of ATOS. That qualification is in our By-laws. At the November meeting, Rich announced the results, and we welcome Dave Stephens as Vice President and incumbent Al Haker and new member Dennis Rathert to the board. We thank Denny Ammann for his years as VP, and LeRoy Ettling for his years on the board. Lee will remain in the appointed position of scheduling for the Lobby organ. The December Holiday party is at our home, at 5124 Harthlodge Drive, St. Louis, MO 63129

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for those with GPS, and I-255 to south on Telegraph, to right on Yaeger Rd., to right on Milburn to right on Flameglow, and left on Harthlodge to 5124. It is **December 11<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 PM until whenever.** Please come to the driveway side door. The meat, plates, plasticware, napkins, cups, etc., will be provided, but we will need side dishes – salads, veggies, appetizers, or desserts. Be sure to mark anything you want returned. Dinner will start about 5:00 PM, so if you know you will arrive late, plan on bringing something for after dinner.

We have heard from several of our members about different health issues going on. Please understand we love hearing from any of the membership who want to share any news with us. Marilyn Fuchs is home, but going to an out-patient rehab facility several times a week. Her car accident was really devastating, but Virgil said she is improving. Kretlows keep up with us via the newsletter, but health and distance issues have made their participation difficult. They do hope to be more involved in the upcoming year. Klinefelters have also had a number of health issues, but are holding their own. Distance is also a problem, as the Branson area is about a five hour trip. We haven't heard directly from Kay McAbee, but were told he's had some major health stuff going on. Hope you're doing better, Kay! Both Kreuzkamps have had lots of time in hospitals and rehab places, but are gaining strength and hope to be more active in 2012. Denny Ammann is having some tests to find a reason for some issues he's been facing. We want all our members to know we keep you in our thoughts and prayers when we hear about problems.

A new member joined at our annual meeting. Rev. Charles McKnelly, a missionary in Hong Kong became a part of our group. He comes back to our area once a year to visit family in the Alton/Bethalto area. Those of us who talked with him enjoyed the opportunity. We love getting new members. Welcome to our fun group!

## Mark Herman Concert

Don't forget the concert at Jack Moelmann's if you made reservations for either Saturday evening, December 3<sup>rd</sup> or Sunday afternoon, December 4<sup>th</sup>. It should be a real treat.

## Hosting a meeting

Please think carefully and QUICKLY about hosting a meeting during 2012. We have no one scheduled for January, February, March, July, August, November or December. Obviously, the January and February meetings need the highest priority. Yes, the weather can be bad, but it can be good, too. We normally meet on the third Sunday of the month in the afternoon, but that is not a requirement. You can choose any evening, or any weekend afternoon. There are enough folks still working that a weekday afternoon is rather pointless. Dave Stephens is now the person to notify if you're interested, and he can be reached at 314.800.7541. Don't forget, you can call someone with an instrument, and ask to be the sponsor for the meeting, but at their home, church or place of business.

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|                                | <p>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<br/><b>Jim &amp; Dee Ryan</b><br/><b>314-892-0754</b></p> |
| <p><b>SLTOS MEETINGS and SPONSORED EVENTS ARE IN BOLD TYPE. Guests are welcome</b></p>                             |   |
| <p>December 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, Concerts at Jack Moelmann's.</p>                                    |   |
| <p><b>December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 to whenever, Holiday Party at the Ryan's home. Bring a dish to share.</b></p> |   |
| <p>Check with the Lincoln Theatre about Pipe in the New Year. Use link at sltos.org or 618-233-0123</p>            |   |
| <p><b>May 20<sup>th</sup> 2:00 PM Howard and Joan Pfeifer</b></p>  |   |
| <p><b>June 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Picnic hosted by Wallace Dittrich</b></p>   |   |
| <p><b>September 16<sup>th</sup> 2:00pm Maschings home</b></p>  |   |
| <p><b>October 21<sup>st</sup> 2:00 pm at the home of Bob Ruby and Gail Hoeber</b></p>                              |   |

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