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### **NEWSLETTER**

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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

If you are interested in the way this organization functions, now is the time to consider the possibility of running for an office or a board seat on the board of directors. Almost all SLTOS decisions are brought up, discussed and voted on by the board. Our By-Laws outline the board's responsibilities and when circumstances require that the vote must be taken to the entire membership. This year, the Vice President and Treasurer offices are up for election, as are two board seats. As you can see in the list in the first column, the officers hold their positions for two years, and the board members hold their jobs for three years. For board elections, only our members who are also in good standing with ATOS are qualified to vote.

Our club members have gone through a lot of illnesses since spring, but I have not heard from anyone about new health issues. That doesn't mean our membership is free of medical problems, but we are either getting better or at least holding at status quo. Let's keep it that way. Prayers are always appreciated.

The last meeting was great fun, and you can read more about it later in this newsletter. Our next meeting will be hosted by Dee and me at Lacefield Music Store in South County Shopping Center. Directions will follow in an article a little later.

We've gotten some updates on upcoming meetings into most of next year. Our VP, Dave Stephens, has lined up all but a couple of months. If you are interested in hosting a meeting whether at your home or at a venue you are familiar with, get whatever permissions you may need, and call Dave with which open month you want. As a reminder, meetings can

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be virtually any day of the month, and it can be afternoons or evenings. Some of our members don't like to drive after dark, but as you can see from those months already scheduled there are several Saturday's and indeed, we used to regularly meet on a weeknight.

## PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING!

Please take note of things that are **Bold**, Underlined, in *italics* or in **color**. They are trying to draw your attention to an unusual situation.

	<p>Please note that all of the upcoming months are currently listed. In order to host a meeting, please contact:  <b>Dave Stephens</b>  <b>314-800-7541</b></p>
<p><b>SLTOS MEETINGS and SPONSORED EVENTS ARE IN BOLD TYPE.</b>  <b>Guests are welcome</b></p>	
<p><b>Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>, A SATURDAY, 2:00 PM, hosted by Jim and Dee Ryan at the Lacefield Music Store in South County Shopping Center.</b></p>	
<p><b>Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 PM, Dave and JoAnn Bartz's home, with Richard Rogers at the console.</b></p>	
<p><b>Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 PM, Rich and Pam Masching's home</b></p>	
<p><b>Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>, A SATURDAY, Holiday Party, Jack Moelmann's home</b></p>	
<p><b>HAPPY NEW YEAR</b></p>	
<p><b>January: City Museum-- Al Haker.</b></p>	
<p><b>Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>, 2:00 PM, Scottish Rite, hosted by Henry Evans, who will also be the artist of the day.</b></p>	
<p><b>March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 PM, Home of Dennis Rathert.</b></p>	
<p><b>April 16<sup>th</sup>, Home of Jim and Dee Ryan</b></p>	
<p><b>May 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>, Party on the Pipes (Tour of St. Louis May 16th and 17th).</b></p>	
<p><b>June 4<sup>th</sup>, A SATURDAY, 11:30 – 4:00, SLTOS Picnic, Wallace Dittrich.</b></p>	

**July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 PM, Aunt Maggie's Restaurant, Columbia, IL. Hosted by Sharon Theurer.**

**August**

**September**

**October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 PM, The home of Rich and Pam Masching, Millstadt, IL.**

**November**

**Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>, A SATURDAY, SLTOS Christmas Party, at the home of Jack Moelmann, O'Fallon, IL.**

## Please Note:

If you have any S.L.T.O.S. applications, please check to see if the information is correct. Current prices - \$25 for local and \$50 for A.T.O.S.

**Do not use if they have the wrong prices.**

Thank You,  
 Jim

## YOUNG ORGANIST RECEIVES AWARDS

Our youngest member of SLTOS, Connor Vennemann, has had an exciting musical summer. Connor, 10 years old, participated in the Mid America Music Association contest held in St. Louis in July. He entered with 2 piano solos, Mighty Eagle and Bach's Prelude in C Major which he earned a 98% out of 100. Connor also entered the organ division playing 2 solos, We Thank Thee Now Our God and It's A Small World. He received a perfect score of 100% with these 2 pieces. His judge made the comment, "It is so exciting to see a young person taking an interest in organ. Connor was a joy and an inspiration to hear".

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Our August meeting was held at the Fox Theatre where Connor made his debut on the Mighty Wurlitzer during open console. After he played his 2 organ solos he had the experience of riding down on the organ lift. As he was coming up out of the pit, he was playing the Bach Prelude.

Jack Moelmann presented Connor with a certificate stating that he has now played the Mighty Wurlitzer at the Fabulous Fox. Connor was then treated to a tour of some of the organ chambers and other areas of the organ.

Submitted by Pam Masching



## The August 17, 2015

meeting was held at the Fabulous St. Louis Fox Theater in midtown St. Louis hosted by Al Haker. The program for the meeting was performed on the theater's Mighty Wurlitzer 4/36 by the incomparable Col. Jack Moelmann as a kind of prequel to his "Those Were the Days" concert at the same location on August 23. Afterward, members had an opportunity to play the 4/36 during open console. Pam Masching brought one of her piano and organ students, Connor Vennemann, and his parents. Connor is 10 Years old, and is becoming quite an accomplished musician having won awards from the Mid-America Music Association this year as follows: Piano Solo – First Place, Organ Solo – First Place, Music Theory Bee – Gold Medal. He was thrilled to play the big organ which he did very well, and then enjoyed a tour of the organ blower, relay, and pipe chamber rooms. Connor is very interested in theatre organ. It will be exciting to watch him grow and develop as an artist.

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## The September Meeting

Our September meeting will be at Lacefield Music in the South County Shopping Center, located on South Lindbergh between I-55 and Lemay Ferry Road. The store is attached to the mall, but is an outside entrance. It faces South Lindbergh, so there are many ways to get there. From southbound I-55, exit at Lindbergh, and turn left. Pass Union Road, and it's on your right. From eastbound I-255, watch signs for Lindbergh, go past Lemay Ferry, and turn left into the Center. From the west, follow signs for either Lemay Ferry, and turn left to the Center's entrance, or exit onto northbound I-55 / Lindbergh, and go right on Lindbergh. I'm guessing most GPS's can find South County Shopping Center. Our artist will be Dwayne Hilton, organist for our St. Louis Cardinals!