



Theatre Organ



* * Next Meeting Saturday May 6th * *

Next Get-Together . .

The second general HTOS membership meeting/ get-together will be on **Saturday, May 06 2017**. The nature or agenda of a business meeting is yet to be determined . . . but, the playing of the Mighty Wurlitzer Theatre Pipe Organ is definite. Carl and Dennis have secured the auditorium facilities for that day. For those players who want to show off their ‘stuff’, this is the day. Participation time will be announced later.

Election Day Info

The first general membership HTOS meeting was on Feb 18 2017. The agenda for the meeting was to have the Annual Election of Officers, deal with old and new business, then play the Mighty Wurlitzer theatre pipe organ. The following slate was submitted to the membership with no further nominations from the floor and duly elected.

- President Jon Steen
- Vice-President . . . Carl Swift
- Secretary Arlyn Visentin
- Treasurer Dennis Entler
- Director-at-Large . Ken Warren
- Director-at-Large . Jim Connors



Some New Business. .

Dennis Entler informed the membership at the Feb 18th meeting that **Dick Willson**, recently moved to California, had 4 storage units filled with pipe organ memorabilia *that had to be emptied by March 31st*. Dennis was calling upon several members to help sort out the materials to various parties. Anything left over after the March 31st deadline would be taken over by the storage-unit operators, or we would have to pay very expensive rental. A telephone call from Dennis confirmed that the actions regarding the storage units had been completed and the various memorabilia re-distributed to interested parties.

Dues Reminder . .

If you have forgotten to pay your 2017 annual dues here’s a **BIG nudge** to send **\$ 10 check** made out to **HTOS** and **mail it** . . . **today** . . to :

Dennis Entler
5411 Bobolink
Houston, TX 77017

The joke for 24 years is that *all of us* have been delinquent on our dues by 10 am on New Year’s Day according to the by-laws. For 24 years we have *extended the time* to submit what-has-to-be-a-great-

deal ! **ONLY TEN BUCKS** . The *Time Extension* was arbitrarily set as April 1st of each year. If you have been a member in previous years and we have not received your dues, you’re on the Friends List. Hey, we don’t want to forget you; and, . . we don’t want you to forget HTOS.

Membership List . .

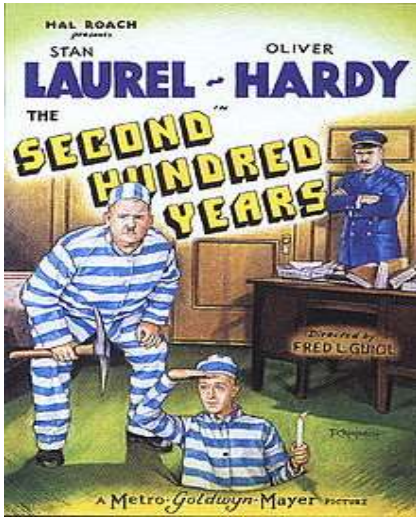
The membership and friends lists are being slightly revamped for 2017. The idea is that a 1-page document printed on both sides, if necessary, and dated is the ideal way to go. The enclosed membership list has *new* data on some members, *new* addresses, *new* telephone #s, so you’ll want to download the attachment(s) and discard your old lists.

Movies & The Wurlitzer . .

Saturday, Feb 18th, **Jon Steen** accompanied a showing of **The Second Hundred Years**, the first feature paring Laurel & Hardy as



a team. The organ score is a keyboard reduction of orchestral work done by MGM.



We thought Harold Wade was coming to the meeting and playing a **Buster Keaton** movie. Surprise, Surprise! . . . Harold and Mary were moving into their new “digs” that day. Being able to be at the auditorium was out of the question, and we hope Harold can come another day and play a movie. The editor has personally seen Harold accompany a Buster Keaton movie on Carl Swift’s residential organ set-up. Fun, Fun !

Other movies with prepared keyboard -reductions of orchestral backgrounds coming up include :



Harold Lloyd made 5 “Thrillers” - dangling off the side of a skyscraper.



Never Weaken stars **Harold Lloyd** and his wife, **Mildred Davis**. Playing organ accompaniment to a guy hanging onto a girder 12-stories up is fascinating.

Suggestion for a movie in October (spook season) other than Phantom of The Opera (105 minutes) could be :



Please note that all of these three (3) silent Laurel & Hardy features came from MGM. The boys are into ghoulish activity (another fine mess !) - and the music can include Dance

Macabre and the Alfred Hitchcock theme (Funeral For a Marionette).

Closing Chord



Former member, **Butch Mathis**, seen pictured here with wife, Linda, succumbed to Alzheimer’s Disease recently, as reported to the editor by member, Jim Connors. Butch and Linda go back 24 years to the original days of getting Houston theatre organ re-organized. Both Butch and Linda were fans of Pipe Organ Pizza in Memorial Shop Ctr 38-40 years ago.

Welcome New Members

Gary Bueckner and **Marvin Kelly, Jr** joined the ranks of theatre organ aficionados at our last meeting on Feb 18th. Their contact information is listed in the new membership list in March 2017.



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