



Theatre Organ



*** Next Meeting Saturday, Feb 18 2017 ***

President Jon Steen is calling the first 2017 HTOS General Membership Meeting for **Saturday, Feb 18 2017** at **1:00 PM** at the HCC – Central Campus auditorium. **VP Carl Swift** has secured the use of the auditorium for that entire day. The *primary agenda* is the annual election of officers. The *secondary agenda* was to make the Wurlitzer theatre pipe organ available to the **Houston** chapter of the American Guild of Organists (AGO) during the morning hours, while the AGO tours several organs “in the neighborhood” with their Pedals, Pizza & Pipes event. This AGO participation has been “rain-checked” as the newsletter was going to press and will occur later in the year. However, an open invitation has been extended to the AGO to drop in and visit on Feb 18th. The *third agenda* is making Wurlitzer music following our election .

Please Pay Your 2017 DUES !

President Jon Steen requests that you mail your \$10@household **annual 2017 dues check (HTOS)** (if you haven't already done so) to :

Dennis Entler
5411 Bobolink
Houston, TX 77017

Please, do not send this check to HTOS members other than Dennis Entler. The reason being :

in the past checks and/or cash have not gotten to the **RIGHT** person, and we want you to be counted correctly. Your prompt attention to this matter is greatly appreciated. We're trying to avoid sending 2, 3 sometimes 4 letters (plus stamps !) to get dues !

Election Day Info

The first general membership HTOS meeting in any calendar year is always election day of the Board of Directors for that coming calendar year. In order that the meeting does not close without electing officers a nominating committee finds candidates willing to run and serve for that particular year and presents them as a slate. This does not mean the slate is automatically elected.

Nominations for ANY HTOS office may be made from the meeting floor on election day nominating ANY HTOS member in *good standing* (means you paid your dues for 2016 !) and seconded by another HTOS member in good standing. If a floor nomination occurs then voting for the various candidates (might be more than two) will be done by ballots with a simple majority vote (most votes) declaring the winner. If there are no floor nominations for a position the office goes to the slate member determined by the nominating committee.

Nominating Committee Needed

In **2014 Ken Warren, Carl Swift** and **Jim Solar** formed the Nominating committee. Others such as Joel Pochalnik, Harold Wade and Ralph Browne have also served in the past. **HTOS** needs at least **3 members**, or up to **7 members** . . . to step up to the plate and serve on the **2017 Nominating Committee**. If someone wants to hold an office they would contact you as an N.C. person and let you know that they will : (1) run for office and (2) serve for one year. Those who would serve on the Nominating Committee please contact **President Jon Steen** at **936-321-6681** or e-mail at

jonmsteen@comcast.net



Glen Douglas
Kimball Theatre Organ
Console

Talk about a super-duper theatre organ. It will be the talk of the town !

AGENDA

Treasurer Dennis Entler brought up the idea of having a “**Suggestion**” section of the newsletter (something you could cut out and mail along with your DUES check !) allowing more input and communication from the general membership to the board of directors. What would you like to do or see , . . or hear ?

First thing is to get “everyone well”. Who could have imagined that 4 out of 6 board members would be hospitalized in 2016 with threatening situations or outcomes ? ! . . . And, all “patients” were told to take it easy. Throw the webmaster into this stewpot too !

Showing Silent Movies is a tricky business. Presented as part of a theatre organ program a showing of 17 – 26 minutes in length, usually comedies, can please the audience and keep their attention on a program. During our Autumn 2016 meeting excerpts from “Girl Shy” w/Harold Lloyd and the “Four Horsemen of The Apocalypse” tango dance w/Rudolph Valentino were shown on the HCC-auditorium giant screen with Wurlitzer accompaniment.

Complete scores by **Robert Israel** of 2 **Harold Lloyd** features are available either to be played or just studied. On Bob’s website it’s mentioned that he studied with the late Gaylord Carter.



Robert Israel plays a “silent movie “

Membership

On Dec 31 2016 we had **41** members or households on the rolls. A new current Membership list and Friends List that has been updated since the last Newsletter included as attachments. Complete information for Dick Willson in California is included in the updated HTOS 2016 Membership List.

Website

Visit www.HTOSonline.com . Have calling cards reflecting the web address *to hand out* to potential future members. The website will do **ALL THE WORK** for you explaining theatre organs or US. Use Avery Calling Card # 8871 with 2 files one for each side of the calling card . . the web address on one side, personal contact information on the other. The majority of new members in our organization the past 3 years has come from seeing the website.



The Four Horsemen of The Apocalypse



“Roller Coaster” ride “This Is Cinerama”

Fill Vacancy

Under Article 5 (Board of Directors and Officers), Section 2. (Duties of the Directors), subsection E (Fill Vacancy) . serving the remainder of a term due to permanent absence of a director . . . the HTOS Board of Directors appoint **Ken Warren** to serve the remaining term of Director-at-Large until the next annual elections. Ken has agreed to serve in this capacity and is well qualified to participate on the board making decisions for the organization. Thank you, Ken, for completing the term of Dick Willson.



Buster Keaton



MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL

Houston Theatre Organ Society – 2017 dues same as last year. We hope you will decide to continue your membership in HTOS and actively support our club. The goal of the board is to continue to build a more active organization, and your participation is essential. Please complete the membership renewal form included in this newsletter and mail it with your dues by the February meeting to HTOS, Dennis Entler, 5411 Bobolink, Houston, 77017. Please also note your area of interest on the form which will be helpful to the board as we plan our meetings.

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Suggestions and Ideas you may have for the club and it's future plans:

THANK YOU

