

PAST PRESIDENTS

Richard Simonton
Feb. 1955 — Oct. 1958

Judd Walton
Oct. 1958 — July 1961

Tiny James
July 1961 — July 1964

Carl Norvell
July 1964 — July 1966

Richard Schrum
July 1966 — July 1968

Al Mason
July 1968 — July 1970

Stillman Rice
July 1970 — July 1972

Erwin A. Young
July 1972 — July 1974

Paul M. Abernethy
July 1974 — July 1976

HONORARY MEMBERS

1959 — Jesse Crawford

1960 — Fanny Wurlitzer

1961 — Mel Doner

1962 — Leonard MacClain

1963 — Eddie Dunstedter

1964 — Reginald Foort

1965 — Dan Barton

1966 — W. "Tiny" James

1967 — Erwin A. Young

1968 — Richard C. Simonton

1969 — Judd Walton

1970 — Bill Lamb

1971 — George and Vi Thompson

1972 — Stu Green

1973 — Al and Betty Mason

1974 — Lloyd E. Klos

1975 — Joe Patten

1976 — Floyd and Doris Mumm

1977 — Les and Edith Rawle

President's Message

At the national convention in Chicago, two new chapters were presented with charters during the banquet festivities — Houston Area of Houston, Texas, and, the London and South of England Chapter. Within the past two months we have added three more enthusiastic groups of members who have formed chapters. Number 58 is the Bluegrass Chapter in Lexington, Ky.; number 59 is the Oklahoma City Chapter, Oklahoma City, Ok.; and the Southeast Texas Chapter in Beaumont, Tex., is number 60. These fine chapters have the nucleus of growing into very active groups of ATOS members. It is gratifying to add them to the active list of chapters that are furthering the aims and purposes of our society. The fun and sociability is the reward that is received for the hard work of restoring and maintaining theatre organs, promoting programs and holding meetings.



Our fine chapters are administered by capable officers and directors and with the assistance of those few who are the "hard core" workers, usually comprise about 25% of the chapters' membership. It would be wonderful if the other 75% would become involved and make the work load easier for the others. Just ask your chapter chairman how you can help and I am sure he would find many ways that you could enjoy your membership to a greater degree.

I enjoy reading about the activities in the chapter newsletters that I receive. (I ask those chapters who are not sending newsletters to me to do so). There are many chapters that have a variety of functions to keep high membership interest. Some visit neighboring chapters and join in their socials and meetings. Exchanging of newsletters between chapters in your area is recommended so you can enjoy each others activities. Keep up the good work.

One final thought. There are many chapters who have received their tax exempt status from the IRS under section 501(c)(3). Those who have are urged to comply with the requirements for the exemption. Many activities such as, educational programs, benefit shows, scholarships, cultural enrichment, restoration or organs are examples of activities that would satisfy the Internal Revenue Service. Nonprofit, tax-exempt organizations are being scrutinized by the IRS and chapters should examine and review their activities to make sure they will not be criticized.

Sincerely,

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