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

Dick 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

Ray F. Snitil July 1976 — July 1978

Preston M. Fleet July 1978 — Nov. 1978

Tommy Landrum Nov. 1978 — July 1980

Richard R. Haight July 1980 — June 1981

HONORARY MEMBERS

1959 - Jesse Crawford

1960 - Farny 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

1978 - Len Clarke

1979 - J. B. Nethercutt

1980 - Sidney Torch

1981 - No selection made

President's Message



The beginning of a new year is always a time of excitement and challenge as we anticipate the year to come, and so it is with ATOS. "Peace, Pipes, and People," the theme of the 1981 convention, was indeed apropos, for the feeling of fun and fellowship so prevalent that week and the rapport established between the members and the Board is definite evidence that a meeting of minds has taken place. The willingness of everyone as they offered to help during this transition period was a thrilling experience, and is proof of the harmony which insures our continuity and indicates much enthusiasm for the future.

Puget Sound and Oregon Chapters are to be congratulated on presenting a tremendously successful convention. The artists were excellent, the organs magnificent, and the weather absolutely perfect. It is a part of the privilege of belonging to ATOS to be able to attend the conventions. If you've never availed yourself of this opportunity be sure to do so next year in Detroit.

The meeting of the Chapter Representatives was rewarding as we shared reports from all over the country, as well as from overseas. The message that was foremost was "better communication, sharing ideas, and helping each other solve problems." The Annual Membership Meeting was a friendly but serious discussion of important matters uppermost in our minds. The bylaws will be revised to give you what you want. The members were pleased with the committees set up by the Board for a pattern of progressive growth. They also felt that a raise in dues was necessary, but we are trying to work out a budget to find out exactly where we stand before making any change. It was heartwarming to witness the exuberance of all those present as we discussed the issues so important to all of us.

We salute the retiring Board members for their many years of service, and greet the new Board members knowing that they will perform their tasks equally as well. It is a great privilege and honor to have been chosen to serve as your President for the coming year, and I assure you I will do my utmost to fulfill the wishes of the members and the Board as we continue to pursue our goal of preserving the Theatre Organ and it's mighty music!

A hearty welcome is extended to our two newest Chapters, Quad City and East Tennessee.

Sincerely,

Lois F. Segur