

# Motor City's Young Members Produce Christmas Party, Show for Chapter

The Young Theatre Organ Enthusiasts Committee, which was organized last June during the ATOS National Convention in Los Angeles through the efforts of National Board Member Dorothy VanSteenkiste and her right-hand helper, young Melissa Ambrose, was offered the opportunity to prepare and present the chapter's Annual Christmas Party and Show. They took on the job and it resulted in a thoroughly professional project which created a warm and happy time for everyone.

The evening has been briefly described as members walked in the lobby doors of the Redford Theatre to attend the festivities:

How nice it was to walk into a beautiful theatre lobby decorated with party streamers making a canopy over the lovely hors d'oeuvres table decorated in red and white with a beautiful boxwood Christmas tree as the centerpiece. Jennifer M. Candea and Diane Bellamy had everything set up and did a masterful job of organizing all the fingertip food that was brought in.

The centerpiece, made by Audrey Candea, was a work of art and added to the festive occasion. Members were served delicious punch made by Melissa Ambrose, Jennifer Candea and Diane Bellamy. Part of the decor was mistletoe . . . and a few members were caught in its traditional holiday "spirit."



Edie Garcia, Mike Oliver, Jennifer Candea and Diane Bellamy.

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From the lobby, guests went into the auditorium to be entertained by Melissa Ambrose and her friends. Sharron Patterson was at the console of the Barton organ, Melissa at the piano and Judy Miller, soloist. Judy led her audience in a Christmas Carol sing-along.

Sandy Krueger introduced a comedy short subject contributed by Marshall Korby which was Laurel and Hardy starring in *Below Zero*.

Master of ceremonies, Allen FitzGerald, newly appointed Chairman of Motor City's YTOE committee, then introduced all contestants for the "OLDYWED GAME." A takeoff from the Newlywed Game, the contestants were Irene and Tom FitzGerald, Jim and Edith Teevin, Bob and Virginia Duerr, and Bernice and Bob Mills. Questions were funny and tricky, having been carefully written by Diane Bellamy and screened by the YTOE Committee. Some answers were amusing.

With 70 points, Bob and Virginia Duerr were winners of the game. They were crowned Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus and presented with furry red and white hats, made by Audrey Candea, and a white poinsettia. Other contestants were presented with pink and white poinsettias.

YTOE Committee members who helped with the program and staging were: Will Walter, David Martin, Rick Lerman, Ricky Berkshire, Melissa Ambrose, Judy Miller, Doug Storace and Sandy Krueger. The group designed the stage setting which was very attractive and enhanced the show.

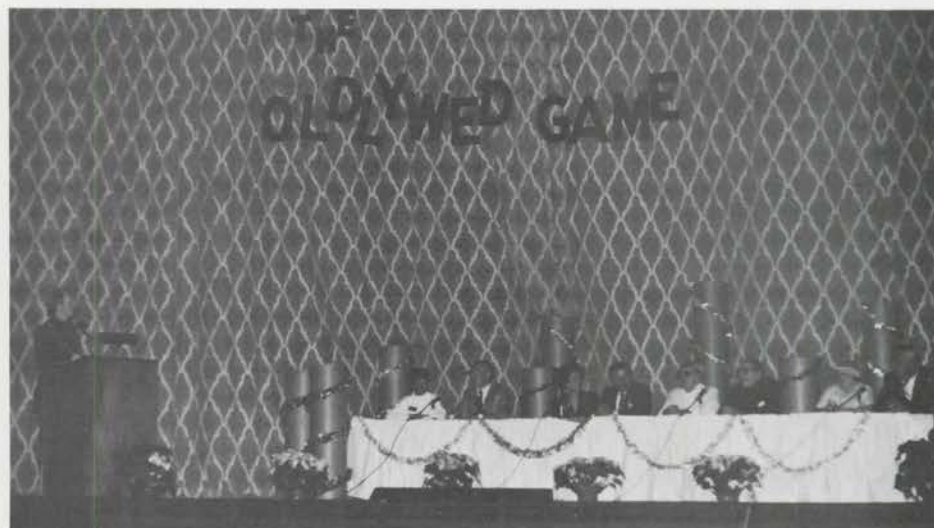
Following the Oldywed Game, members were treated to the delicious array of food set up by Jennifer and Diane. Everyone agreed the evening was a success and it was fun socializing with old and new friends.

Commenting on the special event and its obvious success, Dorothy VanSteenkiste noted, "Having the YTOE Committee take over this Christmas event from start to finish was great. Our hats are off to this new group and I know the members of Motor City Chapter are in for more special treats by our young adults.

"Working in between tight high school and college schedules, plus working schedules, they certainly do know how to produce a pleasant and happy party and show. Their budget and expenses were right on target, too. Not only have they shown they can design, develop and deliver, they have also set a good example."



YTOE-Local chapter Christmas party group eating on the stairway.



Christmas Party - YTOE - MCTOS. New Chairman YTOE, Allen FitzGerald, Irene and Tom FitzGerald, Edie and Jim Teevin, Virginia and Bob Duerr, Bernice and Bob Mills.

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