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President's Message



As I take office as president of ATOS, I want to take this opportunity to personally thank the outgoing officers for their hard work and dedicated service to our society.

The list of accomplishments under John Ledwon's leadership is long and impressive. I would like to list just a few of the things that were achieved during his term of office. The Young Organist Competition was expanded, and scholarships for qualified young organists were established. The Chapter Handbook was published and distributed to all chapters. Plans and funding to install an ATOS-owned theatre pipe organ in the Towe Ford Museum in Sacramento were approved. John was also responsible for finalizing an agreement between ATOS and ASCAP so that our chapters are covered by a licensing fee when they present public programs.

During Russ Hamnett's term of office as vice-president, he was responsible for writing and producing twenty-six half-hour radio programs. The program, *Theatre Pipes*, is a top quality production and is being broadcast on several radio stations. New members have already been recruited as a result of the radio program.

Laurel Haggart has not only performed the duties of secretary with distinction, but she has been responsible for the formation of the group of members who have theatre pipe organs installed in their homes. She has compiled a complete list of such installations, including the organ specifications. In addition, she has published a newsletter for the group.

Dale Mendenhall's service to ATOS is immeasurable. Due to his financial management, our society has moved from a weak financial position to a position of financial strength and independence. No member is more conscientious or has more integrity. We owe him tremendous praise for his very hard work and dedicated service.

To all of the above, thank you for your service. Our society has advanced because of all you have done during your terms of office.

I look forward to serving you this year. Please do not hesitate to offer your ideas and opinions. I will listen to you, and your interests will be shared with board members and committee chairpersons.

Sincerely,
Vern Bickel

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Below is a list of the current active National ATOS Committees. Each committee chairperson is dedicated to serving ATOS. They need help from members in order to make our society stronger. If you are interested in any of the committees listed below, please contact the chairperson and let them know that you are willing to serve as a committee member.

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