PAUL QUARINO plays ‘GIGI’ for NorCal’s PICNIC at the ATWOOD’S
Saturday, September 27th  11 AM to about 5 PM, 9350 Konocti Bay Rd, Kelseyville, CA

Once again Bert and Ann Atwood will host a NorCal picnic at their lovely home on Clear Lake. Anyone who has attended past picnics here will know how special this invitation is. Sierra Chapter members are especially welcome to join us there.

Paul Quarino will give a one-hour concert on Bert's delightful GW-IV Allen Organ, 'Gigi'. Since ‘Gigi’ also will be available for Open Console, expect to hear wonderful music throughout the day.

The house was designed with an organ in mind, and is worth the trip to see what the Atwood's have done.

Please bring your own picnic lunch to enjoy on their deck above Clear Lake. Ann and Bert will provide condiments and cold soft drinks, wine and beer, and will have a BBQ set up for those who wish to cook. Please, no smoking in the house.

Come any time after 11 AM, and stay until late afternoon - but realize that you need to leave by 5 PM in order to avoid driving after dark. The trip is about 2 ½ hours from San Francisco/Oakland or Sacramento.

Please email or call Bert no later than Wednesday, September 24th if you plan to attend and include how many will be coming with you. They will then send you a map and directions by US mail.

For those without email, call the Atwood’s well in advance and they will send the information by regular mail.

Contact information is:
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or 707-277-7208

PAUL QUARINO
Some NorCal Members may remember Paul Quarino as an organist at Portland’s Organ Grider Pizza Restaurant from 1974 until it closed in 1996. Since 1997 he has worked full time for Rodgers Instruments, as well as being the Organist at Rivercrest Community Church in Portland for the last 30 years. There he plays an organ he built from parts he had been accumulating over the years. “It’s an old organ, but a current one” he says.

Between his pizza and Church venues, Paul has a very versatile style and is sure to put ‘Gigi’ through her paces at the Atwood Picnic.

The picnic at Kevin King’s (photo right) on August 17th was a great success with a room full of people attending. Several people took turns at the Organ, including Bill Langford (photo left), to everyone’s delight. Thank you, Kevin!

[A small power adapter marked ‘LG’ was left at Kevin’s. It looks like the type used with a cell phone or lap-top, etc.]
It is with a heavy heart that I inform the membership of the passing of Don Ravey. Don had been a member of NorCal beginning in the mid 1990’s, serving as Editor of the Windsheet for four years and two terms on the Board of directors before resigning due to his health. Don made significant improvements to the Web site for NorCal. Don enjoyed playing the theatre organ (see picture below) As I have stated many times, Don’s presence was intoxicating in that he brought insight, always presenting a positive contrasting view and his wonderful sense of humor. Though Don’s closing chord has been performed, his memory will be fondly remembered by all that had the pleasure of making his acquaintance. Don will be missed.

Chris Nichols and Neal Wood inspected the pipe chambers finding no damage. [See Earth Quake News to right] The organ was fully evaluated during Saturday work parties. All is OK with our Wurlitzer. Work on our magnificent Wurlitzer proceeds as planned.

Valerie Pope, the Theatre Manager of the Berkeley Community Theater has begun the process of cleaning the facility. The basement was cleared of old props filling two 40 yard dumpsters. Chris Nichols and Neal Wood assisted.

Our presence in the theatre is appreciated thanks to our Saturday work parties, and especially to Chris, Neal and Bill Schlotter, our crew chief. Please remember this instrument is your instrument.

As a member of NorCal, you are welcome to attend Saturday work parties and any NorCal function. Call our information recording at 510-644-2707.

As always, Jud

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FINAL NOTES

Donald Ravey
September 1947 - August 22, 2014

Don was a long time member of NorCal and a tireless worker for NorCal in general. He served on the Board several times, and for several years wrote informative, and very readable concert reviews. In addition he was co-administrator of our web site and made several significant improvements.

He was a delight to work with, and had a great sense of humor. Don will be greatly missed by all.

Aura Edwards
August 30, 1923 - August 23, 2014

For many reasons Aura Edwards was a well known resident of the East Bay. The Contra Costa Times stated, “To say Aura marched to a different drummer would be a significant understatement”.

Among other gifts, Aura was one of the few female professional theatre pipe organists in the United States and worked for 11 years at the Bella Roma Pizza Parlors in Concord and Martinez. Long time NorCal members will recall the many Sunday picnics she hosted for us, and the lovely organ in her home.

Earth Quake News

An Email from Chris Nichols

Today [August 28] Neal Wood and I went over to Berkeley to check on the NorCal organ. We started in the basement and worked our way up. We have some things stored in the basement including some manual chests which are for sale. Everything seemed fine and nothing looked out of place. We checked the blower room. Nothing looked out of place. There was a pile of moving blankets and they had not fallen over. We didn’t start the blowers because we wanted to check the chambers first.

We then went up to the balcony. Everything there seemed fine. In the back corner we have a set of 16’ Viola Diapason pipes. They were fine and it didn’t look like they had moved. Things on the balcony looked undisturbed. We turned on the separate blower for the 32’ Diaphone and manually activated some of the pipes and some of the trap doors at the tops of the pipes. Everything worked as expected. Neal checked the piano shelf and all seemed in order there.

We then went up to the chambers. We checked in each of the chambers for any pipes which might be askew but found none. Everything looked OK. Neal climbed up the small ladders used to climb into the organ. From up there he had a good view of the pipes and everything appeared normal.

We checked the work room and the upper relay room and they both seemed fine. We did not find anything out of place.

We turned on the blower and wind came up as usual. We played several notes manually and all seemed OK. Neal went out into the fan to check the unenclosed percussions and traps and said all looked OK.

We came back down to stage level and I played a few ranks from the computer. We did a few computer playbacks of songs and the organ behaved and sounded fine. At the next work party we will hook up the console and check out all the ranks. I suspect that if we find something it will not have been caused by the earthquake.

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Open Console

Hosted by Chris Nichols

This is an opportunity for NorCal members to try their hand at playing the chapter’s Wurlitzer at the Berkeley Community Theatre. When the theatre is available, these sessions run from 1:00 to 5:00 PM. The next scheduled dates are:

SUNDAYS
September 14th
October 12th
November 23rd

Open Consoles are informal and our genial host, Chris Nichols, ensures that every NorCal member feels comfortable. Chris lends help and support to anyone who needs it. Depending on how many members are present, each has one or more 15-minute sessions at the console, in rotation.

Important: Call the NorCal voice mail at (510) 644-2707 on that Sunday morning to confirm that the theatre is available. If there will be Open Console, enter via the backstage door at 1930 Allston Way.
ATOS 2014 Indianapolis Convention

The first concert was on the evening of July 4 by Richard Hills at the Hilbert Circle Theatre (Wurlitzer). A former movie palace, it is now the home of the Indianapolis Symphony and was walking distance from the hotel.

The Circle Theatre faces on a large traffic circle with a Civil War monument in its middle. The concert let out in time for us to join the huge crowd standing in the circle for the fireworks which were set off from the roof of a nearby high-rise building. A spectacular start for the convention, both the concert and the aerial display!

Several events were at the Warren Performing Arts Center (Barton) which is the auditorium of a high school.

Simon Gledhill played on the Page at the Paramount Theatre in nearby Anderson.

The Anderson Paramount (see photo above) is atmospheric.

We spent a day in Fort Wayne where we heard concerts on several organs including the Page at the Embassy Theatre. The convention banquet was in the Indiana Ballroom which is the top floor of the Indiana Theatre, right across the street from the hotel. The ballroom is a Spanish village atmospheric.

The last day was an optional afterglow to Cincinatti, Ohio. Two nice Wurlitzers (Jelani Eddington and Mark Herman) and a dinner cruise on the Ohio River. The weather was warm but not hot, and we didn’t get rained on! We had a great time.

-- Art Woodworth

A GOOD READ or a GREAT GIFT

Bert Atwood will have his book My Father Was A Crop Duster on sale during the picnic at the Atwoods’ home September 27th. Normally $39.95 Bert will sell them on the 27th for $25. He will also autograph and personalize them if you wish.

NEW MEMBERS

NorCal Welcomes:

Eric and Vernelle Parker
Sacramento, CA

Mike Zampiceni
Sunnyvale, CA

Ken and Marina Chainey
Richmond, CA

Ed and Lisa Chainey
Richmond, CA
UPCOMING EVENTS

NorCal Open Console
Sundays
Sept. 14th, Oct. 12th, Nov. 23rd
(See Page Two)

Saturday, September 2nd at 3 PM
IL TEMPIO DI MUSICA
Swing, Stride & Ragtime
Piano & Percussion
at the Ranch in Nevada City
Contact Bill Trabucco for details
(530) 273-4252
billtrabucco@saber.net

Sunday, September 21st 2 PM
Sierra Chapter presents
a Free Event of
Concert + Finger Foods/Desert
with Peter Eveland
at the home of Wendell Jacob
48 College Park, Davis, CA
sierrachapteratos.org

17th Annual George Wright Memorial Concert
Sunday October 19th, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. with Richard Hills at the Mighty Wurlitzer.
Grant Union High & Sierra ChapterTOS
1400 Grand Ave., Sacramento, CA
Advance $10, Gen. $12, Students FREE

Sunday, November 16th, 3 PM
Davies Symphony Hall
features the acclaimed Canadian organist
Ken Cowan, playing the Ruffati organ

OTHER VENUES

Castro Theatre, 4/22 Wurlitzer, 429 Castro St. SF, CA. Intermission music played daily by David Hegarty, Warren Lubich, Mark Putterbaugh or Harry Garland.
(425) 621-6120.
CastroTheatre.com

Grand Lake Theatre, 3/18 Wurlitzer, 3200 Grand Ave., Oakland, CA. Intermission music: Warren Lubich or Gordon Pratt (Fridays) & Bob Reichert (Saturdays).
(510) 452-3556.
rennissancerialto.com

Orange County - www.octos.org

Stanford Theatre, 3/21 Wurlitzer, 221 University Ave., Palo Alto, CA.
Silent Film Schedule
Dennis James at the Wurlitzer
Silent Film Wednesdays with Dennis James at the Wurlitzer
The organ is played before and between other films. (650) 324-3700.
StanfordTheatre.org

Theatre Organ Society of San Diego
Saturday Silent Film Nights
Saturday, September 13th, 7 PM
Chris Elliott
Saturday, October 25th, 7 PM
Russ Peck - Habeus Corpus and Do Detectives Think? Laurel & Hardy
Greg Breed - The Monster Lon Chaney Concert, Sunday Nov. 9th, 2 PM
Donna Parker
All at Trinity Facilities
3902 Kenmor Dr. Spring Valley, CA 91977
www.tossd1.webs.com

Paramount Theatre, 4/26 Wurlitzer, 2025 Broadway, Oakland, CA. Public tours on first and third Saturdays of the month at 10 AM. ($10 465-6400), and the last of the Classic Film Series, The Breakfast Club on Friday, September 28 at 8 PM. Tickets are $5.
paramounttheatre.com

Palace of the Legion of Honor, 4/63 E.M. Skinner, Lincoln Park, San Francisco Presidio. Saturdays and Sundays from 4:00 to 4:45 PM. Free after museum admission. David Hegarty plays an Organ Pops Concert on the first full weekend of each month; other artists play classical concerts other weekends.
(415) 750-3600.
LegionOfHonor.org

Visalia Fox Theatre, 4/22 Wurlitzer, 300 W Main St., Visalia, CA.
(559) 625-1FOX (1369)
foxvisalia.org

NORCAL WEBSITE

We now have copies of the current and recent past Windsheets on our web site—and in color! They are in .pdf format, which requires that your computer has a copy of the free Adobe Acrobat Reader.
We also have a Calendar of Events online, and under the Recordings page is a listing of those made with our Berkeley Organ.
Be sure to visit our website!
norcaltos.org

MEMBERS LOBBY ONLINE

For NorCal members only, there is now a link on our website home page, near the bottom, to the new Members Lobby. A password is required in order to view any of the Members Lobby.
Members who need the password should contact Neal Wood. His email and phone number is at the bottom of Page One and in the box below.