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Potluck - First Christian Church with Youth Camp Students

We are invited to attend a potluck dinner and jam session on Wednesday evening, July 21st from 5:00 to 9:00 pm at First Christian Church with the students who are here attending the ATOS Youth Camp.

These young folks are fantastic and already play very well. You will be impressed! They are really enthusiastic and appreciate the chance to play the theatre organs here.

We will get to meet some of the faculty who are here just for the camp, including Donna Parker, Jelani Eddington, and Jonas Nordwall. Camp guest lecturers are Lyn Larsen and Charlie Balogh. **July 12 is the cut-off date for your reservation.**

Dolores Sheak is the primary coordinator for the potluck dinner, aided by Cheri Carr. Call Dolores 602-995-5414 or Cheri 602-769-2148 with how many persons will be attending and what dish you are bringing. VOTS is not providing a main course [i.e., chicken] so it is important for you to participate. People will be needed to set up chairs. So, bring a favorite dish to share, relax and enjoy the jam session! It will be a great evening for all of us. The fellowship hall is across the parking lot from the church at 6750 North 7th Ave Phoenix. Church is south of Glendale Avenue on the west side of the street. You can't miss that spire!



Hopefully the students will see this Stoprail and enjoy these upbeat photos!



It looks like they might have more fun with pipe organs in Germany. The one on the left is in Saint Elizabeth church. Second photo is of pipes in the Walt Disney Hall. It was designed by Manuel Rosales and built by Glatter-Gotz. Both are classical organs.

Please come to meetings! Attendance hasn't been good for the past few meetings. Let the board know if there is a problem causing you to stay away. We are notifying members by e-mail a couple of days ahead of the meeting just as a reminder.

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Great program at Orpheum with Mark Hawn



Mark played almost nonstop. He began his program with *It's All Right With Me*, and went right into *Smoke Gets In Your Eyes*, *Beauty And The Beast*, *Tenderly*, *Putting On The Ritz*, and *Summer-time*. He played more recent pieces (well maybe 40 years isn't all that recent), including *Eleanor Rigby*, a

Beatles tune from the 1960s. His style is very different from what others have done. He is very animated and moves around on the bench a lot. He took off immediately after the program so we didn't get a chance to get a nice photograph of him for the Stoprail. Thanks Mark, for a great program.

Attendance wasn't up to our usual numbers, but then it was a really hot afternoon, and folks don't want to walk around downtown in the heat. We had many guests who came just to hear Mark play. In Bill Carr's absence, a short meeting was held by vice president/program chairman Hassell Moores. Several members played after the program, including Johnny Sharp, Katie Johnston and Mark Crenshaw.

Albums going fast! After the meeting we sold six more of the record albums that were donated by Irma Furtney. We have sold 24 albums so far, raising \$120.00 for the till. There are twelve left, nine Jesse Crawford, one Dick Leibert, one Norm Nelson and two Peter Hurford.

A little boy was waiting for his mother to come out of the grocery store. As he waited, he was approached by a man who asked, "Son, can you tell me where the Post Office is?" The little boy replied, "Sure! Just go straight down this street a coupla blocks, and turn to your right." The man thanked the boy kindly and said, "I'm the new pastor in town. I'd like for you to come to church on Sunday. I'll show you how to get to Heaven." The little boy replied with a chuckle. "Awww, come on, you don't even know the way to the Post Office!"

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Phoenix College Work

If you can work on the organ at Phoenix College, call Bill Carr at 623-694-1746 for the June schedule and to let him know you are coming.

Roaring Twenties closing

Dwight Thomas, organist reports:
Just to let you know - Roaring 20s, Ellenton, is closing for good on Sunday, June 6th. It's all very sad, but I'm grateful that I've had the opportunity to play there for the past 10+ years, and hope that the instrument finds a new venue where it can continue to be enjoyed.

Roaring Twenties Pizza & Pipes - from Tim Versluis

I always look at the Theater Organ Classifieds and found this. :(I remember when it was in the Paramount Music Palace in Indiana. One evening after John Ferguson finished playing for the evening invited my friend Randy Goddard and I to stay to play the organ. WOW it was great. Now its sad for the organ to lose another home. Question is, where will it end up from there and how can we find it again once they close and remove the organ. *Tim Versluis*
<http://barton.theatreorgans.com/selectedad.asp?ID=19959>

He sits like a god, surrounded by a cathedral of 3,000 pipes that jut high into the air. The walls around him are filled with dozens of instruments -- marimbas, xylophones, a full horn section -- linked by 26 miles of wires. The music starts and patrons dining on pizza or sipping a draft beer are surrounded by music, full and rich and orchestral, led by the pipes and rounded out by the automated instruments that chime in at the organist's touch.

For 11 years, the experience has made the Roaring 20s a local landmark. But keeping the restaurant open has become impossible in an economy devastated by the recession and the collapse of the housing market. Faced with declining revenues and the possible loss of his home, owner Bill Dickerson is closing. On Sunday, the organ that in 1931 entertained moviegoers in a movie theater in Oakland, Calif., will rise from the floor one last time. By rights, the music should have stopped three years ago, when a downturn in business led to a \$700,000 drop in annual sales. But until now, Dickerson could not face silencing the Mighty Wurlitzer. Hopeful to the last, Dickerson is still trying to find a new home for the organ, perhaps at a new Tampa Bay Rays stadium if one is built. But unless he can find a buyer or someone to take it, the organ will be the property of his lender. Dickerson is in a race to sell the restaurant so he can avoid going into foreclosure on his home. The price: \$3 million for the building and land, and \$200,000 for the organ. And yet, despite everything, there is no regret in the 49-year-old's blue eyes. "People came in in a bad mood -- they left dancing," Dickerson said. "I've done my job."

Letters to the editor

Your place for opinions, recognition, venting, complaints and compliments.

Send letters to beverlyfz2@cox.net or Beverly Fizzell 2201 East Siesta Drive Phoenix Arizona 85042

From Johnny Sharp: Hi friends! The new career ar FLETCHER MUSIC CENTER in Sun City, Az is picking up some momentum. I love having the time to learn these instruments...and play a lot! This video was done yesterday, and I'll add more to ROLLERrewind on YouTube, soon. The link is: www.youtube.com/UTURN8888 *Johnny Sharp*

2010-II Calendar of Events

Some events are in a planning stage so the listing is incomplete

Wednesday July 21 - 5:00 Potluck with Youth Camp students at FCC

Mon-Fri July 19 - 23 We are hosting the Youth Camp again this year.

Sunday August - 2:30 - Ice Cream Social - FCC- more to come

Sunday October -Organ Stop Pizza - more info to come

Saturday October 30 - Silent Saturdays Film at Orpheum

Sunday November - Orpheum Theatre - more info to come

Saturday November 20 - Silent Saturdays Film at Orpheum

December- There will be a Christmas party - location to be announced

Saturday December 18 - Extravaganza at Orpheum is Canceled

Saturday February 26, 2011- Silent Saturdays Film at Orpheum

Saturday April 9, 2011 - Silent Saturdays Film at Orpheum

More information: Hassell Moores 623-215-2953 hmoores@cox.net

WWW.roaring20spizza.com



Marketplace

Rates

Have something to sell or buy? To place your ad, call Beverly Fizzell at 602-243-9546 or e-mail information to beverlyfz2@cox.net. She can also help you write your ad. Send by the 20th for next month's Stoprail.

Business Card	one year \$90.00	one month \$10.00
Member Card	one year \$70.00	one month \$6.00
Classified Ads	one issue \$10.00	or free to members
Add a photo to your ad - \$5.00		

High profile, 3 - manual Rodgers church organ

Free to anyone. It needs a little repair work but sounds fine, complete with Rodgers speaker compliment. Anyone interested, please contact Ed. Benoit at WurliTzer@q.com

Donation needed:

Phoenix Rescue Mission needs a portable keyboard. Donate one to them and receive a tax deduction.

Contact Keith Miller at 623-572-1374



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We wish you a Happy Birthday!



Birthday time! A slice of cake goes out to our July birthday cake eaters - Leonard Clark, Harold Lewis, Karl Warner, Bill Carr, Cherie Carr, Richard Hurley, Donna Parker, Adrian Phillips Jr., Bob Mackie, Bob Ryan, Annie Ryan, Mary Rich and Kathy Feurino. Blow out those candles and have a good time! If we missed your birthday, let us know.

We want to wish you a **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** when your special day comes. Let us know the month and day, and we will be tickled to put it in the Stoprail. Let Ed Benoit know at 623-327-1437 e-mail WurliTzer@q.com



Attention! Do you need a band for a party or function? We have access to experienced musicians here in the valley. The size of your group depends on your needs and cost.

Call Warren Bechhoefer at 602-279-0386

Note from Jelani Eddington

Dear friends:

I am pleased to announce the release of a brand-new CD recording, Wurlitzer Fanfare, recorded on the Wurlitzer organ at the Victoria Hall in Saltaire, England. This instrument was recently re-installed in the spacious Victoria Hall in a charming Yorkshire village half-way between the cities of Manchester and York in northern England. This album is the very first recording of the instrument in its new home.

Information about the new album is available on our website <http://www.rjeproductions.com/recordingsFNF.shtml>. The musical selections include a wide range of styles from 1930s pops standards to the music of James Bond! The featured titles are: *If This Isn't Love (Harburg & Lane)* *Samba Sud (Sidney Torch)* *With One Look (Andrew Lloyd-Weber)* *I Was Doing All Right (George Gershwin)* *Medley From Me And My Girl (Thinking Of No One But Me, Me And My Girl, Once You Lose Your Heart, The Sun Has Got His Hat On, The Lambeth Walk, Love Makes The World Go 'Round, Leaning On A Lamp-Post, Song Of Hareford)* *If (David Gates)* *You Make Me Feel So Young (Gordon & Myrow)* *James Bond: The Music Of 007 (James Bond Main Theme, From Russia With Love, On Her Majesty's Secret Service, For Your Eyes Only, Goldfinger, Tomorrow Never Dies)* *Marigold (Billy Mayerl)* *Body And Soul (Joe Green)* *Valse Brillante in F Major (Frederic Chopin)* *Waltz In C-Sharp Minor (Frederic Chopin)* *Waltz In E Minor (Frederic Chopin)*

Shipping is expected to begin in early June. Ordering is available through our secure website <http://www.rjeproductions.com/recordingsFNF.shtml> or by mail at the address below.

All the best and happy listening! R. Jelani Eddington