



# PUGET SOUND PIPELINE

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## Celebrate Valentine's Day



with  
**DON WALLIN**

at the  
**Club Pipe Organ**  
and a  
**Pizza Buffet**

Just like the "Good Old Days" at Pizza & Pipes! Don will entertain you with music and a silent movie, Laurel & Hardy's "Finishing Touch," as you munch your pizza and beverages. The pizza will be catered.

Also, Russ Evans will show a 30-minute movie featuring highlights from local and national ATOS conventions during the 1960s and 1970s...an entertaining look back!

**Sun., Feb. 13th, 2:00 pm**

**Haller Lake Community Club  
12579 Densmore Ave. N., Seattle**

**Just \$8 per person**

**Includes Pizza Buffet, all drinks,  
and entire afternoon of music  
and entertainment!**

**The greatest Valentine's Day  
bargain in town!**

### How to get there:

**Northbound I-5**—Take Exit #174 and turn left onto NE 130th St.

Cross over the freeway one long block to 1st Ave. NE, turn left. Drive one block to NE 128th St. Turn right on NE 128th and drive approximately three blocks to Densmore Ave. Turn left on Densmore. The clubhouse is on the right. Park either in front or at the rear of the building.

**Southbound I-5**—Take Exit #175 onto NE 145th, turn right one block to 1st Ave. NE, turn left. Drive south through NE 130th to NE 128th St. Continue as above where underlined.



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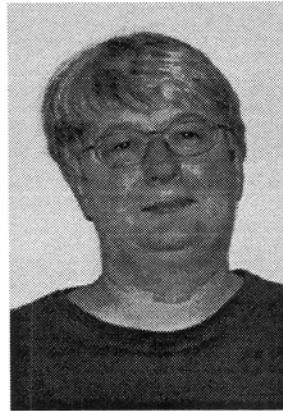
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**February Board Meeting**

**Monday, February 7**  
**Excilbur Restaurant in**  
**University Plaza Hotel**  
**I-5 and NE 45th St.**  
**Dinner and meeting—6:00**

**President's  
Message**

**Happy New Year to all.  
Year 2000! Do you believe it?**



I want to thank outgoing President, Marilyn Schrum, for her tireless efforts on behalf of our organization. Thanks, too, to Diane Whipple as she "retires" as a Board member, and becomes our

"Sunshine Chairman". Welcome to new Board member Andy Crow. Other Board members, Dan Johansson, Bob Zat, Norman Miller, Tom Blackwell, Russ Evans and Clint Meadway, will serve in new or continuing positions. Our Committees should be recognized, too (more on them in later issues). Your new Board is eagerly planning exciting events for the coming year.

The Christmas party was the best yet! We exceeded previous years' attendance and had a wonderful time. Andy Crow set the mood playing seasonal tunes. Ellen Sullivan, again, made the Haller Lake Community Club festive with her seemingly unlimited supply of decorations and organizing of the food tables. Bob Zat, Bob White and Randy Rock (and others?) deserve a big thank you for "doing what they do" to keep our Chapter pipe organ sounding grand. Resident MC, Randy Rock, tied it all together with his witty banter (nice tree, too, Randy!).

Mark your calendar for the upcoming Valentine Party, Sunday, February 13th. Bring your favorite valentine to our pizza buffet—more information in this newsletter.

We're planning other exciting events and possible new and interesting venues. I also urge you to monitor our Webpage at [www.pstos.org](http://www.pstos.org) as it's updated frequently.

Onward into the New Year and beyond!

—Barbara Graham

**PSTOS  
Coming Events****Valentine Party**

Pizza & Organ Pipes!! Just like the good old days, with Don Wallin at the pipe organ, lots of great music, a silent movie, and a pizza buffet! Just \$8 per person for food and an entire afternoon of entertainment! Don't miss it!

**Sunday, February 13, 2:00**

**Haller Lake Community Club**

**"Welcome to Spring" Social**

Jack & Mary Lou Becvar welcome the first 60 to reserve for a "Social & Silents" fun evening at their fascinating home! Featuring Andy Crow at their 3/18 Wurlitzer. **Reserve at:**

253-852-2011 or [tibia61@aol.com](mailto:tibia61@aol.com)

**Saturday, Mar. 25, 5:00 pm**

**OTHER  
February Events****WINGS Silent Movie**

ANDY CROW accompanies this outstanding World War I tale.

Raymond Theatre, Raymond WA.

**Feb. 10, 7:30 \$5**

**Chris Elliott in concert**

For CROC. PSTOS members \$8 At

Salem's Elsinore Theatre, 503-665-6633

for info. **Sun., Feb. 13, 2:00**

**Organ & Pizza at  
St. David's in Shelton**

Silent movie comedy and pizza will blend for an evening of fun with ANDY CROW at the console. 218 N. 3rd St. 360-426-4872 for information.

**Sat., Feb. 27, 6:00 pm.**

Do you know a PSTOS member who is ill? Suffered a loss? Needs encouragement? Please let Diane Whipple, our PSTOS **Sunshine Chairman**, know so that PSTOS may respond appropriately. If you don't call, Diane may not know! **253-753-3025**

**PSTOS Financial Operations Report for 1999**

**Income:**

Dues collected (PSTOS & ATOS)	\$ 4,174.00
Scholarship Fund donations	1,022.50
Event income	12,243.50
Interest, checking account	36.76
Miscellaneous income	351.70
	<b>\$17,828.46</b>

**Expense:**

Pipeline printing	\$727.36
Postage	221.22
Bulk mail	550.00
Event expense	6,304.74
Artist fees/travel	3,920.13
Seattle City Light (HLIC organ power)	166.40
ATOS dues forwarded	210.00
Scholarship <sup>1</sup>	1,540.00
Donations <sup>2</sup>	3,000.00
HLIC Rent	300.00
Insurance	619.00
Miscellaneous, includes website hosting	632.49
	<b>\$18,191.34</b>

<sup>1</sup>Scholarship includes \$250.00 for AGO Pipe Organ Encounter.  
<sup>2</sup>Donations include \$1000.00 to each of three 501(c)(3) non-profit theatre pipe organ restoration projects: Everett Theatre Organ Fund; Smithsonian Organ Fund; Hokum Hall Organ Fund.

Checking account balance, Dec. 31, 1999	\$3,803.83
Savings account balance, Dec. 31, 1999	\$24,763.95
Scholarship fund balance, Dec. 31, 1999	\$5,097.85
Organ fund balance, Dec. 31, 1999	\$2,035.00

**Seattle's University Presbyterian Church gets new pipe organ**

Thanks to member Kathy Swedberg for sending this interesting news about a new and exciting pipe organ in our area

The organist at University Presbyterian Church shed tears of joy when the console for the church's new pipe organ was unloaded last September from a semi-trailer outside the church. And she was "blown away" by the number of volunteers lined up to help unload the thousands of organ parts. Volunteers hauled more than 111,000 pounds of organ pipes, blowers, wind chests and other parts into the church. Some of the largest pipes required four persons to carry them. When two more trucks arrived from the Reuter organ factory in Kansas ten days later, the scene was repeated. About 7,000 pipes were carefully carried into the sanctuary, laid in pews, along aisles, on the front platform, in the lobby—anywhere there was room.

Assembly began by a team of Reuter's employees and specially hired workers. By early October, the initial installation was complete and the tedious tuning and voicing began.

Jo Ann Stremler, the organist, says she is overwhelmed with gratitude that the church has invested in this instrument of such grandeur and significance. Special concerts and guest performers will be thrilling, but her greatest joy will come from leading congregational singing with the new instrument.

Dan Sharp, Minister of Worship and Music, believes the instrument will have an impact not only on the city of Seattle, but the entire Northwest. It will draw some of the top organists from around the world to bless listeners with outstanding recitals. Even local school children will come to the church on field trips to view and hear the new instrument.

**FACTS & FIGURES:**

- 79 stops, 104 ranks, four manuals
- 80 visible pipes: flamed copper and silver
- Largest of the 2,200 organs built by Reuter Organ Company
- Console weighs 800 pounds
- Manuals: white keys are covered in cow bone; dark keys are rosewood; pedal "naturals" are maple, pedal "sharps" are rosewood with ebony caps
- Memory: extensive system of presets
- Total cost: \$1.4 million (already paid in full!)

*From the*  
**Mailbox**

The following message was received via our PSTOS website Guestbook:

I very much appreciate your excellent web site. My 83 year old mother grew up in Portland, Oregon and my 88 year old father is a native of Tacoma, Washington.

I was also born in Tacoma. My parents grew up in the movie theatres of Tacoma and Portland. As a teenager my father would ride the street car downtown to hear Oliver Wallace at the new Pantages Theatre. He was delighted to find out via your web site that the Pantages organ he loved so much is alive and well. He especially liked Oliver Wallace because he was a "real showman", often

jumping off of the console to interact with the vaudeville acts on stage. My mother was a Glen Shelley fan. She will be delighted to see the info on him recently posted on your web site. You have made an elderly couple of ex-Northwesterners very happy. Please keep up the good work.

Cordially, Dale Kenney  
 Morgan Hill, CA USA

News from Owen Cannon, our PSTOS Scholarship recipient, received via email:

Dear Mr. Miller:

I recently played recitals in Portland, OR, and in Spokane, WA. The recital in Spokane was played at the Westminster Congregational UCC, in the downtown area, and the other was played at St. Michael's Lutheran Church. Both places had great instruments, and receptive audiences.

My program at the Westminster

Congregational was part of a series of Christmas concerts, which took place every Wednesday afternoon for a few weeks. There were many people there, which I was happy about, and a lot of them were students at a nearby Discovery School.

The recital I played at St. Michael's was great because I got to play on a Marceau organ there at the church. There were only a few people who came, about eleven, but they were all people from the Portland Chapter AGO. I knew most of them from the Regional Convention we had in Spokane, WA. It was fun being able to talk to them about the instrument, and the music I played.

I am going to be playing a program in Pendleton, OR, where I'm living. It will be coming up January 1st. Anyway, I hope to hear from you soon, and thank you for all your support.

Owen Cannon  
 ocannon@oregonvos.net

# Christmas Party Views...



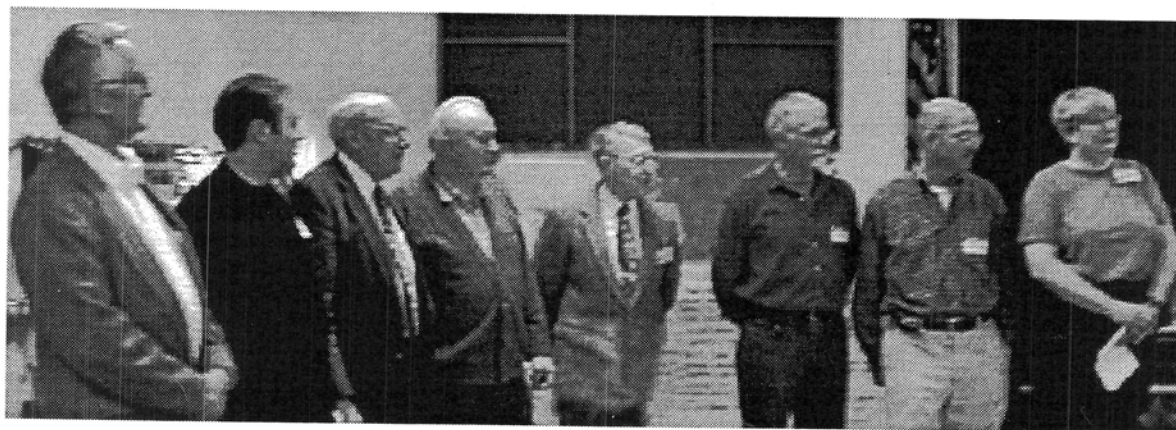
Top left: ANDY CROW was the featured entertainer. He played an enjoyable program of holiday music and favorite standards, much to everyone's pleasure. Thanks, Andy!!!

An unexpected bonus!!...PROFESSOR HOKUM W. JEEBS of Hokum Hall fame, and a PSTOS member, entertained the crowd with his musical saw. Pictured above: Hokum and saw, Andy at the organ console, and the famous PSTOS Master of Ceremonies for many past events, RANDY ROCK....all hamming it up!

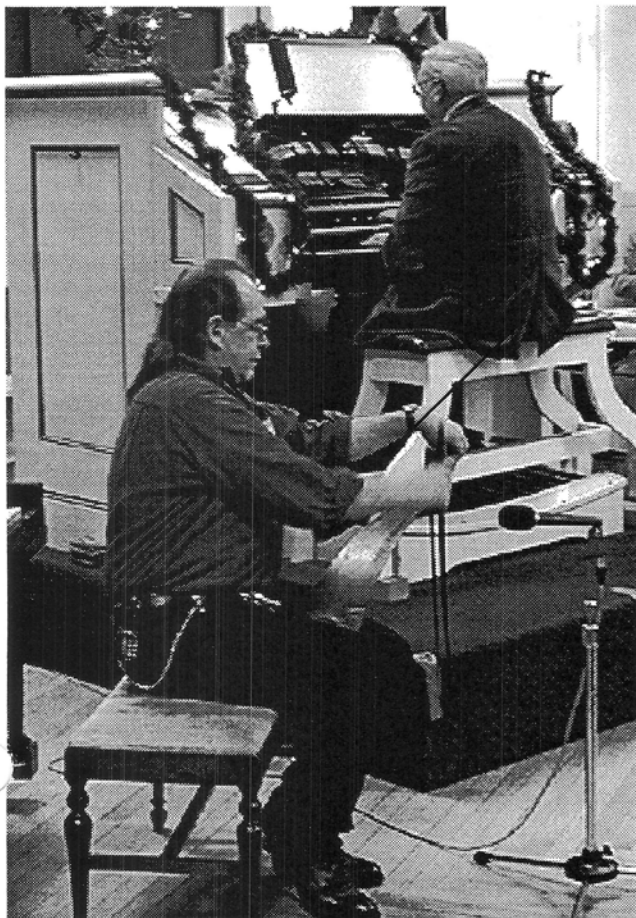
Left: The raffle table kept Russ Evans, Norman Miller and Dan Johansson busy.

Below: The new Year 2000 PSTOS Board Members take the oath of office.

Left to right: Clint Meadway, Tom Blackwell, Andy Crow, Russ Evans, Board Members; Norman Miller, Treasurer; Bob Zat, Secretary; Dan Johansson, Vice President; Barbara Graham, President. Not in picture, Marilyn Schrum, Immediate Past President, who was busy administering the oath!



The biggest ever turnout for a Haller Lake holiday party...  
great music, great food, great fun for everyone!



Above: Doug and Terri Owen—two of the approximately 90 in attendance...the largest Christmas party in recent history!

Left: The Hokum W. Jeebs—Andy Crow duo!

Below left: The buffet table was beyond all expectations!!! And Ellen Sullivan did her usual outstanding job on both the table and the decorations. Thanks, Ellen! We appreciate you!

### ***Hokum Hall Wurlitzer report***

Submitted by Randy Rock. Want certain organ terms defined? Contact him at [randyr@seanet.com](mailto:randyr@seanet.com) Thanks, Randy!

Work continues at a feverish pace on the Hokum Hall Wurlitzer. Ten plus ranks and the tuned percussions are installed, winded, wired, and playing with preliminary voicing under the direction of chief organ guru Bob White. Plans are underway to add a few more ranks, depending upon what can be shoehorned into the shrinking space available at the hall. The unique BecWurlitVar relay system is up and running with implementation of the CrowTronic coupling and second touch module, and work will begin soon on the Lehneflex 2000 combination action system.

Hokum Hall has announced its first Y2K fully compliant program series during February. "Musica Curiosa" will feature a changing program of unusual and unique musical instruments, including "trial run" appearances of the Wurlitzer. Dennis James will be on hand for a number of shows, bringing among other things PDQ Bach's epic composition, "The Little Pickle Book" for Wurlitzer and dill piccolos, with audience participation required.

In the spring, programming will be expanded to include more traditional theater organ events, and some PSTOS and guests-exclusive events. A gala "dedication" of the Hokum Hall Wurlitzer is anticipated, also this spring.

Updated information will be available soon on the Hall website at [www.hokumhall.org](http://www.hokumhall.org) or by telephone at 206-937-3613.

Reservations are encouraged to assure seating at the increasingly popular Hall shows. Several fall shows were sold out with late arriving patrons turned away. Phone 206-937-7912 for reservations. Front table seating is now available by reservation. February's shows will be 8pm Friday and Saturday nights. Doors open at 7:30.



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to the following people  
recently joining*

- **Marjorie Green**  
Edmonds
- **Wayne Hansen**  
Guemes Island, WA
- **William & Judith Iverson**  
Renton

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

*Reserve now for a great evening!*

## **Welcome-to-Spring "Social & Silents"**

**Saturday, March 25th, 5:00 p.m.**

Becvar home, 11617 SE 258th, Kent  
Drive directions will be published in the March "Pipeline"

The **first 60 members** who reserve will enjoy a great evening of food, fun, music and a silent movie, with ANDY CROW at the console of the JACK & MARY LOU BECVAR 3/18 Wurlitzer. The Becvar home is like none other! If you've never been there, you won't want to miss this event.

This is a "No-Charge" event courtesy of the Becvars and Andy. **Your passport for admission:** a plate of non-sweet finger food or a salad! But you **MUST** reserve by phone or email: **253-852-2011**, or **tibia61@aol.com**

## **PSTOS recognizes 1999 Donors to the Homer & Jane Johnson Memorial Scholarship Fund**

The Homer & Jane Johnson Memorial Scholarship Fund provides financial aid to deserving young organ students. The success of this program depends upon YOU...through your generosity in funding, AND your help in identifying young organists whose talent we can encourage by providing the means for continued training.

During 1999 PSTOS has provided ongoing financial aid to a young and very talented organ student, Owen Cannon, whose father is deceased and whose mother is working hard to

raise him and his sister. Owen's circumstances were brought to the attention of PSTOS by Wayne Slater, a respected teacher and the organist at a large Bellevue church. Owen's teacher provides regular reports of progress, always positive.

The many member contributions, both large and small, throughout 1999 have made possible our continued financial assistance to Owen and his family. Please see Owen's message in the "From the Mailbox" column.

Thank you for your generosity and support!

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