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**Executive Board
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<p>Dean: Catherine Walker 559-658-7376 home 559-906-3068 cell</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">From the Recording Secretary ON INSPIRATION FROM HENRI NOUWEN</p> <p>Several years ago the term “serendipity” made a come-back: “an unexpected, stumbled-upon delight.”</p> <p>Last October, Angela Kraft Cross’ Organ Artist Series program offered just such a treat. Certainly, we’d all anticipated the glorious music she generously delivered. But an unexpected second inspiration came through Dr. Cross’ spoken tribute to Henri Nouwen as she introduced her own closing composition, <i>Homage to Henri Nouwen: Out of the House of Fear, Into the House of Love.</i></p> <p>Nouwen (1932-1995) was ordained a Catholic priest in his native Holland and served parishes there. Later he studied at Menninger Clinic, taught at Yale and Harvard Divinity Schools, and for many years lived and worked with developmentally disabled folks in Canada and France. He wrote extensively, speaking all over the world on “a spirituality of solitude, community and compassion...three disciplines by which we create space for God in our lives and the lives of others.”</p> <p>Fr. Nouwen’s wise words helped Dr. Cross overcome paralyzing performance anxiety. Her tribute was serendipitous for me, prompting a rediscovery of Nouwen’s book, <u>Reaching Out</u>, residing quietly on my bookshelf after first readings in the 1980’s – and a treasure of counsel and inspirations made richer, I hope, by my own deeper understanding. It will be good discipline for me to delve into this man’s writings during the coming year. Who knows what truths might be waiting in dormant volumes of other favorite authors read in the light of today? Or which new or old acquaintance, attended to fully, will bring new insight into how God works? Possibilities abound!</p> <p>Chapter Dean Catherine Walker has challenged Board members to be aware of our sources of inspiration, whether from the musical realm or other experience. The challenge deserves to be shared with you! Let us each be open to serendipitous joys and discoveries waiting in the most unexpected places this New Year. I wish you a truly fruitful one!</p> <p>Andrea Belau, Recording Secretary</p>
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Twelfth Night Party, Friday, January 7, 2011 at 6:30 PM to be held at the home of Carey and Elaine Johnson. Entertainment will be provided by Cactus Harris playing selections on the accordion. Ham will be provided by the AGO. Please bring a salad or a vegetable or a dessert. (Please include a serving spoon.)

RSVP by Tuesday, January 4 to Lynda Roberts, 439-2950, or Andrea Belau, 897-7076.

Directions to the Johnson Home, 2288 W. Birch, Fresno

From Herndon Ave., turn north on West Ave. From West Ave. turn left on Minarets Ave. Minarets will eventually merge with Birch Ave. The Johnson home is on the right.

Pipe Organ Experience – Sunday, January 16, 2011, CSUF Concert Hall

Participants are invited to examine, touch, and play the wonderful instrument built by Martin Ott. Each student will try his/her prepared piece during the workshop session, then perform it again in an informal public concert for family and friends.

Event A – for RETURNING POEx PARTICIPANTS

1:00 – 2:00 pm – Workshop Session

2:15 – Participants Concert

Event B – for FIRST TIME POEx PARTICIPANTS

3:15 – 4:00 pm – Workshop Session

4:15 – Participants Concert

Admission is free. There are no age restrictions. AGO members are especially invited to support our young musicians by offering to help, and by attending the concerts.

Please contact Laurell Huber – 559-222-8114 for more information.

James David Christie – OAS/Keyboard Concert – Sunday, January 23,

3:00 pm – CSUF Concert Hall- Tickets may be purchased online –

<http://www.csufresno.edu/musi/concerts/index.shtml>

Or call 559-278-2337 for information.

General: \$18, Seniors: \$12, Students: \$5

Dr. Christie has served as organist of the Boston Symphony Orchestra since 1972. He is internationally acclaimed as one of the finest organists of his generation. He is Chair of the Organ Dept. at Oberlin Conservatory of Music.

His program includes Sweelinck, Scheidemann, Scheidt, Buttstett, Bohm, Bach and Vivaldi/Christie. The day before his concert, on Saturday, January 22 at

10 am in the Concert Hall, Dr. Christie will be conducting a Master Class with local organ students as participants. Admission is free.

Posters for Dr. Christie's concert may be picked up at the Twelfth Night Party.