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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;">Introducing FCASH</p> <p>Our SJV/AGO is a member of the Fresno Coalition for Arts, Science and History, (FCASH). I have had the privilege to attend some monthly meetings, as well as last October’s Cultural Arts Conference. Many of the important arts groups in our community are represented in FCASH, and participate in activities which promote arts education in and out of the school system. Karen Bosch Cobb is the present Board Chair, and Nancy Marquez is the volunteer office manager. FCASH shares office space in the Warnors Theatre building with “ALL THINGS FRESNO”, a store that serves as a visitor center showcasing Valley musical and art events, and historical information and literature from regional groups.</p> <p>The next event in which FCASH is participating is “The Arts in School: Engage - Create – Transform.” The guest speaker will be John Eger, the former VP of CBS, and Founder of the World Foundation for Smart Communities. It will be held on March 4th, 8 am to 4 pm at the Holiday Inn in downtown Fresno. I would be happy to have one of our members represent us at this workshop. The time is short, so please call me for more information if you are interested. For this event workshops have been designed to be of interest to educators, arts organizations and the community. “If the arts are to survive both in and out of the educational system, we simply have to work together.....Children motivated in the arts develop attention skills and strategies for memory retrieval that also apply to other subject areas.” (Source, Dana Foundation).</p> <p>Those of us involved in teaching music in some form know the excitement of students who accomplish steps in their musical education, leading to independence and creativity in playing an instrument, composing, arranging, or even singing in a choir. Let’s all stay involved, in some way, reading about music education in our community and supporting those programs and events that center on the big picture of the importance of music in our childrens’ lives.</p> <p>Catherine Walker, Dean</p>
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UPCOMING EVENTS OF INTEREST TO SJV/AGO MEMBERS

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA BAROQUE FESTIVAL REGIONAL CONCERT

Sponsored by Music Teachers' Assn. of CA – Fresno County Branch

Sunday, March 13, 2011 – 2:00 pm – CSUF Concert Hall

Free Admission

Hannah Zentner, previous POE participant, was chosen to play in this concert
Guest Artists are Dr. Corey Whitehead, guitar and Sheridan Haskell, harpsichord

HSIAO-CHING CHAO DOCTORAL RECITAL

Friday, March 18 – 8:00 pm

First United Methodist Church, 134 N. Kenwood St., Glendale

You are invited!

Hsiao-Ching is a member of SJV/AGO and the recipient of our new Colleague Scholarship last year.

We congratulate her for this tremendous accomplishment and wish her well.

PASO ROBLES – PIPES – PONIES

Sponsored by Fresno Pipe Organ Academy

Saturday, April 16, 2011

Leave Fresno 8:00 am and return at 5:00 pm - ALL AGES WELCOME!

Events include playing the 1850 mechanical action organ at St. James Episcopal Church,

Visiting Harris Stage Lines for demonstrations, lunch and a stage-coach ride.

Hosts: Tommy, Debby and Cactus Harris

Fee: \$10:00 includes "ALL" events plus lunch (Must pay in cash on April 16.)

Deadline for sign-ups is April 10, 2011 – Sign up with Laurell Huber, 222-8114

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THE ORGAN SPECTACULAR SCHEDULED FOR MARCH HAS BEEN CANCELLED.
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NEWS ABOUT OPPORTUNITIES FOR ORGAN STUDENTS: From Leslie Wolf Robb – Our Region 1X Councillor – “Exciting things are happening with organ study in AGO Region 1X! The Hawaii chapter just had a student recital with 12 students ages 6-17 performing. Five chapters in Region 1X are hosting chapter level competitions for the AGO/Quimby Competition for Young Organists, with a total of 12 competitors! The Los Angeles Chapter has started a new organ study grant program, and just awarded four grants! The San Diego Chapter has a new program called “Young Organists on the Bench,” designed to give student organists opportunities to share their music in a variety of worship settings!”

EDITOR’S NOTE – Our own chapter’s news will soon join this list. Thanks to Laurell Huber, Jackie Johnson and Helga Medd for the very successful POExperience at CSUF. The Fresno Pipe Organ Academy has planned an outstanding event which is noted above. We will soon be awarding scholarships for young organists to attend the summer POE.

NEWS FROM SJV/AGO MEMBER CHAUMONDE PORTERFIELD-PYATT RE: ORGAN CLASSES AT COS

A new organ class began this semester at College of the Sequoias through the Community Education Department on campus. The students are from various churches in Tulare/Kings County, and they bring their hymnal and repertoire they would like to learn or to prepare for class. They have available an Allen Theatre Organ and a Rogers Organ with full pedal board. Chaumonde always promotes AGO organ recitals and through her Music Appreciation and Music Fundamentals classes gives credit to students who attend musical events. The course that she developed – “Keyboard Accompaniment” articulates into four-year institutions and the organ is part of that curriculum. Congratulations, Chaumonde, for reinstating this organ class, and keep up the good work!

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PAUL JACOBS WINS GRAMMY – The AGO celebrates with its distinguished member Paul Jacobs, winner of the 2011 Grammy Award for Best Instrumental Soloist Performance (without Orchestra). The award was given in recognition of his CD Recording of Olivier Messiaen’s Livre du Saint-Sacrement (Naxos, 2010) made at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin in New York City. Jacobs is the first organist ever to receive a prestigious GRAMMY Award for a solo recording.
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SINCERE THANKS EXTENDED TO ALL WHO PLANNED AND PARTICIPATED IN THE HYMN FESTIVAL

“Sing with us” – that’s what the publicity and the program said. And sing we did! Twelve meaningful hymns of the church directed by Dr. Julie Carter, accompanied by organists Dr. Royce Nickel, Michal Hembd, Susan Berg and Andrea Belau, and Dr. Walter Saul, who also accompanied at the piano. Special music was provided by the First Presbyterian Brass Ensemble, the church choir, and Soli Deo Gloria. A huge thank-you to Susan Berg, coordinator, who picked up the reins after two other committee members had to drop them! Susan earned a star in her crown for working with Dr. Carter to program the hymns, and also helping our organists who needed practice time! Another huge thank you goes to Faye DeLong for hard work on the program. Also, thank you to Helga Medd, Ruth Andersen and Claire Hampton who took on the responsibility of publicity and flyers. Our Treasurer, Lee Todd did a fine job with the offering appeal. The result was an exciting afternoon of singing with top-notch organ hymn playing, and an offering that will help with scholarships for our young organists.

