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**Executive Board  
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<p><b>Dean:</b> Catherine Walker 559-658-7376 home 559-906-3068 cell</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>DEAN'S MESSAGE</b></p> <p>As we finish out the activities for this year, I want to sincerely thank all who served so faithfully on the Executive Board. Thanks, Faye, for all you do when I need help. Your past experience as Dean and a District Convenor really offers the knowledge to fill in the gaps. Your planning and carry-through for OAS is appreciated. Andrea, as Recording Secretary you're the best! Your minutes are clear and concise. And I hope you will continue to be in charge of our Collegiate Scholarship. Lee, a huge thank you for keeping us on track with your monthly reports. You have done this job a long time, and we're so grateful for your knowledge and organization. Richard, your planning and knowledge of the organs for the Bakersfield organ crawl and at Warnors certainly showed your expertise and musicianship. We love to hear you play, too!</p> <p>Helga, you have helped inspire our young organists, especially by being an active part of POEx and as the originator of your own Fresno Pipe Organ Academy. Thanks also for working on publicity this past year. Laurell, as the other organizer of POEx and Fresno Pipe Organ Academy you are invaluable as a member of our Board. Your connection with CSUF and FPU helps so much, as you have taken the responsibility for our part of CCYPAC and the OAS master class, in addition to your own activities for Fresno Pipe Organ Academy. Zella, we all value your length of service to our organization and always turn to you if we need to solve something in a Board meeting! Lynda, I am grateful for your organization skills that have been evident in our receptions and our Twelfth Night Social. Sharon, as the newest member of the Board you had one of the most diligent jobs, that of reorganizing our mailing list, and working on the Directory. Thanks for your computer skills. Ruth, I do appreciate that you can answer my questions, and go find the information I need. Because you were Dean for so many years, your expertise is valuable to me.</p> <p>My grateful thanks to you all. You will continue to serve this year, and I do appreciate that you have agreed to "hang in there!"</p> <p>Members, when you see these hard workers around, please give them your thanks for all they do for your organization.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Catherine Walker</i></p>
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## PLEASE JOIN US FOR GUILD SUNDAY

Sunday, June 5, 3:00 pm  
Trinity Lutheran Church  
3973 N. Cedar Ave., Fresno

You will hear the student winners of CCYPAC  
and guest soloists Maelyn DeFede and Greg Panten  
Richard Cencibaugh, organist  
Helga Medd, pianist  
A reception will follow

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On May 22 the 2011 Central Valley Youth Performance Awards Competition was held at CSUF, sponsored by the Philip Lorenz Memorial Keyboard Concerts and the SJV/AGO. We are pleased to announce the winners of this competition, with a special thank you to Faye DeLong and Clifford Badgley who served as judges.

### PRE-COLLEGE DIVISION

First Place: Ardelle Bakkegard Prize – Luke Shrestha  
Second Place: Elizabeth Lyles Prize – Tyler Baker  
Third Place: Fresno Pipe Organ Academy Prize – Thomas Melton

### COLLEGIATE DIVISION

First Place: Aran Vartanian Prize – Tyrell McKenzie  
Second Place: Richard D. Galloway Prize – Sheridan Haskell  
Third Place: American Guild of Organists Prize – Cactus Harris  
Honorable Mention – Hannah Zentner

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**OTHER NEWS:**

**AGO REGION IX CONVENTION** – July 3 through 7, 2011, San Francisco – Artists Concerts at 20 featured organs throughout the Bay Area, Seven instrumental and vocal performance groups, Workshops, Worship Celebrations, Networking.  
[www.sfago2011.org](http://www.sfago2011.org)

**SJV/AGO WEBSITE** - Don't forget to visit our website during the summer and download a description of the organ you play. Visit the "Local Organs" listing and help to create this database of ALL local organ installations, regardless of pipe or electronic. The website is <http://www.sjvago.org> You can get more information on contributing to the website from our webmaster, Scott Davis – 559-392-1365.

**GRANT RECEIVED** – We thank the Bonner Family Foundation for a \$1,000 grant to help expand our scholarship programs for young organists. This is a matching grant, so you have two opportunities to make this work. There will be an offering at Guild Sunday for scholarship programs, or when you renew your membership there will be an opportunity to include an additional amount over your dues for this worthy goal of developing a new generation of musicians.

**FAN** -Helga Medd will be the SJV/AGO representative to the newly formed Fresno Arts Network.

**ADDITIONAL THANKS** goes to these hard working SJV/AGO members for contributions to our Guild this past year: Scott Davis, Webmaster – Hsiao-Ching Chao, National AGO website webmaster -Susan Berg, Hymn Festival Coordinator – Elaine Johnson, hostess for Twelfth Night Social.

**HELP NEEDED** – Your organization needs your skills and talents! For the coming 2011-2012 year we want to make our activities more prominent in the community. We need a Publicity Chairman to be the liaison for the media. We need a Membership Chairman to help recruit new members. We also need a Historian, to bring our records from the past into the future! YOU are needed! Please volunteer. You do not need to attend the Board meetings – your duties will be “as needed.”