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**FRIDAY, JANUARY 6
TWELFTH NIGHT PARTY
HAS BEEN CANCELED**

**THE NEW DATE FOR OUR SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CHAPTER
AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS ANNUAL SOCIAL EVENT
IS FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3 AT 6:30 PM**

Home of Carey and Elaine Johnson
2288 W. Birch, Fresno, CA

Ham will be provided. Please bring a salad, vegetable dish,
or dessert, with a serving spoon.

RSVP by Tuesday, January 31 to:
Lynda Roberts, 439-2950
or Andrea Belau, 897-7076

Directions to the Johnson Home:

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:
2288 W. Birch

We hope you will come to visit with AGO friends, and enjoy good
food and entertainment.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

SJV/AGO Presents

2012 POEx

Sunday, January 22, 2012 at CSUF Concert Hall

Open to All San Joaquin Valley Piano Students.

Participating students should prepare one of the following:

1. A piano or organ solo
2. A hymn
3. An accompaniment, ensemble, or duet

**Event A – 1:00 pm Workshop Session for students with POExperience
Concert following**

**Event B – 3:15 pm Workshop Session for students NEW to POEx
Concert following**

To receive an application please call Laurell Huber at 222-8114 or sign up on the website. (No charge for participants)

GALLOWAY MEMORIAL ORGAN EVENSONG

Sunday, January 29, 2012 at 3:00 pm

Scott Horton, Organist

First Congregational Church of Fresno

2131 N. van Ness Blvd.

Fresno, CA

Save These Dates!

SJV/AGO HYMN FESTIVAL

Sunday, February 26, 2012 at 3 pm

Fowler Presbyterian Church

OPEN CONSOLE AT WARNORS THEATRE

Saturday, March 24, 2012

10:00 am to 12:30 pm

ORGAN PLUS MASTER CLASS

With Alison Luedecke

Saturday, April 14, 2012 at 10 am

Holy Family Episcopal Church, Fresno

ORGAN ARTIST SERIES/KEYBOARD CONCERT

Alison Luedecke

Sunday, April 15, 2012 at 3:00 pm

CSUF Concert Hall

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT! – TYRELL MCKENZIE – Tyrell was just awarded the Colleague Scholarship by our branch, after a successful audition. The scholarship award goes through Fresno Pacific University where he is attending, to help with college expenses. Congratulations Tyrell, as you continue to study organ, piano, and participate in the college choir and wind ensemble!

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT!! HIROKO WATANABE, SPC of Maebashi, Japan
Hiroshi recently sent this information about herself: "I was born in Shizuoka, Japan. I received a Bachelor of Music Degree from Kunitachi Music College in Tokyo. I attended Fresno Pacific University from 1987-1988 and got a certificate for church music. (SPC) My organ and harpsichord teacher was Laurell Huber. She is still my favorite teacher. I played harpsichord with the Baroque Orchestra when Wayne Huber directed it. My husband, Tetsuya, who got a Masters degree from Fresno State University in 1998, and I live in Maebashi, Gunma, and both of us are teaching at Nijima Junior College. I am a piano teacher there. I went to Fresno because of my association with a missionary couple, Mr. and Mrs. McAlpine. He passed away in Japan, and after retirement she went back to Fresno and still lives there. When you visit Japan, please come over to our place and church. Please pray for Japan's rehabilitation."

So great to hear from you, Hiroko. Many blessings in the New Year!

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT!!! SCOTT DAVIS – Congratulations to Scott and Megan Davis, new parents of Chloe Lynn, born December 18, 2011. We wish you much happiness!

MEMBER CONCERNS: - Please keep these members in your thoughts and prayers: Jacqueline Johnson, whose husband Michael passed away in December. Zella Woods, whose sister passed away in December.

IMPORTANT EVENTS COMING UP:

SECOND ANNUAL AGO JANUARY JUBILEE – A Non-Denominational Day Long Conference for Part-time Musicians January 28, 2012 – Albuquerque, New Mexico. Focuses on organ and choral repertoire, transitioning piano to organ, service playing and dialogue, all designed to improve the skills of organists working in part-time positions. Cost: \$15, including box lunch. Registration deadline: January 24. Host: James Yeager, 505-764-2914

AGO NATIONAL CONVENTION – July 1 – 6, 2012, Nashville, TN

ORGAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY CONVENTION – July 8 – 13, Chicago, IL

POE San Diego – July 22-28, University of San Diego. CA

AGO NEWS BULLETIN: NEA GRANT

The American Guild of Organists has been awarded a grant by the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) to support the 2012 AGO National Convention in Nashville, Tenn., July 1-6, 2012. The \$15,000 "Art Works" grant is directed to new music, workshops, and performances, and carries a mandate that it be matched dollar for dollar from other funding sources. The 2012 AGO National Convention is the third consecutive AGO National Convention that has garnered funding from the arts endowment. For the 51st biennial National Convention in Nashville, the AGO has commissioned new compositions from Diana Burrell, David Conte, Eleanor Daley, Craig Phillips, Rosephanye Dunn Powell and Roberto Sierra. The NEA grant will support these newly commissioned works and their premier performances, as well as educational workshops and concert programming during the convention.