

Stop & Reed

January 2018

*San Joaquin Valley Chapter American Guild of Organists
a Member Organization of the Valley Cultural Coalition*

From the Dean

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

It is with great joy that I am wishing each of you a very Happy and Blessed New Year. Hard to believe that 2017 is about to become a memory, and 2018 a possibility. My prayer is that each of us has good memories of the past year and a determination to embrace the possibilities of the new year.

As I looked at last year's January Dean's message, I am really quite pleased that I did keep some of my resolutions. Tresa and I have gone to several performances, including the Fresno Philharmonic with their new, vibrant conductor, Rei Hotoda. We also went to concerts by the Reno Youth Symphony (OK, our grandson is 2nd chair horn, and I think there might have been some other kids playing too!), and Fresno Youth Orchestra. It gives me great hope for the future of music to listen to these blossoming musicians. We need to encourage them as they grow as artists.

This Advent and Christmas season was the second in which our members performed seasonal concerts. This year the Wednesday concerts were performed in the chapel at St. Agnes Hospital and were broadcast to the individual rooms via closed circuit TV. The chapel was also open for visitors to come in and hear the concert. Rev. David Klingensmith, Coordinator of Spiritual Care, sent this thank you: "Thank you so much for arranging for the San Joaquin Valley Chapter of the AGO to present the organ recitals during Advent. I don't have any way of knowing how many people listened from the patient rooms, but those who came to the Chapel appreciated it very much! Extend my gratitude to the Chapter, and especially to Faye DeLong, David Boldt, Jean Hayes and Lynne Rodriguez who provided the wonderful music. Hope to have you back again!" I too would add my thanks to them.

Not to be left without music for the season, Cathy Walker presented the Advent and Christmas Friday concerts at her church, Sierra Vista Presbyterian Church in Oakhurst. The program was expanded this year and included other musicians as well as her organ music.

As we start the new year may we be reminded that as organists we have been given a musical gift. May we each embrace every opportunity to share it with others.

One last thing-make sure to note the changed date and time of our Twelfth Night celebration. It will actually be a Twelfth Afternoon celebration. Our hope is that by having it in the afternoon we will have more of our members able to attend. If you need a ride, feel free to call me (559.930.3287) and I will make arrangements to get you to the party.

**Blessings Always,
Dean Michael**

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Chapter Events

“Twelfth Night Celebration” Family Social

NOTE DATE AND TIME CHANGE

Saturday, January 6, 2018

1:00 PM

Zentner's home

13828 S. Academy Ave.

Kingsburg

Organ Artist Series Concert

Kimberly Marshall, performing

Sunday, January 7, 2018

3:00 PM

CSU Fresno Concert Hall

Maple at Shaw, Fresno

Ticket information to follow

Choral Workshop

Saturday, March 3, 2018

9 AM- 12:30 PM

University Presbyterian Church

1771 E. Roberts Ave., Fresno

Dr. Roy Klassen, Directing

Open to all choir members and directors. Massed choir will be singing at the Hymn Festival the following day.

Hymn Festival

Sunday, March 4, 2018

3:00 PM

University Presbyterian Church

1771 E. Roberts Ave., Fresno

Dr. Roy Klassen, Directing

Organ Artist Series Duo Corgano Concert

David Ball, Organist Christ Cathedral, Orange County

Trevor Nuckols, French Horn

Sunday, April 8, 2018

3:00 PM

First Congregational Church

2131 N. Van Ness Blvd., Fresno

Guild Sunday

Sunday, June 3, 2018

3:00 PM

Location to be determined

Upcoming event

Galloway Memorial Organ Evensong

Sunday, February 11, 2018

3:00 PM

First Congregational Church

2131 N. Van Ness Blvd., Fresno

Cookies and more needed
We need cookies and cheese platters
for the Keyboard Concert reception on
January 7, 2018
Please Call Lynda Roberts
(559.439.2950) if you can bring some



NEXT SJVAGO BOARD MEETING:

Tuesday, January 23, 2018

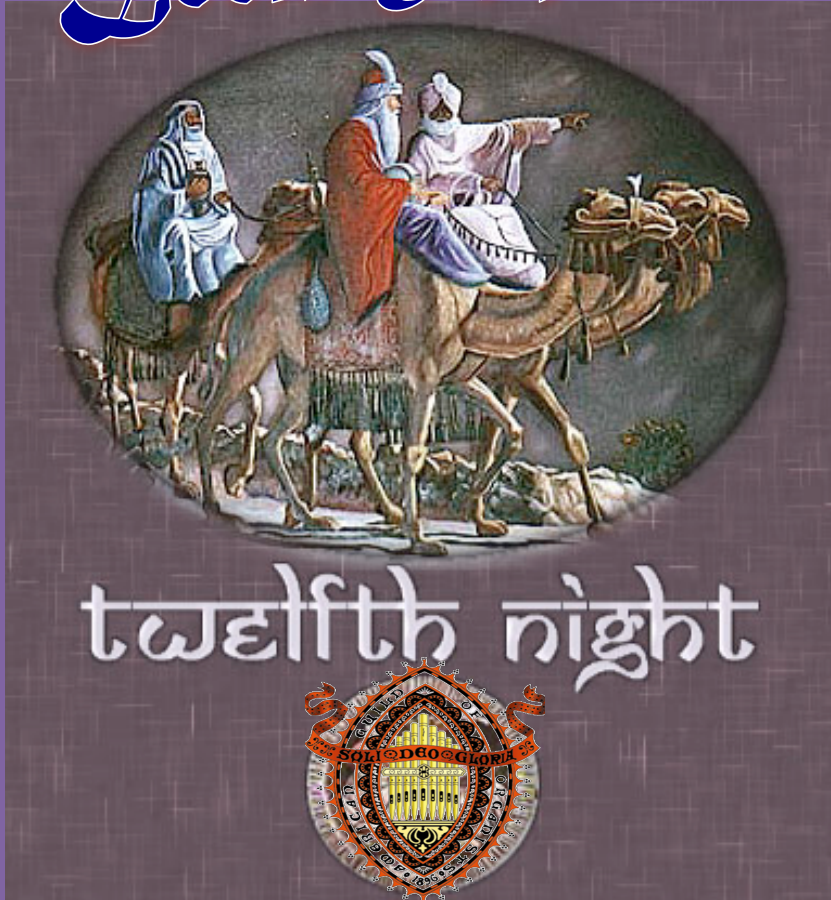
10:00 AM

Lynda Robert's home

6032 N. 6th, Fresno

Twelfth Night (Afternoon)

Look! A Party!



Bring the Family and join the San Joaquin Valley Chapter AGO's Annual

"Twelfth Night Celebration"

Come and enjoy an afternoon of food, fellowship, and entertainment

Let's celebrate the end of the Holiday Season!

-- Potluck -- Turkey and Ham will be provided --

-Please bring a side, salad, or dessert to share-

Rides Available!

Saturday, January 6th, 2018 1:00pm
Zentner Ranch
13828 S. Academy Ave. Kingsburg, CA

1pm!

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