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# Voices

*Spokane Chapter, American Guild of Organists*

## Dean's Notes

Dear Members and Friends of the Spokane Chapter of The American Guild of Organists,

Happy New Year!

It's time for many of us to make new year's resolutions. When we think of new year's resolutions what sort of changes come to mind? Losing weight? Getting fit? These are indeed popular resolutions, but the number one new year's resolution has nothing to do with diet and exercise. According to recent polls, 50% of Americans vow to "appreciate loved ones and spend more time with family and friends this year."

As I reflect on this it occurs to me that many of you in the chapter are my family (by affinity, or kinship of spirit) and certainly my friends. Part of the process of making resolutions is recognizing our flaws, and admitting them to others... family and friends.

I have not been the best I can be as Dean for the chapter so far and we've gotten off to a rather slow and uneventful start. For that I take full responsibility. Oh sure, I have lots of things on my plate; a family, a business, a pipe organ project, etc. But you folks (my family, my friends) deserve more.

So one of my resolutions this new year is to be the best Dean I can be. To lead when leading is needed. To delegate when delegating is needed. To try not to micromanage so many things and to get other people more involved. Mostly, to communicate more and reach out for help.

This way, we will have more chapter events and more opportunities for members to "spend more time with family and friends."

Blessings,

Robert Collins

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**Organ Recital by Douglas Cleveland – Sunday, February 10 at 4:00 p.m.  
(The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, 127 E. 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Spokane)**

(co-sponsored with the Cathedral of Saint John the Evangelist).

Tickets \$10 at Tickets West or at the door.

Internationally acclaimed organist Douglas Cleveland was raised in Olympia, Washington and is a sixth generation Washingtonian. He has studied at the Eastman School of Music, Indiana University and Oxford University. Douglas Cleveland is the Music Director at Plymouth Congregational Church and Visiting Professor at the University of Washington in Seattle, Washington.

Our co-sponsorship urges us to purchase admission to the recital and to consider providing some cookies (plated and ready to serve). You can bring them on the day of the recital or call Carolyn Payne (at 535-7145). Thank you in advance!

**Lenten Midweek Organ Recitals – Wednesday, February 20, 2012 at 12:30 p.m.  
(The Cathedral of Our Lady of Lourdes, 1115 W. Riverside Ave., Spokane)**

Chapter members will be presenting short recitals every Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. beginning the week after Ash Wednesday—through the week before Holy Week.

Programs are right after Noon Mass and run 25-30 minutes.

**Lenten Midweek Organ Recitals (continue) – Wednesday, February 27, March 6,  
March 13, and March 20, 2012 at 12:30 p.m.  
(The Cathedral of Our Lady of Lourdes, 1115 W. Riverside Ave., Spokane)**

**Spokane AGO Pipe Organ Spectacular – Tuesday, April 23 at 7:00 p.m.  
(Salem Lutheran Church, 1428 W. Broadway Ave., Spokane )**

We're cooking up something big! A "variety show" with an 'Organ Plus' theme.

**Organ Recital by Mark Brombaugh – Sunday, May 19 at 4:00 p.m.  
(The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, 127 E. 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Spokane)**

(co-sponsored with the Cathedral of Saint John the Evangelist).

Mark Brombaugh, Organist, Christ Episcopal Church, Tacoma

**Annual Picnic - Sunday, June 10  
(Kent an Ruth and Brocklebank's new home 1019 E. 57th., Spokane).**

## Upcoming Musical Events

**Paul Grove, Classical Guitar – Sunday, January 13 at 4:00 p.m.  
(The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, 127 E. 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Spokane),**

Part of the cathedral's "Mostly" Second Sunday Music series