



Corralin! the Chorale

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NEWS BITS

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT REPORT Donna Beccia, our \$1000 Scholarship recipient from last spring received complimentary tickets to our recent "Holiday Hits" concert and was able to attend our concert. Scholarship Chair Janet Dwyer received an email from Donna in which she complimented the choir for a "wonderful" sound. She also commented that Doug was entertaining as usual! Having completed her studies in San Diego she was looking forward to an interview with the Westminster School District regarding their search for a general music teacher and choral conductor. She said thank you very much for thinking about her.

HELP US OUT! Our records show that 100 octavos from last semester's music have not been turned in! We are publishing the list for two reasons: (1) We want to remind you that even though we expect most of them will yet be turned in it will take our librarians extra precious hour(s) to get it properly restored to the files. We needed it returned last month! (2) If you know any of the people on the list who no longer come to rehearsals please be our intermediary to get the music returned ASAP.

- (1) Rosie Hackney(#13) : 9 music
- (2) Gloria Kirbens(#18) : 5 music
- (3) Natalie Dean(#72): 12 music
- (4) Violet Redding(#85): 12 music
- (5) Shirley Rimmer(#100): 12 music
- (6) Miriam Kahn(#102): 12 music
- (7) Robert Noonan(#105): 12 music
- (8) Therese Toth(#106): 12 music
- (9) Carol Cho(#108): 6 music
- (10) Robert Sherinan(#113): 8 Music

LIBRARY WORKDAYS It's a big job but somebody's got to do it! Well thanks to the Library Team Karen Min, Jeannette Rice, Evelyn Ellis, Pauline Wang, and Mike Kennedy and so many of you who made the effort last semester music was properly stored (except for about 100 octavos) and 1500 pieces of new music was prepared for use this semester! Thanks! We're in good shape!

FINANCIAL REPORT W'08

It's official! A total of 607 tickets were sold for our "Holiday Hits" concert on December 20, 2008! That's a lot!

Even though we had pushed for a sellout of 840 tickets the Board had budgeted for a sale of 700 tickets. The income dollar figure for which we had budgeted (as revised 10/28/09) was \$6,825. With an actual income of \$1,500 from registrations, \$4,249 from ticket sales, and \$377.75 from Rebate Events we missed our income goal by \$715.

Though we had hoped to have around \$1000 to add to our scholarship fund for the semester we ended up with just under \$600. Not bad - especially with all the surprises related to the "Messiah" and "Vivaldi" music!

The good news was that we spent a bit less than we had planned to spend. After payment of a total of \$5,518.69 in expenses (new music and replacement copies, CD costs, accompanist remuneration, room rentals, supplies, copies, postage, technician fees, printing costs, flyers, and posters) we found that we spent \$260 less than budgeted.

Our next semester budget looks even better since we were able to save money by ordering music earlier than ever before (even with six hundred new pieces of music we are spending less for music this semester). We think the income at \$6,000 and expenses at \$5,000 is quite realistic and will allow dollars for surprises during our spring '09 semester.

We owe Maribeth Clausen a lot for the many hours she has spent keeping and reporting accurate records! Thanks, Maribeth.....and don't even think about quitting!

ReFUNd EVENTS

Remember the fun? We filled our senses and our tummies at Ruby's, Scarantino's, Souplantation, Bon A Pita Events! Plus we received rebate dollars (and goodies) from Mechanical Mann!

And this semester Ann Cullinane is working just as hard to set up a new list of appointments for Rebate Events when we can again eat out and be paid for eating. Plus our long term supporter Mechanical Mann is adding up dollars as we speak as Chorale Members have auto care done in their facilities.

Reminders for January

- Tue 6 **Special Board Meeting** 12:30 – 2:00 pm
Library Workday 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Happy Anniversary! Shelly Ellman
- Sun 11 **Happy Birthday!** Karen Min
- Tue 13 **Registration/New Member Day** 1:30 pm
Chorale Rehearsal 2 – 4 pm
Happy Anniversary! Margie Sutton
- Wed 14 **Happy Anniversary!** Carol Cho
- Thu 15 **Happy Birthday!** Jan Kremenik
- Tue 20 **Soprano Sectional Rehearsal** 1 – 2 pm
Chorale Rehearsal 2 – 4 pm
- Tue 27 **Tenor Sectional Rehearsal** 1 – 2 pm
Chorale Rehearsal 2 – 4 pm
- Sat 31 **Happy Birthday!** Betty Denton

Soprano Shelly Ellman – Shelly & Bob have 2 sons & 1 granddaughter. Enjoyed 50th H.S. reunion (Chicago) last summer. Is a swimmer, reader (fiction), hiker, restaurant hopper. Plays and surfs the net. Plays mah jongg!

Soprano Karen Min – In summer cruised Mediterranean – visiting Spain, Greece, Italy. Collects rocks. Does beading, makes jewelry, does Hiking and Bible Study. Little interest in computer games or net surfing. Maybe fishing someday?

Alto Margie Sutton – Margie & Bruce have 3 children. Liked family vacation in Mayan Riviera (Cancun). Has long list of been there/done that's! Likes movies, net surfing, & sports. Is passionate re: sports, music, religion, politics.

Soprano Carol Cho – Carol & Bill have 2 daughters/6 grandchildren. She plays piano, had 4 yrs vocal training, was church choir director. She collects stamps, likes computer games, hiking. Born in Taiwan, she lived in Japan.

Alto Jan Kremenik – Is widow w/2 children & 4 grandkids. Likes cruising, music, friends. Writes fiction. Reads, cooks, and does restaurant hopping. Says the 2000s are an "okay" time to live. Heard Chorale 2 yrs ago/joined W'08.

Alto Betty Denton – Enjoys swimming, painting-fine art, & reading fiction. Likes conversation re: music. She's been there/done that with: knitting, fishing, skiing, photography, cooking, & golfing. No interest in Antiquing, computr games

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Any time you miss a rehearsal check our website for new announcements, stats, and reminders.
You will also find there lots of pictures, music, videos, and other items of interest.

TICKET SALES REPORT.Joyce Nanchy and her team of helpers (Marlyn Chan and Maribeth Clausen) did a great job in organizing and manning our ticket table for the "Holiday Hits" Winter Concert. Make a note that tickets for the upcoming Spring Concert will be available the six Tuesdays beginning April 7th.

Joyce has reported the following stats for W'08:

Total Printed Tickets Received from Box Office - 600
Tickets returned to Box Office - 88
Comp Tickets (to Performers, Advertisers, and Services) - 42

Week 1 club member purchases - 104
Week 2 club member purchases - 63
Week 3 club member purchases - 97
Week 4 club member purchases - 95
Week 5 club member purchases - 63
Week 6 club member purchases - 48

Total club member purchases W'08 - 470
Total Ticket Sales W'08 (club & Box Office) - 607
Total Ticket Sales W'07 (club & Box Office) - 737

CREATIVE PUNS FOR EDUCATED MINDS

The roundest knight at King Arthur's round table was Sir Cumference. He acquired his size from too much pi.

I thought I saw an eye doctor on an Alaskan island, but it turned out to be an optical Aleutian .

A rubber band pistol was confiscated from algebra class because it was a weapon of math disruption.

Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.

I wondered why the baseball kept getting bigger. Then it hit me.

A small boy swallowed some coins and was taken to a hospital. When his grandmother telephoned to ask how he was, a nurse said, 'No change yet.'

The short fortune-teller who escaped from prison was a small medium at large.

In democracy it's your vote that counts. In feudalism it's your count that votes.