

Chorus Chatter

News and Musings for Young at Heart Chorus Members

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HAPPY SUMMER

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND EFFORT THIS PAST SEASON WITH YAH! I HAD A GREAT TIME AND HOPE EVERYONE DID AS WELL. WE WILL START BACK UP AGAIN WITH PRACTICES ON AUGUST 18 AND 25. OUR FIRST PERFORMANCE WILL BE ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4.

QUESTIONS AROSE ABOUT THE CANCELLATION OF OUR MAY PERFORMANCES. THE BOARD HELD A MEETING ON MAY 1 TO DISCUSS ISSUES THAT LED TO THE CANCELLATIONS, AS WELL AS OTHER THINGS THAT NEEDED TO BE ADDRESSED, SO WE COULD MOVE FORWARD AS A UNIFIED AND FUN CHORUS. LET ME RECAP -

FINANCES

OUR FINANCES ARE OK FOR NOW. REMEMBER, WE VOLUNTEER TO SING AT THE VENUES ACROSS LAS CRUCES. WE DO NOT GET PAID. WE DO GET GREAT COOKIES, AND WE ARE ALWAYS WELCOME TO CELEBRATE HAPPY HOUR AT SOLSTICE. WE DO HAVE SUPPLY COSTS - FOLDERS FOR YOUR MUSIC, INK AND TONER CARTRIDGES FOR OUR PRINTER AND

PAPER SO WE CAN PROVIDE YOU WITH FRESH COPIES OF THE MUSIC AND WORDS. I ONLY MENTION THAT BECAUSE WE HAVE ASKED YOU NOT TO WRITE ON THE MUSIC AND WORDS THAT WE PROVIDE. I HAVE DISCARDED MANY SHEETS THAT HAD WRITING ON THEM SUCH AS "BUY MILK ON THE WAY HOME", "MEN" AND/OR "WOMEN ONLY" WRITTEN ACROSS THE ENTIRE PAGE. WE ARE ALSO IN NEED OF FILE CABINETS FOR OUR MUSIC FILES. THE CABINETS WE HAVE ARE OLD AND MOSTLY BROKEN. WE ARE ACTIVELY LOOKING FOR NEW CABINETS, WHICH JO BANKS KEEPS IN HER GARAGE FOR US. SHE AND I TAKE CARE OF THE FILES, BUT WE WILL FIND NEW FILE CABINETS THIS SUMMER AND REDO THE ENTIRE MUSIC LIBRARY WE HAVE. THE BOARD HAS PROPOSED THAT EACH MEMBER CONTRIBUTE \$25.00 / YEAR, IF YOU ARE ABLE. THIS GIVES US THE FINANCIAL STABILITY TO KEEP US UP AND RUNNING AND PURCHASE THE SUPPLIES WE NEED.

MEMBERS

WE REALLY APPRECIATE YOUR PARTICIPATION IN YAH. WE ALL LOVE TO SING AND ENJOY BEING A PART OF THE CHORUS. BEING READY FOR PRACTICE AND PERFORMANCES IS CRUCIAL TO OUR ACTIVITIES. YOU

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SHOULD BE AT PRACTICE ON TIME, COME READY WITH YOUR MUSIC AND WORDS. JO BRINGS THEM TO OUR FIRST PRACTICE, AND BRINGS THEM AGAIN FOR THE SECOND PRACTICE, SO YOU HAVE THEM FOR THE PERFORMANCE. AS AN UNDERTONE, IF YOU ARE NOT AT EITHER OF THE PRACTICES, DON'T COME TO SING AT A PERFORMANCE. YOU WILL NOT KNOW THE CHANGES WE HAVE MADE AND WON'T BE PREPARED TO SING WITH THOSE MEMBERS WHO HAVE DILIGENTLY COME TO PRACTICE.

WE ARE FACING AN AUDIENCE. WE DON'T NEED TO BE CHEWING GUM OR EATING/CRUNCHING CANDY. SURE, A DRINK OF WATER IS ACCEPTABLE, BUT CHEWING AND CRUNCHING LOOKS AWFUL. I SEE IT, SO I AM SURE THE AUDIENCE SEES IT TOO. LISTENING AND PAYING ATTENTION AT PRACTICES IS CRUCIAL TO ENABLE US TO GRASP THE SONGS SO WE ARE READY TO PERFORM. OUR LAST PRACTICE WAS A DISASTER-ONE OF THE REASONS WE CANCELLED OUR MAY PERFORMANCE. DURING PRACTICE WE HAD NEGATIVE COMMENTS, MANY SIDEBAR CONVERSATIONS WHILE I WAS TRYING TO CORRECT THINGS, COMPLAINTS ABOUT SONG CHOICES. IF YOU WANT TO BE NEGATIVE STAY HOME. IT DISTRACTS FROM WHAT WE ARE TRYING TO ACCOMPLISH. PAY

ATTENTION TO THE DRESS CODE FOR OUR PERFORMANCES. WE CAN ELIMINATE CERTAIN APPAREL FOR DIFFERENT MONTHS AND JUST ASK EVERYONE TO WEAR BLACK AND WHITE, ORANGE AND GREEN, ETC. IT LOOKS AWFUL WHEN WE HAVE ONE PERSON WHO STANDS OUT IN SOMETHING DIFFERENT THAN ANYONE ELSE.

WATCH ME. LISTEN TO WHAT I AM SAYING INSTEAD OF TALKING OVER ME. IF YOU HAVE COMMENTS, AND I APPRECIATE YOUR INPUT, DO IT IN ORDERLY FASHION. NOT EVERYONE TRYING TO TALK AT THE SAME TIME. WE ARE ALL VOLUNTEERS. WE ALL PUT TIME AND ENERGY INTO YOUNG AT HEART. THE BOARD HAS DECIDED THAT WE ARE NOT GOING TO PAY AND/OR GIVE MONETARY GIFTS TO ANY MEMBERS. THOSE FUNDS CAN, ONCE AGAIN, BE PUT TO USE FOR SUPPLIES AND A CELEBRATION AT CHRISTMAS. REMEMBER LAST CHRISTMAS? WE HAD A VERY NICE CELEBRATION AND WE DID NOT ASK FOR ANY MONEY FROM THE GROUP. JUDY AND NANCY GOT THINGS DONATED, AND IT COST OUR GROUP ONLY \$40. THAT IS AMAZING!

SOLOS

THERE HAS NOT BEEN ANY DECISION MADE ON SOLOS. I HAVE TRIED A COUPLE OF THINGS WITH SCOTT AND CHUCK SINGING A COUPLE OF THINGS. IF WE ARE TO START SOLOS

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AGAIN, WE NEED TO FOLLOW SOME
GUIDELINES THAT WERE PUT
OUT LAST YEAR - NEEDS TO BE AN
APPROPRIATE SONG
NEEDS TO BE APPROVED BY DENNIS
WORDS AND MUSIC HAVE TO BE
SUPPLIED TO BARBARA AT LEAST ONE
MONTH PRIOR
YOU WILL NEED TO PRACTICE WITH
BARBARA PRIOR TO OUR FIRST
PRACTICE
YOU MUST SING YOUR SOLO AT BOTH
PRACTICES PRIOR TO OUR FIRST
PERFORMANCE

YOUNG AT HEART BOARD
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/ HISTORIAN
PETER MARTIN - MEMBER AT LARGE
JIM MAXON - NON- VOTING MEMBER
AT LARGE
YOUNG AT HEART WAS VERY CLOSE
TO NOT EXISTING. THE BOARD
DISCUSSED MANY ISSUES AND
DISCUSSED WAYS TO RESOLVE
THOSE ISSUES. DID WE RESOLVE
EVERYTHING? NO. THERE WILL
ALWAYS BE ISSUES WITH ANY
ORGANIZATION OR GROUP.
WE NEED YOUR INPUT.

Mother's Day

The first Mother's Day celebration in America was held in founder Anna Jarvis's hometown church in 1908. From there, she began to campaign for recognition of a Mother's Day holiday. She emphasized it was "Mother's Day," in the singular, as a time for each son and daughter to celebrate their mother, as Jarvis celebrated hers. After President Woodrow Wilson established Mother's Day in 1914, Jarvis was dismayed to see the zeal and speed with which it became a retail holiday.

The distance it takes for
me to forget a number
between 1 and 10

