

Chorus Chatter

News and Musings for Young at Heart Chorus Members

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Direct-ly from Dennis

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

It was nice to have everyone singing this past year. Thanks to Jo Banks for getting everyone their folders with the music and words. Once I get those sheets together and printed, her house, like mine, becomes the YAH warehouse. But we manage to get you the FOLDERS you need for our performances.

Ray keeps in touch with our venues so we are where we should be on our scheduled dates. Lots of time and coordination.

On another note. I would like to see some respect when we are practicing. I know I make mistakes. Sometimes the piano is not right. Word sheets might be off.

Jo and I respect those comments. But don't talk amongst yourselves while we are trying to get our program together. It affects everyone.

Turn in your music when we ask. Jo and I have a big job in getting folders back into our music files. Lots of time. Lots of work. And, if we don't get them back, we recycle a lot of paper.

Filing one set of music and words is time consuming and not worth it. Participation is important. You need to be at practice. We don't need members just showing up. You need to come to practice so you know the songs. Showing up WHENEVER is not conducive to a good singing group. We would never have thought that when we were fulfilling our careers. I respect the fact that we are a VOLUNTEER GROUP and we donate our time. Just need to realize this is a commitment.

Enough said. If we, and that means everyone, want YAH to continue this coming February, we need to pull together. Won't work without you. HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Good King Wenceslas

We're singing Good King Wenceslas's song in December, but who was he?

"Good King Wenceslas" is a Christmas carol that tells a story of a tenth century Bohemian king (modern-day Czech Republic) who goes on a journey, braving harsh winter weather, to give alms to a poor peasant on the Feast of Stephen.

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The Feast of Stephen is December 26, the Second Day of Christmas in Western Christianity.

During the journey, his page is about to give up the struggle against the cold weather, but is enabled to continue by following the king's footprints, step for step, through the deep snow. In the city of Prague where Wenceslas lived, winters are relatively mild., so the story would have to take place during a cold snap where temperatures fall significantly below the seasonal average. The legend is based on the life of the Saint Wenceslaus I, Duke of Bohemia (907-935), who was not a king in his lifetime but had that status conferred on him after his death. In 1853, English hymnwriter John Mason Neale wrote the lyrics, in collaboration with his music editor Thomas Helmore, to fit the melody of the 13th-century spring carol *Tempus adest florum* ("Eastertide Is Come"). The carol first appeared in *Carols for Christmas-Tide*, published by Novello & Co the same year.

Wikipedia



The Joys of Being Over 80

(for those of you who are there or are fast approaching it)

- Kidnappers aren't very interested in you.
- In a hostage situation, you will probably be released first.
- No one expects you to run into a burning building, or to run at all.
- People call at 9:00 PM and ask "Did I wake you up?"
- People no longer view you as a hypochondriac.
- There's nothing left to learn the hard way.
- Things you buy now won't wear out before you.
- You can eat dinner at 4:00 PM.
- You enjoy hearing about other people's operations.

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- You get into heated arguments about pension claims.
- You have a party, and the neighbors don't even realize it.
- You no longer think of speed limits as a challenge.
- You quit trying to hold your stomach in, no matter who walks into the room.
- You sing along with the elevator music.
- Your eyes won't get much worse.
- Your investment in health insurance is finally beginning to pay off
- Your joints are more accurate meteorologists than the National Weather Service.
- Your secrets are safe with your friends because they can't remember them either.
- Your brain cells are finally down to a manageable size.

Submitted by Marty Campbell



Which One?

I rear-ended a car this morning...the start of a REALLY bad day! The driver got out of the other car, and he was a DWARF!! He looked up at me and said 'I am NOT Happy!' So I said, 'Well, which one ARE you then?'

**ANYTHING SEEMS
POSSIBLE IF YOU
DON'T KNOW WHAT
YOU'RE TALKING
ABOUT**