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2008 ILLINOIS DISTRICT CHAMPIONS!

2008 Calendar

Monday:

7:00 MM Costume Try-on/practice (John & Flora Kaindl)

8:00 Warmup (Joe K)

8:15 Spring Show 1st half with script & emcee (Joe K and ADs)

9:00 Meeting & Break

9:20 Spring Show Quartets

9:30 Spring show 2nd half with Script and emcee (Joe K & ADs)

10:30 KTWWS

May

15 Special Show Rehearsal
Full show run through with all quartets, emcee and available participants

17 2pm & 8pm Spring Show

19 Coaching rehearsal with Joe Connelly

22 Board Meeting

26 Memorial Day – Moose closed

28 Rehearsal?

June

2 Rehearsal

9 Rehearsal

16 Rehearsal

19 Board Meeting

22 Sing at Chicago Rush

23 Rehearsal

30 Rehearsal

June - July

29 – 6 International – Nashville

2 Wed - First Rehearsal

3 Thu - Next Rehearsal

4 CHORUS CONTEST!

August

7 Kane County Cougars

September

20 Youth Festival

26 – 28 District Fall Contest

November

16 Sing Downers Grove Library

December 12 – 13 Christmas Show

2009

January

24 – Installation dinner

West Towns rehearses every Monday evening, 7:30 PM on the 2nd floor of the Moose Lodge, 1030 Warren Ave., Downers Grove, IL 60515

Spring Show

These are going to be **TWO GREAT SHOWS!** Lots of super talent: **Old School**, chapter quartets, two high school groups, but especially the current Illinois District Champion chorus – **WEST TOWNS CHORUS!** Let's get excited about this and sell out the house. Twice!

On **Monday, May 12**, everyone must **bring their red coats and Oz costumes** for uniform try-on. Please refer to the email attachment sent out by John Kaindl. John also needs help in getting this huge pile of costumes from his house to the Moose hall. Please contact John.

There will be a **special rehearsal on Thursday, May 15** at the Moose since we can not get into the school until Saturday. We need to consider this our first show performance, **NOT** treat our 2 PM show on Saturday like a dress rehearsal.

Peoria Pictures

The Peoria pictures have arrived and I will have them tonight at rehearsal. I will give them out to those who ordered them for \$21.00 each. There are some extra copies available on a first come, first serve basis. Thank you, Vern Moore

Spring Show Afterglow

Monday night we will have "Afterglow" tickets available for \$11 each, cash or check payable to West Towns Chorus. (No credit cards). The afterglow will be a Connie's Pizza with pizza and a cash bar. See Don Davia and Jon Dobosenski for tickets and additional information.

For those of us who have never been to an "After Glow", it is a singing party. All of our quartets and other pick up quartets are welcome to perform. We will also be singing as an entire group. We have 150 people saying they are going. As of Saturday night, we only have the money for 19. If you can pay on Monday, please do. If you cannot until Thursday or at the door, please let me know how many are coming. We need to give Connie's an estimate on Tuesday. Thank you, Don Davia

Volunteer Needed - Nashville Competitor T-Shirts

We need someone to collect orders for the Nashville Competitors T-Shirts. The order must be submitted by May 28 to receive them in time for contest. Cost will be \$16, sizes range from Medium to XXXL. Please let Casey or me know if you are willing to take care of this.

Nashville – June 29 – July 4 Notes from Ken Kever

- Hotel - *Sheraton Music City (Airport) Hotel*, about \$144/night – contact is Ken Kever
- For those who did not yet register for International, the second set of registrations for Nashville will be sent April 7 - \$152.00, checks payable to West Towns Chorus. If you register directly, the fee will be higher.
- **Bus:** We are looking into a bus to go to Nashville. As of now, we are thinking of charging \$20-\$40 per person with the chapter picking up the rest. The bus would leave Downers Grove about 8:00 AM on July 1 (Tue.) and leave Nashville July 6 about 8:00 AM. Contact Rich Carey and let him know if you are interested – rlc675@sbcglobal.net.

Sing at Chicago Rush Game?

We've been trying to get another chance to sing at a Chicago Rush game and due to a late cancellation by another group, we have the opportunity to sing on Sunday, June 22. Call time will be 12:45. Chorus members get in free, family and friends will get a discounted rate, parking is on your own. Craig Lancaster will be coordinating this.

See Other Side For Costume Information



Show Costumes:

Oz Costume: Shorts, leggings, colored shoes, colored shirt, "bib overlay", hat

Black Tux Pants, Black Shirt, Pattern Tie, Red Coat, Black Pocket Square, Black Shoes, Black Socks

New Music Man "band uniform" - see below

Instructions for Music Man Costumes

I will be at rehearsal Monday night to show you on how to put on the costumes for the Music Man set. It will be very busy and we cannot afford to waste any time. This is very important to you, so please pay attention.

1. Come to rehearsal promptly at 7:00 P.M., wearing a T-shirt and your red coat. Do not wear your tux pants Monday night. Save them for Saturday. If you also have a collared shirt on, prepare to take it off, as it will get in the way.

2. Get a buddy. You will help each other getting these costumes on. Acknowledge each other as your helper.

3. Take your place on the risers for the Spring Show, according to Diane's board. The costumes will be hung on the back of the risers in alphabetical order. Do not take them until you are directed.

4. I will demonstrate with John how the costume goes on and how the cover jacket is dropped during part of the performance.

5. The costume is in two parts, the band vest and the cover jacket. Each costume is in a cleaner bag.

6. There is not enough room behind the risers for every one, so you will be directed to get your costume in riser-row order, starting with the first row. When you pick up your costume, remove the cleaner bag and place it and the hangar on the table in back. Return to your place on the risers with your costume; then, the second row, then the third, then the fourth, and finally the fifth row.

7. Now, pair up with your buddy. Put on the band vest first. Here is where you need your buddy helper. He will fasten the Velcro closer in the front by lining up first, the top glitter stripe. The glitter stripes must line up exactly across each other. Then set the Velcro closer at the neck. Proceed down the front, lining up the stripes and setting the Velcro closer.

8. There are three belt loops for the belt, one in back, two in front. Lap the ends of the belt and fasten them with the clip. The belt should be snug, but not too tight. Do not lose the clip.

9. Then it is your turn to get the band vest on your buddy in the same way.

10. After the band vest is on, put the jacket on over the vest. The jacket closes in the back, with four little Velcro closers. Note, it closes **IN THE BACK**, and you will need your buddy to close the Velcro tabs. The jacket should be snug so that when you flex your shoulders, you will pop open the Velcro tabs in back. If not, then tighten the jacket with safety pins. The jacket should cover your red coat sleeves and bottom hem. If it doesn't, the red sleeves and/or hem will have to be pinned up. There is no time before the Spring Show to do otherwise.

11. Take all costumes assigned to you home with you. Please take special care of them.

They are not washable. If needed, they must be dry cleaned. If washed, the glitter will come off.

12. Try putting your costume on over and over at home until it is as easy as driving a car. Practice, practice, practice and sing along with the practice so that it becomes natural to you and both singing and movements will be no problem. Good luck, see you Monday, and thanks for your cooperation. Flora Kaindl