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2008 Illinois District Champions!

2008 Calendar

Monday

7:30 Warm-ups
7:45 Polecat Songs/Tag Singing
8:00 3 Christmas songs
8:45 Record Audio
9:10 Break
9:30 3 Contest set
10:00 3 CD Songs

September

13 Sat. **Performance:** Arrive 11:45 AM
DG Fine Arts Festival

15 Rehearsal
22 Rehearsal & Elections
26 – 28 District Fall Contest
29 Rehearsal

October

6 Rehearsal
13 Rehearsal
20 Rehearsal
27 Rehearsal

November

3 Rehearsal
10 Rehearsal
16 Sing Downers Grove Library
17 Joe Connelly & Recording session
24 Rehearsal

December

1 Rehearsal
8 Rehearsal
11 Tech Rehearsal
12 – 13 Christmas Show

2009

January

24 – Installation dinner

February

23 Joe Connelly & Recording session

March

16 Joe Connelly & Recording session

May

29-30 Tentative date for a retreat with Kevin Keller as coach

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

Downers Grove Fine Arts Festival

When: Saturday, September 13, 2008 12:15pm-12:45 pm and 1:45pm-2:15pm

Arrival Time: 11:45 AM at Fishel Park Stage (just west of the Cemetery)

Director: Casey Clements

Uniform: Black pants, green shirt

Where: Downtown Downers Grove (Main St Pocket Park) Outside

Two blocks south of the Moose, ½ block south of Curtiss St in front of the Main St Cemetery (right across the street from Ballydoyle Irish Pub & Stillwater Restaurant)

Directions: Two blocks south of the Moose, ½ block south of Curtiss St (right across the street from Ballydoyle Irish Pub & Stillwater Restaurant)

Show Times: 12:15pm-12:45pm and 1:45pm-2:15pm (2 performances, same songs)

Other Notes: This event is outside. This sing-out is a great opportunity for our group to generate new members, and publicize the Christmas Show. Main Street will be closed to traffic. Park in the Parking Garage just ½ block east of Main Street

Songs:

Opener: Let A Smile Be Your Umbrella

Never Go Wrong

They Wrote 'Em in the Good Old Days

How Deep is the Ocean

Hello Mary Lou

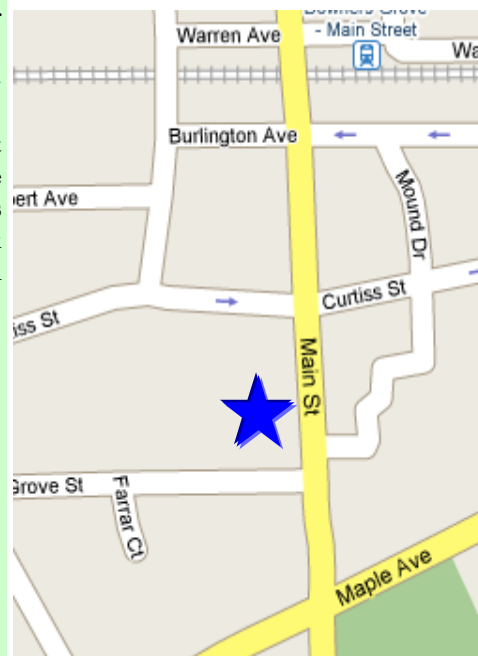
Plug the Christmas Show: Jingle Bell Rock

Almost Like Being In Love

Lida Rose

Till There Was You

I'm Gonna Live Till I Die



Peoria

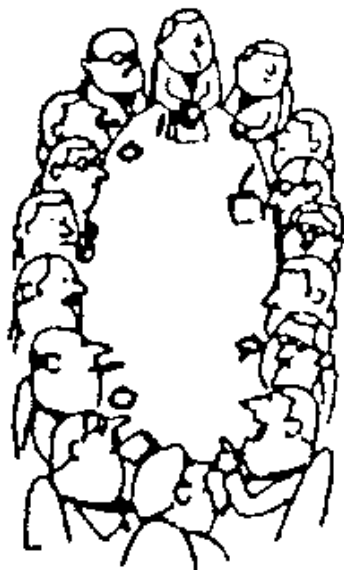
- We are going to Peoria for “Fun, Fun, Fun”, and also as current district CHAMPIONS we have been asked to sing on the “Show of Champions”. The plan is to come down early afternoon for rehearsal and sing in the competition, have a party room with some food and drink after and just let our hair down. Hopefully while the judges tally and get ready to announce the scores, we will sing several songs.
- We need to know who will be going to Peoria for riser placement. Please let Diane know ASAP

“I am asking that everyone makes the trek to Peoria to once again show the Illinois District what a Class Act West Towns Chorus really is. Let’s set the example for everyone to follow.” Sincerely,

Joe Kronos, Music Director of The West Towns Chorus

- Let Don Davia know if you plan to be there only the one day and would use transportation if provided.
- Because of our late decision to compete, Ken Keever will **not** have time to handle registrations and hotel reservations so everyone needs to take of their own. Registrations are required for all contestants.

All times and plans will be published when we know how many people we need to consider and what time Joe K needs us in Peoria.



Board Nominations – Don Davia, Nominating Committee

The nominating committee is presenting the following for your 2009 Board. Elections will be held on September 22, 2008 during the regular meeting at the Moose Lodge. Any member may nominate another member, but **MUST** have that person's consent prior to submitting their name, and must be submitted on or before 9/15. If you wish to submit other nominees, please talk to Ken Keever or Don Davia.

President:	Darryl Nordentoft
Executive Vice President:	Jack Fagan
Chapter Development:	John Morrison
Music & Performance VP:	Craig Lancaster
Youth in Harmony VP:	Jeremy Nemece
Program VP:	Joe Tomecek
Marketing VP:	Jon Dobosenski
Membership VP:	Bruce Rhoades
Secretary:	Bob Nicodem
Treasurer:	Tony Tumea
Member at Large:	Mark Johnson

Events & Things

by Craig Lancaster, VP Music & Performance

This Monday we have a sound engineer coming to our rehearsal to listen to us and get an idea of the acoustics of the Moose and to get an idea of the chorus sound and what he will be working with. It is essential that we have a good turnout, so that we can get an accurate gage of the sound for the engineer.

Please listen to the sound files recorded at the rehearsals so that you can understand where we need to work on problem areas. Joe has asked us to be prepared to give some analysis of what we think.

We have some other events, in the not so distant future...

Peoria Contest is the weekend of Sept. 26-27. Please make sure you let Diane know if you are going to contest. We need as many members as possible to make a good showing. Please make every effort to attend. The chorus board is working on a plan to subsidize your expenses in part.

Recording and Coaching session with Joe Connelly on Nov. 17. We are currently scouting for a location, if you have any suggestions, please let me know

Christmas Show is Dec. 12 and 13 please make sure that you are planning to be on the risers. We need you to make sure the shows are as successful as they have been recently, so please let your customers know, and have them save the dates. Flyers should be coming out shortly.

Please make every effort to attend all of these West Towns events

Blessed is he who provides
copy for the news bulletin.

