



PO Box 1005
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2008 Illinois District Champions!

2008 Calendar

Monday

7:30 Warm-ups
7:45 Polecat Songs/Tag Singing
8:00 Contest Set
8:45 Record Contest Song
9:10 Meeting & Break
9:30 Vocal Menu
9:40 3 CD songs
10:00 3 Christmas Songs

September

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

Peoria

Don't forget all parts of your uniform: Black shoes and socks, Black Tux Pants, Red jacket, White band uniform top, Tear-away jacket (make sure it's pressed)

Friday: 7:00 PM Quartet Prelims Peoria Civic Center

Saturday:

- 9:00 AM West Towns Rehearsal/Dress – Chiminee Room, Pere Marquette
- [10:30 – Mic testing chorus]
- 11:00 AM Chorus Contest starts
- Guesstimate 1 PM West Towns on stage (have not received an official schedule as of the time of writing)
- After contest – Pizza in Chiminee room
- 6:30 PM Quartet Finals

We will not be singing after the contest so after the chorus contest you are free to leave or stay and cheer on our quartets in the quartet finals.

Peoria -Mic Testing Chorus

Gentlemen,

Jay Giallombardo here....coordinating the Mike Tester Chorus event for the District Fall Convention. Please help out in communicating this to your chorus or quartet members and across the district.

On Saturday morning of the convention we will have a Mike Tester Chorus. This will be under the direction of one of the Judges from the Panel, yet to be determined, but, one of the best. (Russ Young or Bob Brock, most likely).

DETAILS

We will meet at 10:30am in the Lobby of the Civic Center over by the warm-up rooms. The Director will sing through "Heart of My Heart" and "Sweet and Lovely" at about 10:35am. At 10:50am, we move back and on stage for the performance. If you can't make the brief rehearsal run-through, show up anyway...as you know these songs. Immediately after the performance, we'll allow time for you to get into the audience, back to your chorus rehearsal, or whatever.

We are counting on:

Chorus members - If you are later in the contest this might be a good warmup for you as well.

Competing Quartets - Some of you may be competing in a chorus, as well, but, if not, then, certainly, you can help out here. Having strong quartet men provides some musical prowess that is always helpful for a chorus.

QCA members - It would be great to have our past champs make a good showing here. You are the role-models for many of our members. Thus, your presence is invaluable to the prestige of the event.

Illinois District Members - If you are not competing, but attending the convention, here's your chance to get into the action.

In PIO District, they did this and had 250 singers on stage from all across the district. Granted, they started promoting this back in the Spring before their fall convention and ended up with a great turnout. Of course, we have 4 choruses that are potential qualifiers to Anaheim... so the lay of the land is a bit different in Illinois. Even so, I think we can put together a very representative group, don't you?

Let's put 100 singers or more on the stage for this fun event.

Spread the word...let's do it up right for the Illinois District.

Jay Giallombardo, VP-Chorus Director Development



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. If you wish to submit other nominees, please talk to Ken Kever or Don Davia.

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

Membership Renewals

To: All Chapter Secretaries and Chapter Secretary Online Substitutes
From: Charlie Davenport, Director of Membership (Dated Friday, September 19, 2008)

Current Dues Renewal Items

All invoices for renewals from 9/30/2008 thru 11/15/2008 should be in members' mailboxes.

Please encourage online payment.

If online is not an option, please encourage members to mail their invoices in as soon as possible.

Please convey how unnecessary and how time consuming calls to Headquarters are. See below for Competitors who need not panic.

SPECIAL NOTE FOR COMPETITORS and COMPETITION CHORUS'

Item one:

You must be a member in good standing to compete.

You are a member the moment you make your best, good faith effort to pay your dues in full and can show evidence of that effort:

Good faith effort to pay evidence items (to be maintained by the member):

Online – the moment your payment is accepted, you are a member and we have record of that here. It may not show on your roster for a few days, but you are paid. You can print out the screen showing acceptance of your payment.

Fax - send a fax copy of your invoice with credit card information to 615-313-7620. That is the membership department fax number. **RETAIN** your copy of your fax and print out a transmission receipt.

Payment by mail – we date stamp every item upon arrival. Date stamp prior to contest date, or a reasonable number of days later, will not cause disqualification.

Payment to Chapter Secretary – Give your payment (including envelop and stamp if necessary) to your chapter secretary for submission. Chapter secretary should make note of payment and this serves as evidence.

Chapter Secretaries: This is a duty of yours. We have heard stories of Secretaries not accepting payment and telling the member to call headquarters to work it out. Please rethink this. You are 1 supporting 1 chapter and xx members. We have 2 supporting 825 chapters and 28,000 members.

Calling Society Headquarters to check on your payment is not evidence of having paid. It serves no purpose and delays processing significantly (and makes members so made because we don't have the time to call back. Please encourage your members to do their best to pay in a way that they can provide their own evidence without relying on the Membership Department to stop what they are doing.

Hey, are we having fun yet or what? Seriously, it can be fun and it can be done so much more efficiently, if we just all think of how to make it smooth and get it done with as little interruption as possible.