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## 2008 Illinois District Champions!

### 2008 Calendar

#### Monday

7:30 Warm-ups  
7:45 Polecat Songs/Tag Singing  
8:00 CD Songs  
9:10 Meeting & Break  
9:30 Christmas Songs

#### October

16 7:30 PM Board Meeting  
20 Rehearsal  
27 Rehearsal

#### November

3 Rehearsal  
10 Rehearsal  
16 Sing Downers Grove Library  
17 Joe Connelly & Recording session  
20 7:30 PM Board Meeting  
24 Rehearsal

#### December

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

### 2009

#### January

24 – Installation dinner  
25 – 31 Midwinter Convention

#### February

23 Joe Connelly & Recording session

#### March

16 Joe Connelly & Recording session

#### April

17 – 19 Spring Convention (sing as outgoing champs)

#### May

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

June 28 – July 5–International (Anaheim)

#### September

25–27 Fall Convention (compete to qualify for International 2010 Philadelphia)

### 2010

June 27 – July 4 – International (Philadelphia)

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

### Rehearsal

The plan for this Monday Night is to work on the first five songs on the CD. Live Till I Die, Opener, TTWY, Almost Like Being In Love, Never Go Wrong. Second Half will be dedicated to the Christmas show. We need EVERYONE in attendance throughout the Christmas season and especially when we go to record. I would like our FULL 80-90 + singers in that church.

### Recording Venue

Thanks to the guys that showed up last Monday at Emmanuel Episcopal in LaGrange. What a wonderful facility!! We are extremely fortunate to be able to use such a glorious location for our upcoming recording sessions. We will have Joe Connelly here on Nov. 17 to assist and motivate us as we lay down the tracks.

We need to have as many singers as possible in attendance. We also need you to be on time. The liveliness of the facility necessitates that you be on time, as any extraneous noise will be heard on the recording. Opening of doors, walking on the tile floor, or any other noises will be picked up by the microphones. Please make every effort to attend and be on time.

We have a wonderful opportunity, let's take full advantage.

Craig Lancaster, Music VP

*Think about this: We need to be practically perfect when we record, otherwise we'll be listening to our mistakes over and over and over... That's why we need you at rehearsal.*

### Christmas Show

Hello everyone:

I don't know about you guys, but I thought singing some of the Christmas show songs at the church on Monday night sounded fantastic. And I thought it was an added bonus that the congregation was kind enough to dedicate a stained glass window to me ("Shepherd") at the back of the church. :-)

Our Christmas Show will sound great at the Tivoli, too, but there's one important component, of course...we need to have an audience there to hear us! So, here's my reminder for all of us to get out there and make sure we contact everyone we know about coming to our Christmas Shows on December 12th and 13th. Tickets, of course, are now available, so help us make the show spectacular!

Also, how are the ad sales coming? Have you committed to getting at least ONE ad from someone for the show? A well funded program helps significantly with our Christmas show revenues! If you have any questions about the ads, feel free to contact Darryl.

On Monday night, John Morrison and Bob Wahl will have information about our current Christmas ticket sales, since I won't be able to be there this week. They have been doing a great job setting up the tickets and filling orders. The two of them really help make this show a success!

Also, flyers will be available for you to take, if you need one.

Let's make this a great show. Who's with me?!

Thanks,

Dave Shepherd dmswriter@comcast.net (630) 915-2096

### Christmas Show Songs

1st Half:

Most Wonderful Time; While By My Sheep; Jingle Bells; Jingle Bell Rock; Deck the Halls; Need a Little Christmas; Secret of Christmas; Christmas is Coming/God Rest Ye Merry

2<sup>nd</sup> Half: Do You Hear What I Hear; Mary Had a Baby; Silent Night; O Holy Night; Joy to the World; Let All Mortal Flesh; Adeste Fidelis;