



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 CD & Christmas Songs
9:10 Meeting & Break
9:30 Quartet Auditions
9:45 CD & Christmas Songs

November

16 Sing Downers Grove Library
17 **7:00 PM J. Connelly & Recording session**
20 7:30 PM Board Meeting
24 Rehearsal

December

1 Rehearsal
6 6:30 PM Performance - Lombard
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

9 **Cabaret** - American Legion Hall, Downers Grove.

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 2nd floor of the Moose Lodge, 1030 Warren Ave., Downers Grove, IL 60515

Performance

Where: Downers Grove Library - Meeting room of the Library.

1050 Curtiss St. (1 block south of RR tracks off of Main Street 630-960-1200)

Directions: 2 blocks south and west of the Tivoli Theater, 1 block south of the Moose

When: Sun. Nov. 16 Call time is **1:15 PM**, sing at 2 - 3 PM

Uniform: Black: Shoes, socks, pants Green or Red shirt

Director: Craig Ahlgrim

This sing-out is a great opportunity for our group to generate new members, sell Christmas Show tickets and CDs/DVDs.

Tentative song list:

- West Towns Opener (Let a Smile Be Your Umbrella); Never Go Wrong; Wrote 'em in the Good Old Days; How Deep Is the Ocean; Hello Mary Lou; Jingle Bell Rock; Juke Box Quartet; Almost Like Being in Love; Lida Rose; Till There Was You; Live Till I Die; Jingle Bells; We Need A Little Christmas; Deck the Halls;

Extra Work on Christmas Music

On Monday, Nov. 24 we will start at **6:45** to work on notes for the new guys. This will be a primer session for people wanting extra review of the mass numbers. The following week, Dec. 1st we'll have the organist and the women singers.

Joe Tomecek

Christmas Show

The Christmas Show is quickly approaching and we need to do our best to sell tickets and ads for our main fundraiser of the year.

There is the opportunity for Chapter Quartets to perform on the Christmas Show. This will require them to perform in front of the chorus on **Monday Nov. 10**, so that we can make sure they are worthy of appearing on the show. Quartets should have the Christmas song they are planning to sing on the show at performance level so that the Music Team and Christmas Show chairman can evaluate your performance.

We are also planning an afterglow at the Moose Lodge (providing we can work out all the details) for after the Saturday night Christmas show. More information as it becomes available.

Thanks,

Craig Lancaster, Music VP

Recording

Next **Monday, Nov. 17** we are having a recording session at Emmanuel Episcopal Church 203 S. Kensington in LaGrange. We will have Joe Connelly with us to assist and motivate us as we lay down the tracks. Please note that we will be **starting at 7:00 PM** so we can get as much done as possible.

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 could also use some members of POW! or other non-singing volunteers to watch the doors and make sure no one comes in while we are in the process of recording.

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

As of right now, Live Till I Die, Opener, Till There Was You, Almost Like Being In Love, Never Go Wrong are the first songs planned for recording.

Craig Lancaster, Music VP

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West Towns Chorus Christmas Concert Raffle Basket Requests

It is that time again to ask ANYONE interested in donating a raffle basket or money towards one being made to the Annual POW! Basket Raffle held during the Christmas Shows.

Last year we raised \$1750.00 to help the Chorus. This year let's try for \$2000.00!!!! We need your help to make it happen.

If you are interested in donating a prepared basket valued at \$25-\$30, please let us know. If you would like to donate money towards a basket that the committee will create, let us know.

In the past we have done a mailing to all chorus members requesting participation or help with the fundraiser but with poor return mailed responses, we are saving postage and hopefully this message will reach everyone.

If interested in donating a basket (or two or three!), please contact Linda Carey at 708-352-6383 or e-mail webbc0916@sbcglobal.net.

If you would like to donate financially towards a basket to be created by the committee, mail your donation to Linda Carey 1393 W. 52nd Place LaGrange, IL 60525.

We are also in need of people to sell raffle tickets before the shows as the winners are drawn and announced during Intermission. If interested in doing this please let Linda know.

Thank you to all who have participated in the past three years. We look to hear from more of you this year to help make this a success.

Any questions, please do not hesitate to call Linda Carey.

Performance

Where: Maple Street Chapel 220 S. Main St. Lombard, IL

When: Saturday, Dec. 6 Call time: 6:30 PM, Sing 7:30 PM

Director: Joe Tomecek More details later.

Next Board Meeting – 2008/2009 Board

When: Nov. 20 (Thursday) 7:30 PM

Where: Bob Nicodem 18W109 Claremont Dr. Darien, IL

Emmanuel Episcopal Church
203 S. Kensington, LaGrange, IL

