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Novice Quartet Contest Update

Jay Elliott

As of Tuesday afternoon (2/10) I have 2 Quartets officially registered and 3 or 4 more asking me questions and trying to think of really cool names. I thought I'd clarify a couple questions that have come up and encourage everyone again to participate.

I've got a couple gentlemen who would like to sing in the upcoming Novice Quartet contest but don't have a quartet yet. I need a couple more **volunteers** to make their dreams of glorious harmony come true. Also, I haven't heard from any of our Valentines Quartets; if you qualify as a "Novice" quartet stick together for a few more weeks and come sing for us.

Two Questions ...

Are we a Novice Quartet?

You are in a novice quartet if ...

- You haven't competed as a quartet in a standard contest

- You aren't "ringers" (you have at least two guys who aren't medal winners from a quartet competition)
You aren't a retread quartet (a competing quartet with only one new member)

Do we have to know two songs?!

- Unlike standard contests you won't need to prepare two songs for the Novice Contest – One song will do

Performance time will be maximum 4 minutes (time will include joking, pitch taking, or slap stick routines) must include at least 2 minutes of singing. (Quartets will be **disqualified** for exceeding 4 minutes)

I'm anticipating a huge surge of enthusiasm after George Gipp next Monday! Beat the rush sign up now!

Quartets can register by contacting 630-926-0532 or

WTCNoviceContest@gmail.com

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Grants received—Tony Tumea

I am pleased to announce that West Towns Chorus has just received a check from the Village of Downers Grove as a Performing Arts Grant for the five shows we put on in Downers Grove during 2008.

I am also pleased to announce that even with this economic environment, West Towns Chorus has been awarded a \$ 5,000 Performing Arts Grant for the shows we will be putting on in Downers Grove during 2009. ☞



Attendance

Please let your administrative section leader know which dates you will or will not be able to make—hopefully you can make ALL of them.

- Feb 23 Monday—Recording
- Mar 7 St. James the Apostle
- Mar 16 Monday Recording
- Apr 11 Saturday - Coaching w/ Kevin Keller
- April 18 Saturday—Peoria
- May 9 Saturday—Cabaret
- May 29-30 Friday & Saturday — Retreat



George Gipp—our presentation coach will be presenting the choreography package for our new up-tune!

**Board Meeting—Thursday, 7:30 PM
At Bob Nicodem's, 18W109 Claremont Dr. Darien, IL**

“West Towns Pride”—Craig Lancaster

What a great rehearsal on last week. Great singing, great attendance, and a number of young enthusiastic guests. It doesn't get much better than that.

I have been trying to keep you all up to date on what has been going on with the chorus and trying to urge those that have not been around, that you have been missing a lot. I hope you all got to witness first hand that we are making great strides on the new contest set, and we are making the first steps of putting an exciting package together for the Fall contest set in hopes of qualifying for Philadelphia in 2010. I am thrilled with what I have heard to this point. I can't wait to see what George has for us this week. You do not want to miss that, trust me.

I hope you all continue to attend the upcoming rehearsals, because we

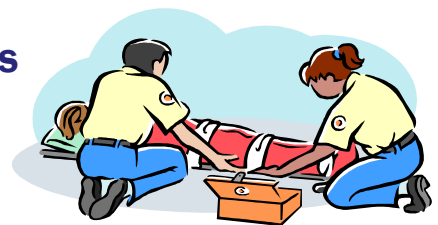
have some important things on the horizon. George Gipp this week and Joe Connelly at the recording session the week after. If you are new and have never met these guys, start getting worked up now, because these guys are two of the most high-energy, exciting guys you will ever want to meet anywhere, anytime. That speaks nothing of their talent and abilities. I wish I could explain it to you better, but it is hard to put into words. Start getting worked up now and you might be ready by Monday for George. Nothing can prepare you for Joe C, but George's coaching session is a great way to start, we'll build from their. But trust me it will be "mighty awesome."



Emergency Notification Cards

Rich Carey

The Emergency Cards handed out at February 2nd's rehearsal must be completed by February 16th's rehearsal. If any member has not received a card, please see Rich



Carey. Completed cards can also be given to Rich at any rehearsal. Thanks.

Schedule of Events

February 2009

- ◆ 16 George Gipp—new choreo
- ◆ **19 Board Meeting**
- ◆ 21 IDAH
- ◆ 23 Joe Connelly & Recording session

March 2009

- ◆ **2 Novice Quartet Contest**
- ◆ 7 7PM—St. James the Apostle
- ◆ 9 Rehearsal
- ◆ 16 Joe Connelly & Recording session
- ◆ 23 Rehearsal
- ◆ 30 Rehearsal

April 2009

- ◆ 6 Rehearsal
- ◆ 13 Rehearsal
- ◆ **18 Sing in Peoria—Required**
- ◆ 20 Rehearsal
- ◆ 27 Rehearsal

FEBRUARY 2009

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May 2009

- ◆ 9 Cabaret – American Legion Hall, Downers Grove.
- ◆ 29-30 Retreat with Kevin Keller as coach
- ◆ June 28 – July 5—International (Anaheim)

September 2009

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

December 2009

- ◆ 10 Tech Rehearsal
- ◆ 11 & 12 Christmas show

2010

- ◆ June 27 – July 4 – International (Philadelphia)

MARCH 2009

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APRIL 2009

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Recording Session

On Monday, Feb. 23 we are having a recording session at Emmanuel Episcopal Church 203 S. Kensington in LaGrange. Joe Connelly will be 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. ☺

