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## Early Rehearsals

For the next three weeks, we will have Stage Presence review starting at 7:00 pm. We will be doing our full package for the “WTC Opener” and “Gonna Live Til I Die” at the District Convention on April 18th. If you can't make the earlier start, please be courteous to those on the risers when en-

tering the rehearsal hall -- be quiet and wait until asked before you step on the risers.

This Monday, bring your music for “Almost Like Being In Love”, “I Believe” and “Lost in the Stars”. We are

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## Peoria Schedule—April 18

We have now been contacted by the district and given information as to when we are singing as outgoing Champions. We will sing immediately after the last chorus has finished singing in the afternoon. We will have a warm up time of 11:00 AM SHARP, dressed and ready to go in our new uniforms.

Songs will be:

1. “West Towns Opener” (Jack Roller voice-over/intro)
2. “They Wrote ‘Em In The Good Old Days” (George Zima Tap Routine )
  - Short introduction to next song
3. “I’ll Walk With God”
  - Thanks to District either by Darryl or Joe K.
4. “I’m Gonna Live Till I Die”

After the contest, about 3:00 PM, we will have a pizza party with Bloomington in the Marquette room. Then we can go to the quartet finals and cheer on our quartets and relax and enjoy the “Show of Champions” as part of the audience.

So far, these are West Towns members competing in the quartet contest.

### Vocal Menu

- Jim Spangler—tenor
- Casey Clements—lead
- Andy Kinne—bass
- Jay Bentz—baritone

### Sound Investment

- Dave Ehst—tenor
- Tony Caruso—lead
- Don Kaap—bass
- John Morrison—baritone



## POW!

POW! (Partners of West Towns) will have a meeting on Monday, March 30th at The Moose Hall at 7:30 PM. Topics for discussion will be the finalizing of the 60th Anniversary Cookbook, recruitment of new members and the issue of finding new

people to be officers. Officers would be elected in the Fall. Please consider attending as the future of POW! is hanging the balance. Thank you!

Linda Carey

Don't forget to get your registration (\$30 payable to West Towns Chorus) and hotel reservation forms to Ken Kever this Monday.

Room rate is \$102/night.



## Rehearsals—continued

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going to dedicate most of the rehearsal on getting these songs in full vocal form as these are the songs we're targeting to record on May 4th.

Also as a reminder, we are off music

on the Mary Poppins set on April 6th. We must be prepared for Kevin's coaching session on April 11th. Listen to your learning tracks and memorize, memorize, memorize.

Joe T., Assistant Director

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**YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN SILENT.**

**When the pitchpipe sounds, please exercise that right!**

### Schedule of Events

March 2009

- ◆ 30 Rehearsal

April 2009

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

May 2009

- ◆ 4 Recording Session
- ◆ 9 Cabaret – American Legion Hall, Downers Grove.
- ◆ 11 Rehearsal
- ◆ 18 Rehearsal
- ◆ 25 Rehearsal
- ◆ 29-30 Retreat with Kevin Keller

## MARCH 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

June 2009

- ◆ June 28 – July 5—International (Anaheim)

August 2009

- ◆ Kane County Cougars

September 2009

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

December 2009

- ◆ 10 7:30 PM Tech Rehearsal (Thu)
- ◆ 11 8:00 PM Christmas Show (Fri)
- ◆ 12 2:00 PM & 7:30 PM Christmas show
- ◆ **13 Sunday 1:30 PM Christmas Show**

2010

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

## APRIL 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
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## MAY 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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## **Silent Auction Ideas – Jay Bentz**

One of the things planned for the Cabaret (May 9) is a silent auction to help build up funds for going to Philadelphia in July 2010. What follows is a suggestion list for potential silent auction items. Use it as a starting point. It is really only limited by your imagination and motivation to come up with the most amount items of value for ourselves and our guests.

Once you secure auction items, don't hesitate to contact me to coordinate a pick-up; I'll be glad to get it out of your hands and store it for the event.

### **Outside sources**

Think about those resources that ask for **your services**:

- Barber
- Insurance agent
- Service organizations (Moose, Elks, Rotary,...)
- Your employer

### **Inside sources**

- Think about any items that you have around the house that you haven't opened or even used (that you know someone would really enjoy/use)
- Provide a service to a fellow chorus member
- You could auction off an hour/hours of your time. Ask yourself, do you have a skill that would benefit someone else?
- Computer expert, Electrician, Expert Organizer, Plumber, Carpenter, etc.
- Wine/beer expert- offer a tasting
- Do you have tickets to a local event: Sports, Theatre, ...
- Do you own a vacation home that you can offer as a weekend package
- Do you have some barbershop "gems": music, records or CDs
- Are there any products that you can purchase that give **you** a benefit which also will benefit a member (discounted restaurant coupons, SPA session, etc.)
- Offer your quartet for an event

**Be creative with your sources for items for this silent auction. Also please remember..... The more items that can be auctioned- the more funds go toward the Philadelphia trip.**

One last point: any chorus member donating a product for the silent auction valued at more than \$15 will have their event ticket fee (\$15) waived. This list is just suggestions meant to get your mind thinking... good luck and get going!

