



West Towns "steps out" to MECA

Congratulations to Bloomington's Sound of Illinois chorus for their win at the district's fall convention. They will be representing the Illinois district at the 2010 International convention in Philadelphia.

West Towns took the audience by storm with our Mary Poppins set and won the **M**ost **E**ntertaining **C**horus

Award (MECA) for 2009, our second time winning the award. A special thanks to Joe Tomecek for all his work with the presentation and especially the front row. Way to go mates!

Congratulations also go to Craig Ahlgrim and "Off the Record" as the new district quartet champs!

POW! Refreshment Request

Celebrating a fun filled weekend in Peoria!!! **REFRESHMENTS** are requested for Monday night, Sept. 28th to celebrate a good weekend in Peo-

ria. Please bring something or send it with your chorus member. Thank you for your continued support of WTC!

POW! Needs YOU

Greetings to West Towns Chorus supporters...

We at POW! have discussed how to possibly get more support and involvement in the various activities that revolve around WTC.

We would like to propose the idea of "PROJECTS" that a person could offer to chair and/or be involved with during the course of a year. The following are ideas of the various "Projects" (events) of the year:

INSTALLATION DINNER

Annual event held in January where new officers of the chorus and POW! are installed.

What's involved with this project?

- Work with the Chairman from the chorus
- Invitations printed and distributed initially at chorus practice a month ahead and those not picked up are mailed.
- Accept RSVP's and payment

- Coordinate with Mr. Ahlgrim with the final number of attendees to give to banquet facility (as long as it is at LaGrange Country Club).
- Order, pick-up and distribute corsages for wives attending
- Have a team of volunteers at the sign in table at entrance of banquet room to sign in, collect any payments due and distribute corsages.
- Chairman from chorus will let you know if any special recognitions to be given and what if any gift to secure for that recipient. Turn all monies collected into the treasurer of the chorus.

REFRESHMENTS PROJECT

- Would require a coordinating chairman or co-chairs and communication with the WTC Board
- Chairman or co-chairs would have a calling list to contact those interested and willing to participate.
- Periodically - not monthly - there is a

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October 10th Christmas Blitz

Mark your calendars for our Christmas Music Blitz on Saturday, October 10th from 9 to 1pm at the Moose hall. Our regular Monday rehearsals immediately following the Peoria contest will be focused on preparing for the October 19th performance. Therefore we need a special rehearsal to kick off the Christmas season. This rehearsal will focus on all the music we are targeting for the 2009 Christmas Show, including one new combined number. Please plan on being present for the full four hours as there is a lot of music to cover.

Thanks, Joe T.

Christmas tickets officially go on sale Oct 1. Bob Wahl will be taking orders on 9/28

Elmhurst Tree Lighting

Our traditional Elmhurst Christmas tree lighting performance will be on Friday, November 27th, the day after Thanksgiving. We will meet at the bank at 5pm and then proceed to the lighting area at 5:30PM. The performance will be in a new location this year, one block south, in front of the police station. More details will follow as we get closer to the event. Thank you. Jim Ahlgrim

POW! Projects continued

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request from the chorus to provide refreshments. These times are usually the Monday after a competition weekend; the evening when newcomers/visitors are welcomed; the Monday after the Christmas Shows. Probably 8-10 times a year.

- Refreshments requested are fruits (usually grapes, easy to pick-up and eat), veggies, cookies, healthy things.

This is something where you would maybe only have to send something with your chorus member once a year if enough people signed up to be involved.

CHRISTMAS SHOW PROJECT

USHERS:

- Chairman or co-chairs needed
- Coordinate and schedule individuals to usher guests to their seats and distribute programs
- Usually need four per show
- Once attendees are seated and show begins, you are free to sit and enjoy the production.

If enough volunteer to help, a person may only need to help with one show.

SELLING OF CD's, DVD's and COOKBOOKS:

- Chairman and/or co-chairs needed to secure persons to cover this table area before the show, during intermission and after the show.
- Again, persons are free to sit in and watch the program once it starts, just come back at intermission and before the show concludes.

Responsible for the cash box and turning collected sales monies into the treasurer of the chorus.

RAFFLE BASKETS:

- Chairman and/or co-chairs needed to coordinate the securing of donated baskets to raffle at each show

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Schedule of Events

September 2009

- ◆ 28 Rehearsal

October 2009

- ◆ 5 Rehearsal
- ◆ **10 Sat: 9–1 Christmas Blitz**
- ◆ 12 Rehearsal
- ◆ 15 Board meeting
- ◆ **19 Performance—Monarch Landing—Naperville**
- ◆ 26 Rehearsal

November 2009

- ◆ 2 Rehearsal
- ◆ 9 Rehearsal
- ◆ **15 (Sun) 1:00 PM Downers Grove Library**
- ◆ 16 Rehearsal
- ◆ 19 Board meeting
- ◆ 23 Rehearsal
- ◆ 27 5:00 PM Elmhurst Tree lighting
- ◆ 30 Rehearsal

SEPTEMBER 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	<u>26</u>
27	28	29	30			

December 2009

- ◆ 7 Rehearsal
- ◆ 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**
- ◆ 14 Rehearsal

2010

- ◆ Jan 23 Sat. Installation Banquet
- ◆ Feb. 13 Sandwich Opera House
- ◆ Apr. 16–18 Illinois Spring Convention
- ◆ June 27 – July 4 – International (Philadelphia)
- ◆ Sep. 24–26 Illinois Fall Convention

OCTOBER 2009						
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NOVEMBER 2009						
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- Responsible to set up display of baskets before each show in the lobby area.
 - Responsible to schedule volunteers to sell raffle tickets before the show and during intermission.
 - Winning ticket numbers are drawn as intermission is concluding and winners announced before second half of program begins.
 - Winners collect their basket as they leave the show.
 - Responsible for the cash box and turning in collected sales monies (with a cashier's check) to the treasurer of the chorus during the week following the show.
- Expenses incurred in setting up the raffle are deducted before final earnings total turned in.

MAKE-UP PROJECT

- Chairman and/or co-chairs needed to coordinate the securing of volunteers to help do the make-up for the chorus members before a performance.
 - Make-up supplies are provided by the chorus.
 - Apply a light foundation, a bit of blush and lip color.
 - Following the application period before the performance, you are free to sit in on the program.
- Volunteers are needed whenever the chorus is performing, i.e. Peoria, International, Spring concerts, etc.

So, in conclusion, we are asking for your help, involvement and suggestions in making the **POW! Partners of West Towns** a larger pool of involved persons. We cannot go on with the same few trying to carry the load. Your response and input is most valued and would ask that you respond with any questions or concerns and your willingness to be involved in any of these PROJECTS to:

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Thank you for your time and consideration in being involved with supporting the West Towns Chorus.

Please know that if you volunteer to help with any of these Projects, you will have our help and support and not be left to go it alone!