



Christmas Glow

One of the topics discussed at the Board meeting the other night was if and when we should have an After-glow. Saturday evening was discussed, but the feeling was that everyone's energy would be burned up after three shows, plus a Tech rehearsal thrown in on Thursday. Also, attendance at the Glow has dropped from 95 the previous year to 75 last year. That in of itself tells me something.

Sunday was also discussed; the problem there is that we have to be packed up and out of the Tivoli by 4 PM. If we started the festivities after the Show, the guys doing the clean up would miss a portion of it and may very well say the heck with it and not participate. Pizza at Connie's would be the fare. Connie's has dropped their fee per person from \$10.99 to \$9.99. Lastly, it is felt that members would really be too tired after 4 Shows and a Tech rehearsal to participate in a party.

The Board and Music Team has come

up with another alternative, which would be to have our party on Monday night at the Moose as part of rehearsal, catering in pizza from Connie's (or something else) and a bartender. Probably be more party than rehearsal, but definitely some singing. This way members, wives, girlfriends, etc. would be in a more relaxed state and could enjoy each other without being worn out. Would also be less expensive since we won't be on-site at Connie's.

This is where we need your help. What do you think of the Monday night idea? You can send me an email or, I'll ask for a show of hands after our performance this Monday night. I do not want to influence you, but the Board and Music Team like the Monday idea!

Obviously, we will not please everyone no matter what is decided, but will go with the majority.

Darryl Nordentoft
President

Christmas Show Tickets—Help Needed

Guys—we NEED your help!

We can't leave everything to just a couple guys.

Help is needed to answer the phone to take orders for Christmas Show tickets. If you have some time, please contact John

Morrison. He'll make sure you know what to do, so don't think you can't do it. Any time you can offer will be appreciated.

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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

Singing in the Southern Hemisphere

Did you ever wonder why there are no dead penguins on the ice in Antarctica - where do they go?

Wonder no more!!!

It is a known fact that the penguin is a very ritualistic bird which lives an extremely ordered and complex life.

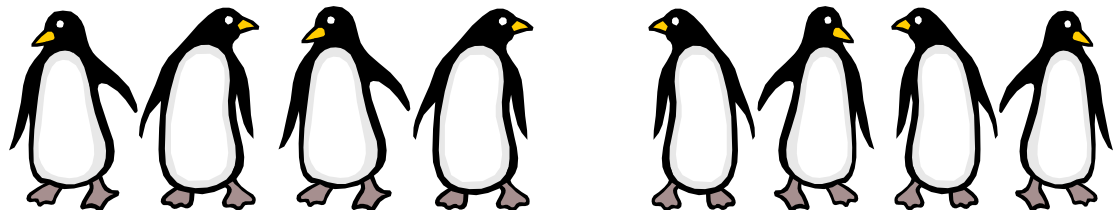
The penguin is very committed to its family and will mate for life, as well as maintaining a form of compassionate contact with its offspring throughout its life.

If a penguin is found dead on the ice surface, other members of the family and social circle have been known to dig holes in the ice, using their vestigial wings and beaks, until the hole is deep enough for the dead bird to be rolled into and buried.

The male penguins then gather in a circle around the fresh grave and sing:

"Freeze a jolly good fellow."

Then they kick him in the ice hole!



Collecting for Contest Pictures—Bill Parks

It will be a few weeks before the chorus picture from Peoria will arrive for distribution. However Bill Parks is collecting now for the contest pictures you may have signed up to purchase. The cost of the pictures are:

8 X 20 = \$24

5.5 X 14 = \$22

8 X 10 = \$13

If paying by check, please make your check payable to the West Towns Chorus. Cash is always an acceptable form of payment.

Schedule of Events

October 2009

- ◆ **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

October 2009

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

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

November 2009

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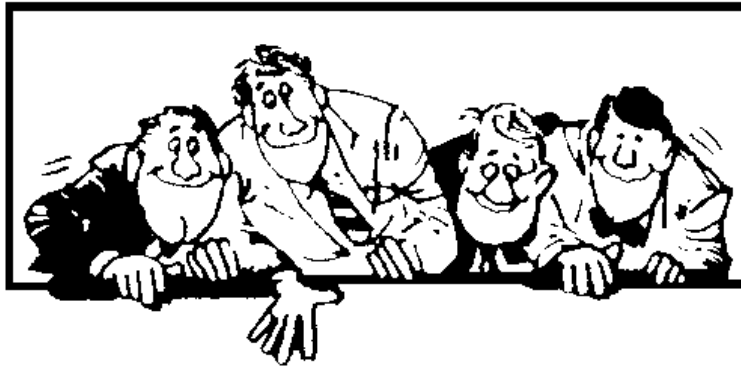
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2009 Board

President:	Darryl Nordentoft
Executive VP:	Jack Fagan
Music VP:	Craig Lancaster
Program VP:	Joe Tomecek
Membership & Development VPs:	Bruce Rhoades John Morrison
Public Relations VP:	Bill Parks
Treasurer:	Tony Tumea
Secretary:	Bob Nicodem
Members At-Large:	Mark Johnson, Jon Sutherland

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2010 Board

On Monday, October 12 elections were held for the 2010 board of directors – the results are as follows:

President:	Jack Fagan
Music & Performance VP:	Ed McDevitt
Program VP:	Joe Tomecek
Chapter Development VP:	Jay Bentz
Marketing VP:	Tony Tumea
Treasurer:	Jim Williams
Secretary:	Bob Nicodem

Mark Johnson will be finishing his two-year term as Member At-Large
Immediate Past President will be Darryl Nordentoft

