



Summary of Guest Night Incentive

As promised, I wanted to summarize the results of the first guest night of 2010 and explain my incentive program for members bringing guests.

FINAL GUEST TOTAL for January 11:
25 GUESTS !

MEMBER TALLY:

RICH CAREY.....	6!
DAVE MARTIN.....	2
GEORGE ZIMA	2
CRAIG LANDSTROM	2
KEVIN CONNELL	2
JIM FOURMONT.....	1
ROLAND WIEBKING.....	1
RON WELCH	1
JON SUTHERLAND.....	1
NICK DIRKS.....	1
BEN DIRKS	1
TRENTON FERRO	1
AL ANDERSON.....	1
DICK CLARK	1
BRUCE RHOADES.....	1

I had one guest who did not enter who they were the guest of on the sign-in sheet. Please let me know who gets credit for the following: Roger Robbins
Also as promised, I am sending out \$5 gift certificates for each guest brought

(I do not presently have enough Subway gift certificates so I will provide \$5 Target gift cards to the above members who do not receive gift certificates)

For the entire rest of 2010, I want to explain that the guest incentive program will continue and be expanded..

Not only will each member receive a \$5 gift certificate/card for each guest brought. In addition, each guest will entitle each member to receive one "entry" into a raffle. Prior to Fall contest, a drawing will be held with the top three winners winning the following:

GRAND PRIZE WINNER: District Contest Entry Fee **AND** Weekend Hotel Accommodations paid

SECOND PLACE WINNER: District Contest Weekend Hotel Accommodations paid

THIRD PLACE WINNER: District Contest Entry Fee paid

(CAVEAT: you can only receive 1- \$5 per guest for their first visit. However, each of their return visits (until they join the chorus) will entitle you to an "entry" in the above raffle.)

One last powerful incentive: Once your guest JOINS the Chorus, you will receive a \$20 gift card. So.... be sure to follow-up

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Thank you

WITH THANKS AND APPRECIATION....to those who brought refreshments to Guest Night last Monday. Please know

it was truly appreciated. I do believe our guests enjoyed the West Towns Chorus hospitality. Thank you again!



Installation Dinner

Date: Saturday, January 23rd, 2010

Place: LaGrange Country Club

Time: Cocktails: 6:00 Dinner at 7:00

Price: \$31.00 each

Delicious Buffet Style Dinner, Cash bar

Entertainment by: Off the Record

Invitations were handed out or mailed last week: **RSVP and pay by: January 18th**

Plan on coming for a great time and finding out who will be our next Barbershopper of the Year (BOTY).

Guests—continued

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with your guests and continue to support their return visits until they become paying members.

The ultimate goal of this incentive program is for EVERYONE to benefit- you, your guests/future members, the chorus.

The more voices on the risers, The better our Chorus can sound.

REMEMBER MY GOALS:

- ◆ 35 NEW MEMBERS IN 2010 (at least)
- ◆ 85 MEN ON THE RISERS FOR DISTRICT CONTEST (at least)

LET THE GAMES BEGIN !!!!!!!

SINGIN SUBWAY JAY

(CONTEST SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

Rehearsal Notes—Jon Hoekema

Monday night we had many guests, so we didn't spend a lot of time on craft, but there were some important lessons from the rehearsal that we must keep in mind in our "Drive For 85"

1. Smooth Singing – there must be a continuous flow of sound and not choppy singing. (Joe K demonstrated this a number of times.)
2. Breath Properly – without proper breathing as our foundation, these other things won't make the difference that we need to improve.
 - Stand tall, fill from the bottom up, expanding the ribs as the diaphragm expands.
3. Leads – when singing lead "pick-ups" keep an open ear for pitch issues.
4. Remember vocal production – Create space in side the mouth, smaller mouth size, and forward placement.
5. For next week, listen to the Vocal Majority's recording of Sweethearts of Sigma Chi. The chorus 1 should have been better sung by all of us on the risers.

Make sure to listen to the recording over and over. (Help make Joe K happy next week by having the interpretation down cold and Chorus 2 notes solid!)

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Schedule of Events

January 2010

- ◆ 18 Rehearsal
- ◆ 21 Board Meeting
- ◆ 23 Sat. Installation Banquet
- ◆ 25 Rehearsal

February 2010

- ◆ 1 Rehearsal
- ◆ 8 Rehearsal
- ◆ 13 Saturday—Sandwich Opera-House **Call time: 6:45 PM**
- ◆ 14 Singing Valentines
- ◆ 15 Rehearsal
- ◆ 22 Rehearsal

January 2010

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
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SINGING VALENTINES



2010

- ◆ March 13 - Saturday, IDAH (Illinois District Academy of Harmony), Bloomington, IL
- ◆ Apr. 16–18 Illinois Spring Convention
- ◆ June 27 - July 4 - International (Philadelphia)
- ◆ Aug. 5 Cougar outing
- ◆ Sep. 24–26 Illinois Fall Convention

February 2010

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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March 2010

Sun	Mo	Tue	We	Th	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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Rehearsal notes—continued

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In case you need them, here are the times for the VM's recording of Sweetheart of Sigma Chi. It will help when you listen to the sections over and over again.

0:00	Introduction	1:22	Chorus 1	2:40	Chorus 2	4:14	Tag
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Sandwich Opera Performance—Feb. 13

I would like to stress the importance of a full complement of singers for the Sandwich Opera House performance. This show will be almost identical to the Monarch Landing performance. The chorus will be expected to perform for 45 minutes to one hour, after which, the two quartets will each sing for about 20 minutes. The chorus will return for the finale.

This show is part of the Sandwich concert series for local residents and surrounding communities. Please keep in mind that the material we sing is not the easiest music and would prove to be very difficult for anything less than the full chorus to perform. So, please look at your calendars and block out the 13th of February for this show. I'll have directions available soon.

I thought you might be interested to know that Monarch Landing got so many compliments about our performance that they have invited us back for next October. We are the only group that has been invited back. I am waiting for the ok from the music committee before I respond to them. People want to be entertained, and that is what we give them.

Several members have asked about the cost of tickets for family and friends for the 13th. Regular=\$18.00, Seniors 65 and over=\$15 and students=\$12.00. Tickets will be available at the door, but can be ordered over the phone by calling 815-786-2555, Monday to Friday, 8am to noon and 1pm to 4:30pm with a credit card.

Jim Ahlgrim