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A Note to the Basses—Dustin Wells

Basses,

There is a lot to be said about how we were singing Monday (3/8). It is amazing the tone and control we can actually achieve, and help the rest of the chorus achieve, just by backing off the Power/volume of our sound. Call it what you like, but when we are “Singing like Leads” as Joe K. was calling it, our sound really improved. Many times we as Basses want to power through the song as Basses and it creates that Gang singing that our Directors are trying to get us to stop doing. There are many reasons that we, the basses need to soften our sound. The most important one that I can think of is this... when we sing with a lighter, more melodic sound, it makes it so the rest of the chorus doesn't have to work so hard to match our VOLUME and POWER. We are the largest section in the chorus, and with so many of us, we don't have to work so hard (“Many hands make light work”).

I really like what the Music Team has put together with our “Super Sectionals”. We get to work a lot on areas that we seem to be struggling with and clean them up.

There is one such area we did not get a chance to work on tonight. That area is the Tag. I felt we were doing well (not at an 85 level yet, but getting there) right up until we hit the tag. When we sang the first note, we were down at least a full step. This brought the entire chorus' sound down and off pitch. Some of you probably saw my reaction to this, which I admit was improper and I apologize for my reaction.

Because we are going to have a coach next week, it will likely be 2 weeks before we really get the opportunity to dive deep into fixing the tag. So, I want to challenge each of you to work on the tag on your own. Listen to the Bass learning track. When you do, listen to the starting pitch of the phrase “I'll be loving you...”

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Don't forget the coaching session this Monday, March 15, with Mark Hale. Let's show our West Towns pride and wear Black Pants and our Green Shirts.



Board meeting—Thursday, March 18, 7:30 PM
at Bob Nicodem's house.

Schedule of Events

March 2010

15 Rehearsal—coaching with Mark Hale—wear **GREEN SHIRT** and **BLACK PANTS**



18 Board meeting

- ◆ 22 Rehearsal
- ◆ 29 Rehearsal

April 2010

- ◆ 5 Rehearsal
- ◆ 12 Rehearsal
- ◆ 15 Board Meeting
- ◆ 16–18 District Convention
- ◆ 19 Rehearsal
- ◆ 24 Cabaret
- ◆ 26 Rehearsal

March 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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2010

- ◆ June 19— Chicago Rush—Nat'l Anthem
- ◆ June 27 - July 4 - International (Philadelphia)
- ◆ July 8—gaming night—tentative
- ◆ Aug. 5 Cougar outing
- ◆ Aug. 18—gaming night—tentative
- ◆ Sep. 16—gaming night—tentative
- ◆ Sep. 24–26 Illinois Fall Convention
- ◆ Oct. 14—gaming night—tentative
- ◆ Oct. 18—Monday Full Chorus Performance—Monarch Landing
- ◆ Dec 10, 11 & 12 —Christmas show

April 2010

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May 2010

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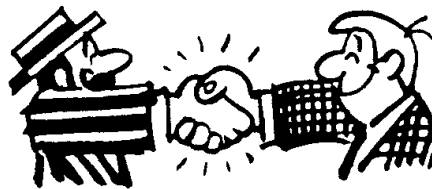
Happy Birthday to



Don Davia: March 10

Bill Satek: March 14

Bill Worst: March 19



Last Week's Visitor

Kyle Satek