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Rehearsal Notes by Jon Hoekema

Great rehearsal Monday night!

Here are a few things to keep in mind.

There is nothing new here when it comes to technique, just mastering what we continue to learn each week.

Sweetheart of Sigma Chi

Romance –on the “a” of romance, keep it square and don’t spread this vowel.

Measure 96 – on the word “My”, basses are taking the word and note, the leads carry over the melody after that.

Almost Like Being in Love

As we sing it, make sure that we keep it light, we started out singing it too heavy, which cause sinc issues

When we sang lighter, the sound improved greatly.

Again, sing within ourselves, not singing to the room. (We’ve been doing a good job of improving on this)

As we sing this song, we need to keep tempo, Joe shouldn’t have to pull us along.

To do this, work on developing your internal metronome to keep the beat.

Keep growing on the sustained notes.

Precious Lord

Keep make sure it is sung with warmth, keeping a yawn feel in the mouth (through the square and circle shapes)

Work on listening to each other in the sections to match the sound even better.

Don’t stick out on the softer parts. Don’t be a hero on the loud parts either.



Rehearsal Preparation

Hey guys,

This coming Monday, our performance package will consist of "I'm Gonna Live Til I Die" and "Till There Was You."

Please dust off you music for both and be prepared to drive these two songs to 85!

Joe T.

Gaming Nights

Once again, we have the opportunity to raise extra funds for our chapter through not-for-profit Gaming days/nights. Last year, we had two days and raised around \$5,000 to be used as the chapter Board sees fit. One example would be to subsidize people going to Harmony College, IDAH, etc.. This year, we have four opportunities (four is

the maximum we can have in one calendar year) and, as you can see, our financial gain would be much higher.

It works this way: As a not-for-profit, we ONLY RUN THE BANK...no setting up, dealing or participation in any of the events that are going on. We receive a percentage of the total days take...if there are a lot of people gambling, then we make

Gaming Nights continued

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more money. We require around 12 people to work split shifts of 3-4 hours or, as long as you want to. We have had people work all day in some cases. The heaviest times are when the gaming first begins (around 2 PM) then again at closing at around midnight. These will be times when the most manpower is required. We will wear our green shirts so as to help identify us as on site workers attached to the Casino.

Listed below are the dates and locations of our assigned days. Please note the dates and put them on your calendar. I know there are some guys who feel strongly adverse to participating in this venture, and that is fine, we don't expect you to do so.

- Thursday July 8th, The Milk Pail Banquets in East Dundee
- Wednesday August 18th at Crystal Pal-

ace Banquets in Mt. Prospect

- Thursday September 16th at the VFW Hall in Elk Grove Village (Board Meeting date to be moved).
- Thursday October 14th, also at the VFW in Elk Grove Village

Once the floor diagrams and rental agreements are sent to me, I will apply for our license. Should you have any questions, feel free to contact me. I will have sign up sheets ready closer to our first date.

I hope this venture will be as successful as our first one last year. The extra funds really to help! As one of our longtime members said to me last time, "It sure beats selling pizzas door to door!"

Darryl Nordentoft

Immediate Past President/Gaming Chair



News from POW!

News from the POW! Meeting held on March 29, 2010

Six ladies were in attendance: Nelleke Rof-felsen, Cheryl Williams, Joyce Tumea, Ellyn Nicodem, Anna Davia and Linda Carey.

Regarding the **Spring Competition** and our involvement....the chorus isn't going so there is nothing for us to assist with.

Regarding the **Spring Cabaret** that was scheduled for April 24th....it will be scheduled for a later date due to scheduling conflicts. We will keep you posted on how POW! members can assist with this fundraiser/social event. We are hoping to contribute silent auction items....

Regarding the upcoming **"Guest Night"**

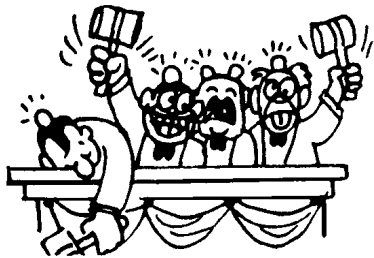
scheduled for **Monday, April 26th** — POW! is asked to assist with **REFRESHMENTS** so we ask that if you can either bring some type of refreshment to contribute or send something with your chorus member. Suggestions are: fruit, cheese/crackers, sweets of any type, veggies, and punch will be provided. **Your assistance will be greatly appreciated!**

It was discussed and agreed that having a **"quarterly" POW! meeting** would work and hopefully more members could attend if only quarterly. We will try to post the date early so more can consider attending. As of this printing, we are planning a meeting for May 3rd at 7:15 at the Moose hall downstairs to hopefully discuss details for a farewell party for Joe Kronen. The more helping hands and ideas we have, the better the celebration!!

Regarding "is e-mail updates reaching POW! members"...we are not sure as only appears that a minimal number have submitted their personal e-mails to Bob Nicodem to become part of the POW! weekly news through the PITCH. If you haven't done so, we would ask that you submit your e-mail address to him or ask your chorus member to share his weekly PITCH for the latest news.

We sincerely extends thanks and appreciation to all those that have helped make the Christmas Show a success with selling raffle tickets, donating baskets, ushering, and make-up. Also, thanks to all those who submitted recipes for the West Towns Chorus Cookbook....still have some available for purchase!!

Discussion concluded and meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.



Board Meeting this Thursday, April 15, 7:30 PM at Bob Nicodem's house.



A message from the President of the Illinois District

What happens if you arrive at our Spring Convention on Friday instead of Saturday morning???? Well, instead of just being there for the chorus contest, as many do, you become a much larger part of the convention experience. Do you know we have 23 quartets competing in the Semi-Finals Friday evening followed by the President's Show where excellent groups will be the featured performers?? Yes, it costs more for an extra night hotel room, but for those staying at the Pere Marquette, you get a free breakfast each morning, are well rested and are ready to take part in all of the Saturday events. Your registration gets you into all of the Friday and Saturday sessions, The Presidents Show Friday evening and the Show of Champions Saturday evening.

The Chorus Contest starts late Saturday morning with 12 of our fine choruses competing. Saturday evening, we have 6 High School quartets and ensembles, the Collegiate International Prelims, and our top 10 Illinois District quartets along with 3 great Out Of District Quartets competing in the International Pre-Lim Finals. Immediately follow the evening contests will be our Show of Champions.

And, we're not done yet. We also have tee times available on Sunday for golfers.

Don't miss the experience. THIS ISN'T JUST A CHORUS AND QUARTET CONTEST!!!

Dave Cowin, President, Illinois District dcowin@comcast.net



CHICAGO RUSH ARENA FOOTBALL WELCOMES



WEST TOWNS CHORUS



THE CHICAGO RUSH IS PLEASED TO INVITE THE FAMILIES AND FRIENDS OF WEST TOWNS CHORUS TO THE GAME ON **JUNE 19, 2010** TO WATCH THEM SING THE NATIONAL ANTHEM. STAY AFTER THE GAME TO MEET YOUR FAVORITE RUSH PLAYERS AND ADRENALINE RUSH DANCERS AT OUR COMPLIMENTARY AUTOGRAPH SESSION! GET YOUR SEATS BY CONTACTING SHANNON ALLEN AT (219) 628-2079 (cell) OR MAILING THE COMPLETED FORM TO 3602 BURR OAK LANE, ISLAND LAKE, IL 60042 (home address).

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT THE GAME!

Section	Saturday, June 19 7:00 PM Milwaukee		
\$20 Upper Corner Seat (\$8 will go back to West Towns Chorus)		=	\$
Singing Chorus Members have a separate sign up sheet		Grand Total	\$

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM OR CONTACT SHANNON ALLEN BY MAY 19TH!

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Email: _____

Payment Info

Please circle one: Visa MasterCard Discover

Account #: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Signature: _____ V-Code: _____

Or-Enclosed is check # _____ payable to the Chicago Rush

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Schedule of Events

April 2010

- ◆ 12 Rehearsal
- ◆ **15 Board Meeting**
- ◆ 16–18 District Convention
- ◆ 19 Rehearsal
- ◆ 26 Rehearsal—Guest Night

May 2010

- ◆ 3 Rehearsal
- ◆ 10 Rehearsal
- ◆ 17 Rehearsal
- ◆ 24 Rehearsal
- ◆ 31 Memorial Day—Rehearsal ?



April 2010

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2010

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

May 2010

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June 2010

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Happy Birthday to

Matt Stone:	April 13
Jim Brown:	April 17
Verne Moore:	April 17



Last Week's Visitor

Larry Galuszka

Phil Tumea