



Bring A Guest To  
Barbershop

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## Guest Night

As we quickly come upon Monday's WTC Guest Night, I want to check in to see how your solicitation of guests/potential new members is going.

Remember, there are many gentlemen that cross paths with you everyday that may really enjoy our hobby as much as you do.... they just need to get turned on to it just as you once were. It isn't always the most obvious guy either. So.... open you eyes and mind; also think outside of the box to fill our rehearsal hall next Monday. Tease potential guests that we plan to introduce a totally new song next week. In addition, we have a quartet lined up to show the fun of 4-part harmony. And as usual. we will end the night with so-

cial time at Subway. If you absolutely can't think of 1 or many more guys to invite, think about one of our members that hasn't attended rehearsal recently and give 'em a call- tell them that we are really making progress with our new "culture" and remind them that we are on target to introduce at least 5 new songs this year.

Let's surpass our original amazing guest count of 25 !!!!!

You can do anything if you put your mind to it !!

See you (**wearing your green shirts**) and all your guests on Monday night.

Singin' Subway Jay

CB

## Rehearsal Notes—Jon Hoekema

These are the notes from the Opener and I'll Walk with God as sung on April 19.

### Opener (*Let A Smile Be Your Umbrella*)

Smoother, more connected singing  
Vowel shapes – either square or circle  
Faces need to be engaged.

### *I'll Walk with God*

Started out a bit too heavy, needs to be lighter

All the parts need to be more melodic

Leads – connected together

Other parts connected on "oo's",

sounding like a cello

Need to have more soft's in the song

We were tending to sing to the room and over-sing on Monday night.

Also, each section needs to work on listening and matching with each other. Throughout the night, this was mentioned to each section.

If it seems that I seem to be writing the same thing each week, I think I am, too.

But, these are the basic fundamentals we must have in our "Drive to 85"

CB

## Marketing Team

There will be a WTC Marketing Team meeting on **Thursday April 29, 2010 at 6:30 P.M.** at my home (4040 Venard Rd, Downers Grove, IL 60515): 3 blocks west of Main Street and 1-1/2 blocks north of Ogden, across from tennis courts at Doerhoefer Park.

The purpose of the meeting will be to pull together what we have done so far in the area of marketing and assign further roles for additional functions.

We will be discussing the status of our:

- Grant Writing Activities
- Patron Data Base (mailing list) and its further enhancements
- Using "Constant Contact" (how, who, when, to whom)
- Our Web site and its further enhancements
- Marketing our Spring/Summer Show and our Christmas Shows



- Annual Patron Newsletter
- Media Relations (print, radio, TV, web, Directories,
- Performance Opportunities

**If you would like to be involved in the Marketing Team, please plan to attend, but please RSVP to my email address, atumea@sbcglobal.net so I know how many chairs to have out.**

Please remember that this team is not limited to WTC members. POW, wives, etc are welcome to be part of the team. Anyone that has an interest in marketing the chorus. If you have experience in Graphic Arts you are welcome. There are so many things we could be doing better to market the chorus, but one or two people cannot do it alone. We plan on holding monthly status meetings.

Tony Tumea  
VP of Marketing and PR



## Cabaret Update

I want to give you an update about another singing/social event for the year

As I have been talking, we (the board and the music team) planned to have the Spring show/Cabaret this weekend. The intention of the event was three-fold:

1. To have a fun social event
2. To use the event as a vehicle to perform our new contest songs/set
3. As a money-maker for future needs- namely KANSAS CITY 2011 !!!!!!!

Recently, the decision was made, and sup-

ported by all involved, to move the event to later in the year.



The main reason for the delay is to give ourselves more time to get our contest set together in order to present it properly to a live audience.

I am now currently negotiating a date in early-to-mid July.

Just because there has been a delay does not mean that you shouldn't still focus on the

event.

Here are a few things that I would like you to think about:

## Cabaret—continued

You can use this event as another way to expose potential guests/members to our chorus- so .... start thinking of the friends you would like to invite to the night- As you know if you attended last year's Wild West night, your guests will get a true sense of "THE HEART OF WESTTOWNS" !

It is never too early to think about ways to support the silent auction. Last year's auction was much more successful than I ever expected. This year I hope for the same results or even better- We benefit directly from the results of this so.... get out there and request items for the silent auction. I am glad to say some members have **already** provided me with a number of items that they have

collected to be used !!! Remember, Your efforts make our chorus successful !!!! We all need everyone to pitch in for each other !!

Once I have confirmed the date and the location of the event, I will send out a "SAVE THE DATE" reminder along with the THEME of the evening ( You can bet that with me organizing the event once again, you are sure to have a great night !)

Don't wait — Start working on a successful night. More to follow.

Singin Subway Jay



## Invitation

Dave Woods, director of "The Chorus of Du Page" is extending an invitation to any interested West Towns Chorus members to join the Chorus of Du Page at a sing-out on Thursday, July 1.

The event is being held in Downtown Naperville at the band shell on July 1, 2010. rehearsal starts at 5:30, the chorus sings at 6:30

This event is a patriotic tradition and usually has thousands of attendees in the audience.

Contact Dave Woods at (630) 561-4937 for more details.

*Disclaimer: This is not a sanctioned performance for the WTC. It is simply a request from a neighboring chorus director to join his chorus for a singing opportunity.*



## Chicago Rush Arena Football—Eric Sutherland

On the next page is a flyer that you can print to give to friends, family, business acquaintances, etc. They are to fill out and mail the form with payment to the address on the form. I am very excited to have more time this year to have this outing also work to our benefit as a fundraiser. As you can see on the attachment, tickets for our friends and families are \$20.00 with \$8.00 coming back to our chorus. In addition to this, for every two friends and family tickets we sell, one of our singing members gets their ticket for free.

I think we should shoot for the moon on this.

- If we sell 200 friend/family tickets, 100 members sing free and the chorus gets \$1,600
- If we sell 250 friend/family tickets, the chorus gets \$2,000, etc.

So lets get started early. I will have a sign-up sheet at rehearsal for those who will be singing.

**June 19, 2010—7:00 PM** (chorus call time to be determined)  
**Allstate Arena, 6920 N. Mannheim Rd. Rosemont, IL 60018**

# 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!

Allstate Arena 6920 Mannheim Road Rosemont, IL 60018-3697 Section	Saturday, June 19 7:00 PM vs. Milwaukee		
\$20 Upper Corner Seat (\$8 will go back to West Towns Chorus)		=	\$
<b>Singing Chorus Members have a separate sign-up sheet</b>		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 #: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Or Enclosed Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Payable to the Chicago Rush

Questions? Contact Shannon Allen

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Schedule of Events

April 2010

- ◆ 26 Rehearsal—Guest Night

May 2010

- ◆ 3 Rehearsal
- ◆ 10 Rehearsal
- ◆ 17 Rehearsal
- ◆ 24 Rehearsal
- ◆ 29 Marketing Team 6:30 PM
- ◆ 31 Memorial Day—Rehearsal at Horizon Community Church

June 2010

- ◆ 7 Rehearsal
- ◆ 14 Rehearsal
- ◆ 19 Chicago Rush—Nat'l Anthem
- ◆ 21 Rehearsal
- ◆ 28 Rehearsal
- ◆ June 27 - July 4 - International

**April 2010**

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25	26	27	28	<u>29</u>	30	

2010

- ◆ 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

2011

- ◆ Jan. 22—Installation Banquet—LaGrange Country Club

**May 2010**

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**June 2010**

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20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

# The West Towns Chorus

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***Happy Birthday to***

***Ron Kritzman 4/25***

***Dwayne Rice 4/26***



## ***Last Week's Visitor***

***Paul Carlson***

***Rich Davidson***

***Larry Galuszka***

***Ryan Killeen***