

## Meet Jeff Gronemeyer

Jeff comes to us from Carol Stream where he lives with his wife of forty years, Judy. He and Judy have two children and four grandchildren. He is an RCDD (Registered Communications Distribution Designer) and works for Anixter in Glenview as an applications engineer helping customers design telecommunications infrastructure systems and select products that will fit their application and meet industry standards and codes. When not working, he enjoys hiking, family events, reading, dining out, theater and travel with his wife.

Jeff says he has always enjoyed singing but other than singing with the "Cardinal's Cathedral Choristers" at Holy Name Cathedral and a rock band (briefly) in high school and a church choir for a short time about twenty-five years ago he hasn't really had any

other experience. He was looking to see if there was a chorus in the west or north-west suburbs that was successful and active, was a decent size (member-wise), had a good group of guys and one that looked and sounded professional. He found several on the web and decided to give West Towns a try after visiting the website. He called the phone number and talked to Darryl Nordentoft. Darryl invited him to a rehearsal and introduced him to several members who all made him feel right at home. He says it was great being able to jump right in and begin singing with the group on his first night. Jeff says "although I know I have a lot to learn, I think I may have found a home and hope I can contribute to the overall success of the chorus."

# WELCOME

*Never look down on anybody, unless you're helping them up.*

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## POW! Meeting

**P**OW! meeting is scheduled for **MAY 10th** at the MOOSE Hall at 7:15 PM downstairs. Discussion will include planning for the Cabaret coming up in mid-July and the Fall Contest in Sept. Also, how POW! can help and serve on the evening of May

24th, Joe Kronos' last directing evening at West Towns.

Please plan to join us, many hands help to make the load lighter! Thank you.

Linda Carey



## 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.*



## Rehearsal Notes—Jon Hoekema

Here are just a few reminders from the May 2 rehearsal:

### Feed the Birds

First note, first words – we need to work on knowing the first note from the pitch and knowing what the first word is.

The harmony parts were behind the leads in tempo Work on getting to vowel targets right away!

Breaths all over the place when we’re not supposed to be breathing and we’re not breathing together when we are supposed to be.

Need more dynamics, especially softer softs (partly a directing issue, partly ours – let’s take care of ours because you can guarantee the director will do their part!)

Keep energy on whole phrase – feed the birds – birds would die out

### Step in Time

Lackluster performance – let the music move you, not to the point of distraction, but don’t stand like a stiff board

Phrase endings were choppy – work on

smooth singing

Basses – end of song was good quality/ placement – do that throughout the song

Bari’s- pitch a bit under

Leads – stay on top of pitch, especially in mid-range, so bari’s have something to tune to

### Fit as a Fiddle

Good job with learning. Continue to work on measures 1-39. Also work on the end this week.

Fid-ahz-uh-fid-duhl

Keep the singing light. It reverted to heavy gang singing and way too loud. If we sing that way when we are learning, we will sing that way when we perform.

Our score will jump from low 71 or 72 to 78 or 79 if we just start singing lighter,

### Sweetheart

Lead pick-ups continue to be an issue. Have to come in on pitch and when directed.



## JOB OPPORTUNITY

The Chicago Architecture Foundation, where Ed McDevitt does tour volunteering, has a job opening for a Financial Assistant. This is likely a junior position, but the reporting line is to the CFO.

Here's the info.

Chicago Architecture Foundation is seeking a new Finance Assistant to prepare accounts payable, process cash receipts, enter regular journal entries, complete various account reconciliations and other duties as needed. For a complete job description and application procedures, please visit: <http://www.architecture.org/jobs>

Schedule of Events

May 2010

- ◆ 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 (Philadelphia)

**May 2010**

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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

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

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

**June 2010**

Sun	Mo	Tue	We	Thu	Fri	Sat
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**July 2010**

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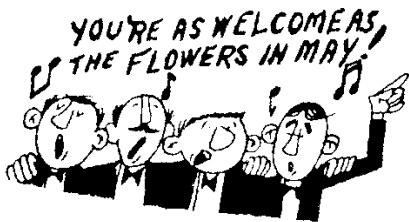


## Happy Birthday to

Dave Svensen May 9

Ron Heilig May 10

Dick Clark May 10



## May 2 Visitors

**Larry Galuszka**

**Paul Carlson**

**Jeff Gronemeyer**