



Help needed at 9 AM to set up risers at the Moose Hall. We cannot get in before 9AM.

Help is also needed after the coaching session to bring the risers downstairs and load in the trailer.

Saturday (7/24) Coaching Session 10 AM–3 PM

Continuing the ramp-up to our contest performance in September, on Saturday, July 24 **at the Moose Hall** our great and long-time coach Kevin Keller will join us.

We really need to have everyone there who plans to sing in the District Contest in September. I'm sure it's already on your calendars, but please highlight it and do plan to be there. Bruce and his assistant directors will, by then, need to know the actual composition of our competition chorus.

Not only that - we are learning progressively from each coach and at each rehearsal. We intend NOT to fall back onto the habit of forgetting each week what we

learned last week. That will not be our standard any more. So please make every effort to be there a minimum of 80% of the time or better from now on.

If you're NOT planning on singing in the contest, please come to the rehearsals and coaching sessions anyway! We want every singer to be part of our new plan of singing, our Drive to 85! You can cheer us on - and will learn at the same time.

Ed McDevitt for the Music Team

One additional note: after this rehearsal, we will need to load the risers into the trailer for Monday's rehearsal - see below.

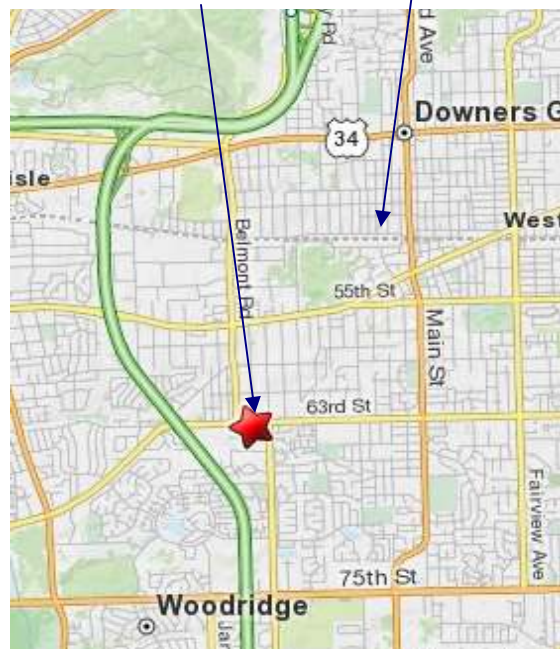
Rehearsal Change—Jack Fagan

On **Monday, July 26**, our rehearsal location will be Horizon Community Church, **2129 63rd St.**, Downers Grove (in the Meadowbrook Shopping Center). We are considering this location for a permanent rehearsal site. Its advantages are:

1. There are no stairs to climb, making it:
 - Accessible to our members who struggle with a second floor location
 - Easier to load our risers into the trailer when we have to transport them somewhere else;
2. Rooms are available for section rehearsals;
3. Rent is less;
4. Acoustics are more conducive to singing. As at the Moose Hall, there will be storage room for our risers and a parking place for the trailer.

We will be rehearsing at Horizon Community Church on Monday, July. 26, to give our new director an opportunity to judge the room sound before any decision to move is made.

Horizon Church (exit I-355 at 63rd St) Moose Hall



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Musical Notation

In today's digital world, when we want to turn the volume up or down on our TV or stereo, we push the button and get a relative number displayed from 1 – 50 or 1 – 100 with high numbers being the loudest, low numbers the softest.

In music, the composer/arranger/performer can turn the volume up or down in much the same way. However, the notation used to describe it harks back to the Italian composers and the words they used to describe soft and loud. Here are the symbols and words generally used to indicate the relative loudness and softness that is called for in the music.

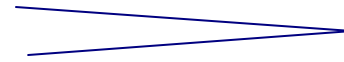
<i>ppp</i>	<i>pp</i>	<i>p</i>	<i>mp</i>	<i>mf</i>	<i>f</i>	<i>ff</i>	<i>fff</i>
pianississimo	pianissimo	piano	mezzo-piano	mezzo-forte	forte	fortissimo	fortississimo
very, very soft	very soft	soft	medium soft	medium loud	loud	very loud	very, very loud

Other notations that you may see are those that tell you when and how fast to go from one dynamic to another.



cresc
crescendo

Gradually getting louder



desc dim
decrescendo diminuendo

Gradually getting softer

Marketing Team Meeting

There will be a WTC Marketing Team Meeting on **Wednesday, July 21 at 7 pm** (changed from 7/22/10) because of the re-scheduled Board Meeting). at my home: 4040 Venard Rd, Downers Grove, IL 60515 (1 1/2 blocks north of Ogden and 1 block west of Saratoga, where the American Legion Hall is.)

My wife is having another meeting at the same time, so please, do not park in my driveway, but park in the Doerhofer Park Lot across the Street unless you want to get blocked in.

Tony Tumea

Board Meeting—Thursday, July 22 7:30 PM

Kane County Cougar Performance and Outing

Where: Elfstrom Stadium
34W002 Cherry Lane
Geneva, IL 60134

When: Thursday, **August 5**
Call Time 6:00 PM
Sing: 6:30 PM

What: Black Shoes, Black Pants,
Green Short Sleeve Shirt



Don Davia now has tickets for the Cougar game. Seats are right behind home plate and are \$10 each. Please make checks payable to "West Towns Chorus". We have already purchased 100 tickets but when all those are sold we will order more. Last year we had 140 people attend.

This is a **FUN, Family night** with free parking and good food available at reasonable prices. Fireworks follow the game.

Schedule of Events

July 2010

- ◆ 19 Rehearsal
- ◆ 21 Marketing Team meeting
- ◆ 22 Board meeting
- ◆ **24 Sat. Kevin Keller Coaching**
- ◆ 26 Rehearsal at Horizon

August 2010

- ◆ 2 Rehearsal
- ◆ 5 Kane County Cougars
- ◆ 9 Rehearsal
- ◆ 16 Rehearsal
- ◆ 18 Gaming Night @ Waterford Banquet & Conference, Elmhurst, IL
- ◆ 19 Board Meeting
- ◆ 22 Fairview Performance
- ◆ 23 Coaching w/ Joe Connelly
- ◆ 30 Rehearsal

July 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	<u>22</u>	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

2010

- ◆ 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
- ◆ Nov. 14 Downers Grove Library Performance
- ◆ Dec 10, 11 & 12 —Christmas show

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- ◆ Jan. 22—Installation Banquet—LaGrange Country Club
- ◆ April 15–17 District Convention
- ◆ Jul 3–10 International Kansas City, MO
- ◆ Sep 23–25 District Convention

August 2010

Sun	Mo	Tue	We	Th	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	31				

September 2010

Sun	Mo	Tue	We	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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July 12 Visitor

Mark Hale—Coach Extraordinaire

Birthdays this week

- Art Dusenbury
- Frank Connell
- Dave Martin

July 18

July 23

July 25

