



Notes 4 U

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April 1, 2009 Rehearsals - Wednesday - 7:15 pm to 10:30 pm at St. Andrews United Church (basement), 253 Oak St. Issue 13

We have 3 new members for 2009. We want 7 more!

Singing for Life

This Wednesday, about 18 members will be participating in the Singing for Life event at the Fairmont Hotel from 11:30 to 3:30. We will be singing at the Red Cross blood donor clinic on the mezzanine floor. Members should plan to arrive about 11:00 and are to wear their yellow polo shirts and black slacks.

Alumni Night

The weather certainly did not cooperate! However, 11 WGC alumni and guests did make it through the snow storm and enjoyed the evening singing, looking at the WGC historical displays, and renewing old friendships! A few pictures were take, so as soon as I receive a copy, you will see the following alumni: Ian Tucker, Rick Frost, Andre la Fleche, George Morrow, Ken Hodgson, Geoff Taylor, Doug Holden, Niel Klipenstein, Ben Gillies, Wayne Carrier and Jerry Moscovitch. Wouldn't it be nice to expand on this alumni night next year?

Early Section Rehearsals

Sherrie Bredesen

Leads and tenors are having an early section rehearsal at 7:00 on Wednesday. The focus will be on *Cool Water* and *Tumblin Tumbleweed*. Warm up your voices prior to arriving as we will be getting into singing the songs at 7:00.

Thank You

A big thank you goes to Brian Sanderson for producing the Notes 4 U over the past 5 weeks. I was able to access my email while Paula and I were down in Florida and enjoyed keeping up on chapter events.

Singing Valentines

Gordon Sargent

Thank you to all the members who participated in Singing Valentines. Your efforts contributed approximately \$800 to our chapter. Some of the pictures will be placed on our chapter's website in the next few weeks.

Annual Show

Earl and Morley

ONLY 8 REHEARSALS LEFT

Just a reminder to all chorus members that there are only 8 rehearsals left until Barbershop Goes Country is on stage. We want to remind all of you that you should be off the music for all of the songs as of Wednesday's rehearsal. Listen to your show CD every time you are alone in your car. Try to sing along with your part with the piano only track. Spend 15 to 30 minutes every day memorizing the words to the songs (For some of us, it will take longer!).

Come prepared to every rehearsal and PLEASE - no talking after every time we stop singing. It is not only distracting for those Sherrie is trying to help, but is disturbing to all around and wastes time of the very few hours we have left.

Let's get together and make this a great show. Our future as a chorus always depends on our annual show. The better our show, the more ticket sales for next year and future years. Finally, sell sell sell your tickets.

We don't know at this time how many have been sold, but we have 2300 seats to fill. So get out there and contact everyone you know.

Think about where you are going to put posters that will be available on Wednesday. We have 100 small and 50 large to be placed. Take them out and display them in prominent places: shopping centers, seniors residences, workplaces or where ever there is traffic.

They are NOT for display on you refrigerator at home. They won't sell tickets there.

Annual Show Tickets

Rick Baltimore

I was going through my tickets book today and Guess What!!! There are **15 regular members** who attend practice regularly and will be in our show and still haven't taken any tickets to sell. I would like you to order your tickets this week and at least try to sell them.

Annual Show Script

Earl Golden is planning to introduce the show script this Wednesday.

Annual Show “Lunch”

Bernie Gunn

Gunn's Bakery will again be preparing the lunch for members to enjoy at the concert hall on May 2nd. The price will be \$10 and will include all the extras that we have grown accustomed to over the last few years. A sign up sheet will be out in the next few weeks. Start thinking about placing your order.

4 Celebration

April birthday greetings to Larry Hunter, Norm Silverberg, Ken Broadfoot, Larry Bredesen, Ted Mikliechuk, Victor Olafson, George Morrow, Dave Carson, David Peters and Sherry Bredesen.

Inter Chapter Visits

Some members are considering attending the Dauphin show (Wireless) on April 25th. I will get some details this week and have them in next week's Notes.

Get Well Wishes

Ron Crapper update from wife Joan: Finally, finally got Ron home from the hospital last night. He's weak as a kitten and does not have any appetite but I'm sure glad to have him home. His 5 to 7 day hospital stay stretched into 16 days!! The surgery for his aorta went perfectly. He is still having problems with his stomach that he had before the surgery. He has been referred to a Gastro Intestinal doctor who is arranging more tests to try and find out what is making him sick. So hopefully those will occur soon and we get some answers. But for now he is home where he belongs. Thanks again for all your calls and messages, they were very much appreciated. Hopefully we will need no more updates!!

Harold Casselman: It is reported that Cass's operation for a new heart valve and bypass went well and he is recovering.

4 Performance Improvement

Gordon Billows

Quite often, as we rehearse our songs, we are reminded to carry the sound through to the end of the phrase or we are asked to give full value to the notes. Usually if you “grow or swell” your sound for those held notes, you will better keep the flow and energy up and will help in avoiding flattening. If you are not expected to breathe at the end of the phrase, you should be connecting the phrases. For example: when singing “*My wild Irish rose, the sweetest...*” you can hold the “o” of *rose*, swell the “o” a bit, and then sing “*s-the sweetest ...*” Practice makes permanent!

From the House

Duncan Zaluski

A special thanks to those who stayed behind to help put away the display tables at the end of rehearsal last Wednesday. As they say a burden shared is a burdened divided. Your assistance was both needed and appreciated.

Calendar of Events

May 1 – 3 – District Convention – Stevens Point, WI.
May 2 - WGC Annual Show.
May 16 - Red Carpet/Northwest competition in Fargo.
November 6 - BOTY at the Norwood Hotel.

Division/District Chapter Show Dates:

Minot - April 18th
Willmar - April 18th
St Cloud - April 18th
Dauphin – April 25th
Regina - Moose Jaw - April 24th, Regina - April 25th.

2009 Chapter Executive

President	Martin Gurvey
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VP Music	Victor Olafson
VP Marketing	Drummond Brown
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Assistant Director	Victor Olafson
Tenor Section	Duncan Zaluski
Lead Section	Bernie Gunn / Gary Miles
Bass Section	Martin Gurvey / Charles Kiefling
Baritone Section	Harold Casselman

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