

# CHIMES TIMES II

## EACH ONE, REACH ONE

JANUARY 2009

### AGENDA... FOR CHORUS BUSINESS MEETING

TUESDAY, JAN. 13, 2009

**6:15 P.M.—6:45 P.M.**

#### OLD BUSINESS:

1. WARM-UP  
CALENDAR
2. COMMITTEE MEETINGS
3. MEMBERSHIP
4. SING OUTS

#### NEW BUSINESS:

1. PUBLICITY
2. KARTOFFELPUFFEN  
KABARET 5/9/09
3. SWEETHEART  
SERENADES

#### COMMITTEES:

WANT TO PRESENT SOMETHING TO THE CHORUS? GET ON THE AGENDA BY CONTACTING AD-HOC MEMBER JOYCE PALMER AT 273-1713.

#### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *Agenda for next business meeting*
- *Timeline of 2009*
- *The Importance of Membership*
- *Reminders*
- *Chimes Trivia*
- *Music Ed 101*

### TIMELINE 2009

February — Singing Valentines 2/14

May — Kartoffelpuffen Kabarett 5/9

June — Drive-Thru Chicken BBQ

July — IRL; Relay for Life 7/10-7/11

August — Whale of a Tag Sale; NASCAR

October — Drive-Thru Chicken BBQ

October- December — Christmas Chorus

#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2009:

- *January 28—Tentative Board Meeting*
- *February 3—Chorus Business Meeting*
- *February 14—Sweetheart Serenades*
- *New Member Party—Dates to be determined*
- *2009 Singouts—Dates to be determined*

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Beginning January 2009, we will dedicate this space to reports from Committee A and Committee B. Starting this year, our smaller committees have been consolidated into two larger groups, which we anticipate will be very effective in expediting Chimes business. The small committees have been assigned as follows:

Committee A	Committee B
Costume/Make-up	Fundraising
Sing-out	Publicity
History	Public Relations
Music	Hospitality
Show	(continued)

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### REMINDERS:

*Costume fees are a once-per-year fee of \$35.00, due each January. Dues and costume fees can be paid in full at the beginning of each year. Dues can also be paid at the beginning of each quarter, or per month; dues are currently \$10.00 per month.*

*Committees have been combined this year to accommodate our focus on membership. Let's make this year's goal one new member for every current member!*

*Bring your tape recorder to rehearsal!!*

## THE IMPORTANCE OF MEMBERSHIP

The Executive Board continues to discuss ways to improve our attempts to attract and retain members. What works for some newcomers may not work for others. If you have any suggestions as to what worked for you, please approach our Ad-Hoc Member, Joyce Palmer, and let her know what made you feel most comfortable. We're looking for a way to not scare our newcomers away. Some suggestions have been: 1) Reinstate the buddy system; 2) Sing simple songs early in the rehearsal when newcomers are present; 3) Provide a folder and one memorable object the first week; 4) Offer a sectional rehearsal within the next week for newcomers; 5) Create a new member CD with a couple of easy songs; 6) Offer a quarterly new member party.

## MUSIC ED 101

Warm-ups are often an individual exercise, with each singer having their own technique. Some singers begin by exercising their entire bodies. The next step would be to focus on articulation muscles like the tongue, soft palette, lips and jaw. When you begin to vocalize, start in your mid-range voice and move to your lower and upper registers from that point. It is recommended that singers do vocal warm-ups before they attempt pitch leaps—the extreme changes. Be sure to cool down. If you've been using a belting voice, try a bit of falsetto. A little massage of the jaw, neck and shoulders when you are cooling down can help you relax.

## CHIMES TRIVIA

Do you know if the person standing next to you in the chorus ever sang before?

Ask your neighbor!

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO PAY YOUR DUES THIS MONTH.**

## OFFICER'S CORNER

President—Daisy Sweet

Vice-President—Jill Hughes

Ad-Hoc—Joyce Palmer

Treasurer—Claire Hebbard

Recording Secretary—  
Carol Chase

Corresponding Secretary—  
Candis Bailey

A big thank you to Pat Lonsky for acting as Interim Vice-President in Jill Hughes' absence.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS (CONT'D)

Committee Members to date:

Darlene Schlather

Committee A

Jill Hughes

Daisy Sweet

Penny Wiktopek

Pat Lonsky

Joyce Palmer

Sue Siegard

Kathy Storck

Roni Andrews

Margaret Neher

Committee B

Candis Bailey

Ruth Morgan

Claire Hebbard

Carol Chase

Joan Payton

Both committees have been meeting—except for the short break over the holidays—regularly to discuss membership acquisition and retention, organize publicity, contemplate 2009 fundraisers, continue to develop ideas on improving costumes, etc.

The addition of the holiday vests to the costume inventory was met with positive results, and the committee will continue to evaluate current costumes and offer new ideas.

Remember the chorus' mission this year for both committees is to work in conjunction with one another to increase membership. It is the chorus' lifeline.

Treasurer's Report is forthcoming. Claire Hebbard has some great new ideas, and is diligently working on creating a simple, yet thorough way to inform members of the Chimes financial status.

Ad Hoc: No report this month.

Fundraising: No activity yet. Calendar to be discussed in the near future with recommendations to the Executive Board.