

# CHIMES TIMES II

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OCTOBER 2009

## AGENDA... FOR CHORUS BUSINESS MEETING

TUESDAY, OCT. 6, 2009

**6:30 P.M.—7:00  
P.M.  
BOYNTON**

### OLD BUSINESS:

1. MEMBERSHIP
2. CALENDAR
3. HOME SCHOOL NIGHT
4. OCTOBER BBQ
5. LOGO/VOTING

### 6. FACEBOOK

### NEW BUSINESS:

1. TIME ADJUSTMENTS
2. COMMITTEE SERVICE

### COMMITTEES:

WANT TO PRESENT AN IDEA 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*

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2009:

- *October 6th—Monthly Business Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Boynton Music Room*
- *October 6th—Annual Election of Officers for the Executive Board*
- *October 11th—Ocean Blue Chicken BBQ*
- *Holiday Chorus to begin in November; mark your calendars—bring a friend to sing for the holidays!*
- *Elks—Pig roast & VA Hospital, date TBA*
- *New Member Party—Dates to be determined*
- *More 2009 Singouts—Dates to be determined*

## TIMELINE 2009

February — Singing Valentines 2/13 & 14

June — Drive-Thru Chicken BBQ 6/14

July — Relay for Life 7/10-7/11

August — NASCAR 8/6-9; Whale of a Tag Sale 8/22

October — Drive-Thru Chicken BBQ 10/11

October- December — Christmas Chorus

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Committee A Report

Members: Roni, Joyce, Pat Daisy

The following are items committee A is working on:

- Handed and mailed out costume and music inventories
- Sorted costumes in #36; attempted to figure out sizes
- Gathered a few outfits for

prospective new member

- Ordered sailor hats for the Ocean Blue Chicken BBQ

- Mailed a letter to the Loyal Order of Moose, Jim Perry, inquiring for their assistance with their Fundraising Breakfast idea. Hopefully, this particular fundraiser would be designated for the costume committee to use as their annual budget.

- Mailed follow-up letters to wineries

### Committee B Report

Committee B continues to discuss membership ideas, marketing and publicity. A revision of the tri-fold brochure and a 1/2 page flyer will be presented to the Executive Board for review at the meeting prior to the November

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### REMINDERS:

*Don't forget to wear your name tag at rehearsals and singouts!*

*Planning to be absent? Please call Daisy Sweet if you are unable to attend a planned rehearsal. It will facilitate the group and the director's ability to plan the evening. Thanks!!*

*Bring your tape recorder to rehearsal!!*

*Be prepared to decide which committee you want to serve on next month!*

## THE IMPORTANCE OF MEMBERSHIP

Each one reach one...now's the time to put it into action! Every member can share the enjoyment of singing with everyone around them. And, don't forget that guy standing in line at the checkout counter might just know a gal who can sing! Spread the word. Lots of women love the holidays, and many of them already know the tunes we'll be singing! Encourage everyone you meet to join us in our Holiday Chorus. The more the merrier!!

EVERYONE CAN FIND US ON FACEBOOK NOW!

**Attention non-active and past members:** Please help the chorus by returning unused costumes and music if you haven't already done so. Many thanks!!

## MUSIC ED 101

Breath control is one of the pillars of singing. People who know how to control their breathing often have few or no problems at all with their voices. One should be able to coordinate their abdominal muscles and diaphragm when breathing. An exercise that can help in this is where the singer lies flat on their backs, places their hands on their waist with fingers pointing at their belly button—like we suggested in last month's column. You fill your stomach with air from bottom to top; notice the stomach rise, then feel your chest expand. Expansion happens front, sides and back. Slowly breathe out, count to five. Repeat the exercise 10 times. You can practice before you get out of bed in the morning! Or, when you go to bed at night. You can also try the exercise while standing and sitting.

## CHIMES NOTE

New mailing address for the Chimes is:

P.O. Box 4522

Ithaca, New York 14852

**NOMINATING SLATE REVISED FOR OCTOBER 6, 2009 ELECTIONS:**

**PRESIDENT: DAISY SWEET**

**RECORDING SECRETARY: PAT LONSKY**

**AD HOC: JOAN PAYTON, JOYCE PALMER**

## COMMITTEE REPORTS (CONT'D)

Chorus Business Meeting.

It was agreed that we need to revive the Christmas Chorus to encourage new singers for the season and beyond. Ideas on how to reach the public for the Christmas Chorus were discussed. Printed materials will be available to mail to local businesses, friends, colleagues, etc. Postcards inviting women to join the Christmas Chorus will be distributed to each guest at the Ocean Blue BBQ.

Claire will be updating links and items on our website. Carol encourages everyone to develop their own Facebook page to invite women to join us and to use the Chimes Facebook page as another source of information to the public.

Committee B will attempt to find a time outside of rehearsal nights to communicate and organize ongoing projects.

As mentioned previously, Singing Valentines advertising will begin the first of January.

Carol produced a timeline, which has been distributed to give all members an idea of what activity needs to take place at what intervals to keep on track for all events.

### Other Points of Interest

The concept of something to sell, always available as an ongoing fundraiser is still pending.

Fundraising: Posters and tickets have been distributed for the Ocean Blue BBQ. Carol

and Eric are working on new large signs to post at strategic locations the week before the BBQ. This should give us a broader exposure for the BBQ.

Director: Getting on TV for the Christmas season with Pegasus is still pending.

The Chimes are back at Boynton—spread the good news!

### REHEARSAL TIME REVISED

**Due to conflicting schedules for many of our members, it has been suggested that we resume meeting Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. with warm-ups at 6:45 p.m. Rehearsals will be from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.**

## AUNT ABIGAIL'S ADVICE

*I jus' never seen anythin' like it in my life—ya' know all those relatives what wants to give everybody their own two cents 'bout everythin'. Well, ya' never met Cousin Hector. He's got a idea 'bout everythin' what's good for everyone 'ceptin' hisself.*

*We was a talkin' the other day 'bout service, and I was a tellin' him 'bout how I know some of my Chimes friends are feelin' pressure to do more than sing. He r'minded me 'bout how important every single member of every single group is to a organization, 'cause everybody got somethin' different to give. Made me think 'bout how a organization needs them smaller groups...them c'mmittees.*

*Gotta' know yer needed!!*

*That's my advice!*