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Notetations



Director's Message

As I sit down to write this article, I have just finished a three day conference of the American Choral Directors Association. These events are always a wonderful mix of seeing old friends and colleagues, meeting new people, learning new skills, and being able to share ideas and experiences with other choral directors from around the region. During these three days, we attend workshops, reading sessions, and concerts. We have the opportunity to be exposed to different world class conductors and composers. We get to enjoy the company of others who have the same passion for music.

One thing became very evident, however, at this conference. There were conductors that are not as lucky as I am. They are not fortunate enough to have a wonderful board of directors that will support the chorus with their open hearts and vibrant energy. They are not fortunate enough to have a wonderful chorus who believes that funding quality artistic endeavors is important. They are not fortunate enough to have a community that loves choral music and ensures that there is a good audience for every performance.

The most important ingredient in this formula is you – the singer. Without you, I cannot do what I love to do: make music with my favorite instrument – a choir. Without you, the Woodbridge Community Choir cannot exist. Without you, the audience has no reason to attend. Without you, our numbers cannot grow and our group cannot expand to do even more exciting and challenging repertoire. Without you, there would be no music!

So – let's make beautiful music together this season. For our 45th Anniversary concert, I would love to have the largest chorus we can possibly muster. Bring a new singer to the first or second rehearsal and let them get to know us better. Let's all show our community how wonderful an organization we are, and what kind of beautiful music we can make! I am looking forward to seeing each and every one of you – and your friends – on August 29!

CJ

Mark Your Calendars!!!

Board Meetings

Held after Rehearsal
Open to All Members

- September 19th
- October 17th
- November 21st

August 29 — 7:00 pm

Rehearsals begin at Lutheran Church of the Covenant—
LCOC

Registration: 7 pm

Rehearsal: 7:30-9:45 pm

September 26 -

Picture & Choir Social after
Rehearsal

October 24 -

Feature/solo auditions
following rehearsal

ON-SITE REHEARSAL

November 28th -

Dr. A. J. Ferlazzo
Auditorium— 7:30 pm

CONCERTS & PERFORMANCES

Saturday, December 3rd

8:00 pm

Dr. A. J. Ferlazzo
Auditorium

Sunday, December 4th

3:00 pm

Dr. A. J. Ferlazzo
Auditorium

Thursday, December 8th

7:00 pm

Military Civilian
Celebration
Dr. A. J. Ferlazzo
Building

Saturday, December 10th

10:00 am Potomac Place
12 –2:00 pm Occoquan



By Lynne Pazuros

Over the years, I've learned that changes can be the best or worst experiences. And this year, the WCC Board regrettably must say good-bye to two ladies who have contributed so much in front and behind the scenes that there is not enough space to do them proper credit. Coincidentally, both ladies are moving to Colorado (is there something we should know?). Ria Barrows joined WCC in 1991 and for many years could always be counted on to provide a strong tenor voice and much help during concert set-ups and tear-downs. She finally joined our Board in 2003 as our Budget and Grant Chairman (now called Grants Coordinator) and helped us obtain financial assistance from the County Arts Council. Nona Duvall joined WCC in 1993 with a lovely soprano voice that provided many solos as well as leadership in the soprano section. In 1996 Nona joined the Board as Budget and Grant Chairman, then Concert Attire Chair, and finally, Membership Management Chairman. Her behind the scenes help to virtually all Board positions kept us moving at a time when we needed her sage advice and suggestions. I'm not certain how we will fill the gaps left by the departure of these two ladies. We wish them well.



Since change also creates new possibilities, we are doing another Board shuffle. Vicki Bayer is moving from Fund Raising to Membership Management Chairman. We're looking forward to seeing Vicki at the check-in table every week as well as getting everyone set with concert attire. Replacing Vicki as Fund Raising Chairman will be Nikki Bowman, who served a brief stint as Marketing/Publicity Chair. Nikki got a "taste" of the Board and was eager to join us once again with new ideas for raising funds for WCC. We still find ourselves in need of a Grants Coordinator and hope one of you will step forward to help.

So, this 45th season of song finds us with changes that make us sad – farewell to Ria and Nona – as well as those that make us glad – changing hats for Vicki and welcome back to Nikki.

Our Rehearsal Site: Lutheran Church of the Covenant
15008 Cloverdale Road

From the North on Minnieville Road

Take Minnieville Road South towards Dale City. Take a left onto Dale Boulevard. Follow Dale Boulevard to Cloverdale Road (4 lights). Take a right at the light for Cloverdale Road. Follow Cloverdale down the hill and back up again. LCOC is located just past the 7-11 on the right side of the road.

From Interstate 95

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WCC NEEDS YOU!

For every concert season, a lot of work goes on behind the scenes where **we need your help**.



- **Do you have experience writing proposals or grants?** *The Board of Directors can use your talent serving as Grant Coordinator.*
- **Can you play the piano?** *Directors can use your talent to help with rehearsals.*
- **Like to work on fundraisers?** *Nikki Bowman needs you.*
- **Can you move risers? Or help with stage setup?** *Allen Wheeler is looking for you!*
- **Can you contact people to take out ads in our programs?** *Let Nikki Bowman know.*
- **Do you have photos we could use in our scrapbook and website?** *Contact Jackie Topolski.*
- **Do you know of someone who can serve as ushers or help with the sales tables?** *Let Nikki Bowman know.*

There are so many ways for you to get involved. Please consider volunteering to help make our concerts special.



Concert Attire

Women: All black dress with long sleeves, black shoes and black stockings/socks. The sleeves are to be straight and the hem of the dress should come to the top of the shoes. The black dress shoes should be comfortable and the stocking/socks should be opaque. Darker undergarments that will not reflect light should be worn since we have strong lighting. We order dresses from an outlet that has performance attire and we have a supply of seldom-worn dresses at reduced prices. The price for a new dress is \$70.00.

Men: Black vest with white Tuxedo shirt, black trousers, black socks, black bow tie and black dress shoes. We can order the black vest for any man who needs one at a price of \$40.00 or you may buy your own as long as it is not completely satin material--a satin cowl collar is acceptable.

Registration Discount

The Woodbridge Community Choir Board of Directors wants to offer a way to reduce or even eliminate your registration fee and increase our membership.

When you register and bring a new member for the Christmas 2011 Concert Season your registration fee will be reduced by \$10 per person up to \$30. If you bring a new member after you register you can still receive a discount but it will be applied to the next concert season. A new member is anyone who has not sung for the past two concert seasons. So, bring your friends and neighbors to join.



WCC Committees

Fund Raising Committee

Nikki Bowman
Planning and manning fundraising events.

Production Committee

Allen Wheeler
Transport and set-up risers, lights, sound equipment, and staging.

Marketing/Publicity Committee

Lynne Pazuros
Press releases, distributing flyers, mailings, and soliciting advertising.

Social Committee

Lillian Koenig
Coordination & Set-up of choir social.

Nominating Committee

Lynne Pazuros
Prepares slate of officers for June BOD elections, recruits new musical directors, accompanists, and Advisory Board Members.

Grants Committee

Vacant
Research, prepare, submit grant applications.

If you are interested in volunteering for any of these committees - please contact the committee chair.

Snow Policy

As a reminder, no rehearsal will be held if Prince William County government is closed due to inclement weather.

PWC closings are announced on local television/radio and can be verified by calling PWC Info at 703-792-4636 or by calling 703-590-0249 to hear a recorded message.

Rehoboth In October?

October 7-10, 2011

Mark your calendars! We are once again heading to Rehoboth Beach, DE but this time not in May but in October to perform our "Spring Concert". We have been invited by St. Jude the Apostle to perform on Sunday, October 9th at 3:00 p.m. The great thing is that for many this is a long weekend so you and your family can have a winter vacation. We are currently making arrangements to reserve approximately 20 double rooms for interested choir members at the Oceanus Hotel for both Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights. Our primary purpose is to perform, of course, but there will be plenty of time to enjoy the fun activities that only Rehoboth Beach has to offer.



Our Special Events and Conference Chairman, Lillian Koenig, will be providing more information later in the season on the particulars as well as the actual cost and sign-up sheets. So again, mark your calendars and save up your pennies for a great social event for everyone!



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