Wednesday 1st May 2013



Secret Chorus Business

We are in the Pacific Room and the risers have to come down.

We are creative musicians who inspire with heart, soul and musical excellence.

MEMBER NEWS

CHORUS ETIQUETTE RECAP

"Avoid doing what you would blame others for doing"

Thales, 78BC

We have come to the end of the etiquette recap. However, if you are ever unsure of any aspect of behaviour pertaining to chorus you can always find the information you are seeking on the website under "Chorus documents", then "Members' Handbook"

Supper Roster

Meg H. Verne M. Alison N. Karen T. Inese

Hospitality team: Karen T. Inese

Just thought you would like to know...

Last Wednesday was the AGM.

The list below is of members elected to those positions:

Liz Perry: Team Coordinator Deborah Martin: Secretary Cathy Bartley: Treasurer Kate Hawkins: Public Relations

Judith Bourne: Performance Coordinator Yasi Wickremasinghe: Membership Chair

Vicki is the only permanent member of the Management Team. There are three members from the chorus who have been nominated by the new Management Team. They are Alison Anderson, Frances Gurto and Lyn Howells. We welcome them onto the Management Team and know that they will make the chorus proud.

I would again like to thank Ros Lumsdane, Rachael Moessis, Liz Vhrovsk and Jenny McPhee for being on the Management Team for the last year, on a job well done and for giving so freely of their time.

Sheets will be going up this week for you to put your names down for the different committees. View this commitment as part of the base of the Performance Greatness Pyramid.

Due to Karen Tucker's persistence and hard work in applying for grants, the chorus received a \$100 donation from Baulkham Hills Shire Council for our New Members workshop.

Everyone should be off paper for "Everything". You still have **TWO** weeks to submit your risers. Good luck with that.

Last Friday a group of about **thirty** girls got together to have another quartetting session at Steph's place. Everyone brought a plate to share, and as always, there was too much food. We sure know how to do food!!!

However, the emphasis was on singing. Janet and Steph led the group in warm-ups and familiarised us all with the finer aspects of quartet singing. We sang tags and took turns in singing parts other than the one we usually sing. It was wonderful to see how some of the newer members are gaining confidence and skill in getting up and singing in octets and quartets in front of people.

Thank you, Steph, for being such a wonderful hostess (that soup was delicious) and for giving so many of us the opportunity to sing in a fun and non-threatening atmosphere.

Thanks to Vicki and Doris who stepped into breaches when a quartet member was missing.

Start collecting stuff for the next garage sale to be held on 12th October (Lorraine Barlow once again is opening her home for this fundraising activity). Ask your family and friends if they would like to give their "trash" that will become someone else's treasure. They will be happy, and so will the Fundraising Committee. (NO BOOKS – they are too hard to sell.) You can start taking your goodies to Lorraine's on 14th September.

Fundraising Team will be particularly grateful for all donations of jewellery, even if it is a little dated, & needs some TLC.

Karen Tucker has offered to be the new Costume Chairperson. We all thank you, Karen, and hope it will be a fun and rewarding experience for you.

Planning for the future.

Vicki presented, what will now be called the Performance Greatness Pyramid. She also asked us all to think about where we personally believe our strengths and weaknesses are with respect to the pyramid.

We all need to be mindful of what is required of us to achieve performance greatness, and know that we cannot do it alone, that we are a team that must work together so that we can reach our common goal of performance greatness.

Performance Greatness Pyramid

The Base - Friendship - Build a team filled with camaraderie and respect.

Suggestion Box

You will find the suggestion box in the kitchenette near the hot water dispenser. I have already received several suggestions, and these will be presented at the next Management Team meeting.

Diary Dates

2013

MAY

Wednesday 22nd – Coaching with Betty Clipman – Please wear polo tops, and be there on time, preferably early.

JUNE

Friday 31st – Coaching with Karen Briedert at St Joseph's 7.30pm – 10pm

Saturday 1^{st} – Sunday 2^{nd} – Coaching with Karen Briedert at St Joseph's 9am – 5pm (Times may be changed closer to the date.)

Saturday 29th – Seven Hills Bunnings Sausage Sizzle

JULY

Saturday 6th - Castle Hill Bunnings Sausage Sizzle

AUGUST OCTOBER Friday 2nd – Sunday 4th – Coaching with Darlene Rogers St Joseph's (Times will be as for Karen) Saturday 12th – CKC Garage Sale – Lorrain Barlow's House. (You can start taking your goods 14th September to her place).

DECEMBER

2014 FEBRUARY

Friday 28th — **Residential** retreat at St Joseph's with Dale Syverson

MARCH

Saturday 1^{st} – Sunday $2^{nd}\,$ - Residential retreat at St Joseph's