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Together Everyone Achieves More

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

Secret Chorus Business

26th FEBRUARY, 2014

MEMBER NEWS

Retreat starts this Friday. Please pay Cathy ASAP in cash (giving the envelope to Cathy personally) or by EFT, preferably. How much you owe is on a spreadsheet in the "Finance" section of Documents on the website. Also, if you use St Joseph's phone you will be charged separately.

Dale Syverson will be with us on Wednesday. It would be great if everyone could be there on time and in your polos. I know you will come with a receptive and positive attitude.

Dale will also be available for either personal lessons or quartet sessions on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday. Her fees are \$85/hour (A bargain for what you will learn). If you are interested in booking Dale for a session, please book with Vicki.

Please bring your chorus shoes so you can try on the new velvet pants and have them pinned at the right length.

Remember if you are a resident at retreat, bring drinks and nibbles for supper for both Friday & Saturday night. Might also be a good idea to bring a nice glass if you are imbibing. Morning & afternoon tea will not be provided so biscuits & slices will be appreciated by the Hospitality Team.

Just a reminder of who we are ...a competing chorus striving for excellence in everything we do...

It has been some time since we reminded ourselves of who we are and what we are ALL trying to achieve. Remember, we are a team, just like a sports team, and the team depends on every one of us pulling our weight and being a useful part of the team. Though we have to work hard and take personal responsibility for our part it does not mean we can't have fun & be joyful.

Last year we did a session on the "Performance Greatness" pyramid. Our newer members may not know it so I am including it at the end of this SCB as a reminder of how we can achieve our goals.

Our Mission Statement is:

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The Performance Greatness pyramid is a plan of action which, if followed, will enable us to be those creative musicians. Let us bring to the weekend the enthusiasm and energy that I know you have & be like the “Fireworks” we sing about so that Dale will take back a positive impression of a chorus that will give its all.

This week supper will be provided by Karen T., Leanne M., Karen To., Kaye K., Cathy S. (birthday cake)
Hospitality Team : Cathy S. & Kaye K.

Risers can stay up.

DIARY DATES

2014

FEBRUARY

Wednesday 26th

First rehearsal with Dale Syverson

Friday 28th

Residential retreat at St Joseph's with Dale Syverson

MARCH

Saturday 1st – Sunday 2nd

Residential retreat at St. Joseph's.

Wednesday 12th

Coaching with Alex Morris

Wednesday 26th

Coaching with Lynne Smith

APRIL

Wednesday 23rd

Faculty visit – Lea Baker

MAY

Sunday 4th

Family/Friends concert (Details TBA as is firm date)

JUNE

Sunday 1st

Sausage Sizzle – Seven Hills

Sunday 8th

Sausage Sizzle – Castle Hill

Sunday 22nd

Guests at Sydney Harmony Concert at Independent Theatre
(Details TBA)

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.

Performance Greatness Perform at your best when your best is required. Your best is required every day. When the going gets tough, the tough get going.		Poise Be yourself. Don't be thrown off by events whether good or bad. Poise is a gift you give yourself, when you acquire the preceding tiers of the pyramid.		Confidence Comes with the knowledge that you are prepared – earned, not given. Not cocky or arrogant but aware that past success will not be repeated without the same effort that brought it about in the first place.
Condition Physical, rest, exercise and diet must be considered. Ability may get you to the top, but character keeps you there – mental, moral and physical.		Skill A knowledge of and ability to properly and quickly execute all the fundamentals. Prepared. Requires lifelong learning.		Team Spirit The “star” of the team is the team. “we” supersedes “me”.
Self- Control Emotions under control. Maintain good judgment and common sense.	Alertness Observing constantly. Be quick to spot a weakness and correct it. Learn from others.	Initiative Take action. You may fail at times, but if you are afraid to fail, you will never do the things you are capable of doing	Intentness Stay the course. When thwarted, try again; harder, smarter. Persevere relentlessly.	
	Friendship Build a team filled with mutual camaraderie and respect	Loyalty Be true to yourself and true to those you lead – your organization and your team	Cooperation Sharing ideas, creativity, information, tasks and responsibilities. Leaders accept blame and give credit when due.	Enthusiasm Your energy and enjoyment, passion and dedication will stimulate and greatly impact others.
Industriousness There is no easy way and no substitute for work. Worthwhile things come from hard work and careful planning.				