



SPECIAL EDITION...

Filled with information about upcoming dates, plans, and other stuff...

- Private Vocal Instruction (PVI) Program: PVI Coordinator Linda Huston reports that over half the members have had PVIs so far. Fabulous! Keep this up and we'll be well on our way to A-level singing! Thanks to instructors Sam Steed, Connie Norman, Mary Cotton, and Dawn Wright for helping on this important step towards vocal excellence!
- There will be a 3-week period when we will not have rehearsals next summer, **July 5-19, 2012**. Please try to plan your summer vacations during that time so we will have high attendance through the summer.
- Need volunteers to help with costumes. Respond to Barb Sanders' recent email.
- Everyone needs to respond to performance signup requests so we'll know if it's a well-balanced group of all 4 parts, and who will be there (for riser placement).

Thinking Ahead ... Mark your calendars with these important dates:

10/1	Perform: Saturday Market (sign up)
10/13	Christmas Chorus Kickoff (6:30-9:30)
11/17	Coaching: Jim Arns (6:30-10:00)
12/1	Coaching: Marge Bailey (tentative)
12/10	Perform: Holiday Market
12/17	OSC Christmas Cabaret Show
12/22	Rehearsal Cancelled
12/29	Rehearsal ON
1/7	Saturday Session (9:00-1:00)
1/19	Coaching: Dede Nibler (7:00-9:30)
1/21-22	Advance w/Dede (Sat all day/Sun to noon)
2/11	Coaching: Judy Pozsgay (9:00-3:00)
3/10	Saturday Session (9:00-3:00)
3/10	Friends & Family Pre-Contest Show (5:00)
3/22-24	Regional Competition – Spokane
7/5	No rehearsal (take your summer vacations)
7/12	No rehearsal (take your summer vacations)
7/19	No rehearsal (take your summer vacations)

Save for Expenses

Your dues pay for a lot of things you enjoy throughout the year, including weekly vocal/showmanship education, incredible coaching, a flexible rehearsal facility, all-events ticket at contest, new risers, awards and gifts, and many other hidden costs of doing business as a chorus.

However, there are additional expenses that you are responsible for and we want to give you advance notice so you are able to plan ahead. The list below shows upcoming expenses and estimates for each.

Performing Groups

Quartets (listed in order of T-L-br-B)

1. **Heyday** (Linda Huston, Lisa Fieber, Judi Haynes, Gabrielle Foltz)
2. **Free Spirit** (Judy Gobat, Celeste Karzon, Crystal Sublette, Linda Barker)
3. **UpBeat** (Connie Norman, Dana Barron, Mary Cotton, Kathy Scheel)

Octets

1. **Hollyberries** Patrice Sneberger, Susan Wiley, Judy Kroll, Meta Bybee, JoAnn Zinda, Liza Webb, Louella Woodworth, Sam Steed
2. **Love Bugs** (Laurie LaBrosseur, Tammy Lantis, Carol Iverson, Janice LaCombe, and others (?))

This-n-That

- Warm and Loving Thoughts go to Carolyn Parr after her recent mastectomy, and as she faces radiation and chemotherapy treatments with her typical positive outlook.
- In January, we'll start learning "From a Distance" (Kathy Scheel's arrangement).

Retreat

- \$75.00 – Lodging, food, coaching
- Pay in December

Spokane (approximately \$350)

- \$80.00 – Hotel (share w/quad roommates)
- \$100.00 – Meals (Thur, Fri, Sat)
- \$100.00 – Travel (airfare; less if driving)
- \$50.00 – Boutique, gifts, etc.
- Pay airfare in Jan-Feb

Costume modifications

- \$10.00 – fringe and sequins
- \$5.00 – earrings
- Due in November

Hawaii (approximately \$1000)

- \$300.00 – Airfare
- \$300.00 – Meals (Mon-Sun)
- \$300.00 – Hotel (share w/quad roommates)

International Competition in Hawaii is in November 2013 (over 2 years away), so if you start saving \$50/month now, that would come to \$1200; or save \$25/month and you'll have \$600. The best (easiest) way to handle this is to create a special savings account just for this trip. Some will also go to one of the other islands following the busy competition week (Kauai, Maui, etc.).

REACH Report

OSC was able to earn the respect and gratitude of all the attendees at REACH for the fine job we did in handling all facets of the event. We were also able to earn some much-needed funds by hosting a boutique table, selling raffle tickets, and presenting a fun show. Profits realized were:

- Boutique: \$206
- Raffle tickets: \$338
- Concessions/snacks: \$256
- Show tickets: \$320 (after deducting 20% for Region 24)
- **TOTAL EARNED BY OSC: \$959**

The \$320 for show tickets has been deposited into our Angel Fund. The remainder of the profits will be put into our general fund or possibly earmarked for a special purpose (i.e., risers, coaching).

Thanks to every member who contributed your time and efforts, and gave up your weekend for this event.

Director's Team Updates

Assistant Directors:

- Linda Huston
- Sam Steed
- Dawn Wright

Other Musical Leaders:

- Gloria Jarvis
- Dana Barron
- Lisa Fieber
- Mary Cotton

Music Librarian:

- Kathy Smith

PVI Coordinator:

- Linda Huston

Makeup Chair:

- Meta Bybee

Performance Coordinator:

- Diane Watson

Coaching Coordinator:

- Marilyn Sloan

Costume Team:

- Barb Sanders
- Marilyn Sloan
- Toni Roush

Copyright Compliance Chair:

- Patti Jeanfaivre

Management Team Updates

Team Leader: Tammy Lantis

- Come to rehearsals
- Pay your dues
- Be nice to each other

Secretary/Communications: Diana Henry

- Check emails frequently (esp. Wed-Thur)
- Keep yourself informed (via website)
- Minutes published on website

Finance Manager: JoAnn Zinda

- Pay your dues – everyone, every month
- Save a bit of \$\$ every month for events

Events: Lori McGinty

- Christmas Cabaret (Dec 17), Chair-Carolyn Lulay
- Advance (Jan 21-22), Chair-Linda Barker
- Contest (Mar 19-22), Chair - (TBD)

Ways & Means: Laurie Burk

- Nuts Sales (Sept-Oct) Chair: Jill Nishball
- Holly & Mistletoe (Dec), Chair - (TBD)
- Valegrams (February), Chair - (TBD)
- Flower Sales (Spring), Chair - (TBD)

Membership: Judy Gobat

- Christmas Chorus (Oct 13-Dec 17)
- Secret Sisters (October-March) – need chair
- Phone Tree, Chair - (TBD)

Marketing: (TBD)

- Need a person to fill this position
- Christmas Chorus – flyer and newspaper
- Christmas Cabaret – flyer and newspaper
- Business cards (ongoing)

Director: Kathy Scheel

- Performances confirmed Oct 1, Dec 10, Dec 17
- Coaching lined up with Jim Arns, Dede Nibler, Judy Pozsgay (and possibly Marge Bailey)
- Visual plan with Melanie Wroe in September
- Front row to be finalized in October
- Modify costumes to add hot pink fringe and sequins. Complete in January.

Christmas Performances

- December 10 – Holiday Market (10:00-2:00).
- December 17 – SE Salem Community Center (8:00-9:30). Doors open at 7:30 for Silent Auction, Food, Strolling Singers, etc. All chorus members are asked to help on committees. See Carolyn Lulay to volunteer.

If you see **TBD** in this newsletter, please volunteer.