

Children's Chorus of Carroll County March '09 Newsletter

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BOARD POSITION: You probably know that the Chorus is governed by a Board of Directors, comprised of community members and some Chorus parents. If you or someone you know is interested in serving in this capacity, please contact Diane Jones, msmoosic@gmail.com or Board chair, Richard Johnson, dream4sale@verizon.net.

Speaking of the Board, board member Jim Mayola will be presenting a trombone recital at 7:30pm on April 3 in Alumni Hall, McDaniel College. This is going to be a fun program, including both classic and jazz styles. Jim will be joined by other trombonists, piano, guitar, accordion, and harp. You are all invited!!!! Please come out to enjoy a free concert and support one of our fine board members.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION: If one of our singers receives special recognition in either the vocal or instrumental music area, please send pertinent information via email to Connie Carbaugh, connie.c2@verizon.net or Diane Jones, msmoosic@gmail.com. Such recognition would include performing in All-County or All-State groups, Eisteddfod, winning competitions or participating in awards recitals. We would like to include their names in our newsletter "Chorus Stars Column" in April. Some information has already been received. *Thanks!*

SPRING CONCERT PROGRAM ADS: Don't forget to solicit an ad. It can be your hair dresser, church, a favorite restaurant...the sky's the limit! Russ Vriezen is the point person for this, so please get those ads and turn-in the form (available on line) and money into Russ. Please remember that instead of getting an ad, you have the option of donating \$35.

REMINDER: There is a container for used printer cartridges and cell phones in the common area outside of Grace Hall. If it is not out, please give your articles to the Choir Coordinator.

ATTENDANCE: All Chorus members are recognized and congratulated at the Awards Ceremony. Students who have *perfect attendance* will receive a special award. We understand that there are legitimate reasons for absence during the course of the year, but for those few who attend all rehearsals and all performances, there will be special recognition.

Ugandan Children's Choir: The Children's Chorus has been asked to partner with the Ugandan (that's right: Africa) Children's Choir this coming summer. Twenty children, ages 6 to 11, will be in our area from June 18 until June 29 or 30. We would provide housing with families (each family would have two or three children) and breakfast, a packed lunch, and dinner. Children will need to be transported to a rehearsal place in Westminster during the day, recognizing that many of our parents work outside their homes. A complete package of "how-to's" will be given to everyone who is involved.

Auditions: Parents and singers, help us spread the word about the Chorus! Refer anyone who is interested to the website for details. Next month, there will be print materials you can help us distribute. Auditions for new students completing grades 1 – 11 will be held on May 11 and 12, Cranberry Station Elementary. Joining the Music Maker program will be handled separately.

Updated Calendar of Events: please review carefully

Mar 7 Family Music Night and Pot-Luck Dinner: 5:30 pm. at Westminster Methodist Church.

Mar 10 Fundraiser at Frisco Pub: Carroll Plaza Shopping Center (Englar Rd.) 4:00 – 9:00 pm. Proceeds benefit the BC's NYC travel group. Come out and support your fellow chorus members as well as a long-time local establishment.

Mar 21 Young Voices of Maryland Choral Festival: all day activity for **BC's**: Maryland State Boychoir Facility in Baltimore. All families should have received the schedule for this. We are waiting for several details, for instance, the cost of the dinner and attire for evening concert. All information will be passed on as soon as it is received.

Mar 28 Sing-In: 1:00 – 4:00pm @ Friendship Valley Elementary. Special session: Students from McDaniel will be presenting theater games and techniques.

Mar 29 Intergenerational Concert for DB's and Westminster Senior Singers: assemble @ 2:45; perform at 3pm; Westminster Church of the Brethren; **INFORMAL uniform**. Everyone is welcome to attend and cheer our singers on!

Mar 31 Westminster Ridge Concert: assemble at 6:30pm, perform at 7:00pm: **LPV, MM I & MM II**; informal uniform

Apr 17 Friday evening All-Chorus Rehearsal at Big Baker Chapel, 7:00 – 8:00pm. (Students not attending will be unable to sing in the Spring Celebration; do not wear uniforms – just street clothes)

Apr 18 Final rehearsal for Spring Celebration; LPV 9:00 – 10:00am; DB 10:00 – 11:00am; BC 11:00 – noon; VV noon – 12:30pm (Students not attending will be unable to sing in the Spring Celebration; do not wear uniforms – just street clothes)

Apr 19 Spring Celebration: 3:00pm: Big Baker Chapel @ McDaniel College; Call times: LPV's: 2:30pm, DB's: 2:30pm, BC's: 2:15. Formal pressed uniform

Apr 21 5:00 – 7:00pm Registration and placement for all future Music Maker members
7:00 – 8:00pm Rehearsal for all New York-bound Bel Canto's: this will be at GRACE LUTHERAN, not Westminster Methodist Church.

Apr 23-26 Heritage Festival: New York City. BC's and parents

Apr 28 Awards Night for MM, LPV, DB and BC. Grace Hall, Grace Lutheran Church: all Chorus music, materials and uniforms are to be returned by this evening. All members are individually recognized, but must be in attendance to receive awards.