



GNHCC News & Notes

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Quick Notes:



Refreshments:

This week it's the Sopranos' turn to bring refreshments.

Reminder: the "kitty" is still quite hungry. So, whenever possible, please remember to add something to the donation can. Let's keep the "kitty" healthy!

Thanks!

Thanks to everyone who helped to organize last Saturday's Luau Party and to make it such an enjoyable event! And a BIG thank you, also, to Tomas Miranda for hosting the party in his building's penthouse!

Reminder:

Chorus America Conference

Chorus America will hold its Annual Conference in Atlanta, GA, June 16 -19. Receive a 15% discount off the registration fee if you register by this Friday, March 5th.

<http://www.chorusamerica.org/>

Please let Susan Conover know if you're thinking of attending.

Workshops begin this Saturday

Last chance for discounted registration fee

What gives one song a Latin sound, another a Gospel sound and still another the sound of an American folk tune? Why do the melodies of different genres sound so unique even when the notes are the same? How can understanding the distinctive rhythm patterns of each musical style improve the quality of our singing? The workshops this month offer a wonderful opportunity to learn about the different styles of music we sing. Knowledge that will have direct impact on our future choral performances. Don't miss out...Register now!

Vickie goes **ON THE AIR**

Vickie Gerdon will be ON THE AIR this Friday morning during Ray Andrewsen's morning program. She will be speaking with Ray about the upcoming workshop series, Multicultural Influence on Choral Singing. The interview will air at approximately 8:45 AM. If you are outside the WQUN broadcast area, you can still listen on your computer because the WQUN signal is streamed live.



Go to <http://www.quinnipiac.edu/x981.xml>, scroll down to the graphic that says, "Listen Live" in yellow type, click on that graphic and you'll be able to listen to the WQUN broadcast signal with your computers media player.

First up: Latin-American Spirit



"The Latin-American Spirit" the first in of our series of workshops will be held this Saturday. Workshops on subsequent weeks will discuss African-American Influences on Choral Singing and "Americana": All sessions will incorporate singing. This is your last chance to sign up for all three workshops.

This series of workshops is made possible in part through the support of the City of New Haven Mayor's Community Arts Grants Program.

Carmina Burana In Greece

Both the completed registration form and the initial payment for the summer 2011 trip are due on March 15, 2010 – less than two weeks from now.

Here's a thought... Since the trip is nearly 16 months off, it might be advisable to consider purchasing the travel insurance to protect your investment.

Quilters Unite!

At 7:00 PM this Thursday (prior to rehearsal), Dottie Althoff, GNHCC's undisputed Queen of Quilting, would like to meet with everyone who is willing to help out with this year's quilt. You don't have to be a master seamstress; you just have to be able to sew a straight line on a sewing machine. Each helper will be given instructions and a plastic bag containing the pre-cut fabric pieces for their quilt block. All you need to do is sew up the pieces and return the finished block to Dottie. When all the blocks are completed, they will be assembled into a beautiful quilt. With your help, the quilt project can raise upwards of \$1500 in funds to support the chorus.



Something new this Thursday

This week, ***in addition*** to our regular 50/50 drawing (don't forget to see Ruth for your tickets), we will hold our first **White Elephant Sale**. Please bring in a ***new or nearly new*** item or perhaps a personally hand crafted item to DONATE to the chorus. (Note: this is ***not*** a rummage sale. Items must be in excellent condition). Items will be priced and offered for sale during the social break. Be sure to bring some extra cash for that special item you just can't resist!



Our next gift basket drawing will be March 18th.

Have Song, Will Travel

Craig Machado will be singing Bruckner's **Te Deum** and Rossini's **Stabat Mater** at a University of California/Davis Alumni Chorus concert on March 14th.

The **Te Deum** is rousing and majestic while the Rossini has a wonderful and challenging final "Amen" movement (very operatic, of course!) This is a yearly event for former University chorus members who are invited to sing with the current chorus. A great way to reconnect with old time choristers and meet new ones, plus visit the venerable Alma Mater!

Also, based on Craig's recommendation, the choir of the Unitarian Society of New Haven will be performing Joe Utterback's **Missa 2009 Jazzis** on Easter.



Member Corner

Charter Member **Rose Pizzuti** (Alto) continues to enjoy the chorus because she loves to sing and stay active. Rose, who joined the chorus in 1963 with her sister, Marie Ciresi, recalls having served on the GNHCC Board of Directors in many capacities such as Treasurer and as a Member-at-Large. Rose and her husband Peter, a banker, owned and operated "Mary's Home Bake Shop" on Dixwell Avenue in Hamden for over 42 years, until 1992. Today, Rose works part-time at the Bon-Ton Department Store and practices Tai Chi.

