



# GNHCC News & Notes

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## Quick Notes:



### Refreshments:

**Sopranos...** it's your turn to delight our palates! Please bring some goodies to share during this week's rehearsal break.

### 50/50 This Week:

This week, Kathy Traub will be the 50/50 ticket queen, since Ruth is 'flying with just one wing' while she recovers from minor wrist surgery. Ruth will be Kathy's official 'ticket barker', so be sure to step right up and get your tickets!

### White Elephant Sale:

Our White Elephant sale for this month will take place next week, April 8<sup>th</sup>. So be thinking of what items you can contribute!

## A Note from our Treasurer - Dottie Althoff



Since we are nearing our spring concert, I thought it might be a good time to share some of our financial facts:

Our annual expenses are about \$40,000. It costs us between \$4,000 and \$6,000 to pay for each concert depending upon soloists, musicians, printing costs, etc. Of course, our concerts are the endpoint of each rehearsal cycle and there are many expenses that must be paid to reach that endpoint - insurance, rental of the concert hall, rental of the rehearsal hall, director's and accompanist's salaries, printing, mailing, cakes, etc. etc. etc. The chorus generates about half of the money needed for a year of singing through our membership fees and through the selling of our concert tickets. The remainder of our expenses (about \$20,000) has to be raised through a combination of other efforts - raffles, selling ads for our program booklet, sponsorships, grants, fundraisers and more.

Everyone's responsibility as a member of GNHCC is to try to bring in some kind of income. We expect everyone to sell as many concert tickets as possible. We also hope that you will successfully solicit *at least* one (and preferably two or three) business person or friend who will give a tax-exempt contribution to the chorus. It is now the time of year for us to find people to place ads in our spring concert program. As is always the truth in life - many hands make a light load - so, please do your part!

We have a wonderful gift in our lives called The Greater New Haven Community Chorus, and we all need to give something back to the chorus by helping to raise funds. In the coming months, with your help, we will be working to develop additional, new ways to raise funds. Everyone's active participation in this entire process is really important! Thanks so much!

Your treasurer,  
*Dottie Althoff*



## **May 1<sup>st</sup> GNHCC Retreat**

9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

One of our newest chorus members, Eileen McGlynn, has graciously arranged for us to hold our May 1<sup>st</sup> GNHCC Retreat at her church – which is located just off Exit 56 off I-95 in Branford, a convenient 12 minutes from New Haven's Q-Bridge. In addition to the church's modern and spacious Sanctuary, there is also a large function room, a fully-equipped kitchen and plenty of parking.

As Christopher has mentioned, the day will be a fun mixture of both singing and other activities that will help us build, strengthen and enrich our connections with each other. Do you have an inspiration for a community-building activity we can do together that day? Think of an activity that is fun and interactive but not too long. Let Susan Conover know your idea, then gather some fellow Chorus members together and go for it! Among others, a couple of ideas already suggested are a cooking challenge – like the *Bobby Flay Throwdown* on Food Network, and a skit— something like, "Life in a Community Chorus".



### **Other Choruses Performing Chichester Psalms:**

**[The Stonewall Chorale](#)** (Choir with instrumental ensemble)  
"Psalm! Choral Classics to Awaken the Spirit"

Bernstein: *Chichester Psalms*

Britten: *Rejoice in the Lamb*

Works by Schumann, Barber, Dove, Pearsall and Hurd.

**Saturday, April 17, 2010 - 8:00 PM**

Manhattan Holy Apostles Church, 296 Ninth Avenue (at 28th Street)

Admission: \$20 in advance; \$25 at the door.

For more info: 212-971-5813 212-971-5813

*Cynthia Powell, artistic director. Christopher Creaghan, organ; Elaine Christy, harp; Barbara Merjan and Lindsay Haughton, percussion.*

**[The Canterbury Choral Society](#)** (Choir with soloists and orchestra)  
"Kodaly vs. Bernstein, The Rematch"

Zoltan Kodaly: *Missa Brevis*

Leonard Bernstein: *Chichester Psalms*

**Sunday, May 9, 2010 - 4:00 PM**

Manhattan Church Of The Heavenly Rest, Fifth Avenue at 90th Street

Admission: \$20; seniors/students \$15; children under 10 free.

For more info: 718-646-6281 718-646-6281

*Charles Dodsley Walker, founder and conductor. Kathleen Kelly, soprano; Mary Kay Nolan, mezzo-soprano; Sherry Zannoth, contralto; Thomas Mooney, tenor; Ralph Braun, bass-baritone. Andrew Sheranian, organ.*



### **Other Upcoming Concerts to Enjoy:**

**Dvorak's *Stabat Mater*** will be presented by **Cappella Cantorum** on **Sunday, April 11** at 3 PM in John Winthrop Middle School on Route 80, (exit 5, Rte 9) in Deep River. Cappella Cantorum, with professional soloists and orchestra will be directed by Barry Asch. Soloists are Soprano – Amanda Hall, Mezzo Soprano – Gala El Hadidi, Tenor – Michael Paul Krubitzer, Bass – Tyler Simpson, Tickets are \$20, Seniors & Students \$18. Tickets are available at Celebrations, Deep River; Homeworks, Old Saybrook; The Turning Page, Old Lyme; and Stewart's Music, Niantic or call 860-767-8452 860-767-8452 . A reception will follow the performance.

### **Songs of the Americas will be presented by CONCORA: Connecticut Choral Artists - in Recital:**

**Sunday, April 11, 2010; 4:00 p.m.**

CONCORA soloists present art songs from the United States, Canada, Central and South America – a memorable journey through all of the Americas.

Venue: Hubbard Hall, St. John's Episcopal Church, 679 Farmington Ave., West Hartford, CT.

Tickets: Preferred seating: \$30; General admission: \$20; Students: \$10. Contact: CONCORA, 860-224-7500 or 860-224-7500;

contact@concora.org; www.concora.org

Website: [www.concora.org](http://www.concora.org)

### **Member Corner**

**Cortina Orr** (Soprano II) is one of our newest members who says she is "tickled pink" to have found the chorus through our website. Cortina, originally from Richmond Virginia, moved to New Haven in the fall of 2009 after spending more than 10 years in Zimbabwe, where she and her husband were missionaries for Campus Crusade for Christ. While raising a family, (a daughter who just started Smith College this fall and a son who is currently in high school), Cortina and her husband were part of a team who built Africa Leadership Management Academy, Zimbabwe's first graduate school of leadership.



Cortina sang in two choruses in Zimbabwe, one of which specializes in Renaissance music. So, she was thrilled to find GNHCC. She feels she's learning a lot in chorus and that it is a privilege to be singing again. Cortina and her family came to New Haven for her husband's sabbatical with the Overseas Ministry Study Center. While the future holds more travel for Cortina and her husband, she likes New Haven and hopes to be here for several more years - which will make both Cortina and all of us at GNHCC very happy.