



# GNHCC News & Notes

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## Quick Notes:



### May 1<sup>st</sup> Retreat:

Plans are moving ahead for our May 1<sup>st</sup> Retreat for everyone who is singing in this Spring's concert. Your input and ideas for activities we can share that day are more than welcome. Also, if you can help out with logistics and planning, please contact Susan Conover.

Just a reminder—the Retreat will be held on Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup> from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM in Branford. Directions and the exact address will be included in upcoming editions of **News & Notes**.

### Refreshments:

This is 'Cake Week'!



So to paraphrase that famous quote, "Let Us Eat Cake!!!"

## 7:00 PM Sectional Rehearsals – All Voice Parts



**Sopranos and Altos** will meet in the large room where we regularly rehearse (Pratt Hall).



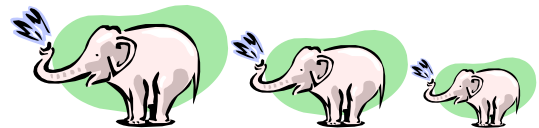
**Tenors and Basses** will meet in the small room in the front of the building.

### Reminder About Rehearsal Decorum

Of course, you know this already—but the ambient noise level during our rehearsals has been increasing to a very distracting level lately. *Please* do not chatter or audibly sound out your part while either Christopher or Spencer is talking, when any of the other vocal sections are rehearsing or when we're asked to open a different piece of music. If you have questions about the music, make note of your question and ask at an appropriate time.



### White Elephants Anyone?



This week, we'll hold our second **White Elephant Sale**. Our first efforts with the White Elephant Sale were quite successful—let's make this one even better! Please bring something **new or nearly new** to **DONATE** to the chorus. (Note: all items must be in excellent condition). Items will be priced and offered for sale during our social break.

And, don't forget, we'll also be holding our 50/50 drawing so, please remember to get your tickets!

## Please Take Note...



This month, Hillhouse Opera Company is performing *Faust*. (Our own Laura Pringleton is the Choir Mistress for this production.) The production organizers have asked GNHCC to use Pratt Hall (where we normally rehearse) for their April 22<sup>nd</sup> performance.

So, on **April 22<sup>nd</sup> we will hold our rehearsal at Center Church on the Green (rather than in our usual rehearsal space.** To thank us and to make up for the inconvenience of displacing us, the Hillhouse Opera Company has offered to help promote our June 12<sup>th</sup> concert to their audiences and through their rather large email database.

Even though Center Church isn't an ideal rehearsal location, it will afford us the opportunity to hear ourselves with different and challenging acoustics—which will help us to be more prepared for the difficult acoustics of Battell Chapel.

In case you'd like to see the production of *Faust*, other performance dates are:

- April 24 at [Pratt Hall](#) in New Haven, CT
- April 29 & May 1 at [Immanuel Lutheran Church](#) in Danbury, CT

## Choral Concert This Weekend



### Heritage Chorale Jonathan Q. Berryman\*, Director and Founder

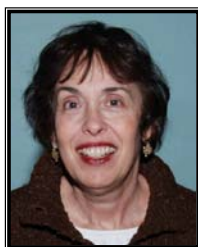
Sunday April 11  
5:00 PM  
Tickets: \$15

Bethel AME Church  
255 Goffe Street  
New Haven

\* You may recall that Jonathan Q. Berryman was a presenter at our recent GNHCC Workshop, African-American Influence on Choral Singing.



### Member Corner:



**Judy Buzzell** (Soprano I) joined the chorus some 6 years ago. Although recently retired from the Education Department of Southern Connecticut State University, where she trained and taught Early Childhood Education, Judy is still teaching half time at the University while involved in city-wide early childhood activities.

Judy was raised in a small village in Delaware that was founded as a utopian community in the early 1900s. She lived in Belgium for a year after college and recently spent several months on sabbatical in France studying the French pre-school program. Education runs in Judy's family—her husband teaches in the prison system and their son left in January to teach English in the Peace Corps in Thailand. When not teaching or singing, Judy enjoys swimming, reading traveling and watching "30 Rock" on TV.

