



# GNHCC News & Notes

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## Quick Notes:

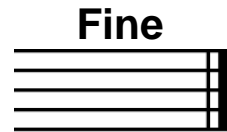


### Best of All Possible Worlds Afterthoughts:

In the olden days,  
everybody sang. You were  
expected to sing as well  
as talk. It was a mark of  
the cultured [person] to  
sing.

--Leonard Bernstein

## Party!!! (...and Annual Meeting and Elections)



This Thursday, June 24<sup>th</sup> will mark the end of our 2009-2010 season with our traditional end-of-the-year gathering. Part social and part annual meeting, we will celebrate the successes of the past year as we take a 'first listen' to the concert recording which will soon be available on CD.

We will gather at our regular rehearsal time: 7:30 pm at Pratt Hall (where we've rehearsed all season). Many of you have signed up to bring food for the party—please don't forget—we'll be counting on you to 'come through' (and we *will be hungry!*)

During the evening, in addition to partying and listening to our concert recording, we will hold elections for the GNHCC 2010-2011 Board of Directors—plus we'll give everyone an opportunity to sign up for one (or more) of the all-important committees which keep GNHCC running smoothly. Previous editions of *News & Notes* have included descriptions of each committee. Take a few minutes to review those committee descriptions and think about which one you'd like to join. Getting involved with committee activities is a great way to get to know your fellow choristers better—as well as a fantastic way to hone new skills while 'giving back' to the chorus you've come to love. We need ***you***—your ideas and your energies—to keep GNHCC vibrant and engaged.



### Quilt Drawing *This Thursday!*



Tickets for the quilt (and hooked rug) drawing can be sold right up until the drawing on Thursday evening! So, take advantage of the time remaining. Let's make this the most successful effort ever! If you need more tickets to sell, just contact Dottie at 203-281-0218 or send her an email at: [Dotsin5@comcast.net](mailto:Dotsin5@comcast.net) and she'll get you as many tickets as you need—I promise!!!

## Time for Big Change a.k.a. Bring in your Coins



OK...You've been collecting your change in your GNHCC coin banks over the past couple of months, right? Now it's time for 'Big Change' (...get it? Big—as in **a lot of**—change! As in, let's count the coins and see how much change we've been able to accumulate for the good work of good old GNHCC!

Bring the contents of your coin banks on Thursday. The Finance/Fundraising committee will get it all counted and we'll let you know how well we've done. Be sure to keep your coin banks and continue collecting change over the summer. Every nickel and dime helps a lot!!!



### Reminder...

**All music must be returned this Thursday!**



### *Year-end Music Collection*

You will be provided with a large envelope that will have on it your name and the music titles in your possession. If you will be at the June 24<sup>th</sup> party and meeting, you may turn in the envelope containing your music at that time.

If you will not be attending the year-end meeting and party on June 24 and have not yet returned your music, please contact Kathy Traub at 203-469-9066 or Rose Quiello at 203-248-7162 or [rquiello@comcast.net](mailto:rquiello@comcast.net) and make arrangements for retuning your music as soon as possible.

Please keep in mind that some of the music we use has been borrowed from other choruses and must be returned in the condition in which we received it. Please remove any markers, clips, post-it notes, etc. The cost to replace lost or damaged music can be costly, so please help us avoid this extra expense.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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**Laura and Tom Malone**  
welcome...



**Kyan Patrick Malone**

Former GNHCC members, Laura and Tom Malone are ecstatic to be the adoptive parents of this new little angel. Laura reports that he truly is the calmest little baby we have ever met—he is a real delight. He was born in Florida on June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:05 am, weighing in at 6 lbs 12 oz. and 19" long. He's growing like a weed and is now over 8 lbs only 3 weeks later.

Congratulations!

**Keep an eye  
on your email...**

Announcements will be made soon about upcoming dates.

The date for the 2010-2011 season kick-off party (a.k.a. Da Capo Party) will be announced soon. (This gathering is usually held in August—but details are yet to be worked out.)

We currently plan to begin fall semester rehearsals on Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup>. So be sure to save that date and watch your email for details.

## Member Corner

Grace York and Dottie Althoff are the original GNHCC mother-daughter team.



They are both altos, both active on the chorus board, (Dottie - Treasurer /Grace - Social Committee Co-Chair), and both are “artsy-crafty”. Grace found her way into the chorus from the Waterbury Chorale, and would commute to rehearsal from Watertown before she moved back to Hamden. Grace and her husband (a Methodist Minister) raised Dottie in a beautiful town on Long Island called Sea Cliff, and moved to Connecticut in 1970 when Dottie’s husband Mike became a French teacher at Hamden High. Currently, Dottie also works in education as a tutor at West Woods Elementary School for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders. Grace is retired, but keeps very active with the GNHCC board, the board at the Commons where she lives, researching her genealogy on the computer, reading, doing jigsaw puzzles and most importantly, spending time with her great grandchildren. Many of you may have known The Evergreen Shop in Hamden that Grace and Dottie started and ran for many years, doing high quality framing. In Dottie’s spare time, she loves to read, kayak, garden, and spend time with her family. She is passionate about quilting, and has been the inspiration for the GNHCC quilt. The quilt has been a “family affair” with husband and daughters selling tickets and helping out.

When Dottie was in college, she had the privilege of traveling to Lincoln, Nebraska for a Methodist Student Movement Conference, where she spoke with, shook hands with and ate lunch with Martin Luther King, Jr. She also went to Washington, D.C. for King’s “I Have a Dream” speech. These were exciting and inspiring times that changed Dottie’s life. On a parallel note, I (Jill Savitt) first met Grace in Poland in 1988 where we sang “We Shall Overcome” for Lech Walesa (Solidarity Movement) in Gdansk.

We are extremely fortunate to have Grace and Dottie as part of our GNHCC family.

## **Keep Singing all Summer!**

In addition to **our** plans to begin rehearsals for our GNHCC Small Group Ensemble, there are other opportunities to keep singing throughout the summer. Information about **three separate** summer singing opportunities in Old Saybrook, Weston and Fairfield are attached in separate PDF documents. Among the various compositions being sung are Chichester Psalms **and** Missa Jazzis. So, check it out!