

Alexandria Singers

NOTES

September 2001



President's Corner

Congratulations, Singers. What a 25th anniversary year!! The June show was so much fun to perform; and to add icing to the cake, we made money on the show!! Thanks to Brad, Eva, and the production crew, we were able to keep the show expenses down. But, best of all, you guys SOLD TICKETS!! We had more people attend two performances this year than we had at three performances last year (*see page 4 for details*).

And because of your participation in our fund raising activities, we were able to end the year in the black. We ended the performance year with approximately \$1,200 on the ledger. When you consider that we were looking at a possible \$8,000 DEFICIT, you guys did great!!! You really showed your dedication to the group by working hard to keep us afloat. What a team!

Let's not rest on our laurels. On page 3, you will find information on some of the upcoming fund raising events we have planned. I hope you will build upon what you did last year and try to sell more candy, ET Books, and, of course, tickets.

Last, but not least, I'd like to extend a warm welcome to new Singers (and to the returning folks). I hope that everyone will make you feel right at home. If you have ANY questions about anything, please don't hesitate to ask one of us. Or see Katherine Zimmerman, our Membership Vice President, and she will help you or direct you to someone who can.

I'm looking forward to another great year!!!!



New & Returning Members

Soprano I

Chrissy Barnett
Marjorie Boursiquot
Vilia Hinds
Lei Jones
Laura Rawlings

Soprano II

Catina Anderson
Peg Lorden
Karen Bernard*

Alto I

Phyllis McIlroy
Whitney Schechter
Jo Ellen Marsh*

Alto II

Elizabeth Lee

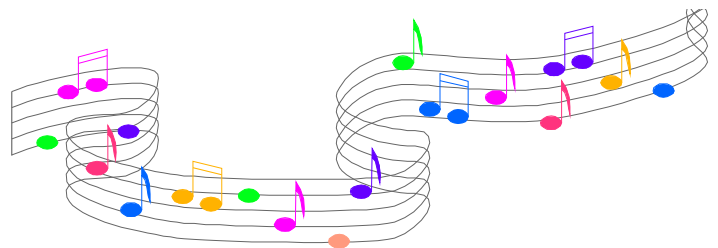
Tenor

Greg Wood

Baritone/Bass

John Meehan

* = Returning Singer



Membership Dues

Reminder: Your \$85 dues should be paid to Membership Vice President Katherine Zimmerman by September 25.

Calendar of Events

Saturday, September 22

Car Wash/Yard Sale/Bake Sale

Set up: 6 a.m.; Car Wash/Yard Sale: 7 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Fairlington United Methodist Church,
3900 King Street, Alexandria

Tuesday, October 16

Performance Workshop/Choreography Session

with Creative Director Geri Geis

7 p.m. at Lincolnia Center

Saturday, October 20

Rehearsal: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Location: TBA

Saturday, November 17

Rehearsal: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Location: TBA

Tuesday, November 20

Choreography Session w/ Geri Geis

REPORT TIME: 6:50 p.m. @ Lincolnia

DRESS REHEARSAL: Saturday, December 8

Report Time: TBA - Bishop Ireton High School

201 Cambridge Rd., Alexandria

HOLIDAY CONCERT: Sunday, December 9

Report Time: 1:30 p.m., Concert Begins: 3 p.m.

Saturday, February 23

Rehearsal: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Location: TBA

Saturday, March 23

Rehearsal: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Location: TBA

Saturday, April 20

Rehearsal: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Location: TBA

Saturday, May 18

Rehearsal: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Location: TBA

Saturday, June 15

Rehearsal: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Location: TBA



Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella

Celtic Carol

Christmas is a Time of Many Colors

Deck the Hall

(Ever'body's Waitin' for) The Man with the Bag

Festival Sanctus

Fum, Fum, Fum

Gloria

Huron Carol

Kyrie

Mi Y'mailleil

O Nata Lux

Peace on Earth (Silent Night)

This is That Time of Year

Wassail Song

We Need a Little Christmas

What Child is This

What Christmas Means to Me

Y'mei Chanukah



Standing Repertoire

And All That Jazz

'Deed I Do

Get Happy

I'm Just a Lucky So and So

I've Got the World on a String

Little Boy Lost

Lullaby of Broadway

Ragtime

Rent (*short version*)

Steam Heat

Some Days You Gotta Dance

Swing Dancin'

Fundraisers!

Administrative Vice Presidents Marla Howell and Jim Bise have been cooking up fun, new ways to help us raise money to pay for staff salaries, rent for our rehearsal space, and most importantly, our concerts. Please pitch in and do your part to support the organization. It's a great way to get to know your fellow Singers and pay the bills at the same time!



YARD SALE/CAR WASH/ BAKE SALE - SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Fairlington United Methodist Church

3900 King Street (intersection of King St. & 395)

7 a.m. - 4 p.m. (set up at 6:30 a.m.)

Chair: Brian Washington

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS - ON SALE LATE-SEPTEMBER THROUGH DECEMBER

Chairs: Dei Potter and Nancy Bird

SEES CANDY - ON SALE OCTOBER - JUNE

Continuous sales of chocolate bars with special gift box orders placed in advance of holidays/special occasions.

Chair: ??? -- If you're interested in chairing this activity, please see Marla or Jim.



POINSETTIAS - ORDERS TAKEN OCTOBER THROUGH NOVEMBER

Delivery date to be determined

Chairs: Katherine Zimmerman and Bari St. Cyr

Stay tuned for details on more NEW fundraising events!

NOTE-worthy Quotes

"Without music, life is a journey through a desert."

— Pat Conroy

"I think music in itself is healing. . . It's something we are all touched by. No matter what culture we're from, everyone loves music."

— Billy Joel

If you can walk, you can dance.

If you can talk, you can sing.

— Zimbabwe Proverb



**Best Wishes
to those born
in September:**

Les Cameron
Valerie Carroll
Jessica Cichy
Jessica Coan
Stephanie Dailey

Rodney Jackson
Lei Jones
Julie Kraus
Amelia McCuen
Greg Wood



Audience Survey

How Did You Hear About the Concert?

FROM A SINGER: 332

Received Singers' Mailing: 55
From Family/Friends: 60
Singers' web page: 6

Washington Post: 39
Alexandria Gazette: 6
Gazette Packet: 6
Washington Times: 6
Other Papers: 6

Other: 23
Senior Centers: 23
Car wash, etc.: 27
566

For 250 of the 566 people who filled out the survey, this was their FIRST Singers' concert!

2001 June Show Attendance

Orchestra Seating: 81
Reserved Seating: 177
General Seating (Adults): 240
Seniors/Students/Military/Groups: 310
Ticket Undesignated: 148
Children (6 and under): 10
Alumni: 34
Complimentary: 18

TOTAL: 1,018

Attendance @ Each Performance

Saturday: 469 Sunday: 549

2000 June Attendance — Total 849

Friday: 239

Saturday: 290

Sunday: 320

Board of Directors

President: Sandy Carson
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Other People to Know

Music Librarian: Sue Davis

Historian: Kit Harahan

Web master: Tina Carnathan

Uniform Coordinators:
Barbara Keefer
Bari St. Cyr
Michelle Johnson

Show Producer: Eva Malecki

Music Captains

Sandy Carson - Sopranos
Linda Hemphill - Altos
Les Cameron - Tenor/Bass

Section Leaders

Michelle Johnson - Soprano I
Joan Capella-Weinard - Soprano II
Natalie Fleet - Alto I
Sarah Jane League - Alto II
Bari St. Cyr - Tenor
Rich Callen - Baritone/Bass