

## PRESIDENTS REPORT/ ANNUAL MEETING/ for Aug. 25, 2014

I could not be more pleased with the strides we're making as a well-rehearsed performance Chorus. Much of the credit for that goes to our extremely talented Artistic Director Adam, combined with the hard work needed from each of us to put in to rehearsing in our "off time" away from rehearsal. With the expert hands we have guiding our Production committee, fundraising events, treasury concerns, PR, and the Annual Campaign, the Chorus issue I am most concerned about is increasing our membership. Our AD has been the first AD in memory to get us a foot in the door on local college campuses. I know he is hoping some of his PSU Students can help recruit new singers for us this year. Thanks to Wayne's beautifully set-up HGMC Pride Tent we attracted a lot of attention at Pride this year and we are hoping some of the interested men that signed up will be at our first official rehearsal on September 8.

We have had a very busy summer and accomplished a lot of "Firsts" for the Chorus together! I was so proud to sing with each of you during the **Equality Fest in York** this past August, and singing the **National Anthem for the City Islanders** as well. Both of these events have the opportunity of expanding our fan base and our standing in the LGBT community. We have another first coming up at the end of Sept. Make sure to mark your calendars (and make needed arrangements) **for Sept. 29**. In working with Bill Krenz from the Central PA. LGBT Chamber of Commerce, we have secured a singing engagement at **Penn State's Hershey Medical Center**. We will be performing a brief mini-concert based on specific requests from the Med. Center to provide an uplifting/gay positive educational message. There will be a reception provided by Hershey Med. Starting at 4:30 that day. Our performance is at 5:30. This is a paid performance. The Chorus is earning \$500. For this event. A calendar of the main season events is provided at the end of this report.

Another exciting first this year is a change for our Spring Concert Venue. We will be singing in the brand new theatre space at **Penn State University, Harrisburg** Campus this coming May. Adam secured this space for us AT NO COST to the Chorus! So HUGE THANK YOU to Adam for that!

**Slight Changes in Rehearsal:** Our official rehearsal time will be Mondays from 7pm-9:30pm. This change was discussed and approved by the Board in early August. Please see the AD report for specifics. I believe this change will be for the benefit of the Chorus as we continue to grow in sound quality and professional ethic as musicians.

**Committee Sign-ups:** We are making every effort to stick to a tight less than 15 minute break during Chorus Rehearsals. Some members have expressed concern that this does not provide enough social interaction during rehearsal. The easy fix for this is to have someone motivated for arranging social functions as the head of the Social Committee. The Social Committee Chair is in charge of scheduling the rehearsal refreshment throughout the season. That is the main function we need the S.C. Chair to fill, however if there is a desire for more social functioning, the S.C. chair can officially announce opportunities at Break-time. The Social Committee chair is also in charge of organizing post-concert get-togethers, recognizing special occasions, etc. The Social Committee chair is responsible for assisting with refreshment organization and hall set-up if it is needed for a HGMC Concert or event. Board Members should be available to assist with these functions as well.

### **HGMC Important Calendar dates thus far 2014/15:**

**Monday Aug. 25** 7pm Annual Meeting/intro. Of season music

**Monday Sept 8** Start of regular rehearsal season. Reg rehearsal from 7-9pm, with 6:30 to 7 and 9 to 9:30 open for Adam to schedule auditions, sectionals etc. as needed, if you want those on the calendar I send out to the guys I'll need info by the Aug. Production meeting (which is the 6 or 13 Paul??)

**Monday Sept. 29, PERFORMANCE** at HERSHEY MED CENTER, reception 4:30, Performance 5:30 (Rehearsal to follow 7:30 at UU Church)

**Saturday Oct. 4, PERFROMANCE/** Jefferson and Steve's Wedding Hershey Theatre (time TBA)

**Saturday Dec. 6, 7PM preview PERFORMANCE** of Winter Concert First Reform Church Lancaster

**Sunday Dec. 7, 4PM WINTER CONCERT** UU Church

**Sunday Dec 14, 4PM WINTER CONCERT** Enola Church (name?)

Monday Jan. 26, Start of Spring Rehearsal

Friday Jan. 30 7PM WINTER ENCORE PERFORMANCE United Church of Christ York

Friday April 17 7PM PERFROMANCE Lavender Graduation Penn State, State College

Sat/Sun May 9/10 8 PM/ 3 PM SPRING CONCERT Penn State, Harrisburg Campus

Sat. June 6, 7:30 PM SPRING ENCORE CONCERT United Church of Christ York

**Board Meeting Dates** 2014/15: Sundays 6pm

Sept.21 Oct. 19 Nov. 16 Dec. 21 Jan. 25 Feb. 22 Mar. 29 Apr. 26 May 31 June 28

**FARM SHOW DATES: PLEASE mark your calendars ahead for these dates so we have adequate coverage at these fundraising events**

**Oct. 9-17 PA National Horse Show (tentative)**

**Nov. 22 Bull ride Mania**

**Feb. 1-9 Great American Outdoor Show (Our biggest money maker of the season)**

**March 28 Bull ride Mania**

**April 11-12 Parelli Naturel Horse Show**

**May 15-17 Fireman's Expo**