

## **Season 2015-16 Annual Vice President Report**

Good evening fellow members of the Harrisburg Gay Men's Chorus. Thank you for making this year, and the last four years a wonderful and fulfilling experience. What was only to be a one year term has turned into a time I will remember forever. We have all been vital to the success that has become our chorus. I thank you for that. My four years as Vice President have taught me to be quiet when I don't want to, and to speak out when I need too. This strikes me as a bit funny since Adam has been trying to get me to do this musically for quite some time. (good luck with that Adam)

This is a year that has made me quite proud of our little Chorus. We have sung in venues we never thought we would or could. Bringing our love of music to events such as the Harrisburg Soccer and Baseball teams, Penn State University, and other events we never expected. Who thought we would do that and do that so well? GALA, GALA, GALA. That is all I can say. I loved making beautiful music with each and every person that attended. I am eager for the next GALA in Minneapolis 2020.

My thanks continue to go out to the members of the Board. We have had ups and downs but I feel we are headed in a great direction. Kevin Wagner has always amazed me with his organizational skills and overall "on top of things" abilities. Oh how I wish I had one ounce of your talents. Thank you for all you do. Bill Sprout, your energy has been uplifting. You have the ability to enlighten the board with a different view of things. Marlene, I thank you for your great connections in the LGBT community. Your life long support of the community reminds us as a chorus that we need to continue our outreach in song and in other ways. Bob Nease.... What can I say about you??? Well, I love your dedication to the Chorus. I love your grasp on the history that is this Chorus. And I love your fight for the less fortunate. You remind me that not all people in this community we belong to have had the same experiences and opportunities. I also love your smirks when you don't agree with something. That I will always remember. Doug, you are the newest member of the board and you have hit the ground running. This chorus has and will always be better for your addition to the board. A personal thanks for always showing Lizzie's better side on posters. Adam, I thank you for your skillful direction even when I don't know where we are going. I praise you on your

creative musical talents and on your even temperament with this bunch of Big Drama Queens. I love how you just know how to “work” us (you can add your own interpretation here). And then there is Jeffery. My dear President who I would gladly fall on a sword for (or at least wear last season’s fashions for). I commend you for the work you have done with this chorus. You have increased our visibility and our bank account, by getting us involved and leading us toward the future. I know you will mentor our next President to guide the chorus in the right path. (POTHGMC isn’t easy to pronounce)

Lastly, I say thank you to “My Babies”, The Spring and Fall Fundraisers. I have given birth to you and nurtured you to become THEE PARTIES OF THE SEASONS. You have made me so proud. I am happy and amazed at the masses of people you have brought together for this Chorus. Even though you are both only 4 years old you have worked harder than Christina Crawford with a scrub brush. You have made your Momma proud by bringing in over \$8000 in fundraising in the last 4 years. Each year you grow into something better and better. I will miss you but I know you will be in good hands. I know this because Aunt Lizzie and Aunt Bettie will always be there to guide you along.

Cheers to the HGMC!!!

Proudly,

Eddie Diel

Vice President HGMC