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Margot's Mention,

Great job Monday girls, blew off a few cobwebs. Please listen to your recordings done Monday night and send your section leader the best, even if your best isn't perfect, as there is no such thing! For one thing, we won't know what to work on, unless you send us the tapes.

Attendance, if you are unwell, away or unable to come to singing, please contact you section leader by phone, text or e-mail. We worry for you when you are missing.

New music with all note, word and breathing changes will be coming out soon for the Two competition songs. Wasn't it great to see Helen back! It was lovely when she joined Bianca and Stephanie to help them with 'On My Own'. Don't forget to sound out your husbands and friends for the Mrs Browns Boys movie night! Should be a blast! Lastly, Buddy up with the new girls. Remember what it was like to be new and treat them as you needed to be treated.

Quartet Club

Well the first Quartet Club is done and dusted. We had eight of us to play with and play we did, each trying different parts as we learnt two tags and experimented. Jan was our sole lead and we were tenor-less, so we mixed it up a little as Shirley, Mary, Michelle and I took turns at Bari and Tenor, while Cherie, Trisha, Veda and Jan shared out Bass, Bari and Lead. We then sat down and learnt a new song. Well done girls, You Rock! Girls can do anything. Thanks to Veda, for hosting us. Quartet Club, our goal is to foster learning and encourage girls to sing in small groups and or quartets. The possibilities are endless, all you need to do is show up with your sense of humour and ears on. At this stage we are aiming to meet once a month, probably the first weekend of the month, schedules allowing, either Saturday or Sunday afternoon for two hours. Yours in Harmony, **Margot**

Hi Girls - from the Fundraising team with regards to the **movie night!** Tickets are currently been given out to Chorus members for the Movie night 'Mrs Brown's Boys', Thursday 24th July, which is not very far away! There are limited seats so please if you could ask your friends/family/work colleagues this week and preferably have money for tickets that I will give to you on Monday night at Chorus! I have given out over half already so best get in quick! We will be having spot prizes and a Brown & Green Raffle! (Mrs Brown...who is Irish...get it...brown & green..boom!!.) Anyway, donations will be gratefully received of anything food, sweet that is brown or green....i.e: Chocolate kisses, Afghan...Malt Biscuits, After dinner mints..scorched almonds, green lollies, etc. Tickets \$20.00, Napier Reading Cinema, 8pm for 8.30 start -ticket includes drink & nibbles! A flyer was sent out in last week's NN's with all the information on. Thank you, appreciate your support as always!

P.S; Ring me on 8438438 if you want some put aside.. **Michelle**

N.B. BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION - postponed as we need a bigger venue and finding this may take time. Keep the photo display in mind and dust off those images of you 20 years ago! Other historical photos of chorus days welcome for a noticeboard of 'history' - name on the back of any pics offered, so you get them safely returned. Penny has offered to look after this.

In loving Memory A Tribute from Lesley

I was very sad to hear that Pam Hewett had passed away. She used to be on the Regional Management Team as the Membership Co-ordinator, and I got to know her then when I was doing the photo displays for the Regional Conventions. A bright and bubbly person, with a great sense of humour, and a passionate bass member of the Foveaux Harmony Chorus in Invercargill. Some of our members may remember that she came to visit our Chorus once in her role as a member of the R.M.T. Barb Speers told me some time ago that Pam was ill, so I wrote to her and got a lovely reply. She seemed to recover, and everyone was hopeful. Pam and her husband used to live next door to Barb and her husband, and they were very close. Then on the 20th of June Barb sent me a message from Pam, she had visited them to say goodbye, the cancer had returned. So once again we say goodbye to a loyal and dedicated Sweet Adeline. I know her chorus will miss her immensely, as will all those who knew her. Rest in peace Pam.

Lesley

Diary

Voice coaching, 14, 21 and 28th

Chorus 14, 21, 28 as usual

24th July Movie night. Mrs Browns boys. Tickets from Michelle.

28th July Coach Dee Dee N

August Trivia night may also be rescheduled so watch this space.

Coaching Dates.

28 July – Dede Nibler

7th Aug, Thur – Lynne Smith

4,5,6 Oct - Virginia

27 – 30 Mar. 2015 - Virginia w/e retreat

20 April 2015 - Lynne Smith

27 April 2015 - Virginia

DUTIES 2014

June – Baris and Tenors

July - Basses

August - Leads

July Birthdays

16th Veda Turkington

21st Susan Smith

Costume Team meeting for all members on this team is at Veda's hall THIS Saturday, at 10.30. (Have your coffee before you go!)

Membership Team is organizing a buddy system so be prepared to help with friendship and assistance to budding new members. There are some lovely ladies coming to join us!

Greetings all

Both Veda and I had a great time last night experiencing a very fruitful evening of sharing and singing. This morning we had a chat voicing some concerns

Both of us aware that this is a very important time for our Chorus with much hard work and effort having gone into promotion, encouraging and hopefully gaining new members. Lana and her leaders are working overtime to make that happen. However there are a few details that we feel need to be addressed. Details that will enhance the image of our Chorus to new members.

The **start time** is 7.15 – one new visitor asked if she had the time wrong when only a few had arrived at 7.12!

It is an expectation that respect is given to the person 'out front' by giving her your full attention when the group is working. To do this when we have new members present is essential to forming new habits both off and on the risers. This did not happen at times on Monday night.

The turnout of members recently has been disappointing. In fact last night - more visitors than members! This is not a good look when seeking to grow our members. We understand the struggle with work, family, winter woes etc but we need everyone there to send the message. The new ladies have been so positive. To be with us for voice testing, learning the Irish Blessing and getting to know what we are about has been exciting for them. Let's keep them here! So girls, we look forward to seeing you next Monday ☺ ☺

From two old girls who feel strongly enough to put heads on the block and bring this to your attention.

Shirley and Veda



FEES: Jan has asked me to remind members to please make every effort to keep up to date with Fees payments. We are facing all sorts of costs at this time of year, eg NZ Region Fees and various administrative costs, not to mention ongoing costume progress payments. It is imperative our income keeps up there. Roll on the fundraising campaign, Cherie is doing a sterling job with applying for Grants.

Snippets

Shirley asked that anyone wanting to the YSIH National Competitions on the Tues, Wed, Thurs (12,13,14th August I think) should contact her.

Thank you to the members who wore name tags on Monday. Please help the newbies get acquainted with us! This is really important – we want the new ladies to feel comfortable when we speak to them and we would like them to wear their names so we can get to know them too.

Coming up! **Kath and Kim Trivia Night is probably being rescheduled.** Keep a lookout for the dates when it is rescheduled

Watch this space for new date for 20 year celebration – This is being rescheduled as the planned venue could not take the expected numbers.

Webpage has been sorted out by our wonderful tech-able ladies. Here you will find the music and lyrics, newsletters, members contact lists, news of chorus, photographs, links www.soundsofhawkesbaychorus.co.nz

Facebook Page – you don't have to login to Facebook to watch these videos.

Google, "Sounds of Hawkes Bay Chorus Facebook," and check out all the fabulous chorus videos that Katie has put on the site. You don't need to be a member of facebook to look at the SOHB Chorus Facebook Site. This is only required if you want to comment on the site. Click on the arrow in the centre of the chorus to play the video. You may be prompted to upgrade Adobe Flash Player in order to play the video. Follow the onscreen prompts to download the free upgrade.

Musical island Boys!!! Brief history. Formed 2002 at Tawa High School Wellington. Took out the nationals that year for Young Men In Harmony. Following year won Men's open here in NZ 2004. Won the Pan Pacific Contest which includes Australia. 2005 won Gold at the Colligate under 25s in Indianapolis. The first quartet to capture this award outside of the States. Won 4th placing in 2010 the over the last 3 years have come second at the International Men's Competitions. They travel all around the world now performing in Sweden, Holland, Germany Korea, Japan England and Australia. MIB have been to HB many times over the early years and went around our High schools and Came to our Chorus in 2004. They are truly inspirational to our Young Singers here in NZ and I'm sure have sent Many young men on the right track into adulthood through Singing Barbershop. They have reached the pinnacle of their careers winning gold. **Katie**

'til next time
Evelyn C

Mission Statement:

Sounds of HB Chorus is focused on musical excellence and sharing the joy of four part harmony. Through education, opportunities for personal growth, dynamic performances and a nurturing environment, we harmonise our world.