

# Newsy Notes



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## Nancy's Notes

Thank you to everyone who made themselves available for the singouts last weekend. Renee, sent a message to say that the "Flash Mob" was fabulous at her and Ben's wedding held at Sileni.

**Retreat** – As this is a "must" in the lead up to Convention, please speak with Lana if you have any concerns re: attendance for all or part of the weekend etc. The cost of the accommodation for the overnight stay, and also the Saturday night shared meal, is included in the personal contribution for Convention. Please add your name to the Retreat Room share form by next Monday.

### Convention -

- At the Management Team Meeting on Monday evening it was decided that there was sufficient funds available to **include the cost of hair comb-ups for everyone.** (This will also help alleviate the load on the hairdressers within our own Chorus who always give so freely of their time.)
- We have engaged the services of experienced hairdressers (through Millie's daughter-in-law) to come to the hotel on the Saturday morning. Please **add your name** to the list by next Monday, so I can forward the details to the hairdressers.
- Thank you to everyone for getting their Registration Forms in - these will be collated within the next week and forwarded to the Convention Committee, along with payment.
- Most Chorus members have indicated they will be attending the **After Glow.** I have sent an email to those members who didn't tick the After Glow box - **this is your last chance** - please email me by Sunday if you would like me to amend your Registration Form.
- **Kiwishuttles** have been booked for the main group of 23 travelling on the same flight to Dunedin on the Thursday, and also for the group of 22 travelling home together on the Sunday. The cost to this group will be \$10 each way pp (cheaper by the dozen). **Teresa** will be your contact person on both of these shuttles.

**2018** - We have had notification that Convention will be held at the Michael Fowler Centre from 3-6 May 2018. Attending Convention in the North Island is obviously considerably cheaper (and Wellington the easiest to travel to), and at this stage you are asked to consider the possibility of Sounds of Hawkes Bay Chorus competing in Wellington in 2018. While we understand that no one can make a definite commitment to attend so far out, an indication is needed **"that the majority of Chorus members support the idea in principle"**. If there was consensus, it would allow for pencilled bookings etc to be made so that we can secure rooms etc at the hotel of our choice and at the best rates.

Till next week.

xxNancy J

**Lesley's Lines** Fabulous Flashmobs last weekend, well done to everyone who went to the trouble to dress up and perform so well. We were very well received at both venues. Now onto the next engagement! You will see in this week's Newsy Notes that some of the details for the Earthquake Survivors event are different. But it is still on **Sunday the 12th!!** We enter the Napier Boys' High School off Chambers Street, and we meet at the Hall, not the gym. I'm suggesting that we meet there at 12:45 so we can find the person who is going to show us where we can warm up. We sing from 1:30 till 2:00, then you are free to leave or stay on, your choice. We are wearing our green Art Deco costumes with the sparkly overlay, black court shoes (no peeping toes :)), the sparkly head band with the dangly piece that we usually wear at the street sing, heavy street make-up, and red lipstick. Please practise the beginning of "San Fran", imagine it as you would sing it with a director, I know the timing is not easy. The Gatsby Picnic group, please be at my place, 32 Kotuku Place, Taradale, the 9th, at 6:30, to sort out what you will be singing and to practice. **Also be prepared to be at my place again on Wednesday 15th at 7:30 to audition those chosen songs.**

Such a lot of work for a hobby that takes you out only one night a week. Ha!!!!!!!

Thank you for all your hard work.

Lesley

## Chorus Dates For Your Diary (Singout dates and details listed elsewhere)

**13<sup>th</sup> - Feb – Chorus**

**12<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> Art Deco Singouts.** (Lynne Smith in Napier)  
**20<sup>th</sup> Feb – Chorus – Lynne Smith coaching**

**27<sup>th</sup> Feb – Chorus**

**4<sup>th</sup> March Dance studio session**

**6<sup>th</sup> March – Chorus**  
**13<sup>th</sup> March - Chorus**  
**20<sup>th</sup> March – Chorus**  
**24<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> March Retreat with Virginia**

**27<sup>th</sup> March Virginia at Chorus**

**3<sup>rd</sup> April – Chorus**  
**10<sup>th</sup> April Virginia at chorus**

**17<sup>th</sup> April – Chorus**  
**21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> April**

**CONTEST**



## DUTIES 2016

January Basses  
February – Leads  
March Tenors, Baris

## BIRTHDAYS Happy Birthday Ladies

### February

5<sup>th</sup> Sally Harding  
11<sup>th</sup> Penny Carney  
12<sup>th</sup> Kay Pipe  
24<sup>th</sup> Anne Condon

## Lana's Lines:

A great night last evening. (Tues 7<sup>th</sup>) Thank you for working so hard and for being focused. The Contest songs are going well. The ballad was gorgeous as we continue to work the emotional plan and dynamics. Let's keep working on taking up-tune confident pitches for both songs and in-tune and in-unit singing. We achieve this by matching our breath spaces, taking those 3 dimensional breaths that we talked about last night - TALL BREATHS - up the face and across the roof of the mouth, WIDE BREATHS - breathing ear to ear and DEEP BREATHS - inhaling through the whole head filling all the resonant spaces with air and up and over from the back of the head. To achieve unit and in-sync. singing remember to listen at all times within your POD and across the chorus.

Please consider seriously having a PVI - ( Personal Vocal Instruction ) with Virginia when she comes in March and April. Even if you have had one before it is good to have another one to review last time's suggestions and see the improvement. It is my wish that every member has a PVI before Contest as it will mean that our Chorus will be stronger vocally as we all strive to sing to our potential with common vocal production techniques.

The cost is \$50.00 an hour and you can go in pairs or small groups of up to 4 to share costs.

Virginia arrives here on the Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 3.20 pm so she would be available from about 4.15 - 6.00 pm. She is available on Monday also all day.

Likewise for her April visit Virginia arrives at 2.30 pm on Monday April 10<sup>th</sup> so would be available from 3.30 pm until 5.00 pm then on Tuesday morning between 9.00 - 11.30 am.

Please let me know asap when you or your pair/group would like to book and I will make up a schedule and sort a venue to suit.

Full chorus coaching with Virginia will be on Monday evening April 10<sup>th</sup> from 7 - 10.00 pm. Please note slightly earlier start and please be prompt so we can make the most of this valuable occasion.

Also we have Lynne Smith coming very soon to join us for Art Deco Weekend. She would like to be present at our gigs and of course to coach us on Monday evening February 20<sup>th</sup> from 7.00 - 10.00 pm. She will do wonders with the emotional and showmanship plan for both songs. Starting next week we will be reviewing the Choreo. for the up-tune to ensure that we are well-prepared. Your Front Row are also working hard with Lynne to be amazing.

Many thanks to Lesley and Gerry for offering to meet, host and transport Lynne for 5 days!! and to Cherie and David for helping to transport Lynne around on the Saturday when Gerry's car is full with risers!! Also many thanks to Margot for offering to meet and host Virginia for both her visits to us.

The sing for the HB Vintage Car Club is also part of our busy Art Deco Weekend. Friday evening Feb.17<sup>th</sup> in the Pan Pac Foyer at 7.55 pm. We will be wearing Art Deco green and using our own wooden risers. Be there time tbc.

**The programme is:**

Tuxedo Junction	Orange Coloured Sky	Java Jive
Mood Indigo	Thoroughly Modern Millie	Red Robin

The Men's Choir sing is coming up fast also. Thank you to those extra members that were willing to sing when I approached them. We will be singing between the 3 brackets that the Men's Choir are performing. Our chorus risers are being used. We are wearing our blue velvet costumes and silver shoes and earrings. I will confirm a be-there / warm-up time soon. We are not auditioning this sing.

**The programme is:**

<b>1st Bracket:</b>	Java Jive	ABBA Medley	Red Robin
<b>2nd Bracket:</b>	Orange Coloured Sky	Thoroughly Modern Millie	Ain't No Mountain

Next week's rehearsal we will run Ain't No Mountain again and of course the 2 Contest songs and Art Deco rep.

Lynne will work on the Showmanship plan for both Contest songs and we have the 1st of our Contest songs Riser Recordings also. We will also discuss again competing in Wellington next year. Please give this some thought over the coming week so that we can consider if this is an option for us.

Have a good week and enjoy the cooler weather. The gardens are loving the rain!!

**Lana x**

## BETTY'S BITS

- 1) Now is the time, again, when I (Betty) collect up \$10.00 cash from every member, so that we can give a donation to the young man (Jack) who puts our risers up in the hall as and when requested. Please put \$10.00 cash into an envelope that is marked with your name and what it is for, and hand the envelope to me, as soon as is possible. I shall then mark your name off the list as having paid. Please do not pay the money into our chorus bank account, nor write out a cheque – cash only. Last Monday, a week ago, \$20 was put into an unnamed envelope, marked that it was a riser payment and put into our Treasurer's collection box. Let me know if it was your payment.
- 2) re Our Members' Contacts List. – If you have a change of details, such as a change of address, new phone number, or email address etc., please email me with your update. Thanks.
- 3) re Hair for Contest – Our hair will be arranged by professional, experienced hairdressers in the hired room, at our hotel, on the morning of Contest. We have some hairdressers in our Chorus but we do not want them having to do other members hair during their own preparation before a Contest. "Big", well-groomed, hair is the look of Sweet Adelines and it is important that we look like the great unit of singers that we are. The very reasonable cost is to be paid out of Chorus funds and we are very fortunate that Millie has arranged to have the services of these Dunedin hairdressers.

## CONFIRMED SINGOUTS UPDATED 9 Feb 2017

**Sunday Feb 12<sup>th</sup> 2017** 1.30 to 2 p.m. Earthqk Survivors **AFTERNOON TEA** Napier Boy's High **HALL**, Chambers Street. **(NOT the Gym)** You need to go in to the **HALL** off Chambers street entrance. Invitation to stay for afternoon tea. Coordinator Lesley. Payment: \$150

**Tenors:** , Sally

**Leads:** Anne, Glenda, Nancy J, Sandra, Jan

**Basses:** Betty, Cherie, Linda, Eileen

**Baritones:** Audrene, Lesley, Lynne

**Friday Feb.17<sup>th</sup>**, Art Deco W/d. Bluff Hill Bowling Club.1.30pm 20 min sing QUARTET. Coordinator Shirley. Payment: \$100

**New Friday Feb 17<sup>th</sup>** Art Deco QUARTET sing from 5.30 to 6.15. \$100.00 Lesley Co-ordinating, more details to come.

**Friday Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>** Hawkes Bay Vintage Car Club. Pan Pac Foyer. Municipal Theatre. 7.55 pm. 20 min sing

Coordinator Lana \$300

**Basses:** Betty, Cherie, Eileen, Linda, Lyn, Shirley

**Baritones:** Lesley, Lynne, Michelle, Penny

**Tenors:** Sally, Lana, Kay?

**Leads:** Ann, Cheryll, Kasey, Millie, Nancy J, Pippa, Leanne, Sandra

**Saturday Feb 18<sup>th</sup>** 4 p.m. 4 – 5 songs. National Male Choir Civic Occasion at MTG Napier \$200. Coordinator Lana

**Tenors:** Lana, Sally

**Leads:** Jan, Katie, Millie, Nancy J Nancy H, Pippa, Anne

**Basses:** Betty, Cherie, Eileen, Shirley, Sue

**Baritones:** Audrene, Jacqui, Lesley, Mary, Michelle, Lynne

**Sat Feb 18<sup>th</sup> Art Deco St Party 10 a.m. – 11 a.m. Emerson St beside SB building. Payment \$200.—Co-ordinator Lesley**

**Tenors :** Lana Bianca

**Leads:** Kasey, Anne, Jan, Glenda, Linda R, Pippa, Katie

**Basses:** Linda S, Cherie, Eileen, Sue, **Betty?**

**Baris:** Michelle, Audrene, Lynne, **Penny?**

**Sunday Feb 19<sup>th</sup> Gatsby Picnic 1.30 to 3.30 p.m. Payment \$200. Coordinators Lynne and Lesley. Singers will be notified soon.**

**Tenors:** Sally, Lana

**Leads:** Kasey, Anne, Glenda

**Basses:** Shirley, Linda

**Baris,** Lynne, Penny

### Lynne's Lines.

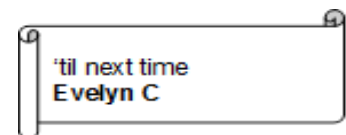
Next Monday 13<sup>th</sup> Feb there will be a front row practice at the new time of 6.30 pm. Lana is giving us some time next Monday to show the new Red Robin moves.

I will contact you all personally to make sure that you have got this message and arrange to pick up the key from Anne. Please be on time as we really seem

to be finding it hard to fit in with all that is going on, it will be easier once Art Deco is over.

Cheers

**Lynne.**



**CHORUS BANK ACCOUNT:** Westpac 03 0631 0402401 00 – Remember to include details

**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.