



Newsy Notes

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For input into Newsy Notes email Evelyn geoff.evelyn@xtra.co.nz **Deadline 9 a.m. THURSDAY.**

Each section should ensure that their members receive a copy of Newsy Notes. <http://www.soundsofhawkesbaychorus.co.nz>

Lana's Lines:

NB

In your "Diary Notes" could you all note the amended dates for coaching next year. There is NO coaching on 6th April as previously posted in NN's

Leader's Lines

Really loved last night as we "Stepped into Spring". We may have only had four visitors but there was a real warmth and friendliness to the night. Thanks to Jacqui and Lana for the "spring" touches. The bookmarks are a great idea, Jacqui. My mum said that she was well looked after by Betty and Nancy H and she now appreciates the work that goes into that 6 minutes on stage. I was impressed again at how we all worked together in less than optimal conditions from room arranging, to organising food and coffees and even a sales table and vacuuming. The singing was great and how fantastic was "How many hearts". I want to thank Penny and Sharon for being put on the spot and "shining" as they shared their 10 week experience.

Thanks Anne for organising a suitable alternative that worked and to all the ladies that dressed up and took part in us heralding in spring. It was great to see our visitors Erin, Rachel, Michelle and Mum taking part in the activities. Thanks also for the music team for arranging a programme that showcased a chorus night and what makes barbershop.

Last Friday Art Deco was also a good sing which reminded us how we can all feel as though we are "alone" on the stage. I am looking forward to the break in three sleeps and a chance to recharge the batteries.

Cheryll

Sue Smith has tall bottles suitable for making sauces and jars suitable for jam, pickles and relishes. You many have some ingredients lurking round in your freezer so see Sue if you need containers.

Notice to those singing at Greendale Rest Home – Thursday October 26th

Please note that following a discussion at last night's Music Team meeting, there will be two practices for this sing out. The first is this coming Monday before Rehearsal, meeting at 6.30 to establish a possible list of songs to be sung and to ensure a balanced group. The second special practice will be on Thursday 19th at 10.30 – 11.30am (venue tbd) Thanks to those who are making themselves available to meet this community commitment.

Singers are:

Nancy J, Nancy H, Sandra M, Eileen M, Pippa S, Glenda W, Penny C, Lynne M, Lesley S, Lana M, Sally H, Shirley E, Betty C, Linda S, Vikki F

Watch the International Convention Webcast beamed live from Las Vegas!

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Lattitude quartet semi-finals - contestant #6 Las Vegas time (+20hrs) Wed 11 Oct. 11.11 a.m. **New Zealand Thurs 12 Oct 7.11 a.m.**

Waikato Rivertones Chorus semi-finals - contestant #19 Las Vegas (+20 hours) Thurs 12 Oct 3.52 pm **New Zealand Fri 13 Oct 11.52 a.m.**

Diary Notes

2 Oct - Chorus
9 Oct - Chorus
15 Oct - **Quiz night**
16 Oct - Chorus
23 Oct - Chorus
26 Oct - **Singout**
30 Oct - Chorus **Supper**
6 Nov - Chorus

Mark your Diaries

4-5 Nov - Coaching with Darlene Rogers
6 Dec - Havelock North Sing Sun, 17 Dec - Chorus Christmas Dinner Party Smorgasbord \$25pp (partners included)

2018

14-18 Feb Art Deco week

Coaching -

23-25 Feb - Lynne Smith
3-4 Virge coaching.
5 March - Virge @ Chorus
30 April - Virge (**Contest Wk**)

Contest -Wellington - 3-6 May

DUTIES 2017

September - Tenors & Baris
October - Basses
November - Leads

BIRTHDAYS

3rd Margot Danks
4th Glenda Wiffin
6th Betty Cull
9th Celia Reid
17th Nancy Halford
27th Bianca Palmer
29th Cherie Hailwood

From Vikki, Jacqui and fundraising team.

URGENT Please enter your team with Jacqui for Sunday 15th October's Quiz now. The attached flyer gives all the information needed.

The deadline for entries and payments is Monday 9th October. Payments can be made directly to Jacqui or put into the Chorus Account with the reference "QUIZ (your name)"

We need a minimum of 10 teams of 6 people each but we are short at the moment. Friends and families with children are all welcome. If you are on your own or can't make up a full team, please contact Jacqui now as she can make up teams from "the leftovers" Vikki

We need to get behind this quiz night now. Please support this. It is a fundraiser for us. The money we raise helps with our fantastic coaching, keeping competition costs down. The more we raise the less we pay so - get your teams together - teams of six - \$12.00 pp entry. Advocate to friends and family. **FUN RAFFLES, SPOT PRIZES, Prizes for the top three tables. Only \$12 for a fun night's entertainment. Collect your team's money and register ASAP. Don't miss out. Posters now available from Jacqui and attached for you to print out.**



Keeping you informed! CONVENTION 2018 September 2017 update from Nancy



A little bit of information, mainly for those who have never been to Contest (Convention). As a Chorus, we will be competing at the 2018 Convention being held at the Michael Fowler Centre in Wellington. The **Quartet Competition will be held on Friday 4th May** and the **Chorus Competition on Saturday 5th May**. Two of our lovely quartets – **Hot Property** and **Leading Edge**.

Accommodation has been booked at the West Plaza Hotel, Wakefield Street, in twin-bedded rooms (inclusive of a full breakfast each day) for 3nights; **Thursday 3rd - Sunday 6th May**. Please advise me if you will require additional nights (which will be at your own expense). In the past a Chorus member who has competed previously has adopted a "newbie" as a room-mate. All Chorus members who will be competing, are expected to be in Wellington by mid-afternoon on the Thursday. The Sound Check and official opening are held that day and are usually followed by Chorus rehearsals that evening. On the Sunday, there will be education classes you can avail yourself of. These have already been published by SANZ.

We **DO** have a travel uniform and a competing costume, and these will be issued to you by the Costume Team, including sparkly shoes and ear-rings (Kasey is the Costume Co-ordinator). Lana circulates a detailed booklet in April to assist you with packing etc and outlines - **where, when, what to wear etc, etc. So start planning now** by applying for leave from work (or home!!!!) for the Thursday, Friday, plus the weekend.

All Chorus members will make their own way to and from Wellington. Once you have your travel plans in place, please drop me an email to let me know if you are carpooling - or if flying, please forward me a copy of your flight details (nanrick@xtra.co.nz). For those who will travel by car there is sufficient parking, if not at the hotel which has limited carparks, then the hotel will provide guests with access to a six-storey parking tower adjacent to the hotel. ALL carparks are \$25 per day.

Monies raised through fundraising events/grants help reduce YOUR personal contribution to attend Convention. Registration forms should be available prior to Christmas, and I will issue these at this time. They **MUST** be completed and returned to me by the end of January to allow time to collate and forward them to the Registration Convenor to meet the *Early Bird Entry* deadline.

Please contact me if you have any queries – ph. 8779 705 or 021 720 370.



Yours in Harmony, **Nancy J**, SOHBC Convention Co-ordinator

CATERING FUNDRAISER - Saturday 7th October from 4-7.30pm-ish Baking and helpers needed to assist with catering an evening meal at Matahiwi Marae, Clive. Details from Glenda 021 416 210 or glenda.wiffin.nz@flightcentre.co.nz It is for the Wellington Community Choir who are having a Retreat Weekend with the Hawke's Bay Community Choir.

Thanks, Glenda

CHORUS WEBSITE <http://www.soundsofhawkesbaychorus.co.nz> Also, remember to go and like our Facebook page as well. You'll find the link at the bottom of the website. Sarah's contact details. sarahgrahamuk@hotmail.com

CHORUS BANK ACCOUNT: Westpac 03 0631 0402401 00 – Remember to include details. Fees are \$480 per annum - the Chorus kindly allows you to pay them by instalments of \$40 per month (NB – the annual fee includes your SAI and SANZ dues).

LEAVE OF ABSENCE - Audrene Samuel (June 2018); Teresa Leathley (Dec 2017); Linda Rollander-Smith 2 Oct, Lyn wiffin Tba

