



# Corralin! the Chorale

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## THE VILLAGE CHORAL PRESENTS

### A Faculty Recital

GELLER, VIOLIN-TSU, PIANO-  
CUSTANCE, VOICE

Wednesday March 25<sup>th</sup> in Clubhouse 1 at 5:01 p.m.

Free tickets to this very special concert are now available. Mr. Custance and Ms. Tsu serve as director and accompanist for the Village Chorale while Ms. Geller is director of the Symphony Orchestra of Laguna Woods. Mr. Custance and Ms. Geller are on the faculty of Saddleback College Emeritus Institute. Ms. Tsu served on the faculty of University of Massachusetts, Lowell for 23 years.

Half of all donations collected up to the amount of \$600 plus all funds over the amount of \$600 will go the Village Chorale Scholarship Fund. Concert goers will begin the hour with cookies and coffee/juice and end the evening listening to a unique "Hello Mudder" performance by the three performers. There will be no reserved seats.

### All-Out Production and Fantastic Sound

for the Bernstein *Chichester Psalms* and the Overture to *Candide* can be expected by ticket holders of the upcoming OC Mormon Choral Concert Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at the OC Segerstrom Concert Hall in Costa Mesa. See Doug Custance for last minute tickets and to arrange for car-pooling so you can be seated by 7:10 p.m.

Other musical offerings by the Choral Organization will be several African-American Spirituals and the Rachmaninoff "Concerto Number 2" for piano and orchestra.

#### That's Life!

A clear conscience is often the sign of a bad memory!  
I have a million dollar figure – but it's all loose change!  
He who laughs last, thinks slowest!  
Every time I hear the dirty word "exercise", I wash my  
mouth out – with chocolate!  
I started out with nothing, and I still have most of it!

## NEWS BITS

**SPRING BREAK** If you are determined to take that trip to Mexico, next week is the time to do it! The Saddleback College annual spring break next week affects us! Our director (and we) get one week to "play"!

### AUDITIONS FOR MAY CONCERT SOLOISTS

will be held at the 1:00 p.m. time slot on Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>. Look for the sign-up sheet (with instructions) on the check in table. Dorothy Stevens is handling the sign-up sheet and arranging for the judges this semester.

### CONTRIBUTIONS NEEDED / COOKIES!

As part of the process of raising Scholarship funds through the Faculty Recital cookies and juice will be offered to concert goers. There is a sign-up sheet on the check-in table for anyone willing to set up and/or bring cookies!

### SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

Board Members are voting today on the opportunity to award a \$500 per semester Scholarship to a Chapman University Music current student who will serve as the Chorale Student Director. The student will be advantaged not only through the receipt of funds but through on-site training. And the chorale will be advantaged by having the extra leadership and a possible extra tenor.

### VILLAGE CHORALE ENSEMBLE'S BACH IV

An ensemble of Chorale members has been working several weeks in preparation for presentation of the J.S. Bach's cantata Number 4 "Christ lag in Todes Banden" at Abiding Savior Lutheran Church, 23262 El Toro Rd., on Good Friday Weekend.

The cantata was likely first performed in 1707. Orchestrated for strings, it was written in a style in which all verses are set in the Lutheran chorale - one after the other in seven different choral or solo movements.

### THE CANT-CANT AUCTION

listed in the Spring Schedule was cancelled for this year since workers were not forthcoming to take on the various duties to pull off the event. The Faculty Recital on March 25<sup>th</sup> is replacing

the Cant Cant event. Let a Board Member know how you feel about the cancellation/replacement - Good? Bummed?

## Reminders for **March**

- Tue 3 **Alto Sectional Rehearsal 1-2 pm**  
**Chorale Rehearsal 2-4 pm**
- Wed 4 **Happy Birthday! Carol Axel**
- Fri 6 **Happy Birthday! Iris Gilboard**
- Sat 7 **Happy Birthday! Lidia Tepelian**
- Tue 10 **PICTURE DAY in Concert Dress 1-2 pm**  
**Chorale Rehearsal 2-4:00 pm**
- Wed 11 **Happy Birthday! Carol Andrews**  
**Happy Anniversary! Phil Enns**
- Fri 13 **Happy Birthday! Janet Dwyer**
- Sat 14 **Happy Birthday! Dick Smith**
- Tue 17 **Spring Break - No Rehearsal**  
**Happy Birthday! Joel Breeding**
- Sat 21 **Happy Anniversary! Marilyn Freeman**
- Sun 22 **Happy Birthday! Catherine Aubert**
- Mon 23 **Happy Birthday! Lennie Habenicht**
- Tue 24 **Board Meeting 12:30-1:30 pm / Conf Room**  
**Bass Sectional Rehearsal 1-2 pm**  
**Chorale Rehearsal 2-4 pm**  
**Happy Birthday! Doug Tummond**
- Wed 25 **Happy Anniversary! Shirley Rimmer**
- Tue 31 **Soloist Auditions 1:00 pm / Reh Room**  
**Chorale Rehearsal 2-4 pm**

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Any time you miss a rehearsal check our website for new announcements, stats, and reminders. You will also find there lots of pictures, music, videos, and other items of interest.

### REMEMBER OUR SERVICEMEN

Our Adam Scoccia is again collecting your cards, letters, and care packages for Servicemen. You drop them off in the box on the check-in table and they'll be on their way! Thanks!

**Soprano Carol Axel** - Is passionate about writing, Spanish class, Tap class, Music. Collects good friends, witty conversation, good ideas, good advice. Plays in String Band. Played tennis 30 yrs. Retail Experience 48 yrs. Very busy!

**Soprano Iris Gilboard** - Sang in choirs since Elem Sch. Listens avidly to Jazz & Symphonic. Is out & about in LW auditorium, golf courses, tennis courts, and CH's. Misses old friends, skiing, ice skating. Liked living in Boston. Born NYC

**Soprano Lidia Tepelian** - Spent happy summer days visiting grandkids in Michigan & Las Vegas / Enjoys Yamaha piano class / Was born in Damascus / Enjoys knitting and cooking and of course singing / Is a hair stylist.

**Soprano Carol Andrews** - Favorite LW places: Nature Trail, her condo, her little garden / Loved living 13 yrs in the Aspen-Vail-GlenwoodSpgs triangle / Has so many projects going desktop (& overflow) gets cleaned monthlyish.

**Tenor Phil Enns** - Phil & Jan moved here in '07. Jan rides horses & Phil sings! He Sang w/Ann Arbor horal Union, St. Louis Symp Chorus, & Lexngtn Singers. He's a been-there done-that knitter & fine art painter. Swims, golfs, hikes!

**Soprano Janet Dwyer** - H.S. music teacher pushed her toward music in college. Is Certified Music Practitioner. Sings "Auld Lang Syne" in Scottish-ese. Likes Worship Music & Puccini. Will try new but prefers the familiar.

**Bass Dick Smith** - Dick thinks living today is the "Best". Likes golfing, photography, Bible study, gardening, hiking skiing, reading. Enjoys telling "What did the" jokes. Favorite magazine: "Time". Is long-time Chorale member.

**Bass Joel Breeding** - Plays piano. Does church choir. Did Theatre Guild last summer. Topic favorites: Sex, Politics, & Religion. Swims & does computer games, photography, Bible study. Is widower and father of 5 children, 8 grandch

**Soprano Marilyn Freeman** - Marilyn & hubby William Walsh recently exchanged condos and did upgrades. She is a LW Club Pres. Is lost without calendar & daily checklist. Is comfortable sharing her thoughts. Will try new things.

**Alto Catherine Aubert** - Sang in chorales in Switzerland, France, England, & here. 66+ yrs training/teaching piano. Collects stamps, coins, books, CDs. Secret desire: "If only I could be Cinderella before midnight." Does computers. . .

**Alto Lennie Habenicht** - Joined Chorale '94 / Served 2 yrs as Pres. / Is gardener & reader / Has new "Flat Screen" to enjoy / Liked last summer trip to Chicago / Does computer games, fishing, golf, gardening / Plays piano "poorly"!

**Bass Doug Tummond** - Is up for War History, Computer Games, Reading Fiction, Net Surfing, Bible Study, Hiking, & Restaurant-ing / Passionate re: personal finance / Operates Financial Services business/ Maybe some day: do fine art?

***Soprano Shirley Rimmer*** - Shirley and Jeffrey have two children, 2 grandchildren / They live on San Amadeo / She Joined the Chorale just this January / She is a former secretary, fully retired!