



Corralin' the Chorale

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Punch & Cookie Day



Bring your appetite for cookies with you next Tuesday! At the close of the rehearsal we will

have our semi-annual cookie tasting event. And of course that yummy punch will be served! Thanks a bunch if you are one of the ones who signed on to help supply a table loaded with delights!

SECTION LEADERS

After a very long time planning for such an event Doug Custance has announced the four people who will serve out this year as Section Leaders: Soprano Vicki Fuggi, Alto Margie Sutton, Tenor Phil Foreman, and Bass/Baritone Larry Iron. As yet the only announced duties are to serve as liaison from chorale members to Director. Your questions and comments should now be channeled (in writing) through your section leader.

Start practicing!

Chorale Picture Taking Day is March 8.

Work on these tips

Be on time and in Costume.

Be ready to listen for instruction and move quickly into place as directed.

Make eye contact with the lens.

Smile as naturally as possible but widen your smile by tightening your chin. Widen the eyes, lengthen your neck. Stand up straight and keep your arms relaxed and at your sides.



**Voice & Rhythm Class(#18505):
Tuesdays 1:00 - 2:00PM, and
The Village Chorale Class(#18640):
Tuesdays 2:00 - 4:00PM.**

Happy Birthday with a Capital HAPPY!

Who but Doug Custance would relish a birthday celebration filled with Ave Verums, Laudamus tes, and Ein Sohn ist uns gegeben? Well, we would! And we will . . . It's for Chorale Members and Guests only on Sunday, Feb 13th at 3 pm in Clubhouse 2!

And who would have thought.....dinner, too. .Wow! Crystal Catering at 4:30 pm...that's good stuff!

RSVPs are essential 949/770-1261 asap.

LIGHTNING SOMETIMES SHOCKS PEOPLE BECAUSE IT JUST DOESN'T KNOW HOW TO CONDUCT ITSELF.

A PREFIX IS WHAT A MAN DOES JUST BEFORE HIS WIFE HAS A WORD WITH THE REPAIR MAN.

DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THESE NEW REVERSIBLE JACKETS? I'M EXCITED TO SEE HOW THEY TURN OUT.

THE INDECISIVE ROWER COULDN'T CHOOSE EITHER OAR.

OLD COLANDERS NEVER DIE, THEY JUST CAN'T TAKE THE STRAIN ANYMORE.

SURFIN' THE WEB . . .

As usual Ken Min is keeping our VillageChorale.com beautiful, interesting, and informative. As you surf through the site you'll be impressed with the colors, the visuals, the sounds, and of course the information! Take a long look and enjoy!

ASSIGNIN' THE SEATS . . .

Assigned seats will be adjusted today and next week as Doug quick-tests our individual voice quality and places us where we can each make the best possible contribution to the sounds the Chorale produces. When properly seated we have four rows of women facing Director Doug — sopranos on the right and altos on the left. Men sit in the center rows -- basses at the rear and tenors in the front. Within each section members are arranged physically according to height and musically according to tonal quality.

Reminders for February

Tue 1 Today is Voice/Rhythm Class 1-2 pm
Today is Chorale Rehearsal 2-4 pm
Today is Bach Ensemble Reh. 4-5 pm

Thu 3 *Happy Birthday!* **Jeanette Rice**

Sun 6 *Happy Birthday!* **Wilma Anderson**

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Mon 7 *Happy Birthday!* **Milt Sperling**

Tue 8 Today is Voice/Rhythm Class 1-2 pm
Today is Chorale Rehearsal 2-4 pm
Today is Bach Ensemble Reh. 4-5 pm

Mon 14 *Happy Birthday!* **Duck-soon Yu**

Tue 15 Today is Voice/Rhythm Class 1-2 pm
Today is Chorale Rehearsal 2-4 pm

Fri 18 *Happy Birthday!* **Beth Donahue**

Mon 21 *Happy Birthday!* **Hank Gioia**

Tue 22 Today is Voice/Rhythm Class 1-2 pm
Today is Chorale Rehearsal 2-4 pm

Mon 28 *Happy Birthday!* **Carol Hammond**

Alto Wilma Anderson - was born in Iowa; lived on Long Island; moved to the Village in 1999; for over 50 years as a Minister's wife used college vocal training to direct many groups and musicals. Hero: Jesus Christ! Likes the Padres.

Our Director Doug Custance - as a small child shared his food with his dog; Birthplace is also the most interesting place he has lived - California.; first heard about the Chorale in 1971 when he attended a Chorale Concert.

Soprano Beth Donahue - sang 40 yrs with Sweet Adelines Teachers of Song. Would like to visit British Colombia (has been everywhere else). Started in the Chorale in '07. Has lived in NJ as well as CA, likes it better here!

Bass/Baritone Hank (Henry) Gioia is impressed by versatility, talent, & fortitude of LW people. Dreamed he shot a 2 under par at Monterrey. Most interesting place he lived: Seoul, Korea. Has 4 grandkids. Sang in several choral groups

Alto Carol Hammond - has plans: she will publish a book of her poetry AND her autobiography with pix of family back to the 1800's. She was born in Brooklyn; took lessons & played violin; spent 1 year in "Festival Singers"; lived in N.J.

Soprano Jeanette Rice - has an unfavorite food - kale! But has other favorites - ie. Sidney Shelton, The Olive Garden. . . . Her favorite saying tells you a lot about her: "Let's go." She was born in Kentucky but liked living in L.A.

OUR PAST PRESIDENTS SPEAK...

Soprano Maribeth Clausen '97 - '99 (?)

I've been a Chorale member for 22 years and I stay with the class because I like to sing.....Also, I always learn more about correct singing. I like the wide variety of music we continue to learn.

Bass/Baritone Milt Sperling '02 - '04 (?)

The current group is doing more difficult work, both in melody and lyrics. The size of the Chorale is very impressive.

Alto Lennie Habenicht '04 - '06

I have sung with this Chorale for 17 years. . . under 8 directors. I am most challenged by Doug. It is great to see how the Chorale has grown, especially the men and altos. When we had just 6 men and 8 altos we really sang hard!

Soprano Mary Young '06 - '07

My experiences with choirs are limited, but I fell Doug brings enthusiasm and training that I haven't experienced elsewhere.

Soprano Carol Andrews '07 - '09

Since singing in this Chorale I have added four notes to my upper range! TaDa. I like being tickled by the punnin' and the funnin'. I like the challenge of new music and working to "own" it. And the people are great!....We are blessed to have an outstanding Teacher/Director...and accomplished Accompanist. Thanks for letting me be a part.

Tenor Phil Enns '09 - '10

It was an honor, and actually fun, to serve as president last year. While I surely will return one of these days, I plan to continue my sabbatical a bit longer. I keep hearing great things about the Chorale, so keep up the good work and enjoy the musical experience!

Bass/Baritone Milt Sperling - moved here '93, joined Chorale the next year. Is now a widower, "Around the World in 85 Years" would be his book title. An English teacher & her sense of humor made impact. Misses "civility" of a past era.

Alto Duck-soon Yu - sings in her church choir; has 2 children, 2 grandchildren; is a registered nurse; was born in Seoul, Korea; is fully retired. Is often a willing helper in the kitchen or library.