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The Village Chorale of Laguna Woods Newsletter

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PARTING WORDS From Hank Gioia, the outgoing President.

"I would like to thank and convey my good wishes to all the board members, and indeed all the spirited and talented chorale singers in my brief but eventful tenure as Village Chorale President. It was a joyous albeit whirlwind tour for me, filled with fond memories shared with all of you. My other duties as a Third Mutual Board Director and extraneous acting activities infringed somewhat on my ability to concentrate fully on Chorale matters but my heart was with you in your zealous rehearsals and sparkling concert performances. Please continue to give your wholehearted efforts to Doug, our Conductor, and ensure the success of the Chorale as it moves forward in the coming new season. I'll be looking forward eagerly to singing with you."

May Concert - The concert on May 11 was a blast. The audience was visibly moved by our music. Our conductor, Doug, and our accompanist, Juanita, brought out the best musical sensitivity in our singing. As you know, the success of the concert is the result of our hard work, the best musical leadership, the constant publicity (thanks to JoAnn) and ticket selling by many of our members (Carol Andrews and Kathie Housden sold the most tickets).

July 4th Concert - The Geneva Presbyterian Church again will generously allow us to hold the concert free at their sanctuary except paying the custodian fee. We will have the color guard of Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 6024, to open the concert. Attached is JoAnn's article on the Globe promoting this concert. Just download it for your puruse.

Concert By Taiwanese Chorale. Elizabeth Lee, a Soprano of our Chorale, is also the conductor of the Taiwanese Chorale. They will give a concert on Jun 30, Sun, 4 PM, in Club House 5. Followings are excerpts of her intro about her group:

"Ms Elizabeth Chen, a graduate of SUNY at Binghamton, shares the baton with Ms. Peggy Chang of Musashino Music Academy, with Dr. John Hung at the piano. The choir members are mostly LW residents with professions in different fields but love to sing. The choir will sing 18 songs, many written Taiwanese composers. Eight songs were written by Taiwanese contemporary composers. There are some famous traditional Taiwanese folk songs, such as "The Breeze of Spring". Also included are some western songs such as "The Chorus of Hebrew Slaves" and "The Battle Hymn of the Republic". There will be highlights of young musicians performing in Oboe, Violin, Piano. One is Austin Chen, 19 years old pianist, a third year student at the Julliard School of Music, NY. Tickets are \$5, contact Melody at 949-837-4670, or buy at the door. Light refreshments after the concert (contributed by Jinpin Chiu)."

Elizabeth also expressed -- "I am thankful that I immigrated to a country so blessed by God. May the music continue to shine forth God's love and lead this world to peace and justice."

Do you know Ned Reed? 😊

He is one of our many wonderful Bass singers. Since 1991, he has been a resident in this Village. He was born in Oklahoma but his family moved to Ca when he was a child. He always enjoyed music, and he learned to play Trombone in the high school marching band in Pasadena. About 6 or 7 (he's not sure) years ago, he signed up with the Village Chorale and the Barbershop classes; and he loves every minute of it.

Kathie Housen, joined the Village Chorale as an Alto a year ago. She graciously agreed to take over the SUNSHINE CHAIR. She has this to say --

"I am so happy to be able to serve the Village Chorale by being the Sunshine Person. I joined the Chorale last fall. Singing each week under the talented direction of Doug and with the accompaniment of Juanita -- listening to the humor of both of them -- has given me such happiness.

My husband, Jack, and I moved to Laguna Woods from Laguna Beach two and half years ago, and enjoy every day of living here. I taught in Elementary School in Laguna Beach and ended up at Orange Coast College. Jack taught Graduate studies for many universities in the Irvine area. One son teaches Middle Eastern Studies and Arabic at UC Santa Barbara and created The Center for Middle East Studies. The other son is a surveyor who lives in Hailey, Idaho with his wife. One grandson is attending Boise State Univ. majoring in Physics and Mathematics. Our step-grandson works in Hailey, Idaho. All enjoy hiking, back packing and the "out of doors".

Jack and I spent many summers in Idaho, taking photos of the gorgeous wild flowers there. We make those photos into cards, hoping to share this beauty. If you know of any Chorale member or family member who is ill or has experienced a loss--please let me know.

It brings me great joy to serve in this way. My e mail is jackathie2@aol.com and my phone is 949-427-3278."

If you have any tidbits, suggestions, comments, please let us hear. 2010qsams@gmail.com, 949-206-0662.