

# Oconomowoc Community Choir

## NEW! SIGNS AND POSTERS

There will be large sidewalk sandwich signs in downtown Oconomowoc and at another location to be announced. Besides those, we will have posters for you to put up, 2 styles, on 7/11. PLEASE put the poster up at the identified location and return the card so we know if you were successful. Be sure to take tape along as rarely does the poster get up, otherwise. Not all merchants or places will take them and it helps us prepare for next year and save being uncomfortable being turned down. There will be a \$50 dining card for the member who posts the most posters by returning the most cards. Please don't take signs and let them sit in your car--at least paste them on a window in your car if you are going to take them! (Not a bad idea!)

We need 2 ticket coordinators, please volunteer to any Board Member or Sherman

## The Summer Concert "A Night at the Movies"

If you are a longstanding choir member or if you are new, it is time to get into high gear for our Summer Activities. You know the concert will be great, and this year we are holding it on Friday and Saturday night. We hope our audience will go out for a Fish Fry or Saturday dinner and come and join us afterwards for "A Night at the Movies." We are planning a great show with special touches and a fun reception. But, unless you help us by selling those tickets we will be singing to ourselves!

- Tickets are \$10 purchased ahead of time
- They will be available at the UCC office also
- \$12 ticket cost at the door.
- No tickets are to be promised or "held" at the door
- We will deliver tickets or send if requested and paid for
- Children under 12 are free with an adult
- Your ticket money and any left over tickets (that is hard to imagine--any being unsold) must be turned in at the last rehearsal.

### "THANK YOU" Activities

Thank you for the impressive cookie donations for the High School Concert Choir. We were able to arrange 2 beautiful large trays of treats. Sherman said they loved them.

We also will be planning to provide cookie trays for the UCC on Sunday morning after our concert. We will ask for more cookies than usual on Saturday Night to compose 2 trays for the Church. We want to thank them for all of the support they give to us by using their lovely facilities. More about those plans as they evolve.

## **Special Dates to Remember**

**Rehearsals Move to:  
The First Congregational UCC at 815 S. Concord Rd on Monday, July 11, at 7 pm**

**CONCERT:  
7:00pm, Friday and Saturday evenings, August 12th and 13th at the UCC on Concord**

**ATTENDANCE**  
See the message on pg. 4

## DONOR RECOGNITION IS THE KEY TO SUSTAINED GENEROSITY

Our focus will be on recognizing and thanking our donors for their money this year. There will be special recognition at the concert for donors. Please help us by personally thanking the donors who are identified by name tags at the concert this year. Introduce yourself and let them know all of their help matters. We will also be sending out thank you/tax deduction letters weekly as donations come in. We will have the above letters at practice and ask that you sign your name and a note to all or as many as you can each week as we process donations. We think this will be a unique and catchy way to emphasize the value their contributions have to our group.

## NEW! DONOR SOLICITATION MATERIALS

We also will have a more "personal" and a more business like or general, materials for soliciting donations. Prior donors will be given "invitations" with a subtle message about scholarship donations. We ask that you help us by hand delivering the invitations if it is someone you know or live nearby. (The invitations and names will be available at practice 7/11 with directions from Anne Dobratz.) Postage is very expensive and we are trying to hand deliver most of the invitations. New individuals or businesses that you approach can be given a tri-fold brochure about the importance of music scholarships by introducing the winners. (The brochure will be a preview of the scholarship performers whom the audience will be thrilled by at our concert, and believe me, they will be thrilled!) There is room on the back under a message about contacting us, for your name and number or it would include Anne Dobratz's business card. When you sign up to present materials about donating to a business or individual, we are relying on you. Please be sure to follow through or no one else will.

## SPECIAL TREATMENT FOR LARGER DONATIONS

We will make certificates for businesses that donate, should they care to display them. Donors will be given name tags and a small "you're sweet treat" when they come to the concert. Those who pick up their name tags will be verbally acknowledged. For those who donate at the Patron (\$100) level, we will follow up with a phone call acknowledging the donation and thanking them, asap. We will be issuing select complimentary tickets to donors at the higher levels as we do to scholarship recipients. After our experience with donations at the Schubert Concert we will be generous and know that our generosity will be mirrored in the people who come to share our concert.

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## Annual Membership Meeting

The Annual Membership Meeting will be held July 18 after the break. The corporation's annual membership meeting is a requirement of our non-profit status and your responsibility to attend as a member of the OCC. But that does not mean it isn't informative and enjoyable. The money that we use and raise for our work as a non-profit entity is all of our business, literally and figuratively. We will present the budget that we work from and you can get a sense of how much things cost and how we spend the hard earned money. And you will certainly get a sense of why we need it. We will summarize the initiatives that we have been and will be working on. At the meeting we will introduce the board members so you know who to go to for what. We will present the nominees for board vacancies and elect the members of your Board for the OCC. To ensure your enjoyment of the meeting, we will hold it in the community room so you can continue to enjoy our refreshments. Thank you in advance for your presence and attention at the Annual Membership Meeting.

## Concert Attire and Call Time

We will wear all black for the concert. Men should wear the black, long sleeved, dress shirts, with collars like they did last Summer. Ladies wear black ankle length skirts or dress slacks and solid black tops. Avoid flashy or shiny items on your clothes so we have a uniform appearance.

Be ready to warm up at 6:30 p.m. sharp. So that means be present in the choir room and all set to go. We will exchange the music folders for the show folders at the last practice. You will be given directions about turning in your concert folders at that time.

Remember, you may waive the return of your music deposit (\$10) and donate it to the Scholarship Fund Drive if you desire. Otherwise be sure to see Barb Bjur for your deposit refund. Any deposits not picked up by the end of Sat. eve (unless we have a concert at Festival of the Arts) will be deposited to the bank as a donation.

## Check Out Our Website

We have added some items to our website to make more information available to you. There is a calendar, map of where members are located, newsletters, bylaws, Scholarship Committee Operating Rules, Membership Booklet and more. There is a new satisfaction "survey" form that you can fill out to be a gauge of how you feel about the choir and a way to readily share your ideas or constructive criticism. All you have to do to use the survey is click the link and fill it in on the Google page we made that will pop up. The "cloud computing" allows us to view and tabulate the results instantly. You will be anonymous unless you share your name. How easy is that?!!! [www.oconomowoccommunitychoir.org](http://www.oconomowoccommunitychoir.org)

Are You A Member Of Thrivent? If so, please give your name to Char McMahan. We need sufficient choir members who are also Thrivent customers to apply for funds for our scholarship drive.

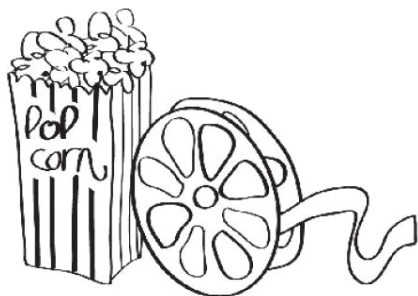
# Good Concerts don't happen by chance!

Rehearsal Attendance is not optional we need you there each week. Only 5 Mondays remain.

Please excuse any necessary absence with the director.

Attendance will be taken at each rehearsal.

We also need volunteers to stay on Saturday night and help us prepare the Church for Sunday services. If you have a family member or friend who would be interested in volunteering to help sell tickets or usher, please see Char McMahon. Char is in charge of staging and the biggest and most readily forgotten job—CLEAN UP!



So, here comes Summer! Arm yourself and be prepared. Have tickets and change, posters and tape, brochures and a pen for your name. Whoever you approach, remember to tell them about it all. If they won't make a donation, how about a ticket? Well then, at least won't they put a poster up? If you enjoy the choir, put a little effort into this tune and be our community rep to all of your friends, organizations and businesses. We have never needed your voice so very much.

Sherman, Barb Fabus & Your Board of the OCC