

Announcements March 10, 2025

Tonight's news and reminders.

- Greetings everyone. I hope you all had a great week!
- As you now know, the announcements, calendar, and Rehearsal Notes are all on our website under Resources.
- Latest information about our PazNaz venue is that the contract has been signed and the Spring Concert is a GO!
- Sectionals – This Saturday. Tenors and Basses are 9:00-10:30 am, and Sopranos and Altos from 11:00 am-12:30 pm. Coffee will be provided.
- Name Tags – For sure, we'll have the requested nametags.
- Learning tracks – If anyone is having difficulty accessing the learning tracks (which can be downloaded), please let us know and we will issue specific instructions.
- Sign-up sheets for Solos and Ensembles as well as Incidental Solos are on the table.
- I'd like to introduce Ken Kimball, my unflappable (in my opinion) Co-President, who has a few words for you.
- New members – Our new members were introduced two weeks ago. Please make them feel welcome!
- Recent fire – If any of you are concerned about inhalation of smoke or particles during our rehearsal activities, we have masks available that we purchased from a Canadian company. These have an N95 rating.
- Resources on website
 - Seasonal Activities Calendar – This will be updated tonight on the website. Any copies on the table are "old". When changes are made, they will be highlighted in yellow.
 - Announcements – These have been added to the website and will no longer be sent out.
 - Rehearsal Notes – Teresa's rehearsal notes have also been added to the website. Please note that these are cumulative and will "grow" from week to week, so if you miss a week, you can still get the update. They will no longer be sent out.
- DVDs/CDs – If any of you ordered a DVD or CD of the Holiday 2024 program, see Ellen Totleben. If you ordered it, you must pay for it.
- Concert Program – There were extra programs left from the Spring 2024 and Holiday 2025 Concerts which are available.

- Another topic that comes up quite frequently is fragrances. Because of allergies, we urge you to be “fragrance-free” on rehearsal nights, but this does not mean deodorant-free!
- Introduce Lance – Just a reminder that Lance, our “fearless leader” starts promptly at 7:00 p.m. with warm-ups and singing. As a courtesy to those around you, please do not talk or hum along (even quietly) when Lance is working with another section. It’s very distracting, and you’ll get your turn! Besides, you might learn something!
- One director – Another issue is all of the “wanna be” directors we have. Counting out loud, tapping your feet, directing with your hands, etc. These are all distractions to those around you...
- Introduce accompanist – Lance
- After this month, there will be a dues box on the table.
- Attendance Sign-In – Be sure to sign in on the attendance sheets. We are allowed 3 missed rehearsals this season, including the large Saturday sectional rehearsals. The revised attendance policy is posted on the Towne Singers website, and there are a few copies on the table. If you are not feeling well, let your Section Leader know and STAY HOME.
- Introduce the Board members (next week), including the Section Leaders, Kris Wittry and Teresa Parente.
- You will hear this over and over from both Lance and me that talking and whispering among yourselves during rehearsal should be kept to a minimum or not happen at all, especially when Lance is speaking. Also, no humming or singing along when Lance is talking or working with another section. These are opportunities for learning.
- Copies of these notes are available on the table and the website for anyone who needs them as a reminder. They’re in PDF format. This is a free online download for everyone.
- I’d like to introduce Ellen Totleben, our energizer bunny (in my opinion) and Artistic and Production Committee Chair, who has a few words for you.
- Watch for the lights (or other “sound”) and return quickly to your chairs

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