

# ST. CROIX VALLEY CHAPTER

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## WEEKLY NEWS

Emergency Number at Rehearsals - (651) 246-7257

Tuesday, April 22, 2008

### Significant Dates

**NOTE: The 2008 Calendar is located on our website under EVENTS it is frequently updated**

Saturday	May 3, 2008	Division Contest @ La Crosse, WI
Tuesday	May 6, 2008	Guest Night
Monday	May 26, 2008	Memorial Day Service @ River Falls
Sunday	June 29, 2008	Sing at Churches in Cambridge – Picnic @ Petry's
Sunday	July 13, 2008	Sing at Churches in Stillwater
Tuesday	July 15, 2008	Como Park Performance
Sunday	July 20, 2008	Sing at the Twins Game
Saturday	Dec 6, 2008	Christmas Shows @ Trinity & Guardian Angels
Tuesday	Dec 16, 2008	Officer Installation Party @ Tartan Park

\*\*\*\*\**We will meet every Tuesday at St. Paul Lutheran until further notice*\*\*\*\*\*



**BLOOD DRIVE - SATURDAY, MAY 10, 2008 9:30AM – 2PM**

*CHAIRMAN – MAC BARLASS*

Stillwater Elks Lodge, 1905 South Greeley Street



# Reflections and thanks from a Show Chairman

I found being a show chairman somewhat like driving a car. I turn on the ignition and steer, but what is under the hood is what really gets me to my destination. Lucky for me the Croix Chordsmen provides a great engine. I was disappointed when it was decided to drop the line from the script, (revision #1, 231,564) which included recognition of a number of behind the scenes contributors to our show. Therefore I would now like to take this opportunity to thank them and everyone else for the all they did to make our show a success.

Without the help and work of Warren Wilson as Stage Manager we could not have had a successful show. Warren was there as both an advisor, and worker. We are lucky to have someone like Warren in our chapter.

The same can be said for Mac Barlass. He was a help from the beginning and made things happen from getting the show venue lined up, publicity, sound effects, and other technical help over the past year.

Tyler Smith is always there. What more can I say? Anyone that has had a Croix Chordsmen project of any kind knows that he will be available to help. He lines up and hosts quartets, put together the programs, takes care of feeding us, and nags the show chairman into doing the right thing!!

Others like Ted Bolles taking care of tickets, Judd Orff putting on the Afterglow, Carl Quist coming back from Florida and still assist in handling the sound, all seem to just be there every year doing their job, but without them there could be no show.

This year my co-chairman and next year's show chairman, Jerry Herbst, was active in the show planning right from the start with ideas for the show, and coordinating the sponsors for the show. Jerry will be a great show chairman and has already got a good jump on our 2009 show.

I want to thank Matt Hall and Ron House for the great job they did as our actors and adding and adding to the script, and the chapter quartets for their fine performances, and everyone in the chapter who helped with risers and other such work, such as Jerry Gibson providing the truck. Roger Bosmoe for getting the plants on stage, Adam Blegen who as the reporter was able to pad his part on stage to more than match Matt's adlibbing, and everyone else who helped in any way to make the show a success.

Finally, to thank my wife, Joyce, who acted as House Manager, and put up with me this past year as I fretted about how the show was going.

I was lucky to have a car with so much horsepower under the hood, it may be getting old but it sure still can run!!

**DICK LAW**

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## 10,000 LAKES DIVISION CHORUS CONTEST

Our Division Contest is a week from Saturday in La Crosse, WI. Most of us will be driving down and back that Saturday. The contest starts at 11:30am, we are scheduled to sing 8<sup>th</sup> out of 9 choruses. It's about a 3 hour drive from Stillwater and we will probably want to be in our dressing room by 11am for warm-up. The contest site is the Heider Center For The Arts in West Salem, WI (405 Hamlin Street).

Our tickets will be paid by the chapter for the chorus contest. If you want to attend any of the quartet contests and/or want to stay Friday and/or Saturday nights you must make your own arrangements. The District website [loldistrict.org](http://loldistrict.org) has the information you need.

Our uniform will be the one we wore to sing the finale on the show – Black Tux Slacks & Coat, Black Socks, Black Shiny Shoes, Black Tux Shirt w/White Studs, Yellow Bow Tie and Fancy Vest.

There will be complete information in next Tuesdays Weekly News.