

1. Gift cards for Kuwangisana, one of our projects in Mozambique. These \$10 cards make great gift and are easy to send (or give in person) to anyone on your Christmas list - or for other occasions throughout the year. You'll want to keep some on hand.

<http://www.kapasseni.org/health.html>

2. Beautiful scarves and shawls handwoven by Mayan women in Guatemala, with all proceeds going to fund fuel-efficient stoves in their communities. Cost:\$20 - \$45.

<http://www.crucible.ca/temp.guatemala.html>

<http://www.atitlan.innovativecommunities.org>

3. Beautiful beaded Necklaces and bracelets from Uganda, helping lift women and their families out of extreme poverty. Cost: \$15-\$30.

<http://www.beadforlife.org>

Also - starting the first week in December:

4. GHC Concert Tickets, for our January 29 and 31 concerts, "Every Road Leads Home". Cost: \$20 & \$15

All proceeds go The Power of Hope. \$7 - \$34. *Please pay with cash if possible.*

<http://www.powerofhope.org>

~ Shivon & Gloria

DENIS

I am very pleased to announce two workshops by *Jim Scott*, a very fine arranger, songwriter, and generally musically gifted guy. He will be coming to Victoria and spending some time with the GHC in the week of Nov.23. His workshops are Friday evening Nov.17 and Saturday morning Nov.28, and will be a wonderful time to spend singing and having creative fun. I'll be talking about this more at GHC evenings.

More info here:

<http://www.gettinhigherchoir.ca/community-info/pdftemp/2009/1113/jim-scott.pdf>

Jim's web site is here:

<http://jimscottmusic.com/>

Click and listen to Jim and sing along on his version of *Mystery*, on his home page!

ALSO, I'd like to introduce those of you who don't know about it to my *By The Hearth* CD. It's a recording made with my friend Lanny Pollet (Head of the Flute Program at UVic) where we have selected and arranged quiet, restful music from many cultures. I play Irish harp and guitars, and Lanny plays a variety of flutes and recorders. The result is a project that I am actually quite proud of! I bring it every evening to GHC evenings. The cost is \$15, and there is an envelope there where you can put the payment, and that has details about who to make cheques out to, etc. (For those who don't come to GHC evenings it can be purchased on-line at that web address.)

Many GHC members have bought *By The Hearth* and I keep hearing very nice reports about how people like it. If you'd like to hear some sound clips you can go to my web site here: <http://denisdonnelly.ca/recordings.html>

PLUS, The World Will End In 2012! (NOT!...)

As someone interested in astronomy and who keeps in touch with what's happening in that realm, I am aware of the buzz around the end-of-the-world scare supposedly happening in 2012. Here's an excellent article giving the real background and facts about all that: <http://media.skyandtelescope.com/documents/Doomsday2012-lores.pdf>

~ Denis

ADMIN TEAM NOTES

BILL

I just learned that Jennifer Sagar, a former GHC Alto, is performing in a one woman show about the life of Judy Garland including 19 of Judy's songs. The performances will be on Nov 23, 25 & 26 @ the Fort St Cafe (742 Fort St.). For the rest of the details check out the poster at:

<http://www.gettinhigherchoir.ca/community-info/pdftemp/2009/1113/judy.pdf>

If you would like to help her get the word out please forward this info on to your personal contacts and/or print and post her poster in the places you frequent (home, work, community).

~ Bill

Gettin' Higher Choir Info

GHC NEWS & BUSINESS

NEW GHC VERSE FOR WHO SAID LOVE!

I think we need a new (4th) verse for who said love. Put on your creative hats and think laterally about what lines might fit together to make a fourth verse. The verses that are already there from the elementary school students are:

Maybe it was the little bird outside my window;
Maybe it was the waves crashing on the shore;
Maybe it was the ship rocking back and forth

Maybe it was my shoes on their holy pilgrimage;
Maybe it was the puppy on my porch;
Maybe it was the compass pointing towards true north

Maybe it was the river rushing to the ocean;
Maybe it was the choir singing in my head;
Maybe it was the little poem that you read

Send your suggestions to me at denis@denisdonnelly.ca Thanks!

~ Denis

CHOIR POTLUCKS

The last potluck gathering will be on:

Monday, Nov 16 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

These potlucks, held every season, are a tradition in the choir that allows us to get to know each other a little better.

Please bring a tasty dish to share and your own plate, cup and cutlery. An ingredients sign would be helpful for those with dietary considerations and perhaps a name label in case someone wants to get your recipe from you.

All choir members are welcome at all potlucks. Come and enjoy!

UPDATES FROM THE GUATEMALAN SCARF LADIES

Over the last few years many of us in the choir have supported the efforts of a dedicated group of choir veterans who have been raising funds to improve the lives of poor Mayan villagers in Guatemala. The following two messages offer us opportunities to do it again.

:
GORGEOUS GUATEMALAN SCARVES AND SHAWLS FOR SALE
or CONSIDER MAKING A DONATION AS A CHRISTMAS GIFT...

...instead of exchanging gifts with family, work or friends and make a huge difference in a Mayan family's life.

The Mayans cook over open hearths in adobe huts resulting in respiratory and eye infections and sometimes fatal burns to infants. For \$120 there is a solution - onil stoves- 99% smoke free, 70% less wood used.

If you wish to donate for part of a stove or school supplies or buy scarves, we will be at choir next week. We have beautiful cards for those who would like to make a donation.

More info - see

<http://www.crucible.ca/temp.guatemala.html>
<http://www.atitlan.innovativecommunities.org>

Submitted by mary lynch, monday soprano, 479-5585

DANCE FOR GUATEMALA

White Eagle Hall, 90 Dock Street, James Bay. Nov.14, 8 pm to 12 am.

Support 2 Guatemalan projects while dancing to Victoria's own Vic High R&B band. Guatemalan scarves, delicious homecooked East Indian food and a cash bar available. Tickets - \$20 at the door, \$16 for Seniors, students, unwaged. ICO Scarves for Stoves provides safe, efficient stoves for Guatemalan families, improving health and reducing deforestation. Guatemalan Action Support Assoc. supports Rabinal Legal Clinic in it's work for Guatemala's Maya. Learn more at <http://www.crucible.ca/temp/guatemala.html>

Dance away the November blahs and help Mayan families.

Submitted by: Linda Woodward Stanton GHC Tues Alto

SUCCESS BY 6 CELEBRATES with RAFFI!

Raffi, the guest artist for our "Concert For The Earth Charter" (Jan 31 & Feb 1, 2004) will be in Victoria as guest speaker when "Success By 6" (<http://www.successby6victoria.ca>) celebrates International Child's Day and the 20th Anniversary of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.

This event will be held on Wednesday, Nov.18th, 7:00pm-9:00pm at First Metropolitan United Church, 932 Balmoral Rd. Victoria. (Please note: This is a presentation for Adults.) Ticket and other information about Raffi and the event can be found at: <http://www.successby6victoria.ca/childrights.php>

In a dynamic presentation, Raffi brings to life the Covenant & Principles of Child Honouring as offering a universal ethic for humanity. Echoing the Dalai Lama's plea for a universal ethic for the world's billions, regardless of religion, and Nelson Mandela's call to "turn this world around, for the children!," Raffi presents Child Honouring as a "compassion revolution," a unifying principle for societal change. Child Honouring is a global credo for reducing suffering and maximizing joy. Join Raffi, 'Choir Kids' and The First Metropolitan Children's Choir for an unforgettable evening.

For more information on Raffi's Child Honouring philosophy, please visit <http://www.raffinews.com>

You can help support Raffi's great work on behalf of children everywhere by forwarding this information to your personal contacts.

GHC SWAT SCHEDULE

SWAT INFO FOR TONIGHT, FRIDAY Nov. 13

Meet at 6:30 in St. George's Church Hall, on St George's Lane, in Cadboro Bay. Go through Cad Bat village, left on Maynard.

We sing at 7pm, before dinner. Tickets for dinner are now sold out, so if you haven't already emailed the organizers, or let Shivon or Gloria know that you're coming for dinner, it's probably too late. (Who knows - There may be some more spaces available, if there are no-shows at the event)

We now have 30 singers coming from GHC and HNC. Please dress in any combo of Black and Bright colours.

~ Shivon

SWAT CAR POOLING for TONIGHT

(Last minute) Jolly Friday The 13th Swat Carpooling From Fairfield

Ride offered. If you are not too far out of my way you can ride to the SWAT in style in my funky VW van, protected by various and sundry deities. I leave from Cook and Richardson, and plan to stay for the dinner.

Call me at home at (250) 388-0694, or weekdays at work at (250) 387-4041

Submitted by Bill Huot, chronologically unstable GHC Bass

Other Info About Our Community Of Choirs

HNC NEWS & BUSINESS

HIGH NOON CHOIR IN FULL SWING - AND - WE ARE LOVING IT.

We continue to welcome new singers as they find out about us. At High Noon, we sing for the pure joy of it.

TUESDAYS, 12 to 1:30- Season runs to December 15.
Church of Truth - 111 Superior Ave.

If you know of anyone who might like to try singing with us, please pass this on.

Shivon and Gloria

CCLT UPDATES

Community Choir Leadership Trainings ~ Facilitated annually by Denis & Shivon

PLEASE PASS THIS ON TO POTENTIAL SINGERS

Many of the graduates of the Shivon and Denis' Community Choir Leadership Training program are involved in their own choirs. We consider these choirs to be GHC "sister choirs" and you can find information about them at:

http://www.ubuntuchoirs.net/locator_coastal_BC.php

If you know someone who might like to sing in a GHC/HNC style environment you can visit these web pages to see if there is a sister choir in their area. If there is please let them know.

CCLT GRADUATE'S UPDATES THIS WEEK

From: Gina Sala CCLT 1 - 2004/5 ~ Seattle

Ocean of Devotion - Sound & Wellness Retreat

With Gina Sala

"Song, Chant, Sound Healing, Nada Yoga - all welcome - Beaches, R and R and the blessings ripple throughout your life"

What:

Group Trip

Start Time:

Friday, February 5 at 12:00pm

End Time:

Saturday, February 13 at 12:00pm

Where:

Yelapa, Mexico-a wonderful coastal village (no cars) a boatride from Puerto Vallarta

Contact:

Gina Sala at ginasala@gmail.com

From: Maggie Wheeler CCLT 3 - 2006/7 & Emile Hassan Dyer CCLT 1 - 2004/5 ~ Los Angeles

Singing in the Stream

With Maggie Wheeler & Emile Hassan Dyer

Please join us in this magical location for a weekend of renewal and song! 120 acres of fertile land carved out between mountain and ocean, blessed by a cascading canyon stream and hot mineral springs gushing out of a seaside cliff....There is the delicate and subtle Big Sur air of a late afternoon..... nights so clear the Milky Way can light your walk along the darkened garden path. And always there is the sound of the sea.

Weekend of March 5-7, 2010

For more information go to: <http://www.esalen.org> and enter "Singing In The Stream"

General Info

GHC LOST & FOUND

Monday: on right-hand end of the closet shelf opposite the entrance.

Tues/Thurs: on the closet shelf to the left of the entrance.

PRIMARY CHOIR COMMUNITY WEB SITE LINKS

The Getting' Higher Choir <http://www.gettinhigherchoir.ca>
Community Choir Leadership <http://www.communitychoirleadership.com>
Ubuntu Choirs <http://www.ubuntuchoirs.net>
Shivon Robinsong: <http://www.shivon.com>
Denis Donnelly: <http://www.denisdonnelly.ca>

<http://www.choralsongs.com>
<http://www.soundingsmusic.com>
 Accessing our Newsletters <http://www.gettinhigherchoir.ca/community-info/newsletters.html>
 Using Our Newsletter: <http://www.gettinhigherchoir.ca/community-info/newsletterinfo.html>
 Choir Schedule: <http://www.gettinhigherchoir.ca/community-info/index.html>

The above list doesn't appear in all issues of the newsletter

Suggestion: If you haven't previously done so copy it to a Word or other text document for storage on your computer, or to print out, for future reference.

NEWSLETTER INFO

As a result of the new newsletter schedule, with the Admin and Community issues going out on alternate weeks, it is necessary for us all to plan our submissions more in advance than in the past. To assist in this here is the schedule for the balance of this season. Copying it and saving it on your hard drive or on a print out for future reference might prove helpful.

<u>Admin Issue</u>	<u>Community Issue</u>
	Nov. 20
Nov. 27	Dec. 4
Dec. 11	Dec. 18
Jan. 1	Jan. 8
Jan. 15	Jan. 22

Combined Season Wrap-Up Issue
Feb 2 or 3rd

Community Event Items can now be submitted for up to 3
Community Issues in advance of the events start date.

***** **QUOTABLES** *****

Every time.it's a miracle. Here are all these people, full of heartache or hatred or desire, and we all have our troubles..., and here's this life we're all struggling through full of shouting and tears and laughter and break-ups and dashed hopes and unexpected luck - it all disappears, just like that, when the choir begins to sing. Everyday life vanishes into song, you are suddenly overcome with a feeling of brotherhood,of deep solidarity, even love, and it diffuses the ugliness of everyday life into a spirit of perfect communion. Even the singers' faces are transformed... I see human beings, surrendering to music.

Muriel Barbery
(from: The Elegance of the Hedgehog p185)

Submitted byJan Walsh-Hohert Monday Soprano

===== **THAT'S NOT ALL FOLKS** =====
 Our Choir Member's Issue (Part 2) follows next Friday with lots of interesting submissions from other choir community members plus some "Quotables" and the Just For Fun section! If you have items for it please submit them by midnight next Wednesday to bill@gettinhigherchoir.ca
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You can always find links to the current, and past, issues at:
<http://www.gettinhigherchoir.ca/community-info/newsletters.html>
