

A while later, our paths crossed again. I saw him coming toward me, with a spring in his step, wanting to talk. "You know" he told me, sounding excited, "I started singing! Instead of just thinking my thoughts in my head, I've been singing them out loud. And it feels marvelous!" We walked on for a while, enjoying the lovely day together.

Moral of the story: Sing out loud, and if someone hears you, so much the better! You might make their day. They might make yours!

~ Shivon

DENIS

All the current GHC men are very warmly invited to attend the men's singing workshop that I am offering tomorrow. (**Saturday Sept.19** at the Church of Truth at **10:00 - 12:00**) We will be doing lots of fun songs that are well suited to men's voices, most of which have not been done in the GHC, so there will be lots of new stuff for us to sing.

And for all GHC members: the other ambition of this workshop is to include men who are not yet part of the GHC or any other choir, but who think that they might be attracted to do some singing and have not yet taken the step. If you know anyone in that category, please tell them about this opportunity!

Please notify me by email (denis@denisdonnelly.ca) if you or someone you know is coming so that I will have a chance to prepare for the number of men who will be showing up. The cost of the workshop is \$10, payable on the day.

No music-reading abilities are necessary, nor any previous experience singing in a group setting. However, if someone has sung in a choir before but not the GHC, they can come and see something of what we do! In any case, all that is required is a desire to experience something joyful. All the music will be taught aurally - no paper music.

Please help me spread the word! Who do you know who might enjoy this? GHC veterans - come and sing some new men-only music!

~ Denis

ADMIN TEAM NOTES

GLORIA

So good to see you all in the singing circle again.

Check out the Su Hart Workshop and the Power of Hope Workshop below.

~ Gloria

BILL

A reminder...If having graphics in the newsletter such as the masthead above slows down your email program or is otherwise a problem for you please let me know (if you haven't already).

~ Bill

ADMIN TEAM SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

From time to time Shivon, Denis, Gloria or Bill will use this section to announce activities and events that they are involved in, or support, outside of their normal work for the choirs and the CCLT.

POWER OF HOPE PRESENTS:

Express Yourself! Creative Facilitation 1

October 24 and 25 at Royal Roads University

Working with youth is an intensely creative endeavor demanding a high level of improvisation - and the arts can be one of your greatest allies.

This two-day intensive training is designed for youth workers, artists, teachers, and other adults, and is based on the belief that you don't have to be a professional artist to use the arts in working with young people.

Register early and bring a friend.

Poster: <http://www.gettinhigherchoir.ca/community-info/pdftemp/20090918/expressyourself.pdf>

Highly recommended by Gloria Hansen,
GHC and HNC tenor and Canadian Chair, Power of Hope

VOCAL SUPPORT

CALLING ALL MEN!

If you missed Denis' Director's Notes about this vocal workshop scroll back up the page and check it out!

Denis

SINGING WORKSHOPS with SU HART...of...BAKA BEYOND

Su Hart, Baka Beyond singer and founder, will be giving workshops in Victoria.

Saturday October 10
Church of Truth - 111 Superior St, Victoria

First session: 10 - 1 pm
~ and ~

Second session: 2 - 5 pm
Although these sessions will be connected they are not the same
- in others words participants can choose to do one or both.

Registration fee is \$30 for one session or \$50 for both

Su Hart is an amazing singer, musician, teacher and workshop presenter who will be in Canada in October of 2009. She has been with *Baka Beyond* since it's beginning and brought to it the songs and vocal techniques of the Baka Pygmies that she learned on her travels.

When not touring or recording she teaches about the life and music of the Baka.

For additional information and to register please check out:

<http://www.gettinhigherchoir.ca/community-info/pdftemp/20090904/su-hart.pdf>

Submitted by Gloria and highly recommended by Shivon and Denis

Gettin' Higher Choir Info

GHC NEWS & BUSINESS

REMINDERS RE: BINDERS

Put a label with your name and possibly your phone number on the front of it to make it less likely for anyone to pick it up by mistake. It also increases its chances of coming back to you if you happen to leave it somewhere other than choir.

Keeping your name tag in the inside pocket, or with its cord locked in the rings, so it is available to wear everytime you come to choir is also a good idea.

NAME TAGS

There will be name tags available at choir for those that don't already have them.

MORE ON NAME TAGS

If you've got them please wear them even if you have been in the choir so long that everybody should know you. It not only makes things easier for our new singers, it also makes things easier for memory challenged people like me.

~ Bill

DO YOU HAVE A PERSONAL OR BUSINESS WEB SITE?

If you have a web site feel free to submit the URL plus a 50 word (or less) capsule description for periodic inclusion in the Choir Community Member's Issue that goes out every second week. Your listing will be kept on file and 2 - 5 of them will be rotated through that issue's Member's Web Sites section each week (in the order received). This will give your site periodic exposure to 1200+ people and offer readers different web sites to check out each week.

GHC SWAT SCHEDULE

Sing When Asked To

We have two SWATs coming up soon, at Royal Roads University.

The First is Next Saturday, September 26

Meet at Royal Roads University at 6:30 in Grant Building
(look for signs directing you to the warm-up room)

We sing between 7-8pm, at beginning, and again after slide presentation.

Looks like a fun event, for a very worthy cause. See details at:

<http://www.gettinhigherchoir.ca/community-info/pdftemp/20090918/mpambo.pdf>

Songs:

S. African Medley (Freedom is Coming, Siyahamba, Gabi Gabi)
N'Kosi Sikeleli Afrika
Somewhere to Begin
Woyaya

Lyrics, MP3s & Parts files for some of these songs are available in our site's Current Singers Only section at: http://www.gettinhigherchoir.ca/community-info/current_singers_only/index.html The access codes from the spring session will remain active for the next week and then the new codes will be sent out to all Fall registrants. Veterans from sessions previous to our Spring season who are registered for the Fall season are welcome to request the codes by email. I will send the codes to our new registrants tomorrow evening.

The most recent Core Repertoire (Fall 2008) is also available in that section. Any veteran who has an older Core Repertoire is encouraged to download it.

Car-Pooling Encouraged.

Please email shivon@gettinhigherchoir.ca to let me know if you're coming. Just put name and section and Sept 26 in subject line of email.

e.g. Sept 26, Debbie L., tenor

Editor's Note

Whether or not you are singing in the above SWAT the event promises to be worth attending with lots going on in support of a worthy purpose. Check out their poster and info sheet using the above link, mark your calendars and then invite your friends and family!

GHC SWAT CAR POOLING WANTED & OFFERED

To arrange car pools you can announce your request/offer at break time at choir (GHC or HNC). You can also email me at bill@gettinhigherchoir.ca with your name, contact information, where you start from, whether you need a ride or are offering one and which choir you are in. I will put a listing under the appropriate Car Pool heading for you in the next newsletter. Don't be shy about repeating your request in subsequent weeks at choir or in the newsletter if you don't connect the first time.

RIDES WANTED AND OFFERED

If you would like to arrange car pools for our September 26th and/or October 8th SWATs you can submit requests and offers to appear in the:

September 25th Choir Community Members Issue
(both SWATs but will only facilitate last minute arrangements for the 26th)

October 2nd Choir Admin Issue
(October 8th SWAT with 6 days left to make arrangements)

In your item please include:

- Whether you are wanting or offering a ride
- Your location
- Your name
- Your phone number

NEW SEASON INFO

NEW SINGERS INTAKE

Between now and Thursday, September 24th we will continue taking in new singers for this season. If you know anyone who would enjoy a Gettin' Higher singing experience bring, or send, them to check us out.

As always there will be a half hour New Singer Orientation starting at 7:00 pm before the actual choir sessions (7:30 - 9:30) on each of the following evenings:

Monday (September 21)
The First Unitarian Church of Victoria, 5575 West Saanich Rd.

Tuesday (September 22) & **Thursday** (September 24)

The Church of Truth, 111 Superior St. (James Bay)

New singers can also check us out in advance by visiting <http://www.gettinhigherchoir.ca>

REGISTRATION

The registration deadline is the end of choir on Thursday, September 24th

New Singers

Fill out the form provided at choir.

Returnees paying their fees at choir prior to the registration deadline

Just put your payment cheque(s) or cash envelope (clearly identified as yours) in my collection bag at choir and you will automatically be registered.

Please don't put your payment in an envelope unless it is cash. Cheques and notes (changes, queries, etc.) that are paper clipped (or even folded) together are much faster and easier to deal with than sealed envelopes.

Returnees who will be paying after the registration deadline

Be sure to register by a note in my collection bag before the deadline and specify what/how/when you will be making your payment. If you are not going to be at choir before Sept. 24th you can register by phone or email as specified below.

If your contact information, night or section is changed from the last session you attended please include that information with your registration.

The fees for the 18 week season are \$175 regular with a sliding scale down to \$130 for seniors, students and the un-waged.

As always you are welcome to set your own payment plans. While we prefer that you do so with a series of post-dated cheques providing me with a list of cash payment dates is also OK. In either case the last payment is due by December 31.

For more information or to request any level of scholarship support please contact me.

In addition to dropping a note in my collection bag at choir I can be contacted by phone (250-920-4160 - 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.), by email to (bill@gettinhigherchoir.ca)

~ Bill

Other Info About Our Community Of Choirs

HNC NEWS & BUSINESS

FALL SESSION OF HIGH NOON BEGINS SOON!!

TUESDAY, September 29, 12 to 1:30 (11:30 new singers orientation)
Church of Truth - 111 Superior Ave.

We're excited about singing with you all again, and about meeting new singers. If you know of anyone who might like to try singing with us, please pass this on.

We'll have an orientation session for new singers at 11:30 on Sept. 29.

Shivon and Gloria

CCLT UPDATES

Community Choir Leadership Trainings ~ A three week workshop facilitated annually by Denis & Shivon

NEW CCLT GROUP STARTING THIS WEEK

Participants of Shivon & Denis Community Choir Leadership Trainings workshop will be getting started on Monday and will be visiting us at our various choir sessions (GHC, HNC & Soundings) over the next two weeks.

For details on the CCLT visit its web site at:

<http://www.communitychoirleadership.com>

~ Bill

CCLT MEMBERS' UPDATES

From: Evemarie Brunelle CCLT5 - 2008/09, Montréal

Hello GHC singers and friends!

Do you know anybody who lives in Montréal and who would perhaps like to sing every week?

I was in CCLT 2008-2009 and I am starting Les chorales Allez Chante on September 23rd and 24th!

All info on website: <http://www.allezchante.ca>

Thanks for passing this on...

Love and music,

Evemarie

From: Burke Mulvaney & Kelly Kelsey CCLT 4 - 2007/8, Bellingham

Greeting from Burke & Kelly,

You are invited to join us (and a host of local friends) this **Sunday, September 20th**, from **3:30-5pm** at **Maritime Heritage Park in Bellingham**.

In honoring our place in the circle of life, we gather as a community to share stories, gratitude, songs, and prayers. Together we will be ***Singing Home the Salmon...***

Please join us for this first annual, FREE, and family friendly event. See attached poster for more details or contact us directly at: sing@inspirechoir.com

If you are unable to attend directly, please take a moment to reflect on your relationship with the Salmon and we will openly welcome your prayers into the Circle!

Poster: <http://www.gettinhigherchoir.ca/community-info/pdftemp/20090918/salmon.pdf>

In Harmony,

Burke & Kelly

P.S. Please forward this invitation to anyone you think might enjoy sharing in this cooperative event!

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

LINK NOT WORKING?

If you click on a link in any of our newsletters and it doesn't work try copying it, pasting it into your browser's address bar and then hit enter on your keyboard. It may work that way even when it doesn't the other way. If copying & pasting doesn't work try typing it into your browser's address bar. If all else fails contact me at bill@gettinhigherchoir.ca or 250-920-4160 (8 to 8, Tues, Fri).

WORD LIMITS

When submitting items to the Choir Member's Issue please keep the 100 word limit in mind (not counting the title or "Submitted by..." line). I have been letting items up to 125 or so words slip through but that section of the newsletter has been getting longer and longer over the past few years and we need to tighten it up. To that end I will be sending items over the word limit back to their submitters for editing from now on.

For an information sheet on what to do about the "too much information for 100 words" syndrome and other basic information about "Using Our Newsletter" click on:

<http://www.gettinhigherchoir.ca/community-info/pdf/using-nl.pdf>

For full information please visit our site's "Using Our Newsletter" page by clicking on:

<http://www.gettinhigherchoir.ca/community-info/newsletterinfo.html>

***** QUOTABLES *****

The melting voice through mazes running
Untwisting all the chains that tie
The hidden soul of harmony."

John Milton

Found in the footer of an email received from:
Anu Patel, GHC Tenor & Soundings Alto

===== 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>

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