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CHCC Annual Meeting

Our annual meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 28 at our rehearsal break (around 9 pm). The slate of nominees for Board membership (detailed below) will be presented to the membership and voted upon. We'll also have our Raffle drawing for the prize of \$1000! Following this business meeting, we will adjourn to the room across the hall for a reception to celebrate another great season of singing with CHCC. Thanks to Sally Jones, who is coordinating the event. You may find her among the altos at rehearsal to volunteer your help!

New Board Nominees



Peggy Whiting joined the CHCC in 2005 as a way to bring singing back after some twenty years only singing church hymns! What seems like another lifetime now, Peggy began college as a music major (piano and voice) after singing with the Robert Shaw Youth Chorale in Atlanta for several years. During the younger days, music was a focus of activity that included participation in choral groups that traveled in Europe for music festivals like our upcoming plans. She sang in Vienna at 17 and hopes to sing there again next summer (she is more than 17 now). As you might imagine, participating in the Italy trip with CHCC was a delight! By day, Peggy is a professor of counseling at NCCU and a private therapist in the grief counseling area. She serves in leadership positions within the psychological professional organizations. She loves the mountains, writing, and attending all kinds of dramatic and performing arts. Peggy sees collective arts endeavors as integral to the life of this community and wants to give back to others the benefits of CHCC she has experienced.



Bill Kodros was born and raised in Alton, Illinois, near St. Louis. He graduated from U. of Michigan majoring in economics and geography and served in the U.S. Army Reserves. Bill worked in management in the paper industry for nine years, and in the supply/distribution industry for 30 years,

retiring in 2003. He owned and operated two small businesses during that time. Bill started singing in choirs and choruses at 11, and has never stopped. He joined the CHCC in 1998. During that time he has helped with set-up/take-down, ad and raffle sales, and has previously served on the board (as vice president, treasurer, and president). Bill has thoroughly enjoyed his musical experiences with the CHCC including our trip to Italy last summer. "Debbie and I look forward to the European trip next year, and have really enjoyed all our new friends met since joining this organization."



Caroline Talbot auditioned with Sue in the summer of 2006. Her first concert was the Christmas program that performed the last part of Bach's Christmas Oratorio. What a wonderful coincidence, as she had just left the San Francisco Bach Choir and sadly missed their repertoire. Working for money had Caroline doing payroll and benefits managing for the Episcopal Diocese of California, singing at Grace Cathedral in their first mixed voice choir, and organizing fundraising events for a small church in the Height Asbury. Today she is a volunteer queen, no longer working for money, but working just as hard. She does a shift at the Emergency Department of UNC Hospital. She co-chairs a lecture series for foreign policy folk: Great Decisions. She sings with a small group of

women who are just beginning to perform renaissance madrigals, *Polyphonics*. She also sings at Chapel of the Cross, with an amazing group of singers that is teaching her how to sing in Latin. And now, "I am pleased to serve on the CHCC Board. I have long admired our active Board and hope to contribute my time and talent to speed us on our way."



Damian C. Munn is only in his second semester with CHCC (except for a summer choir experience a few years ago), but feels like he's been here all along. He joins us after singing with the Choral Society of Durham for a few years, and with UNC's Carolina Choir for 9 semesters previous to that. He went back to UNC (after a 7 year break) with an associate's degree, and subsequently completed a B.A. in Music in 2005. For the past 2 years, he has been working for Chatham County Habitat for Humanity in Pittsboro where, as in any non-profit, he wears many hats. His main responsibilities include being the donation coordinator for the two Home Stores, as an acting manager of one of the stores, and as an assistant to the Home Stores Director. His leisure time is spent 100% with his family;

his Wife, Jamie, his 12 year old daughter, Aria, and his 5 year old daughter, Cadence. He wants to volunteer for the Board because he's "felt so overwhelmingly accepted into this group and wants to help this group continue its current success and become even more so in the future by applying his current non-profit experience to help out CHCC."



Sarah Stokes joined CHCC in 2004, at the suggestion of several friends who were already members, and following a graduate-school-induced dearth of singing opportunities that lasted several years. Prior to that absence, she has been involved with various community and organizational choral groups since early childhood. Although she is both a chemist and a librarian by training, Sarah has worked for several years now as a trainer. She travels the mid-Atlantic region, teaching scientists, librarians, and patent attorneys to use a command-line search tool to find scientific and patent literature. Outside of chorus, Sarah enjoys swimming and running, knitting, and spending time with her partner and their herd of animals of various types. Given the opportunity, she will

also gladly talk for hours about her garden and sustainable living. She is very much looking forward to working with the Board and to serving the CHCC in the coming years.



Mary Sipple joined CHCC in 2006 just after moving back to North Carolina after an absence of about 15 years. She works as a Systems Analyst for a small software company in California. It's a very long way to the office so mostly she telecommutes. She grew up singing in church choirs and school choruses and is thrilled to be singing with such a talented and dedicated group. She is also active in the PTA and other volunteer activities at Estes Hills Elementary where her son is a student. She volunteered for the Board because after two years of enjoying singing with CHCC, she wanted to actively contribute to the work that makes the singing possible.

Returning Board Members



Jane Saiers has been a member of CHCC since the summer of 2006, and she also sings in Cantari. Jane grew up in Pennsylvania and was educated at the Indiana University of Pennsylvania and Princeton, where she earned a doctorate in neuroscience. She moved to Carrboro from New Jersey in 1992 and now resides in Chapel Hill. After a 10-year stint of working in the pharmaceutical industry, Jane started her medical communications business, The WriteMedicine, Inc., in 2000. When she is not working, Jane can often be found in the garden. She is an Orange County Master Gardener and with her husband Darin is starting a farm on 10 acres near their home. Jane also enjoys exercising (she's known as

"GI Jane" among her fitness buddies), reading (literature of the American South is her favorite), playing bluegrass and folk music (she has recently picked up the guitar again after a 20-year hiatus), and cruising country roads with the convertible top down in the company of Darin. Jane has served as Publicity chair this year, and also was a member of the Long-term development committee.



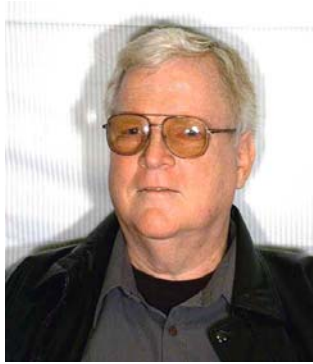
Jean Lennon is a mother, photographer, baker, education researcher, New Yorker, and Boggle champion. She was running out of friends because of that last one (or two). So she resurrected her singing career and was fortunately accepted into Cantari its first season, where she has yet to challenge anyone to a match, but has enjoyed the music and supporting CHCC. Jean is the coordinator of our concert programs.



Dan Poirier is starting his fifth year in the chorus, and has been singing about seven years. He programs computers by day, enjoys reading SF and mysteries, and lives in Carrboro with two elderly cats. Dan is the membership chair, and has also coordinated concert ticket sales.



Upon graduating from UNC and finding herself without a choir for the first time in 10 years, **Stephanie Ottone** joined the Chapel Hill Community Chorus and Cantari in the fall of 2006. She chose to volunteer for the CHCC board of directors in the spring of 2007 because of her commitment to the success of both the symphonic chorus and Cantari. In her second year on the board, she has served as vice president and chair of the long-term development committee. Outside of CHCC, she works as a researcher and writer for a fundraising consulting firm that counsels nonprofit organizations. In her spare time she plays outfield for two softball teams.



Bill Mann is a native of Chatham County who returned to his family home in 1991 after several years following a career in computer support. He has also lived in Lumberton and Charlotte NC. He is now retired except for an occasional computer programming/repair job.

Bill grew up in a family that encouraged singing and has participated in: church youth choirs, his high school glee club, The Regimental Choir in the US Navy, the church choir every where he has been located, The Robeson Civic Chorale, Durham Civic Chorale, and the Chapel Hill Community Chorus.

Bill served on the Board of Directors with The Robeson Civic Chorale and was serving as its president when his employer moved his family to Charlotte. He served one term with the CHCCC Board of Directors from 1993 -1995. Bill attends Orange United Methodist Church where he has held several leadership positions. He currently serves on the Building Committee as they undertake building a new sanctuary. Bill has worked on the program ads, and serves as our photographer.



Kathy Craddock has sung with the CHCC symphonic chorus for 3 years and is also a member of Cantari. Her primary responsibilities on the BOD include listserv maintenance and Nominations Committee chair (new this year). This summer she discovered she loves yoga and Pilates, and has always loved traveling. Recently she's enjoyed a week long cruise to Alaska, a four day jaunt to Minneapolis where she saw White Christmas, Chinese New Year in San Francisco visiting her brother and sister-in-law, and will soon enjoy the white sand beaches of Cancun! She has widened her musical tastes with the likes of Toubab Krewe, Kathleen Edwards, Bela Fleck and Abigail Washburn and the Sparrow Quartet. ("Music is an amazing

part of life, isn't it?") Kathy works for UNC Health Care as a website developer. Her work includes designing and developing websites, web applications, as well as instructing users within the Hospitals to develop and maintain their own web pages.

And finally, many thanks to our departing Board members for jobs well done by all!

Kathy Barboriak, President

Wes Dain, Technology Chair

Virginia Lee, Treasurer

Pam Perreault, Librarian and Newsletter

Steve Peterson, Raffles and Finance Committee

Kristi Webb, Secretary and Long-Term Development Committee

*Letter to membership from long-term development committee chair, Stephanie
Ottone*

Dear Singers,

On behalf of the board and the long-term development committee, I would like to thank you all for all the volunteer work and gifts you have contributed to the chorus this year. We have asked a lot of you all this year that we have not asked before, and you all have responded enthusiastically. From donating gift basket items to making contributions to serving as tour guides for our Italian visitors, you all have played a role in the success of the chorus this year. You should be proud of what the chorus has been able to accomplish because each of you has contributed significantly.

I look forward to the weeks ahead, and I'm certain that there are more great things to come for CHCC because of your hard work and dedication.

Thank you again.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Ottone
Vice President
CHCC Board of Directors

DON'T FORGET TO PURCHASE OR SELL YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS!!!

\$1000 TO THE LUCKY WINNER (AND \$2000 FOR CHCC)