**Membership Report for VHS April 19, 2023 VHS Board Meeting**

**Members:** It is with our deepest sympathy that I must report that Kathie Edwards passed away in her sleep, after coming home from the hospital on April 17, 2023. Kathie is no longer in pain. She has now been reunited with her husband and former member of the Valleyaires Chorus, Owen Edwards in Heaven. Our deepest sympathy goes out to Toni, her sisters, and their family. She will be dearly missed by all who knew and sang with her.

**Guests**: We have three guests who may become perspective members.

**Ben Ziek:** Is a member of the Pasadena Chapter. Ben has been attending our Lunch Brunch at Lulu’s Restaurant for several weeks. Ben is also attending our Monday night rehearsals. Ben sings lead. Ben is a guest of our director, (Tom Raffety.) On April 10th Ben passed his first Polecat audition. Congratulations Ben

**Nate Aston:** attended our April 3rd rehearsal. Nate Is a guest of Jonathan Burns. Nate sings Tenor.

**Jonathan Asperil:** Has been attending our rehearsal meetings since April 3, 2023, when he is able. Jonathan sings Lead. Jonathan was born in Israel and is a songwriter who lives in Studio City. Both Ben and Jonathan are now listed as Candidates, and are able to listen to What To Practice learning CD’s on our website each week.

**Meetup**: We have 1- new person who joined our Meetup recently: Frankie. I have suggested that Bob get our two active participating ladies to sign up and rsvp each week on Meetup. I think this would make a different in our responses.

**Chorus Development**: Our chorus took a huge step in the right direction by participating in the Far Western District Spring Convention on March 25, 2023 in Burbank, CA. The convention was held in the Marriott Convention Center. We qualitied for the Fall Convention in Arizona winning the SW Division Plateau A Award. We had 16 people on the stage. Our **pride and glory** was our quartet**, (All in Accord) Winning the SW Senior Novice Award. Dave Kirby** was praised highly by the judges at our evals for his outstanding tenor vocals in the chorus and quartet.

**Pictures from the FWD Spring Convention**: I posted several candid pictures of our chorus waiting in the warm-up room, the award pictures, and our winning Senior Novice Quartet in the **Public Gallery** on our website for all to enjoy.

On 4-6-23 I picked up our newly revised business cards. There are two sides to the cards. The front side is our name and email info. On the backside is our address and directions. At the bottom are lines for name etc. The cards are printed on matte paper, which you can write on.

At UPrinting I learned that one of the young employee’s sings in church. I wrote my name on the card and invited him to our meeting. A special thanks’ to Bob and Jack for their suggestions. We now have tools necessary to give to perspective guests and members.

 We are now looking forward to our Spring Fling Ice Cream Social on May 13, 2023 at ONEgeneration Senior Center in Reseda, CA. I have already paid the downpayment.

**Onegeneration** Senior Enrichment Center Covid-19 Vaccination Status is **no longer required** at entry. Mask wearing is highly recommended while indoors at the center **but not required**. The maximum capacity of the center is now 80%. **There are no Covid requirements for all day rental of social hall for events. Ben Marder**, Membership V.P. VHS 4-18-23