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

**O**ne of the many hats I wear in the chorus is Contact Administrator.

We have been performing at the ONEgeneration Adult Daycare site at the Encino Farmers Market since the beginning of the year. My main contact is Sue Sexton, Developing and Marketing Manager of ONEgeneration Childcare. The Encino Farmers Market has a new Manager, Marcelle Angelo. Marcelle has arranged for our chorus to perform the 2nd, 4th, and if there is a 5th week in the month for the remaining of the year if we are able. Marcelle, Market Manager has agreed on an earlier time We will arrive at 9:30 AM to set everything up, and warm-up. We would then sing from 10:00- 10:30 AM, and exit at 11:00 AM. Our space is on the main strip of the market 3 spaces north, or to the right of the exit. We are half way under the main overhead canopy. This is a wonderful way for the chorus make extra revenue.

**Meetup:** Several new people have joined our meetup in the last 2 months, but only a few have replied to my messages. **Casey Pennuto,** joined our Meetup on July 5, 2023. Casey lives in North Hollywood, CA. Casey stated that he always wanted to join a chorus. Casey has attended 3 rehearsal meetings singing with the tenors. This week Casey sang with the leads. After talking with Casey about assuming the Role of Candidate, Casey agreed. Casey is now listed as a Candidate in the Members section on our website. Casey will now be able to listen to the learning tracks of “What to Practice”, for each week. He will also be able to view the sheet music.

**Members: Ben Ziek** is on the road to recovery after has double bypass heart surgery. His body and voice are improving each day. We all wish Ben a speedy recovery. Last night Tom stated that Ben may return to rehearsal on Monday July 24, 2023.

**Past Members Reunion:** The VHS Board has set the date for the Past Members Reunion for Saturday September 9, 2023 at Woodley Park in Van Nuys, CA. 91406.

I have reserved the date and location with the Department of Recreation & Parks. They sent me an application form. The Application form is due 1 month prior to the event, 8-9-23. Payment due 2 weeks prior to event, 8-18-23. 1 -50 people, $75.00 for all day. 50-100 people $100.00.

**We need a flier asap. for mailing**. We also need to decide on a time schedule.

A Big Thanks to **Dave Kirby** for securing the chorus a nice grant. This with the Farmers Market and other revenue that we take in throughout the year will tremendously help pay our annual bills and expenses. Dave is doing a fine job on the VHS Board wearing 2 hats!

**Mark Wolf** is also doing a good job with our new Barber Polecat Program each week.

I also would like to thank **Chuck Brooks** for leading his tags and warm-up sessions.

Our Director, **Tom Raffety** and his **Associate Director, Jeffery Bunch** are working hard preparing the chorus for our sing outs as well as our future shows & events. Let us all quit the chatter between songs and give them our utmost attention. Each of us need to take more time listening to “What to Practice” songs of the week. This way you can put your music books down, sit up and watch Tom.  **This will make a big difference in our sound. Ben Marder, Membership VP. VHS 7-18-23**