**Membership Report for September 20, 2023 Board Meeting**

 It is hard to believe, but our Chorus Former Members Reunion has come and gone.

It was on Saturday September 9, 2023 at Woodley Park. Out of our former members list of 58 names, 8 moved out of state. 3 passed on. 28 members did not reply to my email, or changed their email. I was able to contact 17 former members. Some were in the Masters of Harmony Show in San Diego the same day. Others were busy with work, or had prior engagements that day. 15 formers members verbally told me they were planning on attending the chorus reunion.

With the chorus numbers, that would have been over 40 people. As it turned out on Saturday September 9th. the temperature in the Valley was around 100 degrees. We were lucky to have 28 total attend the picnic. Only 5 were former members.

 Thanks to all our members and their spouses and their guests for all their help. Everyone made the day a big success. The food was delicious. Great barbeque burgers and Hebrew National Hot Dogs. We all sat on lawn chairs in the shade on the grass and talked, and sang songs until lunch. I set up a memorabilia table for all to view. Unfortunately, Ben Ziek was late because he was involved in an accident on the freeway on his way to the reunion. He was not badly hurt.

 The Recreation and Parks did not live up to their end of the deal. That is o.k. because we will never be going there ever again. Next time we will all be indoors where it is nice and cool.

**Members Attendance:**  last month we averaged 17 people per meeting. We only had 3 rehearsals.

**Philip Lockwood’s Memorial Service:** On Saturday September 16, 2023 Phil Lockwood- Bass memorial service was held at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah Witness. Unfortunately, September 16th was the first day of Rosh Hashanah, (the Jewish New Year of 5784). Most of our members were unable to attend. Tom was able to represent the chorus. I sent Phils name to the BHS Customer Service Department, so they can enter it in The Harmonizer Chapter Eternal. ***May his name be a blessed memory.***

**Candidates:** We only have 2 candidates currently. Casey Pennuto- Lead, and Jesse Corona- Baritone. Both men have passed their first Barber Polecat Auditions. Casey and his girlfriend attended our reunion picnic. Casey and Diana brought all the papers goods. Diana, brought a wonderful cake which all of us enjoyed at rehearsal night.

**Transfer:** David Kilpatrick- Bass, attended our last rehearsal. When David walked in the door, he handed me a Membership Application form filled out. David is Transferring from Crescenta Valley Chorus, into the Valley Harmony Singers. I will be processing his application this week.

Hopefully sometime in October we can perform at the ONEgeneration Encino Farmers Market.

Meanwhile we are all preparing for our December 2nd Holiday Show at ONEgeneration Senior Cultural Center, in Reseda, CA. Tom, Jeffery, and our section leaders are working hard getting us ready to perform at our highest potential.

**For the Good of the Chorus**: Even though we have some young candidates and transfers who have recently joined us; Let us not become complacent. October is going to be a very busy month for the chorus. The Sherman Oaks Fair will be an excellent opportunity for us to recruit younger, local new men and women. It is up to the Board to set an example for the other members.

**Ben Marder, Membership VP. VHS. 9-19-23**