**Membership Report for January 10, 2024 VHS Boad Meeting**

Happy New Year to all our Board Members. Hope all of you had a wonderful joyous Holiday. Even though there is so much turmoil going on in the world, we the chorus members of the Valley Harmony Singers have a lot to be thankful for. Last year we said goodbye to two of our members, but gained 5 new members. Four none seniors and one senior. Let us keep this trend going in 24’.

**Perspective Members**: Last Monday 2 perspective members attended our rehearsal. **Marc Silver:** Seems is interested in being a part of our chorus. He attended several of our events in December. Marc sings baritone. Marc Silver has been upgraded to a **Candidate.**

Mark Singer has invited a guest to our first rehearsal of the new year, 2024. His name is **Larry Goodfried.** Larry visited us before the pandemic. He formerly sang with the Masters of Harmony for several years. Larry sings lead.

**Holiday Party**: Our Holiday Party on December 18, 2023 was a big success. We had about 29 members and guests attend. The potluck dishes and desserts were delicious. Everyone enjoyed singing holiday songs, playing the white elephant gift exchange, and answering Mark Singers holiday quiz.

**Meetup: As Board members, we need to set an example by encouraging the other members male and female to rsvp every week on Meetup. This is how Casey and Ben Ziek joined us and became members of the chorus.**

**New Members**: I am extremely proud of all our new members, the way they joined us on the risers at our Fall Show. Most without their music books. Let this be a listen to our old members. The book is just a crutch you need to get off as soon as possible so Tom and Jeffery can do their thing.

**Active Non-Participating Members:** We know have 2 active no-participating member in our chapter.

1. **Bill Cohen:** At 81 years old, Bill has been a member of the chorus since 1993 (the same year Ben Marder joined). Bill has served on the Board, and was extremely active in the chorus. Bill was also the founder of **“Bill’s Bari** **Pie,”** and its original Bass.
2. **Randy Klopfleisch:** Now 82, Randy joined the society in 1961. Randy has been an active member of our chapter for 64 years. Randy was a member of the **60-Something quartet**, and **the Commodores**. Randy was also a 15-year member of the **Ancient Harmonious Society of Woodshedded**.
3. **Note: Konrad Keller**: Konrad is now 88. Konrad has been an active member of our chapter for 28 years. Konrad ended has active status on 5-27-23.

**Good of The Chorus:** This is the beginning of a new year. It is up to our leaders to set a good example to the rest of the chorus by doing thefollowing: **Being on time, signing the attendance sheet, rsvp on meetup, studying your music at home, and talking with our perspective members. We all need to meet and recruit new people.**

**Ben Marder, Membership V.P, VHS. 1-8-24 Happy New Year 24’**