

HARMONY IN MOTION PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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I'm beginning my 6th year as President of this wonderful organization and it's with great pleasure that I share our achievements. As I reflect on these previous years, the job has been "a piece of cake" as well as a "labor of love", because of the dedication and work ethic of those surrounding me.

Our retreat at St. Mary's Villa in Sloatsburg, NY, was held in April and was enjoyed by all. It was a weekend filled with coaching, bonding and loads of fun.

We continued to spread our love of harmony with various groups throughout our area, with monthly performances at nursing homes and assisted living facilities.

We have a member who resides on lovely Lake Owassa. She shares her home with us to offer a performance on her porch stairs (built in risers), facing the lake. We serenade boaters who motor over. It's an awesome experience. Our summer social was held at her home a few days later.

We performed at a local community college, during the summer in their "Concerts On the Green" events.

During the first week of August, the New Jersey State Fair was in full swing. On a Sunday evening our outdoor performance faced wind, thunder, lightning and rain. We moved inside and the show went on.

In the fall we sang the “Flag Waver Medley” at a golf outing fundraiser to benefit the military and their families called, “Tee It Up For the Troops.” It was such an emotional event as the American flag was raised and a plane did a flyover.

We were the featured performers at “Evening With the Stars”, sponsored by our grantors, Sussex County Arts and Heritage Council.

In October, we held an eventful “membership night”. We’ve been so fortunate in our recruitment endeavors. We have had 8 new members during the past year. We now total 50. Of course members have, unfortunately, found it necessary to leave, mainly for health issues. We miss them.

December was a busy month. Our chorus spread good cheer by sharing our holiday music with many nursing home and assisted living residents as well as a very appreciative group of “special needs” citizens at their adult day care facilities.

Our visual team is continuing to use video recording as a learning tool to help our singers improve visual performance. We see improvement in our ability to “sell” a song.

We’re excitedly working on our upcoming show in October. Shhhh, it’s a 50’s theme.

Respectfully Submitted, Betty Martin, President, Harmony In Motion.