

SOUNDS OF THE SEACOAST YEARLY REPORT MARCH 2012 - APRIL 2013

On April 16th, 2012, the chorus started out with coaching with Steve Tramack, Deb Borsari and Larry Bean to help us prepare for AC&C in Montreal. Their suggestions helped us to perfect our presentation.

Sadly and gladly, we contributed to a memorial service for Wendy McCoolle's mother, Joanne Dodge which was held at the Seacoast Repertory Theater in Portsmouth, NH on April 22nd. Joanne had been a wonderful friend and mother to the chorus and was director of "Senior Moments" that were performed at and sponsored by the theater.

A wonderful time was had at AC&C in Montreal April 26th-29th. The Hawaiian theme was great fun and we were honored to come in first in the competition. Also our quartet Kismet qualified to go to International.

On May 6th, we traveled to Berlin, NH, to sing at the St. Kiernan Arts Center. The audience was most responsive and we enjoyed performing for them.

Our new board of directors were installed on May 7th: Joyce Auger, President; Evelyn Colby, Membership; Linda Muise, Music; Cathy Dawson, Program; Susan Prescott, Treasurer; and Lucille Karatzas, Secretary.

We hosted a gathering for IBOD on May 12th. Good food and camaraderie abounded.

The Masonic Temple in Portsmouth invited us to sing for them on June 25th.

July 9th found many of us attending the Inter-Chapter Party hosted by Women of Note in Northborough, MA. Lots of good singing and great fun were had by all.

In August, we performed at the Kingston Days, a fair held each year. In a huge tent, we entertained an enthusiastic crowd.

On the 20th we went to Kittery, ME and took a dance lesson. We hoped it would improve our choreography moves!

We sang for the customers in Barnes and Noble bookstore as a fundraiser on the 27th.

Retreat is always fun and useful. This September 7th and 8th found us back at the Masonic Temple getting wonderful coaching with Russ Young. We learned a lot.

In October we received coaching in presentation from Julie Jeffrey. She gave us many wonderful suggestions to incorporate into our performance,

The Discovery Center in Portsmouth asked us to perform for them on November 6th. The weather was poor and the crowd was small, but we loved being there.

Much more fun was our trip to IC&C in sunny Orlando November 14-17th. We were privileged to come in third. We had members singing in four competing quartets: Kismet, Encore, That's Gonna Leave a Mark and Sister Act.

Strawberry Banke in Portsmouth has a Candlelight Stroll each December. We were happy to bundle up and sing on the evening of the 1st.

On the 9th we hosted a very successful “Holly Jolly Cabaret”. There was standing room only and Santa paid us a visit!

At Category School on January 17th-20th Wendy McCoolle became re-certified for Singing Judge, Linda Muise became re-certified for COJ and Liz LeClair became a certified Music Judge. D Dyer and Wendilee Bailey became Candidates.

As a fundraiser, Singing Valentines were very successful this year. We had 6 quartets and 36 opportunities to sing. It was great fun!

On the 18th of February, Steve Tramack came to coach us once again. And on March 18th, Julie Jeffrey coached us on presentation for our up-tune.

It has been a great and successful year for Sounds of the Seacoast.

Joyce Auger
President