

The Thousand Islanders Chorus

President's Report – 2012

Wow, it is hard to believe that the end of my first year as president of The Thousand Islanders Chorus is coming to a close. It has been both a privilege and a personal challenge for me stepping into Debbie's shoes after only one year in the Vice President position. Having the help and support of the past president and the executive, has made this a great learning experience and I look forward to serving as President for the next year.

Even though the official installation wasn't until May, I was given the great privilege of going on stage with our Director BJ Vermue at AC&C to accept the Betty Costello Small Chorus Award for the second year and the Carol Gardner Award. We also qualified to go to IC&C in Orlando, so the push was on for fund raising.

We held our first "Afternoon Delight" Sweets and Song on a sunny June afternoon where good times and delicious desserts were had by all. Later that month I hosted a yard sale at my house and the following week we had a great time doing the Celebrity Night at Boston Pizza.

Mayor David Henderson invited our chorus to sing at Brockville's Canada Day celebration where we were given a Certificate of Recognition for sharing our singing at senior facilities, festivals, riverside concerts, community fund raisers and downtown Christmas caroling. After a summer break the chorus got back together early August to attend a fabulous PVI workshop with Katie Taylor and Debra Lynn and to begin rehearsing in preparation for our highest paid performance in nearby Gananoque.

Unfortunately we were not able to attend IC&C, but the chorus was kept busy with Christmas Voices, where we had 10 ladies come out for the month of November and learn five Christmas songs, then they joined us for our usual busy Christmas season. Singing in the community, especially in the senior residences is

what really puts the true “Spirit” of Christmas in the season for us. Another of our Christmas traditions was our Christmas party where each of us brought a toy that was a childhood wish of ours. All the gifts were then donated to the local Family and Children Services toy drive.

In the New Year, though disappointed to find ourselves unable to attend AC&C our music goes on. For a small chorus we are fortunate to have 3 registered quartets, The Four Tune Seekers, Selective Hearing and No Strings Attached. Another quartet, The Caroling Brunettes, was registered for AC&C but had to withdraw due to illness. Also, four members have formed a practise quartet, purely for fun and improving vocal production, calling their selves “Please Stay Tuned”. I had a fun time directing the Four Tune Seekers on their Singing Valentine’s quest making 18 deliveries all over Brockville and surrounding areas.

Looking to the future of the chorus, we just had a “goal setting” evening facilitated by a past member, then on to our Annual Meeting. At our Installation Dinner in April, we are pleased to have Diane Zanetti (Area 2 Director) as our Installation Officer.

“Music is what feelings sound like”

In harmony,

Gidget Kaert

President