

Welcome to the 20th season of the Greater Falmouth Mostly All-Male Men's Chorus!

WHO IS THE GFMaMMC?

This is the 20th season of the group originally founded by Tom Goux and Tom Aldrich. The group sings in the style of a traditional 4 part men's sound with Tenor I and Tenor II, Baritone and Bass. The motto of this chorus is "Sing from the heart, sing till we part!" The two original requirements were to take the music seriously and have fun while doing so. We like to learn new music, refresh the old standards and "chestnuts" that we hold dear in our repertoire, and have a great time harmonizing. The group typically holds 2 concerts in the early summer and also sings at Falmouth civic events such as Memorial Day and Veterans Day services on the Library lawn.

WHO STEERS THE SHIP, OR CHORUS?

This season welcomes a new director, Brittany Haskell, who loves the sound and vibe of a Men's Chorus, even if this men's chorus has some women in it! The Chorus has a Board of Directors with the following officers:

President – Marcy Franklin Lerner
Vice President – Pam Taft
Treasurer – Ann Devenish
Secretary – Joyce Hosford

Yes, there are men on the Board. Come up and talk to or email any of the Board members about any concerns or issues that you might have! We meet monthly during the season.

WHAT IS THE SCHEDULE?

The schedule is on the web site (see below). Rehearsals are typically every Thursday from 7pm to 9:30pm at the Morse Pond School on Jones Road, and twice a week on the two weeks prior to concerts. Changes are listed on the formal schedule – alternate rehearsal sites such as St. Patrick's Church or skipped rehearsal days for holidays. Weather cancellations are distributed via email or phone on a given rehearsal day by Part Captains and the Board. Concerts are scheduled this season for June 20 (Saturday evening) and June 21 (Sunday afternoon).

WHAT IS A SINGER'S RESPONSIBILITY?

Rehearsal CDs for each part are distributed upon dues payment. Music is also distributed at the first few rehearsals. A singer is **strongly encouraged** to use the CDs to practice the music so that at Thursday rehearsals, finer harmonizing and tuning can be done. A "blog" will be found at our web site at www.falmouthmenschorus.org.

The purpose of the blog is to notify all members of what pieces will be worked on at the next rehearsal and to list what comments were made on the prior week's pieces. Emails will be sent out weekly to remind folks when the blog has been updated. That way, you can practice what you *will* work on and practice what you *already did* work on! Folks are also **strongly encouraged** to arrive on time for rehearsals – one would hate to miss even 1 minute of great singing time! And, of course, the main job is to "sing from the heart" and have fun doing so.

WHAT IS THE COST FOR ALL THIS FUN AND MUSIC?

Dues are \$40, which includes the music and rehearsal CD. You may need to buy a nice long sleeved white shirt, black pants, a black bow tie from Puritan (They keep them hidden in the basement – you have to ask!), and a nice black binder for the music. The Chorus provides a snazzy tie or scarf with colorful musical notes!!

A new twist is also to encourage donations – a **matching grant** is in effect for this season so any donation will be increased!!

WHAT ELSE DO I NEED TO KNOW?

The GFMaMMC has a web site at www.falmouthmenschorus.org/
Email is info@falmouthmenschorus.org

An eventual requirement is to pronounce the name of the Chorus without pausing or looking at it written! Welcome and let's sing!

Part Captains are:

Pam Taft – T1
Arden Edwards – T2
Dick Mongeau – baritone
Lou Larrey – bass

(Further contact info will be distributed at first rehearsal)