

Welcome to the MacKay Choristers

We want you to be welcome and to be part of us!





Our website address is <http://www.mackaychoristers.ca>




Exchange phone numbers with someone you know in the Choir or someone you just met.

His/her Name is _____ at phone _____

Use your contact as your first resource for information or help with any Chorister issue until you get used to our routines.

Here is a quick rundown of what you need to know:

1	<p>Librarian - Mary Hay.</p> <p>She looks after our music library. Our music is listed by member number and she will issue you a number and a set of music scores. Mary keeps us up to date with the selections we need. Please <u>do not write in pen</u> on the music scores or booklets.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pencil marks that are erasable are OK.• Keep music in a black 3-ring binder or folder. <p>Most members mark up their copies in pencil with notes learned during the practices.</p>	
2	<p>Director - Linda Street.</p> <p>Discuss the level of your musical skills – Linda will suggest where you can best fit into the ensemble. Generally, as you look towards the stage area, sopranos are on the left, altos on the right, tenors are at the back-right, baritones are back-middle and basses are at the back-left. Our accompanist is Deborah Lambert.</p>	
3	<p>Deborah Lambert - Piano Accompanist</p> <p>Our new choir piano accompanist is Deborah Lambert. Deborah hails from Seaforth and has spent several years sharing her talents with children's and adult choirs in the Exeter area. She has worked in various churches as organist/director, and has accompanied the Huronia Singers of Exeter as well as the Blyth Festival Singers. We welcome Deborah, who has kindly made the Mackay Choristers part of her semi-retirement.</p>	
4	<p>Secretary - Anne Capper.</p> <p>She is the Chorister's secretary and keeps the membership list along with phone numbers, street and email addresses. She will give you a copy, and a form to complete to get your name, phone numbers and addresses. Anne will also arrange for your name tag which is worn at every practice.</p> <p>Currently there are 55 members in the choir – 22 sopranos, 19 altos, 7 tenors and 8 basses. <i>March 12, 2009</i></p>	

5	<p>President - Joyce Sack.</p> <p>Joyce will welcome you to the group and find out about any special need or skill you may have. The president chairs the Chorister's executive committee meetings and keeps members up-to-date on Choristers plans and activities. Joyce will often call for volunteers to help with Chorister projects. All Choristers are encouraged to participate in these various projects and special events.</p>	
6	<p>Treasurer – Ruth Beane.</p> <p>Ruth is the treasurer and will fill you in on registration and costs. Our fee for 2008-9 is \$75.00, \$10.00 of which provides us membership in the MacKay Centre for Seniors. Fees cover the costs of copies of music scores and fees for our director and our pianist. We also raise funds through our concerts and various other projects like cabarets, dinner shows, silent auctions, etc.</p>	
7	<p>Uniforms - Rita deJong (women) or Ron Lane (men).</p> <p>At concerts, women wear uniforms (purchased or \$25 annual rental), men wear white shirts with black or dark-blue bowties, navy blue blazers, gray slacks, black or dark dress shoes. At practices and some performances, choristers wear the short-sleeved Chorister golf shirt (\$12) or long-sleeved sweat shirt (\$20) available from the Uniform committee during practices.</p>	
8	<p>Telephone Committee.</p> <p>A telephone committee may call you if a session is cancelled or for some other reason. Evelyn Malcolm or Annie Vanden Heuvel call <i>sopranos</i>, Marg Reynolds or Marlene Starkey call <i>altos</i>, Ted Dunn calls the <i>tenors</i> and Harry Lear the <i>basses</i>.</p>	
9	<p>Weekly Practices.</p> <p>We practice at the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MacKay Centre, 10 Nelson St., Goderich, Ontario. • Thursdays 9:30am to 11:30am sharp. <p>Best to arrive 15 minutes early. Members sign the Attendance Register and wear name tags. If you need to miss a subsequent practice, please sign the Missed Practice Sheet. The MacKay Centre is completely accessible for people with disabilities. Some folks arrive singly, some car pool. If you need assistance, talk to Joyce Shack.</p>	
10	<p>The upcoming concert schedule is announced at the start of each practice. If you cannot make a concert, please let Linda Street know prior or call Joyce Shack at 1-519-524-4569.</p>	
11	<p>Give your name and number to whoever welcomed you if you need to be contacted.</p>	
12	<p>If you should need to drop out or not continue, please contact Mary Hay to return your music for someone else to use.</p>	

Our full slate of club organizers is:

President -	Joyce Shack		
Vice President -	<i>Vacant</i>		
Past President -	<i>Vacant</i>		
Secretary -	Anne Capper		
Treasurer -	Ruth Beane	Ralph Laviolette (books)	
Library -	Mary Hay	Joan Shoemaker	Annie Vanden Heuvel
Uniforms -	Rita DeJong	Ron Lane	
Advertising -	Grant Ellison		
Social -	Shirley Halozan		
Archives -	Joan Stautener		
Nominating -	Harry Lear	Joyce Shack	

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