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A Happy Oink Doink Boink New Year to all! If you can say that with a straight face, you should be in the chorus. Ted Key has done an arrangement using melody and farm animal sounds and hey...it works!

I don't know which breathing exercise is worse, Wyatt's hyperventilate till you get dizzy and fall over or Ted's deep breath, three sniffs and a yawn. Ted has done some awesome arrangements that are really fun to work on. We have a lot of work to do and only have eleven weeks until the G.A.S. convention so your attendance at rehearsals is critical. Chorus rehearsals are now Wednesdays from 7:30 p.m. til 10:00 p.m. and Sundays from 11:00 a.m. til 2:00 p.m. All rehearsal will be held at Pringle and Booth, 55 Barber Greene Road unless otherwise notified.

The Chorus is the main focus at this point and most of our members are in the chorus but it is not all that's going on. Fred Johnson showed up with every drum score he has ever written and seems motivated to do something with regard to a drum line. A number of horn players are getting their chops in shape, playing with Signals on Monday nights getting ready for the 100 person horn line at G.A.S.

Anyone bringing a new member or guest to chorus rehearsals should let Don Gill or Tom Hamilton know so that they can be introduced at break.

It should prove to be a fun year for DCAT with the GAS Convention coming in March and other performances of the DCAT chorus plus our social activities. DCAT is having a Valentine Dance on February 18th at the Etobocoke Masonic Temple, 596 Renforth Road, Etobocoke. Tickets will be \$30.00 per couple (\$15.00 per person) as before but we will be doing our own bar and food, so the drinks will be more reasonably priced. Once again David Partridge will be our D.J. *Ticket sales are limited to 100, so get your groups organized and get your tickets early.* Tickets will be available on January 18th from Brian Hill.

The third payment (\$50.00) for GAS trip was due at the end of December if you haven't made it yet, please get it to Brian Hill A.S.A.P... the next payment (\$50.00) is due at the end of January and the final payment (\$40.00) is due by February 20.

Our visit to Signals on Dec. 5th was a lot of fun, we watched them parade then we had some beers in the Mess, had a bit of a chorus rehearsal then had some beers in the Mess. While having some beers in the Mess spontaneous singing broke out.

Our Xmas party was great, the Chorus performed, everyone joined in and sang Christmas carols; there were some new faces. Jim Jennings and his social group did a fantastic job with the food (what a variety) and libations. We were joined by some of the Signals members and a good time was had by all.

Joe Watson, Lois & Terry Nicholls are survivors of the Thanksgiving Day Macy's parade in New York City and the boot camp style days of rehearsal preparing for it. They all agreed that it was a fantastic experience.

-Dave Cook