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Dear MD/DC ACDA members,

Happy New Year! I hope this finds you well and eagerly back to your various choral programs, preparing and inspiring singers of all ages for upcoming performances. After the hectic month of December with its extra rehearsals and concerts, I always look forward to the downtime that surrounds Christmas and New Years to recharge and refocus. I find that I am always ready to resume life's regular activities once the holidays are behind us. Having said that, the snow day many of us received this week was most welcomed!

I am writing to share exciting chapter news with you. During the past year the board has been fully staffed, and the roster appears at the bottom of this email. Our September and October chapter events were most successful, and it was encouraging to see many of you turn out for one or both of these events. Our full board had a most productive meeting this past Saturday; the agenda included discussions of reorganizing the chapter and planning future chapter events. The momentum is definitely there, and we are ready to have a full slate of activities in 2019-2020. To help us with our planning, we need to hear from you. Our chapter will be the most effective if we are providing the services and opportunities that would be most beneficial to you. I am asking you to complete a concise survey that you can access here: <https://tinyurl.com/mddcsurvey>. If you could spend a few minutes with this by the end of the month, it would be most helpful.



If you have not already done so, please visit our new website at acdamddc.org. It is beautifully designed and quite user friendly. We are still in the midst of populating it with text, and if you would like to publicize a concert or an event, it can be added to Member Concerts. Please notify our webmaster Annick Kanter-Saint Hubert at annickkanter@gmail.com. Thank you to Annick for the wonderful job she is doing in maintaining our website.

I also call your attention to some important upcoming events. Please make sure to mark your calendars for our upcoming events listed on the next page.

Finally, if you are excited about the resurrection of our local chapter and would like to get more involved in ACDA, please email me at jim@thomascirclesingers.org. We could always use more ideas, energy, and elbow grease to make our chapter successful.

I hope to see many of you over the coming months.

Jim Kreger
Chapter President



American Choral Directors Association:

The mission of the American Choral Directors Association is to inspire excellence in choral music through education, performance, composition and advocacy.

UPCOMING EVENTS



February 27 - March 2, 2019: National Conference: ACDA 60th Jubilee

The National Conference in Kansas City will be held Feb 27-Mar 2. **A reminder that early registration ends Wednesday, January 23.** After that, the price will increase and reading packets will no longer be included.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER!!!](#)



March 1, 2019 (12:00 - 1:30 p.m.): MD/DC Buffet Lunch

Members of our board are planning a chapter buffet lunch on Friday March 1. The cost is \$15/person with a cash bar. Friends from other chapters are most welcome to join us – we are most friendly and welcoming group! To help us with the count, [please RSVP here by February 13.](#) This will be a wonderful opportunity to network with old friends and make new; I hope to see many of you there.

[CLICK HERE TO RSVP BY FEBRUARY 13](#)



May 4, 2019 (9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.): CHORAL WORKSHOP!!!

The board is planning a chapter workshop for Saturday May 4, 9:00-12:00. Location TBD. This is still in the planning stages, and as more information becomes available, we will share it with you via email, our website, and facebook (Maryland-DC ACDA). [Please like us on facebook!](#)



acdavoicesunited.org

August 1-3, 2019: ACDA VOICES UNITED

Although many of us were shoveling snow earlier this week, it is never too early to be thinking about summer and continuing education opportunities. Voices United 2019 will be held this year from August 1-3 at George Mason University in Fairfax, VA. For those new to the chapter, this the annual collaborative summer conference by the Delaware, Maryland/DC, and Virginia chapters of ACDA. The planning committee is now in the process of accepting applications for those who would like to lead a special interest session. I would encourage you to consider applying to share your area of expertise, knowledge, and experience with your colleagues. More information is at acdavoicesunited.org.

CHAPTER CONTEST!!!

Our newsletter needs a title and we need your input. If you have an idea for a newsletter title, [please submit it by February 13, 2018 using the link.](#) We will vote as a chapter after we receive all submissions.



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