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Voices For Charity

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Calendar of Events

August 16, 2004

VFC Choir Rehearsals start
 Mondays at the Stanton Church
 for Autumn Potpourri Concert

August 28, 2004

Saturday at 7:00PM
 VFC sings National Anthem at
 TRENTON THUNDER Baseball
 game against the Binghamton Mets
 (includes Fireworks!)

October 3, 2004

Sunday at 3:30PM
 AUTUMN POTOURRI CONCERT
 at Stanton Church, Stanton, NJ

October 17, 2004

Sunday at 5:00PM
 EVENING OF DINNER & MUSIC
 at Verducci's Flemington, NJ

March 2005

Saturday at 3:30PM
 HUNTERDON YOUTH CHOIR
 Benefit Concert for VFC
 at Stanton Church, Stanton, NJ

April 2005

VFC Choir Rehearsals start on
 Mondays at the Stanton Church
 for the Spring Bouquet Concert

Spring 2005

CULINARY DELIGHT DINNER at
 the New Milford Oyster House

June 5, 2005

Sunday at 3:30PM
 SPRING BOUQUET CONCERT
 at Stanton Church, Stanton, NJ

Chairside Comments

Greetings! Just a few weeks ago, we marked the finish of the first half of the year with our annual Spring Bouquet Concert. We had a great Spring, and I hope you were able to join us for some of the events that were held, including the Hunterdon Youth Choir concert in early March, and later that month our first "Evening of Culinary Delight" at La Scala restaurant in Somerville. Read the review in this newsletter—it was an incredibly delicious eight course gourmet evening! Everyone enjoyed the tasting dinner so much, that we've decided to hold an encore dinner! Read more in the *Culinary Delight* article.



On May 20th, we had almost 100 people attend the *Somerset Patriots* game, where a VFC ensemble sang the National Anthem. We had a great time, and we've scheduled an evening with the *Trenton Thunder* baseball team on Saturday, August 28, 2004 which will include fireworks! Why not join us? Order your *Trenton Thunder* tickets today by completing the enclosed order form.

As we head into fall, we hope you will join us for several events we have planned including our *Autumn Potpourri Concert* on October 3rd and an evening of dinner & music at Verducci's in Flemington. Review the articles in this issue to learn more about all these events.

It is with sadness that we report that Patty Walker has resigned as *Director of Development*. Patty has been a great asset to the VFC executive board for several years now.

It's been a while, but our newly revised website is finally up and running and has undergone a tremendous over-haul. Many, many thanks to the generous donation of Lisa Hall from "Above The Bar Enterprises." Be sure to check it out! Parts are still 'under construction' but stop by and let us know what you think!

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Culinary Delight **a Great Success!**

On March 28, 2004, *Voices For Charity* hosted their first "Evening of Culinary Delight" at La Scala restaurant, 117 North Gaston Avenue, in Somerville, NJ.

We are pleased that this fundraising mini-event was a great success. We had a full house of almost 30 people, and everyone raved about the food and wine.

Chef/Owner Omar Aly provided a brilliant eight course gourmet dinner, (see menu at right) enticing the palate with each and every course. The evening proved to be a delicious epicurean occasion!

More Dinners Planned!

Everyone was so "*delighted,*" that we have added another dinner to this year's calendar of events in the fall, and plan on another spring dinner as well.

SAVE THE DATE! On **Sunday, October 17th at 5:30pm**, a four course buffet-style dinner will be hosted at Verducci's in the Renaissance Plaza (home of Roman Jewelers) adjacent to Liberty Village in Flemington on Route 12. This dinner will feature musical entertainment to accompany our dining experience.

The Milford Oyster House, owned by Eddie Coss is in the process of moving to a new location, and will be hosting our first dinner of the year in the spring of 2005, so stay tuned for more information!

For more information or to request an invitation, contact Tish Plum on 908-236-6131 or email her at: elzplum@aol.com



"An Evening of Culinary Delight" **at** ***La Scala Fine Italian Restaurant***

Champagne Toast

Charles de Fere, Brut, Blanc de Blanc
Donated by Kim and Bill Fraser

1st Course - Spring Blue Crab Bisque Soup

Wine Pairing – Coppala Bianco
Donated by Ann & Paul Sauerland

2nd Course - Avocado and Duck Confit with Raspberry Vinaigrette Dressing

Maréchal Foch
Donated by Mary Olsen, owner Arlie Winery
(via Rick Liqueie)

3rd Course – Venison Blueberry Sausage with Soybean Custard and Rosemary Balsamic

4th Course – Sesame Seed & Seaweed Crusted White Tuna over Sunchoke Salad and Caviar Vinaigrette Dressing

5th Course – Baby Lamb Chop Crusted with Parmigiano/Reggiano Cheese, Roasted Garlic and Madeira Wine Sauce

Wine Pairing – Choice of Cotes du Rhone-Les Garriques
Donated by George and Patty Walker

6th Course – Wild Mushroom and Porcini Ravioli in Truffle Sauce

7th Course – Elk Filet Mignon – Pistachio Crusted with Roasted Plum and Port Wine Sauce

8th Course – Peach Tart with Lemon Marscapone and Homemade Vanilla Bean Ice Cream

Wine Pairing – Barton & Guestier Vouvray 2002
Donated by Tish Plum

Hunterdon Youth Choir Concert

The Hunterdon Youth Choir, sponsored by Cooper Music, gave a benefit concert for *Voices for Charity* on March 6, 2004 at the Stanton Church, Stanton NJ

This is the 8th year that the choir has performed to benefit *Voices for Charity*, which this year donated \$650 to benefit VFC charities.

VFC gratefully acknowledges the generosity and dedication of Donna and Bob Cooper, as well as Becky Berkenstock, the choir's director and accompanist Jeanine Roberts.

Cooper Music Studio is located on Route 31 North in Clinton Township. For more information, please call 908-782-4943.

VFC Annual Spring Bouquet Concert

The VFC annual spring concert was presented on June 6th at the Stanton Reformed Church. It was an enjoyable afternoon, that included the *Voices For Charity* Choir, a premier presentation by the Hunterdon Radio Theatre of a custom script entitled, "You Didn't Have to Go" and a talented Jazz Trio from Hunterdon Central High School.

The VFC Choir, conducted by Ann Sauerland and accompanied by Barbara Naomi opened the show with a popular choral favorite: "With A Voice of Singing" by Martin Shaw. Selections

from J.S. Bach and David S. York were followed by Hal Hopson's familiar "The Gift Of Love" featuring soloist Patty Walker. The first set ended with a rousing rendition of "A Jubilant Song" with opening narration by John Kille, based on text by Walt Whitman. The VFC Choir closed the show with a popular medley of Richard Rodgers music entitled, "Richard Rodgers In Concert ." This choral arrangement by Mac Huff was well received by the audience and included famous Rodgers tunes. Featured soloists included Donna M. Herb in "The King & I," Cindy Gustafson and Doris Kiziah in "The Sound of Music" and "There Is Nothin' Like a Dame" soloists: Richard Billings, Bruce Budde, and Ray Krukovsky. The set concluded with the ever famous, "Oklahoma."

The *Hunterdon Radio Theatre (HRT)* presented a radio script that was a raffle prize donated two years prior to VFC by HRT. The script was created exclusively for the winner, using the winner's name as the lead character. Donna Herb was the winner and an original script was written by Bill Spear specifically for Donna and her husband. In addition, Donna wrote and performed original music for the script.

The Hunterdon Central High School Jazz Trio featured talented musicians Rich Skibinsky on Guitar, Dave Cifelli on Drums and Jim Scanlan on String Bass. The trio began with the well known standard, "Cherokee" and ended with two selections by Miles Davis.

Take Me Out to the Ball Game!



Almost 100 people came out on Thursday, May 20, 2004 for another *Somerset Patriots* game as they played against the Long Island Ducks. A VFC ensemble sang the National Anthem to start the game, and we were ready to "play ball!" Unfortunately, the Patriots were not having a very good night, but the rest of us did!

We've also scheduled an evening with the *Trenton Thunder* baseball team on Saturday, **August 28, 2004** which will include Fireworks! VFC will sing the national anthem to kick off the game and *one lucky VFC participant will get to throw the first pitch!* Order your *Trenton Thunder* tickets today by completing the enclosed order form.



CHARITY FOCUS

The **Good News Home for Women** will hold their 6th Annual Banquet honoring and recognizing the residents that have completed their program. The banquet will be held Thursday, June 24th at Veteran's Memorial Hall V.F.W.—Post 2290, 600 Washington Ave., Manville, NJ starting at 6:30pm.

RSVP by June 15th
Call 908-806-7913 for info.

FAREWELL...

It is with sadness that we report that Patty Walker has resigned as *Director of Development*. Patty has been a great asset to the VFC executive board for several years now. She also acted as Chairman of last year's *Evening of New York Cabaret*. Patty was particularly gifted in writing, and handled VFC's press releases as well. We thank her for her great contributions. We will miss her.

VFC Executive Board

Interested in joining a committee or know of someone else who wants to help? Please contact anyone from the VFC board. Volunteers welcome!

Chairman: Donna M. Herb 908-806-3719

Vice-Chairman: Ann Sauerland 908-236-2386

Secretary: Marlyn Reuter 908-996-2851

Treasurer: John Benedik 908-806-2794

Music: Brent Miller 908-735-4429

Charities: Tish Plum 908-236-6131

Special Events: Ellen Weiner 908-304-0167

Development: vacant

VFC MEMBERSHIPS for 2004

Thanks to all of you who responded to our call for membership. We really appreciate your support! Still time for those who haven't joined us yet to send in your form!

We're on the web!
voicesforcharity.org

Mission Statement
Voices For Charity is a group of ecumenical volunteers dedicated to making a difference in the world by sharing God's love and joy through music. All proceeds of *Voices For Charity* projects benefit a diversity of charities.

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VFC CHARITIES for 2004

Briteside Adult Day Services has a mission to provide social adult day care services to frail, elderly citizens in need of socialization and/or supervision. 908-782-8080

Friends of Teen Arts has a mission to provide New Jersey teenagers with innovative learning and performance opportunities in the creative, fine and performing arts. 908-806-3689

Good News Home for Women operates a Christian long-term residential program offering a holistic, non-sectarian approach to overcoming addiction to alcohol and other drugs with emphasis on providing healing for the mind, soul/heart and body. 908-806-7913

Meals on Wheels provides sustenance and comfort to many homebound recipients who have no other source of meals. 908-735-8332

Women's Crisis Services is dedicated to providing crisis and support services for sexual assault and domestic violence victims and their family members. 908-788-4044

Upcoming VFC Events...

(see inside for more!)

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TRENTON THUNDER baseball game

Sunday, October 3, 2004 at 3:30pm
VFC AUTUMN POTPOURRI CONCERT
Stanton Reformed Church

Sunday, October 17, 2004 at 5:30pm
EVENING OF DINNER & MUSIC
Verducci's in Flemington

Upcoming VFC Charity Events...

(see inside for more!)

GOOD NEWS HOME FOR WOMEN
June 24, 2004

6th Annual Banquet: Veteran's Memorial Hall
V.F.W. — Post 2290, 600 Washington Ave.,
Manville, NJ starting at 6:30pm. *RSVP by 6/15*