

Sprout – the short-elf, was suffering from low-elf esteem at the annual HCMC Holiday Show, Snackin’ with Santa, but not for long. The jam-packed room of children of all ages, helped to cheer her on as they laughed readily at her jokes, all the while coloring and doing crafts as they took in the holiday music. The world’s tallest elf, GB (short for Green Bean) provided additional entertainment with her parade of “holiday head-wear.” It was a rousing good time for audience and chorus members alike.

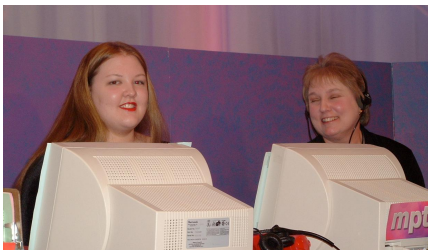


Mid-December found us partying at the home of our beloved director and adored jill-of-all-trades, Michael & Marianna Gellert. Our annual holiday party took on the venue of a SHUVUNDA EVENT (everyone brought a wrapped gift that they had previously “shoved under” their bed). The quality gifts included: a silver treasure that had been in someone’s china closet for years complete with a new shine; rubber gloves that had been accented with a faux diamond and ruffles. We are quite sure that we will see some of these items next year.

HCMC rang in the New Year at First Night Annapolis where we were absolutely THRILLED to sing for over 240 people. We found that our flyers and business cards were rapidly disappearing at the end of each performance and are looking forward to the potential of additional “Diva’s” and new fans, as well as interesting novel ‘gigs.’ Yes, we live to perform.



HCMC was proud to support Valley Forge Chorus in their fund-raising event to support the hurricane victims. We got involved with Maryland Public Television in December, helping to “woman” the phones for one of their pledge drives. As a result, we were invited back to perform “LIVE” for another fundraiser, featuring “Doo-Wop” in January. Forty-seven of us sang “That’s Life” and “Unexpected Song” and the producer was heard to exclaim that our sound and exciting performance was fabulous...even better than the taped broadcast that was being used as a fundraiser. Wow, it’s so much FUN to expose new listeners to our beloved craft!



*Newest Mother/Daughter  
Diva’s, Mandy & Susan Kohli,  
answering phones at Maryland  
Public Television FundRaiser*

Our membership campaign thrived in 2005 and we are thrilled with the “sparks” that Alicia, Amber, Christy, Jill, Joyce, Mandy, Marci, Susan, Targia and Yvonne bring to

each rehearsal and performance. It’s great to be reminded of what it’s like to be new in an insanely great hobby!

There have been many changes to our website and we invite you to explore the new HCMC shopping experience and also stay on the look out for our upcoming appearances. Check it out... <http://www.harborcitymusiccompany.org>. Looking forward to seeing ALL of you in Ocean City at Regional.

*Nancy Gaither*