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STATE WORKSHOP/CONVENTION FOCUS ON PROBLEM SOLVING

*Bill Caldwell,
President Elect Georgia ACDA*

I hope everyone is planning to attend the State Workshop in Columbus. We will have an outstanding line-up of performances and workshop sessions. I have taken the liberty of changing the format of our usual convention. I do hope the change is one which you will find exciting and useful.

The workshop plan is intended to be very pragmatic and applicable to the director's every day opportunities. The focus of the convention will be on problem solving and will feature sessions on church, high school, middle school and college choirs, Each of these sessions will contain a reading session, a concert and a workshop with a guest clinician.

Our Clinicians include:

Dr. Colleen Kirk, Head of Choral Music Education at Florida State University, who has served ACDA in many capacities including National President.

Mr. Hugh Thomas, Director of Choral Activities at Birmingham Southern in Birmingham, Alabama, whose groups have performed for regional and national ACDA events.

Mrs. Carmelita Gandy, choral director at Huntsville Alabama Middle School, whose energetic approach with the middle grades singer has helped her attain performance success with her own group and made her an inspiring clinician.

Please read the schedule published on another page. I believe that everyone in attendance will benefit from the experience.

Don't forget the October 28th Deadline for the National Honor Chorus!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Beth Brown Shugart

"I'm back in the saddle again..."

Ann Jones is now the new director of choral activities at the University of Illinois. Under this circumstance, she has resigned as our state president. John Haberlen, Southern Division president for ACDA has asked me to serve the remainder of Ann's term. So here I am, "back in the saddle." My term will expire in July 1989 when Bill Caldwell becomes president. I am delighted to serve Georgia ACDA again. Please share with me any ideas you have concerning our organization and let me know of any ways I can be of help to you.

Best wishes to Ann in Illinois. We are very proud of her and will miss her deeply. she has served both Georgia ACDA and choral music in Georgia with dignity, commitment, and quality.

Our ACDA board has lost two other members. Bruce Borton has moved to Binghamton, NY to work at the State University of New York. Kathy Vande Berg is now living in Mahopac, NY and teaching in the White Plains Intermediate School. She moved with her husband, Jim, who is serving as Executive Presbyter of the Hudson River Presbytery in Pleasantville, NY. We will miss you two and wish you the best. You have served this state well, and New York will be blessed to have both of you.

See you at the state convention in October. Make plans now for the National Convention in Louisville.

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FALL CHORAL FEST

The High School Division is sponsoring a Fall Choral Fest at Woodward Academy on October 8th and 9th. Participating high school choirs are from Cloquitt County, Kendrick (Columbus), Lassiter (Cobb County), Roswell (Fulton County), Shilo (Gwinnett County), and Woodward Academy.

The first event of the festival will be on October 8th between 2:00 and 5:00 P.M. when each choir will perform two pieces for their audience of peers. After a short dinner break Irene Harrower will conduct a master class using some of her voice students. While many of the participants will have the rest of the evening to socialize with fellow singers, 15 representatives from each choir will join forces to make a demonstration festival choir. The choir will study the first two movements of the Faure *Requiem* under the direction of Dr. Ann Jones.

On Sunday, October 9th at 2:00 the final concert will be held at Woodward. The program will open with a concert by a choir which will perform by special invitation. It will conclude with a lecture by Ann Jones who will use the festival choir to demonstrate the elements of musical choral singing. All ACDA members are welcome to attend.

HOW DO YOU RECRUIT?

Roswell High School Chorus members keep a "Hit List" of prospective singers. This list includes people who have had previous singing experience, people who have shown an interest in the choral program (or its members), and even people who have been heard accurately matching pitch with singers on the car radio!

Before registration each quarter Ira Pittman, director, and all of the current choir members methodically update the "Hit List" and then approach each prospective singer for recruitment into the Roswell choral program.

SOUTHERN DIVISION NEWS

John Haberlen, President

The Georgia ACDA chapter is one of the most outstanding chapters in the Southern Division. Our membership numbers 350 following Florida (411) and North Carolina (407). Our activities are excellent and our members care and support each other as we provide quality choral experiences.

I am sorry to report that our Georgia President Ann Howard Jones is leaving the state for greener pastures; my Alma Mater, the University of Illinois School of Music. During her term as President-Elect and partial term as President, she served the Georgia chapter and Southern Division with efficiency and creativity.

In view of Ann's hasty resignation, I have appointed Beth Brown Shugart to finish out the remaining year of Ann's term of office. With Beth and President-Elect Bill Caldwell continuing to lead our state forward, I know we will have a great year.

P.S. I'll see ya'll in Columbus at the Fall ACDA Georgia Workshop.

PRESS RELEASE AMERICA SINGS!

On April 29, 1989, there will be a gathering of young people in the shadow of the Washington Monument in Washington, D.C. Singers of all shapes and sizes, ages and races, experienced or not, will join together in song and dance. We will set up stages around the Monument, and each participating group will have the opportunity to perform for their peers, parents, and visiting celebrities the music that they have worked on during the 1988-89 school year. At the end of the day, all of the students will gather on and around a central stage to sing and dance together in what will surely be an exciting example of the best in youth and energy. This experience alone will make the day a worthy endeavor. This event is called *America Sings!*

If you have nine kids in dark slacks and white shirts, you are welcome. If you have two hundred in sequined gowns and top hats, you are welcome. It is not an annual event; this will only happen once. Money that is generated from this event will go to an already established organization to help find a place, a family, a life for homeless children.

So, I ask you, my friends—won't you be a part of *America Sings!?* Don't send me a check (there will be a small fee—\$20 per participant—to help pay for stages, mailings, T-shirts, etc. Please write to me:

John Jacobson
America Sings!
P.O. Box 34101
Bethesda, MD 20817



THE AMERICAN CHORAL DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION

September 7, 1988

Dear Members of Georgia ACDA,

As many of you know, I have accepted the position of Co-Director of Choral Activities at the University of Illinois effective at the beginning of the fall semester (August) 1988. Because this means a change in residency for me, I have asked ACDA to accept my resignation from the Georgia state presidency, with the recommendation that the one year remaining in my term be filled by Beth Brown Shugart, the immediate Past President. This plan allows Beth's considerable skill and experience in the position to be utilized during this interim period while Bill Caldwell, President-Elect, organizes and presides over the upcoming state convention free of the concerns and responsibilities of another office. It also keeps the dates for new elections and the procedure for succession in line with ACDA policies. It seems a sensible course to follow. I hope you agree.

The decision to leave was not an easy one. It was made with considerable thought given for friends, projects, responsibilities and commitments left behind, unfinished or incomplete. But new friends, opportunities and challenges await me in my new position, and I am confident that Georgia ACDA will flourish under the continuing leadership and influence of Beth and Bill and the other officers. Your support remains vital.

Thank you for all the times you said yes when asked to help, and thank you for all the encouragement you have given me through the years. I will look forward to seeing many of you at the National Convention in Louisville in March. Best wishes to each of you. Have a wonderful state convention.

Sincerely,

Ann Howard Jones

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CONVENTION SCHEDULE

(TENTATIVE)

Friday, October 28

7:00 p.m. Registration Begins—Fine Arts Hall Lobby
Roger Waters, Chairman

GENERAL SESSION

8:00 Opening Session—Davidson auditorium
Address by John Haberlen, President of Southern Division
Concert: Columbus Civic Chorale Chamber Singers/Bill Bullock
Address by Hugh Thomas "The State of Choral Music"
Concert: Shorter College Chorale/John Jennings

Saturday, October 29

8:15 a.m. Registration Begins—Fine Arts Hall Lobby

SIMULTANEOUS SESSIONS

JUNIOR HIGH/MIDDLE SCHOOL

Suzanne Shull, Coordinator
9:00 Mini-sing featuring Junior High/Middle School literature
9:15 *Concert:* Fort Junior High/Maggie Miller, Columbus
9:45 Workshop sessions featuring Fort Junior High, Carmelita Gandy, clinician, Huntsville Junior High
10:30 Break (time to talk shop)

CHURCH CHOIR SEGMENT

Wade Davis, Coordinator
9:00 Mini-sing featuring Church literature
9:15 *Concert:* Central Baptist Church Chancel Choir/Gary W. Arnold, Newnan
9:45 Workshop sessions featuring Central Baptist Choir, Hugh Thomas, clinician
10:30 Break

GENERAL SESSION

8:00 Panel Discussion: *Recruiting, solving the numbers problem*, Moderated by Judy Pritchett, Henderson High School

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11:40–1:30 On your own.

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HIGH SCHOOL SEGMENT

Alan McClung, Coordinator
1:30 Mini-sing featuring High School literature
1:45 *Concert:* Buford High School Choir/Bill Davis
2:15 Workshop session featuring Buford High School Choir, Dr. Colleen Kirk, Florida State University, clinician

COLLEGE SEGMENT

Bob Harris, Coordinator
1:30 Mini-sing featuring College literature
1:45 *Concert:* North Georgia College Singers/David Barnett
2:15 Workshop session featuring NGC Singers, Mr. Hugh Thomas, Birmingham Southern College, clinician

GENERAL SESSION

3:00–4:00 Address by Dr. Colleen Kirk, "Conductor Communication"

Host: Bill Bullock, Columbus College
Doorkeepers: Courtesy of Columbus College Phi Mu Alpha
Ushers: Robin Kane Yackley and Tom Yackley, chairpersons
Music for mini-sings: Courtesy of J.W. Pepper/Bob Otto

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The fee includes all sessions, music for reading sessions, and coffee break refreshments. (NOTE: Student members pay half price.) Make checks payable to Georgia Chapter ACDA and send with pre-registration form to:

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