



Hey Friends and Family! We sure hope you're staying warm on this stretch of cold days here in the Midwest! We're doing our best to keep rehearsing, but the icky, cold weather isn't working with us! But the Hearts will keep plugging along! Here's what's happening according to the Hearts' Lynn Bartek -

Neither rain, nor sleet, nor snow, nor hail, nor tornadoes, nor illness or even excessive freezing cold will deter the Hearts from rehearsing! Practicing has been challenging but we must be diligent because we are learning a new song for our contest in early April. Talk about a motivating factor!

We have a coaching session with Liz Hardcastle February 3rd from 1 to 4 followed by one with Kevin Keller on February 26th from 6 to 9. Feel free to observe any time.

If you want to see us off before we compete, come to our Friends and Family night on March 19th at 6:30 at ICC. We always appreciate an audience and of course there will be snacks! Better yet, **come with us!** We are going to Appleton by bus this year. Bring along a friend or a significant other but sorry, no emotional support reptiles allowed but there will be singing, new tags and games. The FUN BUS departs Thursday evening April 11th and returns on Sunday, April 14th. If interested, email admin@hoichorus.com. We can also get your all-events pass and bus ticket and let us know if you want to join us for a pizza party. Lots of fun on and off the bus with great quartets and choruses in addition to the revived Heart of Illinois Chorus!

In other news, we are having our annual webcast party on April 6th to watch our sisters from Region 5 compete. Go to <https://www.facebook.com/HeartOfIllinoisChorus> for details as the date gets closer!

In May, we install new team members at a potluck dinner on the 14th at ICC, which is open to all past and present members. Also, we're having a global open house on May 21st, 28th, and June 4th. Women can come try us out with no commitment! All info will be posted on our website and Facebook page!

We sing because we love it!
We work hard to improve,
and nothing is better than hearing those chords ring!
Gotta love that barbershop style!

Love and Harmony –



The Hearts