Dear Friends in Song,

We are experiencing an exciting time for Purdue Musical Organizations! Since my arrival on Purdue’s campus, I have met many students, alumni, parents and friends that have shared their experiences and passions about PMO and their hopes and dreams for its future. One of the most significant developments is the creation of a new Strategic Plan that focuses on our students, our new building project and our financial future.

This plan will help us look to the future while recognizing the past and the rich history PMO has here at Purdue University. Through the hard work of our PMO Strategic Planning Committee, we have crafted a plan we believe will elevate PMO to a new level of excellence.

Thanks to the generosity and vision of Ralph & Bettye Bailey, along with support from many others, we will soon begin a new chapter for PMO as we continue preparing for a new building. We are most grateful for their demonstrated commitment to our program and to all those who have stepped forward to help build momentum for our new home.

This is a pivotal time for PMO as we move well into the 21st century. For more than 75 years, PMO has set a standard of excellence unmatched by similar programs around the country. We aim to provide a life changing experience for our students that fosters friendship, scholarship, goodwill to others and a love of music. We will meet any challenges with energy and a commitment to excellence. Hail Purdue!

William E. Griffel
Director, Purdue Musical Organizations

PS - Check out our Strategic Plan online: www.purdue.edu/pmo/pmoplan.pdf

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For occasional e-mail updates from PMO, join our e-mail list where you can set your preferences for what information you would like to receive from us. Visit our homepage at www.purdue.edu/pmo to get started!

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Thank you to the more than 100 alumni who participated in the 75th Anniversary Purdue Christmas Show.

Purdue President France A. Córdova enjoyed a Glee Club serenade at the President’s Council Annual Dinner in Naples, FL.

Congratulations to the Purduettes and thanks to everyone who helped raise more than $18,000 to support cancer research during the 6th Annual Cancer Benefit.

PHENOMENA, PMO’s student-produced rock show, brought a huge crowd to Elliott Hall. The students collected donations for Ronald McDonald House.

The Purduettes gave a special performance on St. Patrick’s Day in Naples, FL during their spring tour.

Glee Club visited with many of our PMO friends & family during their spring tour in Florida, including Ralph & Bettye Bailey.

The Purdue Bells entertained for Purdue’s Board of Trustees during dinner at Westwood, home of President Córdova.

For hundreds more photos, visit “Center Stage” on our website. To access our monthly archives, visit our homepage & click Center Stage.
University Choir has returned! Under the direction of Bill Griffel and Jon Ranard, the University Choir performed their own set in the 2009 Purdue Christmas Show.

President Córdova rehearsed “Hail Purdue!” with the Glee Club & Purduettes at Camp Tecumseh. Both groups spent the week before classes singing, practicing their etiquette and learning about PMO’s rich history.

Before camp, the “new men” and “new women” got to know one another as they worked together on Purdue’s Boiler Challenge Course.

PMO participated in Purdue Day at the Indiana State Fair. PMO Specialties entertained and more than 1,000 visitors stopped by our booth to learn more about PMO.

Glee Club performed in Illinois, Wisconsin and Michigan during their fall tour. Before heading back to campus, the Glee Club visited Lake Michigan.

Glee Club accepted an invitation to entertain for the opening ceremonies of the International Festival & Events Association annual conference. This event draws event managers from the Olympics, the Indianapolis Motor Speedway and more!

President Córdova congratulated the students on a beautiful show.

The Grinch appeared on stage during the Shaker Chimes.

76th Annual Purdue Christmas Show
Greetings from PMO!

I cannot express how delighted I have been with my first months here at PMO! Thank you to all for extending such a warm welcome. 2009 was very productive and I look forward to an equally eventful year ahead.

PMO could not thrive without the support and generosity of our PMO Club donors nor the many alumni who have contributed to the tremendous legacy of PMO. I would love to learn more about your experiences with PMO - give me a call!

One of our primary goals for the coming year is better communication. Be on the lookout for the following:

- New web content for donors, alumni and parents
- Revised PMO Club Benefits of Giving

On behalf of all of PMO, thank you for being a part of our family. You truly are making a difference!

Yours in song,
Joli Heavin, Director of Alumni and Donor Relations

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2009 - 2010 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

- Albert P. Stewart Scholarship
  - James Giberson
- Ann Zeigler Award
  - Amanda Bills
- Arthur L. Schmidt, EE ’31, Memorial Scholarships
  - Rebecca Bean
  - Katherine Gasiorowski
  - Emily Gorrell
- Charles Florian Sopak Memorial Scholarship
  - Michael Buenaventura
  - Joshua Getto
  - Harrison Reiff
- Charles W. Morey Scholarship
  - Jeremy Clifford
  - Noah Demerly
  - John Foerster
  - Steven Sanders
  - Randolph Sarnowski
- Charlotte Friend Stewart Award
  - Emily Gorrell
  - Judith Kaufman
  - Kaitlin Peine
- Citizens Energy Group Scholarship honoring
  - David Griffiths and Family
  - Amanda Smith
- Claire B. Berner Award
  - Andrew Selbert
- Dan Deufel PMO Scholarship
  - Alissa Battocletti
  - Chelsey Pala
- David Foster Crum Scholarship
  - Barry Helfrich
- Denny Yount Memorial Outstanding Purdue Scholarships
  - Rachelle Buuck
- Diane H. Ruszler Memorial Scholarship
  - Jeremy Stephens
- George and Alma Hawkins Award
  - Simon May
- Glenn and June Brown PMO Scholarship
  - Amanda Bills
- Jae Israel-Kellogg Scholarship
  - Amanda Haney
- Janet Bootsma Purduette Scholarship Award
  - Chelsey Pala
- Lafayette Savings Bank PMO Scholarship
  - Aaron Strand
- Lillian Jo Taylor Memorial Scholarship
  - Stephen DeWitte
- Louis R. Lowe Memorial PMO Award
  - Daniel Gardiner
  - Charles Smith
  - Aaron Strand
- PMO Alumni Scholarship
  - William Thiedeman
- PMO Scholarships
  - Andrew Wirtner
  - Purdue Musical Organizations/Purdue Cancer Center Scholarship
  - Alissa Battocletti
  - Amanda Bills
- R.B. and Lillian V. Stewart Scholarship
  - Stanford Smith
- Roger W. and Carol A. Bassett Purduettes Scholarships
  - Alissa Battocletti
- Van Scoyoc Family Scholarships
  - Patrick Brown
  - Andrew Selbert
- William E. Lehman Fund
  - Daniel Gardiner
  - Barry Helfrich

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The 2008 - 09 Glee Club “Purdusirs” & Purduette “Gold” make a $1,000 gift to Bailey Hall.

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Yours in Song · 2010
Ann (Betts) Cooper, Bells ’92 · Ann and husband, Brian, welcomed Megan Ann Cooper into the world on September 15, 2008. Megan Ann joined sisters, Gabrielle (6) and Rachel (4).

Jackie (Dunkerley) Field, Purduettes ’59 and Kenneth Field, University Choir ’59 · Jackie and Kenneth celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on December 20, 2009 with a family dinner at their home in West Lafayette. They have 4 children: Kenneth, wife Rebecca of Lafayette; Kimberly, husband Jeff Laughland, Sussex, WI; Kyle, Peoria, IL; Kevin, wife Holly, Ft. Bragg, NC. They have 9 grandchildren.

Julia (Lamb) Glessner, Choral Club ’88 · Julia met her late husband, Clint Glessner (Glee Club ’90) through PMO. Clint passed away in 2004. Their daughter, Stephanie (12) is in 7th grade. Julia is VP of the town council in Warren, IN, and works part-time for MotoDirect. She would love to say “Hi!” to former PMOers look her up on Facebook!

Have an update? Please share it with us! Contact Joli Heavin via e-mail jheavin@purdue.edu or by phone 800.893.3041.

ALUMNI UPDATES

Sean Hoos, Glee Club ’07 · Sean and Sarah (Roberts) Hoos were married on July 11, 2009 in Fort Wayne, IN and live there now in their first house.

Chris Hoos, Glee Club ’04 and Jill (Seibert) Hoos, Bells ’05 · Chris and Jill live in Fort Wayne and welcomed their first child, Madeline Mae, into the world on New Year’s Eve.

Joshua Larsen, Glee Club ’05 and Paige Morrow Larsen, Purduettes ’06 · Josh and Paige are celebrating the birth of their daughter, Hannah Joy, on September 23, 2009. They are living in Indianapolis, where Joshua works as a patent attorney at Barnes & Thornburg LLP and Paige works as a postpartum nurse at Clarian North Medical Center.

Scott Moses, Bells ’83 · Scott now lives in West Orange, NJ. He has four girls, Maggie (10), Samantha (8), Devan (5), and Kate (3).

ALUMNI CORNER  This area of our newsletter will serve to recognize and honor our many alumni. For our first installment, we chose to honor one alum posthumously. Thomas Loepker, a 1980 Purdue graduate and Purdue Varsity Glee Club alum, passed away on April 1, 2009. He is survived by his wife of 27 years, Lisa, and three children, Alex, Cameron, and Rachel. Though he pursued a career in construction management, Tom’s life was filled with music. His brother, Mark, also a Glee Club alum, shared the following memories of Tom.

Tom was not so much drawn to music as he was enveloped in music. Our Mom and Dad insisted we all learn piano. Our sisters, Lois and Linda (also PMO alumni) started singing at Central Catholic. In my freshman year of high school, my sisters and I started playing Folk Mass at St Boniface. Tom was four years my junior and we needed a bass player. We suggested Tom give it a try and he was great. We started the Four Coachmen (from left to right: Don Holst, Mark, Dave Klimes and Tom) when Tom was in high school. I extended my Purdue career so Tom and I could spend a year together in Glee Club.

Chris Pozezanac, Glee Club ’03 · Chris recently accepted a transfer within his company, NetApp, and moved from Tampa to Danbury, CT. He is working out of the New York City office supporting the data storage needs of our financial customers in NY/NJ/CT.

Michael Schaefer, Glee Club ’85 · Michael will celebrate 25 years at The Boeing Company this summer. He and his wife Marilyn have been married for 22 years and have two children, Danny (18) and Katie (15). Michael still sings in his church choir, plays volleyball and coaches his daughter’s volleyball team.

Tom Whirledge, University Choir ’99 · Since graduating from Purdue Tom has been promoted several times. He is currently the Assistant Kitchen Manager at the Blue Gate Restaurant in Shipshewana, IN.

Karl Ziegler, Glee Club ’48 · Karl lives in The Villages in central FL and sings with the 65-voice men’s group, Brothers in Song, established by former POM Director, Bill Allen.

PMO Alumni lead the Carol Sing during the 2009 Purdue Christmas Show

The Four Coachmen were a great joy for Tom. Tom enjoyed the fraternity atmosphere found in the Glee Club. It was an organization that provided many memorable moments. Tom continued playing Folk Mass with his sisters following Purdue. His wife Lisa is an accomplished soprano and pianist so music filled his own home. Tom’s music became a personal hobby pulled out during family gatherings and whenever the Four Coachmen got back together.

Always joking, he often quoted one of his favorite movies, Monty Python, when he would declare “I’m not dead yet.” He took his heart problems in stride. When we parted for the last time a little over a week before his passing, Tom told me that Jesus had a new heart for him either here on earth or in heaven and the recovery time was shorter in heaven.

He was right.

Thank you to all that responded to the 2009 PMO Alumni and Donor Surveys!

Have additional feedback? Call 800.893.3041 or e-mail jheavin@purdue.edu.
Chelsy Pala · Monticello, IN · Junior · Elementary & Special Education

As a child, I had the wonderful opportunity to see the Purduettes and the Purdue Varsity Glee Club perform. This experience sparked an interest in attending Purdue University to further my education. Music has always been very important to me, and even though I was not pursuing it as a career, I still wanted it to be an intricate part of my life. After I graduated high school in 2007, I scheduled an audition and was thrilled when offered an invitation to join the Purduettes. Little did I realize the opportunities provided by this organization would not only fulfill my musical desires, but also allow me to meet wonderful peers, mentors and supporters.

I am so very pleased to be the recipient of the Bootsma Memorial Scholarship. This award will allow me continue following my dreams of becoming an educator. I am excited to receive my degree in not only Elementary Education, but Special Education as well. It is my goal to instill good work ethics and morals in the leaders of tomorrow. With this award, I will also be able to keep my love for music alive by being a member of the Purduettes. Receiving this award is truly an honor, and I will do my best to represent Purdue and PMO in a polite and lady-like way.

JoAnna Rogowski · Indianapolis · Freshman · Veterinary Tech.

I’ve had so much fun in University Choir. Coming to college, I knew I wanted to continue singing. U-Choir is really cool because we all have completely different backgrounds and experiences. The rehearsals are my stress relievers. We joke and have fun, but also stay focused and get a lot done. I had the time of my life singing with so many talented students in the Purdue Christmas Show. There were a lot of long rehearsals, but it was worth it. One thing I love most about PMO is the directors encourage us to excel in music as well as in class. We meet with our director at the start of the semester and discuss our academic goals. It’s nice to have someone care so much in such a big school.

U-Choir has tripled in size this semester and even though we’re just getting started again, I think it’s going to be amazing!

TAKING THE LEAD

Outside their commitment to PMO, our students are involved on campus. Each year, we have students who accept an invitation to attend the Emily Mauzy Vogel Sophomore Leadership Conference. Last year, three students - Allie Battocletti, Amanda Bills & Barry Helfrich - were tapped into Mortar Board Senior Honor Society.

PMO at 2008 EMV Conference · Amanda Bills tapped into Mortar Board during ROTC · PMO at 2009 EMV Conference

Glee Club senior Barry Helfrich elected Purdue’s Homecoming King

Glee Club alum Rob Teall selected to provide student response during Commencement
CONGRATULATIONS!

Schlenk, also known as “PurduePMO” on Facebook and Twitter, believes the addition of social media to the Purdue Christmas Show marketing campaign helped exceed 2008’s Purdue student ticket sales. “For example, we may post on our Twitter page that Christmas Show tickets are now on sale. Some of our followers may “retweet,” or repost our post, their followers may do the same and before long, thousands of people are reading our original post. Best of all, it’s free.”

PMO GOES SOCIAL

In an effort to better engage with alumni, donors and fans, Purdue Musical Organizations launched into the realm of social media last July. PMO can be followed on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn and YouTube.

“We’ve already seen success with our social media efforts,” said Steve Schlenk, PMO Director of Operations. “We’re able to interact with our audience and make new friends for PMO in a way which, until recently, didn’t even exist.”

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“Besides promoting performances, we’re able to share news, spotlight our students and post photos and video instantly from anywhere in the world,” said Schlenk. “Getting connected with PMO is now easier than ever.”

GET CONNECTED

To get connected with PMO on Facebook, visit www.facebook.com/PurduePMO and click “Become a Fan.” On Twitter, visit www.twitter.com/PurduePMO and click “Follow.” On LinkedIn, click on Groups, then Group Directory and search for “Purdue Musical Organizations.” On YouTube, subscribe to our channel at www.youtube.com/user/PurduePMO.

Lance Connolly

Lance graduated from Purdue with a bachelor’s in Hospitality Tourism & Management. As a student, he sang in the Glee Club. He serves as the key contact for all performance bookings and coordinates PMO’s tours and special events.

Can’t come to us? Bring us to you! Purdue Musical Organizations relies on performance revenue to fund our operating expenses. Without the support we receive from our generous show sponsors, we would not be able to provide our student performers with scholarships and awards, costume subsidies, travel opportunities and more. We are able to travel almost anywhere and tailor our performance to almost any occasion. Begin the booking process for a PMO ensemble today by contacting Lance Connolly at 800.893.3041 or via e-mail at lconnoll@purdue.edu.

Ted Arthur

Ted graduated from the Univ. of Missouri with a dual degree in music-piano and broadcast journalism. A native of West Lafayette, he serves as the assistant director and accompanist for the Glee Club and directs the PMO Kids Choir.

Welcome aboard

Congratulations to Kim Van Meter on being named the 2009 Eleanor O. Kaplan Award recipient. This university-wide award recognizes exceptional customer service and is an enormous honor!

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**2010 DATES TO KNOW**

**March**
25  PMO & Black Voices of Inspiration, University Church  
   7pm   West Lafayette, IN

**April**
9   PMO Alumni Day, 3rd & 4th floors, Elliott Hall of Music  
    11:30am - 2:30pm   West Lafayette, IN  
    PHENOMENA, Elliott Hall of Music  
    7:30pm   West Lafayette, IN
10  PMO Alumni Banquet, Purdue Union North Ball Room  
    11am   West Lafayette, IN  
11  Purdue Annual Cancer Benefit, University Plaza Hotel  
    2pm   West Lafayette, IN
17  Purduette Spring Spectacular, Long Center  
    7:30pm   Lafayette, IN
23  University Choir, Heart & Soul, AC3 & Purdue Bells Show  
    7pm   First United Methodist  West Lafayette, IN

**May**
15  Glee Club End of Season Concert, Long Center  
    8pm   Lafayette, IN

**August**
13  Purdue Day at the Indiana State Fair, State Fairgrounds  
    10am - 8pm   Indianapolis, IN
20  Glee Club & Purduettes Camp Show, Camp Tecumseh  
    2pm   Brookston, IN
27  Glee Club First Nighter Concert, Purdue Union  
    7:30pm   West Lafayette, IN

**September**
18  PMO Parent Cookout

**October**
16  Homecoming

**November**
13  PMO Club Donor Reception

**December**
4-5  77th Annual Purdue Christmas Show Weekend

This is not a complete listing. For details and many additional performances, please visit: www.purdue.edu/pmo

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