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To: Ben Dirks: President, Illinois District
Board of Directors, Illinois District
House of Delegates, Illinois District

Greetings,

We had a very successful Fall Contest with 10 choruses and 17 quartets. Solid numbers and we hope to build on those this year. Of course, it wasn't without a few hiccups along the way, but we dealt with them and moved forward.

Preparations are underway for Fall 2026. Registration for choruses and quartets will open sometime in August. We will send out a District wide email and post on social media when we get closer to the date.

One change for the Fall is the qualifying score for choruses. It is moving to 81 this year with a minimum score of 74. So, if we have no choruses that score above an 81 then the highest scoring chorus will represent our district at International as long as they score above a 74.

One final thing... I am in need of someone to be the Judges Hospitality Chairperson. This would entail coordinating meals and being the host in the Judges Hospitality Room, This could actually be done by a few people if there are some of you who would like to step up and help out! If you are interested please contact me at terry_ludwig67@yahoo.com

Respectfully submitted

Terry Ludwig

VP Contest and Judging