

The Fund Raising Committee, chaired by Marj Lundy, has been meeting this summer, investigating ways to keep NSCS financially solvent. Here are two reports from members of that committee.

From Harry Vroegh and Paul Siegal:

We have begun efforts to generate support for NSCS from businesses, foundations, charitable funds, and wealthy donors in our communities. While this may seem a tall order, we believe that NSCS--having had exposure at Ravinia and in Pick-Staiger Concert Hall, and in 2005 with the Chicago Philharmonic Orchestra--can justifiably solicit support from corporate donors and others. This will be an ongoing effort that should bear fruit not only in the long run but also hopefully in the more immediate future.

The purpose of this notice is to ask the help of our members in this effort. Certainly there are those of you who have good connections at corporations and businesses which have charitable foundations or otherwise are able and willing to favorably consider requests for support to organizations like ours. What we need are "door openers."

On the final page, please indicate any such connections and/or suggestions you have that may help us achieve these goals.

We are also contemplating the creation of a Business Advisory Board whose members will be business leaders in a good position to help us with our fund-raising efforts. We welcome any of your ideas and suggestions. Thank you.

From Sanna and Mars Longden:

The fund-raising committee of the North Shore Choral Society is planning a benefit on April 16, 2005, at the Unitarian Church. The general plan will be to have an international evening with performance vignettes, finger food and wine, and a silent auction.

In order for this venture to be a success, we will need the help of NSCS members. First, we ask each member to consider donating items of quality for the silent auction. This should not be stuff that you simply want to get rid of, but items that someone would actually want. Also consider services that you could provide that someone could bid on. Second, we are looking for volunteers to help us in various areas.

Please think about what you can do to help, and check one or more of the items on the final page.

PLEASE BRING THE FINAL PAGE—COMPLETE WITH YOUR INPUT REGARDING THESE TWO IMPORTANT FUND-RAISING ACTIVITIES—TO THE FIRST NSCS REHEARSAL ON SEPTEMBER 7. THANKS.

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email _____

On the lines below, please indicate any connections you have with businesses, corporations, and/or other organizations--with which you are associated or about which you know--that might be willing to provide sponsorship for the activities of the North Shore Choral Society.



Please indicate below your willingness to assist with the planning and/or the execution of the April benefit.

_____ **Providing food**

_____ **Setting up and serving food**

_____ **Setting up and taking down tables, etc.**

_____ **Gathering items for the silent auction**

_____ **Administering the silent auction**

_____ **Ticketing and collecting money**

_____ **Serving drinks**

**Please bring this page with you to the first NSCS rehearsal on September 7.
Thanks.**