



# RINGING HILLS REPORTER

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# Happy New Year 2012

## IMPORTANT DATES (MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW !!!)

**RHC EVENTS**                      **REGIONAL & INTERNATIONAL EVENTS**

(For more info on Regional & International events go to [www.region19sai.org](http://www.region19sai.org))

JAN 1, 2012	HAPPY NEW YEAR
2012 ALL YEAR	SAI ONE VOICE, ONE MESSAGE
JAN 3, 2012	♪♪*♥*♪♪ HAPPY BIRTHDAY MARY ♪♪*♥*♪♪
JAN 3, 2012	REHEARSAL 7:00 – 9:30 PM
JAN 5, 2012	BOARD MEETING @ MIRANDA'S
JAN 10, 2012	REHEARSAL 7:00 – 9:30 PM
JAN 15, 2012	♪♪*♥*♪♪ HAPPY BIRTHDAY ROSEMARY ♪♪*♥*♪♪
JAN 15, 2012	COACHING w/ BETTY CLIPMAN – COUNTRY INN AND SUITES 1-5PM
JAN 17, 2012	REHEARSAL 7:00 – 9:30 PM
JAN 20-22, 2012	SINGER'S SCHOOL – MAXX FACTOR
JAN 22, 2012	RMT MEETING @ CAMP HILL, PA
JAN 23, 2012	REHEARSAL 7:00 – 9:30 PM
JAN 31, 2012	REHEARSAL 7:00 – 9:30 PM
FEB 7, 2012	♪♪*♥*♪♪ HAPPY BIRTHDAY ROSE ♪♪*♥*♪♪
FEB 14, 2012	REHEARSAL 7:00 – 9:30 PM w/ JENNIFER NEWMAN
FEB 21, 2012	REHEARSAL 7:00 – 9:30 PM w/ JENNIFER NEWMAN
FEB 24 & 25, 2012	RETREAT w/ RICK TAYLOR – COUNTRY INN AND SUITES
MAR 20, 2012	REHEARSAL 7:00 – 9:30 PM w/ MICHAEL GELLERT
APR 17, 2012	REHEARSAL 7:00 – 9:30 PM w/ LINDA BEAVER
APRIL 19-22, 2012	REGIONAL CONVENTION AND CONTEST, OCEAN CITY, MD
JUNE 2, 2012	REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S SCHOOL & A.C.T. with KIM WONDERS
JUNE 3, 2012	RMT MEETING
SEPT 7 – 9, 2012	F.L.A.S.H. MOLLY HUFFMAN & BEV MILLER
OCT 30 – NOV 3, 2012	INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION, DENVER, CO

"Music can change the world because it can change people." Bono

Ringing Hills Chorus website: [www.ringinghillschorus.org](http://www.ringinghillschorus.org)

Sweet Adelines Intl website: [www.sweetadelinesintl.org](http://www.sweetadelinesintl.org)

Region 19 website: [www.region19sai.org](http://www.region19sai.org)

## Old Greeting Cards

Wondering what to do with all those old greeting cards now that the Holidays are over? You can give them to Julie to recycle to St. Jude's Ranch where the children use the fronts of used cards to make new cards that are sold to help support the ranch, a part of St. Jude's Children's Hospital. Just take the front off of used holiday cards, birthday cards, anniversary cards, etc, and bring them to chorus. Julie will do the rest. (St. Jude's cannot accept Hallmark, Disney or American Greeting cards.) Julie will have a big envelope at rehearsal each week for your cards, and if she is not there, please put them into her mailbox. Thanks for your help.

## Pop-Top Lids

No- this is not a call for old baseball caps your Dad might have worn. The Ronald McDonald House collects the tabs from soda or beer cans and recycles the aluminum for fund to help the families who live at their houses around the country. There is a Ronald McDonald House in Philadelphia for the families of children at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and they do wonderful work. Over the holidays and at any time, collect tabs, and bring them to chorus in a zip lock bag or envelope. Please put them in Julie's mailbox and she will get them to the Ronald McDonald House. Thanks for your help.

## Law's of Life

**Murphy's Law of Lockers** - If there are only 2 people in a locker room, they will have adjacent lockers.

**Law of Mechanical Repair** - After your hands become coated with grease, your nose will begin to itch & you'll have to pee.

**Law of Gravity** - Any tool, nut, bolt, screw, when dropped, will roll to the least accessible corner.

**Law of Probability** - The probability of being watched is directly proportional to the stupidity of your act.

**Law of Logical Argument** - Anything is possible if you don't know what you are talking about.

**Doctors' Law** - If you don't feel well, make an appointment to go to the doctor, by the time you get there you'll feel better. But don't make an appointment, & you'll stay sick.

**Variation Law** - If you change lines (or traffic lanes), the one you were in will always move faster than the one you are in now.

**Law of the Bath** - When the body is fully immersed in water, the telephone rings.

**Law of Close Encounters** - The probability of meeting someone you know increases dramatically when you are with someone you don't want to be seen with.

**Law of Biomechanics** - The severity of the itch is inversely proportional to the reach.

**Law of the Theater & Hockey**

**Arena** - At any event, the people whose seats are furthest from the aisle, always arrive last. They are the ones who will leave their seats several times to go for food, beer, or the toilet & who leave early before the end of the performance or the game is over. The folks in the aisle seats come early, never move, have long gangly legs or big bellies & stay to the bitter end of the performance. The aisle people also are very surly folk.

**The Coffee Law** - As soon as you sit down to a cup of hot coffee, your boss will ask you to do something that will last until the coffee is cold.

**Law of Physical Surfaces** - The chances of an open-faced jelly sandwich landing face down on a floor, are directly correlated to the newness & cost of the carpet or rug.

**Law of Physical Appearance** - If the clothes fit, they're ugly.

**Law of Public Speaking** - A closed mouth gathers no feet.

**Law of Commercial Marketing Strategy** - As soon as you find a product that you really like, they will stop making it.

**Law of Random Numbers** - If you dial a wrong number, you never get a busy signal & someone always answers.

## What's UP

Why is the English language so difficult to learn? Here is just one example of the difficulty others face.

This two-letter word – **UP** - in English has more meanings than any other two-letter word.

It is listed in the dictionary as an [adv], [prep], [adj], [n] or [v].

It's easy to understand **UP**, meaning toward the sky or at the top of the list, but when we awaken in the morning, why do we wake **UP**? At a meeting, why does a topic come **UP**? Why do we speak **UP**, and why are the officers **UP** for election and why is it **UP** to the secretary to write **UP** a report? We call **UP** our friends, brighten **UP** a room, polish **UP** the silver, warm **UP** the leftovers and clean **UP** the kitchen. We lock **UP** the house and fix **UP** the old car. At other times this little word has real special meaning. People stir **UP** trouble, line **UP** for tickets, work **UP** an appetite, and think **UP** excuses.

To be dressed is one thing but to be dressed **UP** is special.

And this **UP** is confusing: A drain must be opened **UP** because it is stopped **UP**. We open **UP** a store in the morning but we close it **UP** at night; we seem to be pretty mixed **UP** about **UP**! To be knowledgeable about the proper uses of **UP**, look **UP** the word **UP** in the dictionary.

In a desk-sized dictionary, it takes **UP** almost 1/4 of the page and can add **UP** to about thirty definitions. If you are **UP** to it, you might try building **UP** a list of the many ways **UP** is used. It will take **UP** a lot of your time, but if you don't give **UP**, you may wind **UP** with a hundred or more. And don't screw **UP**!

When it threatens to rain, we say it is clouding **UP**. When the sun comes out we say it is clearing **UP**. When it rains, it soaks **UP** the earth. When it does not rain for a while, things dry **UP**. One could go on & on, but I'll wrap it **UP**, for now...my time is **UP**!

Oh... one more thing: What is the first thing you do when you get **UP** in the morning & the last thing you do at night?

**U P!**

Did that one crack you **UP**?

Now I'll shut **UP**!