

Final comments

The Savoyards are dealing with the most basic question of all: who are we as a company? We have to change the way we do things in order to survive. How much can we change and still be the Savoyards?

The company is facing serious challenges. We are not having a summer show this year because nobody was willing to step up as a producer, and we are not having a float in the 4th of July parade because nobody was willing to take responsibility for making it happen. It is not impossible that the company will fold within a few years, not due to lack of money but due to lack of participation in the management, planning, and production aspects of the company, both year-round and for specific events, including shows.

We also have a wonderful opportunity to grow as a company and become wonderful in a different way. The chance to reinvent ourselves is exciting even while it makes us all a bit anxious. What will we be? We don't know yet, but we know this:

The company is only as strong as the people working to make it thrive. Your involvement is absolutely critical. Whether on the Board, on committees, producing shows, and other aspects of what makes a company continue, the people who are now on the Board, committees, who have produced shows and run the backstage aspects of them are stretched to their limits and sometimes beyond. We know that you care enough about the company to be here, and hope that you will decide to participate in some of the areas that I have mentioned. We need your help. Please contact me or with any of the other Board members about what you can do. Our future depends on us all.

Susan Elberger, Board chair