

## Chapter History of Hudson Highlands Threshold Chapter 2025

Our chapter has a short history. We started almost a year ago, July 2024, after Donna Reilly and Johanna Asher, co-founders, were assigned to Robin Hess as a start-up coach. Robin has so much knowledge of the Threshold organization and songs. Robin's kind demeanor and a quick response to questions kept us positive and moving forward. She encouraged us to start meeting and learning the songs, not to be held back by needing to know where we would actually sing at bedside.

We started out with five local women who knew each other through various music activities. The harmonies, sound blending and comradery were instant. We continued meeting and building our repertoire. In 2025 we became an officially launched chapter. A challenging part of our journey has been finding where to sing. With persistence we developed a nice relationship with a nursing home in Beacon, New York. We rehearse there every two weeks and we also provide bedside sings several times a month.

Over the past year, Hudson Highlands Threshold has grown to 10 members. We have been fortunate to have a group of like-minded, talented women who feel a calling to this work - each for their own reasons. It has added a wonderful richness to our lives that helps keep us positive and connected during these unusual times we are living in.

(left to right) Alexa Jarvis, Ryn Fink, Patti Cooper, Clara Masters, Johanna Asher, Donna Reilly, Kate Conway and Margaret Vetare



Chair sing during practice. Patti Cooper, Donna Reilly (in chair), Ryn Fink, and Clara Masters.

