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Land of Lakes District, Barbershop Harmony Society
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17 January Rehearsals - Wednesday 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. at St. Andrews Church (basement) 255 oak Street Issue 03 2018

FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Take note of these important 2018 dates. Changes will be made as new information is received.

- February 3 2018—Applebee's
- April 21 Annual Show
- May 4 5 Land O' Lakes District Spring Convention in Greendale, WI
- May 12 Northern Plains contest date (in Winnipeg)

Feedback from Christmas Show

Just wanted to let you know how much Barbara and I enjoyed the concert yesterday – for the past several years it's been your concert that has got me into the Christmas spirit.

Thought the program was entertaining, funny and poignant – loved the arrangements.

Probably my favourite memory from a couple of years back is your group singing about a hippopotamus – and the Diddy Squat by Harlequin was very good also.

Happy New Year
Hoping everyone can renew your esprit de Corp
A new beginning to our 2018 show and District

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January Birthdays
Gord Billows 01
Dougi Kautz 21
Gord Sargent 07
Brian Strong 02

JANUARY 17, 2018

**14 Weeks to Annual Show this number is getting smaller every week
Stopping & starting, getting it right, before bad habits form**

- 6:55 – 7:00 Assemble at chairs, get music ready
- 7:00 – 7:20 Warm-up/Vocal Production/Singing Readiness
- 7:20 – 7:45 **IMAGINE** – Full chorus
- 7:45 – 8:05 **UNDER THE BOARDWALK** – now with movement
- 8:05 – 8:25 **BUSINESS MEETING** & coffee break
(try this again & see what happens)
- 8:25 – 8:45 **BE OUR GUEST**
- 8:45 – 9:05 **GIVE ME A BARBERSHOP SONG** – Starting at BAR 1
- 9:05 – 9:15 **CABARET**
- 9:15 – 9:25 **WHAT KIND OF FOOL AM I**
- 9:25 – 9:40 Fun In Just One Lifetime, Shenandoah
- 9:40 Draw, final song, section leaders meet, clean up

Coming soon: Beach Boys Medley, Do you hear the People Sing?

Riser placement – February 7

Interested in learning more about notes & timing & music theory?

The Barbershop Harmony Society has a few lessons you can do at your own pace: <http://www.barbershop.org/education/music-theory/>

Congratulations to Les Gurr on receiving his 65 year BHS membership certificate!

Les shared the following with me recently - Oddly enough, my service in the Merchant Navy led to my joining the Winnipeg Chapter in 1953. A shipmate of mine, Jack Clay, belonged and sang in a quartet, so Helen and I attended a couple of shows and I caught the bug. Soon after joining, I found myself on the chapter executive, in several positions and, subsequently at the District Board level also in several positions, such as Area Counselor, VP of Red Carpet division, District Convention Chairman, PROBE Chairman, and Pitch Piper Editor. As a result, I was greatly honoured to be named Chapter BOTY in 1959, District BOTY in 1970, and was inducted into the LOL District Hall of Fame in 1999.

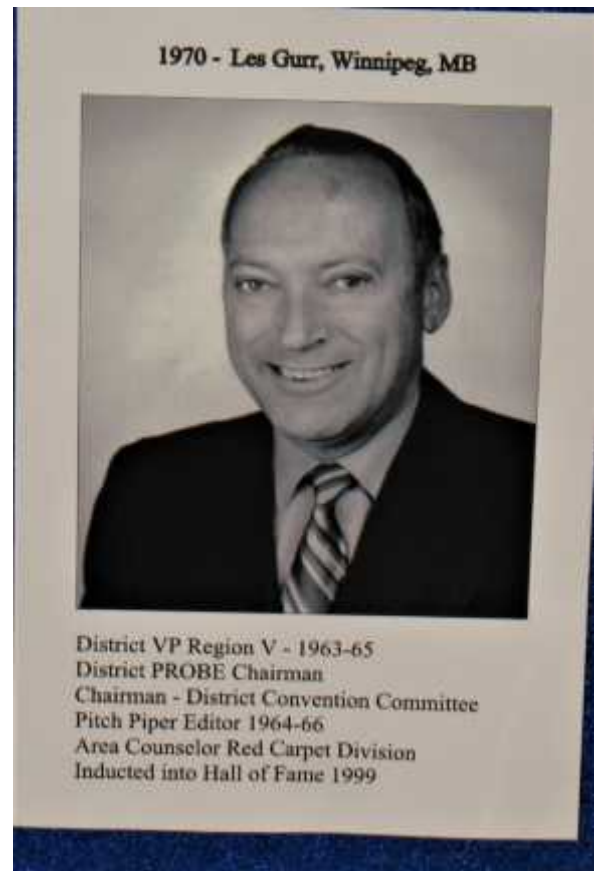
1953 - Les's name first appears in the 1953-54 Winnipeg Chapter roster [Gurr J. L. "Les" (Helen) 54 Hull Ave] and in the '53 annual show program. It appears that Les sang Bass through all these 65 years. The 1953 show program had the following Wpg quartets - Spare Ribs, 'Toba Tones, Fort Garry Four, Peg City Four and Wildwood Clippers. Les probably met Harold Casselman (a 68 year barbershopper) in '56 when Cass's Brandon quartet (Flat Happy Four) performed on the Wpg show. After a few years of learning the basics of barbershopping, Les got involved with the Wpg chapter administration and he remained involved throughout most of his 65 years.

In looking through the Wpg show programs, I was able to compile the following "brief" summary of about 50 of those 65 years as a Winnipeg Golden Chordsmen:

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| '57 & '59 - Secretary | '58 - Parade Committee - Ticket Master |
| '59 - VP Membership & Parade Committee - Brochure | '59 - WGC BOTY (Vern Leatherdale Trophy) |
| '61 - President & Parade Committee - Ex Officio | '62 - Past President |
| '62 - LOL Area Counsellor | '63 - LOL District Board Member & Parade Committee - Hospitality |
| '64 - LOL Pitch Piper Editor, LOL District Board Member, Wpg's Show MC | |
| '65 - LOL Bulletin Editor | '67 - Assistant Parade Chairman |
| '68 & '69 - Parade Chairman | '70 - LOL BOTY & LOL PROBE Chair |
| '70 - Parade Committee - Afterglow | '71 - Convention Chair |
| '72 - Parade Committee - Show Producer | '75 - Public Relations |
| '78 - Parade Committee - Show Producer | '79 - '89 - Parade Committee - Quartet Booking |
| '82 - LOL District Convention Committee | '86 - Pegboard Editor |
| '87 - Vice President - Music | '88 - '91 - Director - at - Large |
| '98 - Parade/Show Committee - Chairman & Quartet Booking | '99 - LOL Hall of Fame, Wpg Quartet Booking |

- Over these 65 years, Les attended over a hundred Spring and Fall LOL conventions plus several international conventions. He continues to enjoy the many long time friendships that he has made in the Winnipeg Chapter and the Barbershop Harmony Society (SPEBSQSA).

....and the list goes on....and Les continues to serve and support his Winnipeg Chapter and Society. Thank you Les for all your years as a very involved and dedicated Barbershopper.



A Message from our President



First of all, on behalf of the entire membership of the Winnipeg Chapter, S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A., I would like to say welcome to our Thirteenth Annual Parade of Quartets.

For many of you this is a yearly date we share with you. For many others, this is a 'first.' May you continue to favor us with your most appreciated support, for it is your continued support that enables us to remain one of the most active chapters in our Society.

Chapter activities since our last parade include the hosting of a Regional Convention last May which was attended by several hundred barber-shoppers and their wives who came by car, bus and a special Harmony Train from as far as the south-eastern tip of Wisconsin. In November our chorus

journeyed to Janesville, Wisconsin to sing in competition at a similar district convention.

In January and February we took a large part in the Charter Night activities of new chapters at Grand Forks, N.D. and Regina, Saskatchewan respectively.

In addition to this we have continued our service to the community by putting on shows for charitable organizations, hospitals and church groups—a most rewarding experience.

Through the years we have endeavoured to present the best in barber-shop harmony to our Winnipeg audiences and we feel tonight's line-up is proof positive of this endeavour. As in the past, with the exception of the visiting quartets, the entire show, including the stage settings, construction and production, is the work of our own members, of whom we are justly proud.

Once again, thank you for coming. We hope you enjoy the show.

Sincerely,

J. L. GURR



Trying to complete the WGC annual show information. If you know of any other songs from the following shows, please send me the updates or call 204-488-2009. Thanks. IH Gordon

1995 – WARTIME MEMORIES Director: Reno Gerl; MC: George Smellie; Producer: Dennis Owens

"Harmony Works", "Riffs", Winnipeg Square, Multiple Choice, Suburban Knights, Genesis, The Sprogs

Possibly the following songs - Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy, White Cliffs of Dover,?????

PROBABLY MISSING 6 SONGS

1992 – OLYDE TYME HARMONIE Director: Ernest Ens; MC: George Smellie; Producer: Ron Crapper

"Roadrunners", "People's Choice", Winnipeg Square, Suburban Knights

PROBABLY MISSING 3 SONGS

1986 - THE BEST OF BARBERSHOP HARMONY Director: Ron Crapper; MC: Ken Kobelka; Producer: Jim Gilroy

"Queen City Slickers", "O.K. Four", Suburban Knights, Chord Spinners, SanBanks

Easter Parade **PROBABLY MISSING 2 OR 3 SONGS**

1980 - THOSE COURTIN' DAYS Director: Ron Crapper/Doug Sly; MC Arvel Gray; Producer: George Loepp/Roy Barron

"Roadrunners", "Sound Gallery", SanBanks

When Pa Was Courtin' Ma For Me and My Gal **PROBABLY MISSING 1 OR 2 SONGS**

1966 - GIRLS GIRLS GIRLS Director: Dick Wells; MC: Uncle Tom McEwen

"Four Nubbins", "Hometowns", Hum-Burgers, Fort Garry Four

1956 - HARMONY SPECIAL Director: Verne Leatherdale; MC: Tom McEwen; Producer: Claude Main

"Chicagoans", "Gay Nineties", "Four Chorders", "Flat Happy Four", "Ken-Tones", "Portage-Aires", "Walco-Tones", Winnikords, Wildwood Clippers, Suburban Knights, Fort Garry Four

A Son of the Sea **PROBABLY MISSING 2 SONGS**

YouTube Videos Enhance the WGC Website

Let me begin by reminding our chorus members to visit our Winnipeg Golden Chordsmen website and view the four new YouTube videos that showcase the talents of our chorus. I was delighted to see the efforts of our colleagues singing "Shenandoah", "Do You Hear The People Sing", "Can You Feel The Love Tonight" and "Alexander's Ragtime Band".

After viewing these videos, you might be encouraged to send the following link to family and friends so that they can also witness the talents of our Director and chorus members:



<https://www.goldenchordsmen.com/hire-us/>

Thanks should be extended to Chris Magas for facilitating the uploading of these videos and helping to maintain our website.

The 2018 WGC Roster Goes Online

This is a reminder to all Chordsmen that the 2018 Roster is now being created. The Executive has asked me to investigate how his year's roster might be displayed on our website under the password-protected "Members Only" area. Please take the time to examine your current information including your name, spouse/partner (if applicable), residence address, phone(s) and email address(es). If any of these items require updating, please identify any changes in the 2017 Roster sample booklet that "Cass" displays at the Registration/Sign-in desk at each rehearsal. To indicate that you have checked/updated your information, please initial your entry.

For those members, who may be travelling on a winter vacation and may not be out to a rehearsal in January, please email me to indicate any changes to your data or to indicate that the information is unchanged for the upcoming 2018 Roster.

New members, who currently do not have information in the 2017 Roster, can fill out a white form at the end of the roster booklet that "Cass" displays at rehearsal. To add some pizzazz to our 2018 Roster, John Latham has volunteered to take coloured photos of all members at a convenient time later this month. "Snowbirds" will have their old black & white photos updated to colour upon their return in the Spring. I trust that our new website will be a resource that all members will begin using on a more regular basis.

Take care & keep smiling :-) Brian Metcalfe



Annual Show Songs

Imagine
Be Our Guest
Beach Boys Medley
Fun In Just One Lifetime
Do You Hear the People Sing
I'm Feeling Fine
I've Been Working on the Railroad
Shenandoah
Spiritual Medley
That Old Quartet of Mine
Under the Boardwalk
When I'm 64
White Cliffs of Dover

COMPETITION SONGS

I've Been Working on the Railroad
I Don't Know Why

Performance repertoire

Can You Feel the Love Tonight
Can't Help Falling In Love
Give Me A Barbershop Song
He's Got the Whole World In His Hands
Hello Mary Lou
I Don't Know Why

Possible additions to Performance repertoire

Cabaret
What Kind of Fool Am I

~ JANUARY 2018~

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 Music Committee	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 Exec Committee	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 Show Committee	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

~ February 2018 ~

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