

FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Take note of these important 2019 dates. Changes will be made as new information is received.

- Tue. Nov 19 Joint Rehearsal #1 (with Sweet Adelines) at Churchill Park - 525 Beresford
- Wed. Dec 4 Joint Rehearsal #2 (with Sweet Adelines) at Bethel Mennonite Church
- Dec 1 Church performance - Prince of Peace
- Dec 7 Joint Christmas - Afternoon & Evening Shows at Bethel Mennonite Church
- Dec 14 Church Performance - St. Michael All Angels

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Past, Present & Future

Please send any information for publication to me by **Saturday noon** at: rickimiles@shaw.ca

Thanks, Ricki ☺

**REMEMBRANCE DAY
NOVEMBER 11**



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From Duncan:

This year, the Music team decided on doing Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree as part of our River City Sound Performances. On Page 3, Bars 41 - 42 you will find the old chorus name listed; below is the new music with the new chorus name for those 2 bars.

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**“Learn to Sing Better Program” - a great visual guide
from Larry Bredesen**

WHOLE NOTE		4 BEATS
DOTTED HALF NOTE + QUARTER NOTE		3 + 1 BEATS
HALF NOTES		2 + 2 BEATS
DOTTED QUARTER NOTE + EIGHTH NOTE		1 1/2 + 1/2 BEATS
QUARTER NOTES		1 BEAT X 4
EIGHTH NOTES		1/2 BEAT X 8

Lego Beats



Lest We Forget!

They served Canada



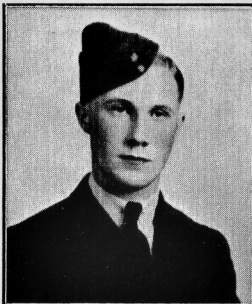
Courtesy of Gordon Billows



LLOYD C. COLBORNE: R.C.A.F.

I was stationed with #160 squadron at Ceylon's Kankasanturai - a.k.a. K.K.S. We awoke to the fact that Europe had capitulated to the Allies. The whole of the Far East just went mad. No flying as far as we were concerned. The main action found the C.O. of the station at the helm of an Army Jeep. He and about a dozen various sorts crammed into the Jeep and valiantly tried to take off at about 100 mph. It was just a madhouse. Sleep finally just took control of everyone and all retired happy. As for V.J. Day, we had just returned from the Far East and posted to Barmouth, England in preparation for duty against Japan. London seemed to be more interesting at the moment anyway. It seems I was wandering around Piccadilly Square viewing the sights when a small British car entered the circle. For some reason that circle seemed to fill up and cars couldn't move because of the seething mass of humanity. That was when we learned that

the Japanese had folded their tents. The singing and joyousness continued unabated 'till far into the night. This was my initiation to the end of over four years in the employment of King George VI.



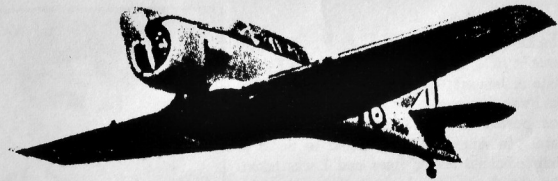
HAROLD B. CASSELMAN: R.C.A.F.

I reported to Brandon for duty in January, 1943 and was in various stations thereafter in Toronto, Hamilton, Montreal, Vancouver, and Victoria, B.C. My military stint as a wireless technician was not as spectacular as that of the others since I never left Canada. However, the defence of your country was important regardless of where you served. I can clearly recall the morning of V.E. Day, hearing my buddy, Bill, singing "Sunny Side of the Street" as we walked down to the dock in Vancouver to catch our boat back up to Port Hardy at the north end of Vancouver Island. I can't recall what celebrations there were, but no doubt there were plenty. Getting tired of the bush, lack of excitement, and the wind, Bill and I decided to volunteer for the Pacific.

After some leave at home we landed in Moncton, N.B. on V.J. Day. Needless to say, that was as far as we got. Celebrations consisted of a truck load of warm beer being backed on to the tarmac and everyone helped themselves. We both got our discharge on October 5, 1945. While in Moncton we teamed up with a former Air Force friend of mine and the three of us plan a 50th Anniversary get-together this summer.



REFLECTIONS



Some Members of the Winnipeg Chapter
S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A
Reminisce About the End of World War II





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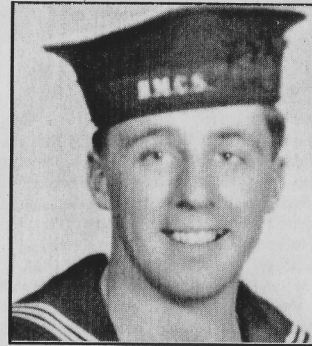
JOHN F. WEBER: R.C.A.F. After a career as a flying instructor, mostly at Trenton, Ontario, I was posted to the Empire Central Flying School in Hullavington, Wiltshire, England, along with ten other Canadian senior instructors. Other course members came from every other nation that was friendly to the Allied cause, including South Africa, New Zealand, Australia, Poland, Norway, China, and the U.S.A. the course started in April, 1945, and we were able to fly all the different aircraft that were used in training and operational duties, including the Hurricane, Spitfire, Mosquito, and Lancaster. My log says that on V.E. Day we stopped flying for two days, May 8 and 9. No one could leave the station, as the course resumed May 10 - in other words, two days off and no place to go. All

celebrating was confined to the station and one function was a church parade. It was a remarkable moment to be on course because with the European War over, all the lectures could include secrets that could not be discussed prior to the victory. I returned to Trenton on August 5, 1945, and was there for V.J. Day. I received my discharge on October 17, 1945.

A. KEITH CUDDY: R.C.A.F. I joined the Air Force in June, 1941. After pilot training I went overseas late in January, 1942 to take further training in England. I was then sent to the Middle East with the R.A.F. and posted to 211 Squadron in India, on Beaufighters. In August, 1944 we had to make a forced landing behind enemy lines and I was taken prisoner by the Japanese. I spent the next eight months in Rangoon Jail. We were liberated by the Royal Marine Commandos on May 3, 1945. On V.E. Day I was on a hospital ship on the way to Calcutta. I arrived home in August, 1945, just before V.J. Day.



J. LEE DOYLE: Merchant Navy After two years on munitions ships in convoy in the North Atlantic, North Sea, and the Mediterranean, I was assigned to the Pacific in time to celebrate V.E. Day with a tot of rum on board ship about 1000 miles west of Panama. Not much of a celebration! But we made up for it when we arrived back in Vancouver Harbour just after noon on V.J. Day.



**F. DOUG HOLDEN:
Royal Canadian Navy**

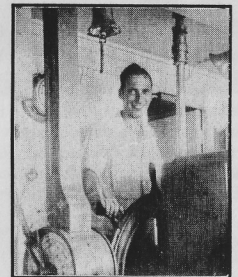
On V.E. Day I was a stoker on a frigate escort ship with a convoy in the North Sea, just north of Scotland. On V.J. Day we were going west through the Panama Canal on our way to the Pacific Ocean.



A.J. "JEEP" ENNS: R.C.A.F.

During the 1944-45 phase of W.W. II this airman was serving with #437 Transport Squadron which was involved in flying supplies to the fighting fronts, transporting casualties from the battle areas, and towing gliders for the purpose of training glider pilots and airborne troops. Our aircraft were among the many used in the operation when Allies crossed the Rhine River in March, 1945. On V.E. Day the squadron was based in a tent camp approximately twenty miles from Brussels, Belgium, flying our DC3 aircraft from a metal mesh runway. Soon we moved our base to the edge of Brussels and continued through the summer and past V.J. Day to transport personnel and equipment as required between various points in Belgium, the U.K., Holland, Germany, and Italy. The squadron was later called on to provide air service for V.I.P. personnel to and from the Nuremberg trials. On V.E. Day work stopped long enough to hear Winston Churchill's radio broadcast proclaiming victory in Europe. While it brought a great sense of relief, it did not seem to make a big change in the activity of the squadron. On V.J. Day the celebration was much different (I think), because this former airman's head still hurts when he tries to recall it.

J. LES GURR: Merchant Navy I trained in Hubbard, NS from February to May, 1944. My first tour took me south along the Americas, around the Straits of Magellan, and finally to Vancouver in time to go home for Christmas and to get married. In February, 1945, we headed west, working in the Pacific and Indian Oceans. On V.E. Day, I was in the South Pacific — in the crow's nest — and I got the good news when the Third Mate semaphored the news to me. Our tour took us to India, South Africa on V.J. Day, and through the Panama Canal to get home to Vancouver.





Lest We Forget!

And they served their Winnipeg Chapter



ERIC ROBERTS
1921-2010
GOLDEN CHORDSMEN
WINNIPEG

BILL CHRISTIE
1930-2014
GOLDEN CHORDSMEN
WINNIPEG

NORV CHRISTOPHERSON
1929-2017
GOLDEN CHORDSMEN
WINNIPEG, MB

PAT ROBERTS
1927-2011
ASSINIBOINE SAI
WINNIPEG

JIM GILROY
1934-2015
GOLDEN CHORDSMEN
WINNIPEG

GEORGE SMELLIE
1929-2018
GOLDEN CHORDSMEN
WINNIPEG, MB

TERRY REAGH
1945-2011
GOLDEN CHORDSMEN
WINNIPEG

ROB THOMLINSON
1935-2015
GOLDEN CHORDSMEN
WINNIPEG

LES GURR
1924 - 2018
GOLDEN CHORDSMEN
WINNIPEG, MB

CLIFF HARRIS
1939-2013
GOLDEN CHORDSMEN
WINNIPEG

ARNIE CHARLES
1931-2016
GOLDEN CHORDSMEN
WINNIPEG, MB

Other recent members singing
in the Chapter Eternal:

BOB COBB
1926-2013
GOLDEN CHORDSMEN
WINNIPEG

RON CRAPPER
1933-2016
GOLDEN CHORDSMEN
WINNIPEG, MB

- Brian Sanderson
- George Smellie
- George Morrow
- Doug Holden
- Grant Smith
- Dick Wells
- Terry Carmichael
- Stan Eagleton
- Joe Cottreau
- Dave Mackling
- Rube Batke
- Les Ham
- Ray Dorey

MIKE COOK
1933-2013
GOLDEN CHORDSMEN
WINNIPEG, MB

DOUGLAS HOLDEN
1924-2017
GOLDEN CHORDSMEN
WINNIPEG, MB

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THE WONDER OF CHRISTMAS – Joint show Dec 7, 2019

JOINT	DECK THE HALLS (sing-along) <i>Brittany, Sherrie on piano</i>
MOMENTUM	THE IMPOSSIBLE DREAM
	THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE
RCS	30 SECOND FA LA LA (Larry)
ASC	SILVER BELLS
JOINT	MERRY CHRISTMAS, DARLING (<i>Sherrie</i>)
HARLEQUIN	DIDDLEY SQUAT
SOLO	THE CHRISTMAS SONG (<i>Brittany with Sherrie on piano</i>)
JOINT	FOLLOW THAT STAR (Larry)
HARLEQUIN	THE HURON CAROL
ASC	DO YOU HEAR WHAT I HEAR?
LnL	NO ROOM, NO ROOM
ASC	WINTER SONG
ASC	BLUE CHRISTMAS

INTERMISSION *SING ALONG WITH THE AUDIENCE*



HONEYCOMB	BIG BAND SANTA
RCS	FOR THE LONGEST TIME
RCS	I SAW MOMMY KISSING SANTA CLAUS
JOURNEYS	MERRY CHRISTMAS, EVERYONE MEDLEY
RCS	SILENT NIGHT vs. 1,2 <i>Sherrie</i> vs. 3,4 <i>Larry</i>
HONEYCOMB	THE PEACE CAROL
JOINT	KNEELING AT THE MANGER (<i>Brittany</i>)
JOINT	WHISPER, WHISPER (Larry)
SOLO	MARY, DID YOU KNOW? (<i>Sherrie</i>)
JOINT	O HOLY NIGHT (<i>Sherrie</i>)
JOINT	PEACE, PEACE (<i>Larry directs, Brittany leads audience, Sherrie on piano</i>)



*The Assiniboine Chorus &
River City Sound
present*



The Wonder of Christmas



- Date:** Saturday, December 7th, 2019
- Time:** 2:30 & 7:00 P.M.
- Place:** Bethel Mennonite Church
465 Stafford Street
Winnipeg, Manitoba
- Tickets:** \$20 - Available through members,
[Eventbrite.ca](https://www.eventbrite.ca), or at the door
Children under 12 are free
- Contact:** 204-253-6256 (Jeanette), 204-667-0521 (Rosemary),
or 204-230-5464 (Larry)
- Visit our Websites:** <https://www.assiniboinechorus.org>
<https://www.rivercitysound.ca>

RIVER CITY SOUND CHORUS CHRISTMAS SHOW(S) 2019

DECK THE HALLS – general carol version, with the audience - *Larry*

30 SECOND FA LA LA *Larry*

I SAW MOMMY KISSING SANTA CLAUS *Sherrie*

WHITE CHRISTMAS *Larry*

LET IT SNOW *Larry*

I'LL BE HOME FOR CHRISTMAS *(Maybe, if ready) Sherrie*

ROCKIN' AROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE *Sherrie*

FOR THE LONGEST TIME *Sherrie*

AUDIENCE SING ALONG *(if needed) Larry B leading, Sherrie on piano*

O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM - *Sherrie*

ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH *Larry*

FOLLOW THAT STAR *Larry*

SILENT NIGHT *Sherrie vs. 1, 2 Larry vs. 3,4*

KNEELING AT THE MANGER *Larry w/Sherrie mic'd at piano*

WHISPER, WHISPER *Larry*

MARY, DID YOU KNOW?

O HOLY NIGHT *Sherrie*

PEACE, PEACE *Larry*

Dec. 1/19 *Harlequin and -Honeycomb (Big Band Santa/ Mele Kalikimaka)*
and -Leather 'n Lace (No Room, No Room)

Dec.14/19 *Harlequin and -Leather 'n Lace*



Wardrobe for Shows

By Les Creek

Following is the wardrobe for the upcoming Christmas shows:

For the Joint Show with Assiniboine Show Chorus (Dec 7th)

First half of Show:

Women RCS members and LTSB participants:

Black pants or skirt, black top, black shoes and hosiery (if needed), medium blue accents - jewellery, scarf, bolero, etc

Men RCS members:

Black shoes and socks, black pants (can be tuxedo pants), plain white long sleeved shirt, blue chorus vest, long blue tie that matches the vest.

LTSB men:

Black shoes, socks, pants, plain white long sleeved shirt, blue vests (on loan from RCS).

Second half of Show:

Women:

Same basic wardrobe but replacing the blue accents with lots of 'bling' (rhinestones, flashy belts, shiny bolero, etc)

RCS Men:

Black tuxedo, white pleated tuxedo shirt with wing collar, striped grey/silver vest, red bow tie

LTSB Men:

Black pants, plain white long sleeved shirt, long red tie (on loan from RCS)

The grey/silver vests for chorus members and the red bow ties are available at each rehearsal. Please get your as soon as possible in case alterations are needed.

For the RCS-only church shows (Dec 1 and 14)

Women:

Black shoes and hose, black pants / skirt, white blouse, red accents (belt, scarf etc)

Men:

Black shoes and socks, black pants, plain white long sleeved shirt, long red chorus tie.



CHRISTMAS SHOW TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE

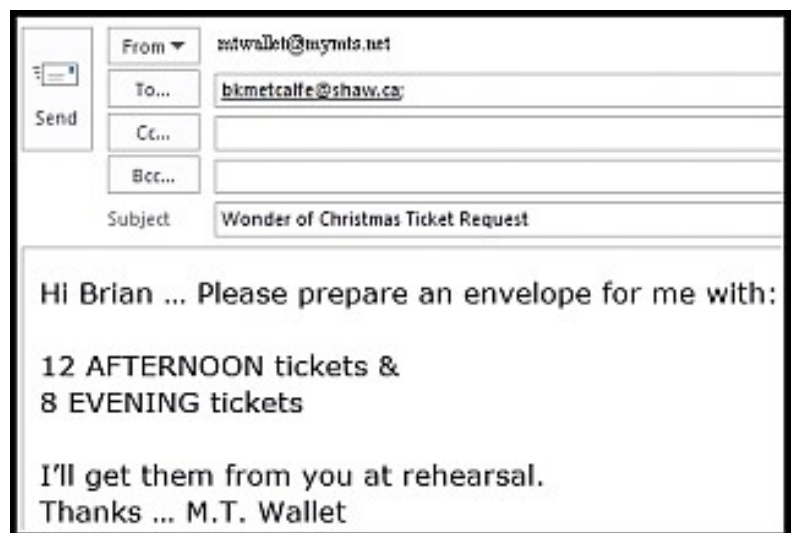
by Brian Metcalfe



Tickets for our combined “The Wonder of Christmas” show with the Assiniboine Chorus on Saturday Dec 7th are now ready for distribution.

With only a three-week window in which to sell tickets to family & friends, I encourage you to take action immediately! I will be distributing tickets to all chorus members at the next three rehearsals, since I will need to have all sales returned on or before our combined chorus dress rehearsal on Wed. Dec 4th at Bethel Mennonite Church.

Please help me prepare in advance by sending me an email (bkmetcalfe@shaw.ca) before noon on each Wednesday, requesting the number of **AFTERNOON and/or **EVENING** tickets you require.** I will then count out your tickets & place them in an envelope which I will then give to you at rehearsal. Make sure to count & verify your tickets in your envelope. Although, I will have tickets for distribution at each rehearsal, your thoughtful email request will help keep me sane and speed up the transactions so as not to disrupt the learning each Wednesday evening.



Although the \$20 rush-seating tickets can be purchased at the door, or online through Eventbrite at:

AFTERNOON - <https://2019-wonder-of-christmas-afternoon.eventbrite.ca>

EVENING - <https://2019-wonder-of-christmas-evening.eventbrite.ca>

it is the chorus members, like you, who are our best promoters and sales agents. Remember that to help maintain a proper paper trail, our chorus accountants prefer to have all ticket funds returned in cheque format rather than cash. Although we are known on stage as River City Sound, our bank only accepts **cheques made out to “Winnipeg Golden Chordsmen”**.

I trust that each chorus member will sell a minimum of two tickets. Since we will not be performing an annual show in 2020, this combined Christmas show is our primary revenue generator. Thank you for your efforts. Take care & keep smiling :-)

~ November 2019 ~

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5 Optional rehearsal at Churchill Park 8:30 pm	6 Regular rehearsal	7	8	9
10	11	12 Optional rehearsal at Churchill Park 8:30 pm	13 Executive Meeting	14	15	16
17	18	19 Joint Xmas rehearsal with Sweet Adelines at Churchill Park	20 Regular rehearsal	21	22	23
24	25	26	27 Regular rehearsal	28	29	30

~ December 2019 ~

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Prince of Peace performance 2:30	2	3	4 Joint rehearsal—Bethel Mennonite Church	5	6	7 Joint Christmas - Afternoon & Evening Shows
8	9	10	11 Executive Meeting	12	13	14 Church Performance - St. Michael All Angels
15	16	17	18 Regular rehearsal	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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River City Sound

Notes 4 U

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