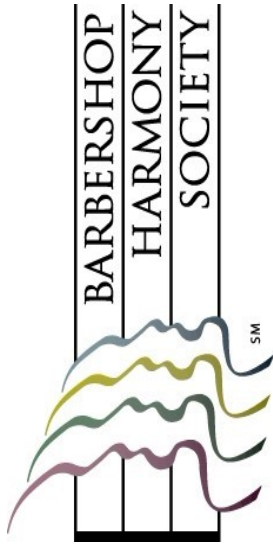




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Rehearsals - Wednesday 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at St. Andrews United Church (basement) - 255 Oak Street

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IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Take note of these important 2020 dates. Changes will be made as new information is received.

July 8 Social evening (7:00 p.m.)
 Note: in the event of bad weather, Social evening will be July 15

July 15 Executive meeting (5:30 p.m.)
 Note: if Social evening is moved to July 15, executive meeting will be July 8

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CHORUS REHEARSAL PLANS AND UPDATE

From Paul Bullock

The July 8 Social Evening will be confirmed on Monday evening, July 6. If Mother Nature is cooperative, we can look forward to physically-distanced, in-person socializing for the first time in almost 4 months! Please look for an email message on Monday evening confirming the event will go ahead. If not, we will hold a zoom rehearsal on July 8 instead and move the Social Evening to July 15.

There is a map below of the yard at 12 Phil-Chris Way for your information. There are a few handicap parking spots in the driveway, otherwise there is parking on both Sioux Road and Phil-Chris Way. Enter via the driveway and go to the table of “greeters” who will screen everyone before going to the seating area, plus sanitize everyone’s hands and write out a name tag for each person (Thanks Ferryl for getting us name tags). Please carefully read Shirley’s information about the event and remember to bring everything you want with you. Unfortunately, the mosquitoes have now arrived, so you probably want some bug spray as well.

It is good to hear that chorus members have been getting feedback on new audio recordings and sending improved renditions of Dream Lover to Les Creek for the deadline this past Saturday. Thanks everyone for your efforts to improve your audio track. We are looking forward to hearing how the new composite sounds (Thanks again Les).

Thanks also to Bruce and Duncan who participated in a webinar recently that included a new idea for making a composite video. The idea is to have everyone make a video of themselves singing their part to Dream Lover, put the pictures together into a composite and then overlay the audio track that Les has compiled. This way, we can each focus mainly on the picture quality of the video recording we are making plus, all of Les’s work making the audio composite will be put to good use. It will mean that if we make a small “boo-boo” while recording our individual video, it won’t matter as much because we will just be using the picture portion of the video. It is a very novel idea and it makes good use of all the efforts and progress we have made to date. Detailed instructions for making the video will follow shortly. It is still a goal this month to have a sufficient number of good quality video recordings and a composite audio track that we can provide to the video technician.

Hopefully, we will be able to visit each other in-person either this week or next. It has been too long for most of us. Please continue to look after both your physical and your mental health. Our collective efforts in Manitoba have paid off by allowing us to enter Phase 3 re-opening and to hold larger in-person gatherings. So, keep up your efforts to minimize the spread of viruses while enjoying the opportunity to socialize.



BARBERSHOP SOCIAL EVENING - *UPDATED*
JULY 8 AT 7 P.M. (RAIN DATE JULY 15) - 12 PHIL-CHRIS WAY

From Shirley Christie

We've all been missing a chance to get together to socialize and visit with our fellow barbershoppers as well as wives/significant others, so we are scheduling an evening where we can see each other in person and enjoy an evening of camaraderie.

Every precaution will be taken to ensure the safety of each and every person who is willing and able to be there. We are purchasing a temperature monitor so each of us can be checked when we arrive. If you are feeling unwell we would ask that you enjoy your evening by staying at home. Another evening is planned for some time in August if you have to miss this one.

There will be handicap parking in the driveway for about 4 cars.

There will be a washroom available inside the house but it is NOT wheelchair accessible.

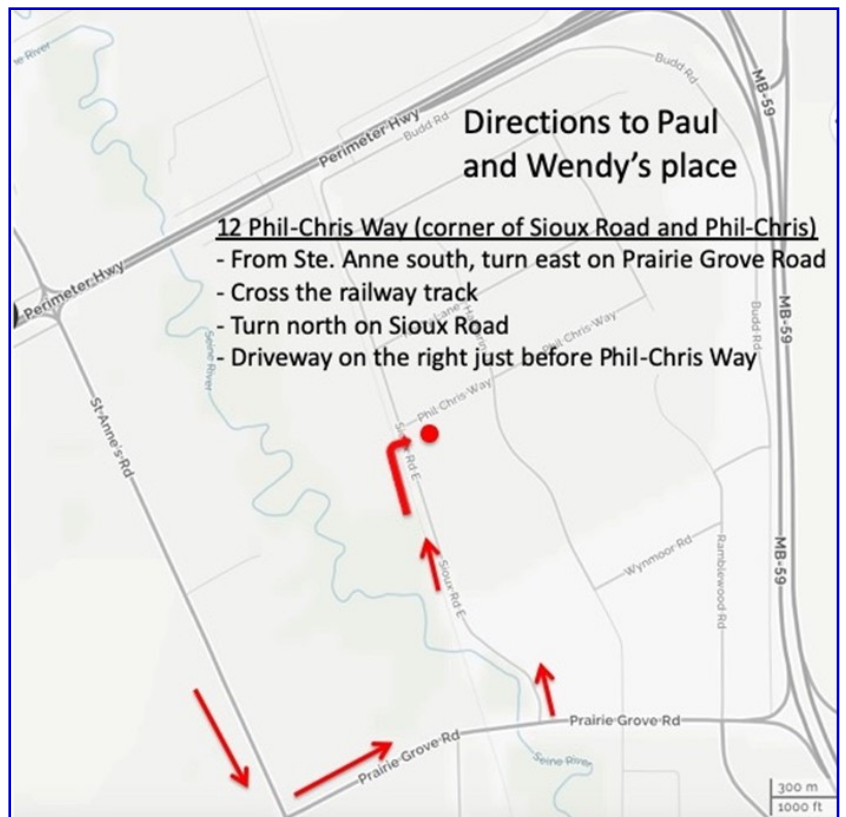
There will be a table set up when you arrive – you will be asked to use the hand sanitizer and you will receive a name tag.

As a precaution, there will be not be refreshments provided. However, you are free to bring your own food and drinks with the necessary accouterments (glasses, cutlery, etc.). Chorus singing will not be encouraged but quartets may entertain using Harlequin's sound system so that they can distance themselves from both each other and the audience.



So, bottom line, please plan to come and enjoy an evening with your fellow barbershoppers if you feel safe to do so. Bring your own chair, your own food/drink and if you feel more comfortable doing so, wear a mask. As those nasty little mosquitoes have decided to visit, please bring your insect repellent.

The location is the home of Paul Bullcock and Wendy Lamont. You can park on Sioux Road or on Phil-Chris Way next to the yard. Please note, that public transit does not service this area. So, if you need a ride, please talk to your fellow barbershoppers.



We hope to see you there!

MASKS FOR OUR SOCIAL EVENING

From Sherrie Bredesen

I will bring some extra masks to Paul and Wendy's on Wednesday just in case someone doesn't have one or forgets to bring. I am not trying to make a profit from Chorus members and am charging only enough to cover the cost to me with zero charge for my labour. Costs me \$10 per mask as they are 3 ply and of good quality. So I will bring some just in case.

REHEARSAL SCHEDULE - JULY 8 OR 15, 2020

VIRTUAL SINGING WEEK 10

From Duncan Zaluski

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU HAVE: ALL OF YOUR NEW MUSIC, CURRENT REPERTOIRE, BARBERPOLECAT SONG

6:55 – 7:10	Login and greetings
7:10 – 7:25	Warm up
7:25 – 7:40	Bridge over Troubled Water
7:45 – 8:05	Stand By Me
8:10 – 8:20	Business Meeting & Break
8:20 – 8:25	Barber Polecat: The Story of the Rose (Heart of My Heart)
8:30 – 8:45	Hello Mary Lou (Off the Page June 3)
8:45 – 9:00	Repertoire Review
	Under the Boardwalk
	Harmony Collage

Current Show Repertoire:

Blue Moon(s)
Can You Feel the Love Tonight?
Daydream
Dream Lover
Harmony Collage
I'm Feeling Fine



Imagine
Irish Blessing
O Canada
Shenandoah
Under the Boardwalk
When I'm 64

INFORMATION ON PERMANENT ZOOM REHEARSAL LINK

From Paul Bullock

You can use the same link to join the Wednesday night zoom rehearsals every week (see below). It was shared with Jay Althof to be included in the list of virtual rehearsals in the district so that members from other chapters could join us.

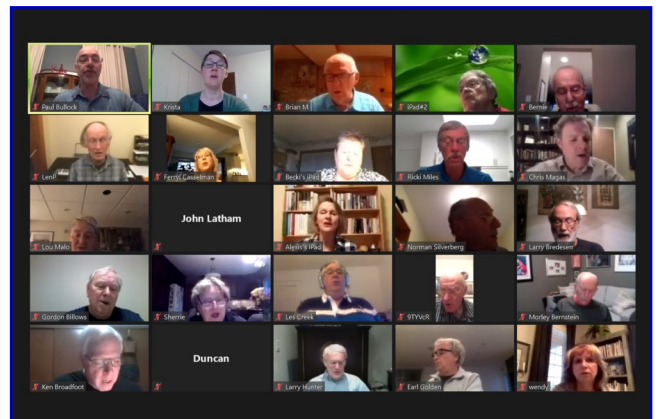
You should be able to click on the link itself or enter the meeting ID and password.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84457343549?pwd=ZGJmeUIJTjXl5Nnp1Ly9sNGQxYkxPUT09>

Meeting ID: 844 5734 3549

Password: 974496



WEARING MASKS DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

From Larry Bredesen

RETIRED SURGEON Sam Laucks, has this to say about wearing masks:

“OK, here’s my rant about masks:

I have spent the past 39 years working in the field of surgery. For a significant part of that time, I have worn a mask. I have worked with hundreds (probably thousands) of colleagues during those years, who have also worn masks. Not a single one of us became ill, passed out or died from lack of oxygen. Not a single one of us became ill, passed out or died from breathing too much carbon dioxide. Not a single one of us became ill, passed out or died from rebreathing a little of our own exhaled air. Let’s begin here by putting those scare tactics to rest!

(It is true that some people, with advanced lung diseases, may be so fragile that a mask could make their already-tenuous breathing more difficult. If your lungs are that bad, you probably shouldn’t be going out in public at the present time anyway; the consequences if you are exposed to Covid-19 would likely be devastating.)

Q. *“But”, you ask, “can’t viruses go right through the mask, because they are so small?” (“Masks keep viruses out just as well as a chain link fence keeps mosquitoes out,” some tell us.)*

A. It is true that individual virus particles can pass through the pores of a mask; however, viruses don’t move on their own. They do not fly across the room like a mosquito, wiggle through your mask like a worm, or fly up your nose like a gnat. The virus is essentially nothing more than a tiny blob of genetic material. Covid-19 travels in a CARRIER – the carrier is a fluid droplet- fluid droplets that you expel when you cough, sneeze, sing, laugh, talk or simply exhale. Most of your fluid droplets will be stopped from entering the air in the room if you are wearing a mask. Wearing a mask is a very efficient way to protect others if you are carrying the virus (even if you don’t know that you are infected). In addition, if someone else’s fluid droplets happen to land on your mask, many of them will not pass through. This gives the wearer some additional protection, too. But, the main reason to wear a mask is to PROTECT OTHERS. Even if you don’t care about yourself, wear your mask to protect your neighbors, co-workers and friends! A mask is certainly not 100% protective. However, it appears that the severity of Covid-19 infection is at least partially “dose-dependent.” In other words, the more virus particles that enter your body, the sicker you are likely to become. Why not decrease that volume if you can? “What have you got to lose?!”

Q. *“But doesn’t a requirement or a request to wear a mask violate my constitutional rights?”*

A. You’re also not allowed to go into the grocery store if you are not wearing pants. You can’t yell “fire” in the Produce Department. You’re not allowed to urinate on the floor in the Frozen Food Section. Do you object to those restrictions? Rules, established for the common good, are component of a civilized society.

Q. *“But aren’t masks uncomfortable?”*

A. Some would say that underwear or shoes can be uncomfortable, but we still wear them. (Actually, being on a ventilator is pretty darned uncomfortable, too!) Are masks really so bad that you can’t tolerate them, even if they will help keep others healthy?

Q. *“But won’t people think I’m a snowflake or a wimp if I wear a mask?”*

A. I hope you have enough self-confidence to overcome that.

Q. *“But won’t I look stupid if I wear a mask?”*

A. I’ve decided not to dignify that question with an answer!!

Q. *“But I never get sick; I’m not worried.”*

A. Well, then, wear a mask for the sake of the rest of us who are not so perfect!

There is good evidence that masks make a real difference in diminishing the transmission of Covid-19. Please, for the sake of others (and for the sake of yourself), wear your mask when in public. It won’t kill you!

P.S. - And, by the way, please be sure that BOTH your nose and mouth are covered!

Recommendations around mask usage are confusing. The science isn’t. Evidence shows that masks are extremely effective to slow the coronavirus and may be the best tool available right now to fight it.”

Fifty ways to beat COVID-19

**Don’t hop on the bus, Gus,
Stay away from the pack, Jack,
Sneeze into your sleeve, Steve,
To keep virus free.**

**Stop touching your face, Grace,
Stay back to six feet, Pete,
Keep washing your hands, Stan,
And heed CDC.**

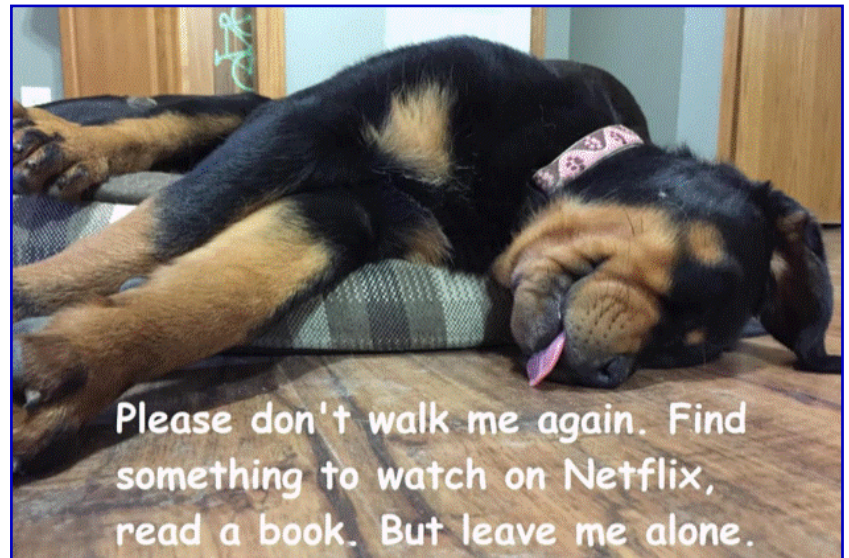
**Don’t visit your Gran, Jan,
Wipe down every toy, Roy,
Don’t hoard all the food, dude,
Please buy sensibly.**

**Just use some Purell, Mel,
Keep wipes near at hand, man.
Don’t listen to John, Don -
You don’t need more TP!**

**This isn’t Spring Break, Jake,
Stay home if you’re sick, Dick,
Just follow the rules, fools,
And stay virus free!**

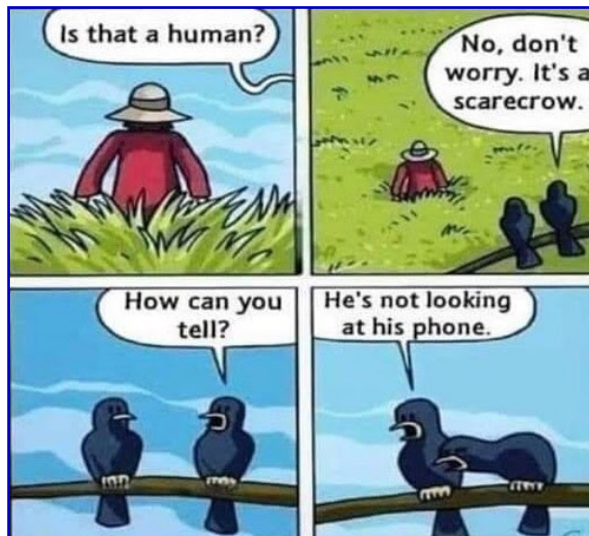
TO BRIGHTEN YOUR SPIRITS DURING THESE TRYING TIMES

From Ferryl Casselman



From Ricki Miles

**AND JUST LIKE THAT
HAVING A MASK,
RUBBER GLOVES,
DUCT TAPE,
PLASTIC SHEETING
AND ROPE IN YOUR
TRUNK IS OKAY**



IMPORTANT DATES 4 U

Meetings, Rehearsals, Holidays and River City Sound Birthdays

~ July 2020 ~

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 <i>Happy Birthday Drummond Brown</i>	29	30	1 <i>Canada Day No Rehearsal</i>	2	3	4 Dream Lover Audio Recording Deadline
5	6	7	8 Social Evening (7:00) <i>(Executive Meeting and Zoom Rehearsal in the case of bad weather)</i>	9	10 <i>Happy Birthday Tony Grosvenor</i>	11
12	13	14	15 Executive Meeting (5:30) Zoom Rehearsal (7:00) <i>(Social Evening Rain Date)</i>	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 <i>Happy Birthday Louise Malo</i> Zoom Rehearsal (7:00)	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 Zoom Rehearsal (7:00)	30	31	1

~ August 2020 ~

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 <i>Happy Birthday Bernie Gunn</i>	3	4 <i>Happy Birthday Paul Bullock</i>	5 TBD	6	7	8
9	10	11	12 TBD	13	14	15
16	17 <i>Happy Birthday Len Paluck & Paul Rondeau</i>	18	19 TBD	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 TBD	27	28	29
30	31					

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VP Music & Performance: Duncan Zaluski
VP Marketing & Public Relations: Drummond Brown
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Chorus Manager: Chris Magas

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Baritone Section: John Latham

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