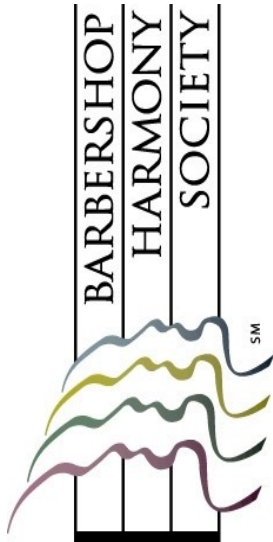




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IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

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

- August 12** Chorus picnic (6:00 p.m.)
- August 19** Rain date for picnic
- September 2** Music Committee Meeting (5:30 p.m.)
First fall zoom rehearsal (7:00 p.m.)
- September 9** Executive Meeting (5:30 p.m.)

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NOTES 4 U SUMMER SCHEDULE

While we are on summer break from zoom rehearsals, Notes 4 U will be issued on a bi-weekly schedule:

Issue 30 Wednesday, August 12
Issue 31 Wednesday, August 26

Please send any information for publication to Krista by Saturday noon ahead of these issue dates at:
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PERMANENT ZOOM MEETING REHEARSAL LINK

Join Zoom Meeting:
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Meeting ID: 844 5734 3549

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CHORUS REHEARSAL PLANS AND UPDATE

From Paul Bullock

Our next in-person event, the picnic, is scheduled for this coming Wednesday, August 12 at 6:00 p.m. The July event worked out so well that Gordon Billows put together a write-up about it with a photo montage for the Pitchpiper (thanks Gordon!). Hopefully other chapters in the District can take some inspiration from it. Please bring a mask to the picnic. If you find it difficult to maintain physical distancing, please wear your mask.

The final decision on the picnic date will be circulated to everyone on Monday evening. If the weather does not look favorable, the backup date is August 19. Shirley has provided lots of information about it in this edition of the newsletter.

Please note, the next newsletter is planned for 2 weeks from now and will resume a weekly schedule going forward from then.

The audio and video components for the “Dream Lover Video Project” are now all in hand. Thanks to everyone who took time to record either an audio or video track or both. The composite audio track is much improved from our first attempt, so give yourself a pat on the back! We can look forward to seeing the entire video composite very soon.

Our first fall zoom rehearsal will be Wednesday, September 2 at 7:00 p.m. We want to add some variety to our rehearsals to help maintain interest. In addition, to introducing new songs, there are other components we can add. For example, the Barbershop Harmony Society offers free 30-minute topics that they will deliver to virtual chapter meetings such as ours. The list of topics on offer can be viewed at this web site: <https://www.barbershop.org/virtual-chapter-visits>. A session on rehearsal techniques or warm-ups will be explored for our September 9 zoom rehearsal.

They are certainly many other possibilities. The upside of virtual rehearsals is that anyone in the entire world can join us! We have lots of very creative people in our chapter so if you have ideas for this, please notify Paul or Duncan.

We are considering a virtual Barbershopper of the Year (BOTY) event this fall. Ricki and Gary Miles have agreed to put their creative genius to work on developing a virtual version of our annual award night (thanks so much).



Enjoy these summer days and do your best to stay safe. We look forward to seeing everyone “in-person” very soon.



RIVER CITY SOUND PICNIC / SOCIAL EVENING

AUG 12 AT 6 PM (RAIN DATE AUGUST 19) - 12 PHIL-CHRIS WAY

From Shirley Christie

Our July social evening was so enjoyed and well attended that another social evening is planned. This time we are going to have a picnic. **After you have enjoyed your own prepared picnic supper, we will be offering cake and coffee taking every precaution to ensure all safety regulations are in place. We need to celebrate our having the opportunity to get together so what better way to enjoy this, than enjoying coffee and cake with friends.**

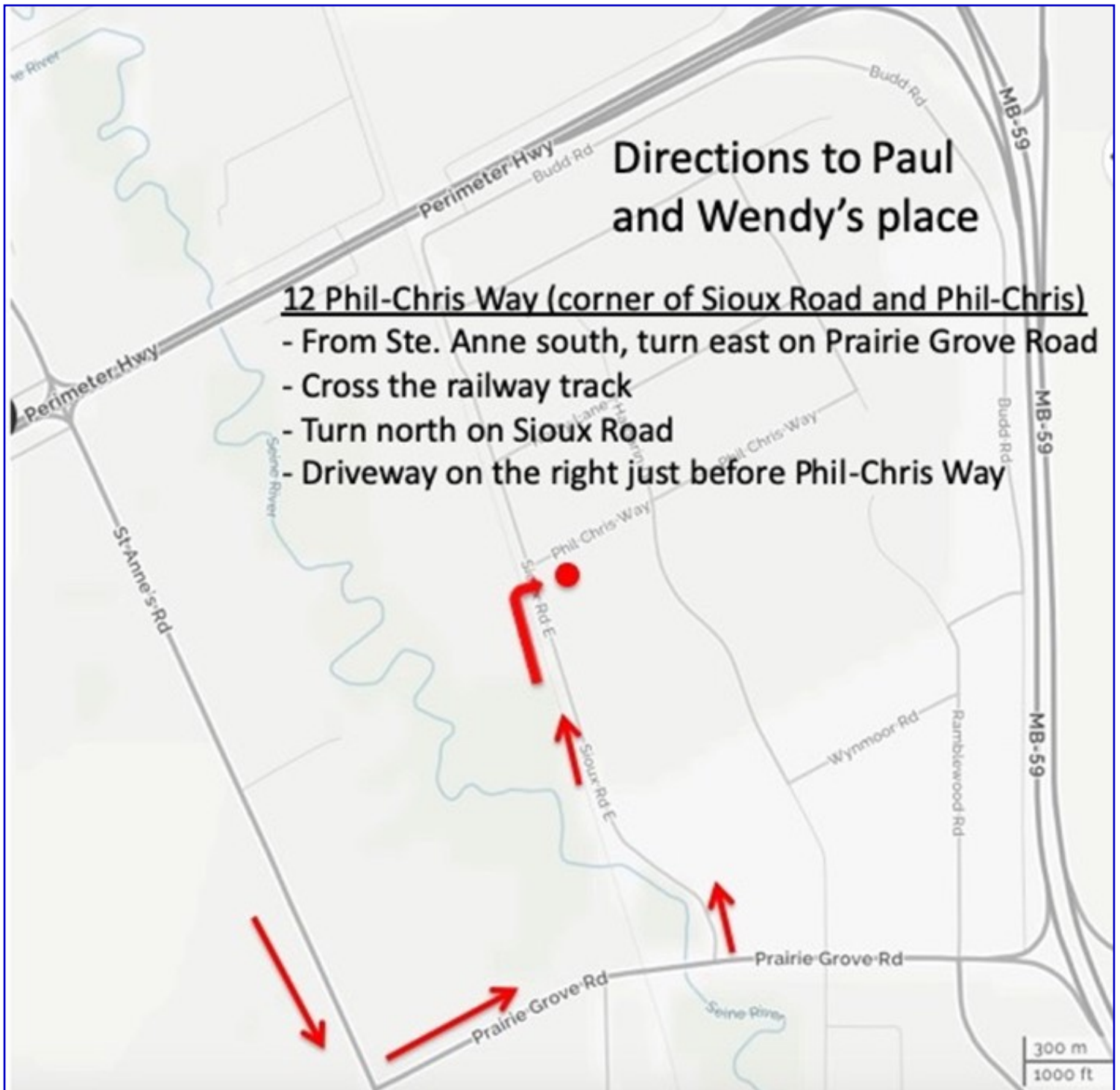
- Please plan to bring your picnic supper, along with all of the required accouterments (plates, cutlery, glasses, etc.) along with your lounge chair.
- If you have tv type tables they would be most welcome. We hope to have extra tables if you are in need of one.
- Every precaution will be taken to ensure the safety of each and every person who is willing and able to be there. Again there will be 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.
- There will be a table set up when you arrive – you will be asked the standard covid-19 questions, you will be asked to use the hand sanitizer and you will receive a name tag.
- We require that you bring a mask. We know you can't wear it to eat of course, but we do like to visit and if we are not adhering to the 6 foot rule, the wearing of a mask will be necessary. If you don't have a mask, there will be some available for you (at a small cost).
- There will be handicap parking in the driveway for about 4 cars.
- There is a washroom available inside the house but it is NOT wheelchair accessible.
- As at our July social evening, 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 picnic supper, and as those nasty little mosquitoes are now out, please bring your insect repellent.

The location is the home of Paul Bullock 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!



NEWS FROM SING CANADA HARMONY & BARBERSHOP HARMONY SOCIETY

From Gordon Billows

SING CANADA HARMONY MEMORIAL TRIBUTES - IAN TUCKER, PAUL STEIN, GORD SOUTHAM, HAROLD CASSELMAN

Many Winnipeg members have made memorial tribute donations to Sing Canada Harmony already. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated by the families and Sing Canada Harmony. For those of you who might still wish to donate, you may do so by providing me with a cheque (payable to Sing Canada Harmony) and donation form(s) or give online (<https://singcanadaharmony.ca/>). These were sent to members previously, but do contact me if you need them again. I plan to attend the River City Sound Picnic on Wednesday, Aug 12 and, if you provide your donation and form(s) to me there, I will do the processing in the next few days.

LEGACY OF QUARTETS CHAMPIONSHIP - AUG 22 AND 29. FREE VIEWING

Our Barbershop Harmony Society is hosting this two day Legacy of Quartets Championship featuring 20 very excellent quartets that did not get GOLD, but were close. This is a FREE event, but you can Register for Exclusive Access to chat rooms to interact with some of the top icons of our Society and to eventually vote for your favourite quartet. **At least 5 of these quartets were guests featured on Winnipeg Chapter shows - 139th St Quartet, Four Rascals, Four Chorders, Vagabonds and Night-hawks.** They thrilled our Winnipeg audiences and members - register and see these quartets perform.

For much more information to Register for Exclusive Access, to Watch for FREE (and to register for a reminder to be sent to you) and to Meet the Competitors, click on the following link: <https://www.barbershop.org/events/legacy-quartet-championship>

VIEW SOME LAND O' LAKES AND WINNIPEG CHAPTER HISTORY

The Minneapolis Commodores have been producing a number of video presentations for their Summer of Stars event. Here is the link to **Bob Dykstra's** video (My Barbershop Journey) where he describes the history of his two very famous quartets: **Hut Four and Salty Dogs**. Hut Four performed on the Winnipeg show in 1958, 1960, 1964, 1968 and the Salty Dogs in 1987 and 1999! They are part of Winnipeg's history. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Erf4tevF74o&feature=youtu.be>

***TUESDAY, AUGUST 11TH** is the Commodores next Summer of Stars presentation that features Society Contest Judge and Director Emeritus Paul Wigley, who is going to share his unique insights and what made the difference between Gold and Silver in "Great Moments from the International Judges Table". Instructions to view this is on this link: <https://insights.targetoutcome.com/summer-of-stars701721> This link will also give you access to the earlier videos - they are very informative and educational.

TO BRIGHTEN YOUR SPIRITS DURING THESE TRYING TIMES

From Brian Metcalfe



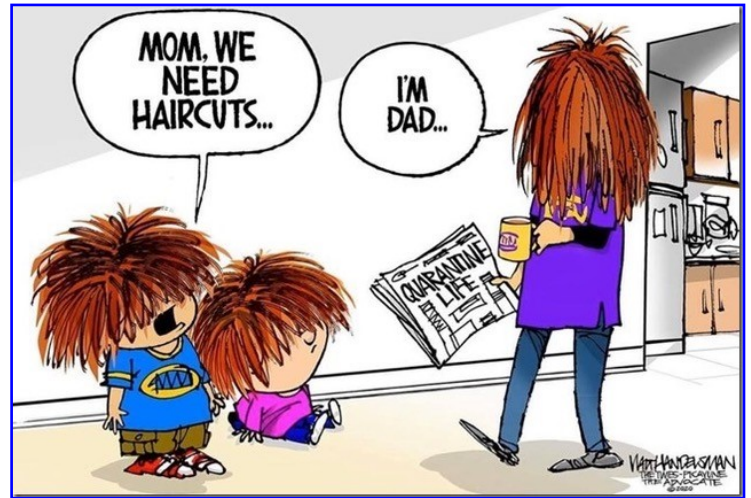
It's with great sadness that I have to mention the loss of a few further local businesses around our town:

- The bra manufacturer has gone bust.
- The specialist in submersibles has gone under.
- The manufacturer of food blenders has gone into liquidation.
- The dog kennels have had to call in the retrievers.
- The suppliers of paper for origami enthusiasts have folded.
- The Heinz factory has been canned as they couldn't ketchup with orders.
- The tarmac laying company has reached the end of the road.
- The bread company has run out of dough.
- The clock manufacturer has had to wind down.
- The shoe shop owner has had to put his foot down and given his staff the boot.
- The laundrette has been taken to the cleaners!
- The pet shop has gone to the dogs.
- The butcher has had the chop, the greengrocer is in a vegetative state.
- The venetian blind shop has closed, so it's curtains for us all.
- The wallpaper shop has taken a pasting.
- The fishmonger has been battered.
- The florist is now pushing up the daisies.
- The milkman's lost his bottle, and finally.
- The bread-man's toast!

GROAN!!!

TO BRIGHTEN YOUR SPIRITS DURING THESE TRYING TIMES

From Larry Bredesen



Me: Alexa, what's the weather going to be this weekend?

Alexa: Why? Where do you think you're going?



IMPORTANT DATES 4 U - AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 2020

Meetings, Rehearsals, Holidays and River City Sound Birthdays

~ August 2020 ~						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 <i>Happy Birthday Bernie Gunn</i>	3 <i>Terry Fox Day</i>	4 <i>Happy Birthday Paul Bullock</i>	5 No Rehearsal	6	7	8
9	10	11	12 Chorus Picnic (6:00) No Rehearsal	13	14	15
16	17 <i>Happy Birthday Len Paluck & Paul Rondeau</i>	18	19 Rain Date for Chorus Picnic No Rehearsal	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 No Rehearsal	27	28	29
30	31					

~ September 2020 ~						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Music Committee Meeting (5:30) Zoom Rehearsal (7:00)	3	4	5
6	7 <i>Labour Day</i>	8	9 Executive Meeting (5:30) Zoom Rehearsal (7:00)	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 <i>Happy Birthday Earl Golden</i> Zoom Rehearsal (7:00)	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 Zoom Rehearsal (7:00)	24	25	26
27 <i>Happy Birthday Milt Muldrew</i>	28	29	30 Zoom Rehearsal (7:00)			

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2020 Chapter Executive

President: Paul Bullock
Executive VP: vacant
Past President: Bruce Wilton
VP Membership & Chapter Development: Larry Bredesen
VP Music & Performance: Duncan Zaluski
VP Marketing & Public Relations: Drummond Brown
Secretary: Charles Siegel
Treasurer: Bruce Wilton
Chorus Manager: Chris Magas

Board Members at Large

Ken Broadfoot, Les Creek, Shirley Christie, Gayle Whar-ton, Henry Graham

2020 Music Committee

VP Music & Performance: Duncan Zaluski
Co-Directors: Sherrie Bredesen & Larry Hunter
Assistant Director: vacant
Tenor Section: Duncan Zaluski
Lead Section: Chris Magas
Bass Section: Larry Bredesen, Asst. Bruce Wilton
Baritone Section: Paul Bullock, John Latham

2020 Leadership Positions

Accountant: Gary Miles
Attendance & 50/50: Norm Silverberg
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Charities: vacant
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Learn To Sing Program: Les Creek, Len Paluck, Paul Rondeau
Grey Cup Pool Chair: Ken Broadfoot
Historian: Gordon Billows
Music Librarian: Wendy Lamont
Notes 4 U Editor: Krista Hanis-Gervais
Program Director: Duncan Zaluski
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Sing Canada Harmony: Gordon Billows
Sunshine: Brian Metcalfe
Wardrobe: Les Creek, Charlie Siegel, Louise Malo
Website: Chris Magas
Youth Outreach: Drummond Brown
2021 Show Producer: Les Creek
2021 Show Chairman: vacant
Chapter Advocate for the Winnipeg Chapter: Gordon Billows