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IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

**October 6 Music Committee Meeting 5:15
RETURN TO ST. ANDREW'S!!!**

October 13 Executive Committee Meeting. 5:30

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SEPTEMBER 22 2021

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Chorus Rehearsal Plans and Update

from Paul Bullock

We will have another garage rehearsal this Wednesday from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m., rain or shine.

We have some new and very positive information to share about our return to indoor rehearsals at St. Andrew's (in addition to Wendy and her crew doing further cleaning in the storage area this weekend). The new information is a "game-changer" and many thanks to Gayle who tracked it down for us. All will be revealed on Wednesday evening.

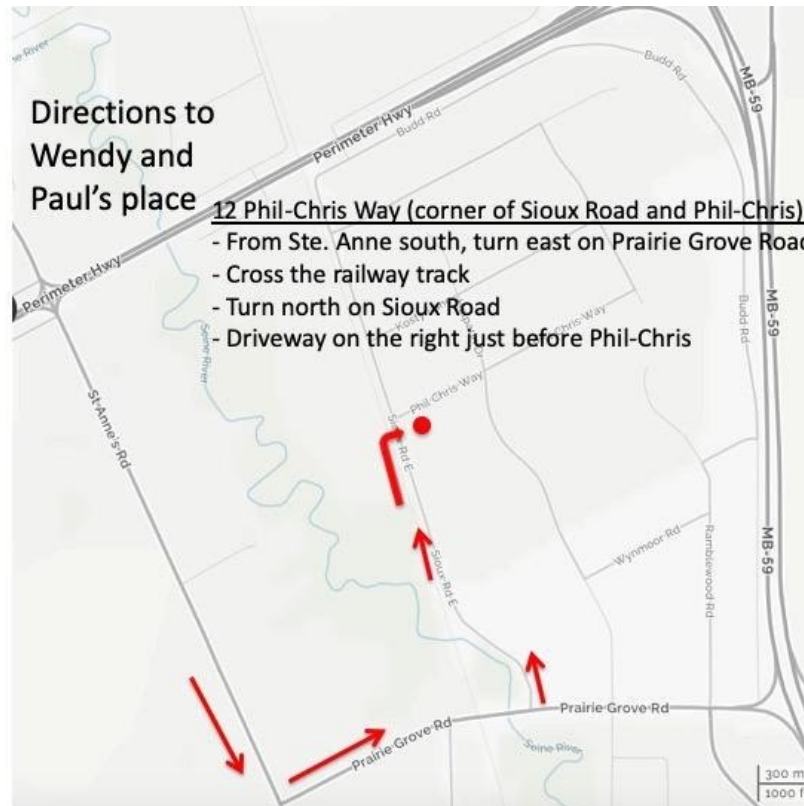
Our repertoire songs are sounding very good. The final 2 songs for the Christmas show (For the Longest Time, Silent Night) have been re-introduced. Our next goal is to get all of our songs off the page and polished up for performance. It has been amazing how quickly we have regained our ensemble singing ability. Let's keep it going.

See you Wednesday.



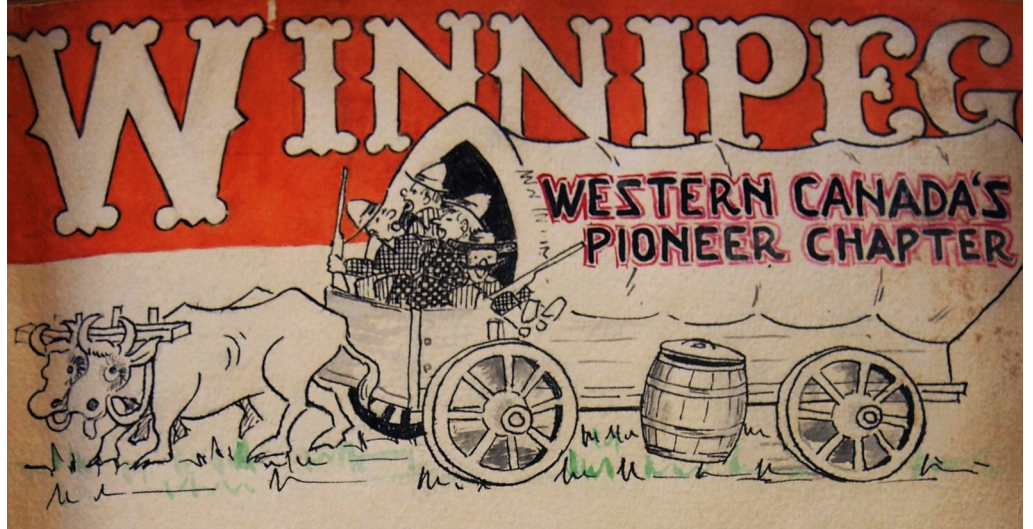
REHEARSAL VENUE SEPTEMBER 2021

12 PHIL-CHRIS WAY



OUR BEGINNING

By Gordon Billows—Chapter Historian



This all began back in 1947 when two Winnipeg men (Jack Galbraith and Charlie Brenan) were discussing a radio program from Toronto's Massey Hall. Although they were both aware that a Barbershop Quartet Society existed in the United States, the program they heard was their first knowledge that the Society had crossed the border and had several Chapters in Eastern Canada. If such an organization could take hold in the East, they felt sure it would be successful in Winnipeg. The next step was to obtain names of men who would be interested in Barbershop Quartet singing. Newspaper advertisements and about twenty letters were sent out giving notice of an organizational meeting.

On April 28, 1948 Charlie Brenan sent a letter to International Headquarters in Detroit expressing interest in forming the first SPEBSQSA chapter in Western Canada. This was the start of correspondence that resulted in the formation of the Society's 533rd and Canada's 18th chapter — Winnipeg Chapter. An immediate reply was received, with helpful literature following almost daily.

The inaugural meeting was held at CKRC radio studios (formally Greg's Dinette at Portage and Clifton) on June 23, 1948 and was attended by 49 enthusiastic men. As the Press put it ... Barbershop Quartet singing was dragged from obscurity. Charlie Brenan's Ashpit Four quartet demonstrated close Barbershop harmony with their rendition of "Roll Them Bones". While the nominating committee stepped out to pick a slate, the remaining men had a close harmony singalong — "I Was Seeing Nellie Home", "I Had a Dream", "In the Evening by the Moonlight" and "Moonlight Bay". Winnipeg Chapter's first president was Jack Galbraith.

Winnipeg Chapter received its Charter on November 5th of that year, when eighteen members of the sponsoring Chapter, Virginia, Minn., journeyed 360 miles to attend an evening of harmony at the Marlborough Hotel. By this time the membership had increased to sixty-two, which included five quartets. That evening was a tremendous success with the members, but could we sell this type of entertainment to the public? A show (called a Parade by the Society) would be the only way to find out, and on April 2nd, 1949, Winnipeg's first Parade of Quartets was held. The show was sold out and the comments and criticisms heard later were most favourable. From that first Parade on, the members of the Winnipeg Chapter of the SPEBSQSA have been busy, but happy men putting on countless shows for churches, hospitals, home and school organizations, service clubs, etc., both in Winnipeg and rural Manitoba.

Ringing Barbershop chords in Winnipeg continued!

Free singing apps to make you a better vocalist
shared by Larry Hunter

A list of apps members may consider using for improving their vocal skills at home:

<https://myvocalskills.com/8-free-singing-apps-that-make-you-a-better-vocalist>



REHEARSAL SCHEDULE - SEPTEMBER 22 2021

from Les Creek



**PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU HAVE: ALL OF YOUR NEW MUSIC,
CURRENT REPERTOIRE & BARBERPOLECAT SONGBOOK**

6:55 to 7:00 Greetings
7:00 to 7:30 Warmups and Choreography
7:30 to 8:15 Sectionals

For the Longest Time
Silent Night
Light One Candle
Imagine
Section Leader choice (Christmas or Regular repertoire)



8:15 to 8:50 Chorus Rehearsal of Sectional Music Off the Page Date
For the Longest Time Oct.6
Silent Night Oct. 13
Light One Candle Oct. 1

8:50 to 9:00 Break and Business Meeting

9:00 to 9:55 Repertoire Review
Bridge Over Troubled Water Now
15 minutes on interpretation
Imagine Now
Kneeling at the Manger Now
Everybody's Waiting for the Man Now
Merry Christmas Darling Now
When I'm 64 Now
Rhythm of Love tbd



9:55 Wrap Up and Final Song

Planned Upcoming Rehearsal Music (Subject to change !!!)

| | New(er) Music | Repertoire Review |
|----------------|--|--|
| Sept.29 | For the Longest Time Silent Night Light one Candle | Christmas Show Music He's got the Whole World |
| Oct. 6 | Peace,Peace Director's Choice | Director's Choice |

TO BRIGHTEN YOUR SPIRITS DURING THESE TRYING TIMES

Contributed by various chorus members

Sometimes, I shock myself with the smart stuff I say and do. Other times, I try to get out of the car with my seat belt on.

This is Buddy , I bought him as a surprise present for my husband but it turns out he's allergic to dogs . So unfortunately I'm going to have to find a new home for him , and I'm just wondering if anyone out there can help ? . His name is Alan, he's 61, great at DIY, drives a nice car and plans wonderful holidays.



Posted a photo of my clean house and it was flagged and removed as "Fake News"

My wife will be coming back home today. I haven't cleaned or done the dishes for a week. Now she'll see that I can't live without her. I'm so romantic!

IMPORTANT DATES 4 U - SEPTEMBER OCTOBER 2021

Meetings, Rehearsals, Holidays and River City Sound Member Birthdays

~ September 2021 ~

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | 1 Music Cmte Mtg. 5:15 Rehearsal 7:00 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 Executive meeting 5:30 p.m. Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. | 16 Happy Birthday Earl Golden | 17 | 18 |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26 | 27 Happy Birthday Milt Muldrew | 28 | 29 Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. | 30 | | |

~ October 2021 ~

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| | | | | | 1 | 2 Happy Birthday John Latham |
| 3 | 4 Happy Birthday Ken Finnbogason | 5 | 6 Music Cmte. Mtg 5:15 Rehearsa 7:00 p.m/ Details t.b.a. | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 Executive Ntg. 5:30 Rehearsal 7:00 p.m/ Details t.b.a. | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 Rehearsal 7:00 p.m/ Details t.b.a. | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24  | 25 | 26 | 27 Rehearsal 7:00 p.m/ Details t.b.a. | 28 Happy Birthday Doug Buffie | 29 | 30 |

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Notes 4 U

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2021 Chapter Executive

President: Paul Bullock
Executive VP: vacant
Past President: Bruce Wilton
VP Membership & Chapter Development: Wendy Lamont
VP Music & Performance: Les Creek
VP Marketing & Public Relations: Gayle Wharton, Shirley Christie
Secretary: Larry Bredesen
Treasurer: Bruce Wilton
Chorus Manager: Chris Magas
Board Members at Large: Becki Ammeter, Herold Driedger, Ferryl Casselman

2021 Music Committee

VP Music & Performance: Les Creek
Chorus Directors: Sherrie Bredesen, Larry Hunter
Tenor Section: Becki Ammeter
Lead Section: Chris Magas
Baritone Section: Paul Bullock, John Latham
Bass Section: Larry Bredesen, Bruce Wilton
Performance & Staging: Gayle Wharton
Music Research: Duncan Zaluski
Sheet Music Librarian: Len Paluck
Learning Track Librarian: Duncan Zaluski

2021 Leadership Positions

Accountant: Gary Miles
Zoom Meeting Attendance: Wendy Lamont
In-person Meeting Attendance: Norm Silverberg
50/50: Norm Silverberg
Awards Banquet Chairs: Gary & Ricki Miles
Charities: vacant
Church Xmas Chorus: Bruce Wilton
Learn to Sing Program: Len Paluck, Wendy Lamont, Ferryl Casselman
Grey Cup Pool Chair: vacant
Historian: Gordon Billows
Notes 4 U Team: Mae Denby, Becki Ammeter
Refreshments: Norm Silverberg, John Latham, Len Paluck
Sing Canada Harmony: Gordon Billows
Sunshine: Brian Metcalfe
Wardrobe: Charlie Siegel; Donna Paryniuk
Website: Chris Magas
2022 Show Producer: Les Creek
2022 Show Chairman: vacant
Advocate for the Winnipeg Chapter: Gordon Billows