

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

MUSIC COMMITTEE MEETING JANUARY 5

EXEC COMMITTEE JANUARY 12

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SPECIAL NOTICE

NEW ZOOM LINK: [HTTPS://US02WEB.ZOOM.US/J/84457343549?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84457343549?)

Deadline for contributions to Notes 4 U is noon Saturday. Please send your information to Mae at Denby.mae@gmail.com to have it included



PRESIDENT'S MUSINGS

BY ROB SMITH



I just returned from my second walk of this beautiful New Year's day. Our dog, Tia tries to keep me active and I'm already at over 6000 steps of the daily target of 10,000. As I was walking north on a deserted rural road I could feel the warmth of the sun on my back although it is still -30C. That warmth gives me optimism that things are going to get better.



Although we had to make the decision to return to Zoom rehearsal this next Wednesday, I hear reports that daily case numbers are declining in South Africa where the Omicron variant was first identified. Canadian lockdowns are required to protect our health care system for now but better days are ahead. Many of us had to cut back on seasonal family gatherings due to Covid (two of our granddaughters and one son-in-law contracted it). Many families have difficult decisions where some of their family are not yet vaccinated. However, in our chorus all are at least double vaccinated and many of us have had our booster shot or have appointments for it.

At our next executive meeting we will consider how to proceed from here. Depending on provincial health orders and considering the safety of our members we may need to use Zoom for a while. However, we were all certainly enjoying the return to in person rehearsals and as soon as possible we will be back there. The protocols, N95 masks if necessary, air purifiers etc. all help to protect us but singing and camaraderie does great things for our mental health. It is a matter of balance. The Critical Planning meeting initially scheduled for Jan 20th may have to be re-scheduled. It would sure be better to hold that type of session "in person".

I am pleased to once again be your president. The last time was in 2000. I look forward to good things ahead. Members are already planning for performance venues, sound system requirements and seeking financial support for our endeavours. We have an engaged music team and executive. I expect great things for 2022.



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>

“A CHRISTMAS (PERFORMANCE) TO REMEMBER”

From Brian Metcalfe

Many of my family and friends, who attended our Christmas show on Dec. 11, were delighted with the music, and the “fun” that our chorus projected while engaged in performing. One individual who sings in another choir told me he thought the acoustics and microphone balance were exceptional. Such important positive feedback should be directed to Les Creek. He spent many hours both at home and at rehearsal trying to master the intricacies of audio software and how to enhance monitoring speakers through creative mixer applications and microphone balance.

My wife Sally, who spent much time in the narthex with our grand-daughter, indicated that the women in our chorus performed “O Holy Night” beautifully and matched the sound of the entire Assiniboine Chorus of past years.

Thanks to all performers for working so hard on their music, lyrics, & Gayle’s & Larry B’s choreography. In addition, a special thanks to the work of the Christmas Show Committee and the host of volunteers that helped to make our shows a success in spite of the ever-present Covid challenges.

I thought I’d share information about ticket sales:

- TOTAL CHORUS TICKET SALES: \$5,440.00
- WALK-UP SALES AT THE DOOR: \$780.00
- TOTAL EVENTBRITE ONLINE SALES: \$700.00
- **TOTAL REVENUE FROM ALL TICKET SALES: \$6,920.00**

Although many of our chorus sold tickets, it seems appropriate to identify our top sales individuals:

- ◆ Wendy Lamont - \$500
- ◆ Herold Driedger - \$460
- ◆ Bruce Wilton - \$440
- ◆ Milt Muldrew - \$400
- ◆ Les Creek - \$380
- ◆ Rob Smih - \$340
- ◆ Gayle Wharton - \$300
- ◆ Brian Metcalfe - \$300



Although we collected \$6,920 in total ticket sales, there are many expenses to be considered including: church rental, sound technician, printing program & tickets, store sign laminating, etc. Although our final profits may be less than Christmas shows in past, we gained so much through our actual performance for an appreciative audience. That feeling of success ... is priceless!

ANNOUNCEMENTS



CHRISTMAS SHOW COMMITTEE — from Shirley Christie

Happy New Year. I am scheduling a meeting of our committee to finalize things with regard the Christmas shows on December 11th. I don't think it will take a lot of time but will schedule for 5:45 on January 19th, which should give us an hour to review the various aspects of the performances, finalize finances, ticket sales, etc. and pass on any recommendations to the executive for the next Christmas show committee.

I am hoping this meeting can be done in person at the church, but if that's not feasible we will go with a zoom meeting. I will let you know well in advance of the date.

LEADERSHIP ACADEMY—from Gordon Billows

A key reminder is we have important training coming up on Saturday, January 8th. Following are the links to our Leadership Academy and also a training class from Harmony Hall on the Member Center.

Leadership Academy Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84819337639?pwd=YmhOakVrMEJ2QVhHMmgyQnhQTk4zdz09>

Meeting ID: 848 1933 7639

Passcode: LTA (all Caps)

Secretary and Treasurer class starts at 8:45 AM Central

President plus all other chapter leaders class starts at 9:00 AM Central.

Member Center Training—good information for all members!

Zoom Link; <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87953129519>

Class starts at 1:00 PM Central.



GREY CUP POOL WINNERS— from Len Paluck



Many thanks to all the RCS members who bought and sold Grey Cup Pool tickets in the weeks leading up to the game. We sold all 900 tickets and raised over \$1000. for our chorus. Congratulations to the winners!

RCS GREY CUP POOL TICKET WINNERS 2021

First Quarter: EAST 0 WEST 4

Correct Score: **Randy Hiebert** \$100. Reverse: **Bob Tate** \$25.

Second Quarter: EAST 10 WEST 7

Correct Score: **Alice Kashty** \$100. Reverse: **Ken Broadfoot** \$25.

Third Quarter: EAST 19 WEST 10

Correct Score: **Myron Paryniuk** \$100. Reverse: **Doug Klewer** \$25.

Final Score: EAST 25 WEST 33

Correct Score: **Chris Magus** \$200. Reverse: **Tanis Mabon** \$50.





REHEARSAL SCHEDULE - JANUARY 5 2022



from Les Creek

Happy new year to everyone!! I want to congratulate you all for a great performance on December 11th, and to thank everyone for your help in all of the logistical work that had to happen to make the show such a success. I received many very positive comments from the audience, and we can now look forward to repeating the success at the spring show.

Speaking of the spring show, we are in real need of a show chairperson. This role is critical to mounting the performance, and the organization of the non-musical aspects of the show needs to start right away. The task list for the show chairperson that is on our website looks daunting at first read, but one must realize that the role is primarily one of coordination. Bruce Wilton has offered to mentor and assist the new show chairperson, and I think that we have learned ways to make the task easier, since we've just completed the Christmas show. Many of our members volunteer to take on the individual tasks (i.e.. Many Hands Make Light Work), so please seriously consider stepping into this role. The target date for the spring show is late April or early May (to be determined), so we have approximately 3 1/2 months to make it happen.

Hopefully we will soon be able to rehearse in person.

6:55 to 7:05	Greetings	
7:05 to 7:25	Warmups	
7:30	New(er) Music	
	Do You Hear The People Sing	
	Keep the Whole World Singing	
7:35 to 8:05	Sectional Breakout	
	Do You Hear The People Sing	
	Keep the Whole World Singing	
8:05 to 8:20	Do You Hear The People Sing – mix	
	Keep the Whole World Singing	
8:20 to 8:45	Repertoire Review	
	Imagine	
	Dream Lover	
8:45 to 8:55	Business Meeting	
8:55	Final Song	Irish Blessing
9:00 to 9:15	Afterglow and Music Team review (in tenor room)	

Planned Upcoming Rehearsal Music (SUBJECT TO CHANGE!!!)

	New(er) Music	Repertoire Review
Jan 12	Do You Hear The People Sing?	Dream Lover
	Rhythm of Love	Imagine



PAST MOMENTS

From Gordon Billows –Chapter Historian

1950 Flood - Barbershop Volunteers

(from the April 29, 1950 The March of Harmony—Winnipeg newsletter)



RACE WITH A RIVER: Soldiers and civilian volunteers labored for weeks to heighten the dikes in the Elm Park area but the Red flood rose steadily.

The turn out of our member to assist with the sand bagging in the Elm Park District was marvelous and along with the hard work was some mighty fine singing. The Mixed-up Four did a nice job. This quartet consisted of Charlie Brenan, Lorne Mc Millan, Cliff Hyslop and Jack Wilkes who were suitably attired in coveralls etc. The number that were out on this particular night enabled some chorus singing in front of Charlie Read's house while the fellows were munching sandwiches and drinking coffee provided by the Red Cross during a bit of a rest period. From remarks overheard from residents, they not only appreciated the assistance in filling and piling sand bags, but also the singing did help to divert thoughts from the slowly rising river. In view of flood conditions, Brandon post dated their Charter night to May 20th.



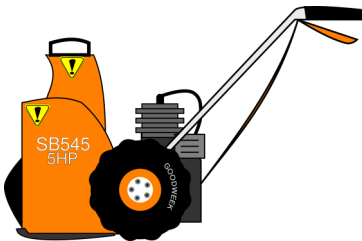
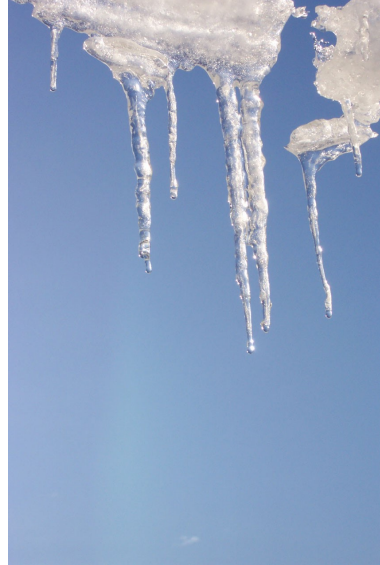
Same time, same city, different sources



TO BRIGHTEN YOUR SPIRITS



OK, Show of hands...
Who's tired of snow?



Snowball

I _____ myself a snowball
 As perfect as _____ be.
 I thought _____ keep it as a pet
 _____ let it sleep with me.
 I made it _____ pajamas
 And a pillow _____ its head.
 _____ last night, it ran away.
 But _____ - it wet the bed!

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 Then
 Some




IMPORTANT DATES 4 U - JANUARY –FEBRUARY 2022

~ JANUARY 2022 ~

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 Happy Birthday Chris Magas	3	4 Happy Birthday Shirley Christie	5 Music Cmte Meeting Rehearsal 7:00	6	7 Happy Birthday Charles Siegel	1/8
9	10	11	12 Exec Cmte Meeting Rehearsal 7:00	13	14	15
16	17	18	19 Christmas Show Committee 5:45 Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.	20 Happy Birthday Henry Graham	21 Happy Birthday Gordon Billows	22
23	24	25	26 Happy Birthday Les Creek	27 Becki Ammeter	28	29
30	31		Reearsal 7:00 p.m.			

~ February 2022~

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Happy Birthday Brian Strong	2 Rehearsal 7:00	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 Rehearsal 7:00	10 Happy Birthday Brian Duplak	11	12
13	14 	15	16 Rehearsal 7:00	17 Happy Birthday David Petrie	18	19
20	21	22	23 Rehearsal 7:00	24	25	26
27	28					
						



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2022 Chapter Executive

President: Rob Smith

Executive VP: Wendy Lamont

Past President: Paul Bullock

VP Membership & Chapter Development: Wendy Lamont

VP Music & Performance: Les Creek

VP Marketing & Public Relations: Gayle Wharton

Secretary: Shirley Christie

Treasurer: Bruce Wilton

Chorus Manager: vacant

Board Members at Large: Becki Ammeter, Herold Driedger, Ferryl Casselman

2021 Music Committee (not yet updated)

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 (not yet updated)

Accountant: Gary Miles

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: Len Paluck,