

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

RCS Strategic planning session March 12

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2022 ZOOM link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84457343549?pwd=ZGJmeUIJTl5Nnp1Ly9sNGQxYkxPUT09>

This week only! Deadline extended to Sunday noon.

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.



Thanks!



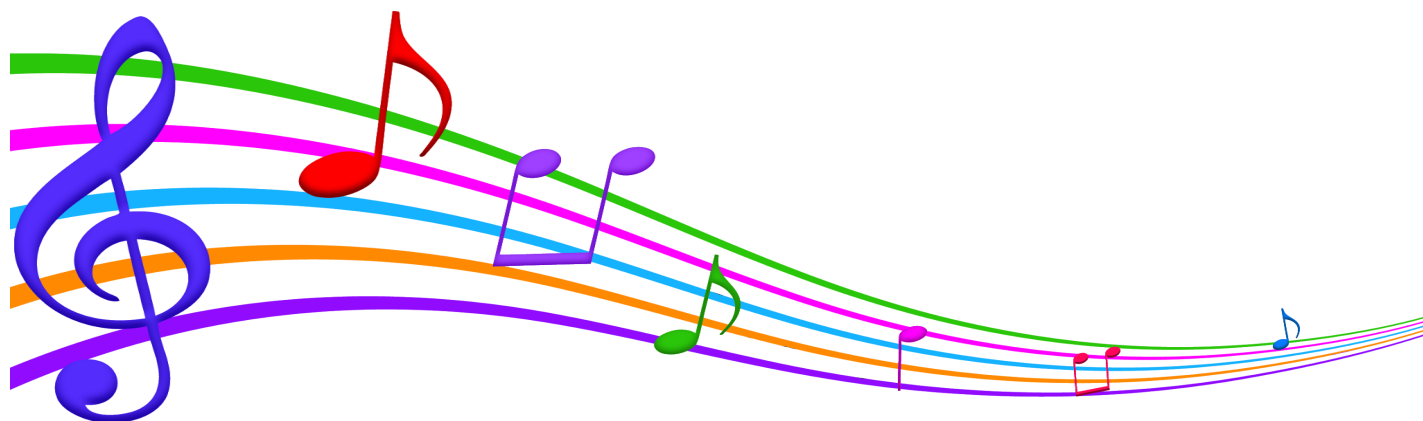
PRESIDENT'S MUSINGS

By Rob Smith

Wasn't it wonderful to be back rehearsing in person on Wednesday? The turn out was really good and the music sounded great including our new music. Folks have obviously been working on it. It was also my first time as current president to be out in front as the Program person. I remember when I was Program & Performance Chair in the mid 1990s. I felt somewhat uncomfortable being out in front, keeping things moving along so all can have a great rehearsal. In particular I feel awkward in my timing of "Hello Paul" response Hello Paul clap. I will improve on that but appreciate that others such as Larry, helped out. There are however things I am good at, both in running meetings and in learning music. I recognize that we are a diverse group and each have skills that are important to the whole. Wendy and Ferryl are great at making our physical warm-up fun and effective. Bruce is great not only at managing our finances but also in approaching the right person to fill many of the chapter roles. Brian is great at supporting and encouraging members and in helping out with computer technical challenges. Les is great at planning the weekly program and in preparing the learning tracks to be uploaded to our member web page. There are many more of you beyond these few examples. You all have differing skills and comfort levels but together we make a strong organization and together we move forward. Thanks to each of you for contributing your part to this wonderful organization.

Until next time, In Harmony,

Rob



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>

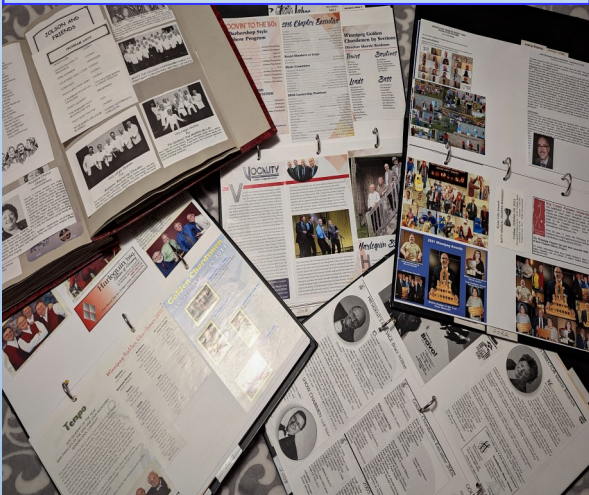
ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Strategic Planning Session is happening this coming Saturday! See page 4!

OYEZ! OYEZ!

The deadline for submissions/contributions to NOTES 4 U will be put back to Sunday noon to accommodate news and views anticipated to be generated at the strategic planning session (also to give people a little more time).

Got that story done yet?



STRATEGIC PLANNING

.Final Notice to All Chapter Members
River City Sound Strategic Planning Session
Saturday, March 12
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Norwood Hotel

Thank-you to everyone who responded to the questions. It is very impressive to see how much thought you have given to these important matters. In fact, so many have shared an opinion that a written summary of the responses will be circulated to all members ahead of the meeting on March 12. The information will also be available at the meeting but there will not be enough time to go through everything in detail. It will be helpful if you can review the written responses beforehand so the meeting can concentrate on recommending concrete actions.

Thanks also to all members planning to attend in-person and who have paid \$10. If you plan to attend in-person and have not already done so, you can pay Paul in-person at rehearsal on Wednesday or, if you prefer, you can use e-transfer to prof.p.bullock@gmail.com (put "RCS Planning session" in the message portion of the transfer).

Coffee will be available at 10:00 and a buffet lunch will be provided.

If you are unable to attend in-person, you can use the regular Wednesday night rehearsal zoom link to attend virtually. Please notify Paul at the email above if you plan to attend using zoom.

Agenda for March 12

9:50 to 10:00 a.m. Assemble at the Norwood, grab a coffee and get settled

10:00 to 10:10 a.m. Opening, background and outline of goals for the session

10:10 to 10:30 a.m. Review of RCS Purpose and Mission Statements

10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Discussion and ideas about membership

11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Discussion and ideas about performances

12:30 to 1:15 p.m. Lunch

1:15 to 2:15 p.m. Discussion and ideas about Chapter Finances and Leadership

2:15 to 3:00 p.m. Summary, priority actions, wrap up



REHEARSAL SCHEDULE - MARCH 9 2022



from Les Creek



6:55 to 7:00
7:00 to 7:25
7:25 to 8:15

Greetings
Warmups and Craft
Sectionals
 I'm Gonna Be (500 Miles)
 Can't Help Falling in Love
 I Want To Hold Your Hand
 Do You Hear The People Sing

8:15 to 8:50

Chorus Rehearsal of Sectional Music
 I'm Gonna Be
 Can't Help Falling in Love
 Yesterday
 I Want To Hold Your Hand
 Do You Hear the People Sing

Off the page date
Mar 30
Mar 30
Mar 23
Mar 16
Mar 23

8:50 to 9:00

Break and Business Meeting

9:00 to 9:55

Show Song Review
 Rhythm of Love
 Beach Boys / Dream Lover Medley
 Hello Mary Lou
 Bridge Over Troubled Water
 Imagine
 Daydream

Mar 16
Mar 9
Now
Now
Now
Now



9:55

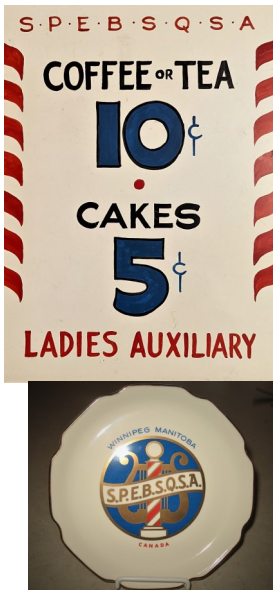
Wrap up and Final Song Irish Blessing

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

	New(er) Music	Repertoire Review
Mar 16	Unchained Melody	Imagine
	Best of Doo Wop	Let There Be Peace on Earth
I	Want to Hold Your Hand	Rhythm of Love
	Yesterday	Daydream
	I'm Gonna Be	
Mar 23	Unchained Melody	Director's choice
	Section leader's choice	

GOLDEN NOTES 1

From Gordon Billows, Chapter Historian



Winnipeg Chapter's Ladies Auxiliary/Harmony Helpers

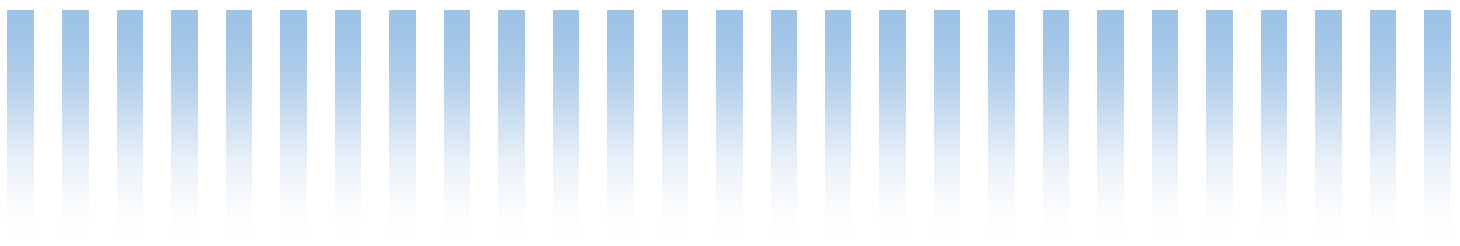
When the Winnipeg Chapter formed in 1948, many of the members' wives became very dedicated supporters of their husbands' barbershopping passion. On August 1964, sixteen Barbershoppers' wives got together to officially form a Ladies Auxiliary. Their support was mentioned in many show programs through the years. A 1976 article listed some of their activities: organizing Christmas parties, picnics, wiener/corn roasts, skating/bowling/dance parties, sewing/altering costumes, and volunteering to do whatever was needed to bring success to the Chapter. At the Wednesday night rehearsals, the ladies brewed thousands of cups of coffee and provided cookies and other goodies. Their financial records showed that they raised in excess of \$6000 for the Chapter over 12 years. In 1965, it was the Ladies Auxiliary that started donating the coveted Winnipeg Chapter souvenir plates to visiting quartets. The Spring and Fall rummage sales at St. Mary's Hall downtown were always very successful! In the summer of 1981, the Harmony Helpers' presented \$2500 to the Chapter and their Fall rummage sale raised \$1250. The Ladies Auxiliary was indeed a valuable asset to the Winnipeg Chapter.

On Nov. 1976, the Ladies Auxiliary made a name change to better describe their group. Their 20 members submitted 21 possible names for consideration. "HARMONY HELPERS" was the one selected. BTW—from the approximately 60 Wpg. Chapter members, 0 names were submitted—NIL. Come on guys!

There was very little information/mention about the Harmony Helpers in our Chapter's history binders or show programs since ~1988. However, the Harmony Helpers did continue their official fund-raising and support activities up until the early 2000's when they disbanded. The Winnipeg Chapter acknowledged their contributions by presenting each Harmony Helper with a very appropriate gold treble clef.



Since ~2002, the former Harmony Helpers and many of our current spouses continue to be involved in supporting our Chapter activities. They have been our show performers, ticket takers, ushers, decorators, BBQ food preparers, sales persons, and have done a great job of reminding us about important Chapter dates. For the most part, they remain anonymous except for the occasional mention in the show programs or in the Chapter newsletters. **Our "Harmony Helpers", then, now, and always are sincerely appreciated!**



GOLDEN NOTES (2)

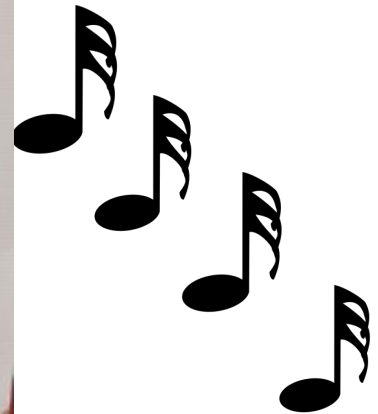


Asgeirson, Kay 1125 Downing St Wpg-R3E 2R4	774-8839	Erickson, Edna 11 Galigneau Bay Wpg R2J 1T7	253-285
Billows, Paula 125 Shorecrest Dr Wpg R3P 0V1	284-1145 488-2009	Fast, Aggie 560 Pritchard Farm Rd Wpg R3E 0B4	661-143
Bloomfield, Elsy 46 San ale Wpg R2N 1A2	255-2377 (Dec)	Gilbert, Anne 46 Moccasin Bay Wpg R2Y 0S1	889-9020
Burt, Betty 511-59 Wilmot Place Wpg R3L 2K1	452-9774 (Dec)	Harris, June 50 Normandy Dr Wpg R2Y 1H9	837-6765
Carmichael, Lorraine 134 Athlone Dr Wpg R3J 3L5	889-9937	Kent, Davette 1044 Byng Place Wpg R3T 0V8	475-0880
Casselman, Dorothy 213 Red Oak Dr Wpg R2G 3A3	667-4303 (Dec)	Mackling, Ruth 205-850 Cambridge Wpg (Code 42) (Dec)	452-7394
Charles, Dorothy 314 Milford St Wpg R2L 1Z6	667-4664 (Dec)	Pateman, Betty 271 Oakview Ave Wpg R2K 0S1	661-0260 (Dec)
Chabluk, Rosemary 498 Main St Oakbank ROE 1J0	444-2821	Semchuck, Elfrieda 555 Bruce Ave Wpg R3J 0W4	885-7940
Chapper, Lorraine 35 Longfellow Bay Wpg R3K 1H8	889-5610 (Dec)	Taylor, Linda 40 Blueberry Bay Wpg R2J 2G7	256-6091
Christopherson, Arlene 604 Pine Dr Oakbank ROE 1J0	475-3907 1-444-3364	Thomlinson, Sharon 55 Cortez Bay Wpg R3K 0H9	837-6880
Cobb, Betty 329-1145 Dakota St. Wpg R2N 0T3	256-8145 Wpg R2N 0H7	McDowell, Shirley (Dec)	
Cottreau, Billie 707 Elm St Wpg R3M 3N8	284-6304 (Dec)	Rollen, Emily (Dec)	

Group pictures are from ~1985 and June Harris's yard ~ 2002.

Back row: June Harris, Janet Plewes, Paula Billows, Shirley Muir, Shirley McDowell, Elfrieda Semchuk, Glenda Blatz, Sharon Tomlinson, Betty Cobb, Taisia Smellie, Helen LaRue, Kay Asgeirson

Front row: Ruby Fraser, Pat Roberts, Dorothy Charles, Anne Gilbert, Aggie Fast, Arline Christopherson



Harmony Helpers' Roster

1985

TO BRIGHTEN YOUR SPIRITS DURING THESE TRYING TIMES



From Gordon Billows



From Larry Bredesen



Have you ever tried to teach a lead three measures of music in which they are asked to give up the melody line?

These appeared in last week's issue without acknowledgement of the contributors. Sorry about that!

From Brian Metcalfe From Larry Bredesen



From Gordon Billows






A DAY WITHOUT MUSIC IS LIKE... JUST KIDDING I HAVE NO IDEA



~ March 2022~

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Happy Birthday Bruce Wilton Music Cmte 5:30 Rehearsal 7:00	3	4	5 Happy Birthday Jerry Moscovitch
6	7 Happy Birthday Gary Miles	8	9 Exec Cmte 5:30 Rehearsal 7:00	10	11	12 RCS STRATEGIC PLANNING 19:00 a.m.
13	14	15 Happy Birthday Rosanne Labossiere –Gee	16 Spring Show Cmte 5:30 Rehearsal 7:00	17 	18	19
20 VERNAL EQUINOX 	21	22	23 Happy Birthday Gayle Wharton Rehearsal 7:00	24	25	26
27	28 Happy Birthday Herold Driedger	29	30 Rehearsal 7:00	31		

~ April 2022~

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Happy Birthday Larry Hunter
3 Happy Birthday Norm Silverberg	4	5	6 Music Cmte 5:30 Rehearsal 7:00	7	8	9
10 Happy Birthday Sherrie Bredesen	11 Happy Birthday Ken Broadfoot	12 Happy Birthday Larry Bredesen	13 Exec Cmte 5:30 Rehearsal 7:00	14	15 	16
17 	18	19	20 Spring Show Cmte 5:30 Rehearsal 7:00	21	22 	23
24 Happy Birthday Krista Hanis-Gervais	25	26 Happy Birthday Brian Metcalfe	27	28	29	30

River City Sound



Notes 4 U

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www.rivercitysound.ca

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

2022 Music Committee (not yet updated)

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

2022 Leadership Positions

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