

**IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR**

**Spring Show Committee 5:30 March 16**

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**Deadline for contributions to Notes 4 U is noon Saturday. Please send your information to Mae at [Denby.mae@gmail.com](mailto:Denby.mae@gmail.com) to have it Included.**



*Thanks!*



# PRESIDENT'S MUSINGS

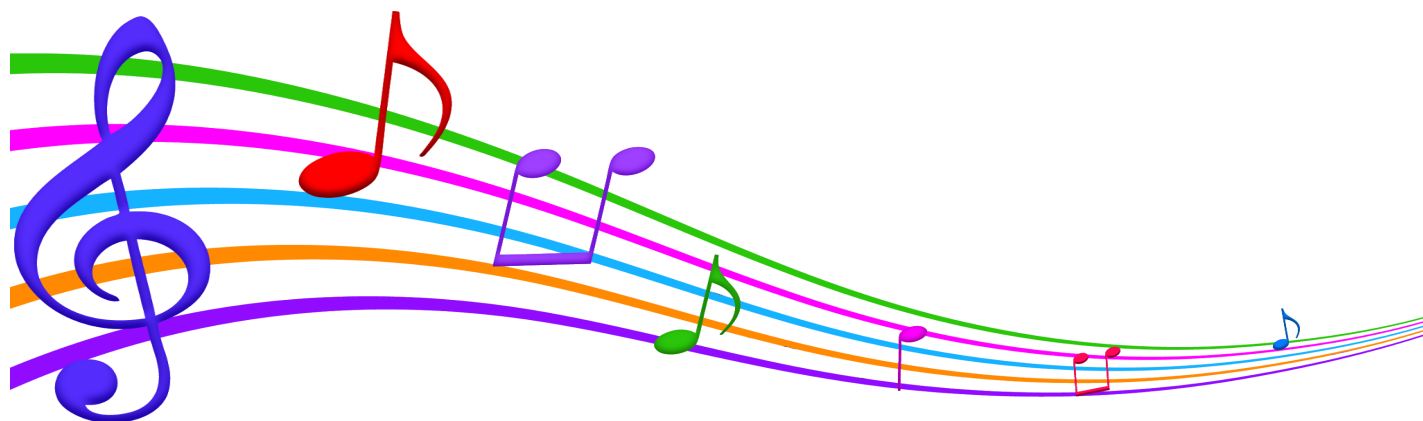
By Rob Smith

Well folks, you may think I have a flimsy excuse for avoiding chairing of Saturday's wonderful gathering. Actually, I am being held hostage here at Selkirk Hospital, connected electronically by a heart monitor until they can ship me off to St. Boniface hospital to get a pacemaker. That could happen as early as Tuesday.

Still, I am glad I was able to participate by Zoom even though the sound of some voices was muffled. From what I could hear, Paul guided us skillfully through questions and responses which were grouped by topic. I believe Wendy, Donna and others were taking notes and I look forward to reading those to catch anything I missed. It sounded like there was active participation by most in attendance and that there was wide consensus on how we will proceed on many of the topics. I also heard the concern by many that we are a relatively small chorus and most members are already heavily involved. We are all here for the enjoyment of singing and don't want heavy administrative burdens to overshadow having fun. This is especially true for newer members who already face the challenge of learning lots of new music. In spite of all we would like to do, some things may take priority while others are deferred for now. Of course, if anyone is just itching to get involved we may not be able to hold them back. Overall, it was a very productive day. I'm just sorry I had to miss the luncheon and got hospital food instead.

Thanks to all.

Rob



## Free singing apps to make you a better vocalist

shared by Larry Hunter

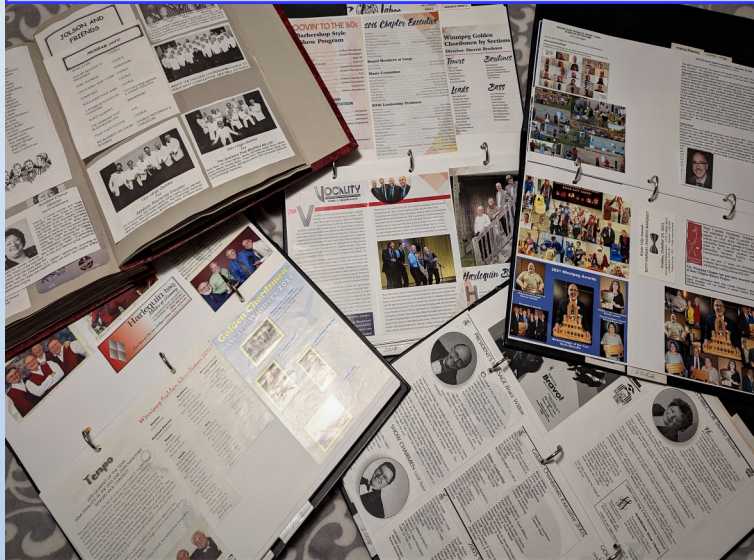
A list of apps members may consider using for improving their vocal skills at home:

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

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Strategic Planning Session was conducted as planned. See the following page for a brief follow-up from Paul Bullock; see page 5 for commentary and photos from Gordon Billows

Got that story done yet?



DID YOU NOTICE  
WHAT'S NOT ON THE  
COVER PAGE?!!!



# **FOLLOWUP TO ALL CHAPTER MEMBERS**

## **River City Sound Strategic Planning Session**

Saturday, March 12 — 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. — Norwood Hotel

From Paul Bullock

We had a very good discussion at the Planning Session on Saturday. The active participation by so many of our members indicates that we care about the future of our chorus. We want River City Sound to be successful, vibrant and fun for all.

The planning session was well-timed because we expect our performance activities will increase as the pandemic restrictions are reduced. It is important to have guidance as we move forward. We are a diverse group of people with different knowledge, skills and experience. One of our key assets is the wonderful camaraderie that we share but we can't reasonably expect to agree on absolutely everything. However, through discussion, we can hope to map a path forward that the majority of us can agree to. At the very least, we should have a better understanding about the rationale behind why we do things.

We captured an "electronic flipchart" of ideas and comments from Saturday's session. This has been circulated to everyone who was in attendance. There were people taking notes and we want to compile the information as completely as possible. So, if you were taking notes, you are welcome to review the flipchart that was circulated, fill in any missing information that you may have written down and send it back to Paul. If you can do this by Wednesday that would be appreciated but if you need more time, just let Paul know.

The final set of notes from the session will be summarized and used to set out a plan for implementing the ideas, starting with those with highest priority. The executive will refine the plan and be responsible for its implementation.

Thanks to all for your time and thoughts.





# WINNIPEG CHAPTER STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION

From Gordon Billows - Wpg Chapter Historian



About 20 Chapter members, plus 5 more members on Zoom, attended the Strategic Planning session this Saturday. We were all shocked to see President Rob joining us, on Zoom, from a Selkirk Hospital bed. On Friday, he was rushed to the hospital when his heart rate dropped to ~30 beats/min. He will receive a pace maker this weekend and be back on the risers very soon, full of renewed energy! The chorus sang an appropriate musical tribute to Rob, "Heart of My Heart"

Our best wishes for a speedy recovery!

The planning session continued with excellent discussions on members' suggestions submitted in a recent survey. Just before lunch we sang "I'm Feelin' Fine". Our servers were thrilled! Paul and chapter "scribes" were preparing summary notes as we went along. The notes will be examined and prioritized by executive members in the next few days. They will be the basis of our Chapter's goals for the coming years. Sherrie closed the meeting with "Irish Blessing". Despite the Pandemic, Winnipeg Chapter continues to be very strong!





# REHEARSAL SCHEDULE - MARCH 16 2022



## From Les Creek

- 6:55 to 7:00 Greetings
- 7:00 to 7:25 Warmups and Craft
- 7:25 to 7:30 Unchained Melody - intro
- 7:30 to 8:20 Sectionals - **NOTE** – tenors & leads together // Baris and basses together

- Unchained Melody
- I'm Gonna Be (500 Miles)
- Can't Help Falling in Love
- I Want To Hold Your Hand



- 8:20 to 8:55 Chorus Rehearsal of Sectional Music

### Off the page date

- I'm Gonna Be Mar 30
- Can't Help Falling in Love Mar 30
- Yesterday Mar 23
- I Want To Hold Your Hand now
- Do You Hear the People Sing Mar 23

- 8:55 to 9:05 Break and Business Meeting

- 9:05 to 9:55 Show Song Review

- Rhythm of Love Mar 23
- Beach Boys / Dream Lover Medley Now
- Bridge Over Troubled Water Now
- Imagine Now
- Daydream now



- 9:55 Wrap up and Final Song Irish Blessing

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

#### New(er) Music

- Mar 23 Unchained Melody
- Section leader's / Directors choice
- Mar 30 Unchained Melody
- I'm Gonna Be
- Best of Doo Wop

#### Repertoire Review

- Director's choice
- Quartetting
- Rhythm of Love
- Beach Boys / Dream Lover
- Stand By Me

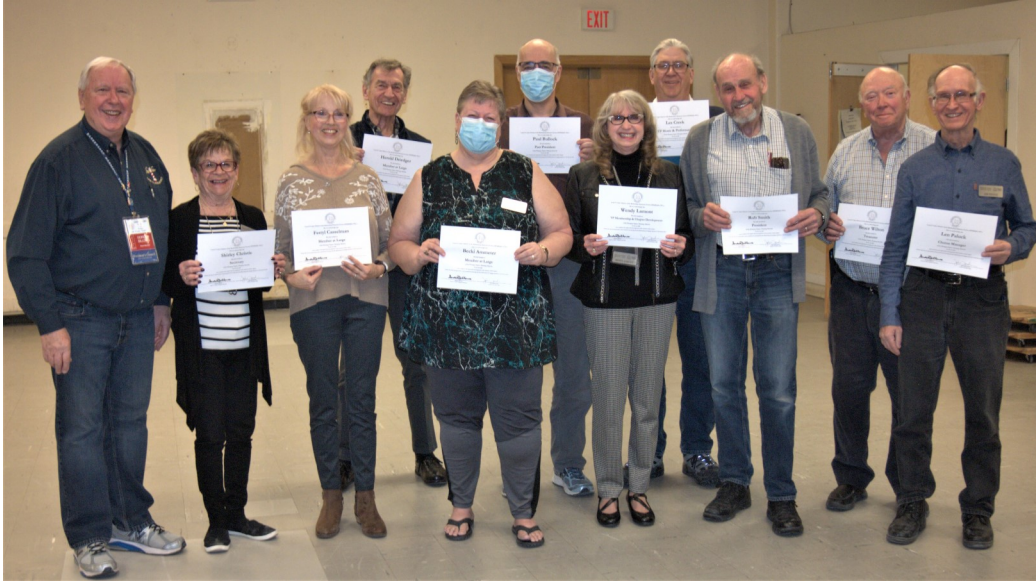
# 2022 INSTALLATION OF WINNIPEG CHAPTER OFFICERS

From Gordon Billows

The Winnipeg Chapter officers were officially installed on March 9th, 2022.. Gordon Billows, District Chapter Advocate officiated and presented the officer certificates.

Front row: Gordon Billows, Gayle Wharton, Ferryl Casselman, Becki Ammeter, Wendy Lamont, Rob Smith, Len Paluck

Back row: Herold Driedger, Paul Bullock, Les Creek, Bruce Wilton



Missing: Shirley Christie



# GOLDEN NOTES

## WINNIPEG CHAPTER ANNUAL SHOWS 1949—2019

### Gordon Billows—Wpg Chapter Historian

At a recent rehearsal, Larry Hunter asked for a show of hands, who was off the page for **Can't Help Falling in Love**. A number of members raised their hands. Larry looked at me and said, "You probably have sung it on 3 shows already". Actually, I sang it on 5 annual shows—2013, 2010, 2007, 2005, and 2001. No my memory is not that good. I did a search in the Annual Show listing that I completed after I became Chapter Historian in 2018. The Annual Shows 1949—2019 listing will eventually be added to our website archives. The listing includes: the show year, title, director/asst. director, MC, producer, venue, show number, "feature" and local quartets, and chorus songs. The following are details on the 5 shows that included **Can't help Falling in Love**. I am sure that some members would still be able to sing most of the songs! Here are some memories for you!

**2013 – CELEBRATE HARMONY** - Director: Gary Brenner/Victor Olafson/Gordon Billows; Producer: Duncan Zaluski – North Kildonan Mennonite Brethren Church - #65

"Alumni & Prodigy", Loose Cannons, Got No Piano, Vocal Point, Harlequin/Brothers in Harmony

Celebrate Harmony, Sound Celebration, Crazy 'bout Ya Baby, I Don't Know Why, White Cliffs of Dover, Coney Island Baby, Bring Back Those Good Old Days, That Old Quartet of Mine, Under the Boardwalk, **Can't Help Falling in Love**, I Believe in Music, I'm Feelin' Fine

**2010 - LET IT BE! THE '60'S**—Director: Sherrie Bredesen/Victor Olafson; MC: Todd Station; Producer: Drummond Brown - Centennial CH - #62

"Vocality", Noteworthy, Generations of Sound, Harlequin, TEMPO

Aquarius/Let the Sunshine In, California Dreamin', Beach Boys Medley, Under the Boardwalk, **Can't Help Falling in Love**, Bridge Over Troubled Water, Michael Row the Boat Ashore, Yesterday, When I'm Sixty-Four. Let the Sunshine In

**2007 – VIVA LAS VEGAS**—Director: Sherrie Bredesen/Victor Olafson; Producer: Larry Hunter - Centennial CH - #59

"Power Play", Harlequin, Soundsation, Four Olde Times Sake, Northern Exposure

Viva Las Vegas, Luck Be a Lady Tonight, My Way, I Only Have Eyes for You, What Kind of Fool Am I, **Can't Help Falling in Love**, King Medley, They Go Wild Simply Wild Over Me, Volare, One Moment in Time

**2005 – A SALUTE TO DOO-WOP**—Director: Sherrie Bredesen/Victor Olafson/Gordon Billows; Producer: Charlie Siegel - Centennial CH - #57

"Bravo", Soundsation, One Bass Short, Harlequin, Notorious, Vocal Point

Barbershop at the Hop, Come Go with Me, Little Darlin', Under the Boardwalk, Unchained Melody, Sh Boom, I Only Have Eyes for You, **Can't Help Falling in Love**, Best of Doo Wop Medley, Blue Moon

**2001 – BARBERPOLE ROCK 'N ROLL**—Director: Sherrie Schellenberg/Gordon Billows; Producer: Art Gross/Ted Greenhalgh - Pantages - #53

"Acoustics", "Jackpot", Unforgettable, Soundsation, Notorious, Four the Moment, Phat Chants, Harlequin, Suburban Knights, Genesis

Barbershop at the Hop, Beach Boys Medley, Bye Bye Love, Moments to Remember, Under the Boardwalk, **Can't Help Falling in Love**, Blue Moon Traditional, Blue Moon Doo Wop, Little Darlin', Unchained Melody



# TO BRIGHTEN YOUR SPIRITS DURING THESE TRYING TIMES

From Les Creek

## Seniors' Exam

This test will keep that dreaded disease that affects your memory at bay!

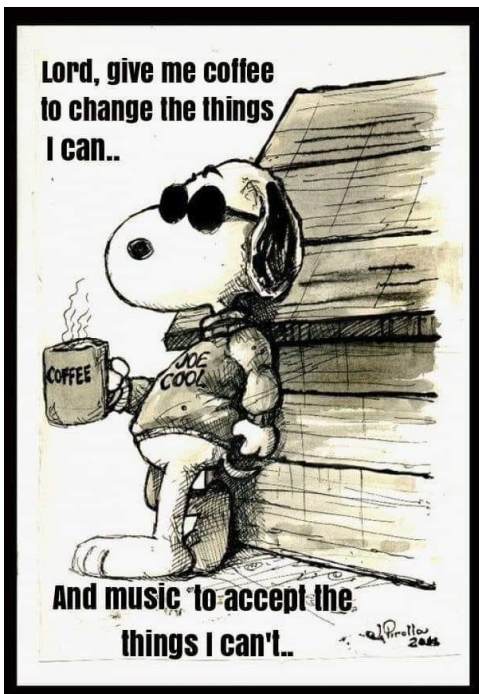
You only need 4 correct out of 10 questions to pass.

- 1) How long did the Hundred Years' War last?
- 2) Which country makes Panama hats?
- 3) From which animal do we get catgut?
- 4) In which month do Russians celebrate the October Revolution?
- 5) What is a camel's hair brush made of?
- 6) The Canary Islands in the Pacific are named after what animal?
- 7) What was King George VI's first name?
- 8) What color is a purple finch?
- 9) Where are Chinese gooseberries from?
- 10) What is the color of the black box in a commercial airplane?

\*Remember, you need only 4 correct answers to pass.



From Larry  
Bredesen



What do you mean, you failed?

Orange (of course)

airplane?

10) What is the color of the black box in a commercial

9) Where are Chinese gooseberries from? New Zealand

8) What color is a purple finch? Crimson

7) What was King George VI's first name? Albert

animal? Dogs

6) The Canary Islands in the Pacific are named after what

5) What is a camel's hair brush made of? Squirrel fur

Revolution? November

4) In which month do Russians celebrate the October

Horses


3) From which animal do we get cat gut? Sheep and

2) Which country makes Panama hats? Ecuador




1) How long did the Hundred Years War last? 116 years

**ANSWERS TO THE QUIZ**

~ 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 	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	25	26 Happy Birthday Brian Metcalfe	27	28	29	30

# River City Sound

Notes 4 U

This is the official weekly bulletin of the River City Sound Chorus. For more information about us, go to our website:

[www.rivercitysound.ca](http://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