

**IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR**

**July 13 - Good Neighbours Performance  
... Followed by  
Summer Break!**

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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 to have it  
Included.**

*Thanks!*



# PRESIDENT'S MUSINGS

By Rob Smith

President's musings June 18, 2022

**Stress:** I'm sure all of us face stress in our lives, sometimes more than others. I think of the classical Greek image of Sisyphus pushing the boulder up a steep grade and it keeps rolling back at him. Sometimes stress seems like that, relentless. This isn't intended to be a scientific treatise, just my own musings from a few years of life. I find that there are some things and some circumstances that can help deal with stress. What can we do about it?



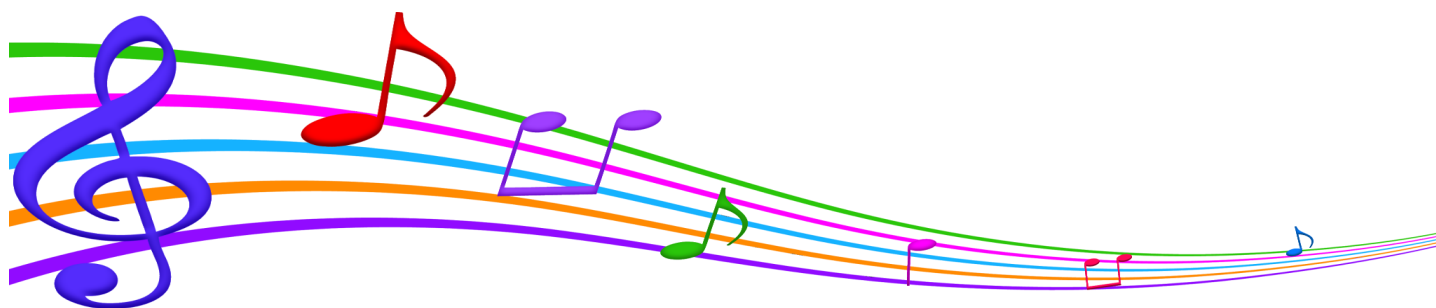
This is the weekend of the Manitoba Marathon. Few of us go that far, but some physical exercise seems to help. For me, walking is one way to cope with stress and try to stay in shape. For others it is running or swimming or dancing.

Friendships and intimate partnerships help deal with the stress of loneliness. Harlequin has been together almost 25 years through many changing circumstances of life and I'm sure our companionship has helped each of us through difficult times and helped us celebrate through joyous times.

If you don't have a circle of close friends and family, pets can be a great comfort. Always faithful even though sometimes mischievous and entertaining. Tia is my faithful companion.

And of course, there is singing. Especially when done with others, it is a great way of putting the frustrations of life aside and spending a few hours with great companions. The barber-shop chorus rehearsal or performance is a great way to get away from the stresses of your life, and breathe back in some energy and relaxation.

In Harmony, Rob



## Free singing apps to make you a better vocalist

shared by Larry Hunter

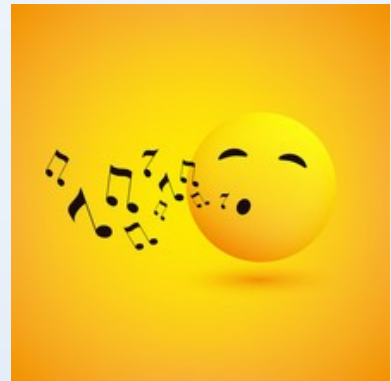
A list of apps members may consider using for improving their vocal skills at home:

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

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**BE A SINGER BRINGER!  
WHOM WILL YOU INVITE TO  
THE NEXT REHEARSAL?**

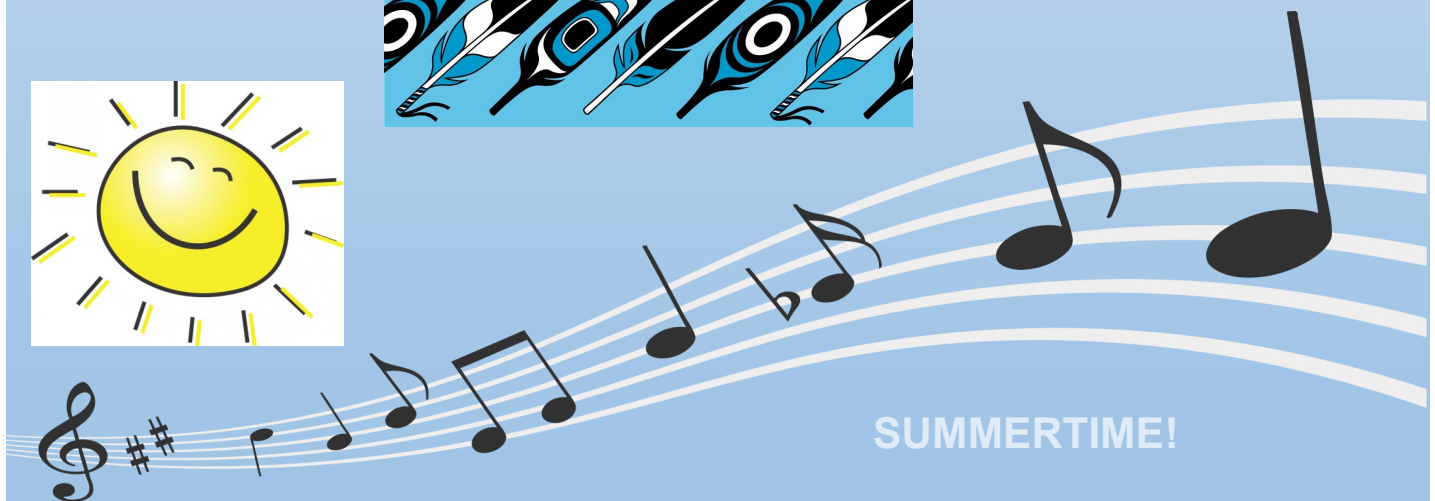
(Mention our Covid mandates to guests – masks and triple vax!)



REMINDER to the ladies that we will be meeting at Sherrie Bredesen's home at 99 Dayton Drive Thursday evening, June 23rd at 7:00 pm. Please bring your sheet music for 'My Guy' with you. Any questions, call Wendy at 204-990-6058.



National Indigenous Peoples Day **June 21**



SUMMERTIME!



# REHEARSAL SCHEDULE – JUNE 22, 2022



6:55 to 7:00 Greetings  
 7:00 to 7:30 Warmups and Craft  
 7:30 to 8:00 New Music –sectionals  
                   Happy Holidays / The Holiday Season

8:00 to 8:45 Chorus Rehearsal  
                   Happy Holidays / The Holiday Season  
                   Bridge Over Troubled Water (daytime chorus)  
                   Rhythm of Love (Daytime chorus)  
                   Best of Doo Wop  
                   Can't Help Falling in Love  
                   I'm Feeling Fine  
                   I'm Gonna Be  
                   White Cliffs of Dover  
                   He's Got the Whole World



8:45 to 9:00 Break and Business Meeting  
 9:00 to 9:45 Chorus Rehearsal  
                   Angels We Have Hear on High  
                   O Little Town of Bethlehem  
                   Harmony Collage  
                   Light One Candle



9:45 Wrap up and Final Song  
                   Keep the Whole World Singing

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

### Sectionals Repertoire

### Review

June 29	Happy Holidays Lost in the Stars	Good Neighbours Set List
July 6	Happy Holidays Lost in the Stars	Good Neighbours set list

**July 13 (Tues) Good Neighbours performance**

**BBQ at Bredesen's**

# SPECIAL MESSAGES

Last week you saw this:

From Rob Smith

## RIDING TO A RAFFLE

A friend of Herold's has donated this hand crafted hardwood rocking horse for our chapter to use in a raffle with the proceeds to go to a worthwhile cause such Ukrainian relief.

The plan is to get a lottery licence, print tickets and sell them over an extended period, possibly ending at the Christmas show or later. Herold suggests it won't be a hard sell to grandparents who have their grandchildren in mind. Decisions have to be made such as how many tickets to print and at what price. Also, whether to solicit other child friendly items to include as secondary prizes. Herold says the rocking horse has a value of at least several hundred dollars.

Herold would appreciate one or more volunteers to assist him in this project.



Now hear this: Mae Denby & John Smeulders will contribute a matted, framed print of one of John's paintings to the raffle.. Approximate value \$175.00. Framed dimensions 23" x 29".



*Bulrushes*

Details of raffle to be determined.

# GOLDEN MOMENTS

From Gordon Billows - Wpg Chapter Historian

## O CANADA

(Gordon Billows—Wpg Chapter Historian)

**This “O Canada” sound track with words should help in learning the Bilingual version.**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VkTLVFPe1J0>

### **“O Canada” - Bilingual (with translation)**

O Canada!

Our home and native land!

True patriot love in all **of us** command.

**Car ton bras sait porter l'épée**, For thy arm knows how to bear the sword, **Il sait porter la croix!** It knows how to bear the cross.

**Ton histoire est une épopée** Thy history is an epic

**Des plus brillants exploits.** Of the most brilliant exploits.

God keep our land glorious and free!

O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

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**"O Canada"** is the official national anthem of Canada. The song was originally commissioned by Lieutenant Governor of Quebec, Theodore Robitaille, for the 1880 Saint-Jean Baptiste Day ceremony. **Calixa Lavallee** composed the music, after which, words were written by the poet and judge, **Sir Adolphe-Basile Routhier**. The original lyrics were in French; the first English translation by Thomas Bedford Richardson was published in 1906. Multiple English versions ensued, with **Robert Stanley Weir's** version in 1908 gaining the most popularity, eventually serving as the basis for the official lyrics enacted by Parliament. Weir's lyrics have been revised three times, most recently when *An Act to amend the National Anthem Act (gender) was enacted in 2018. The French lyrics remain unaltered. "O Canada" had served as a de facto national anthem since 1939, officially becoming the country's national anthem in 1980 when Canada's National Anthem Act received royal assent and became effective on July 1 as part of that year's Dominion Day (today's Canada Day) celebrations.*

**Robert Stanley Weir** was a Montreal, Quebec, judge and poet most famous for writing the English lyrics to "O Canada". He was educated as a teacher and lawyer and considered one of the leading experts of the day on Quebec's municipal civil law. He was appointed a municipal court judge and a judge for the Exchequer Court of Canada. Weir published several individual poems in magazines and collections in books. His 1908 lyrics for the English version of "O Canada" eclipsed many others' lyrical attempts and songs to quickly become the most popular patriotic song in Canada for the past century.

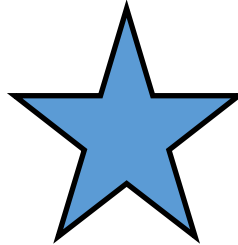
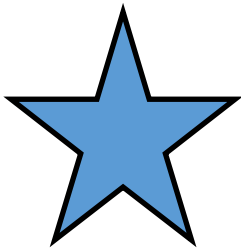
# TO BRIGHTEN YOUR SPIRITS DURING THESE TRYING TIMES

From Gordon Billows

In defense of his suggestion for new chorus uniforms, my friend claimed the "the better you're dressed, the better you sing." I gave it a try. I wore a brand new, top of the line, 3-piece suit to the next chorus rehearsal. I still flatted.

My friends suggested I find four other guys and form a quartet.

Advice to newly formed quartets; don't ask for requests. You'll never know it.



Contributed by Ricki Miles, from the **'So, maybe they were wrong'** collection, A.K.A. 'Famous last words'.

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"It'll be gone by June." - Variety Magazine on Rock n' Roll, 1955

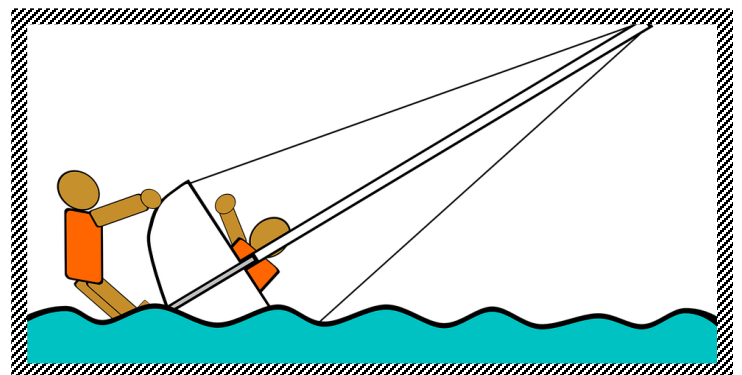
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"I think there is a world market for maybe five computers." - Thomas Watson, chairman of IBM, 1943



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"The Americans have need of the telephone, but we do not. We have plenty of messenger boys." - Sir William Preece, Chief Engineer, British Post Office, 1878



~ June 2022~

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				2	3 Happy Birthday Rhonda Grist	4
5	6	7	8 Music Cmte 5:30 Rehearsal 7:00  Exec Cmte 5:30 Rehearsal 7:00	9	10	11
12	13	14 RCSCC Lindenwood 2:00—3:00	15 Show Cmte 6:00 Rehearsal 7:00	16	17	18
19	20	21	Rehearsal 7:00	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 Rehearsal 7:00	30		

~ July 2022~

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6 Show Cmte 6:30 Rehearsal 7:00	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 RCS BRONX C.C. (11:30 a.m.) BBQ at BREDESEN'S	14	15	16
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24/31 (24th) Happy Birthday Donna Paryniuk						



~ August 2022~

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		Happy Birthday Bernie Gunn		Happy Birthday Paul Bullock		
10	11	12	17 Happy Birthday Len Paluck  BBQ at Paul & Wendy's	18	19	20
21	22	23	24  Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.	25	26	27
28	29	30	31  Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.			



# River City Sound

Notes 4 U

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Editor - Mae Denby

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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