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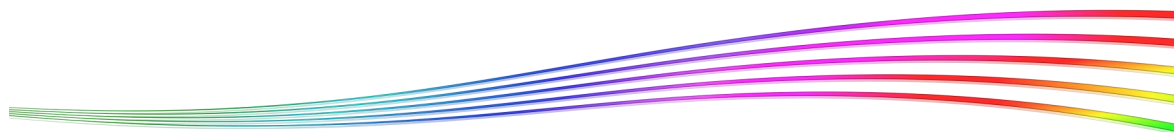
**IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR**  
~~July 13 – Good Neighbours Performance Cancelled~~

...  
**Summer Break!**

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# PRESIDENT'S MUSINGS

President's musings June 23, 2022

River City Sound sings "There'll be bluebirds over the white cliffs of Dover". We use it as our go to number for remembrance services or other military events. It is a number popularized by Vera Lynn and many others and has been fondly remembered by veterans of the 2nd world war.



What up? There are no blue birds at Dover or elsewhere in Europe. The while chalk cliffs near Dover rise as high as 350 feet from the English Channel and extend almost 8 miles along the coast line at the narrowest point between Britain and France. They are a very visible landmark for anyone travelling by boat or air from France.



June 24 marked the 79th anniversary of the day a German night fighter downed an RCAF Stirling bomber EH889 on a raid over Germany. The crew of 7 ended up in the Ijsselmeer, a Dutch inland lake in the polterland. My identical 23 year old uncles were part of that flight crew. That flight had not gone over the white cliffs. Instead, it had departed from a grass field in the midlands to join hundreds of other planes in that night's mission. Later, it was seen flying low and slow by a German night fighter and had probably already been crippled. It was far north of its intended flight path. It was easy pickings.



The village of Molkwerum and the Mokwar 2000 Foundation in Friesland organized a 3 day celebration for the families of the 2 airmen whose bodies were never recovered and for all other airmen lost in the WWII. They have erected a memorial in the shape of the wing of a Stirling off shore near where one of the bodies was recovered. Families of all the airmen on the plane were invited to their celebration and dedication. Representatives of 5 of the families were present from Australia, Canada and Britain, all meeting each other for the first time. Five members of our family were present.

That day, we took a bus to view all the grave sites which are scattered over many miles. Sunday was a church service. It is a tribute to the volunteer committee in this small village of 300 folk that they can pull off a commemoration and celebration of this nature.

When I sing White Cliffs of Dover in the future, I will not forget this event. It has affected at least 3 generations of my family: my grandmother, my mother's generation and my generation. The next generation also makes pilgrimages to the gravesite. I hope it will also live in your memory when you sing this number.

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 Tuesday evening, June 28th at 7:00 pm. Please bring your sheet music for 'My Guy' with you. Any questions, call Wendy at 204-990-6058.



**July 1 CanadaDay!**

★ **JULY 13 SHOW CANCELLED** ★  
★ **The River City Sound performance on July 13 has been cancelled. The Good Neighbors Seniors group has re-scheduled their lunchtime event to Friday September 16, 2022. Please mark this new date in your calendar as they would like us to perform this fall.**



**SUMMERTIME!**



# REHEARSAL SCHEDULE – JUNE 29, 2022



From Les Creek

6:55 to

7:00 Greetings

7:00 to 7:30 Warmups and Craft

7:30 to 8:00 New Music –sectionals

Lost in the Stars - introduction

Happy Holidays / The Holiday Season



8:00 to 8:45 Chorus Rehearsal

Happy Holidays / The Holiday Season

Good Neighbours set list (all basic package songs)

8:45 to 9:00 Break and Business Meeting

9:00 to 9:45 Chorus Rehearsal

Good Neighbours set list (continued)

Light One Candle

Tags and Quartet-ing

9:45 Wrap up and Final Song

Irish Blessing



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

Sectionals

Repertoire Review

July 6 Happy Holidays

Good Neighbours set list

Lost in the Stars

Tag singing

July 13 (Wed) ~~Good Neighbours performance~~ (CANCELLED)

BBQ at Bredesen's



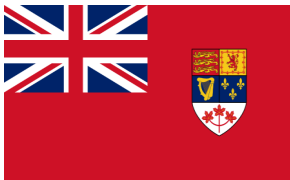
# Canada Day!

By Gordon Billows—Wpg Chapter Historian

**Canada Day highlights the richness of our land, our diversity, our culture, our contributions, but above all, our people.**

Way back when most of our chapter members were in elementary and high school, we sang “O Canada” every morning and “God Save the Queen” at the close of the day. As a high school teacher in Portage la Prairie, we also had a bible reading each day! Times certainly have changed, but our past history is unchangeable. As students, we were always excited about July 1st because it marked the start of our summer break and more significantly, July 1st marked the celebration Dominion Day, Canada’s “birthday” in our communities. July 1st commemorates the anniversary of the 1867 Constitution Act (British North America Act), which consolidated three territories (the United Canadas, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick) into a single Dominion within the British Empire—Canada. The Canada Act changed the name Dominion Day to Canada Day in 1982.

For those of you who wish to refresh your memories of what you were taught in school, here is a good link: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Canada\\_Day](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Canada_Day)



Time changes many things, but not our history. Canada’s flag, for instance, changed from the Red Ensign to the Maple Leaf in 1965. Yes, I proudly display the Maple Leaf flag in our home window for July 1st and still have a Red Ensign flag respectfully stored away.



Time has also changed our National Anthem, “O Canada”. My article last week gave some history of our anthem (dates, names, changes, etc). My follow up on that article is the Canada Day message above and a copy of a 1933 “O Canada” music sheet with all 4 verses. I encourage you to read or **SING** those 4 verses and experience some of the passion His Honour R. Stanley Weir, D. C. I. felt as he read over his final draft of “O Canada”.





# Canada

Written by  
His Hon. R. STANLEY WEIR, D. C. L.  
Recorder of Montreal

Melody by  
C. LAVALLEE

1. O Can - a - da! Our home and na - tive land! True pat - riot -  
 2. O Can - a - da! Where pines and ma - ples grow, Great prair - ies  
 3. O Can - a - da! Be - neath thy shin - ing skies, May stal - wart  
 4. Ru - ler Su - preme, Who hear - est hum - ble pray'r, Hold our Do -

love in all thy sons com - mand. With glow - ing hearts, we see thee rise, The  
 spread and lord - ly riv - ers flow, How dear to us thy broad do - main, From  
 sons and gen - tle maid - ens rise, To keep thee stead - fast through the years, From  
 min - ion in Thy lov - ing care, Help us to find, O God in Thee, A

true North strong and free; And stand on guard, O, Can - a - da, We stand on guard for thee.  
 East to West - ern sea; Thou land of hope for all to toil; Thou True North strong and free.  
 East to West - ern sea; Our own be - lov - ed na - tive land, Our True North strong and free.  
 last - ing, rich, re - ward, As wait - ing for the bet - ter day, We ev - er stand on guard.

**CHORUS**  
 O Can - a - da! Glorious and free! We stand on guard, we stand on guard for thee, O Can - a - da! We stand on guard for thee.

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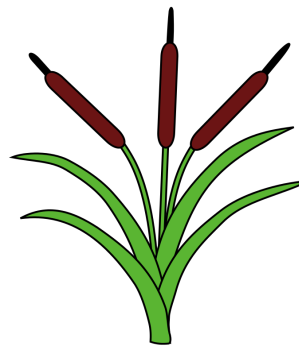
# TO BRIGHTEN YOUR SPIRITS DURING THESE TRYING TIMES

From Gordon Billows

We spend our lives buying new-stuff and throwing away old-stuff. Exception: we never throw away an old pitch pipe. Interesting.

**WHY MUSIC?**

- MUSIC IS MATH**  
Music is **RHYTHM** based on the division of time into fractions
- MUSIC IS PHYSICAL EDUCATION**  
It requires the **COORDINATION** of **FINGERS, LIP...&** the **CONTROL** of back, stomach
- MUSIC IS LANGUAGE**  
Music is a **UNIVERSAL** language
- MUSIC IS HISTORY**  
Music has been present during **EVERY ERA** of **TIME**
- MUSIC IS ART**  
Music allows us to **CREATE EMOTION**
- MUSIC IS LIFE**  
That's why our hearts have **BEATS**
- MUSIC IS SCIENCE**  
Music is about **ACOUSTICS & FREQUENCIES** produced by **VOICES** and **INSTRUMENTS**
- MUSIC IS READING**  
Reading music requires **SUBSETS** of skills, these same **SKILLS** help maintain **LITERACY**



~ 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 RCS 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 BBQ at Bredesen's	14	15	16
17						
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.			





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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