

**IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR**

**SEPTEMBER 14—Executive meeting 5:30**  
**SEPT. 21- Christmas show committee meeting 5:30**  
**SEPT. 23—Cass' Funeral – Westworth United Church 2:00 pm**  
**Sept. 24 - Gimli Kiwanis Gala performance – Fraserwood Hall**  
**– on site before 5:30 -**  
**SEPTEMBER 28—RCS ELECTION**

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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

President's musings Sept 10, 2022

Sunflowers have a significance at this time of year. They are usually the last of the nectar bearing flowers of the summer and this year they signify Ukraine for many folks. One often sees vehicles parked at the side of a rural road so someone can take a photo of themselves in a sunflower field. Although we have not passed the autumnal equinox, most of us consider that fall is upon us. For River City Sound, that is a good thing. We have just had our first, very successful concert of the season at Bronx Community Club. I believe 20 members were in attendance, far more than Paul anticipated when he first suggested a daytime chorus. We also had 2 visitors last Wednesday, Donna & Brian both of whom are experienced barbershoppers and seem really interested in continuing with us. Then there is the 7 week Learn to Sing Better program which starts in just over a month. Paul and Duncan are planning a follow-up program working with those who are interested in learning more of the chorus repertoire and transitioning to eventual membership. We are hopeful that our membership numbers are going in the right direction.



The Christmas show committee had a recent meeting and everything is progressing in a positive direction.

At the last executive meeting we discussed the Grey Cup pool tickets. Len will apply for licence & get the tickets printed. I will distribute and keep track and Bruce will look after the money received. We also discussed the raffle. Additional prizes have been donated from Mae's husband, John,

From Larry Bredesen

## **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?**

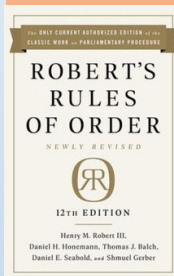
(Mention our Covid mandates to guests – masks and triple vax!)



## N.B.

### From the PRESIDENT

Fellow members of River City Sound, there is still lots planned to take place in 2022 but District wants to be notified of the executive for 2023 so they can include it for all chapters in their directory etc.



RCS will hold the election at our business meeting Wednesday Sept 28th. Paul and I have already spoken to current executive members and approached others about filling vacated positions. However, this is an election not a coronation.

Members can volunteer and nominations can be made from the floor.

Next VLQ Rehearsal date t.b.a.

Any questions, call Wendy at 204-990-6058.



**COMING SOON .**



**WATCH FOR IT!**





## NOTES ON THE NEAR FUTURE

### From Les Creek

Good day everyone.

Well we had a fairly successful performance last Friday for the Good Neighbours Active Living Centre. Despite a couple of glitches, the overall performance was well received by around 150 seniors. Many thanks to Len and to all the members of the chorus that helped set up and tear down the risers and the sound system. It is true when said that 'many hands make light work'.

A couple of our pieces need a bit of a tune-up (500 Miles for one), so we'll look at those in the next couple of weeks to prepare for the Gimli Kiwanis (Fraserwood) performance on Sept 24th. I too have to make a couple of changes in the TV prompts before we use it again.

As I mentioned last week, our rehearsals for the next 2 weeks will be very full, with continued learning of Christmas music, and the preparation for the Gimli Kiwanis performance, and for rehearsal for Cass's funeral on the 21st, where 20 or more previous chorus members will join us around 8 pm to review (learn????) Spiritual Medley, Can You Feel the Love, and Let There Be Peace). While the men are rehearsing these, the ladies VLQ will be rehearsing separately. It is very hard to predict how much repertoire review will be done that night.

Now that you all know the situation, please remember to warm up both vocally and physically before arriving at rehearsal. Spend some time looking over and practicing the new pieces. Rehearsal start at 6:55 on the dot and will go until 9:55, so please arrive prepared to sing and to stand on the risers for a while.

Have a great weekend everyone, and I look forward to seeing you on Wednesday.

Les





# REHEARSAL SCHEDULE – SEPTEMBER 14, 2022



## From Les Creek

6:50-6:55 Greetings  
 6:55 to 7:20 Warmup (Physical and vocal)  
 7:20 to 7:55 New Music –sectionals  
     Little Saint Nick  
     Believe  
     Slow Rockin’ Christmas  
     Light One Candle  
     Spiritual Medley

7:55 to 8:45 Chorus Rehearsal  
     Little Saint Nick  
     Happy Holidays  
     Lost in the Stars  
     Spiritual Medley  
     Gimli set list (focus on 500 Miles) (t.b.d.)

8:45 to 9:00 Break and Business Meeting

9:00 to 9:55 Chorus Rehearsal  
     Gimli set list (continued)  
     Light One Candle  
     Bridge Over Troubled Water

9:55 Wrap up and Final Song  
     Keep the Whole World Singing



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

	Sectionals	Repertoire Review
Sept 21	Believe	Cass’s set list (with past members)
	Slow Rockin Christmas	Gimli Set List
	Light One Candle	Ladies VLQ
	Little Saint Nick	Spiritual Medley
	Spiritual Medley	Light One Candle
		Can’t Help Falling in Love

**Sept 23 Cass’ Funeral – Westworth United Church 2:00 pm**

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# RIVER CITY SOUND PERFORMANCE OUTFITS 2022

## Sept.24th, Fraserwood (Gimli) Kiwanis Show

Men: Tuxedos, white shirt, red ties

Ladies: black skirt or dress pants, (Black hose if the skirt is short), black sleeved blouses/tops, red sequin scarf, tied anyway you like

## Christmas Show

The ladies are planning to have a long black skirt made so that they all look alike onstage. Sherrie is checking out a seamstress after seeing an ad from someone hosting a Ukrainian lady that is a talented seamstress looking for work.

We will be looking at dressy black tops to compliment the skirts. All the ladies who wish to can participate in looking for something that we all like. One of the selected ideas was a sheer black top with a colourful beaded design on the front. We are looking to see if we can find a top to buy for all the ladies or perhaps have something made. We are mindful that we want to keep the costs as reasonable as possible since we will be paying for these ourselves, unless the Wardrobe Grant comes through.



# A VERY SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

## River City & Sound

A Cappella Chorus  
invites you to  
**Learn to Sing  
(Better)**



Open to All  
7 Wednesday Evenings  
Singing Instruction  
4 part a cappella harmony  
All material provided  
Sing on stage Dec 10, 2022  
No obligation to continue

Starts Wed Oct 19, 6:45 PM

St. Andrews River Heights United Church  
255 Oak Street, Winnipeg

For information, contact Wendy  
(204)990 6058 [LTSBRCS2022@GMAIL.COM](mailto:LTSBRCS2022@GMAIL.COM)  
All participants must show proof of vaccination

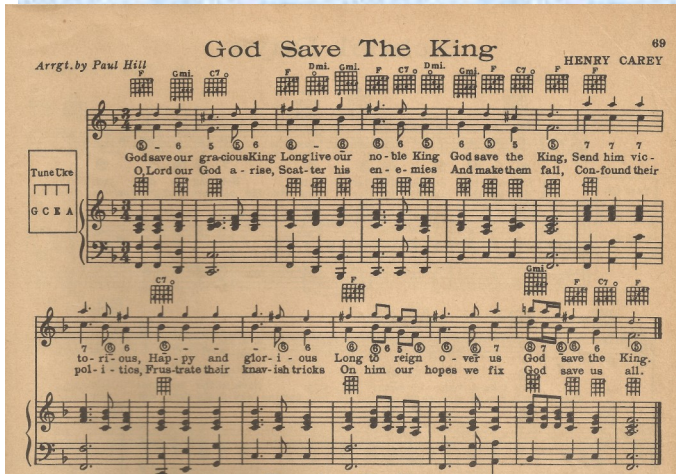
**Learn to Sing (Better) - 2022 edition**

**The LTSB is back! Please let your friends know about it. We're looking for lots of participants to arrive on October 19. If you have any questions contact Paul or Wendy.**



# ROYAL PASSAGES

Gordon Billows—Chapter Historian)



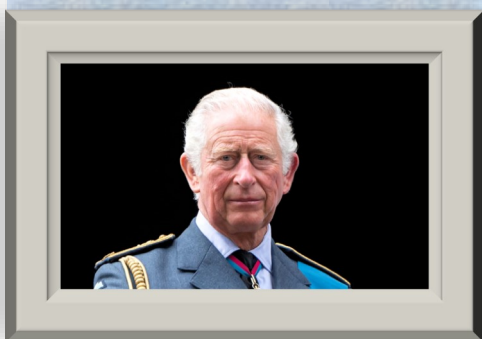
## “God Save the King”

This Royal Anthem was sung prior to 1952 when King George VI was the ruling monarch of the United Kingdom and the Dominions of the British Commonwealth.

In schools, the students learned and sang "God Save the King" starting in elementary school. In 1952, after the death of King George VI, the United Kingdom and the Dominions of the British Commonwealth had a new monarch, Queen Elizabeth II. The anthem's lyrics were changed to "God Save the Queen". Queen Elizabeth's reign of 70 years and 214 days was the longest of any British monarch and the second-longest recorded of any monarch of a sovereign country. (I admit that I wiped some tears away as I sang that anthem as I watched the news announcing our Queen's passing.)



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. That tradition faded away over time. At the Winnipeg Chapter shows, up until 1973, we started and ended our performances with those two songs. Many of us will have very fond memories of Queen Elizabeth's visits to Winnipeg. My fondest memory was when my Portage la Prairie Indian Glee Club sang for her and the royal family when they visited Portage in 1970.



The people of the British Commonwealth, including Canadians, will now sing "God Save the King" in honour of their new monarch, King Charles III.

**God Save the King and long live our noble King!**



## ROYAL PASSAGES - continued

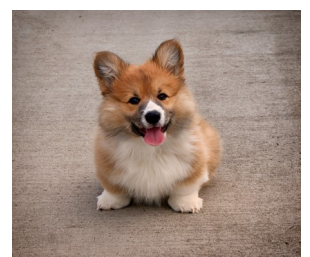
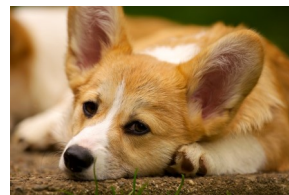
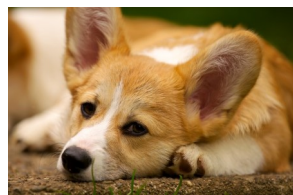
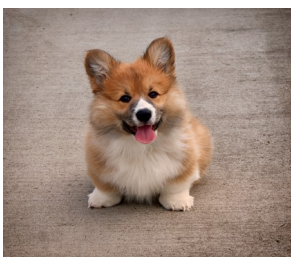
### “God Save the King”

Follow this link to view the FIRST OFFICIAL RENDITION OF “GOD SAVE THE KING”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vec0hMYeEnU>

BTW—In 1998, Manitoba mandated that the Royal Anthem should continue to be sung in schools, but the practice has waned and has been reconsidered. The Royal Anthem is still traditionally sung when royalty visits.

This music in this article is the 1933 version of that anthem, however it is commonly sung in the key of G. As a tribute to the late Queen Elizabeth II and with respect to the new monarch, King Charles III, it would be most appropriate to take a few minutes on Wednesday to sing “God Save the Queen” and then “God Save the King”.



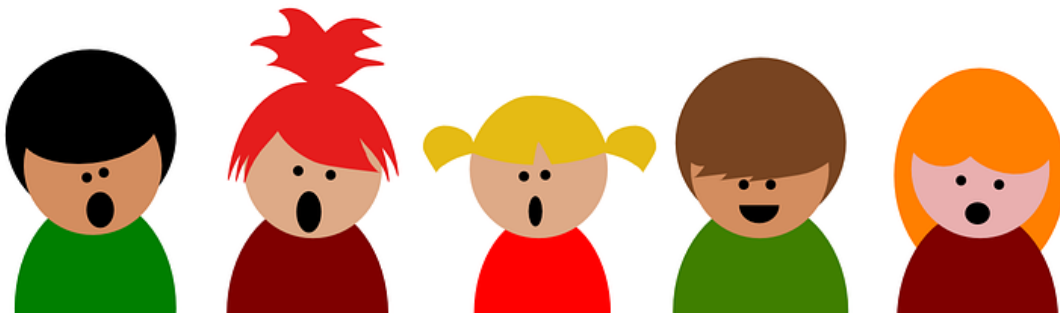
# TO BRIGHTEN YOUR SPIRITS DURING THESE TRYING TIMES

My goldfish are named Major, Minor, Dorian, Lydian and Diminished. The only way I can tell them apart is by their scales.



WHEN IN DOUBT:

<https://m.facebook.com/groups/>



~ September 2022~

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
				4	5	6
11	12	13	14 Exec Cmte 5:30 Rehearsal 6:55	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 Rehearsal 6:55	22	23	24
25	26	27 Happy Birthday Milt Muldrew	28 Rehearsal 6:55	29	30	

**A taste of what you could hear at the Land O’ Lakes Convention (Oct 13—15)!**

(Gordon Billows—LOL IPP)

**Main Street** (Sunshine District)

Will be the featured entertainers/coaches/friends at the Land O’ Lakes Convention!



From the Barbershop Harmony’s website:

<https://www.barbershop.org/main-street-wins-international-quartet-championship>

Two of Main Street’s very popular songs:

Evolution of Dance Medley <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b8EWWbpUSq4>

Pop Songs Medley <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kuV3xmEn9a4&t=119s>



# River City Sound



## Notes 4 U

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[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