



IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

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 to have it Included.

Thanks!




PRESIDENT'S MUSINGS

By Rob Smith

President's musings Sept 17, 2022

Today (Friday), in the rain, Marg and I were taking off the last of this year's honey crop. I was using the cart to put the stacks of honey supers (boxes) on our diesel to take them into the shed. She asked if I realized that this is the last time we will take off our honey after doing it for the last 45 years. Tomorrow (Saturday) we extract our last honey.

In life we meet a number of these change points. Retiring, selling a long-time business, moving from your home to a condo, selling the family cottage. There can be some sadness at these times but they also present opportunities. When Paul asked me last year if I would let my name stand for president, I already knew of our plans to wrap up beekeeping. We aren't there yet as we will have more than 100 hives to prepare for the winter and sell in the spring but it seems just around the corner.

People ask us what we will do when we retire from bees. We have lots of things on our list and singing is certainly one of them. The LTSB program might be just the thing for a woman or man who is approaching or has recently passed one of those change points. It is not only about the actual singing and the learning but also the friendships that we develop. If you know such a person, be sure to ask them to give it a try.

In recent weeks we have mentioned the RAFFLE during the business meeting. I wrote something about it in last musings but I think some of it got cut off so I'll repeat it here.

The hand made rocking horse was donated by a friend of Herold's. Additional prizes have been donated from Mae's husband, John, Len's sister, Elaine and from Gord Billows. The proceeds will be donated to a charity. Several excellent charities have been suggested and the executive is submitting their votes which I will tally. Last Wednesday the executive decided that tickets will be \$5 and 400 will be printed. Len will apply for the licence. The raffle will be advertised along with the Christmas shows so you will be able to offer both to your patrons just after selling them grey Cup pool tickets. The draw will take place at the Wednesday rehearsal following the Christmas show. 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>



ELECTION INFORMATION

From the President

Fellow members of River City Sound, Last week I included a notice of the election of 2023 Executive in Notes4U.

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. This is the second of 2 required notifications.

Here is the list of those who are allowing their name to stand:

President: Rob Smith

Past President: Paul Bullock

Executive Vice President: Wendy Lamont

VP Membership & Chapter Development: Rosanne Labossiere-Gee

VP Music & Performance: Les Creek

VP Marketing & Public Relations: Becki Ammeter

Secretary: Shirley Christie

Treasurer: Paul Bullock

Chorus Manager: Len Paluck

Board Members at Large: Herold Driedger, Ferryl Casselman



NOTES ON REHEARSAL

From Les Creek

Hello everyone. Just a quick note that again we will be having a very full rehearsal this week, due of course the hosting a number of previous chorus members who wish to sing with us at Cass's funeral, so we will again focus on that as well as the Gimli performance set list. We will have sectionals for the new Christmas music, as we must continue to learn and polish those pieces. Again, please arrive at rehearsal at 6:50, warmed up and ready to sing, as our chorus warmups will be compressed.



REHEARSAL SCHEDULE – SEPTEMBER 14, 2022



From Les Creek

- 6:50 to 6:55 Greetings
- 6:55 to 7:20 Warmup (Physical and vocal)
- 7:20 to 8:00 New Music –sectionals
 - Believe
 - Slow Rockin’ Christmas
 - Light One Candle
 - Spiritual Medley
- 8:00 to 8:50 Golden Chordsmen Rehearsal and Ladies VLQ
 - Spiritual Medley
 - Can’t Help Falling in Love
 - Keep The Whole World Singing
- 8:50 to 9:10 Break and Business Meeting
- 9:10 to 9:55 Chorus Rehearsal
 - Gimli set list
- 9:55 Wrap up and Final Song



Keep the Whole World Singing

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

- Sept 23 *Cass’ Funeral – Westworth United Church 2:00 pm*
- Sept 24 *Gimli Kiwanis Gala performance – Fraserwood Hall – on site before 5:30*

<u>Sectionals</u>	<u>Repertoire Review</u>
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| Sept 28 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Halleluyah Believe Slow Rockin’ Christmas | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Happy Holidays Lost In The Stars Everybody’s Waiting for the Man Light One Candle Little Saint Nick Bridge Over Troubled Water Beach Boys / Dream Lover Medley |
| Oct 5 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> O Holy Night Halleluyah Believe | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Everybody’s Waiting for the Man Slow Rockin’ Christmas Lost in the Stars Happy Holidays Light One Candle Let There Be Peace on Earth |

GIMLI KIWANIS SET LIST

Fraserwood Hall, Sept 24 2022

From Les Creek

Note that we will be singing 12 songs with an intermission. Harlequin will also sing 2 songs

Part 1 I'm Feeling Fine
 Best of Doo Wop
 Can't Help Falling in Love
 Stand By Me
 Hello Mary Lou
 Unchained Melody
 Dream Lover
 500 Miles

Part 2 Can You Feel the Love
 Rhythm of Love
 Let There Be Peace on Earth
 Imagine

Note also that we may drop a song or two due to time limits or other factors.



HOW TO GET THERE:

<https://goo.gl/maps/PhCwYgQcVzYZt4UZA>

LTSB 2022 – GUIDE FOR MENTORS

From Paul Bullock

What do you need to do?

- **Be available at the beginning of the evening** to be enlisted to befriend a guest
- **WEAR YOUR NAME TAG**
- **Be a FRIEND** to a guest, not just someone who's there for the first evening
- What does **BE A FRIEND** mean?
 - Get to know the guest – music experience, hobbies, interest, skills, etc.
 - Tell them about yourself too – **BE ENTHUSIASTIC!!!!**
 - Introduce them to others in the chorus so they get comfortable with them too.
 - **USE NAMES FREQUENTLY** so that they get used to them.
 - Welcome them back each week until they know other people and branch out; remember they know no-one, or almost no-one ... yet!
 - Always **BRING** them to others for introductions – never send them over.
 - **Never leave them standing or sitting alone.**
- Help them to follow along during the rehearsal. Answer questions they may have about the music as best as you can. If they have a question you can't answer, raise the question with a director.
- They may also have questions beyond the songs and music. Help them find answers to these questions as they come up.

What can you do to help them feel welcome and coming back each week

1. Think about what you would have liked to experience when you were brand new to this chorus?
2. Do they have transportation to the rehearsal each week? Do they live near you or one of our other members? Without putting another member on the spot, can you facilitate a ride?
3. Write down any ideas you might have regarding making this person feel welcome.
4. If you and the guest just don't "click", you can talk to the Membership VP.
5. If they stop coming out, you can grab a phone and give them a call.

River City Sound has a reputation for being a friendly and enjoyable chorus.

It's a great asset.

Let's use our inherent charm to make all of our LTSB guests feel welcome!

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)**



It's easy!
It's fun!!
It's free!!!

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
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.

IN MEMORIAM

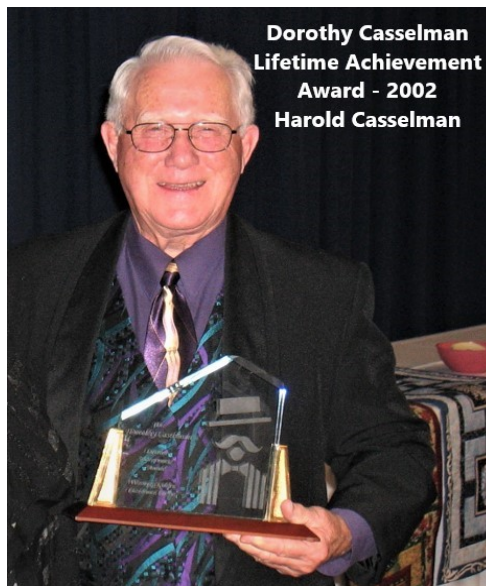
From Gordon Billows

Harold "Cass" Casselman (1922 – 2020)

Harold Casselman was a very respected and dedicated member of the Winnipeg Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society (SPEBSQSA) for 70 years. He started Barbershopping in the Brandon and Neepawa Chapters in 1950. Cass was the 1985/86 Winnipeg Chapter president, 1983 Barbershopper of the Year, 1st recipient of the Dorothy Casselman Lifetime Achievement Award in 2002, served in many Chapter leadership roles (VP Chapter Development, Leadership with Charities and Baritone Section Leader, and he was a quartet man (Vocal Point, Generations of Sound and Suburban Knights). His quartets received 10 Quartet of the Year awards. He was a fine gentleman and an excellent Baritone.

Cass was also very well known throughout the Land O' Lakes District and always took the opportunity to sing a Pole Cat song or two with many of the top quartets at conventions and shows. Our BHS CEO, Marty Monson even knew Cass and when Cass was awarded his 70 Year certificate, Marty sent congratulations in a video.

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/8t1nwsu9qmc8hz6/Marty%20greeting%20-%20Cas%20%2870%29.mov?dl=0>



WHEN HELP IS NEEDED

From Herold Driedger

CRISIS IN UKRAINE

CLOTHING DRIVE FOR UKRAINE

Although shipments of goods into Ukraine may take longer this year due to the war, the Mennonite Benevolent Society will again be collecting and shipping clothes to the Mennonite Family Centre in Zaporizhzhya, for distribution to those in need. It is expected to be a hard winter.

If you have gently used, warm, indoor, or outdoor clothing, or shoes, or blankets that you can spare, please bring them in bags or boxes and leave them in the main entrance of the Bethel Mennonite Church by the mailboxes on your left as you enter, until the end of September. I will collect and ship them as they come in. Thank you.

- Louie Sawatzky, on behalf of Mennonite Benevolent Society

The address of the church is 465 Stafford Street.

The office is open Tuesday to Friday from 8:30 to 4:30. The office is closed on Mondays.

If the doors are locked ring the doorbell. The phone number is 204 453 2199 if you need more information.

Please note:

There is construction on Stafford. Currently the best access to the church is from its parking lot off Harrow. Best access to Harrow is off Grant.



NEWS FROM LOL (VIA Rob Smith)

From: The 2022 District Convention Fun Squad

Hi All – The 2022 LOL District Convention is Roaring Back even louder this year. The Tagatorium sponsored by the Fun Squad has been enhanced by having the Tagatorium room across from the Registration Desk and also updating the 50 tags that will be used this year. All the tags have been collected in a PDF document where each tag has a QR code that goes to barbershoptags.com and also has the GoodTags or Only Tags number. Each Tag has a learning track on barbershoptags.com which means Convention-goers can learn the tags ahead of time. You can see the format below.

This is the ask – can you please let all your chorus members know about the Tagatorium tags PDF and how to find and download the document? Can you please download a copy of the PDF and show your chorus at rehearsal? Can you have all your chorus members download the GoodTags app on their phone – both iOS and Android are available? Can you have a Tag break in your rehearsal where you pick out a Tag, pull it up on GoodTags and sing it?

This is the payoff – Not only will this encourage tag signing throughout the convention, but on Saturday after the Quartet finals and before the Showcase dinner – There will be “Tag with the Champs” held in the Tagatorium and in the hallway outside the ballroom. We will have many District Champion Quartet members participating along with Main Street. What a fantastic opportunity for your chorus members to experience this opportunity!

The Tag PDFs for TTBB and SSAA are easily downloadable on our District Convention webpage here : <https://loldistrict.org/2022-fall-convention>. Each tag looks like this:

In PDF, click on link to go to barbershoptags.com page

Scan QR code with your smartphone link to barbershoptags.com page

Enter number in search box of GoodTags or Only Tags app to go to tag

When I Leave the World Behind (020)

When I leave the world be - hind.
Be - hind.

When I leave the world be - hind.

The musical score is for the song "When I Leave the World Behind" in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. The vocal line starts with a whole note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, Bb4, and C5. The lyrics "When I leave the world be - hind." are written above the notes. The bass line consists of a whole note G2, followed by quarter notes F2, E2, and D2. The lyrics "Be - hind." are written below the notes. The score is numbered 1 through 4.

Thanks for your help nurturing interchapter tag singing and fun at Convention!
All the Best,
Steve Grady sgradymn@gmail.com
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TO BRIGHTEN YOUR SPIRITS DURING THESE TRYING TIMES

From a friend:

A change from all of the negative news swirling around, Hats off to all of the kind and loving people out



Almost 5,000 people queued for hours in the rain at a swabbing event in Worcester, to get tested to see if they were a match to help save the life of a five-year-old boy fighting a rare cancer after parents asked for help.



LOWE'S EMPLOYEES COME TO THE RESCUE OF DISABLED VET WITH BROKEN WHEELCHAIR



THEY REPLACED THE BROKEN PARTS AND TOLD ME, "WE'RE GOING TO MAKE THIS CHAIR LIKE NEW." I KEPT THANKING THEM AND ALL THEY COULD SAY WAS, "IT WAS OUR HONOR."



Some months back in Nigeria one naked and dying 2-year abandoned child was seen being fed by a lady charity-worker from Denmark - Anja Ringgren Loven, that pic went viral in social media. She later adopted that child and named him Hope. Today, Hope looks like this:



~ September 2022~

Sunday

Monday



Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

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4	5	6	7 Music Cmte 5:30 Rehearsal 6:55	8	9 🤩 Good Neighbours Performance	10
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	

COMING SOON .



WATCH FOR IT!



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

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Unless carrying a by-line or some form of credit to borrowed sources, all items in this bulletin are by the editor and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the chapter or board. If anyone wishes to contribute anything to the next Notes 4 U, wishes to subscribe or un-subscribe, or has questions about any of the items in Notes 4 U, contact the editor.



2022 Chapter Executive

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Secretary: Shirley Christie
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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