

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

EXEC Committee meeting February 8

FEBRUARY 14



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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!



VICE PRESIDENT'S REFLECTIONS

By Wendy Lamont

February 4, 2023

Welcome back, Rob. We missed you and your musings. You couldn't have timed your vacation any better as last week was the coldest week this winter and you are coming back to some very nice temperatures.

Congratulations Susan Altomare on successfully auditioning to be a member of our Chorus. We are very happy that you decided to join our Chorus family and know you will find your experience rewarding and exciting.

This past week Cedric, my 2004 Toyota Solara decided it wasn't happy with the cold temperatures and left me stranded. Luckily Paul wasn't far away and rescued us. The thing is and I don't know if this has ever happened to any of you but when Paul came to my rescue, he decided to try and start the car before giving me a boost and voila! Cedric started. I was both elated and ? Needless to say, I was very reluctant to go anywhere until I could discover why Cedric wouldn't start. Hence my missing the rehearsal on Wednesday. I am thankful that all I needed was a battery that is now installed providing me with the freedom to get out and about.



Have a great weekend all. See you on Wednesday.

Wendy



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



**RCS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 8 (*THIS WEEK!*).
BUDGET PRESENTATION AND MORE
YOUR PRESENCE IS REQUESTED.**

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

(Mention our Covid mandates to guests – vax!)

**FAVOURITE SONG?
WHAT'S YOURS?**



Feb 21 – Performance at
Lindenwoods Manor –
7:00 pm

**PROJECT TAG75
GET CREATIVE! STRUT YOUR STUFF!
HAVE SOME FUN!
LET YOUR WOODSHED RING!**



MESSAGE FROM LES CREEK

Spring show update:

I know a lot of people have been wondering what we will be singing at the spring show. Mae and the directors have done an excellent job in putting together what will be an excellent 75th anniversary show. I think everyone knows that we will have a guest quartet, St. Croix Crossing, as our featured performance, and we will also have songs from each of our quartets, as well as the Vagabond 6 (those of you who attended the BOTY dinner met these wanderers.....).

So what music do we as a chorus have to prepare? Some of the songs are in our current repertoire, and some will be resurrected from past performances. The (fairly final) set list is:

Be Our Guest
It's A Grand Night for Singing
Unchained Melody
Can You Feel the Love Tonight
Do You Hear the People Sing
Lost in the Stars
Can't Help Falling in Love
Oh, Pretty Woman
Daydream
Stand By Me
I'm Feeling Fine



The sheet music and tracks for Be Our Guest should be on our website now, and we will be adding the files for It's A Grand Night in the next few days. We will start working on It's a Grand Night on the 15th, and Be Our Guest on March 1.

For our new members and prospective members, I want to reiterate that we DO NOT expect you to learn all of these pieces in time for the show. Please, please continue to work on the music at your own pace. You will be welcome to join us on stage for the pieces that you are comfortable singing. We want you to have FUN singing with us; it should not be drudgery, and we realize that everyone learns at their own pace. It will perfectly fine for you to come onto the risers to sing the songs that you know, and to leave when they are over, but you are not required to sing on stage if you do not wish to. As you can see, many of the songs that we've been working on in the past month are ones that will be in the show.

For our 'experienced' members, there will be a couple of pieces that we have not (perhaps, never) sung before, like A Grand Night for Singing, so please spend some time and effort learning or re-learning this song, and brushing up on Be Our Guest and Do You Hear the People Sing. We want to be 'off the page' on any new and resurrected pieces no more than 5 weeks after introduction.

Since most of our basses have decided to go on vacation over the next 2 weeks, our rehearsal plans may be modified somewhat, depending on who is available at rehearsal. In addition to that, we will be having our annual meeting at the break this week, where last year's financial result will be presented, and the 2023 budget will be discussed. Please attend as your input is crucial to all that we do, and we want you all to be aware of our situation. Guests and prospective members are welcome to attend.

Sing for the joy of it!



REHEARSAL SCHEDULE February 8 2023

From Les Creek



6:55 to 7:05 Physical warmup
 7:05 to 7:20 Vocal warmup
 7:20 to 7:45 Sectionals (to assist LTSB members)

Pretty Woman
 Yesterday
 Daydream
 Unchained Melody
 Hello Mary Lou



7:45 to 8:30 Repertoire Review

Pretty Woman
 Can You Feel The Love
 Unchained
 Stand By Me
 Hello Mary Lou
 Best of Doo Wop
 Yesterday
 Imagine
 I'm Feeling Fine
 Can't Help Falling



8:30 to 9:00 Break and Annual Meeting
 9:00 to 9:55 Repertoire Review (continued)
 9:55 Wrap up and Final Song

Keep the Whole World Singing

Planned Upcoming Rehearsals and Events (SUBJECT TO CHANGE!!!)

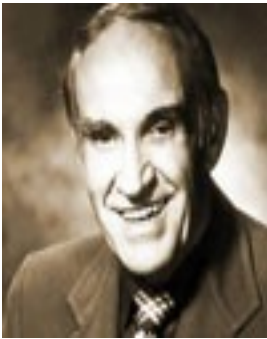
	<u>New Music</u>	<u>Sectionals</u>	<u>Repertoire Review</u>
Feb 15	Grand Night for Singing	Pretty Woman Daydream Yesterday Unchained Hello Mary Lou	Dependant upon the number of basses available
Feb 21	– Performance at Lindenwoods Manor – 7:00 pm – Arrive, ready to sing at 6:30		
Feb 22	Grand Night for Singing	Grand Night	to be determined

PRESERVATION

Gordon Billows—Wpg Chapter Historian



O. C. Cash was the founder of our Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America (SPEBSQSA) in 1938. Although our name was eventually changed to the Barbershop Harmony Society in 2004, there has always been an emphasis on the PRESERVATION of the Barbershop a cappella style of singing. Some of our Society's history can be found at the following site: <https://www.barbershop.org/about/history-of-barbershop/the-history-of-the-society>



A few members of Winnipeg Chapter have been very fortunate to attend the Harmony Universities and learn about our "hobby" from **Society Hall of Famers** (<https://www.barbershop.org/about/history-of-barbershop/heroes>). Recently one of our former members sent me **2005 Society Hall of Famer—Dave Stevens'** address at a Harmony University in 2012. It focuses of WHAT WE ARE TRYING TO PRESERVE. I am sure that you will enjoy and learn some interesting "nuggets" from this icon's ~8 minute message—<https://youtu.be/sqta40448lk> Yes, Dave was always that entertaining and passionate about

BARBERSHOPPING!

On a personal note: in reading through the Hall of Famers listing, I found that I have met about half of them, attended their classes and listened to their HU addresses. It has also been a pleasure, while on vacation in the last 20 years, attending some of their Chapter rehearsals (being on the risers with their choruses is AWESOME), their coaching sessions/retreats and District conventions.

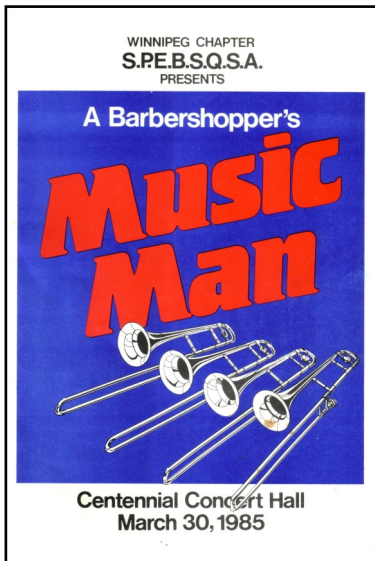
There is a GREAT BBS WORLD out there and it is all part of our "hobby" - enjoy the ride!



“MUSIC MAN—PARODY”

(INCLUDING BRUCE’S “FAVOURITE” SONG)

From Gordon Billows



Just viewed and thoroughly enjoyed the following You Tube video and had to get it in Notes.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-75HHeD247c>

A few of us (hate to use the term) older members will remember that 38 years ago, the Winnipeg Golden Chordsmen’s annual show was the “Music Man”! Yes, it was a “Smellie—Crapper” production and it was guaranteed to be a big hit with our audience (that filled the Concert Hall). This video (although a Parody) and our show information below will certainly bring back many good memories of our rehearsals, preparations and presentation of this classic show.

ENJOY!

1985 - A BARBERSHOPPER'S "MUSIC MAN" Director: Peter Buchan/Gordon Billows; MC: George Smellie; Producer: Ron Crapper - Centennial CH - 37

"Blue Grass Student Union", Suburban Knights, Original Cast

Iowa Stubborn

Goodnight My Someone

Pick a Little, Talk a Little

Goodnight Ladies

Ice Cream Medley

Sincere, It's You, & Lida Rose

'Til There Was You

Wells Fargo Wagon

76 Trombones

We Sing That They Shall Speak & Keep The Whole World



PROJECT TAG75



In celebration of our 75th anniversary of harmonizing together, the Music Committee offers a unique creative opportunity, open to Chorus members and Alumni:

All are invited, individually or with others, to WRITE the lyrics for A TAG honouring the occasion.

1. Go to barbershoptags.com (or another tag website - there are many! Just Google!).
2. Search, listen, watch. Find a tag that 'works' for you and your singing partners for this purpose {read on!}; download the sheet music.
3. Develop lyrics that celebrate RCS's 75th anniversary.
4. Write your RCS lyrics under/adjacent to the notation

You can stop there and **submit** - details tbd

OR

5. Find four people to perform it, including yourself or not; record a video of it on your phone; **submit** along with the notation and lyrics.

Your reward: seeing/hearing it come to life!

Have fun!



... AND WE SING!

UPCOMING SHOWS

Evening (Note correction) Seniors Show:

Tuesday 21 February Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Lindenwood Manor, 475 Lindenwood Dr. East.

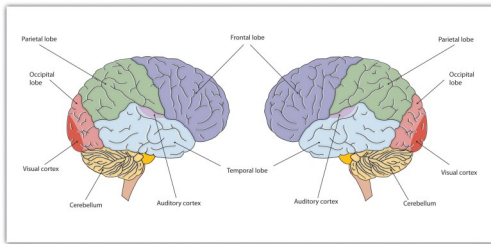
Evening Show: Monday 24 April Time: 7:45 to 8:30.

Event: "Joy of Music" concert, featuring the Winnipeg Mandolin Orchestra, River City Sound, and Falconer Brass Quintet. This concert is part of the Manitoba Music Lovers Festival.

Place: Westwood Community Church, 401 Westwood Drive.

Len Paluck

TO BRIGHTEN YOUR SPIRITS DURING THESE TRYING TIMES



From Gordon Billows

Keep that brain working; try to figure this one out. See if you can figure out what these seven words all have in common

1. Banana
2. Dresser
3. Grammar
4. Potato
5. Revive
6. Uneven
7. Assess

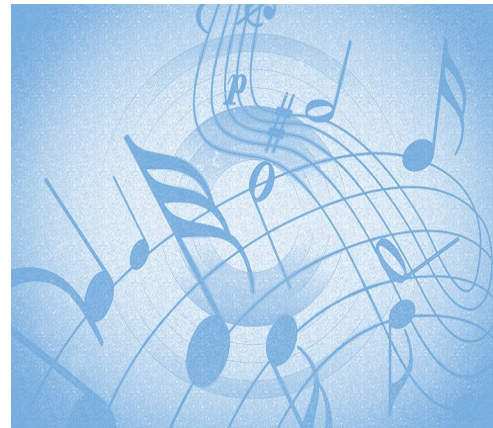
Give it another try. Look at each word carefully.

You'll kick yourself when you discover the answer. This is so cool!

The answer appears below







Answer: In all the words listed, if you take the first letter, place it at the end of the word, and then spell the word backwards, it will be the same word.



From Larry Bredesen



~ February 2023 ~

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Happy Birthday Brian Strong Music Cmte 5:30 Rehearsal 6:55	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
			Exec Cmte 5:30 Rehearsal 6:55		Seine River Retirement 2:00	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
						
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	Louis Riel Day 	Lindenwood Show 7:00 p.m.	Rehearsal 6:55			
26	27	28				
Happy Birthday Rob Smith						

~ March 2023 ~

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
			Misis cmte 5:30 Rehearsal 6:55	Happy Birthday Bruce Wilton		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Happy Birthday Jerry Muscovitch		Happy Birthday Gary Miles	Exec Cmte 5:30 Rehearsal 6:55			
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
			Happy Birthday Rosanne Laboissiere-Gee. Rehearsal 6:55			
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
			Rehearsal 6:55	Happy Birthday Gayle Wharton		
26	27	28	29	30	31	
		Happy Birthday Herold Driedger				

River City Sound



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www.rivercitysound.ca

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VP Music & Performance: Les Creek
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2022 Music Committee

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Chorus Directors: Sherrie Bredesen, Larry Hunter
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Bass Section: Larry Bredesen,
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Music Research: Duncan Zaluski
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Learning Track Librarian: Duncan Zaluski

2023 Leadership Positions

Accountant: Gary Miles
In-person Meeting Attendance: Norm Silverberg
50/50: Norm Silverberg
Awards Banquet Chairs: Gary & Ricki Miles
Learn to Sing Better Program: Wendy Lamont
Grey Cup Pool Chair: Rob Smith
Historian: Gordon Billows
Notes 4 U Team: Mae Denby, Becki Ammeter
Refreshments: **Need Volunteer**
Sing Canada Harmony: Gordon Billows
Sunshine: Charlie Siegel
Wardrobe: Charlie Siegel
Women's Wardrobe Committee: Becki, Gayle, Sherrie, Wendy
Website: (update and maintain) Chris Magas
Spring Show Producer: Mae Denby
Spring Show Chairperson: **Need Volunteer**
Spring Show Vice-Chair: **Need Volunteer**
LOL District Chapter Advocate: Gordon Billows
Historian Assistant: **Need Volunteer**