

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

June 28 Barbecue

Aug 16 Pre-performance rehearsal – full rehearsal

June 21 2023

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PRESIDENT'S MUSINGS

By Rob Smith

President's Musings June 17, 2023

Well folks, we are almost there. One more rehearsal and then the barbeque before the summer break. All current and former members and friends of the chapter are welcome at the barbeque. Just let Brian B or someone know you will be coming. The summer break will begin after the June barbeque. As you know we have been reviewing some of the previous repertoire getting ready for a possible performance at Dakota Community Club on August 18th or 19th. No rehearsals in July, but likely to resume mid August especially if we get a confirmed chorus booking.

Today Marg & I and some of our kids worked getting our place ready for possible viewings as it is "on the market". I came across a few things that reminded me of some "treasures" from the past. I found a couple of clips for holding down the hood on the 1916 Model T Ford I bought the year we were married. Then, I got to thinking of old favorite songs and the new music being introduced. We have already started on Perfect and Sing and the music committee will be receiving evaluation copies of Fields of Gold. As these newer songs are being introduced, something has to be given up. It looks like Hello Mary Lou, Can't Help Falling in Love and possibly Can You Feel the Love Tonight. For some it is like giving up old friends. I remember when I joined the chapter in 1988 I sang in a Quartet, Harmony 101. One of our numbers was "Put On Your Old Grey Bonnet". It was composed in 1909. I loved that number. It talked about "Golden Wedding Day". Wow, we passed that almost 8 years ago. Time has passed. At my age these new numbers are unfamiliar but challenging to learn and no doubt of interest to a younger audience. We have to give up something to make way for the new even though they may be like familiar friends. We can still sing them in quartets and during breaks at rehearsals.



Rob



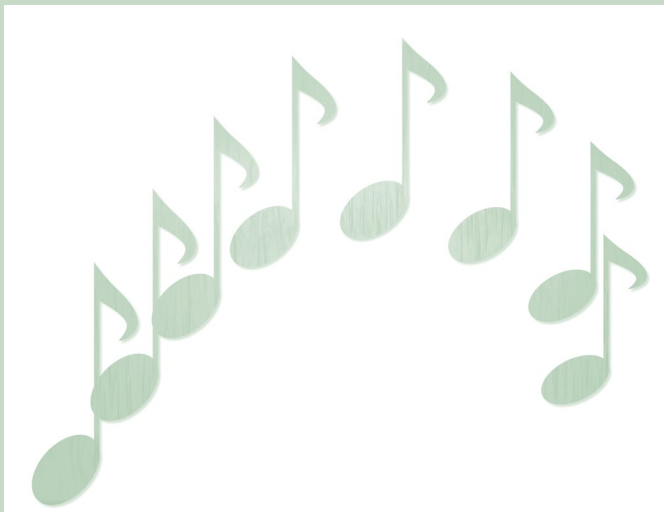
Free singing apps to make you a better vocalist

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



**Click below for a
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<https://youtu.be/sNfpuvOUX-0>



BARBECUE

JUNE 28

934 Campbell St.

6:00 p.m.

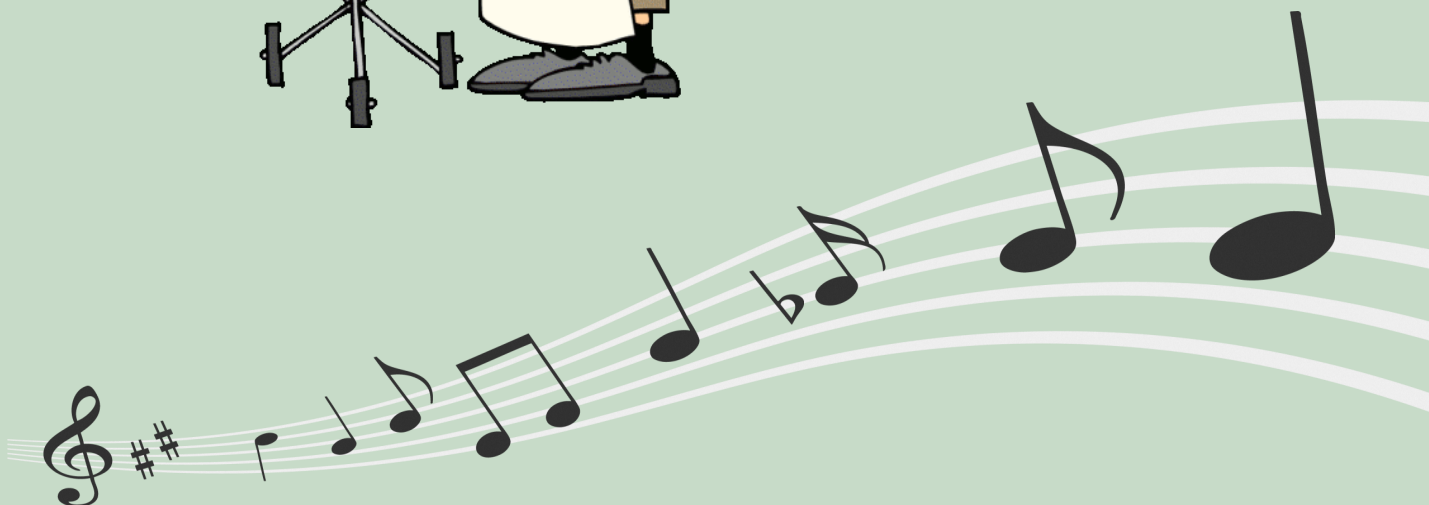
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HELP WANTED

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MESSAGE FROM LES CREEK

We had our grandchildren stay overnight with us on Friday, and they were really looking forward to the end of the school year. They talked about their plans for the summer and all the things they were going to do, and then it struck me that we too can plan for summer things on Wednesday evenings now. It will seem strange in a way to not have to fight traffic and construction road closures in order to get to meetings or rehearsal on time, but the longer commute did give me time to warm up my voice (most days) prior to rehearsal.

So this is our last rehearsal before mid August. We do need to continue helping our new members (11 of them since last fall!!!) learn our repertoire, so we will continue with some sectionals and chorus reviews, and hopefully we can have some time for quartet-ing as well. Wednesday is predicted to be hot, so we will have to be flexible as to the length of the rehearsal, depending on the basement temperature.

It seems 95% certain that we will have an hour long performance on August 18th or 19th, so our first rehearsal of the fall will be on August 16th at 7. We will have to get our voices in shape again, and run through the songs that we'll perform - probably 12 or so. I'd really encourage you all to spend a couple of hours a week on keeping your voices in shape and on refreshing your memories of our repertoire songs so that we can hit the stage the following weekend without any glitches. We won't be performing Perfect or Sing at this show, but most of our past standards will be on the program. We'll circulate a set list in the next few weeks to everyone. Of course, we do need as many members singing on that evening as we can get, so please make every effort to join us; the more singers we have, the better we sound, and the better we sound, the more opportunities to perform come our way.

Of course we have a very important meeting for all members and guest on June 28th - the wind up BBQ at the Miles residence. I believe that there will be more information as to cost, location, etc. elsewhere in N4Y. Please come. It's a great opportunity to meet our significant others' and get to know our newer members better. Rumour has it that there may be some music involved as well.....

Have a really GREAT summer everyone.





REHEARSAL SCHEDULE June 21, 2023



From Les Creek

6:55 to 7:05 Physical warmup
 7:05 to 7:20 Vocal warmup
 7:20 to 8:20 Sectionals – review other repertoire music

Perfect
 Imagine
 Best of Doo Wop
 I'm Gonna Be (500 Miles)
 Rhythm of Love

8:20 to 8:50 Repertoire Review ad lib

Perfect
 Best of Doo Wop
 Rhythm of Love
 Bridge Over Troubled Water
 I'm Gonna Be (500 Miles)
 Yesterday
 Imagine
 Pretty Woman
 O Canada
 Dream Lover
 Happy Birthday



8:50 to 9:10 Break and Business Meeting
 9:10 to 9:30 Repertoire Review (continued)
 9:30 to 9:55 Quartet-ing
 9:55 Wrap up and Final Song



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

New Music Sectionals Repertoire Review Off page

June 28 **BBQ!!!!**
 July to Aug 9 **Summer Break!!**
 Aug 16 Pre-performance rehearsal – full rehearsal –
 Aug 18 / 19 (tbd) Performance



2023 NEW RCS MEMBERS—BHS MEMBERSHIP CARDS

Gordon Billows—Wpg Chapter Historian

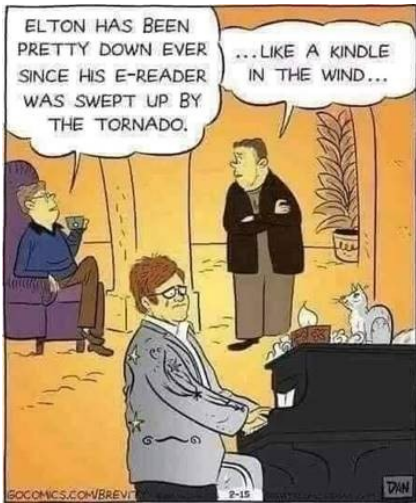
Receiving your first Barbershop Harmony Society membership card is special! Congratulations Lynn Langdon, Donna Boyle, Brad Trupp, Susan Altomare and Heather Lumsden.



It is always a pleasure to welcome new members into our Chapter. Bonnie Robinson is our 11th new member this year! Over the summer when meeting new and old friends, consider telling about our Chapter and that we would like to invite them to our rehearsal in early September. Those that take you up on the invite will definitely thank you! They can join us is saying, "It's great to be a Barbershopper"!

TO BRIGHTEN YOUR SPIRITS DURING THESE TRYING TIMES

From Gordon Billows





Kid Talk

Some school teachers keep journals of amusing things their students have written in papers. Here are a few examples:

- The future of "I give" is "I take."
- The parts of speech are lungs and air.
- The inhabitants of Moscow are called Mosquitoes.
- A census taker is man who goes from house to house increasing the population.
- Water is composed of two gins. Oxygen and hydrogin. Oxygen is pure gin. Hydrogin is gin and water.
- A virgin forest is a forest where the hand of man has never set foot.
- The general direction of the Alps is straight up.
- A city purifies its water supply by filtering the water then forcing it through an aviator.
- Most of the houses in France are made of plaster of Paris.
- The people who followed the Lord were called the 12 opos-sums.

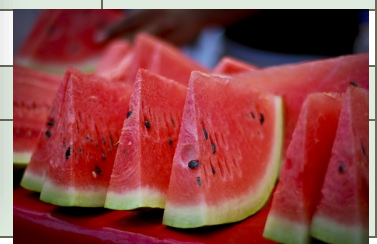


~ June 2023 ~

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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|  | Exec, Cmte June 14 5:30 | |  | 1 | 2 Happy Birthday Donna Strong | 3 Happy Birthday Rhonda Grist |
| 4 Happy Birthday Carol Seburn Heather Lumsden | 5 | 6 | 7 Rehearsal 6:55 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 Happy Birthday Andrea Leader Rehearsal 6:55 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18 HAPPY FATHER'S DAY  | 19 | 20 | 21 Rehearsal 6:55 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 Happy Birthday Drummond Barbecue | 29 | 30 | |

~ July 2023 ~

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 2 | 3 | | | | | 8 Happy birthday July 24 Donna Paryniuk! |
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River City Sound

Notes 4 U

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www.rivercitysound.ca

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50/50: Norm Silverberg

Awards Banquet Chairs: Gary & Ricki Miles

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Refreshments: **Need Volunteer**

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Website: (update and maintain) Chris Magas

Christmas Show Co-Chairs: Charlie Siegel, Donna

Boyle

LOL District Liaison: Gordon Billows

Historian Assistant: **Need Volunteer**

Christmas Show 2023 Producer: Larry Hunter

Spring Show 2024 Producer: **Need Volunteer**