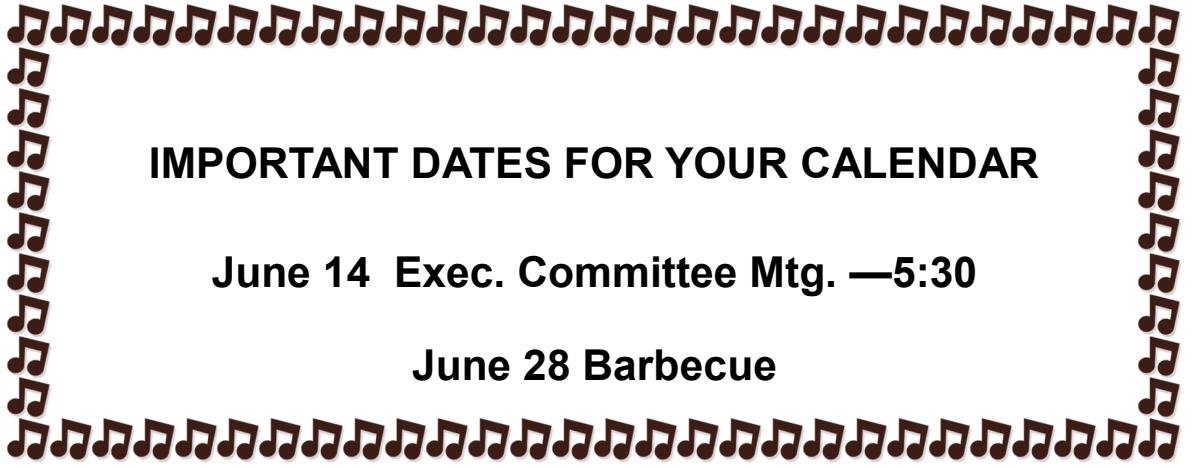
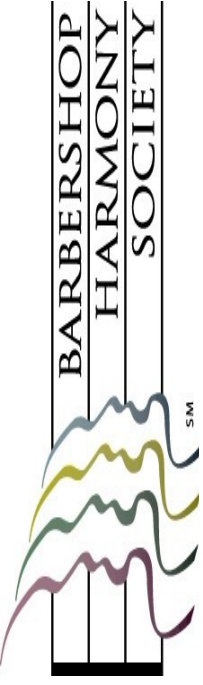


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Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada

Rehearsals - Wednesdays 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. St. Andrew's River Heights United Church 255 Oak St.

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IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

June 14 Exec. Committee Mtg. —5:30

June 28 Barbecue

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NO NOTES NEXT WEEK—EDITOR WILL BE AWAY.	

Deadline for contributions to
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Please send your
information to Mae at
Denby.Mae@gmail.com

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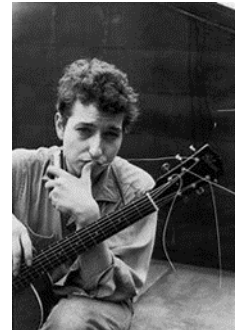
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PRESIDENT'S MUSINGS

By Rob Smith

President's Musings June 3, 2023

The times they are a changing. Come gather 'round people Wherever you roam and admit that the waters around you have grown and accept it that soon you'll be drenched to the bone if your time to you is worth saving'. I'm not even sure what this Bob Dylan 1964 song is about but it does seem times are changing.



For Marg and me, it is the impending sale of all our bees and beekeeping equipment and the move back to the city after living on a rural acreage for the last 20 years.

For the barbershop chapter, it is the impending change of personnel. At last Wednesday's Music Committee meeting, Larry B & Sherrie acknowledged that it would be their last music committee meeting after being very involved over the last 20 or so years. Sherrie will be retiring as chorus director at the end of this month. There was a hearty round of applause to thank them for their years of service.

Looking ahead, for the upcoming Christmas show, Larry H stepped up to offer to be the producer (which he has done in the past) and Donna & Charlie agreed to again take on co-chairs of the show committee. Yesterday Bruce sent an email saying that he would be unable to continue as Assistant Section Leader of the base section due to the uncertain future status of Linda's health. On the other hand, Brian Blakley has agreed to take on keeping track of who will be attending the June 28th barbeque at Ricki & Gary's and to track who will assist with what duties and what salad and dessert items various members will be bringing. There will be lots of opportunities for members to move into new roles. Mae will only be editor for Notes4U for 2 more times, June 17th and June 24th (no Notes next week). That is a role that cannot be left vacant. Who among you would be willing to take that on, either solo or together with a co-editor? It won't be so far into the future when there will be other roles to fill. This is my second year (this time around) being president and I want to be promoted to Past-President for next year. There may be some other executive members who want to move on to other roles. I think the elections are usually in September so it isn't to early to start thinking about it.

As I mentioned last week, there will be an executive meeting on June 14th, so if you know of any issues that need our attention, contact one of the executive. The summer break will begin after the June barbeque. No rehearsals in July but likely to resume mid August especially if we get a confirmed chorus booking. 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 RE-
HEARSAL?**

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

JUNE 14

**HEY! WHAT'S YOUR
FAVOURITE RCS SONG?
TELL US YOUR STORY!**

BARBECUE

JUNE 28

934 Campbell St.

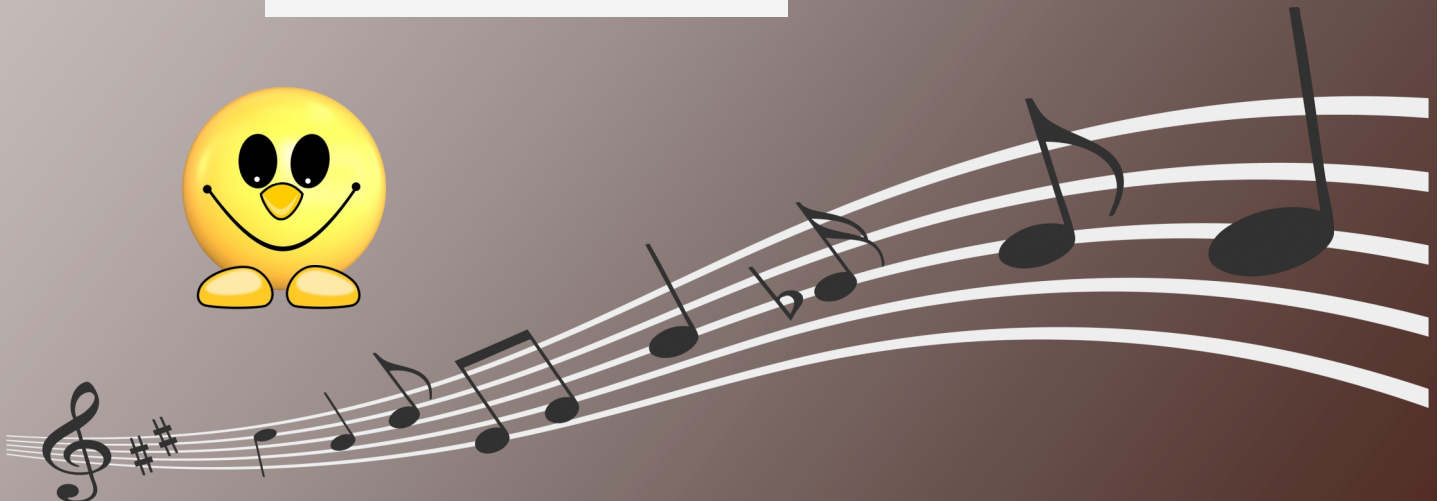
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HELP WANTED

RECORD-KEEPER

SEE ROB'S MUSINGS P.2



MESSAGE FROM LES CREEK

It's JUNE already!! That means we have 3 rehearsals left in this season! I'm sure that we are all looking forward to a bit of time off - we all certainly deserve a break after all of the diligent preparation for the show, and now we are working on 2 new pieces that are a little challenging. I hope to have the score and tracks for Sing! to Chris in the next couple of days to be added to the website, as well as some 'part predominant' tracks for Perfect (the tenors used one last week and found it very helpful....).

As I mentioned last week, we are reviewing / learning / reviving some of our repertoire that we haven't sung much in the past few months (like Rhythm of Love, Bridge, and Best of Doo Wop). Because we have so many new members, we will have to spend almost all of our time on these pieces, so that they can master them. These pieces will all become part of our basic show repertoire, and I expect that we will sing them at our performance in August, so please continue to spend some time with them over our break. We will only have a single rehearsal before the performance, and we will need to make it count! I don't expect that we will have mastered Perfect or Sing!, but spending some time on those would be helpful once we return to our regular rehearsal schedule in mid-August.

I want to thank Larry Hunter for volunteering as the Christmas Show producer, and I want to thank Charlie and Donna B for volunteering for the show chairpersons roles. At the music committee meeting this past Wednesday, we approved the purchase of 2 new Christmas songs - Mary's Little Boy Child (the Boney M version) and Rock 'n Roll Christmas. The last one is a George Thorogood and the Destroyers piece, and you can listen to their version on Youtube. It's a great upbeat piece and I'm sure that we will have a lot of fun singing it.

See you all Wednesday!





REHEARAL SCHEDULE June 7, 2023



From Les Creek

- 6:55 to 7:05 Physical warmup
- 7:05 to 7:20 Vocal warmup
- 7:20 to 7:30 New music introduction – Perfect (Ed Sheeran)
- 7:30 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

- Perfect
- Best of Doo Wop
- Rhythm of Love
- Bridge Over Troubled Water
- I'm Gonna Be (500 Miles)
- Yesterday
- Imagine
- Pretty Woman



- 8:50 to 9:10 Break and Business Meeting (and auditions if requested).
- 9:10 to 9:55 Repertoire Review (continued)
- 9:55 Wrap up and Final Song

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

	<u>New Music</u>	<u>Sectionals</u>	<u>Repertoire Review</u>	<u>Off page</u>
June 14	Sing!	Sing!	Same as June 7	
		Perfect		June 21
June 21	same as June 14			
June 28	BBQ!!!!			
	July to Aug 9 Summer Break!!			
Aug 16	Pre-performance rehearsal – full rehearsal –			
Aug 18 / 19	(tbd) Performance			



MESSAGE FROM ST CROIX CROSSING



Hi Gordon,

On behalf of the quartet, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to be a part of your 75th annual show!

You guys did a great job and should be very proud of your efforts. Thanks you so much for your hospitality and attention to every detail of our stay. Please relay to the rest of your group our sincere appreciation of their contributions to the show and the gratitude we have for allowing us to enjoy the hobby that we all love.

In Harmony,

Dan, Randy, Jared, Steve



MESSAGE FROM GORDON BILLOWS Personal Contact Changes?

If you have (or are going to) change anything in your personal contact information, like phone number, email or home address, etc, it is important to notify people in the Chapter, District and Barbershop Harmony Society. They all need your most up to date contact information to send you Chapter, District and Society emails, newsletters, etc.

Chapter—notify Shirley Christie (Secretary), Brian Metcalfe (roster), Rosanne Labossiere (Membership VP)

District—notify Bob Brey (LOL Secretary) rwbrey1950@gmail.com and Nate Peplinski (LOL Director) starquarterback14@yahoo.com

Barbershop Harmony Society—Any personal contact changes on the Society's Member site can be changed by the member, but it may be a complicated process for some members. The Chapter President, Secretary, and Membership VP may have the "permissions" to do those changes.

When all else fails, contact me, billows@shaw.ca or phone 204-488-2009.

MESSAGE FROM THE BRUCE WILTON

Thank You to Gordon Billows

As Chapter Treasurer I believe I need to acknowledge an outstanding effort that has positively impacted the Chapter's financial resources. Gordon Billows convinced the Executive to promote the 75th Anniversary of our chapter at our Spring show. Gordon undertook the fundraising almost single handedly and the results were as follows;

District grant to support having a headliner quartet - \$750 US

Ads in the show program - \$3650

Donations for the 75th Anniversary - \$3426

In addition, Gordon was instrumental in our Chapter receiving a Chapter Development Grant of \$1300 from the District.

Gordon's efforts led to contributions in excess of \$9000!

On behalf of the Chapter- Thank you Gordon!

Bruce Wilton

*River City
Sound*



TO BRIGHTEN YOUR SPIRITS DURING THESE TRYING TIMES

From Becki Ammeter



Timing is everything!






From Gordon Billows



So, my friend Jim called me today all excited to tell me that he'd joined a Carpenter's class last week. I was pleased that he finally found something productive to do during his retirement years and asked him, "Have you made anything yet?" To which he replied, "We've only just begun."



~ June 2023 ~

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	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!
9	10					15
16	17					22
23	24 					
30	31					



River City Sound

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www.rivercitysound.ca

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2023 Chapter Executive

President: Rob Smith

Executive VP:

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VP Membership & Chapter Development: Rosanne Labossiere-Gee

VP Music & Performance: Les Creek

VP Marketing & Public Relations: Becki Ammeter

Secretary: Shirley Christie

Treasurer: Bruce Wilton

Chorus Manager: Len Paluck

Board Members at Large: Herold Driedger, Susan Altomare

2022 Music Committee

VP Music & Performance: Les Creek

Chorus Directors: Sherrie Bredesen, Larry Hunter

Tenor Section: Becki Ammeter

Lead Section: Chris Magas **Assistant:** Charlie Siegal

Baritone Section: Len Paluck

Bass Section: Larry Bredesen

Performance & Staging: Gayle Wharton

Music Research: Duncan Zaluski

Sheet Music Librarian: Len Paluck

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

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,

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**