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The latest news and updates from River City Sound



River City Sound performing a Traditional Christmas. Photo courtesy of Angela Moisey

Important Dates

Seniors Concert: Kiwanis Courts

2300 Ness Avenue

Wednesday, December 6th (arrive at 6:15)

Seniors Concert: Holy Family Home

165 Aberdeen Avenue

Wednesday, December 13th (arrive at 5:00)

(No rehearsal on)

Wednesday, December 20th

(No Rehearsal on)

Wednesday, December 27th

Next Rehearsal Date

Wednesday, January 3rd

Music Committee

Wednesday, January 3rd

Executive Committee

Wednesday, January 10th

President's Musings

ROB SMITH

As everyone knows by now, the Christmas concert last Saturday was an overwhelming success. Although there was still seating scattered among the audience, there were also quite a few of the audience standing at the back. It was a full house but maybe not quite standing room only this time. Brian reports 345 people total, plus a few freebies. Congratulations, especially to Bonnie and Bruce, for amazing ticket sales. From the favourable reviews by the audience, I expect most will be back for our spring concert on May 11th. Speaking about the spring concert, Les announced that Andrea has volunteered to be the show producer and Charlie will co-chair. Wonderful.

The raffle and tin for the bin were also very successful. Three hundred sixty-seven pounds of food was delivered to Harvest Manitoba, and \$1486 was raised for Harvest Manitoba by the silent auction.



Now, about the Grey Cup pol tickets. I had meant to include the list of winners in last week's Musings, but here they are.

Series 1

- 1st quarter \$100 Nancy Pries,
reverse \$25 N. Bonnici
- 1/2 time \$100 Kevin Augustine,
reverse \$25, Wendy Lamont
- 3/4 quarter \$100 Bob Kenyon,
reverse \$25 Mary Holman
- Final \$200 Louise Hunter,
reverse \$50, Valerie Goodman

Series 2

- 1st quarter \$100 Brian Blakley,
reverse \$25 Steve Schroeder
- 1/2 time \$100 not sold,
reverse \$25, Ken Broadfoot
- 3/4 quarter \$100 Dave Sexton,
reverse \$25 Becki Ammeter
- Final \$200 Carson Hamilton,
reverse \$50 not sold

The list of winners is also being posted on our website and Facebook, as required by Liquor & Lotteries.

And now about the upcoming two performances. The run-through on Wednesday seemed pretty secure, and the sign-ups will make for a good chorus. Let's all enjoy and then take some time for our seasonal celebrations. See you back at rehearsal on January 3rd. Happy New Year!

ROB 🎵

Set List for December 6 & 13th

1. Joy To The World
2. Jingle Bell Rock
3. Silver Bells
4. Quartet - Dec 6 - TIP - Let It Snow
- Dec 13 - Harlequin - Winter Snow Medley
5. Winter Wonderland
6. Mary's Little Boy Child
7. First Noel
8. Imagine
9. Quartet - Harlequin - Let There Be Peace on Earth
10. Light One Candle
11. Lost in the Stars
12. O Holy Night
13. Peace Peace

Arrival time reminder - We need to be ready to warm up 1/2 hour before the show time. Kiwanis - no later than 6:15; Holy Family - no later than 5:00. Please plan to arrive at the venue AT LEAST 15 minutes before warm up time, to allow for parking, walking to the venue, finding our warm up room etc.

WARM UP YOUR VOICE BEFORE YOU ARRIVE AT THE VENUE!

This is really critical!

LES 🎵

Two Upcoming Performances

LEN PALUCK

Seniors Concert: 7 pm, Wednesday, December 6, Metropolitan Kiwanis Courts, 2300 Ness Avenue.

Seniors Concert: 5:45 pm, Wednesday, December 13, Holy Family Home, 165 Aberdeen Avenue.

Both shows are one-hour Christmas concerts. So that means we get to use our Christmas songs for at least three performances.

LEN 🎵

Wardrobe for December 6 & 13th

DONNA & CHARLIE

Same as the first half of the Christmas show, both men and women. Wear wardrobe to sing out (carefully please)

- White shirt or blouse
- Black pants or skirt
- Colored scarf
- Black shoes

** Ladies: minimal makeup - eyes, blush & lipstick

Thanks,

DONNA & CHARLIE 🎵

Entry Details for December 6th

LEN PALUCK

Metropolitan Kiwanis Courts 2300 Ness Avenue

ARRIVE 6:15 Performance: 7 pm to 8 pm.

NO DRESSING ROOM; arrive in performance wardrobe- same as the first half of Prairie Spirit show.

PARKING is very limited; there are very few 'visitor' spots near the entrance. There is no street parking on Ness until after 5:30 pm, and only on the south side. Turn onto Ainslie Street or Rita Street for extra parking.

DIAL # 4 4 4 to speak with the front desk. The first people to arrive should stand near the desk to alert the attendant to arriving RCS singers to speed entering.

We will perform in the DINING ROOM, which you pass by coming in. Our Waiting Room is the CARIBOU ROOM, to the right down at the end of a long hallway.

LEN 🎵

A Tear Blinded My Eye!

GORDON BILLOWS

When I began to read the recent Barbershop Harmony Society weekly newsletter, *Live Wire, I found that a longtime friend from down in Florida, Clare McCreary, passed away in November. Yes, a tear blinded my eye! I met Clare about 20

years ago while visiting the Greater Pinellas Chapter in Clearwater. Clare and I were both chapter newsletter editors around that time and often shared articles. Paula and I always made it a point to visit Clare and his Pinellas chapter on our Florida vacations. During our more recent trips, we were happy to see Clare's little red Mini-Cooper in the church lot where the chapter rehearsed. We always took the time to reconnect and sing a few songs or tags with Clare and the Pinellas members. The Live Wire article mentioned that Clare's quartet sang at the Sunshine District's convention when he was 100 years "young" – we remember that performance and were so thrilled for him! Rest in peace, dear friend.

<https://www.barbershop.org/in-memoriam-clare-mccreary>

*<https://go.barbershop.org/webmail/903411/294415590/1b4db34dd3e1fadd4e4fa27bf15aaabfc65f8786f0a48b73ce57ccaa678b1b1>

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Ring Out!

A CHRISTMAS HANDBELL RINGING CONCERT

Sunday, December 3
2:00pm

Chapel Lawn Funeral Home
4000 Portage Avenue
Winnipeg MB

All donations to
Winnipeg Christmas
Cheer Board

HOMEWARD BOUND

Assiniboine Chorus

DEC. 10 2PM

St. Paul's Anglican Church
830 North Drive

TICKETS \$15

AVAILABLE IN ADVANCE - CONTACT BELOW
OR CASH ONLY AT THE DOOR

BAKE SALE - ALL ITEMS \$5

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Assiniboine Chorus Concert

GORDON BILLOWS

Sunday, December 10th, 2023 @ 2:00 pm

St. Paul's Anglican Church, 830 North Drive. Tickets \$15 - purchased from Chorus members or at the door (cash only). Gordon will also have tickets on Wednesday at Kiwanis Courts, \$15.

LIVEWIRE – BHS Newsletter

The **LiveWire** e-newsletter is the Society's weekly roundup of information on news, events, and stories of interest. Click on this link and view some of our most recent issues below, and **fill out the form to sign up and stay up-to-date!**

<https://www.barbershop.org/news/livewire-weekly-newsletter>

GORDON 🎵

Getting to Know Heather Lumsden

HEATHER LUMSDEN

Both of my parents grew up on farms in Southern Manitoba, but they moved to the bustling city of Brandon, Manitoba, shortly after I was born. That is where I grew up and attended school along with my older brother. We lived on the outskirts (at that time) of the city, and we walked a mile to school (including back home at lunchtime except during really cold weather in winter). I had a loving home and enjoyed a safe and carefree childhood.

Musically, my family attended a Mennonite church where I was exposed to four-part harmony singing and listening to “special music” numbers – either singers or instrumental music (one family all played string instruments). As Brandon University's music program is quite respected, we often had music students come and perform or attend our church and participate in the music. I began piano lessons when I was in grade 2 and continued for about five years. I completed grade 4 or 5 of the Royal Conservatory music program but needed to study music theory to continue – and that is when I quit (of course, I have some regrets now, but I was hitting junior high, and that was no longer of interest to me). I also sang in the junior choir and then the adult choir, which I really enjoyed as we had a great conductor.

After graduating from Vincent Massey High School, I attended Assiniboine Community College for one year in the Office administration course – including Stenography (which is shorthand). Wow, even typing that makes me feel old or reminds me of how times have changed. After graduation from ACC, I was offered a full-time job with a law firm and a “term” position with the Federal Government. I discussed this with one of my teachers, who wisely told me, “Jobs at law firms will always be available to you, and taking a term position is usually how you get into the government.” So, I took her advice, and that started an almost 36-year career with the Federal Government.

I worked in the Brandon office, serving and helping clients with benefits and applications for Family Allowances, Old Age Security and Canada Pension Plan. I also married my husband Robert, who also

grew up in Brandon. Although his family was from the Minnedosa and Brandon area, by the time we were married, they had all moved west – to places in Alberta (Lethbridge) and BC (Sparwood and Fernie), so many of our vacations were taken travelling west.



We moved to Winnipeg (for further job opportunities) in 1990 and welcomed two sons, Matthew and Ian, into our family. They both loved sports from a pretty early age, so I became a hockey (and soccer) mom. We have many fond (and some not quite so fond) memories of fun times and road and bus trips - including hitting a deer in Sask at 11:00 PM and waiting several hours for another bus to come along. The convenience store nearby was cleaned out of just about anything edible! We also enjoyed road trips and adventures in Southern Alberta and BC with relatives, including a day spent whitewater rafting with Robert's brother's family. (photo) My sons also both took keyboard lessons for a few years and played trumpet in their school bands, as I wanted them to have some musical knowledge and experience. I didn't really have time for much playing or singing except in church.



I was fortunately able to retire early and have been able to spend more time on my own activities. I like to golf in the summer and cross-country ski in the winter. I also saw an advertisement in the community newspaper about the Learn to Sing Better program, which started in October 2022. I decided to check it out and enjoyed singing a few songs at the Christmas concert. The members of the RCS chorus are so friendly and encouraging, so I decided to continue after Christmas and joined in the spring. Learning a new part (baritone) and new songs has been challenging and rewarding, and I appreciate everyone who makes this a great chorus to belong to.

HEATHER 🎵



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