

WHAT'S UP WEEKLY

JULY 17, 2023

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please send all newsletter articles to DONNA L. any day or time but no later than 10:30 AM on Monday mornings.

BIRTHDAYS IN JULY

Gail 7/9, Christine 7/16, Karen 7/23, Fiona 7/29

From Caroline

Hi, everyone!

Hope you're all enjoying a little sun (It finally came out here by the beach)! It's good for what ails you - well, in moderation :-). An excessive activity that, thankfully, seems to be quite harmless is **SINGING!** 😊 Which, **as long as it's done correctly**, is FUN and definitely good for what ails you!

July is Section Appreciation Month!

Last week we spent some time exploring the challenges - and rewards - of singing **LEAD**. Here are a few notes by way of a memory refresher (or in case you were MIA):

- Breathe **TOGETHER** using a high, shared space.
- Sing with a free, relaxed, "open" tone for a blended unit sound (relaxed jaw, lifted soft palate, tongue resting on lower gum ridge).
- Use a continuous mix of "head" and "chest" registers to sing with "ONE VOICE."
- Sing a smooth, continuous vocal line minimizing "white space" between lyrics.
- Use proper breath support for an even vocal tone with minimal vibrato.
- Avoid pressure or force in the voice so other parts can easily blend.
- Be aware when you **don't** have the melody and **back off**.

- Understand tuning with other parts - know your part well enough that you can **LISTEN** to the chords.
- Leads and Baris generally share the middle of the chords; should be equally solid on both parts.
- **LEAD** with emotion and heart to "tell the story" of the song.

Don't be fooled by thinking that **LEADS** have the easiest part! A group can only be as good as its lead section, so it comes with a lot of responsibility! And, by the way, these tips are for **EVERYONE** because the HARMONY PARTS are often featured singing some or all of a song's melody line.

HURRAY for the LEADS!!!

Tonight, we'll be focusing on singing **BASS** (with tips that will be helpful for the other parts too!)

I'll see you there!

Love,

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From Alli

NEW RECYCLE GUIDELINES

Please bring your aluminum cans, plastic bottles, and glass bottles to rehearsal and load them in my car! Examples include water bottles, soda cans, and beer cans. This is a great ongoing fundraiser for the chorus!

****The only glass bottles accepted are water bottles, soda bottles and BEER bottles or any bottle that has the CRV sign on it. NO Wine and other hard liquor bottles as they are not allowed.**

PLEAS DO NOT BRING prescription bottles, yogurt or Ensure bottles, food containers, like mayonnaise or pickle jars or canned- goods cans or take-out containers, honey containers, cooking oil containers or other things like that. Bring only **California Redemption Value (CRV)** beverage cans and bottles.

I will no longer be accepting UNSORTED recycling materials. Cans, plastic bottles and glass bottles must be separated and placed in a plastic trash bag. I will **not accept bags that are not tied closed**. Open bags are not acceptable because

they fall out of the bag and all over my car. If you only have 2 or 3 cans and lots of plastic bottles, you can put 2 or 3 cans **in a small bag and then stick that small bag in your big bag of bottles.**

Please see me if you have any questions! Thank you so very much!!! Alli

From Lynn

DUES REMINDER

Chorus Dues are **due the first Monday of every month.** For those who pay either quarterly or every six months, it is easy to forget, so if you are unsure where you are on your dues, contact me at LynnIosty@gmail.com or call 310-530-4898. **You can also mark your calendar for your next dues payment.** Chorus dues are \$40.00 per month. You can either pay by check or cash. If you pay by cash, seal your cash in an envelope and mark the envelope with your name, amount, and month(s) paid. If you pay by check, make it out to L.A. SOUTH TOWNS. Make sure to document the month(s) paid on the remit line. Thank you for your cooperation.

From The Mgmt. Board

DONATION ALLOCATIONS

All donations to the chorus will be designated to our riser fund unless otherwise specified. A receipt is available for tax purposes on the entry table in the Finance mail folder. **The best donation** you can make to the chorus is to bring in **NEW MEMBERS!!** We have new adventures heading our way with BHS and L.A. South Towns needs YOU!

Happy Birthday to Christine on 7/16



Christine in Manhattan on the Brooklyn Bridge

Hope you had a great birthday!!!

FUN PHOTOS OF THE WEEK

HARMONY SALOON HAPPENINGS! It was a gorgeous overcast day in Hermosa Beach with a tropical breeze floating by. Listening to 4-part harmony from the Coastliners Chorus is always a crowd pleaser. If more of us were there we could have entertained the crowd with any of our fabulous tunes!! Hope to see you next month.



Ready Willing & Mabel + One

BLAST FROM THE PAST!



Ready Willing & Mabel + Two

CALENDAR

*** 2023 ***

*Updates - **Date Change - ***New

Wed, Aug 9 - Team Meeting at 7:30 via Zoom

Mon, Sept 4 - NO CHORUS - Labor Day

Wed, Sept 13 - Team Meeting at 7:30 via Zoom

Sat, Oct 7 - FALL FIESTA (patio party) DATE MAY CHANGE

Wed, Oct 11 - Team Meeting at 7:30 via Zoom

October 12-15 - BHS Far Western District Convention, Gilbert, AZ

Mon, Oct 30 - HALLOWEEN/BIRTHDAY Theme Night.

Oct 30 thru Nov 4 - SAI Intl CONVENTION, Louisville, KY

Wed, Nov 8 - Team Meeting at 7:30 via Zoom

Sat, Dec 9- HOLIDAYS in HARMONY (Inside ON RISERS).

Mon, Dec 11 - CHORUS HOLIDAY PARTY!

Mon, Jan 8 - Return to Chorus

From Donna L

LAST MUSIC LIBRARY

Many of you may not know that our chorus has an extensive list of music that we own. I have scanned in all of the sheet music from **LASTS music library** and they are available to any of you. Just know that the chorus has first right of refusal on any song on the list so you may (eventually) be singing a chorus song even if your quartet chooses the same song.

About 80% of the songs have not been used in the current years so it would be new-ish to any of you who are forming a one-song-quartet or a more permanent quartet. Some have learning tracks but most don't. That shouldn't stop you from taking a look. I can have tracks made at your cost so if you are interested in tracks, contact me.

FUNDRAISERS INSTRUCTIONS

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From Susie

RALPHS COMMUNITY REWARDS

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4. Link your card to LASTS by clicking on : "Community Rewards", then "Edit my community contribution" and follow the instructions.
5. Click on the circle to the left of our name: Sweet Adelines L.A. South Towns, organization # BB396

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