

**WHAT'S UP WEEKLY**  
**October 23, 2023**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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



Linda, Suzanne, Caroline, Leah, Chris, Alli, Andrea, Donna L,  
Judit, Lynn, Sharon F, Diana, Gini, Julie, Karen, Vicki, Donna D,  
Jennifer, Nancy, Susie, Konnie

**BIRTHDAYS IN NOVEMBER**

Sharon F. 11/1, Lynn 11/2, Andrea 11/8, Leah 11/26

## From Caroline

Hi, Everyone,  
Happy Monday!

It's looking like it's an "Eat-Out" week (or a "squirrel diet" of bananas and nuts) for P. and me - our stove is out for repair! But, hey, we get to **Dine at HOF'S on Thursday** for a very good cause - maybe we'll run into a few familiar faces there?

Great coaching session last week with **Jim C.** and our Mabel types. It was certainly *A Lovely Way to Spend an Evening* and by the end of the rehearsal we were making some beautiful sounds together - bravo!

The key is to keep up that good work and do our collective best to avoid revisiting any problematic vocal habits - plan A. I did manage (after multiple attempts) to record an updated lead line which I hope will help reinforce the tweaks we made to the phrasing and breath points. We can give it a run through tonight as a reminder before we hop onto our **HOLIDAY MUSIC!**

On that festive subject, we've added a "new" song to our Christmas List: *Let There be Peace on Earth*. It's an 8-part arrangement which some of you may remember from a "Christmas Past"?

The plan is to sing it with **The Coastliners** as a Grand Finale on their **Dec 10 Show**. We have sheet music and tracks and will schedule a rehearsal (or two) with the guys so it shouldn't be too much of a challenge. Please print yourself a copy of the music and we'll give it a listen together tonight!

NEXT MONDAY we get to celebrate our **Chorus' 65th BIRTHDAY!**

**WOOHOO!!!!** Dress in your sizzling, sumptuous, silly, or scary BEST and we'll mark the occasion by enjoying a few TRICKS and TREATS in between singing our favorite tunes! There'll be a few FUN PRIZES too so if you don't want to find yourself in the WHB, be prepared!

**Kathy Kileen**, our **BHS District Rep** will be joining us as a VIP guest so it will be a perfect opportunity for us all to **sign our BHS CHARTER** to frame and display it for posterity!

In the meantime, please brush up on our Holiday Songs - Christmas is COMING!  
That's it from me. See you tonight!

Love,

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**From the Board:**

**NEW-MEMBER INCENTIVE!**

After discussing ideas for promoting membership growth, The Board voted at the last meeting to approve the following incentive:

**Any LAST member who brings in a new member will be eligible for ONE MONTH of FREE CHORUS DUES!**

**Requirements:** New member must pass her Audition, be Approved by the Board, turn in a BHS Membership Application and Submit Payment for first month's dues.

Questions? Ask any Board Member!

**From Sharon F.**

**SHERWOOD FOREST GREENERY FUNDRAISER**

**Greenery Fundraiser – Only 1 more Monday to turn in your order!**

Please get your orders quickly as we have a deadline of October 30. We can do this!!

**Donna L**

**Hof's Hut Fundraiser!!**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26 from 7 am to 9 pm.** All you need to do to give us credit is **let your server know that you are supporting L.A. South Towns Chorus.** No flyer necessary! You may dine for breakfast, lunch, or dinner or all three mealtimes.

**Details:**

You can dine from **7am to 9pm** on the date we choose.

The average menu price is \$24.

The donation does not include sales tax or alcohol.

## AVENUE ITALY \$100 GIFT CERTIFICATE

Along with our **Halloween Theme Night** there will be an **opportunity drawing for a \$100 gift certificate from the fabulous AVENUE ITALY** in Palos Verdes or Redondo Beach. Thank you, Suzanne, for snagging this great gift! **Opportunity tickets will be sold for \$2 each** so have your cash or check ready! The proceeds will go toward our riser fundraiser.



AVENUE ITALY

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Redondo Beach, CA 90277  
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[www.AvenueItaly.com](http://www.AvenueItaly.com)

The image shows a vertical advertisement for Avenue Italy. At the top, the brand name 'AVENUE ITALY' is written in a white serif font, flanked by two laurel wreaths. Below the logo is a still life photograph of various Italian food items: a bottle of olive oil, a bundle of uncooked spaghetti, a jar of tomato sauce, a bowl of pasta, and several cherry tomatoes with basil leaves. The background of the advertisement is dark. At the bottom, there are two sets of contact information, each with a phone number in bold. A horizontal line is drawn above the website address 'www.AvenueItaly.com'.

## HOLIDAYS IN HARMONY

Our Holidays in Harmony event is ready to go. **Invite your singing friends and family** to join us on Monday, November 20, and 27, and December 4. Our finale will be on Sunday, December 10, at the Coastliners show in El Segundo.



*Are you a woman who loves to sing?*

**Come and join us!**  
L.A. South Towns invites you to be a part of our award-winning Chorus for a festive, four-week, holiday experience!

Three fun rehearsals plus one "Family and Friends" performance.  
**Mondays - November 20 thru' December 4, 7:00 - 9:00pm.**  
**Performance Day - Sunday, December 10, 7pm**

Rehearsals - Immanuel Lutheran Church  
706 Knob Hill Avenue . Redondo Beach . CA 90277  
Contact - Lynn (310) 530 - 4898 for more information  
[www.lasouthtowns.org](http://www.lasouthtowns.org)

Let's celebrate the  
*Holidays in Harmony*

**Reach out to a former member to come sing with us for this event! I am sure they would love to sing again, and we would be thrilled to have them join us at the finale.**

**From Susie**

## **STUFFED BEARS FOR YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPING**

Our dear former member/BFF Ginger in Seattle has again made stuffed animals for us - bears this time. The photo illustrates some of the patterns that will be available. They are about 15" and childproof; kids can't pull off the nose and eyes and eat them. They will be for sell - **\$10, at our RF Resale table starting Monday, November 27.**



**Fun fact from Ginger:** **Susie** is the one who keeps her eagle-eye out at yards sales for suitable fabrics for bears and bunnies. She brings fabric up to Ginger and bears and bunnies down to us, stuffed into her suitcase. The critters that stay with Ginger are donated to shelters and halfway houses for kids in need. Hip, Hip, Hooray for the Ginger and Susie team!

**From Fiona**

**FREE CONCERT COMING UP**

My next orchestra concert is coming up this Friday evening, so if you like the sounds of Dvorak 7th Symphony, a Mozart overture, and a Rachmaninov piano concerto, do come enjoy!

Date: 27th October (Friday)

Time: 7.15pm pre-concert talk; 8pm bows up

Venue: El Camino College (in the Marsee Auditorium)

Cost: Free!

Website: <https://www.beachcitysymphony.org/>

## FUN PHOTOS OF THE WEEK

### Double Quartets Over the Years



Susie, Ginger, Donna L, Melody, Rachel, Debbie, Marta, Norma

2006 - "You Bet" quartet singing "Diamonds Are a Girl's Best Friend." That was the year we discovered that wearing a TIARA was prohibido, verboten, interdite, vietata, unless we earned the TIARA as an International Contestant. We were still the best dressed. Just sayin'...



# CALENDAR

\*\*\* 2023 \*\*\*

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

**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

**\*\*Mon, Nov 20, Nov 27, Dec 4** - HOLIDAYS IN HARMONY

Inside on the risers. Our finale will be at the Coastliners' show on December 10.

**\*Sun, Dec 10** - **Golf Club Lunchtime gig**. Call time 12:00, sing at 12:30, Los Verdes County Golf Course, 7000 West Los Verdes Drive, Rancho Palos Verdes, 90275.

**\*Sun, Dec 10** - **Coastliners Holiday Show** - Call time TBD, Show time 7:00 pm at El Segundo High School, 640 Main St., El Segundo 90245.

**\*Mon, Dec 11** - **CHORUS HOLIDAY PARTY** hosted by Linda Borg, 22222 Redbean Ave, Torrance 90505. Details to follow.

**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 all 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**

**From Alli**

### **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 contact me if you have any questions! Thank you so very much!!! Alli

**From Susie**

### **RALPHS COMMUNITY REWARDS**

#### **IF YOU HAVEN'T REGISTERED YOUR REWARDS CARD ONLINE**

1. Log into [www.ralphps.com](http://www.ralphps.com) (<http://www.ralphps.com>) and click on "Create an Account". Follow the 5 easy steps to create an online account.
2. You will be instructed to go to your email inbox to confirm your account.
3. After you've confirmed your account by clicking on the link in the email, return to [www.ralphps.com](http://www.ralphps.com) (<http://www.ralphps.com>) and click on "my account" (you may have to sign in again) View your info and edit if necessary.
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: LA South Towns, SPEBSQSA # BB396

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