

WHAT'S UP WEEKLY

January 09, 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 JANUARY

Donna Day 01/14

From Caroline

HAPPY NEW YEAR, EVERYONE!

And **WELCOME BACK** to another round of fun and fabulous Chorus adventures! I hope you're all well and enjoyed the long Holiday break?

As is the tradition I failed to get through my To Do list for the "week in between". You'd think by now I'd just give up on figuring I could clean out closets, paint the front porch and organize my entire music library while recovering from the festivities!

Yep, I'm another year older - but wiser? Hmm...not sure about that! 😊

It's going to be an exciting year! Going forward we'll be forging new paths, reviving a few favorite songs and making new friends along the way. And, of course, having a blast together raising our voices and spirits in harmony. So, lots to look forward to as we kick off 2023! Check out the **Rehearsal Schedule** for January and be prepared. And stay tuned for more!

But first things first. If, like me, you're moving slowly, let's ease back in by warming up our voices, getting back in vocal shape and just ringing a few wonderful chords together - music to our ears!

I'll see you all TONIGHT!

Love,

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PS: We'll definitely be rehearsing inside (brrr!) - masks optional.

From Susie

SILENT AUCTION OF UNLOVED HOLIDAY GIFTS

Monday, January 16

It's time for our annual silent auction of unloved holiday gifts. If you receive a book you've already read, a sweater too big or too small, sweets not on your New Year's diet, or a knickknack that doesn't match your decor, no worries - bring them to the hall and do some shopping yourself. **New items only please.** All proceeds go to the chorus treasury.

From Lynn

CHORUS DUES REMINDER

Happy New Year everyone. Let's make a New Year's Resolution to be on time with our Chorus Dues. Chorus Dues are due on the first week of each month. The amount is **\$40.00 per month.**

Checks are made out to "L A SOUTH TOWNS." Make sure to document, on the remit line, the month(s) you are paying. Also make sure the year on the Date Line is **2023**.

Chorus dues can be paid monthly, quarterly, every 6 months or once a year. Feel free to contact me if you are not sure where you are on your dues payment. My email is LynnIosty@gmail.com Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Lynn Iosty, Dues Coordinator.

Happy Birthday to the other Donna 1/14



2017 - From two friends with questionable taste!

FUN PHOTO OF THE WEEK

March, 2010 – On a Cruise Package Dress rehearsal



“Let a Smile Be Your Umbrella-Smile Darn Ya, Smile Medley” and “On A Cruise”

Beverly G, Janie, Gini, Suzanne, Sharon F, Donna L, Maureen, Judit, Diana, Trille, Linda C, Konnie, Barbara F, Mary, Sally, June, Connie, Vicki S, Elizabeth, Linda J, Ann, Marj, Leota, Dolly, Vicky B, Barbara W, Wendy, Marta, Debbie and Kate

This was 4 years before Open Division!!



Unfolding our fashion-forward handmade life jackets constructed from the finest plastic tablecloth-on-a-roll. You may also note the authentic Quarantine flag held up by Wendy.

Continuing: Linda C, Ginger, Elaine, Jacqueline, Margret, Donna S, Cindy, Phillis, Susie, and Marjorie



They definitely looked like life jackets from the audience.



Crew members Donna L. and Maureen are outfitting cruise passenger Susan Warner for the ever popular (and mandatory) lifeboat drill on the SS Cucaracha!



Crew member, Vicky B, demonstrating the delicate one-paddle motion to get your lifeboat to shore. Hang on Susan!!!!

The lifeboat was designed and constructed by our very own Marj McKarns and was painted a lovely shade of blue. Does anyone have that photo??

CALENDAR

*** 2023 ***

*Date change, **New

Wednesday, Jan 11 - Team Meeting 7:30

Monday, Jan 16- Silent Auction of unloved holiday gifts.

Sunday, May 21 - Centennial Celebration of "Leah's Church," the First United Methodist Church, Torrance. Time and details to be noted.

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

From Alli

AMAZON SMILE

Amazon Smile is a simple and automatic way for you to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop!! When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you'll find the **exact same low prices**, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to your favorite charitable organization.

How great is this? All you do is shop on Amazon Smile and a portion of your purchase gets donated to the chorus! If you have friends or family who are not currently using Amazon Smile, invite them to support LA South Towns Show Chorus!

Amazon Smile Sign Up Instructions:

1. Type www.smile.amazon.com into your web browser (or search for Amazon Smile and click on the link that says smile.amazon.com)
2. You will be asked to sign into your amazon.com account. The next thing you will see is **Welcome to Amazon Smile**.
3. You will be asked to select your charity. Look below the part that asks you to choose from one of their Spotlight charities and you will see a box where you can pick your own charity. In that box, type **LA South Towns Show Chorus** and hit the search button.

Make sure there is a **space** between L and A.

4. When you find our link, it will say **L A South Towns Show Chorus, Sweet Adelines International**. The location will say **Rolling Hills, CA**. This is correct! It is our official charity address. That's us!
5. Press the Select button and you will see a page that says you understand you must always shop with **smile.amazon.com** in order to have donations count for us.
6. **Check the box next to YES and press the Start Shopping button!**
7. **You are done!** Now, remember to always go to **smile.amazon.com**. You will get the same great deals, same prices, etc., AND L A South Towns will get 0.5% of each purchase deposited into the chorus bank account.

That's it! Shop Away, and thank you for your support!

RECYCLE CANS AND BOTTLES!!

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

Please **do not** bring food containers, like mayonnaise or pickle jars or canned-goods cans or take-out containers or things like that.
Bring only 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 bag or trash bag. Please do not put them in an open paper bag (like a Trader Joe's bag) because then the cans 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!!!

From Susie

RALPHS COMMUNITY REWARDS

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3. After you've confirmed your account by clicking on the link in the email, return to www.ralphs.com (<http://www.ralphs.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: Sweet Adelines L.A. South Towns, organization # BB396

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