

WHAT'S UP WEEKLY

August 15, 2022

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 AUGUST

Susan W. 8/3, Sheri DS 8/10, Gini G. 8/15, Susie C. 8/22, Laura R. 8/26

From Caroline

Hi, Everyone!

It's starting to feel like the end of summer. Schools are back (ugh - did you always dread that too?), we have a few last roses blooming in the garden - and it's **HOT!** That generally means that, at least here by the beach, evenings are the perfect temperature for being outdoors. So how about we sing out on the patio again tonight? It worked very well last Monday night (and at least now we're doing it not because we *must* but because it *feels good!*)

While we're at it, I'd like us to spend a few minutes tonight revisiting last week's exercise of singing all together while standing in multiple smaller groups. (If you were there, you'll know what I mean!) I got lots of positive feedback on how fun it was to be able to *really hear* the other parts that make up the chords. And that's what we're really about, right? YES! Singing chords! (For some of us, and I'll admit to being one of this group, we're just chord freaks :-)

Tonight we will focus on the following songs: **BACK in BUSINESS, JUKEBOX SATURDAY NIGHT and SOUND of MUSIC**

I'll just add that the best way to prepare for rehearsal is to **KNOW YOUR MUSIC**



If you've been MIA and/or haven't had a chance to do that, I certainly understand - but please "sit out" on any song if you're not ready to sing it with us. I'm completely fine with that - it will be much better for you - and us - than trying to

lean in and sing along with your neighbor to learn your part. Thanks for being Team Players!

I'm really jazzed by our collective growing willingness and enthusiasm for giving quartet and/or small group singing a try. Its super fun and, quite possibly, the best way to learn how to sing in the barbershop style. This stuff is not for the faint of heart!

Singing unaccompanied close harmony can be extremely tricky and it takes many hours - even for accomplished singers - to hone the required skills to master our craft. Ask any good quartet and they'll tell you they lost count of the hours they spent together (and individually) figuring out how to do this stuff.

TAGS are the best way to get a feel for singing in a foursome! Congratulations to last week's winners of **Donna L's Tag of the Month Contest**. It was a blast as always. It's probably a good job we have a limit on our hall rental time or some of us might be there half the night ringing tag chords - ha :-)

It's wonderful to be able to entertain a live audience, but at this point we're not looking for an end game, contest experience or sell-out show. Let's take some time to really work on our vocal skills and get our Chorus sound together. The main thing is to HAVE FUN being together, LEARNING to sing to the best of our ability and ENJOYING the doing of it!
I'll second that!!

Stay cool and I'll see you all tonight...
Love,

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From Donna L

TAG-OF-THE-MONTH

New tag coming up in September! In the meantime, **grab a few peeps and sing a tag you already know before and after chorus!** If you need a little reminder, all the tags we've learned so far are in the guest books in alphabetical order.

MAIL TABLE

If you have asked me for a copy of something, rather than chase you down (said with much love) **your stuff will be on the mail table with your name on your copies.** There is no real need to resume pulling out the mail folders for such small distributions. **Also, all NEW tags and music will be placed on the same table.**

FUN PHOTO OF THE WEEK

2010 – Where Did the Van Gogh



From Ali

NO Recycling Items TONIGHT

CALENDAR

All times listed are arrival times

*** 2022 ***

Wednesday, September 7 - Zoom Board Meeting at 6pm

Friday, September 16 - LAST's Small group performance at the Palos Verdes Peninsula Village Group at lunch time. Details TBN.

Saturday, October 15 - **FALL FIESTA**. Details TBN.

Monday, October 17 - **No Chorus**

Wednesday, December 7 - LAST's performing opportunity, from 1:00 to 2:00 approx, at the Torrance Woman's Club, 1422 Engracia Ave., Torrance 90501. www.torrancewomansclub.org

Saturday, December 10 - Holidays in Harmony! Details TBN.

Monday, December 12 - **No 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

From Alli

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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!

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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 **L A 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.

Please, if at all possible, place the aluminum cans in one bag, plastic beverage bottles in another bag, and glass bottles in another bag. Thank you so very much!!!

From Susie

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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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