

# WHAT'S UP WEEKLY

## February 20 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 FEBRUARY  
Jennifer Vollbrecht 2/6, Judy Petrone 2/25

#### From Caroline

Hey, Everyone, It's Monday again!

Thanks to everyone who was there last week for our **Valentine's** celebrations - and Congrats to our **"Best (Dressed) in Show"** Winners! We were bemused, bedazzled and besotted by your creativity, style and, frankly, your ability to still FIT INTO an old Prom Dress! It was also a treat to welcome Linda's Mother-in-Law and Fiona's Mum, both here visiting from out of town. Thanks for sharing your family with us all! Seriously, who else has this much fun on a Monday night?

On the subject of family, the rest of the week was quite the whirlwind at our house. In addition to being the usual 3-Ring Circus, we had house guests here from deepest, darkest Yorkshire - my closest cousin, Ralph, (on my dad's side) and his crazy-fun wife, Gaynor. We crammed in a ridiculous amount of activities during their two-night stay and had an absolute blast. They should be back home in Leeds by now but I suspect they'll be needing a few days of recovery time :-)) Me too...but no time for that! So if you see me nodding off at rehearsal tonight feel free to come and prod me in the ribs!! 😊

**COMING UP NEXT - SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26.**  
**CHORUS PERFORMANCE for the BRAVO GROUP**  
Thanks to everyone who has signed up to sing!

**Location:** Doubletree Hotel, 21333 Hawthorne Blvd, Torrance, CA 90503

**Time:** Plan to arrive/meet in the Lobby at 12:30 pm/Sing around 1:00 pm in a Private Room off the Main Lobby.

**Wear:** Smart Casual outfit of choice to include:

- Black pants or skirt
- White top (if it's cold and rainy feel free to add a black jacket)
- Black shoes or boots
- Yellow Chorus scarf, tied and fastened however you'd like with a silver pin/brooch
- Light make-up with red lipstick (if you have it!)

**SONG LIST** (We will be working on these tonight per the Updated Rehearsal Schedule)

**Please warm up your voice before you arrive as there may not be a spot for us to sing together before we perform.**

**CONSIDER YOURSELF**

**WHO WILL BUY**

**SENTIMENTAL JOURNEY** ("Ooh" the first chorus while I introduce the song)

**\*IF THERE'S ANYBODY HERE FROM MY HOME TOWN** (subject to how it sounds tonight at rehearsal - **Plan B** will be **BACK in BUSINESS**)

**IRISH MEDLEY**

**WHEN I LIFT UP MY HEAD**

**IT'S SAND, MAN**

**HAPPY/ALL ABOUT THAT BASS**

**Donna L.** will have the yellow scarves available at rehearsal tonight - if you don't already have one, don't leave without it!

**ALSO TONIGHT** (After the Break) - we'll be introducing our "new" song, *Lovely Way to Spend and Evening*

Please print yourself a copy of the sheet music (available on our web site) and **bring it with you!** (Any problems, check with Donna L.) It's a dreamy delight of a song - and if it's new to you I know you're going to just love it!

Plus, of course we'll squeeze in a little **TAG SINGING!** Hurray!!

**See you TONIGHT!**

Love,

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## **Letter from Roxanne**

Dearest Chorus Cohorts

When I made my way into the rehearsal hall 12 years ago on a Monday night in August, I found Jim Campbell directing since Caroline (who I would not meet until my audition) was visiting family in England.

Maureen greeted me and handed me a Guest song book. At the time I couldn't make heads or tails of the baritone line, so I sang Lead and auditioned as such 3 weeks later. Lucky me, I was accepted! It wouldn't be for almost 3 years that I would switch to Baritone, at the behest of Caroline and assistance from the awesome Baritone section.

It has been an extraordinary 12 years (with a 6 month family leave hiatus) and I have been so fortunate to have experienced being part of a Chorus with not only a diverse musical library, but a diverse group of talented women who are passionate about singing and bringing joy to themselves, each other, and all who would listen, by belting out a happy tune.

I am honored beyond measure to have been featured in 3 of our Regional Contest packages. A more creative and adventuresome group of companions I could not have imagined!

Being part of a Quartet is something everyone should experience. It leaves you exposed, yet simultaneously surrounded by the support and love of the other 3 parts. To my Quartet mates, After Five, you taught me patience, persistence, and the importance of laughter during rehearsals. I'm so glad I could tickle your funny bone, Gini, you have a great laugh. Suzanne, when you are "in the zone" your voice can melt butter. Sharon, your bright and light dusting of Tenor is the frosting that all songs benefit from and we need you to share your voice again with us.

It has also been a privilege to serve as Sunshine Member over the past 6 years, as it has given me the opportunity to share in each person's birthday celebration at some point. Sending cards for joyous occasions, but also sad ones in response to illness or members passing on to the Heavenly Chorus were handled with love and care. Sending/delivering flowers and bringing refreshments and treats was a privilege.

So, too, is knowing you wonderful ladies. Sing well, my lovelies, and we will not say "Good bye", but "Till We Meet Again."./././

With love, Roxanne

**FUN PHOTO OF THE WEEK**

**02-13-2023 - Valentine's Celebration**



**The Valentine Parade**

**Leah, in her finest prom dress and tiara!**

**Judit, in her "It's all about Pink!"**

**Linda B & Company, Queen of Hearts!**

**Gini, lovely in lavender!**



Cheers to the Queen of Hearts  
and her deck of cards.  
When you know, you know!



Leah, The Prom Queen! Ravishing in Red!



Gini, Living life in lavender and blue!

# CALENDAR

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

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

**Sat, Feb 25** - Performance for Bravo Group. Arrive at **12:30 pm** for a 1:00 pm show. Located at the Doubletree Hotel in Torrance, 21333 Hawthorne Blvd.

**Wed, Mar 8** - Team Meeting, 7:30 via Zoom.

**Mon, Mar 13** - SHAMROCKS & SHENANIGANS! Family & Friends Fun Night inside the hall.

**Sat, Mar 18 - Marjorie Falcon** - celebration of Life, 1:00-3:00 pm in Manhattan Beach. More information to follow.

**March 24-25** - BHS So Cal Divisional Contest, Burbank, CA

**Mar 30 thru Apr 2** - REGION 11 Spring Convention, Oxnard, CA

**Mon, Apr 10** - EASTER PARADE Theme Night - Hats Off to Us!

**Wed, Apr 12** - Team Meeting at 7:30 via Zoom

**Wed, May 10** - Team Meeting at 7:30 via Zoom

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

**Mon, May 29** - NO CHORUS - Memorial Day



**Wed, Jun 14** - Team Meeting at 7:30 via Zoom

**Sat, July 3** - STARS & STRIPES in HARMONY inside on RISERS

**Wed, July 12** - Team Meeting at 7:30 via Zoom

**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)

**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 10 thru Nov 4** - SAI INTL CONVENTION, Louisville, KY

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

**Sat, Dec 2** - 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**

**From Alli**

**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**

**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.
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5. Click on the circle to the left of our name: Sweet Adelines L.A. South Towns, organization # BB396

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