

# WHAT'S UP WEEKLY

## JULY 24, 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

Check the calendar for a new LAST Hurrah Group performance date, Friday, Sep. 8, at 1:00

### From Caroline

Hi, Everyone,

Happy Monday! I hope you're all managing to stay cool? If you're getting overheated you can be like granddaughter, Avery, who is staying with us for the Summer - she nips down to the beach for a quick dip in the sea. Brrr. The water's a bit chilly for me but it does sound like a good idea!

Kudos to our fabulous **BASS SINGERS** who worked hard last Monday night, focusing on vocal production techniques, and keeping an open mind as we experimented with "new" placement skills on those crazy LOW notes. We were really making some lovely sounds together - music to my ears! Let's keep it going!!

Here are a few BASS reminders (actually helpful for all voice parts!):

- **BASSES** provide the **foundation** for **barbershop chords**
- Basses also help with maintaining the **TEMPO** of a song
- "**LOW**" refers only to **pitch**, **NOT placement**
- Think - and sing like - a **LEAD**. Take command of your part!
- Sing with **constant vocal energy** (does not mean **LOUD!**)
- Sing with **NO THROAT TENSION** and **NO PUSHING** for vocal freedom
- Think about singing the **LOW** notes using a "**HEAD VOICE**" placement

- Sing using **LIFT, RESONANCE** and a "nasal" edge to create "**RING**"
- Avoid a "heavy" or gravelly sound
- Know when you have the **melody** and sing it with **artistry and finesse**

**TONIGHT - we will focus on vocal skills for EITHER the TENORS or BARITONES (depending on how many tenors are there).**

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

Happy Birthday to Karen on 7/23



Happy Birthday Karen. Hope it was fabulous!!

## FUN PHOTOS OF THE WEEK

### Quartets



Alli, Diana, Connie, and Carolyn

2015 - Serotonins singing "Parting Glass" in the show "Ay Caramba!" It's true! We had Maypole ditties, Latin numbers, and our black & blue jazz numbers all in one show!! The dressing rooms were a frenzy of costume changes!! It was a miracle that everyone had on the correct costume pieces all at the same time! Phew!



**Melissa (cartwheel) Ferguson and Kendal (shirt disappeared) Bixler!**

**Also showing, Linda (let's take a selfie) Borg!**

**Just couldn't resist a couple of cuties that used to sing with us! They were in high school then and now they have graduated from university and are well into their careers.**

# CALENDAR

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

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

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

**Mon, Sept 4** - NO CHORUS - Labor Day

**\*\*\*Fri, Sept 8** - LAST Hurrah Group Performance for PV Peninsula Village Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon. **Call time is 12:20 pm** and Show time is 12:45 to 1:15 pm. Outdoor performance at Mary & Joseph Retreat Center, 5300 Crest Rd, Rancho Palos Verdes, 90275, next to St. John Fisher Church.

**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**

**From Alli**

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**From Susie**

### **RALPHS COMMUNITY REWARDS**

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5. Click on the circle to the left of our name: LA South Towns, SPEBSQSA  
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