

# WHAT'S UP WEEKLY

## January 31, 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 FEBRUARY

Jennifer Vollbrecht 2/6, Judy Petrone 2/25

#### From Caroline

Hello, Everyone,

Wow, we made it through January! That was a crazy month - dodging the dreaded Omicron (and/or succumbing to it), narrowly avoiding another Chorus lockdown, and somehow keeping things moving in a forward direction - here's to that!

Our *Irish Medley* is already sounding really FUN! It's a challenging arrangement to learn (or re-learn) but SO worth the effort! Chorus singing, as we all know, is a team sport, so if you're ready and willing to be back with us on Monday nights, I can guarantee it will be more fun for you (and your "circle neighbors") if you can come prepared! Sheet music and learning tracks are on the website. I love singing along to the track that has my part omitted - it feels like the closest thing to singing in a quartet.

On the subject of quartets, I'm thrilled that a few of our fabulous foursomes are reassembling to work up a song for our upcoming **"GREEN" Family and Friends Event**. You may hear them squeezing in a little practice before or after our Monday night Chorus rehearsals, so just a little friendly reminder about quartet protocol: **If you see or hear a foursome gathered in a corner (or in a back room) please don't join in uninvited!** I know it's tempting - especially if you know the song (or tag) they're singing - but it's really not "kosher". In the world of barbershop quartet singing it even has a name - "Fifth-Wheeling". I know, so many things to be aware of and remember- whoever said this stuff was easy?

Regarding this proposed GREEN GATHERING - we're looking at a possible date of Saturday, March 12 (to be confirmed) – that will be the weekend before St. Patrick's Day.

**Date: Saturday, March 12 (to be confirmed)**

**Time: 11:00am - 1:00pm.**

**Place: Our rehearsal hall patio.**

(Same format as our Holidays in Harmony Event back in December - but green :-)  
We will debut our *Irish Medley* and sing a few other favorites from our current song list.

I'm also thinking it would be fun to have a couple of sales tables with **GREEN STUFF to GO!** Think jewelry, little plants, avocados from your tree, individually wrapped lime cookies or kiwi treats? Let's get creative! We could even have a "Green Elephant" table (I just know you have an antique jade vase or two laying around that could use a new home?) Have a dig through your cupboards and see what (tasteful and undamaged) items you can find? You're welcome to bring them in to show 'n' tell before rehearsal if you're not sure! It's not too early to Spring Clean, right? Right!

See you tonight or Wednesday on Zoom!

**BE WELL and KEEP SINGING!**

Love,

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## **From Marjorie**

### **TRIBUTES TO DEANNA ROPER**

As a follow-up to the notice regarding the passing of our Chorus Member Deanna Roper (see Jan 17, 2022 WUW), we have received several donations to the chorus made in memory of Deanna. Some of the notes received:

Deanna's brother-in-law "Uncle Bob" Barbee (WA) who is 97 years old: "I've known Deanna since she was 12 years old, and there never was a sweeter girl, who grew into a sweeter lady. Each Christmas we went to a family gathering and spent the entire time around the piano singing Christmas carols and other songs, so Deanna came by the singing naturally."

Niece, Christine Briggs (NE): "She loved the Sweet Adelines and we loved when she would call us at Christmas and the whole group would sing over the phone."

Niece, Dori Owyang (WA): "My Aunt DeeDee loved to sing with the Sweet Adelines. I enjoyed seeing all of the photos she displayed in her hallway. I am sure she is singing again - in heaven. Thank you!"

Niece Karen Gielen (WA): "Aunt Deanna loved singing with her Sweet Adelines group, and we miss her very much."

This is such a great tribute to singing and the great long-term effect our chorus has on the lives of not only ourselves but also our families. If you wish this type of memorial, be sure to include it in your estate documents and request the checks to be made to "L.A. South Towns" and mailed to the Finance Manager of the chorus. My memories of singing in a quartet with Deanna back in 2008 (along with Judit Harris) are sweet, indeed.

## FUN PHOTO OF THE WEEK

### 2011 – The Last (final) “Nervous Novice Contest”

*This was the final Nervous Novice contest and one of the best attended both with quartet entries and audience! Each week I'll post NN Quartet photos from our chorus until I've shown them all.*



WENDY, ELAINE, DIANA, & VICKY B.  
“MOUNTAIN MAMAS”

**Wendy blew the jug (pitch), a perfect E!**



**I'm guessing they were singing John Denver's "Country Roads" or something with "Mountain Mama" in it.**



**PROUD MOUNTAIN MAMAS!!**

## FUNDRAISERS & ZOOM 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](https://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](https://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 **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 Rachel**

### **ZOOM MEETING WEDNESDAY EVENINGS**

Rmoine@aol.com is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: LASTS' Wednesday Zoom Meeting

Time: 7pm Pacific Time (the US and Canada)

**Join Zoom Meeting:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82374987169?>

[pwd=WUJFVHVQRITYxK21NdkhjY0dOaV4Zz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82374987169?pwd=WUJFVHVQRITYxK21NdkhjY0dOaV4Zz09)

**If using www.zoom.us, use:**

Meeting ID: 823 7498 7169

Passcode: 299796

You may, upon joining our ZOOM meeting(s), be prompted to enter the **Captcha Code**. This is just another level of security. It will be given to you to enter into the designated area. Enter the letters (upper and lower case matters) and numbers you see under that.

**Dial by your location:**

+1 669 900 9128 US (San Jose)

Meeting ID: 823 7498 7169

Passcode: 299796

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82374987169>

Chorus Weekly Zoom Meetings continue with ONLY the 1<sup>st</sup> **Wednesday** of the month being held in an informal Happy Hour format.

## CALENDAR

All times listed are arrival times

Bold = New Entry, \*\* = Extracurricular Event,  
CAPS = CHORUS PERFORMING

### 2022

**SAT 3/12 (TBC) Green Friends & Family Event, 11:00am to 1:00pm**