

What's Up Weekly
May 18, 2020

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Any announcements for this newsletter should be sent to Marta by **10:00** on Mondays to be included in that day's WUW (marta.bailey@att.net).

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR MAY BIRTHDAYS!

4—Marj McKarns, 4—Roxanne Jacobsen, 5—Rachel Moine, 19—Connie Weintraub, 25—Diana Barber, 30—Carolyn Correnti

From Caroline

Hi, Everyone!

Woke up to a rainy Monday - that was the first surprise of the day! I'm sure there'll be more - Mondays tend to go that way around here :-). It's certainly good for the garden, right? And I know that at least some of you are serious gardeners. In fact a few of us have been trading back yard produce - well, by "us" I mean Peter. He's in charge of the "outside"- my department is the "inside stuff" - much more up my alley!

It makes me SO happy to know that we're managing to keep in touch with one another, somehow, some way. I know that many of us are staying connected via every means possible - except for getting together up close and personal (which will happen again sometime soon, just sadly, not our entire group and even more sadly, not to sing).

But time DOES fly by - so we WILL get to sing together again at some point. And won't that be grand!! Okay, we have to accept it's going to be a long haul - that much we now know. In the meantime we have our ongoing, Monday Zoom sessions (Thanks, Rachel!) plus lots of other options for staying active socially and musically.

If we're in the mood for singing there are also lots of things we can do to keep our voices in shape: we can learn new tricks, revisit our favorite repertoire songs, work with online voice coaches, singalong with whomever we love to singalong with - and whatever else we can think of that **just feels good**. Above all it's important to be kind to ourselves - whatever it is we feel like doing - do it! And if that's nothing, that's fine too, right?

Whatever happens, my main hope wish, goal - is for us to stay together as a Chorus so we'll be ready, at some point, to plan the mother-of-all-celebrations for when we get back together - whenever that will be.

To that end, the Team, with the help of a few Chorus friends, is exploring ways to reduce our fixed monthly costs. We have heard from the Regional leaders that they are also discussing ways to hopefully reduce dues. We are working on a major clean-out and consolidation of our props and costume storage to save in that department. And it may still be possible to raise funds via Greenery Sales, donations etc.

I'll refrain from getting into any further details right now. This is all work-in-progress - plus, as many of you know, I can't be trusted with numbers, so I'll leave it to our expert, Marjorie, to take it from here.

Anyway, just wanted to let you know - in case you've been wondering - that long-term plans to save costs and keep us all together are in the works. We're on it! In the meantime, PLEASE BE PATIENT, hang in there and we'll let you know as soon as we have any updates.

Be well, stay safe, keep singing. I love you all!

Now I'm off to take the dog out - where's my umbrella?
"...just singin' in the rain..."

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From Rachel

ZOOM TONIGHT 5/18

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

Topic: LASTS' MONDAY ZOOM MEETING

Time: May 18, 2020, 07:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

If you have not signed in to ZOOM and upgraded software, please do so before tonight's meeting.

(Please see yesterday's email from me via Marta.) It is easily done.

Join Zoom Meeting

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

pwd=WUJFVHVQRTYxK21NdkhjY0dOaVh4Zz0

TODAY'S TOPIC IS "You just won the Mega Million LOTTERY. How will you spend it?".

(Yes, this is the same link as last week's and will continue to remain the same going forward so you can reuse it.)

Meeting ID: 823 7498 7169 (Use this information if signing in with [Zoom.us](https://zoom.us) to "Join a Meeting".)

Password: 299796

If you would like help with ZOOM setup etc. please contact me before 5 PM on Mondays.

WE WILL START AT 7 PM WITH CAROLINE AND A VIDEO. (This will be the only sound audible.)

BRING A JOKE OF YOU WANT TO SHARE AT THE END OF SESSION IF TIME ALLOWS. WE ALL COULD USE A GOOD LAUGH THESE DAYS, RIGHT?

From Susie

I FOUND EMILY!

During our Zoom session two Mondays ago, Konnie K mentioned our former darling member, Emily Groom, who was about 14 when she sang with us in 2013-2014. The family moved to Texas when her dad took a job there. After fishing around online, I found Steve, her dad, and talked with him. He worked as the Finance Manager for a couple of towns in Texas, and since last fall has been the Finance Manager for the city of Yakima, WA. Emily continued to be home-schooled, and graduated from high school while in Texas. She works part-time as a cashier at Lowe's, and is taking a couple of college classes and is doing well. They are closer to Emily's older sister and her children in Portland, OR. Steve was thrilled that we had fond memories of Emily, and said in several different ways how much she treasured singing with us, and his regret about living in Yakima, for Emily, is that there is not a Sweet Adelines chapter nearby.

YARD SALE - CANCELLED

I'm sure that it comes as no surprise to you that our yard sale, which was scheduled for June 13, is cancelled. Although it's a month away, I'm also sure that we would still not feel comfortable in an uncontrolled environment with lots of "outsiders" and no ability to maintain social distancing. Our former member Ginger in Seattle had planned to come for the week and visit friends and help out at the sale, however she cancelled her flights last week. She sends her love to all.

Stay well.

From Gini

"Stay Home -- Parody of "Show Off" from "The Drowsy Chaperone" -- Fiona Smith" on YouTube

<https://youtu.be/pR7gPDAQQrk>

From Vicki

Laugh when you can, apologize when you should, and let go of what you can't change. Life's too short to be anything...but happy.

TWO OLD GUYS DANCING

We all know Fred Astaire and Gene Kelly were great dancers but they weren't the only ones.

Here are James Cagney and Bob Hope at a Friar's Club Meeting in 1955, back when actors were real performers; Hope was 52 and Cagney was 56.

This looks like it's from a movie, not a routine from a Friar's Club meeting. Doesn't take away from it though!

For the young folks, here is something you've probably never seen before and, unfortunately, you may never see again.

For us older folks, this is the best of the best, and we had it for many years! This is a side of these two entertainers you hardly ever saw, but it shows you their enormous talent.

Bob Hope, the best of comedians, and James Cagney, mostly cast as the bad guy, a gangster in the movies.

Click **[HERE](#)**

to watch the video!

PASS IT ON!

Calendar *All times listed are arrival times.*

Bold=New Entry **=Extracurricular Event

CAPS=CHORUS PERFORMING

2020

June 13

Yard Sale CANCELLED

August 6-9

Summer Sizzler, Bakersfield (NEW DATE)

Oct. 12-17

International Convention, Louisville, KY

Nov. 11-15

Fall Festival, Bakersfield

2021

April 8-11

REGION 11 CONVENTION, BAKERSFIELD

October 11-16

International Convention, St. Louis, MO