

**WHAT'S UP WEEKLY**  
**November 13, 2023**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Please send all newsletter articles to **DONNA L.** any day or time but no later than **10:30 AM on Monday mornings.**



Linda, Suzanne, Caroline, Leah, Chris, Alli, Andrea, Donna L,  
Judit, Lynn, Sharon F, Diana, Gini, Julie, Karen, Vicki, Donna D,  
Jennifer, Nancy, Susie, Konnie

**BIRTHDAYS IN NOVEMBER**

Sharon F. 11/1, Lynn 11/2, Andrea 11/8, Leah 11/26

## **From Caroline**

Happy Monday, Everyone!

It looks like we'll be battenning down a few hatches around here - rain is forecast for later this week. But for now, our chirpy little finches and I are enjoying a few rays of Fall sunshine! We need to be more like them - singing all day (okay, in between nest naps!)

the GOOD NEWS is - we get to **SING** together **TONIGHT!** Check the **Rehearsal Schedule** and do your best to be **up to speed on our Holiday tunes!** It was a big help having **Scott Suwabe** with us last week to go over the "inner workings" of *Let There be Peace on Earth*.

BIG THANKS to **LINDA** for following up with edited recordings from last Monday's session on that song. Please be sure to work on your part so we can be ready for tonight. **A group from the Coastliners will be joining us at around 8:30pm so we can run through it together.** It's not as tricky as it looks but it's been a while since we've worked on an 8-part arrangement - I think we have it surrounded!

The guys have also released a digital flyer for the **December 10 Holiday Show**. Please share with anyone and everyone! The El Segundo HS Auditorium is pretty BIG so we need to help get as many seats filled as we can!

**REMINDER!!! TONIGHT at 7:30, we'll be taking a GROUP PHOTO for the Harmonizer Magazine!!! PLEASE BE ON TIME IF YOU WANT TO BE INCLUDED!!** No special attire required but a few dabs of street make up and a dash of BRIGHT LIPSTICK will help us look extra-happy :-)

See you there!

Love,

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## **From Sharon F.**

This is an overview to introduce the Chorus Board and update you regarding monthly Board meetings. Our Director, Caroline, sits on our Board of Directors, and we currently have 7 elected Board positions: President (Sharon F.), Treasurer (Karen T.), Secretary (Susie C.), Growth and Retention Coordinator (Lynn I.), Membership Coordinator (Donna L.), Performance Coordinator (Linda B.), and Public Relations Coordinator (Vicki S.). **We are also looking for a new Special Events Coordinator, so please let us know if you have an interest in serving!**

We have changed our management structure from a “Team” to a Board since joining BHS. We meet via Zoom the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 7:30 to discuss Chorus business. Here are some of the discussion topics and highlights from the November 8, 2023, meeting:

- **Members** – Donna L. works with Chorus members to advertise our Chorus and invite new members. Our “*Holidays In Harmony*” on the next 3 Mondays are one way for us to attract new singers. We also utilize Facebook, MeetUp, Instagram so that singers can find us! Donna has prepared Music Books for new members and works with Lynn to explain our organization’s expectations. We’re currently planning an Installation and Chorus Awards Dinner on Monday, January 22, 2024!
- **Publicity** – Caroline has scheduled a meeting with the editor of the BHS Magazine, *Harmonizer*, and she is organizing a small committee to plan ongoing Chorus use of Facebook. Caroline will also begin drafting a periodic newsletter with chorus updates to send to donors, noting future performances, etc.
- **Activities and Performances** – Linda updates the chorus performance calendar and depends on quick member responses when we have “gig” opportunities. She also advertises our upcoming performances on social media, and updates our website with new photos, sheet music and tracks. She is our choreographer, and often our videographer! She gives the Chorus information about gigs, reminds us of which costumes to wear, directions to get there, and songs to be sung. In December, we have two sing outs on December 10, and three sing outs on December 17. And Linda is hosting our Chorus Holiday Party on Monday, December 11.
- **Finances** – With assistance from Lynn, Karen tracks members’ dues, safeguards our monies, and manages our budget, bank accounts, insurance, and taxes. The Board initiates fundraisers, such as the Greenery Sales which

are now in full swing! We also keep track of and thank our donors, who have been so generous and supportive of our love for singing and our need for new risers! We now have \$4,000 towards them!

- **Agendas and Minutes** – I develop the monthly agendas based on ongoing input from Board members, and also from ideas given to us by Chorus members. Susie keeps track of our action items and summarizes decisions in the Board *Minutes*.

If you have ideas that you think would benefit the Chorus, or if you have concerns that you want the Board to consider, please share your issues with any Board Member at Chorus rehearsals or email me directly to add a discussion item to our Meeting Agendas.

It must be noted that most members of the Chorus are actively involved in helping with Chorus activities, including helping with flyers and programs, finding performance opportunities and fundraisers, helping with costumes and makeup, helping develop scripts and organize props and equipment, supplying water, celebrating birthdays, etc. We have a wonderful singing community, and the wonderful thing is that we all do our part! It takes all of us!

**From Linda**

**"Consider yourself, at home....consider yourself, invited to pa-arty!"**

In lieu of a potluck, I will be ordering Italian food and having a little something for everyone! To cover the cost, I am asking for a small contribution of **\$10 per person**. Just show up with your favorite beverage and sing the night away!  
**Please RSVP** to Linda in person or reply to the "Let's Party" email.



From Susie

## STUFFED BEARS FOR YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPING

The BEARS are on their way!

\$10, at our RF Resale table starting Monday, November 27.



### FABRIC WANTED

If you have **at least one yard** of colorful leftover (or new) fabric, please bring it to Susie, so Ginger can make more stuffed animals. It should be similar to the consistency of a bedsheet - no stretchy fabric please.

## HOLIDAYS IN HARMONY

Our Holidays in Harmony event is ready to go. Invite your singing friends and family to join us on **Monday, November 20, and 27, and December 4.** Our finale will be on Sunday, December 10, at the Coastliners show in El Segundo.



*Are you a woman who loves to sing?*

**Come and join us!**  
L.A. South Towns invites you to be a part of our award-winning Chorus for a festive, four-week, holiday experience!

Three fun rehearsals plus one "Family and Friends" performance,  
**Mondays - November 20 thru' December 4, 7:00 - 9:00pm.**  
**Performance Day - Sunday, December 10, 7pm**

Rehearsals - Immanuel Lutheran Church  
706 Knob Hill Avenue . Redondo Beach . CA 90277  
Contact - Lynn (310) 530 - 4898 for more information  
[www.lasouthtowns.org](http://www.lasouthtowns.org)

Let's celebrate the  
*Holidays in Harmony*

**Reach out to former members** to come sing with us for this event! I am sure they would love to sing again, and we would be thrilled to have them join us at the finale.

# HOLIDAYS *in* HARMONY

a concert featuring:



South Bay  
Coastliners  
Chorus

L.A. South  
Town

Space Park Choral Ready, Willing & Mabel

and other fine musical acts from the South Bay!

December 10, 2023 | 7pm

El Segundo Performing Arts Center | 640 Main Street | El Segundo, CA 90245



TICKETS: \$27 PRESALE ONLINE AT [HOLIDAYSINHARMONY.LUDUS.COM](https://www.holidaysinharmony.ludus.com)

...OR \$30 @ THE DOOR

QUESTIONS? EMAIL [SHOWS@COASTLINERS.ORG](mailto:SHOWS@COASTLINERS.ORG) | CALL OR TEXT (310) 539-5166

If your friends and family would like to purchase tickets to this show, simply use the QR code and follow the directions. If you would prefer to go directly to the website, type in [www.holidaysinharmony.ludus.com](https://www.holidaysinharmony.ludus.com) and follow the directions. You can choose your seats and receive a digital copy of your tickets via email or text, or you can print your tickets directly from the website.



## FUN PHOTOS OF THE WEEK



Diana, Caroline, Connie, Sharon, Sandy, Susie, Marta, Debbie  
2009 - You Bet singing Copacabana at Fall Festival.

Little known fact! I was supposed to be in this double quartet. We were rehearsing when I got the news that my husband booked a cruise at the same time as this event which took me out of the DQ. Sandy stepped in and learned baritone which was a super challenge (thanks Sandy). No, he is still not forgiven! See next photo of the cruise from hell.



**Saint Lawrence River Cruise 2009.**

**View from our cabin window where it rained for 4 days straight!  
The Lido deck was closed!!!! It's all about me today.**

**From BHS**

Dear Chapter and District Leaders,

We hope this message finds you harmonizing in good spirits!

We are writing to inform you that our Member Center will **undergo scheduled maintenance from 9pm CST on Thursday, November 16th, through Monday, November 20th.** During this period, the Member Center will be temporarily unavailable.

Harmoniously Yours,  
BHS Community Care Team

# CALENDAR

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

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

**Mon, Nov 20, Nov 27, Dec 4 - HOLIDAYS IN HARMONY**

Inside on the risers. Our finale will be at the Coastliners' show on December 10.

**Sun, Dec 10 - Golf Club Lunchtime gig.** Call time 12:00, sing at 12:30, Los Verdes County Golf Course, 7000 West Los Verdes Drive, Rancho Palos Verdes, 90275.

**Sun, Dec 10 - Coastliners Holiday Show** - Call time TBD, Show time 7:00 pm at El Segundo High School, 640 Main St., El Segundo 90245.

**Mon, Dec 11 - CHORUS HOLIDAY PARTY** hosted by Linda Borg, 22222 Redbean Ave, Torrance 90505. Details to follow.

**\*\*\*Mon, Dec 13 - Board Meeting, 7:30**

**Sun. Dec 17 - Performance opportunity** at 3 senior residences in Torrance, from 12:30pm to 2:30pm. We will sing for 20-30 minutes at each residence. Details to follow.

**Mon, Jan 8 - Return to Chorus**

**Wed, Jan 13 - Board Meeting, 7:30**

**Mon, Jan 15 - Unloved Gifts Silent Auction**

**Mon, Jan 22 - Installation Diner.** Details to follow.

**From the Board:**

## **NEW-MEMBER INCENTIVE!**

After discussing ideas for promoting membership growth, The Board voted at the last meeting to approve the following incentive:

**Any LAST member who brings in a new member will be eligible for ONE MONTH of FREE CHORUS DUES!**

**Requirements:** New member must pass her Audition, be Approved by the Board, turn in a BHS Membership Application and Submit Payment for first month's dues.

Questions? Ask any Board Member!

**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 all 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 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 contact me if you have any questions! Thank you so very much!!! Alli

From Susie

### RALPHS COMMUNITY REWARDS

## **IF YOU HAVEN'T REGISTERED YOUR REWARDS CARD ONLINE**

1. Log into [www.ralphs.com](http://www.ralphs.com) (<http://www.ralphs.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.
3. After you've confirmed your account by clicking on the link in the email, return to [www.ralphs.com](http://www.ralphs.com) (<http://www.ralphs.com>) and click on "my account" (you may have to sign in again) View your info and edit if necessary.
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: LA South Towns, SPEBSQSA  
# BB396

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1. Log into [www.ralphs.com](http://www.ralphs.com), click "Sign In", enter your email address and password, then click on "My Account" (top right-hand corner), view your info, and edit if necessary.
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