

WHAT'S UP WEEKLY
SEPTEMBER 11, 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 SEPTEMBER

Sharon S 9/2, Suzanne 9/4, Wanda 9/11, Konnie 9/16, Ruth 9/27,
Donna L 9/29



Sneak peek at our new image! Thanks Kate!

From Caroline

Hi, everyone!

After taking the day/night off for Labor Day last Monday it was great to have **two** opportunities to sing together later in the week! Congrats on splendid performances for the **Torrance Woman's Club** (Wednesday) and the **PV Peninsula Village Group** (Friday). Extra kudos to those of you who did double-duty by making it to **BOTH** events!

Our audiences clearly enjoyed both mini shows! We received positive feedback, raised a healthy sum for our growing riser fund, and we might even have a couple of guests show up tonight - we shall see! We also ran into some old chorus friends (thanks to **Carolyn Correnti** for coming by on Friday to cheer us on!) and made a few new friends too.

Thanks to **LINDA B.** for doing a terrific job coordinating our performances. With crazy Covid still causing problems, keeping track of our available singers and mix of voices was a bit of a juggling act, thankfully she is super-organized so everything went smoothly. If you were down for the count - or Covid Positive but feeling okay - **WE MISSED YOU** and look forward to having you **BACK in BUSINESS** with us soon!

We tried out our **NEW CHORUS ATTIRE** too and received lots of compliments! (Some of us even put together a slightly different ensemble for each appearance which was extra cool.) From where I was standing the overall look worked very well (we just had to adjust a few standing positions to balance the spots and stripes :-)

We'll need to tweak a few things here and there to refine the look - more on that to come (for example, taller types in back need to add their yellow accent somewhere above waist height :-)) What I really love about this look is that it gives each of us a chance to show off a little of our own personality while still creating a cohesive group appearance. It's a bit trickier to assemble than a "uniform" look but it makes for (as you'll see in our group photos) a very HAPPY picture! 😊

At both shows we also had the chance to display our fabulous **NEW CHORUS BANNER!** I'll bring it tonight for all to see - along with, **hot-off-the-press**, our beautiful new custom-designed **Calling Cards, Note Cards and Guest Guides.** All these, along with our **NEW CHORUS LOGO**, are part of the new graphics and "branding" program created by our resident Superstar

Designer, **KATE**. How lucky are we to have so much talent in our group? Truly amazing!

COMING UP - NEXT SUNDAY - WE'LL BE PERFORMING at the COASTLINERS ICE CREAM SOCIAL.

Linda has a few names on her sign-up sheet but **WE NEED MORE! Please respond by TONIGHT** so we can plan accordingly. It'll be a lot of fun! Plus...c'mon...there'll be **ICE CREAM!**

The guys showed up in force to help us at our Stars & Stripes in Harmony event. Let's reciprocate by showing *our* support for our Brothers-in-Harmony. **The more we perform, the better we'll be - in all departments!**

Right now, I'm sensing a renewed feeling of positive energy, enthusiasm and pride in our group. Are you feeling it too? Maybe after making the monumental move to become a Chapter of BHS we're starting to see and feel a difference?

Singing in close harmony is a team sport. It takes time and patience to learn the craft, to develop the desired skills, and to grow. It's not for everyone and it's definitely not for the faint of heart! But we're lucky to have such a great group, a terrific Board and a loyal following of supportive family and friends.

Here's to more fun adventures together ahead - I'm thrilled we're all along for the ride!

Love,
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From Karen for the Board:

DONATION OPPORTUNITIES

Here's a simple way to potentially double our donations!

Many companies have a “**matching gifts**” program where they will match donations that an employee makes to a non-profit organization.

Northrop Grumman, Aerospace, Disney and I believe **Boeing** have these programs; recently we received a \$500 matched gift from Northrop Grumman! Some (ex: Northrop) also have a program where they will donate to a non-profit of your choice, for volunteer hours you record.

If you or any of your working friends make a donation to LAST, please ask them if their donation can be “matched”. They may need a copy of our non-profit status to add us to the list of non-profit recipients. **Please see Karen for any help on this.**

From Lynn

CHORUS DUES REMINDER.

I hope everyone had a great Labor Day weekend.
I just wanted to remind everyone about the importance of paying Chorus Dues on time. Chorus Dues are due the first week of each month. The amount is \$40.00 per month.

You can pay by cash or check. CASH-Please put cash in an envelope and document the envelope with your name, amount and month(s) paid.
CHECK-Checks are made out to LA SOUTH TOWNS. Make sure to document the month(s) you are paying.

Chorus Dues can be paid monthly, quarterly, 6 months or once a year. Feel free to contact me if you are not sure where you are on your dues. My email is lynniosty@gmail.com. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

From Donna L

Riser Fundraiser

Starting tonight and every Monday rehearsal we will display our poster showing how much we've earned toward new risers! Feel free to throw in a dollar or two so that we can reach our goal of \$6,000. We already have over \$2K so let's do what we can to keep the fund growing.

Happy Birthday to Wanda on 9/11



2022 Holiday Party

Happy Birthday to Konnie on 9/16



**2018 Installation Tea
Have a fab birthday Konnie!**

FUN PHOTOS OF THE WEEK

PV Peninsula Village – Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon



Warm-up Room: Lynn, Diana, Suzanne, Donna L, Gini, Fiona, Leah, Sharon, Linda, Judy, Rachel, Jennifer, Donna D, and Ruth



**Small group hanging about!
Lynn, Judy, Donna L, Diana, Rachel, and Ruth**



**Check out our spiffy new banner on the right! Fabulous!
Thanks Kate! Look who's hiding behind the tree
(blue arrow)! It's CORRENTI!**

Ice Cream Social

free ice cream and barbershop music for all
at the 1st United Methodist Church of Torrance

hosted by:



South Bay
Coastliners
Chorus

Donations
welcome

featuring:



LA South Towns Chorus



Ready Willing & Mabel



Troubadour



Coastliner Kidz

1PM to 3PM
Sunday, Sept. 17th

1551 El Prado Ave
Torrance, CA

CALENDAR

*** 2023 ***

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

Wed, Sept 13 - Team Meeting at 7:30 via Zoom

Sun, Sept 17 - Coastliners' ICE CREAM SOCIAL at "Leah's Church" First United Methodist Church, Torrance. We have been asked to sing! More info to follow.

~~**Sat, Oct 7**~~ - FALL FIESTA (patio party) Details **ON HOLD!**

Sun, Oct 8 - Manhattan Beach Hometown Fair, Details TBD

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).

Sun, Dec 10 - **BASED ON CHORUS AVAILABILITY!** Golf Club Lunch. Lunchtime gig. Details TBD

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 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.ralphp.com (<http://www.ralphp.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>) 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
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IF YOU'VE ALREADY REGISTERED YOUR REWARDS CARD ONLINE

1. Log into 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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