

What's Up Weekly
April 6, 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).

ABSENCES

If you are going to be absent from chorus, please let **Donna Lawrence** know.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR APRIL BIRTHDAYS!

5—Sarah Chung, 7—Vicki Scrimger, 9—Joani thompson

From Marta

Caroline has asked me to attach a visual joke from our long-time chorus fan Nancy Senter. Look for it at the bottom of the email.

From Caroline

Hi, Everyone,

Long time, no sing!

I hope you're all doing well and staying safely hunkered down at home? What a surreal time this is! Who, a month ago, could possibly have imagined that right now we'd all be self-quarantined, wearing face masks to venture out for necessities and keeping a regulation six feet away from anyone and everyone except our housemates. We wake up to nightmare-ish news bulletins (no news would be good news at this point), no Chorus rehearsals and NO TOILET PAPER!!! It all feels like a strange and unsettling dream doesn't it?

In the midst of this bizarre new reality it was lovely to see so many of your smiling faces (and hear your voices) last Monday night, thanks to the wonders of technology. **Rachel** (with a little help from our friends) did a marvelous job setting us up on Zoom. All things considering, for our first time it went remarkably well! We experienced minimal glitches and had a lot of laughs. I was happy to hear that you're all continuing to sing and practice our Bako set at home - music to my ears! Keep up the good work on that PLUS our current 2020 Song List (check with **Donna L.** if you need a copy?).

We'll be giving Zoom another whirl tonight at 7:00pm - let's see who checks in to join us!

As most of us now know, basic meeting participation allows us to take turns to speak (as only one person at a time can be heard) so we won't actually be **singing** together - but we'll still have the chance to connect and visit for a while. How about tonight we each take a minute or two to share a fun Chorus memory - or reason for being here - that makes us smile? (If you feel a little shy about talking and would be happy to just listen-in that's fine too - no pressure!).

I also pulled out a "new" tag for us to learn (sheet music attached with this WUW) so we can maybe take a look at that too. I'll try to put together a quick audio recording to email out - depending on how my day goes. If it goes sideways (as seems to be the way lately) I'll send out the individual voice parts sometime this week.

If anyone has any questions relating to Chorus Business we can try to include a Q & A session at the end of our Zoom meeting for anyone who wants to stick around (subject to Team members being in attendance to respond). This whole situation is new to all of us and things, as we know, are changing daily. We have no idea how long this shut-down is likely to go on so we're all flying blind. Please be patient if answers aren't immediately forthcoming.

Thank you to **Marta** for being ready and willing to continue to compile and issue WUW while we're out. If you have any non-urgent items to share please email them to her during the week for inclusion in the following Monday's edition.

If you'll be Zoom-ing with us tonight I'll see you then. If not, take care, be well and know you'll be missed.

These are tough times. If anyone needs anything at all, don't be afraid to ask. We all love to sing but looking out for each other is what matters the most right now. Remember - **WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER!**
Love you all!

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From Donna L.
ABSENTEE NOTIFICATION

Dear lovely chorus members, please let me know you are going to be absent from chorus **no later than 7pm** on a Monday night. It's helpful for Caroline to know who is missing before we start rehearsal. Cheers!

From Sharon Savene

Here's a review of our featured Team role **Membership Coordinator**:

Team Membership Coordinator:

This is a voting member of the Team. This person enters new member information into the Sweet Adelines Website and gives the information to Region 11 Management Team. This person also orders the new member's name badge and is critical to helping onboard our new members. Our Team Membership coordinator position is currently vacant, and if interested you could choose to serve as the interim!

Bring Jokes for the Joke box!

Be on the lookout for gig opportunities.

Start your give-away pile for the Summer Garage Sale.

Invite your singing friends to join us!

Calendar *All times listed are arrival times.*

Bold=New Entry **=Extracurricular Event

CAPS=CHORUS PERFORMING

2020

June 13

Yard Sale

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