

**WHAT'S UP WEEKLY**  
**JULY 31, 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 AUGUST**  
Susan W. 8/3, Gini G. 8/15, Susie C. 8/22

**CHECK CALENDAR UPDATES**

**From Caroline**

Hi, everyone!

**AHOY THERE!** Is it really the last day of July? Already? Summer is just sailing by! TONIGHT, we'll be at WEEK 4 (and the last Port of Call) of our "Section Appreciation" Nights. So far, it's been smooth sailing - so far, so good!

Last week we focused on the dynamic, delicate, and elusive art of singing BARITONE - the part that "nobody wants to hear" :-). Being the "spackle" in our "wall" of barbershop sound requires some serious "vocal gymnastics" - it's not for the faint of heart! This part is vocally demanding and definitely requires some specialized vocal skills. Here are a few reminders (which, as always, come into play with singing ANY part, depending on the arrangement, balance, blend, etc.):

## NOTES for BARITONES

- Sing with your "**whole voice**", smoothly, with **vocal freedom** - no tension, "pushing" or force.
- **BLEND** - think of being the "water" in a watercolor painting.
- **BALANCE** - be familiar with the **LEAD** line and know when your part is **above or below** it
- Aim to sing with **warmth** and **resonance** at both ends of your range.
- You share the **middle of most chords** with the Leads so think of singing with them **as a duet**.
- Focus on "**FILLING the GAP**" between the lead and the nearest part (Bass or Tenor)
- Use a **lighter tone** when **above** the lead and a **fuller tone** when **below**.
- Know and understand your **3rds and 7ths** - they need to be **tuned HIGH**.
- **LISTEN** and be comfortable with the sensation of "**losing your voice**" in the overall sound.
- We love you but we **DON'T WANT TO HEAR YOU!**

**TONIGHT**, we'll be focusing on the **TENOR** part!

**TENORS** - are you ready? You're the "Icing on our Cake"! **WE NEED YOU!!**

See you there!

Love,

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From Donna L

**Welcome SUE BRENNAN**

Sue is singing Lead and her Roster information is 26403 Basswood Avenue, Rancho Palos Verdes, 90275. Phone 310-722-0555, birthdate, May 2.

**Happy Birthday to Fiona on 7/29**



**Happy Birthday, Fiona. Hope it was fabulous!!**

**FUN PHOTOS OF THE WEEK**

**Quartets**



**Sharon, Roxanne, Gini, and Suzanne**

**2017 - "After Five" Holiday gig at St. John Fisher**

# CALENDAR

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

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

**Wed, Aug 9** - Team Meeting at 7:30 via Zoom

**Mon, Sept 4** - NO CHORUS - Labor Day

\*\*\***Wed, Sep 6** - **BASED ON CHORUS AVAILABILITY!** Torrance Women's Club 1:00 pm, Details TBD

**Fri, Sept 8** - LAST Hurrah Group Performance for PV Peninsula Village Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon. **Call time is 12:20 pm** and Show time is 12:45 to 1:15 pm. Outdoor performance at Mary & Joseph Retreat Center, 5300 Crest Rd, Rancho Palos Verdes, 90275, next to St. John Fisher Church.

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

~~**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 in all of 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

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