



What's Up Weekly November 16, 2020

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Any announcement 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 THESE NOVEMBER LADIES!

Sharon Fair—1, Lynn Iosty—2, Andrea Paris—8, Deb Osborn—18, Leah Wolverton—26, Jan Wyckoff—28

From Caroline

Hi, Everyone,

Happy Monday! It's a beautiful, crisp Autumn day out there and from where I'm sitting I can see a hummingbird out at the feeder, squirrels on the front porch (which has literally become "The Peanut Gallery") and, inside, Lucy dog curled up by the heater. It got me thinking that all these lovely creatures are blissfully unaware of the trials and tribulations that we human types face. But then, we're also not about to be snapped up by a coyote or hawk, both of which seem to be hanging around here lately too. So I guess we all just have to live in the moment and enjoy it while we can!

Hope you all enjoyed the sunny weekend? Did any of you log into any of the Regional Fall Festival Zoom sessions? I attended one of Dr. Jim Henry's classes which was really terrific. As you may know, he is the Director of the Ambassadors of Harmony, a BHS (Barbershop Harmony Society), multiple-time, International Champion Chorus and two-time gold medal Quartet champ (among other things).

He was inspiring, humble, and a fountain of useful information as regards many aspects of what we strive to do as close harmony group singers. But possibly the anecdote he shared with us that resonated with me the most was this: he described the moment when, after returning from a two-year hiatus as Chorus Director, he told his Chorus, "I will come back...on one condition - it has to be NOT ABOUT THE CONTEST - it has to be ABOUT THE ART!"

Music to my ears!

Now, that's not to say he's not a strict taskmaster when it comes to his job. His Chorus did embark on a highly disciplined rehearsal plan (which is what it must take to try to perfect your art) but through diligence, a collective willingness to work on "self-improvement" and a lot of patience (like, ten years to learn to NOT sing flat!!!) his Chorus, with a new focus on creating beautiful music, (incidentally) rose to the top and has never looked back. Fascinating stuff!

Sooo, how would it be if we all, while we're singing at home, could spend just a few minutes a day on our "craft"? Things are starting to look optimistic as regards a possible Covid vaccine, so, who knows? We might get a chance to start singing together again as early as next Spring? In anticipation I'm going to start today, getting the rust off my vocal cords by working on our newest song, **Back in Business**. Maybe the power of suggestion will help it become a reality! I live in hope :-)

See you tonight...

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From Rachel

ZOOM MEETING TONIGHT

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

Topic: LASTS' MONDAY ZOOM MEETING

Time: Nov. 16, 2020, 07:00 PM Pacific Time (the US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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Chorus Weekly Zoom Meetings continue with ONLY the 1ST MONDAY OF THE MONTH being held in an informal HAPPY HOUR format.

Calendar *All times listed are arrival times. *

Bold=New Entry **=Extracurricular Event

CAPS=CHORUS PERFORMING

2020

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October 11-16

International Convention, St. Louis,
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