

The Town and Country Chorus

NOTES 🎵 NEWS and VIEWS for June 11, 2019

SING-OUTS

We have a new sing-out invitation for everyone to record on their calendars. Stryker Ohio has asked the chorus to return this summer to again help them celebrate their Stryker Heritage Days. Date for this event is Saturday, August 17. Performance time will probably be in the early afternoon although the exact time has yet to be determined. Stay tuned for further details.

Also coming up is our Sunday morning worship service at the Reading United Methodist Church on July 14. Following this very closely is our Tuesday evening sing-out at Mrs. Stock's Park in Hillsdale on July 16.

Curt Evans is working to get a quartet plus together to sing at the Concord Civil War Days on Saturday, July 27.

Thank you to all who attended rehearsal last Tuesday. We ran through some of our "summer series" music to prepare for our upcoming events. The primary focus was on refreshing our recent show songs. It's amazing how quickly those hard-earned words and notes disappear. And to think we just performed them not even a month ago. Well, I for one know where I need to be concentrating my practice time, that's for sure.

We'll be including gospel numbers of course and sprinkling in some of our favorite 50's numbers in the upcoming rehearsals so dust off those songs and be ready to sing.

And speaking of dusting off those old songs – are the old Polecats sounding good the last couple weeks or what?! And we're singing them in our new voices. Wow! They sound almost brand new. And, to some more recent members of the chorus, they are brand new. If anyone needs a copy of the Barberpole Cat Books please let us know and we'll get you one.

AND SOME OF THE REST

There are still a few 2019 Spring Show DVD's left. If you're interested in having a copy, they are \$15 and Bonnie will have them available again at rehearsal.

The next Show Committee meeting is scheduled for June 25 at 6:15 p.m. Everyone is invited to participate. We'll probably discuss our Fall Gospel Show and the 2020 Spring Show. Any other upcoming performances will be fair game for discussion also.

It was reported last week that surgeons at the Cleveland Hospital were able to save Leon Newell's leg. That is extremely good news. But I'm sure Leon will continue to count on our thoughts and prayers as he recuperates.

Don Slamka has undergone knee surgery this past Wednesday. I understand that it went well and physical therapy started almost immediately. Our thoughts and prayers are with you Don for a speedy recovery.

It was also shared that Jan Rickard has broken her leg. Our prayers are for a quick and complete recovery, Jan.

CONGRATULATIONS

Don Slamka was the lucky fellow going home with the raffle money last week. Congratulations Don.

All for now, see you Tuesday,
Gary

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Calendar for 2019

JUNE

10 Mon: West Side Jug Night Fundraiser. Begins at 7:00 p.m. and admission is free but there will be several ways that evening to help fund those representing the Pioneer District at International in Salt Lake City. Host for the evening is the Great Lakes Chorus. Location is 2nd Congregational Church, 525 Cheshire Dr. NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49505.

11 Tue; Rehearsal 7:00 pm.

14 Fri; Windsor Send Off Show at the Serbian Centre, 6770 Tecumseh Road East, Windsor, ON N8T 1E6, Canada.

18 Tue: Rehearsal 7:00 pm.

22 Sat: The QCA Boot Camp will be held on this date for all interested quartets. Location is the 2nd Congregational Church, 525 Cheshire Drive NE, Grand Rapids, MI. It will begin at 10:00 a.m. and end at 5:00 p.m. Cost to the quartet is \$50 and that includes lunch. Among the coaches that day will be **Frontier** and **Upper Deck**. For further information check in at <https://pioneerdistrict.wufoo.com/forms/2019-pioneer-district-quartet-boot-camp/>.

25 Tue; Show Committee meeting 6:15 pm, rehearsal 7:00 pm.

26-29, Wed-Sat; MountainTown Singers Harmony Explosion Vocal Music Camp. Event will be held on the campus of Central Michigan University. Camp teaching quartets are, **The Ladies** and **Frontier**. Camp clinicians are Kimberly Newcomb and David Zimmerman.

30-Jul 7, Sun-Sun; International Convention, Salt Lake City.

JULY

2 Tue: No rehearsal – International Convention.

9 Tue; Rehearsal 7:00 pm.

10-13, Wed-Sat; Cardinal District Harmony Explosion Camp. Clinic will be held on the campus of Anderson University in Anderson, Indiana. Teaching quartets are, **The Ladies** and **The Newfangled Four** while clinicians will be, Theodore Hicks, Vincent Sandroni, Amanda McNutt, and Kimberly Newcomb. A bonus supplemental featured quartet will be **Instant Classic**.

14 Sun; *Worship Service at Reading United Methodist Church, 312 Michigan St., Reading, MI 49274. Warm-up 9:00 a.m., service 9:30 a.m., uniform is white short sleeved shirt, black pants, black socks, and black shoes.*

16 Tue; *Mrs. Stock's Park, riser setup 6:45 p.m., warmup 7:00 p.m., performance 7:30 p.m. Address is 120 E. Bacon St., Hillsdale. Uniform is S.S. white shirt, blue jeans, black socks, black shoes.*

23 Tue; Rehearsal 7:00 pm.

27 Sat; *Quartet or small group to sing at the Civil War Days in Concord, MI. Meet at 1:00 p.m. Contact Curt Evans for details.*

30 Tue; Rehearsal 7:00 pm.

AUGUST

6 Tue; Rehearsal 7:00 pm.

13 Tue; Rehearsal 7:00 pm.

16-17 Fri-Sat; Bush League & Harmony Platoon Quartet Contest 2019. Held at Evergreen Resort, Cadillac, MI.

17 Sat; *Chorus to sing at Stryker Heritage Days, Stryker OH. Details coming.*

20 Tue; Rehearsal 7:00 pm.

27 Tue; Rehearsal 7:00 pm., 3rd Quarter Birthday Bash.

SEPTEMBER

3 Tue; Rehearsal 7:00 pm.

10 Tue; Rehearsal 7:00 pm.

17 Tue; Rehearsal 7:00 pm.

24 Tue; Rehearsal 7:00 pm.

OCTOBER

1 Tue; Rehearsal 7:00 pm.

8 Tue; Rehearsal 7:00 pm.

15 Tue; Rehearsal 7:00 pm.

18-20 Fri-Sun; Fall Convention at the Holiday Inn – Shoreline / Frauenthal Theater, Muskegon.

22 Tue; Rehearsal 7:00 pm.

29 Tue; Rehearsal 7:00 pm.

NOVEMBER

5 Tue; Rehearsal 7:00 pm.

9 Sat; *Second Annual Gospel Show.*

12 Tue; Rehearsal 7:00 pm.

19 Tue; Rehearsal 7:00 pm.

26 Tue; Rehearsal 7:00 pm., 4th Quarter Birthday Bash.

DECEMBER

3 Tue; Rehearsal 7:00 pm.

10 Tue; *No Rehearsal; Chorus Christmas Dinner at Olivia's Chop House.*

17 Tue; Rehearsal 7:00 pm.

24 Tue; Christmas Eve, no rehearsal.

31 Tue: New Year's Eve, no rehearsal.

Calendar for 2020

JANUARY

7 Tue: Rehearsal 7:00 pm.

14 Tue: Rehearsal 7:00 pm.

21 Tue: Rehearsal 7:00 pm.

28 Tue: Rehearsal 7:00 pm.

FEBRUARY

4 Tue: Rehearsal 7:00 pm.

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MARCH

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APRIL

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24-26; Fri-Sun: Spring Convention, Battle Creek, host hotel is the Doubletree (formerly McCamly Plaza) & the W.K. Kellogg Auditorium.

28 Tue: Rehearsal 7:00 pm.

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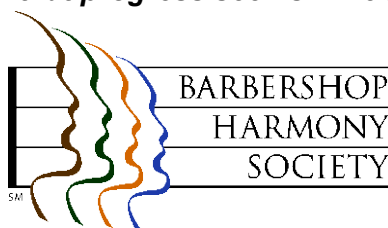
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“Seek, develop, use and enhance the skills and talents of each member to such an extent that progress seems limitless.”



Rehearsal Agenda for June 11, 2019

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4 rehearsals until Reading UMC & Mrs. Stock's Park

7:00 **SUMMER SERIES**

7:05 HEIGH-HO
7:10 WHEN YOU WISH UPON A STAR
7:15 ZIP A DE DOO DAH
7:20 A SPOONFUL OF SUGAR
7:25 BARE NECESSITIES
7:30 KISS THE GIRL
7:35 CAN YOU FEEL THE LOVE TONIGHT

7:40
7:45 **TAKE 5**

7:50 HALLELUJAH
7:55 DISNEY SONG MEDLEY
8:00 SPIRITUAL MEDLEY
8:05 HE'S GOT THE WHOLE WORLD IN HIS HANDS
8:10 AMAZING GRACE
8:15 HE
8:20 HE TOUCHED ME

8:25
8:30 **TAKE 5**

8:35 HOW GREAT THOU ART
8:40 TAKE ME HOME COUNTRY ROADS
8:45 IN MY ROOM
8:50 COME GO WITH ME
8:55 WHAT A WONDERFUL WORLD
9:00 WHEN THERE'S LOVE AT HOME

9:05
9:10 **THE LUCK OF THE DRAW**

9:15 **CLOSER** Keep The Whole World Singing

Raffle Winner

9:20 **EVALUATION & PLANNING**

Championing Team