

# *The Town and Country Chorus*

**NOTES ♪ NEWS and VIEWS for December 29, 2020**

Hello, and welcome to the last week of 2020. The year 2021 will be a welcome site for sure. This past year has certainly been one for the record books. Some good - but seems mostly bad though.

COVID-19 will have to take top billing in the bad category. The Presidential election – I don't think I should even go there. We have seen major disruptions in our economy. Small businesses and a few large ones have been pushed to the wall; and in many cases pushed through it.

Schools, both primary and secondary are heading down uncharted paths. Our first responders and health care providers in every community will be revising protocol and procedure manuals for a long while. And we will be telling our children and grandchildren about the year 2020 for many years to come.

And yet we, as a people and a community without ethnic and social boundaries, have persevered. No choice but to see it through. No "undo" command in the menu bar of life. Only direction to go is forward.

If we choose to, with the lessons learned this past year, we can make better decisions and choices in not only 2021 but in succeeding years as well. Life is an equal opportunity teacher and if we listen to her the future will hold promise for each of us.

A phrase I stole a long time ago expresses this well, "*The past is valuable if used as a guide post but not a hitching post.*" Let's all move into 2021 expecting the best.

## ***MAKE it a Happy New Year!***

Happy Birthday to those celebrating in **January!**

Lynn Lamberson – Jan 8

Terry Marr – Jan 15

Todd Hoath – Jan 23

Don Slamka – Jan 30

Some of these following shows may still be available for watching; check them out and enjoy.

- Dec 1 - 31 | on-demand | **New Tradition Chorus** | [WATCH](#)
- Dec 5 (Sat) | Noon Pacific/3:00pm Eastern | **Croix Chordsmen** | [WATCH](#)
- Dec 5 (Sat) | 3:00pm Pacific/6:00pm Eastern | **Masters of Harmony** | [WATCH](#)
- Dec 5 (Sat) | 5:00pm Pacific/8:00pm Eastern | **Ambassadors of Harmony** | [WATCH](#)
- Dec 6 (Sun) | 4:00pm Pacific/7:00pm Eastern | **Beehive Statesmen** | [WATCH](#)
- Dec 11 - 31 | **Harbourtown Sound** | [WATCH](#)

- Dec 12 (Sat) | Noon Pacific/3:00pm Eastern | **Land O' Lakes District** | [WATCH](#)
- Dec 12 (Sat) | 2:00pm and 7:30pm Central | **Vocal Majority** | [WATCH](#)
- Dec 12 (Sat) | 6:00pm Central | **Fog City Harmonia**
- Dec 12 (Sat) | 5:00 Pacific/8:00pm Eastern | **SmorgasChorus** | [WATCH](#)
- Dec 12 (Sat) | 5:00 Pacific/8:00pm Eastern | **HALO** | [WATCH](#)
- Dec 12 (Sat) | **Harmony Delegation with Harmony Central** | [WATCH](#)
- Dec 12 (Sun) | 2:00 pm HST | **The Sounds of Aloha** | [WATCH](#)
- Dec 13 (Sun) | 3:00pm Central | **Heralds of Harmony** | [WATCH](#)
- Dec 13 (Sun) | 4:00pm Pacific/7:00pm Eastern | **Westchester Chordsmen** | [WATCH](#)
- Dec 18 (Fri) | 6:00 pm Pacific | **The Westminster Chorus** | [WATCH](#)
- Dec 18 (Fri) | 7:00 pm Central | **Vocal Revolution** | [WATCH](#)
- Dec 19 (Sat) | 7:00 pm Central | **Minneapolis Commodores** | [WATCH](#)
- Dec 19 (Sat) | 7:30 pm Eastern | **AIC Show** | [WATCH](#)
- Dec 19 (Sat) | 9:00pm Central | **San Diego Chorus**
- Dec 20 (Sun) | 3:00pm Eastern | **Vocal Confluence with Voces Solis** | [WATCH](#)
- Dec 20 (Sun) | 3:30pm PT/6:30pm ET | **Alexandria Harmonizers & Northwest Sound** | [WATCH](#)
- Dec 23 (Wed) | 1:00pm Central | **The Collective** | [WATCH](#)
- Dec 23 (Wed) | **PDX Voices**
- Dec 29 (Tue) | 5:00pm Pacific/8:00pm Eastern | **Music City Chorus** | [WATCH](#)

Please take a few minutes of your day and check in with each other, stay connected as best you can. We cannot know when we'll be able to again participate in live rehearsals and see each other face to face. Stay in touch. Somehow, someday, until then, **Keep the Whole World Singing!**

Take care and stay healthy,

Gary

*Log into these websites to keep informed as to what's happening in the Pioneer District, the Barbershop Harmony Society, and the Harmony Foundation.*

[www.townandcountrychorus.com](http://www.townandcountrychorus.com)

[www.pioneerdistrict.org](http://www.pioneerdistrict.org)

[www.barbershop.org](http://www.barbershop.org)

[www.harmonyfoundation.org](http://www.harmonyfoundation.org)

*Make The Music That Makes The Difference*

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### **Calendar for 2021**

#### **JANUARY**

**28-31, Thu-Sun:** 2021 Virtual Midwinter Convention. Check out the Barbershop Harmony website for details, registration, and how-to's.

#### **APRIL**

**23-25, Fri-Sun:** ~~Spring Convention, The Plaza at DeVos/CHS, Grand Rapids.~~ **CANCELED** – Details coming for another **UnConventional Convention** though, stay tuned.

#### **JUNE**

**4-6, Fri-Sun:** Great Lakes Harmony Brigade.

**28-July 4, Mon-Sun:** 2021 International Convention, Cleveland, Ohio.

#### **OCTOBER**

**15-17, Fri-Sun:** Fall Convention, Battle Creek, the Radisson and W.K. Kellogg Auditorium.

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

