

The Town and Country Chorus

NOTES 🎵 NEWS and VIEWS for January 5, 2021

Ok, I remembered to change the year in the above heading. So, I'm off to a good start. Please forgive me though if the rest of my correspondence still says 2020. It takes me a while.

How was everyone's New Year's Eve and New Year's Day? Safe, I hope. Celebrations all the way around were pared down considerably I imagine. Pretty quiet around our place, and that's not a bad thing really. But no matter how you observed the day, in the end, we all were able to flip the calendar over to 2021.

With this new beginning I hope we can put an ending to some of the worst issues of 2020. The COVID-19 pandemic might just be the biggest one. Cases of this virus continually creep closer to our household and perhaps to yours as well. As more people are affected, odds are that these folks will be people we know, people we live with, and maybe even we ourselves.

Our prayer is that all of us will get through this and can move on. 2021 will bring unknowns same as every other year. The virus has taught us all how life changing events can erupt seemingly overnight. Let's use the lessons learned to do better in this new year.

Congratulations to Mr. David Rickard! Dave has renewed his membership in the Barbershop Harmony Society for the 38th time. We also congratulate Mr. Jim White on his membership renewal! Jim has devoted 31 years to the world of barbershop harmony. Thank you, gentlemen, for your many years of service, support, and involvement in barbershop harmony and the Town and Country Chorus.

I'm going to leave the following postings on for a bit. Some of these 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](#)

As always please check the chorus Facebook page for any chorus updates as well as links to goings on in the barbershop world. The District and Society's websites carry a lot of news and information also.

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

www.pioneerdistrict.org

www.barbershop.org

www.harmonyfoundation.org

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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.”

