

The Town and Country Chorus

NOTES ♪ NEWS and VIEWS for April 6, 2021

Easter 2021 is here and it brings the long awaited and much desired spiritual renewal we so desperately need. Along with the spiritual significance of this event we also many times consider it the gateway to spring. Once Easter arrives milder weather becomes more common and nature begins showing its colors. The greens and the early flowers and tree buds bring a promise of sorts also; and that is - that despite man's efforts to screw it up, a new growing season is underway and going full steam ahead.

That is much what the Town and Country Chorus will be doing this coming Tuesday. Going full steam ahead that is. Well, we're going to give it a start anyway. Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. we will gather for a rehearsal at the Hillsdale Assembly of God Church.

We fully realize that COVID is still front and center in our daily lives. It is still a force to be reckoned with and we are not treating it lightly by any means. But we want to test the waters so to speak, to see if we can safely assemble and do a little singing and a whole bunch of catching up with each other.

The primary item for all to know is that YOU MUST FEEL COMFORTABLE in participating Tuesday evening. If you have reservations at all in regards to being in a group and singing then please do not feel obligated to come. We do not want anyone taking unnecessary chances with their health. If you do head towards Hillsdale bear in mind the following:

1. Mask up
2. Practice social distancing
3. Bring your gospel music, especially the following songs:
 - a. I Believe
 - b. I'll Fly Away
 - c. Wonderful World
 - d. How Great Thou Art
 - e. Mary, Did You Know
 - f. You'll Never Walk Alone
4. And again, you must be comfortable in attending

We will take stock of the situation that evening and determine then if further rehearsals are possible and how often they can be held.

As always please check the chorus Facebook page for 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.

Take a few minutes of your day and check in with each other, stay connected as best you can. Stay in touch. Somehow, someday, **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

APRIL

6 Tue: Chorus rehearsal at Hillsdale Assembly of God Church, 7:00 p.m. – 9:15 p.m. or before. Please wear masks and bring your music, especially your Gospel songs.

11 Sun: National Barbershop Quartet Day. Commemorates April 11, 1938 when 26 men together with Rupert Hall and O.C. Cash met for a songfest and it became the official start to the barbershop world we know today.

23-24, Fri-Sat: The in-person Spring Convention has been **CANCELED**. However, details are coming out now for the **2021 Pioneer District Spring Un"Conventional" al Virtual Event**. Go online to the district's website, <https://www.pioneerdistrict.org/events/unconventional-spring-convention> to see what's going on and the times the events will be taking place. **The Troub** will also be carrying details of the weekend.

JUNE

12-Sat: Rick Hess Memorial Service, 11:00 a.m. @ Wesley United Methodist Church in Bryan, Ohio. More details to follow.

Jun 28-July 4, Mon-Sun: The in-person 2021 International Convention in Cleveland, Ohio has been **CANCELED**. Stay tuned as the BHS analyzes options and possible next steps.

JULY

Jul 17-Aug 7, Sat-Sat: 2021 Virtual Harmony University.

AUGUST

27-29, Fri-Sun: Great Lakes Harmony Brigade (rescheduled from June 4-6), Okemos Conference Center, Okemos, MI has been **CANCELLED** and rescheduled for June 3-5, 2022.

OCTOBER

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

Calendar for 2022

JUNE

3-5, Fri-Sun: Great Lakes Harmony Brigade, Okemos, MI.

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

