

The Town and Country Chorus

NOTES ♪ NEWS and VIEWS for April 20, 2021

Two weeks in a row we were singing. That's two, regularly scheduled Town and Country Chorus rehearsals back-to-back. And it was great.

We sang through the package of songs we're getting ready for upcoming memorial services. We are getting right back in the groove; the music is coming along better than some of us might have thought. Someone compared it to riding a bicycle; we may be a bit wobbly and unsure the first-time riding (singing) after a long dry spell but it comes right back to you.

We modified, "***You'll Never Walk Alone***" a bit from when we used to sing it. It actually sounds better and keeps the music flow going as if it was written this way from the beginning.

Again, the songs we're working on are: ***I Believe, I'll Fly Away, Wonderful World, How Great Thou Art, Mary, Did You Know, and You'll Never Walk Alone.***

Bring those pieces of music for sure and maybe latch onto the 2020 Spring Show tunes we were working on way back when and bring those too.

Please spend some time gathering your thoughts on how you envision the future of the chorus. This subject was brought up Tuesday evening and there were several ideas and concerns voiced.

COVID is forcing us, as well as everyone else for that matter, to re-evaluate where we are and where we want to go. Your voice needs to be heard.

Anyway, it was awesome to gather and sing again and to look forward to as many practices as we can hold until the virus situation dictates differently. See you Tuesday!

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. We will - **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

Make The Music That Makes The Difference

Calendar for 2021

APRIL

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

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.

28-31, Wed-Sat: – Harmony Explosion Camp hosted by the Mt. Pleasant Chapter.

AUGUST

13-14, Fri-Sat: Bush League. Details coming.

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.”

