

The Town and Country Chorus

NOTES ♪ NEWS and VIEWS for June 22, 2021

Tuesday evening found us again practicing at the Hillsdale Assembly of God Church. The first part of rehearsal was spent critiquing our portion of Rick Hess' Celebration of Life Service on Saturday.

Many guys shared good comments they received from those attending that day. The most important item for the chorus though, was being able to come together to sing in remembrance of Rick.

Coming together was very special for us. I stated before that this was the first chorus sing-out since December 1, 2019.

Covid has permanently closed down businesses around us. It has negatively affected performing groups such as ours, but by rallying around a cause, the Town and Country Chorus came back from a 56-week hiatus to sing again!

We found out Tuesday night that we have more causes to keep singing for. There is an upcoming veteran's program on the Adrian College Campus that Dave Rickard is assembling a quartet for.

Civil War Days in Concord has come right back again this year, and through Curt Evans has asked for music from this chorus. We have Harold Baker's Celebration of Life Service scheduled in October.

And as a result of our involvement in Ricks' service, we've been invited to Wesley UMC in Bryan to participate in a special musical presentation by their men's organization.

Don has the music (AMEN) and will be posting it on the chorus website. Practices at Wesley in Bryan will be Thursday evening, June 24 and Thursday evening July 1 at 7:00 p.m. The performance would be on Sunday, July 4. They have invited all who want to come and sing.

As time moves on there will be more occasions to sing and audiences to perform for. We've a couple possible Sunday morning church services that will take preparation. And I heard the words, "Gospel Show and Christmas Program" uttered in the background last week.

So yes – there is much to make ready for in the future of our chorus.

Come prepared Tuesday evening with your music. Don has been fishing some real oldies out of the song bag lately.

They are certainly taxing the 'ole memory banks but a couple times through and they sound pretty recognizable. Some have probably been off the short list for two years or longer – and sing ok. Not presentable to an audience of course but they would soon get to that condition.

The chorus has prided itself on being able to serve up a good selection of music from different genres. Gospel, 50's, polecats, show tunes, Christmas – they've all been a part of what we sing. Let's hit the practicing hard and get back to being able to perform a diverse selection of music again. There are people out there just waiting to hear us!

See you Tuesday!

Please check the Town and Country 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.

Keep the Whole World Singing!

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

JUNE

22 Tue: Chorus rehearsal, Hillsdale Assembly of God Church, 7:00 p.m.

23 Wed: Veteran's Program at the Adrian College Baseball Field. Contact Dave Rickard if you're available to sing.

29 Tue: Chorus rehearsal, Hillsdale Assembly of God Church, 7:00 p.m.

Jun 30 Wed - July 4 Sun: 2021 VIRTUAL INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION. Check out any and all information regarding the convention here: <https://www.barbershop.org/events/international-convention>.

JULY

6 Tue: Chorus rehearsal, Hillsdale Assembly of God Church, 7:00 p.m.

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Jul 17 Sat - Aug 7 Sat: 2021 VIRTUAL HARMONY UNIVERSITY. Details here: <https://www.barbershop.org/events/virtual-harmony-university>.

20 Tue: Chorus rehearsal, Hillsdale Assembly of God Church, 7:00 p.m.

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

31 Sat: Civil War Days at the Paddock-Hubbard House in Concord, MI. Contact Curt Evans if you can sing for this event.

AUGUST

13 Fri – 14 Sat: Bush League, details coming.

27 Fri – 29 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 Fri – 17 Sun: Fall Convention, Kalamazoo.

16 Sat: ***Harold Baker Memorial Service. Held at the Free Methodist Church in Coldwater at 11:00 a.m. with a luncheon following.***

Calendar for 2022

JANUARY

11 Tue – 16 Sun: 2022 MIDWINTER, Pasadena, CA. Details here:

<https://www.barbershop.org/events/midwinter-convention>

JUNE

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

JULY

3 Sun – 10 Sun: 2022 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION, Charlotte, NC. Details here:

<https://www.barbershop.org/events/future-conventions>

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

