

The Town and Country Chorus

NOTES ♪ NEWS and VIEWS for June 29, 2021

Hello to all and welcome to the last week of June.

Many, many years ago, when I was in school, I figured the end of June meant the summer was a third over. Only two months left to get in all the things summer vacation enticed me to do.

Now days the school year sometimes doesn't seem to have a definite start and stop to it. Activities, mostly sports I think, are seamless throughout the calendar year. And Covid concerns the past year and a half has changed events and schedules all around too.

However you want to think about it, July is almost upon us.

For everyone this means the Fourth of July holiday is this coming weekend. This year we'll be able to get together with family and friends to celebrate.

There will be parades in many towns and villages, picnics galore, and the lakes will fill up with those wanting to enjoy a little time on the water.

Amidst it all - please remember the reason for it all. Our country's independence and those who worked and fought to make it free and to keep it free should be at the center of our thoughts.

For the barbershop world July means it's time for our International Convention. For 2021 it will not be held in person but is offered virtually.

Fast on the heels of that is Harmony University, also being conducted virtually.

Links to both of these events are listed in the calendar section below.

Thank you to those who turned out last Thursday evening for rehearsal at Wesley UMC in Bryan. After the Celebration of Life Service for Rick Hess, John Opdycke of the Wesley Church invited members of the chorus to sing with their men's group who is preparing special music for a July 4th performance at the church.

Two songs are being practiced. If you were not able to attend last week don't let that stop you from coming this week, Thursday, July 1, 7:00 p.m. at Wesley UMC in Bryan. One song is *Amen* that we've practiced the last couple rehearsals in Hillsdale plus *America* from their hymnal.

Don has put the music to *Amen* on the chorus website. For the full-mix learning track look under "Vocal Majority – Then Sings My Soul – track 6". For the chart head for "Song PDFs – *Amen*".

Dave Rickard and his quartet reported a successful evening of song at the Veteran's Program on the campus of Adrian College. Thank you, gentlemen, for honoring this request for patriotic music for this event.

July 31 brings our next sing-out which is in Concord for their Civil War Days Celebration. This event begins at 1:00 p.m. and we've been asked to sing six or more songs. Everyone who can make it to Concord on the 31st will be appreciated.

The chorus is also following up with other venues that have expressed interest in hosting us. There is plenty of singing in our immediate future so please make Tuesday night chorus practice a priority on your list of things to do.

All for now, 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

<h3><u>Calendar for 2021</u></h3>
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JUNE

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

1 Thu: Rehearsal with the men's chorus at Wesley UMC in Bryan, 7:00 p.m.

4 Sun: Special music with the men's chorus of Wesley UMC, Bryan, OH.

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.”

