

The Town and Country Chorus

NOTES ♪ NEWS and VIEWS for July 6, 2021

Greetings everyone. As I'm writing this the 4th of July Holiday weekend has started off pretty well, at least weather wise. And my telephone app says not more than a 3% chance of rain through Monday. Now, who feels confident enough in weather forecasting to place a bet on that ...

Hopefully you did have or will have a chance to get together with family and friends over the weekend and enjoy sharing some time with each other. This opportunity to gather has been practically non-existent for a year and more.

The chorus had a very good showing last Thursday evening for practice at Bryan Wesley UMC. More gentlemen from the church came also so the group was much larger than the first week.

We practiced three songs, and sang them with the church's men's chorus this Sunday morning at Wesley's service. The photo below shows all of us ready to go, with most even paying attention. Not yours truly of course, I seem to have that attention problem a lot. (And yes, we did smile more during the performance.)



Always when we talk of how to encourage people to sing with us, we refer to past performances where guys heard us, met us, and then decided to give barbershop a try.

As well as being able to sing and perform with this group we may have also planted seeds that could grow into future barbershoppers. One never knows. Thanks to everyone who turned out in support of this event.

Talk about interest! Boy, do we have folks interested in hearing the Town and Country Chorus sing!

Dates, times, hosts, venues – all were flying around like bees last week. I was writing as fast as I could but I just know I didn't get everything down accurately. But most of it is here for you to at least start blocking out times on your calendar.

The Senior Center has asked for music on Friday, September 10, for their annual picnic and lunch at the Center. A quartet has honored this request in the past and hopefully we can put one together to sing for these folks.

Thursday, September 30, the Women's Congress has asked if we could provide some barbershop for them @ 1:30 p.m. during the Hillsdale County Fair. Tim Burcham is working to assemble a quartet for this so please check in with him if you can help out.

October 1, a Friday, will hopefully find some of us singing, again at the request of the Senior Center, for their portion of entertainment at the Hillsdale Fair.

Then flip your entire calendar to the summer of 2022 and pencil in a performance at Mrs. Stock's Park in Hillsdale.

Factor in open-ended invitations from places such as the Fish Lake Family Resort in Fremont and various Sunday morning church services around the area and we'll have plenty to prepare for.

It feels great to be singing again after many months of not being able to. It appears those wanting to hear singing are just as hungry. Many opportunities are coming down the pike and we appreciate each and every one who makes the effort to, ***Keep the Whole World Singing.***

And lastly, we send a hearty congratulations out to Warner Green who is celebrating 33 years as a Barbershop Harmony Society member. Thank you, Warner, for your many years of service!

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

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| <u>Calendar for 2021</u> |
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JULY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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.

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

SEPTEMBER

3 Fri – 6 Mon: Sunshine District's Labor Day Jamboree at the Omni Orlando Resort at Champions Gate, Orlando, Florida.

10 Fri: Perennial Park Senior Center Picnic. Performance will be at lunch time. A quartet or VLQ would work well.

30 Fri: The Women's Congress has requested us to provide songs @ 1:30 p.m. at the Hillsdale County Fair. Please contact Tim Burcham if available.

OCTOBER

1 Fri: Senior Day at the Hillsdale County Fair (sponsored by the Perennial Park Senior Center). Music can be provided between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

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>.

Sometime – Mrs. Stocks Park.

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

