

The Town and Country Chorus

NOTES ♪ NEWS and VIEWS for July 13, 2021

A nice, lazy, rainy afternoon greeting to all of you. Good napping weather if you are so inclined to do that sort of thing. As a matter of fact, I am so inclined so just may head that direction after a while.

Bonnie and I began our afternoon attending a 102nd birthday party. Yes, that's right - 102. I know we have never been to one before, perhaps some of you have.

Marion Isaac is the matriarch of the Isaac Property Company located in Bryan. Most days Marion comes into the office for an hour or two and tends to business. Then it's back home where she is still capable of living by herself.

Inevitably at this type of occasion the birthday honoree is asked about the secret to longevity and for words of wisdom. Marion was not an exception to these inquiries.

As one of her nieces shared, Marion often answered the longevity question by saying she always drinks, every day, warm water.

The wisdom question, once she got rolling, contained many things I wish I had written down. Some I could not hear well but what I could was golden and can only be told by someone attaining that age.

Starting with nothing but not realizing it at the time. Sharing what little they did have with those who had even less. Family, and keeping that family together and supporting each other. Accepting life, doing what you could with what you had, and living one day at a time.

Marion used the word "sharing" many times throughout her memories. A really strong word when you apply the meaning to it that a 102-year-old can. Whether it be food, time, hospitality, understanding, talents, money – it can all be shared and she gave example after example of what others have shared with her during her life. Marion then emphasized the responsibility each of has to share what we have.

In our barbershop world we have become a family. A family that shares with each other in good and not-so-good times. As a group we share our love for singing with those who need to hear a song in their lives.

When we go out to sing, I tend to think of it as performing. But it can be so much more than that. A song that is kept to ourselves does only one person any good. But a song that is shared – does a world of good. Let's share our music.

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

Calendar for 2021

JULY

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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29 Thu – 31 Sat: Harmony Explosion Camp hosted by the Mt. Pleasant Chapter. Please NOTE – the program, the operation of, and venue have changed for this year. For additional details check out: [Additional workshop information is available by clicking this link](#).

31 Sat: Civil War Days at the Paddock-Hubbard House in Concord, MI.

AUGUST

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

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13 Fri – 14 Sat: Bush League will be held on the shores of Lakes Cadillac and Mitchell in Cadillac, MI. Once again, this annual event will feature singing, coaching, performing, and socializing – typically for newer quartets. For more information check into this link: [Sign up today!](#)

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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.

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>.

Sometime – Mrs. Stocks Park.

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

