

The Town and Country Chorus

NOTES ♪ NEWS and VIEWS for September 14, 2021

We hope everyone survived the storm last Tuesday evening. I don't know about the surrounding areas but Hillsdale sure saw heavy rain and high winds. When you can hear what's going on outside while you're sitting in the church sanctuary singing, that's loud.

Going south the rains lightened up considerably and eventually stopped altogether by the state line. Of course, it cost Bonnie and I dearly to get home that night but that's a story for another time.

Two steps forward and one step back – or is it one step forward and two steps back? I forget. On any given day the COVID crisis could be described either way. Cases are rising and particularly in the younger folks. We had a football game or two canceled this past Friday night because of COVID cases so you know it's serious.

Keep practicing your gospel songs. We again, last week, discussed our singing future and decided we're going to maintain preparations for our upcoming events.

Harold Baker's service and the fall Gospel Show are the immediate sing-outs on the calendar. Only time will tell if they go off as planned. But we also agreed that gathering and singing was hugely beneficial for us – the individuals that make up the Town and Country Chorus. Even if it turns out we are unable to sing in front of a group, we have assembled on Tuesday evenings and enjoyed our barbershop music. As long as we are able to safely come together and rehearse, we're going to do so.

-- STILL IN THE NEWS --

- Harold Baker's Celebration of Life on October 16.
- Fall Convention in Kalamazoo October 15-17.
- Rehearsals every Tuesday at Hillsdale Assembly of God Church.

As always, take care and we'll 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

Make The Music That Makes The Difference

Calendar for 2021

SEPTEMBER

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

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

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

OCTOBER

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

12 Tue: Chorus rehearsal, Hillsdale Assembly of God Church, 7:00 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.

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

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

NOVEMBER

6 Sat: The Town and Country Chorus Gospel Show, featuring Bell Canto. Held at the Hillsdale Assembly of God Church.

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.](https://www.barbershop.org/events/future-conventions)

AUGUST

9 Tue: Mrs. Stock's Park with Bel Canto.

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

