

Erik Roffelsen 2022 Barbershopper of the Year

Carrie's Cues



Hello WTC,
Groupanizer is now updated through Monday, Sept. 25th. The Music Team is firming up our list of Christmas Show songs. Once that is complete, I can update Groupanizer through Oct-Dec.

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July Birthdays

- 3: Bob Nicodem
- 3: Brett Owen
- 13: Mark Betczynski
- 15: Tony Tumea
- 21: Zach Gibson
- 25: Earl Fuhrmann
- 30: Tom Farrell

| Activity | June 26, 2023 |
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| Physical Warm-ups | |
| Vocal Warm-ups | |
| Polecat | You Tell Me Your Dream (Ab) |
| Run through (2x) | My Girl (G#) |
| Run through (2x) | I'm a Believer (G) |
| Rehearse | Your Song (F#) |
| Breaks | |
| Sectional (all choruses) | What Do You Get a Wookie (A) |
| Rehearse | What Do You Get a Wookie (A) |
| Run through (2x) | God Bless the USA (F) |
| Run through (2x) | Armed Forces Medley (G) |
| Other | Raffle |
| | Keep the Whole World Singing (Eb) |

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Please note that new Polecat is ***You Tell Me Your Dream***.

Some important dates:

Monday, July 3: we still have chorus

Tuesday, July 4: we sing in a parade

Monday, Aug. 28: coaching with Joe Cerutti

Monday, Sept. 4: **NO chorus in observance of Labor Day**

Tuesday, Sept 5: "make-up" chorus rehearsal.

(We will sing through all of the polecats for those hoping to qualify at contest and then perform run-throughs of our contest set)

Friday/Saturday, Sept. 22/23: IL District

Convention (and contest) in Bloomington

Monday, Sept. 25: yes, we will meet, and we will sing!

SATURDAY, Oct. 7: Christmas "blitz", 9 am-12 pm. At this meeting, we sing through all of our Christmas Show songs so people can plan their personal/home rehearsal schedule.

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We will also be singing the National Anthem for the **Joliet Slammers** on Sunday, July 9th. Call time will be 12 o'clock and tickets will be sold and distributed at the ball game. Blue shirts black pants or shorts will be the uniform of the day

Quartet auditions for the Christmas show will most likely take place Monday, Oct. 30 or Monday, Nov. 6. Find 3 willing singers and start planning now! We will hopefully know dates and times for our Christmas show by the end of this month. I will send you the list of songs the Music Team has confirmed in a separate email, for those of you who like to plan. For newer members, it will feel like a LOT of new music. For veteran members, we are bringing back a few songs "from the vault." Stay tuned!

Thanks for reading,

Carrie

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Here is a partial list of this year's Christmas songs.
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Independence Day Parade – Glen Ellyn

Tuesday, July 4, 2023

Meet: 10:45 AM at College of DuPage Athletic dept parking lot. Head west on College street from Park street. Set your gps to the corner of Park St and College Ave. Head West on college Avenue until you see the Baseball and football field Then turn right in the first parking lot and look for the float. Dress is blue WTCshirts black shorts or long pants. **Bring a chair and water.**

Act One

- Jingle Bells (NOT Kay Thompson's)- music is in the Yuletide Favorites, Volume 1 book. If you don't have the book, please do NOT buy it until we've checked with Joe T for extra copies.
- The Christmas Song (Chestnuts Roasting)
- What Can You Get a Wookiee for Christmas
- Winter Wonderland Hokey Pokey
- When a Child is Born (music and learning tracks are on Groupanizer)
- 12 Days of Christmas
- VLQ – Oh Christmas Tree??? (parody - hard copy only)
- potentially 2 more songs

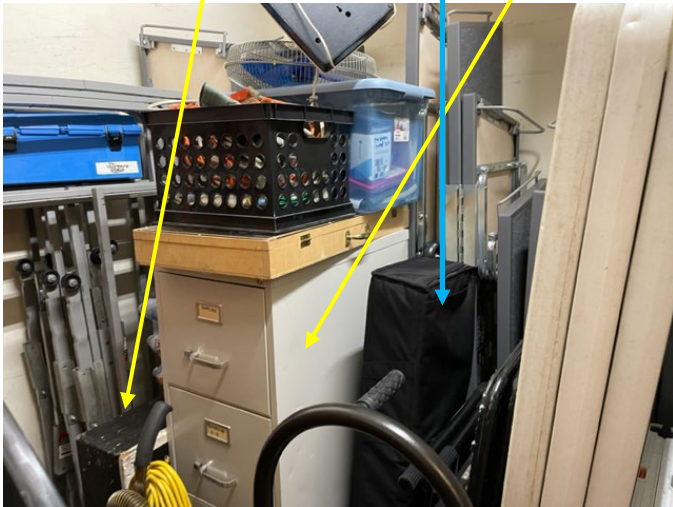
Act Two

- Mary, Did You Know
- Still, Still, Still (music is on Groupanizer, learning tracks are being ordered)
- Joy to the World (from Yuletide Favorites, Volume 2 book. Please see note from Jingle Bells above)
- O Little Town of Bethlehem (music and learning tracks are on Groupanizer)
- Silent Night (verse 1 only)/Peace, Peace
- Adeste Fideles
- **VLQ** While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks
- potentially 1 more song

Rehearsal Setup & Take-Down

I will not be coming in as early as I have been in the past, so we'll need more help setting up risers starting between 6:15 and 6:30 PM on Monday nights.

Also, when packing all our stuff into the closet, we need to leave room for the vacuum cleaner and both chair carts. To do this, the riser safety rails need to be stacked close together and more vertical, then put in the black podium, then the file cabinet. That leaves room for the keyboard to stand upright further in. Bob Nicodem



Come to the

CABARET

Entertainment:

Fox Valley Harmonizers Mixed Barbershop Chorus

Afternoon Logic – instrumental and vocal duo

Danielle Kyle – vocal soloist

Candida Kyle, Rebecca Winslow & son – vocal / piano trio

2nd Opinion – contest winning barbershop quartet

Sunday August 27, 2023 at 3:30 PM

Baker Community Center

101 S. 2nd Street

St. Charles IL 60174



Platters of appetizers and desserts with soft drinks at your table!



Tickets are \$30 or \$200 for a full table of seven and are available from chorus members or from Jack at 815-345-8926 (leave a message!)

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Changing Lives Through Song

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Rehearsals are every Monday at
Horizon & on Zoom unless otherwise noted

2023

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| 7/3 Monday | Regular rehearsal |
| 7/4 Tuesday | Parade – call time 11 AM COD ball field College St., Glen Ellyn |
| 7/9 Sunday | Joliet Slammers – call time: Noon |
| 8/28 Monday | Coaching session w/ Joe Cerutti |
| 9/4 Monday | NO Rehearsal – Memorial Day |
| 9/5 Tuesday | Makeup Rehearsal |
| 9/22-23 | District Convention—plan on at least Friday & Sat. |
| 10/7 | Christmas Blitz 9 am – noon |

The Music Team usually meets the second Thursday of each month 7:00 PM, at Horizon or using ZOOM. Board meetings are scheduled for the third Thursday of each month 7:00 PM at Bob Nicodem's house or Horizon

Music Team

Director: Carrie Marcotte
Asst-directors: Mark Betczynski & Joe Tomecek
Music VP: Bill Burt

Section Leaders

- Bass: Jim B.
- Baritone: Mark & Joe
- Lead: Mark Servos
- Tenor: Trenton Ferro, Sid Peterson

Email

MusicTeam@WestTowns.org

Join Zoom Meeting Topic: WTC rehearsal: Time: Mondays 07:00 PM Central Time

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81780296722?pwd=dTJHd2V5WWhYOHAydVhQQkVxUjJSdz09>

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