



Bill Burt – 2018 Barbershopper Of The Year

Feb. 10, 2019

Carrie's Cues

Hello Gentlemen,
Terry sent the lovely email below and asked me to forward it to you.
Carrie



piece of information that you can use.

Keep working hard. You are soooo close to

From: Terry Ludwig
Carrie,
Could you please forward this to your chorus? Thanks!
Men (and lady) of WTC,
Just wanted to take a moment and thank you for a wonderful evening. It was so much fun to make music with you and I really appreciate your hard work. My hope is that you were able to take away even one little

making the leap to the next level. It just takes perseverance, hard work and attention to detail. **YOU GOT THIS!!!**

Hope to see all of you very soon.

Your friend,
Terry

PS. If you are interested in the Senior Chorus, please send me an email at illseniorchorus@gmail.com



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#newyearnewyou

Hello Gentlemen,
Since 2019 is a new year (#newyearnewyou), you may have noticed that the music team would like songs off paper before we rehearse them on the risers. We will have four of our spring show songs already memorized at tomorrow's rehearsal (Bright Was the Night, God Bless the USA, Do You Hear the People Sing, Roses/No Business). In order to stay on track memorizing songs for the spring show, please use the list below as you prepare at home.

Date/Song off paper:

- ◆ Feb. 11- Coney Island Baby
- ◆ Feb. 18- Armed Forces Medley
- ◆ Mar. 4- Over the Rainbow
- ◆ Mar. 18- When I'm Gone (Cups)
- ◆ April 1- Wedding Bells
- ◆ April 15- TBD

That comes out to two songs per month.

Thanks, everyone!
Carrie



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February Birthdays

8: Trenton Ferro

16: Carrie Marcotte

24: Gerry Riva

Board Briefs

Secretary: **Bob Nicodem** – Minutes from the November meeting were approved.

Treasurer: **Tony Tumea**

Finances: Tony gave a detailed analysis of our financial status. The Christmas show, which is our main fund-raiser that pays the majority of our costs during the year, netted us only \$1,242. We can weather one bad year, but we'll need to do better at ticket sales and participating in performances and other fund raising events.

Music and Performance: **Peter Kendall**

- Music – “Cups (When I’m Gone)” (from Pitch Perfect) is now on Groupanizer. A second contest song has not been selected yet.
- Spring Show – Sunday, May 5 at Trini-

ty Lutheran at Green Trails, Guest quartet will be Interlude, and possibly a high school group. Costume will be simple with bright, spring color neck ties. Planning on a bake sale for an additional fund raiser.

- Ball Games – looking at various schedules to determine the best ones for which to sing the National Anthem
- Memorial Day parade: If we can get a “float/flatbed” and enough guys, we are looking into singing at the Elmhurst parade which pays \$900.
- Rehearsals – looking at ways to “mix up” our rehearsals, doing small groups, and sectionals

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West Towns Family

Gentlemen,

Ron Heilig gave me a call this past week to say “HI” to all the guys. He also wants to remind everyone that he and several other retired guys meet every other month for lunch to shoot the breeze, tell jokes, and even sing, all the while enjoying lunch.

Next meeting planned is on Wednesday, March 13 at 11:45 AM.

Where:

Seven Dwarves Restaurant

917 E. Roosevelt Rd.

Wheaton, IL

Everyone is welcome to join the group for a nice, informal gathering.

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Board Briefs *continued*

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Chapter Development and Membership – **Bill McKnight**

- Guests – J. Arnell is asking about joining. Bill has reviewed many of our membership process documents and will reinstitute whatever is appropriate.
- Looking at ways to draw in new members. Looking to find out contacts for high school music directors and college music programs.

Program: **Frank Glas** – will work on keeping business meetings moving and with the music team to keep rehearsals interesting.

Marketing: **Ben Dirks** – Continuing to try to expand our social media presence. Spring show is already on our website. Once a name/theme has been chosen, will start promoting the spring show on all platforms.

Member-at-Large: **Don Davia** –

- Would like to start promoting the idea of endowments, wills, donations, etc. to our chapter.
- West Towns Hall of Fame – considering another nominee for this honor.
- Grants – will start working on submitting requests for grants.
- Corporate matching – if anyone needs specific IRS information for this, contact Tony Tumea.

Other:

- It was decided to offer anyone going to Harmony U \$200 unless they wish to return it to the chapter.
- Chorus cell phone - looking to see if we can switch our phone number to Google Voice and still maintain good service to our patrons and/or other inquiries.

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and select West Towns Chorus
as the qualifying recipient of your donation.

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www.WestTowns.org

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2019 Board

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Board meetings are scheduled for the third Thursday of each month (except December) 7:30 PM at Bob Nicodem's house.

The Music Team usually meets the second Thursday of each month at Horizon, 7:30 PM.

Music Team

Director: Carrie Marcotte
Asst-directors: Mark Betczynski & Joe Tomecek
Music VP: Peter Kendall

Section Leaders

•Bass: Jim B., Will G, & Ed Childs
•Baritone: Mark & Joe
•Lead: Mark Servos
Kevin Westburg
•Tenor: Trenton Ferro,
Sid Peterson

Email

MusicTeam@WestTowns.org

Calendar of Events

February 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28		

March 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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April 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

February

4 Rehearsal—Director swap
6 Christmas show meeting
7 Board Meeting
11 Rehearsal
18 Rehearsal
21 Board Meeting
25 Rehearsal
28 Music Team Meeting

March

4 Rehearsal
11 Rehearsal
18 Rehearsal
21 Board Meeting
25 Rehearsal
3/28 Music Team Meeting

Future

4/11 Music Team Meeting
5/9 Music Team Meeting

5/5 Sun Spring Show

7/21— Harmony U
7/28

West Towns rehearses every Monday evening, 7:00 PM at Horizon Community Church in the Meadowbrook Shopping Center, 2129 63rd Street, Downers Grove, IL 60516.

We invite men who like to sing to come visit us and join us in song and fellowship.

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<http://amazonsmile.com> and select West Town Chorus as the qualifying recipient of your donation.