



Carrie Marcotte 2020 Barbershopper of the Year

July 18, 2021

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July Birthdays

- 3: Bob Nicodem
- 13: Mark Betczynski
- 15: Tony Tumea
- 17: Al Munneke
- 25: Dave Martin
- 26: Mark Johnson

Carrie's Cues

Hi Guys,
 Are you "feelin' good like you know you should"?
 Well, I "just don't know what to say." Lol.

Wow. What a great rehearsal we had last night. I am feeling happy and proud today. Let's keep this feeling going next week, o.k.?

I sent a PDF of the performance notes for IISG. The notes may not make sense to you until we teach them, but at least you'll have the document for future reference.

Monday's goals are below. I'll be swapping out one of the review/run-through songs with "Hi, Neighbor," so you at least know to plan for that. I still like starting with the Star Spangled Banner. Using it as a "tune-up" sets the chorus up for success the rest of the night. Remember, as the late WVHS orchestra director used to say, "You don't have to practice every day, you only have to practice on the days you eat." Lol.

Carrie
 p.s. We will keep the vocal arrangement of IISG as-is. We will not be shortening it before contest.

WTC Rehearsal Goals
 7/19/2021 (Week 7 in person)
 We will sing on RISERS this week!!!! 😊 If you can help to set them up, please arrive at 6 p.m. 7 p.m. Greetings and Salutations!
 7:03 p.m. Physical Warm-ups- Mark S
 Vocal Warm-ups- Carrie
 Sing: The **Star Spangled Banner**
 (Apply what we've practiced: 1) quicker tempo; 1a) Begin the song by



breathing through an "oh" shape for 2 beats; 2) breathe in the tempo of the next phrase instead of the last phrase; 3) carry over phrases and drop a word if

a breath is needed; 4) Crescendo through long notes; 5) cymbal crashes for "and the rockets red glare..."/legato and softer for "gave proof thro' the night...") *We need to double check the bass notes in m. 23

Sing/Review: **Hi, Neighbor**
REHEARSE: I'm Into Something Good (Review page 4, verse 3, tag, and verse 4. If there's time, we will rehearse Bridge 2, page 5. Please arrive having practiced the notes, rhythms, and words for Bridge 2.)

TAG!
 Business Break: Frank
 Comfort break (10 minutes. Giving you extra time to find three singers and sing today's tag.)

REHEARSE: My Romance (Review the intro. Check bass notes in ms. 2-3. Review ms. 17-28. Solidify speed of "need a blue lagoon." If there's time, we will continue by reviewing ms. 29-32 or 29-41.)

Sing/Review: **You've Got a Friend in Me**
 Sing: **Keep the Whole World Singing**

All attending in-person are invited to the actual "Legends" for socializing. Carrie M is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.
 Topic: WTC rehearsal
 See bottom of last page for link.



Pitch!

44TH ANNUAL ROD HUPACH BRAT BASH

**A CELEBRATION OF BARBERSHOP SINGING, PICK UP QUARTET
CONTEST, DISTRICT CHAMP QUARTET CENTER RING, CHORUS
PERFORMANCES AND MORE.**

WEDNESDAY JULY 21ST 6-10PM



Where: VFW Post 908 W Jackson, Naperville

Cost: \$15 for Brat dinner with a cash bar

**Contact: Kevin Connell for more information
and to confirm how many from your chorus
will be attending**

630-935-3846



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Board meetings are scheduled for the third Thursday of each month 7:00 PM at Bob Nicodem's house or Horizon & GoToMeeting

The Music Team usually meets the second Thursday of each month 7:00 PM, currently using ZOOM

Music Team

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

Section Leaders

•Bass: Jim B, & Ed Childs
 •Baritone: Mark & Joe
 •Lead: Mark Servos
 •Tenor: Trenton Ferro, Sid Peterson

Email

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Calendar of Events

July 2021

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	31

August 2021

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	31				

September 2021

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		

July — at Horizon & Zoom

7/4 Glen Ellyn Independence Day Parade (Paid)
 7/5 Rehearse at Horizon (vaccinated members)
 7/8 Music team meeting
 7/12 Rehearse at Horizon (vaccinated members)
 7/15 Board meeting
 7/19 Rehearse at Horizon (vaccinated members)
 7/26 Rehearse at Horizon (vaccinated members)

Future

9/17—
19/2021

ILL District Fall Conv.

12/11

Christmas Show???
Still trying to get a venue!
Need someone to head up the show!
Need a ticket person!

2022

9/16—
17/2022

ILL District Fall Conv.

ZOOM INVITE:

Carrie Marcotte is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting. Topic: WTC rehearsal: Time: Mondays 07:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada) Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system. [LINK](#)

Weekly: Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/780252412?pwd=cEdlV045UFJrVnFPMm9CVVI0UXJvdz09>

Meeting ID: 780-252-412 Password: 923923 One tap mobile: +13126266799,,780252412# US (Chicago)

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