



Seattle Shores Chorus



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UPCOMING EVENTS

October 6th Saturday
Operation Smile Benefit in
Marysville, WA 6:00 pm
December 11th Tuesday
Friends & Family Holiday
Performance 7:00 pm
December 15th Saturday
Guests on Seachordsmen
Holiday Show 2:00 pm

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This is our Seventeenth newsletter. If you received it in the post and would rather receive it thru e-mail; know someone else that would enjoy receiving it; or would like to be removed from our list—Let us know. See contact information on the back page.

YES, SEATTLE SHORES IS ALIVE AND WELL

Yes, we are still out there kicking up our heels. We apologize for not sending out a newsletter in awhile. But as you will see in this newsletter, we have just been so busy we barely see ourselves coming or going.

Along with our 3 hour rehearsals every week we have had 2 to 3 singouts every month this past year. We have some new venues—new songs along with still singing at some of the familiar places with familiar songs.

We have had some coaching sessions and in April we participated in the 2018 North by Northwest Regional Competition.



NEED A PICK ME UP?

Got the Summer Time Blues? Kids going off to school and you're looking at an empty nest? Maybe you've got some free time; love to sing and you're wondering what to do next?

Why not consider joining a Sweet Adeline chorus. We sing Barbershop harmony. We are a group of gals who love to sing and love to share our songs with our community. If you want to make a difference in your community and in your own life, please consider joining us for an evening of laughter, song and music. It is a scientific fact that Music keeps you young. Come and find out why! **If you come by and start learning now you could sing with us as a guest at our Operation Smile Benefit in October and our Christmas Performance.**

We are the Seattle Shores Chorus and we meet at the Shorelines Unitarian Universalist Church at 14724 1st Avenue NE in Shoreline on Tuesday nights from 6-9pm. Anyone can learn to sing if you have a willingness to learn. It is helpful if you can read music but not necessary!

We hope to see you soon!

By Chris Allen

WE LOVE TO SING FOR YOU

What Our Audience Says at the Retirement and Assisted Living Venues:

"You were wonderful. " "The phrasing and endings were done with such finesse." "It is so wonderful that you come. My son was going to take me shopping today, but when I saw that you were on the program, I had to come. I can shop any day." "I usually stay in my room, but when I saw that you were coming, I had to come down." "You sing some of the songs that I used to hear at the Blue Bayou, you bring back memories".

At one concert a woman complained, "You are singing too loud." Another woman looked at her and said, "Be quiet and sit down!" Recently, a man came up to one of our members and said, "I'm looking for my wife. Are you her?" We make people cry with Turn Around. The song reminds them of their children. Many sing along with the patriotic songs. Swing Down is another favorite.

At the end of each performance, we go out into the audience and interact with the people. It is like seeing old friends, for the ones that come back to see us again and again. That is why we sing. **To bring joy to others through music**

MARCH OF DIMES

Seattle Shores was asked to sing at the beginning of the run for the March of Dimes. The beginning of the race was at the Seattle Center. We finally found our location next to the fire truck on Mercer.

The runners consisted of men, women, children, dogs and strollers. They all loved our singing. There was much clapping, cheering and positive calls. One little girl wanted her mother to take a picture of us with her.

As a director, the only thing that I had to worry about was to dodge all of the well mannered dogs of all sizes and colors as they ran and walked by. When all the runners had past us, I had a very nice discussion with the organizer of the event. She goes all over the country preparing these runs for the March of Dimes. We might get the opportunity to do this again next year!

By Bonnie Jeanne Massey

MEET NEWEST MEMBERS



Arlene and Nicole

Arlene Hazelbaker Strong was born and raised in Polson, MT. She graduated from the University of Montana with a bachelor's degree in Business Education. Her employment included 3 years as a high school teacher, 10 years as an elementary coordinator in her church, 6 years as an administrative assistant at SPU, 2 years as an administrative assistant at Swedish Hospital and 20 years at Shoreline Community College. She has been married to Sidney for 54 years. They resided in Missoula, Montana for 3 years while her husband was in law school before moving to the Seattle area in 1967.

Piano, organ and flute were part of Arlene's musical background. Although she has not previously had an opportunity to sing in a chorus, she has always loved singing. She saw an article in the Shoreline E-News and visited Seattle Shores Chorus in October 2017 as the chorus was preparing for the Christmas season. She fell in love with the group, sang in the Christmas performance and joined the chorus in March 2018. She has been accepted as the newest member of the Seattle Reign quartet singing bass and is preparing to sing with them on the Operation Smile show on October 6th in Marysville. She also serves on the Seattle Shores Chorus board of directors.

Her passion in retirement is quilting and

NEW MEMBERS con't

she was the featured artist at the 2015 Quilters Anonymous Show in Monroe. Athletic ability is also part of her past, having played soccer for about 15 years and coaching a girls team for 8 years.

Born in Santa Clara, California, Nicole Hoover joined her two-and-a-half-year-old brother, Brian, in the family. She graduated from San Jose State University and went on to graduate school at UC Davis, majoring in mathematics. Early on, she taught math in a community college in Sacramento, three years at the University of New Orleans (LA), and two years at UC Davis (CA) before moving to the Seattle area where she has been a lecturer in math at UW Bothell since 2006.

Nicole's music experience includes singing in choir in senior high school, and taking lessons for clarinet, guitar and tenor saxophone. She also participated in theater events in middle school through high school. Her hobbies include roller skating, camping, karaoke, knitting and yoga.

She read about the Seattle Shores Chorus through the Shoreline Area News and visited the chorus in October of 2017. She sang in the Christmas season performance in December and joined the chorus in February of 2018. With her partner, Travis, they have 3 daughters; Terra a 7 year old, Mieke 9 years and Zora, also 9 years.

Arlene and Nicole, we're glad you found us – Welcome Aboard!

By Linea Croly

Operation Smile **BENEFIT**

You can change lives!
Please join us for our annual benefit concert

October 6, 2018 | 6 p.m.

92nd Street Church of Christ

4226 92nd St. NE, Marysville, WA 98270

Featuring:

Seattle Shores Chorus

Seattle's original Sweet Adelines Chorus

Seattle SeaChordsmen Barbershop Chorus

Admission is free, and all donations go directly to **Operation Smile** to provide free surgeries for children born with cleft lip, cleft palate, and other facial deformities. Just \$240 can provide surgery for one child, and every little bit helps to bring health and hope to young lives. In the past 5 years we have raised money to cover over 100 surgeries. Enjoy beautiful barbershop harmonies, and change a life!

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

On July 1st, we were part of something large, momentous, and action-packed! We took the televised stage with over 1,000 other singers to motivate, inspire, and entertain the Husky Stadium and TV watchers around America for the 2018 USA Games Special Olympics opening ceremony. We sang alongside modern dancers, as well as a live performance by Washington's own powerhouse R&B and soul singer Allen Stone.

As over 4,000 dedicated athletes and their coaches paraded through the stadium we cheered them on while soaking in the importance of such an event! The Seattle Shores were honored to witness Heart's Ann Wilson sing our national anthem. Master of ceremonies, Taye Diggs, introduced us all to celebrity speakers and inspiring athletes/coaches, drawing attention to the inclusiveness and perseverance that gives our lives meaning and our society a future.

It was a major event that took us away from barbershop songs for a few weeks, but it was certainly worth the effort to celebrate the massive accomplishments of all involved.



By Kathleen Perez

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YEARS SLIP BY WHEN HAVING FUN

It is very hard to believe our chorus celebrated its **65th** birthday this year.

And that another member has reached her 50th year with SAI—Linea Croly.



Linea, you are an asset to our chorus and the whole SAI organization.

Linea



Shirley



Adeline



Lois



Jo

We had 4 members retire and/or go associate this year. Shirley, Adeline, Lois and Jo we love you and wish you the best! Stop by anytime!

SOLSTICE FESTIVAL

There we were, all costumed up, in the sweltering heat and the sun glaring in our eyes, singin' our hearts out! At the beach – no, wait! – we were on stage at the City of Shoreline's Solarfest 2018 in July. Luckily, we had a very appreciative audience lounging under the outdoor tent at Shoreline Community College. One audience member approached us after the performance, gratefully sharing that our songs took her on a sentimental journey into the past. She was crying....but in a GOOD way!

This was our second year performing at this venue and the stage was bigger, the audience larger, and the heat hotter.! Have you ever stood in 90 degree weather with a long-sleeved blouse and black dress pants, with sweat stinging your eyes as you sing? .. WE have! .. But we had such a good time, we'll do it again!



By Cecilie
Hudson