



## Seattle Shores Chorus



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### Music Love



This is our Thirteenth 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.

## Operation Smile Benefits from Our Sound

We are very happy to announce that our past 2 benefits have collected enough funds to pay for 22 surgeries. Twenty-two lives have changed forever, thanks to your generosity. We are proud to invite you to come to our Third annual Operation Smile benefit concert on Saturday, October 3, 2015 in Marysville, WA.

The Operation Smile organization circles the globe performing surgeries for children who have a cleft lip and/or palate. Every penny donated to our show is given to this very worthwhile cause. It can be a life changing surgery for these children and their families.

The SeaChordsmen will join us again for this worthwhile event. Mark your calendar and keep October 3rd free to join us at the Marysville Church of Christ, for a night of music, information and love. Be sure to visit our website, [www.seattleshores.org](http://www.seattleshores.org) to find more information as that date rolls around.



By Ellen Brockman

## Guest Appearance

**Mark Your Calendar!!!** Seattle Shores will once again be performing with the Seattle SeaChordsmen for their spring show “Sleepless Near Seattle” on Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup> with shows at 2 pm and 7 pm. It will be at the Shorecrest Performing Arts Center located at 15343 25th Ave NE, Shoreline 98155.



We have such a great time performing with them and this time we're doing an 8-part specially arranged song combining the two choruses. Please contact one of our members if you would like to purchase tickets.

Photo from a prior joint venture with the SeaChordsmen Chorus.

Donna Heivilin

## Members Talk

There's nothing like hearing a familiar song to bring smiles to the faces of so many when we perform at various retirement homes around the area. I don't know who has the biggest smiles by the time we're through with each performance because all of our members are smiling, too.

Music is a universal language that spreads joy, peace and harmony throughout the world. I'm so glad to be a part of Seattle Shores in learning the music as well as wonderful friendships made along the way.



Donna Heivilin  
Chapter President

I love singing in Seattle Shores Chorus. It is so much fun to sing songs that are familiar from my youth, and others that are new to me. We sing patriotic songs, 50's and 60's music, sometimes music from way back, and lots of fun current music (for example the Lion King Medley).

We perform for many various groups, but I think what I enjoy the most is singing for people in retirement or nursing homes. I don't think anyone enjoys our music more than they do.

Singing with this wonderful group of women is so enlightening. We are all ages. We have had a couple of 10 year old girls with us, as well as some 90 year olds. I kind of feel like a sister to all of them. I did not start in Sweet Adelines until I retired. I really wish I had started sooner, but so be it. It has just been a wonderful and fun time for me.

Shirley Smith



### The Ladies

I walked into the room of women  
I was a stranger to all but one  
I was invited to join in the music  
Invited to join in the fun

We lifted our voices in harmony  
The music came easy and strong  
We laughed and sang the night away  
I felt like I belonged

Now it's more than just the melodies  
That unite us and bind us tight  
It's the love and kindness we extend  
That keeps us through the night

I am so grateful for these women  
For their beauty, strength and song  
We'll sing as long as we're able  
In harmony, all life long!



Christine Allen

I feel that belonging in a small to medium chorus makes us a healthier and more knowledgeable group.

We know each other and our families We care for each other and we can ask another member singing in a different voice if they will work out a problem with you.

It is a most satisfying feeling of knowing your words and music and feel prepared to perform for others.



Trudy Tankus

Looking for ways to enrich your life? It's all here at Seattle Shores Chorus. In one place, you can find wonderful new friends, get a crash course in music theory, express yourself artistically, and bring happiness to people in the community.

When I joined, I thought I was just getting a chance to sing more often – but being a member of Seattle Shores has brought me so much more. It's one-stop shopping for anyone looking for more joy, fun, and purpose in life!

Carrie Howard



## Support the Arts!

Seattle Shores Chorus is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to music education and performance. Financial support from the community helps us pay for costumes, coaching, and facilities while keeping member dues affordable.

There are two ways you can help: (1) Make a tax-deductible donation by cash or check or by clicking the button on our home page ([www.seattleshores.org](http://www.seattleshores.org)) to make a secure online payment with PayPal. Remember, if you work for an employer with a matching gift program, you can double your gift! (2) If you have a Fred Meyer Rewards card, go to the Fred Meyer website ([www.fredmeyer.com](http://www.fredmeyer.com)), click "Community Rewards" in the Community menu at the bottom of the page, sign in, and follow the instructions to link your Rewards card to Seattle Shores Chorus. It costs you nothing, but every time you shop, Fred Meyer will make a small donation to us. Those dollars really do add up! Thanks for all you do to support us.

## Always Learning

The joy of singing is within us all ! It lifts our hearts and unites us in spirit.

We are now discovering that understanding and mastering the basics of music theory and production will add both depth and precision to our performances. Right now we are especially concentrating on reading rhythms accurately and interpreting time signatures. We will be adding words to rhythmic notation in small groups in the next few weeks.

This combined with the application of suggestions that were made during our individual PVI's, has made our sound significantly improved. Best of all, we are excited about all the learning and the new improved finished product.

### Time Signatures



Most Barbershop scores use 2 of the above Time Signatures. Can you pick which ones without looking at your sheet music?



The top number represents the number of beats per measure and the bottom number stands for the type of note that counts for one beat.

For example if 2 is the bottom number then a half note would count for one beat. If 4 is the bottom note then a quarter note counts for one beat in the measure.

Vickilyn Gruber

(I see the light bulbs shining)

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 And find us on  
 FACEBOOK too

## A Few Words From Our Director

The one thing that Seattle Shores loves to do is entertain. We have been entertaining all over the Seattle Metro area. We have been singing at many retirement facilities in the area. The residents love it when we arrive in our sparkling outfits.

We are beginning to be pretty popular. People are now calling us to come and perform. (Trudy, our booking agent, has us almost full for the entire 2015 year.) Some facilities want us every other month! We have had to graciously decline. We do not have enough music learned for 6 full 40 minute programs. We should have a fourth program by summer time, though.

The communities love our singing, our costumes and our faces. Some of

them even give us ice cream. At some facilities, they anxiously await for us to come. At one, we call our 'groupie place', the residents follow us from station to station as we travel through the halls. At another venue, a gentleman had us pictured on his phone and was wondering where some of our members were. A few of us that appeared in his picture from 9 months earlier were out on vacation or ill. Seattle Shores is touching lives and enjoying every minute of it.

We had a wonderful time on the SeaChordsmen Christmas show. We sang "Santa Baby" with some new choreography. We all wore some new sparkly bracelets that captured the theme of opulence and going out

on the town. Seattle Shores is going to be on the spring show of the SeaChordsmen. Members are busy learning Jeepers Creepers and Make Someone Happy. We will also be learning an 8 part rendition of Singin' in the Rain with them. On top of this, members are also busy continuing in their learning of 123 Lion King Medley, new choreography for Steppin' Out, and the gospel song, Swing Down.

The music committee has some wonderful music coming up that everyone is just going to love. They are well known songs. As a director, I want everything to be learned faster so we can get to the fun part.....performing!

Bonnie Jeanne Massey

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## Where Do You Like to Sing??

I LOVE to sing in my car. I can sing as loud or as silly as I want. I can sing the correct words or make up my own. I sing when I am happy or when I am sad. I am sure others driving by wonder what in the world I am doing but I LOVE it.

Then there are the times I am on stage or in front of the congregation and see others join me or be touched by my song. And yes the applause (when appropriate) is such a high.

I never took music class in school and what I do know, I have learned from my Sweet Adeline sisters.

The choruses I have belonged to have taught me how to sing so it is enjoyed by all, not just me. We have learning CD's and tapes along with the sheet music to learn the songs. We are constantly having training in various realms of music, the technical and the performance aspects of it.

So, if you have music in your heart and have no way to let it out—come by and see if we are a good match for you.



We have a song called “One Voice”. It says it all. It only takes one person to start singing and others will join in. Well, we have the one voice already singing. Matter of fact about 20 voices already singing that would love for you to come join us. Then when we meet with other choruses you can even sing amongst hundreds of others with that same love for singing.

In case you are of the male gender we have connections to local Barber-shop Choruses that would love to help you ‘get the music out’.

Karen Stark

## Mark Calendar

### April 21st Tuesday

Guest Night—6 PM If you would rather come by with others interested in learning more about us. But welcome any Tuesday night

### June 27th Saturday

Guest on SeaChordsmen's show—Sleepless Near Seattle at 2PM and 7PM

### October 3rd Saturday

Join us in Marysville for our 3rd Operation Smile Benefit performance at Church of Christ on 4226 92nd Street.

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Visit our Website to see venues we will be performing at for residents of retirement and rehab centers.