



Seattle Shores Chorus



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“Love Fluently Spoken Here”

After the Pitch Pipe, the International Magazine produced by Sweet Adeline International, featured an article about our chorus and its Operation Smile Benefit, we received the letter below from one of our Sisters in Harmony down south.

Hi. My name is Diane Blanchard. I am a member of Crescent City Sound chorus in New Orleans. Just read in the Pitch Pipe about your benefit concert for Op Smile and wanted to thank you for your support. I will be leaving for Ghana on Tuesday April 6. This will be my 27th mission with Operation Smile.

I am a speech therapist and work with both patients and parents of patients to improve speech, language and feeding skills. Just wanted to let you know you are supporting an organization that really does change lives. In Vietnam I heard a young girl sing. She was born with cleft palate and was teased by others because of her hypernasal speech. She had surgery by Op Smile and is now a recording star in Asia. She has an amazing voice and only a speech professional would know she had a repaired cleft palate. Thanks again!
Diane

WE—YOU can make a difference



Well, our first two benefits 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 at 6 PM, 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 Seattle 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, on 4226 92nd Street, for a night of music, information and love. If you are unable to come and would like to donate, visit our website, www.seattleshores.org to find how you can make donations through PayPal.

By Ellen Brockman

Happy to Introduce Our Two Newest Members

Laurie Iams



Laurie, an only child, was born in Yakima, WA but lived in Camas, WA from the time she was 2 years old until she graduated from high school. All her early life she lived with the influence of music because her grandfather sang, her grandmother played the piano and her mom also shared the love of music with her daughter. Laurie was extremely quiet and reserved but took baton lessons when she was 7½ and appeared in recitals at that early age. In the 6th grade she took dance lessons – primarily jazz – and participated in a number of recitals until she graduated. She was on the dance team during her last three years of high school and was very comfortable dancing but way too shy to open her mouth to sing. She finds it amusing that she was voted the “most inspirational” person on the dance team.

In 2007, she did start to sing, in fact singing a solo on stage. She even recorded a song in 1998! She sang with three a cappella groups in New York and even participated at “The Egg” in Albany, NY before a live audience. She moved back to Portland, Oregon where she sang in a chorus and in 2 a cappella groups

Laurie was married in 1981. She has two daughters that she raised as a single parent; Melissa who lives in Portland and Dayna who lives in Vancouver, WA. Dayna is the mother of Laurie's three year old

granddaughter, Evie.

As a licensed cosmetologist and hairdresser, she worked for 15 years but quit when the babies came along. She decided to “branch out” and try some different interests and took a course in Criminal Justice and Animal Control. She qualified as a police officer but decided not to follow that profession when her young daughters talked her out of it. She has been involved in physical fitness areas for a good part of her life and opened a small fitness studio in Camas which she managed for four years. She found it necessary to close it during the 4th year when her mom was diagnosed with breast cancer. Currently her mom is doing extremely well as a cancer survivor.

Laurie has taken drum lessons, was captain of the dance team and has taken vocal lessons. She currently sings as the vocalist and plays percussion in small bands that appear at local clubs, festivals, etc. in the metro area. She and her group appeared at the Taste of Edmonds 2014 & 2015 and also in local casinos. She currently performs with the “Richard Allen and the Louisiana Experience” group who have traveled as far as Montana, Pendleton OR, Portland OR, Ocean Shores, Tacoma and Anacortes WA.

Laurie knew Scott Hannah as they went through high school in Camas and they also were in the same graduating class. Laurie moved from New York to Portland in 2009 and Scott was living in the Seattle area at the time. They met up again at their 30th class reunion in 2010 and this time began dating. Subsequently they had a long distance relationship for four years

and decided in January 2014 to take up housekeeping together in Seattle.

Laurie had been looking for an a cappella group to sing with and found the website for Seattle Shores Chorus. She attended a rehearsal one night early this year and after the first night decided she had found her niche. Laurie says; “I love these ladies. From the first day I walked in and introduced myself, everyone has been so receptive, friendly and helpful. We are one big sorority of sisters in song. I feel very welcome here and I’m learning a lot from these beautiful women!”

Cecilie Hudson



Cecilie Hudson was born in the San Francisco bay area where she lived until she was 22 years old. After graduation from Oakland High School she went to Pitzer College, one of the Claremont colleges. She was active in drama and student government during her school years. When she was 13, she met Dave. She had the highest GPA in homeroom until he arrived on the scene, but he was a kind of “nerd” in that he liked chess and science. They became good friends but parted ways when they both went on to college. Later, when they realized they were attending colleges in close proximity, they started dating.

They moved to Seattle in 1972 to attend graduate school and were married in 1973. They both were teachers; he at the University of

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Washington in the Environmental Health department and she teaching part-time in Head Start. Later she was an instructor at North Seattle and Edmonds Community colleges in the family life departments. She took early retirement in 2002 when she went to California to help her parents move from there to Seattle so she could care for them. Her dad passed away in 2012 and her mom is currently living in a memory care facility in Edmonds. Her dad was a teacher and local actor and her mom a super stay-at-home mom.

Cecilie has quite a varied background. She was educated to be a teacher but upon retirement she decided she would try a dog boarding business. She has a huge backyard which is ideal for the animals and she loves cats and dogs. She had to quit when her dog "Zephyr" became ill. She wanted to do something to improve herself so she took piano lessons but found she could not coordinate her left hand with her right hand. But she had

always loved to sing so in her classrooms she would sing, play the autoharp and the guitar. She wanted to show the children that they could use their voice as a musical instrument.

Patty Warren, a 50 year member of Sweet Adelines International was her daughter's preschool teacher in cooperative preschool in 1981. She introduced Cecilie to barbershop music by playing tapes of shows, competitions, etc. in which Patty had participated. Cecilie belongs to an "old time radio show club" where she met Trudy Tankus, a current member of Seattle Shores and it was Trudy who encouraged Cecilie to visit Seattle Shores.

A Quaker, Cecilie is active in her church in addition to the variety of other interests; she is a member of Quilters Anonymous where she makes donation quilts of all sizes for bone marrow transplant patients at Fred Hutchison Cancer Research Center, and preemie, baby quilts for Children's Hospital, and child-sized

quilts for Camp Korey which is a camp for medically compromised children. She also volunteers for 12 hours per month at the Ingersoll Center as facilitator of a support group for members of families of the transgender community. She also enjoys needlework and crocheting.

She and Dave have been married 42 years and have three children; Rowenn, who is 37 years old and a new mom but who is also completing a PhD in Anthropology in Michigan; Samantha who is 33 and owns a video game-making business in Seattle; and Adam at 25 who is a computer engineer in Seattle.

Cecilie states that she finds the Seattle Shores Chorus a perfect fit because she can share her love of music with other women and have lots of fun. It would seem she has found a wonderful niche to fulfill her many talents.

By Linea Croly

We are delighted and love having both of you in the chorus!

Performance Photos



Photos of the "Sleepless Near Seattle" performance on 6/27 with the Seattle SeaChordsmen



Fun in Kirkland on July 4th!



Dancers: Desserin Clark and Mark Chandler



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SINGOUTS and More SINGOUTS

Singouts—you might ask yourself “what is a singout?” Well, four years ago Trudy Tankus was asked to call some retirement and senior centers to see about us singing for them. Little did we know about Trudy’s gift for talking! Now we are getting calls from all over the area (and outside) to come sing—two “singouts” a month! WOW! We do up to four some months. Along with singing at these venues, we sing yearly at the Taste of Edmonds, and the AquaSox ballgames. This year we sang to open the 4th of July Parade in Kirkland

(90 degree weather—but fun). Twice a year we sing as a guest for the Seattle Seachordsmen on their shows and in the past we have sung at the Emerald Downs racetrack and at the Ballard Locks and many other places.



When we finish a 40 minute package, the first question is “When are you coming back? The audiences are so appreciative of our sound and professionalism. They stop us to let us know how

much they enjoyed our performance and say they can feel the joy we have for each other and for what we do. We are a fun loving group of women of all ages and backgrounds, who love to sing and share our craft with our audiences.

So as not to bore our repeat customers we have come up with 4 different sets of songs to sing for them. We have a Spring, Summer, Fall and Holiday line up of songs we go through.

Keep up the good work Trudy, we love all the “singouts” and you too!

By Joanne Lundgren

Upcoming Events

September 15th Tuesday

Lutheran Home—Seattle

September 20th Sunday

Fairwinds

September 25th Friday

Shag Interurban

October 3rd Saturday

3rd Operation Smile Benefit

6:00 pm Church of Christ in Marysville

October 6th Tuesday

Ida Culver - Ravenna

October 17th Saturday

Brookdale - Mill Creek

November 14 Saturday

Life Care Center Kirkland

November 17 Tuesday

Lutheran Home

December 5th Saturday

Fairwinds—Lynnwood

December 10th Thursday

Victoria Park—Lake City

December 13th Sunday

SeaChordsmen Holiday Show in Ballard at 2 PM