

WHOLEHEARTED Community Newsletter

July 2017

Summer Singing Calendar

July 10 – August 21 – Regular singing class schedule in Monterey & Big Sur

July 17 – August 21 – Special 6-week **GROUP VOICE CLASS SERIES** for Wholehearted Members. Details below.

July 23 – August 11 – Online Songleader Training Camp! Register now:

<http://thebirdsings.com/songleader-training>

Wednesday, August 23rd – NO BIG SUR CLASS

Monday, August 28th – SPECIAL GUEST-LED ROUND ROBIN class at Evolution

Wednesday, August 30th – NO BIG SUR CLASS

Monday, September 4th – LABOR DAY, NO MONTEREY CLASS

Wednesday, September 6th – NO BIG SUR CLASS

WHOLEHEARTED FALL SEASON: September 11 – November 20

Our fall season will be a week shorter than usual (11 weeks), with slightly lower cost (\$225.) The fall Big Sur retreat will be the weekend of **October 14th and 15th** at Peter Harding's.

BECOME A WHOLEHEARTED SUBSCRIBER

I'd like to invite you to consider becoming a subscriber for the coming year. Subscriptions offer a significant support by creating more reliable income streams and this is a great time to start. We have very special fall 2017 and spring 2018 seasons in planning that you won't want to miss!

- An ongoing monthly subscription of \$65/month covers all your drop-in classes and Wholehearted seasons for the year. Subscribers also receive a free private lesson. There is also a legacy subscription option of \$100/month for those who wish to offer a deeper, sustaining patronage to our community. Subscribe at: <http://wholeheartedchorus.org>.
- An up-front annual subscription for the year by cash or check (\$780 standard, \$1200 legacy)
- Pre-purchase gift certificates for lessons, classes, chorus seasons and scholarships.
- Drop-in offerings per class are still available all summer, as always. Classes are offered for \$10-20 or by sliding scale as needed. If you are in financial hardship, please contact Lisa for potential work/trade options.

GROUP VOICE CLASS SERIES- for Wholehearted Members

Mondays, 7:15- 8:30pm - July 17 – August 21

Enrollment is now open for this 6-week series focused on singing basics in a fun and supportive environment for beginning singers. This class series will be limited to no more than 8 Wholehearted Members and costs \$180. We will meet after our regular Monday night classes at Evolution. Contact Lisa with any questions and to register: lisa@thebirdsings.com.

ONLINE SONGLEADER TRAINING CAMP

July 23 – August 11

I'm very excited to announce a new, online course offering an accessible but deep dive into the basic skills needed to effectively lead, organize and grow community song circles. I expect more than 20 participants from around the world in this first offering, including several members of our chorus. I cannot wait to see how supporting more emergent leadership within our community can extend our mission and reach in the coming years. I would love to have you with us. Cost for this first offering is a deeply discounted rate of \$199. Learn more and register before July 20th:

<http://thebirdsings.com/songleader-training>

SPRING SEASON FINANCIAL REPORT

Twice a year I will be sharing this information with the chorus in the spirit of transparency and community-building. As we likely move toward a vision of establishing ourselves as a nonprofit entity I will continue to work more with our Advisory Team members to keep refining and improving our communications and our offerings, both to you our members and to our community at-large. Thank you all so much for your support.

Regularly participating singers in our 2017 Spring Season: 53
Singers in our Spring Concert: 44
Annual Subscribers: 10 (2 at the legacy level)
Season Members (paid spring dues): 23
Full Scholarship or Work Trades: 6
Partial Scholarships: 3

INCOME

Total Income from Wholehearted Members for the 13-week season & retreat: \$11,170.00
CD Income: \$195
Concert Income: \$2471
Scholarship Funds Received (Bake Sale & Donations): \$435
TOTAL INCOME: \$14,271

EXPENSES:

Space rentals: \$1030
Sound engineers & instrumentalists: \$210
Advisory board: \$197
Advertising & printing: \$434
Guest workshop discounts for subscribers: \$200
Technology (Meetup, Soundcloud, Website, Domains, etc.): \$329
Retreat & CD expenses: \$73
Misc gifts, donations, etc.: \$52
Paypal fees: \$108
Scholarships offered: \$1244
Lisa 13-week salary (\$26/hr): \$10,200
TOTAL EXPENSES: \$14,085

Community Calendar

Saturday, July 8th, 9 - 11:00am – Surfrider Roadside Cleanup at Del Monte Beach. Surfrider road warriors hit the roadside once a month to help stop flyaway debris from entering our waterways as well as beautify a stretch of Highway 1 for motorists to enjoy. RSVP to aligoss@gmail.com or [\(831\) 238-3356](tel:8312383356).

Thursday, July 13th, 7:30pm – Peaceful Communications Group. This fun and enlivening group will assist you to connect with others in a more meaningful and harmonious way. You will learn ways to soften conflict, develop more healthy, honest, warm, empathetic and open relationships with friends, acquaintances, relatives and most importantly yourself. Finally, it will help you to make requests in a ways that are more clear and less demanding. The peaceful communication group is held on the second Thursday. This time July 13. 7:15 – 7:30 arrival time and 7:30 the group starts. Contact Ted Hill for location and details – 831-449-1953 or tedsup@live.com.

Sunday, July 23, 2pm – Writing Gratitude: The Delights of Sending (and Receiving) Thank-you Notes at the Monterey Public Library Community Room. A thank-you note on paper can be its own little gift, one the recipient can enjoy time and again. Speaker Alyson Kuhn has a “theory of thanking,” that any note has three elements. First is content; second is form; and third is what she calls soul or inspiration. Learn more at www.monterey.org/library

September 29-October 1 – EAT, PLAY, LOVE: A Community Harvest at Mesa del Sol. Join us for a playful weekend camping retreat gathering filled with music, dance, yoga, swimming, delicious organic meals, and time to just play and relax at one of the sweetest spots in Monterey county. \$225 earlybird registration before July 31st includes three organic meals. This retreat event is hosted by Jennifer Haydu – contact Jennifer for details: jenhay72@gmail.com.

July Birthdays

Johanne LaRocque	7/3	Linda Rowland Jones	7/5
Leigh Fitz	7/12	Kris Jacobson	7/20
Camille Malcom	7/21	Tim Hill	7/28
Dora Noton	7/29		

Angels, Appreciations & Spreading the Love

A huge, warm thank you to **Susie Joyce** and **Liz Murray** for leading our Round-Robin Song Circles while I have been away this summer. And great thanks for all of you who have come and kept the energy flowing, to all of you who offered songs and other offerings, and to **David Lazarony** for your support with the logistics.

I also wish to offer **Johnny Pierce** a deep bow of gratitude for your beautiful new contribution to our newsletter of the member biographies, and for your help with printing. You are a gem and inspiration in your service-filled heart. I love you!

From Lynda Sayre: Call for Angels to Support Our Friend Michael Lojkovic
Michael Lojkovic volunteered his time and talent to lead many of us in a fund raiser for Big Sur folks after the fire and flood. His songs have enlivened our concerts and other events.

And now, he has had an accident followed by a huge emergency room bill. His wife's insurance only made a little dent in it. In addition, he has not been at his job long enough to get sick leave. If you would like to contribute something anonymously in support, you can give me a contribution at singing class or by mailing to Lynda Sayre, 153 Del Mesa Carmel, Carmel, CA 93923.

Meet Wholehearted Member David Lazarony

Each month Johnny Pierce is interviewing a different member of our community and writing up a short piece for the newsletter, offering an opportunity to deepen our connections.



If you want a history of The Wholehearted Chorus, just ask one of its earliest members, David Lazarony. As numerous new members joined over time, David was ever present to greet them from his part of the Low Section. Living just around the corner from Evolution Studio where the Chorus has met since 2013 in Pacific Grove, he rarely misses a Chorus gathering.

If new to the Chorus, you will want to get to know him because he is one of those amazing individuals who have manifested one of his dreams; he has created a paradise by the sea for himself and another who has been a chorus member as long as David... his loving wife Barbara. From their magnificently restored historical home across the road from waves crashing on the rocky shore of Monterey Bay, unusually visually-pleasing masterpieces of art continually emerge. David is an accomplished painter of note, owning a wall full of awards with hundreds of his unique creations documenting his undeniable talent.

As a young man, he discovered his artist talent through loving mentors' encouragement. As life ensued, he was compelled to compete and succeed with a 'real career', avoiding the 'starving artist' vision of making a living with his artistic talent. High-tech promised big bucks and he followed the herd, studied electrical engineering at Ohio State, and did what it took to become super successful in the technology industry. To cope with the constant stress of achievement demanded by his job, he returned to conducting his hands, eyes, and spirit in his sanity-saving silent meditation of painting. This renewed a commitment to developing his talent, vision, and discovering his unique style that was becoming increasingly popular.

In 2006, after almost 20 years in the high-tech industry, David and Barbara moved to their Shangri-La on the Bay and he committed himself fully to painting portraits, figures, and landscapes. When you tour his home, you discover David has for years been creating more works of art than just in paint. David is also an innately spiritual person, routinely leading guided meditations... along with his angels.

Community Announcements & Business Listings

From LaVerne McLeod:

Seeking responsible person for periodic Author Presentations & Workshops events to be my Cashier and run Media projections. \$20. an hour. Especially interested in one who has a passionate interest in social justice and ending discriminations. Contact LaVerne McLeod ([831](tel:8315959692)) [595-9692](tel:8315959692) for more information.

From Cynthia:

We have rented a home in Carmel Valley for the last 11 years but the owners are ready to retire and want to move back in. We are looking for a **3 bedroom/ 2 bath (or larger)** home with room to garden. We have 2 indoor/outdoor cats and one ring-neck dove. Our first choice is to stay in **Carmel Valley/Carmel** to be near work and school (Carmel district) for our granddaughter who lives with us. And we would also like to keep our chickens if possible. We are looking for a long-term rental **around \$3,000/mo** with a move in date sometime in/near **August 2017**. If you hear of anything, **please email Cynthia** at cynthia@pilgrimsway.com.

Tuesdays, 7- 8:30pm – Songs of the Spirit – Devotional Singing Classes with Lisa G

A wonderful, restorative and healing group singing class each week in the magic dome at the **Secret Garden behind Pilgrim's Way Bookstore** in Carmel, on Dolores Street between 5th and 6th. \$10-20 drop-in class, details and summer schedule here: <http://thebirdsings.com/classes>.

Poetry in the Grove: 1st Saturdays of each month - Poetry in the Grove meets at the little house in Jewel Park (next to the Pacific Grove Public Library) to read and discuss poetry. Free! To learn more, send Susie an email request and she will add you to the mailing list. soosea@sbcglobal.net.

List your business, for sale items & help offered/ wanted ads here, free! Submit 1-3 lines to Lisa.

*Submit your August newsletter listings by **noon on Sunday, July 30th** to:
lisa@thebirdsings.com*