

UPCOMING SINGOUTS AND CONCERTS

Tuesday August 20, 2024 Plymouth Community Center. Millenium Garden. Arrive at 6:30 p.m. Sing at 7:00 p.m. This is the concert we normally do at the Hilde Center. **Bring keyboard and mic.**

Friday September 6, 2024, Lake Minnetonka Shores, 4515 Shoreline Dr., Spring Park. Arrive at 2:00 p.m. Sing at 2:30 p.m. **40 Singers Max.**

Wednesday September 11, 2024, Plymouth Farmers Market, Parker's Lake Playfield, 15500 County Road 6, Plymouth. Time to be decided.

Friday October 18, 2024, Founders Ridge, 6600 Auto Club Road, Bloomington. Arrive 2:00 p.m. Sing at 2:30 p.m.

Wednesday December 4, 2024, Brookdale Senior Living Edina, 3330 Edinborough Way, Edina. Arrive at 1:30 p.m. Sing at 2:00 p.m.

Thursday December 12, 2024, Epiphany Pines. 1800 111th Ave. NW, Coon Rapids. Arrive at 1:30 p.m. Sing at 2:00 p.m.

Presidential News: *Happy July to everyone. I hope you enjoy your month off and come back in August refreshed and ready to sing again.*

We all wish Jim Anderson the best in his battle with cancer. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers for a fast and complete recovery.

Everyone seemed to enjoy the annual picnic. My favorite was sampling everyone's favorite picnic dishes. Maybe we should make the potluck a regular thing? Feedback on the karaoke component has been positive. We may have found a few new soloists for our annual concerts.

The Board has been working hard on some new ideas for improved administrative efficiencies. Jim Anderson will be trying out a new software program, which should make music sharing easier, both pdf copies of his changes to arrangements and recording of individual parts for practice at home. We are hopeful that the program will simplify those tasks and other time-consuming administrative tasks for the artistic director and the Board, so that we can concentrate on that which we love the most—making music together and sharing our voices with the community.

We are all interested in adding new voices. If you run across a voice that fits our profile, is 55 years of age or older, please invite them to come to one of our rehearsals. They are one of our most effective tools in convincing new members to join us.

Thanks to all who volunteered during the first half year of my service as your President. It couldn't be done without you.

I'm looking forward to our new look with the apparel changes decided upon going forward. Please keep an open mind to additional suggestions that will be forthcoming.

It has been a privilege to serve such an outstanding group of people with a common interest in singing and performing. It takes me back to many joyous memories in my life. Looking forward to seeing you all again in August.

Your President, Don Fernstrom

Summary of Board meeting minutes from June 10, 2024: Several gift donations were received this month; Jim Anderson will be out for health treatment during July and August. Some rehearsal times may need to be adjusted; encourage members to volunteer; researching grant opportunities; Apparel Committee's final performance attire recommendation (approved by membership on June 17. Begin wearing new ensembles in Fall 2024. Also, City of Plymouth pins should be worn on the left side). Also discussed Holiday Concert date and location. Next Plymouth Rockers Board of Directors meeting will be Monday, August 12 at 8a.m. **(All Plymouth Rockers Board of Directors meetings are the second Monday of the month at 8:00am.)**

NEVER HURTS TO be reminded: rehearsal time is 9:30 a.m.- Noon. ALSO, when you sign up for singouts, please do so before rehearsal begins or during coffee time. Thank you for your cooperation in this!

Rita Hovland would like to remind members to be sure they have their emergency contact sheet in the back of their music folder. Please review it to be sure the contact person hasn't changed, and the phone number is accurate. Update all medical information. Blank emergency contact sheets can be gotten from Rita or from a folder at the very back of the rolling music cart. Legibility is important, also!

*Jeanne Moffat, soprano, has graciously agreed to take over the **Marketing Committee**. If anyone is aware of a facility in your neighborhood that seems like a place we might perform, let Jeanne know so we can be sure it is on our contacts list. Any ideas you might have about how we can get the word out, please contact Jeanne. A special **thank you** to **Lauralee Elnes** for technical assistance. **Thank you** to **Vinnie Gangl** for working with the marketing committee to create a cute 5x7 Rockers informational postcard that was recently sent to 175 assisted living, nursing homes, community centers, churches, etc. With the recent passing of Ethel Mae Hallberg, **Julie Skogren**, alto, will be taking over the duties as the **Sunshine Committee**. If anyone knows of any rocker who is ill or who has had a family member pass away, please let Julie know so she can send a note to them. Julie also sends follow-up thank you notes to the facilities where we have performed. If you change your address, phone number and especially your email address, please let Lauralee Elnes, alto, know so she can update the roster and notify people of the change.*

WANTED: Volunteers to do: Carpool Coordinator; Fundraising, especially setting up a QR Code; Web Page Manager- We need a person who has computer skills and can manage the new web page. Now that the web page has been revamped, we need someone who can take charge of keeping the information up to date. New input and pictures, videos, etc., can be given to our webmaster to get it up to date. Your job will be to manage all our upcoming singing engagements for members and the public and get them into the calendar; upload the song links and current newsletters onto the member page. Please talk to **Lynne Ferguson if you are interested. If you are interested in any volunteer position, please see one of the Board members for more information or the person who previously held this position.**

*Lynne Ferguson has been busy updating the Rocker web page. Please read your email for instructions (they are so clear and easy to follow) on how to sign in to the Member Sign in Page for **plymouthrockers.org** Thank you, Lynne, for all your hard work! Please access the web site for singouts, song links, and recordings of songs by part.*

Join us at FRANKIE'S on Thursday, July 18! We will have our monthly gathering at Frankie's Pizza, 3556 Winnetka Ave. N., New Hope, on July 18 at 5:30 p.m. Members and spouses/partners are welcome!

Happy Birthday!! To all the July Birthday Rockers! We will serenade you in August when we return!

