



Sacred Harp Sings

2017 & 2018

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HOW TO SUBMIT MINUTES

Minutes are compiled and submitted by the secretary of the singing. Please familiarize yourself with the general format and style of the minutes of other singings and use the same format and style for your minutes.

- **Name/Location/Date/Time** Start the minutes with exactly three lines showing: 1) the name of the singing, 2) the location, and 3) the calendar date(s) on which it was held. Do not use all-caps.
- **Breaks** Indicate breaks using RECESS or LUNCH, capitalized as shown, and on a line by themselves.
- **Multi-Day Singings** Indicate the start of a second or third day of singing with the day and date spelled out on a line by itself.
- **Names** Verify the spellings of all names. Do not put state names or abbreviations after singers' names. Do not insert commas between the name and the first song number.
- **Song Numbers** List songs only by number. List the name of a song only if the song does not appear in a printed singing book. If two songs begin on the same page, be sure to add lower-case "t" for top or "b" for bottom to the page number. For example: 31t or 49b. If a particular song is the only song beginning on its page, a "t" or "b" should not be used. For example: 306 (not 306b).
- **Other Singing Books** Use abbreviations listed on page 43.
- **Memorial Lesson** When listing those memorialized, please indicate the state of origin and year of death if known.
- **Officers** List officers at the end of the minutes, ending with the name of the secretary.
- **Brevity** Please be brief with any descriptions of business sessions, resolutions reports, memorial lessons, and expressions of thanks. Submitted minutes will be edited as needed for space reasons.
- **E-Mail Instructions and Deadlines** are listed on page 4.
- **Payment** Each singing must pay a fee to appear in the minutes and receive 10 copies of the minutes book per singing day. Minutes sent without payment will not appear in the book.
- **Fees** \$45 per singing day to have books mailed within the USA
-or- \$30 per singing day if you will pick up the books in person
-or- \$15 per singing day if you prefer not to receive books.
- **Check Payable to:** **Sacred Harp Minutes**
Mail to: Judy Caudle
1821 Gum Pond Rd., Eva, AL 35621

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Please read and follow these instructions carefully:

E-mail format

- Type or paste directly into the e-mail. **Do not send attachments.**
- The first 3 lines should contain: Singing Name, Location, Date.
- Use 2 returns to make a blank line between all other paragraphs.
- Use 2 spaces between sentences.

Style All styles will be applied during book production.

Use ***plain text only*** in the minutes that you send us:

- Do not use bold, italics, underline, or other special formatting.
- Do not center the title.
- Do not type the title in upper case.
- Do not use “smart quotes”.
- Show long dashes (—) as two hyphens (--).
- Show bulleted items with a * at the start of the paragraph.

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DEADLINES

Please send minutes immediately after the singing. The deadlines are:

January-October singings

The 15th of the following month.

November singings

The Friday following the singing.

December singings

The 2nd Sunday in December, 5pm (Central time). Singings held after the 2nd Sunday will be in the following year’s book.

SACRED HARP SINGINGS

2018 DIRECTORY

ANNUAL SINGINGS

† This symbol indicates that directions to the singing are found on page 41. Fifth Sunday singings are included here by their dates, and, in addition, are listed in a separate section starting on page 26, with explanations of the formulas for determining their dates. Regular local singings are listed in a separate section starting on page 27.

January

First Sunday and Saturday before

Mon., 1st—New Year's Day Singing—Cincinnati, Ohio (Location varies)—Always on New Year's Day—Info: <http://ohiosacredharp.ej345.com> or John Bealle

Mon., 1st—New Year's Day Singing—Mapperley Parish Church, Nr Ilkeston, Derbyshire, United Kingdom—11:15 a.m.-4:00 p.m.—Info: Helen Brown

Mon., 1st—New Year's Day Singing—Hollingsworth Home—10:00 a.m.—*The Georgian Harmony*—1547 Adams Clarke Rd, Commerce, Georgia—Info: John Hollingsworth

Mon., 1st—Dominic Ciavonne Ziegler Memorial Singing—Old Felta Schoolhouse, Healdsburg, California—Info: Lindy Groening

Sun., 7th—Shady Grove Annual Singing—Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Winston County, Alabama—The first Sunday of each year †

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 13th—Lillian Calvert and Irene Woodley Memorial Singing—Pleasant Hill Primitive Baptist Church, Boldo (Walker County), Alabama—6:00 p.m.—Saturday night before the second Sunday in January †

Sun., 14th—Uncle Jack Kerr and Henry Kerr Memorial—Camp Ground Methodist Church, 24581 County Road 49, Muscadine, Cleburne County, Alabama—9:30 a.m. CT—Take U.S. Hwy. 78 to Fruithurst—Turn north onto County Road 49—Dutch Treat Singing—Meals are served at the church for a very reasonable price.

Sun., 14th—Anniversary Singing—Kilbourn Park Fieldhouse, 3501 N Kilbourn Ave, Chicago, Illinois 60641—9:30 a.m.—Info: Terry Cunningham

Sun., 14th—Cork, Ireland—New Compositions, *Christian Harmony*, and *Cooper Book*—Info: corksacredharp.com

Sun., 14th—Helms-Bayne Memorial—Pleasant Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Ozark, Alabama—*Cooper Book*—Info: Tommie Spurlock or Stanley Smith

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 20th—Auburn Sacred Harp Singing—First Presbyterian Church of Auburn, 148 E. Thach, Baird Hall, Auburn, Alabama—9:30 a.m.—Info: Robert Chambless

Sat., 20th & Sun., 21st—All-California Sacred Harp Convention—Convention rotates: San Francisco (2018); San Diego (2019); Los Angeles (2020);—9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.—Info: Laura Boyd Russell (Los Angeles), Jennie Brown (San Francisco) and Carla Smith (San Diego)

Sun., 21st—Creel Memorial Christian Harmony Singing—Old County Line Church, near Corner, (Jefferson County), Alabama—9:30 a.m. †

Sun., 21st—Faircloth Memorial—Union Hill Singing Hall, Hwy 177, 9 miles from Hwy 79, Millers Crossroads, Bonifay, Florida—*Cooper Book*—Info: Aubrey Barfield

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 27th—William J. Reynolds Sacred Harp Singing—Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary—9:30 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*—Cowden Hall—Fort Worth, (Tarrant County), Texas—Dutch Treat—Last Saturday in January—Info: Timothy Studstill

Sat., 27th & Sun., 28th—W.L. Green Memorial and Baldwin County Cooper Book Singing—Galilee Primitive Baptist Church, 37295 US Hwy 31 S, Stapleton, Alabama—9:30 a.m.—Fourth Sunday and Saturday before in January—Info: Bill Hogan

Sat., 27th & Sun., 28th—Keystone Convention—Saturday-First United Methodist Church of Germantown, 6001 Germantown Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19144. Sunday-Pennsylvania School for the Deaf, 100 West School House Lane, Philadelphia, PA 19144.—10:00 a.m.—Info: Nancy Tkacs, ntkacs@gmail.com

Sat., 27th & Sun., 28th—Australian Convention—Melbourne—Info: Shawn Whelan and Natalie Sims

February

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 3rd—Rotunda Singing—Alabama Department of Archives and History—9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.—Four books used: *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition/Cooper*

Book/Christian Harmony/Colored Sacred Harp—between Adams and Washington streets, Montgomery, Alabama—Lunch provided with \$5.00 donation—Info: Bill Hogan / Joey Brackner

Sun., 4th—Burnham and Brown Memorial—Wesley Foundation, Jacksonville (Calhoun County), Alabama—9:00 a.m.—Driving north on Hwy. 21, go through the square—Once past Mountain Street, look for the Wesley Foundation building on the left. Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish to help with lunch—Info: Pearl Guier

Sun., 4th—Central Music Convention—Traveler's Rest Church, Samson, Alabama—*Cooper Book*—Info: Wayne Jones

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 10th—Minnesota State Midwinter Singing—Location to be announced—9:30 a.m.—*Cooper Book*—Info: Matt Wells or mnfasola.org

Sat., 10th—Baylor University Singing—Truett Seminary Great Hall, Baylor U, Waco, Texas—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*—Info: David Music

Sat., 10th—East Sandwich Sacred Harp Singing—Community House at the East Sandwich Friend's Meeting House, East Sandwich, Massachusetts—10:00 a.m.—Info: Justin Levi

Sat., 10th—Sanders Memorial—Liberty Church (McCormick), Jefferson County, Alabama—9:30 a.m.—Info: Velton Chafin +

Sat., 10th—Emory University—Cannon Chapel, Decatur, Georgia—10:00 a.m.—Info: John Plunkett or atlantasacredharp.org

Sun., 11th—Lincoln's Birthday Singing—University of Chicago, Ida Noyes Hall, Chicago, Illinois—1:00 p.m.—(Note: this singing is in connection with Folk Festival and will alternate with first, second, or third Sunday)—Info: Rochelle Lodder

Sun., 11th—Elder Roy Avery Memorial Singing—Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church, Tallapoosa County, Alabama +

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 17th—Alabama Collegiate Singing—Canterbury Episcopal Chapel and Student Center, 812 5th Ave, Tuscaloosa, Alabama—9:30 a.m.

Sat., 17th—Panhandle Pioneer Museum—Blountstown, Florida—*Cooper Book*—Info: Russ Scholz

Sat., 17th & Sun., 18th—Pacific Northwest Convention—Ballard Homestead, Seattle, Washington—9:30 a.m.—Singing school and singing on Saturday, and all day singing on Sunday—Info: Kate Coxon or chair@pacificnwsacredharp.org

Sun., 18th—State University of West Georgia Singing—Food Service Building (Z-6), 1061 Maple St, Carrollton (Carroll County), Georgia—10:00 a.m.

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 24th—J.L. White Sacred Harp/Eclectic Harmony I and II—Hardeman Primitive Baptist Church, Decatur, Georgia—10:00 a.m.—3965 Glenwood Road—Info: John Plunkett or Laura Akerman +

Sat., 24th—South Yorkshire Sacred Harp Singing Day—Wood Lane Countryside Centre, Wood Lane, Stannington, Sheffield, United Kingdom—10:30 a.m.—Info: Sarah West

Sat., 24th—Troy All-Day Singing—Pioneer Museum, Troy, Alabama—*Cooper Book*—North of Troy on west side of Hwy 231—Info: Ken S. Sundberg

Sat., 24th & Sun., 25th—Texas State Convention—Coker United Methodist Church, 231 E. North Loop Road, San Antonio, Texas—9:30 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*—Info: Mike Hinton, Janie Short

Sun., 25th—University of Georgia—Visitor Center, Botanical Gardens, Athens, Clarke County, Ga.—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition/The Social Harp*—Turn right at intersection of Highway 129 and 441 (Milledge Avenue Extension)—Go 1 mile to Botanical Garden sign—Turn right—Info: John Garst

March

First Sunday and Saturday before

Fri., 2nd - Sun., 4th—Ireland Sacred Harp Convention—Cork, Ireland—Friday evening singing school, Sat, Sun: 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.—

Info: www.corksacredharp.com/convention

Sat., 3rd—Emmaus Primitive Baptist Church—Thomaston (Upson County), Georgia—From square in Thomaston, Turn west on Georgia Alternate Highway 74—Go 0.7 miles and turn right on Hannah Mill Road—Cross railroad tracks and immediately turn left on Emmaus Church Road—At the stop sign, go left. Church is on the right.

Sat., 3rd—Elmore Center Singing—Elmore Center United Methodist Church, 1165 County Road 21, Gordo, Pickens County, Alabama—10:00 a.m.—4 miles south of Gordo on County Roads 9 and 21—Info: Jack Pate

Sat., 3rd—Arie and Mona Galloway Memorial—Traveler's Rest Church, Samson, Alabama—*Cooper Book*

Sat., 3rd & Sun., 4th—Ohio State Convention—Convention usually alternates between Columbus (2018), Cincinnati (2019), Dayton (2020)—Saturday 10:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.—Sunday 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.—Convention usually alternates between Dayton, Cincinnati, Columbus—First Sunday and Saturday before in March—Info: <http://ohiosacredharp.ej345.com> or John Bealle

Sat., 3rd & Sun., 4th—Elder Gerald Hand Memorial and Tucson Singing—rotates between Tucson, Arizona (2018) and Las Cruces, New Mexico (2019)—9:30 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*—Info: Paige Winslett

Sat., 3rd & Sun., 4th—North Carolina Sacred Harp Convention—Saturday-Pullen Memorial Baptist Chapel, 1801 Hillsborough St., Raleigh, NC 27605. Sunday-Old Murphey School, 3717 Murphey School Rd, Durham, NC 27705—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition* and *Shenandoah Harmony*—Info: Lynda Hambourger or ncshapenote.org

Sun., 4th—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rogers Memorial—Ephesus School Auditorium, Ephesus (Heard County), Georgia—9:30 a.m.—On Georgia Hwy. 100—Info: Karen Rollins

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 10th—Smith Memorial Singing—New Harmony Community Center, Smith County, Texas—10:00 a.m.—*Cooper Book* and *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*—Northwest of Tyler on Farmers Market Rd. 724 in the New Harmony community—Between State Hwy. 64 and 110—Info: Gaylon Powell

Sat., 10th—Olympia All-Day Singing—Olympia, Washington—Info: Marla Beth Elliott

Sat., 10th—John Etheridge Singing (in Memory of Winston Jones and Doss Bryan)—Valley Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Opp (Covington County), Alabama—*Cooper Book*—10 miles north of Opp on Hwy. 331—Info: Wayne Jones, Tim Jones

Sat., 10th—Union Primitive Baptist Church Singing—Union Primitive Baptist Church, Temple, Georgia—10:00 a.m.—From I-20, take exit 24 to Hwy 101 North. Continue to three way stop and turn left. Go approximately 7.3 miles. Take Union Church Rd on left immediately past Union Elementary School (school address is 206 GA-101, Temple, GA 30179). Road dead ends into parking lot.—Info: Samuel Williams, samuelpectrum@gmail.com

Sat., 10th—Sussex Shape Note Singing—Staplefield Village Hall, Crawley, West Sussex, UK—Info: Tony Singleton/Jill Thompson

Sat., 10th & Sun., 11th—Missouri State Convention—St. John's United Church of Christ—9:30 a.m.—Pinckney, Missouri—11.5 miles west of Marthasville, on Hwy. 94—Info: Karen Isbell or Becky Browne or Paul Figura

Sat., 10th & Sun., 11th—Western Massachusetts Sacred Harp Convention—Location to be announced, Northampton, Massachusetts—9:30 a.m.—Info: wmshc.chair@gmail.com

Sun., 11th—Oxford Singing—Powerhouse Community Arts Center, University Ave. at South 14th Street, Oxford, Lafayette County, Mississippi—9:45 a.m.—9:45 a.m.—Info: Warren Steel

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 17th—Hoboken Annual Singing—Hoboken Elementary School Auditorium, 224 Church Street North, Hoboken (Brantley County), Georgia 31542—9:00 a.m.—*Cooper Book*—From U.S. 82 eastbound, turn north on Kelly (at the flashing caution light)—Cross railroad tracks—Turn left on Chicago and enter the parking lot of the school on the right—Info: Riley Lee

Sat., 17th—South Carolina State Singing in Memory of William Walker—Second Presbyterian Church—10:00 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition/Christian Harmony*—across from Wofford College—Spartanburg, South Carolina—Lunch on your own.—Info: Robert Kelley

Sat., 17th—Stephenson, Wall, and Hocutt Memorial Singing—Pleasant Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Boldo (Walker County), Alabama—6:00 p.m. +

Sun., 18th—Robbins Memorial—Opp, Alabama—*Cooper Book*—11 miles south of Opp on Hwy 331, turn on County Road 20, 1 mile west to church—Info: Mike Jones

Sun., 18th—Godsey Sisters and Sandra Spradlin Memorial (Leona Horton, Maude Adams, Delia Watts, and Mina Adams)—Shady Grove Church, Double Springs (Winston County), Alabama—10:00 a.m. +

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 24th—Higher Ground Singing—United Campus Ministries, 321 N 7th Street, Terre Haute, Indiana—10:00 a.m.—Info: Darrell Swarens

Sat., 24th—Ann Arbor Singing—Keverson Hall, Moore Building, University of Michigan—10:00 a.m.—1100 Baits Drive, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI 48109—Info: Mark Clague

Sat., 24th—Iowa Singing—St. John Lutheran Church, 600 Sixth Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa—Info: facebook

Sat., 24th—Pittsburgh Regional All-Day Singing—Crossroads Presbyterian Church, 2310 Haymaker Road, Monroeville, Pennsylvania 15146—Info: Gerald Hoffman or Penny Anderson

Sat., 24th—Vermont All-Day Singing—Weybridge Elementary School Common Room, 210 Quaker Village Road, Weybridge, Vermont—Note: Singing is on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in March, unless it's Easter, then it's a week earlier—Info: Debby Moody

Sat., 24th & Sun., 25th—Georgia State Convention—Emmaus Primitive Baptist Church, Carrollton (Carroll County), Georgia—9:30 a.m.—Take I-20 to Georgia, exit 11—U.S. Hwy. 27 south for about 13.5 miles—turn right on Oak Grove Road—Go about ½ miles—turn left on Oak Grove Church Road and go about ½ miles. Church is on the left—Info: Philip Denney

Sun., 25th—Tom Woodham-Ezzie Hartzog Memorial—Union Hill Singing Hall, Hwy 177, Millers Crossroads, Bonifay, Florida—*Cooper Book*—Info: Russ Scholz

Sun., 25th—Palm Sunday Singing—Cumnor Village Hall, Leys Road, Oxford, United Kingdom—10:30 a.m.—Info: Mandy Townsend

April

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 31st—Jones Memorial Singing—Cool Springs Primitive Baptist Church, Opp (Covington County), Alabama—*Cooper Book*—0.5 miles west of Hwy 299 (Martin Luther King Expressway) on Hwy. 84—from North on Hwy 299, turn right on Hwy 84, from South, turn left—Info: Mike Jones, Wayne Jones

Sat., 31st—Harpeth Valley-Priestley Miller Memorial Singing—Radnor Primitive Baptist Church, 503 Brewer Drive, Nashville (Davidson County), Tennessee—9:30 a.m.—From I-65, take Exit 74A (Old Hickory Blvd. east) turn left onto Edmondson Pike (2.2 mi.), turn right on McMurray Dr. (1.1 mi.), turn left on Brewer Dr. From I-24, take Exit 59 and go left on Bell Rd, turn right on Nolensville Rd. (3.3 mi.), turn left on Brewer Dr. (.5 mi.) Church (.6 mi.) Signs will be posted.—Saturday before the first Sunday in April—Info: Tim Reynolds

Sat., 31st—Brazos River Singing—Martin Luther Lutheran Church—10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.—*Cooper Book*—202 Luther Lane, Carmine, Texas—20 miles west of Brenham on Hwy 290—Info: Gaylon Powell

Sat., 31st—Sweetwater All-Day Singing—Church of the Mediator, 401 NE Chokolka Blvd., Micanopy, Florida—Info: Jonathan Surrency

Sun., 1st—Easter Sunday

Sun., 1st—Hugh Bill McGuire Memorial—Bethel Primitive Baptist Church, Calhoun County, Mississippi—Hwy. 9—one mile north of Bruce—Church is on the right

Sun., 1st—Edwardsville Baptist Church—Edwardsville (Cleburne County), Alabama—9:30 a.m.—Six miles east of Heflin—Just off U.S. Hwy. 78

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Fri., 6th—Elder Homer Benefield, Katherine Benefield, and Mildred Johnson Memorial—Shiloh Primitive Baptist Church, 225 Shiloh Church Rd, Waco, Georgia—6:30 p.m. ET—Friday night before the second Sunday in April

Sat., 6th—FaSoLa Omaha All-Day Singing—St. Vincent of Lerin's Antiochian Orthodox Church, 51st and Lake Streets, Omaha, Nebraska—10:00 a.m.—

Info: James Solheim

Sat., 7th—State Line Church—Cleburne County, Alabama—9:00 a.m. CT—From west to east: Take U.S. Hwy. 78 to the Georgia State Line; immediately turn around and come back to first road to the right (Co. Rd. 69). Go to the second road on the right (dirt—NOT paved—County Road 207) and turn right. Go approximately 500 yards and church will be on left.—From the east: Go to Georgia State Line and follow the same directions—Info: Pam Nunn

Sat., 7th—Barfield Memorial—Union Hill Singing Hall—*Cooper Book*—Hwy 177, 9 miles from Hwy 79, Miller Crossroads, Florida. Near Bonifay.—Info: Aubrey Barfield, taubrey1@cox.net

Sat., 7th & Sun., 8th—Potomac River Convention—The Great Falls Grange, 9818 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls, Virginia 22066—10:00 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition* and *Shenandoah Harmony*—Second weekend in April, 2018 only. Return to first weekend in 2019—Info: Matt Roberts, saotomesan@yahoo.com

Sun., 8th—Antioch Baptist Church—IDER (DeKalb County), Alabama—9:30 a.m.—Take I-59 north—Exit right at Exit 231—Turn left onto Hwy. 40/117—Go 1.4 miles and turn right on Hwy. 117—Go 9.5 miles (You will cross Hwy. 75)—Turn right onto Hwy. 141—Go 3.9 miles—Turn right onto County Road 783 and immediately back left onto County Road 782—Church is on left

Sun., 8th—County Line Church—near Corner, (Jefferson County), Alabama—9:30 a.m. +

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 14th—Middle Georgia Sacred Harp Singing—Union Primitive Baptist Church, Goggans, Georgia—10:00 a.m.—Johnstonville Road between I-75 and Barnesville—Info: Harry Eskew

Sat., 14th—Rhode Island All-Day Sacred Harp Singing—Providence Friends Meeting House, 99 Morris Ave, Providence, Rhode Island—10:00 a.m.—

Info: Charles Cofone

Sat., 14th—Sharon Jordan Leach Memorial Singing—Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church, Marshall County, Alabama—10:00 a.m.—2237 Guntersville Road, Arab, Alabama—2 miles east of Arab—off Ala. Hwy 69, follow signs

Sat., 14th—Futral, Nelson, and Henry Memorial Singing—Smyrna Primitive Baptist Church, Goodwater, Alabama—9:30 a.m.—From Hwy. 9, turn east in Goodwater on Hackneyville Road. Go approximately 5 miles to County Road 83, turn right (church sign there), go approximately 0.25 miles, church is on left.—The singing was changed from Sunday to Saturday

Sat., 14th—Jackson, Tennessee Singing—Casey Jones Village, 56 Casey Jones Lane, Jackson, Tennessee—10:00 a.m.—Just south of I-40 at Exit 80A—Info: Michael Penney

Sat., 14th—Paris Singing—Foundation des Etats-Unis, 15 Bd Jourdan, 75014, Paris, France—Info: leopoldine.guillaume@gmail.com

Sun., 15th—Enon Primitive Baptist Church—Chickasaw County, Mississippi—Dinner at 12:00 noon with singing beginning at 1:00 p.m.—South of Hwy. 8—8 miles east of Houston—From Hwy. 8—Turn south on County Road 190—Church is on the left

Sun., 15th—Old Harmony—Old Harmony Primitive Baptist Church, 3490 County Road 60, Heflin, Cleburne County, Alabama—9:30 a.m.—Approximately 10 miles east of Heflin—Take Exit 210 (Ranburne/Muscadine, exit off I-20)—Take first road on right (County Road 60)—Go 1 mile—Church on right

Sun., 15th—New Haven Singing—New Haven, Connecticut—Info: Ian Quinn

Sun., 15th—Pine Grove Church—Lookout Mountain, Near Collinsville, DeKalb County, Alabama—9:30 a.m.—Info: Rodney Ivey +

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 21st—Oliver Kindig-Stokes Memorial—York Friends Meetinghouse, 135 W. Philadelphia St, York, Pennsylvania—Info: Lamar Matthew or Erin Kelly

Sat., 21st—Shiloh Primitive Baptist Church Singing—Frisco City, Alabama—9:30 a.m.—*Cooper Book*—Info: Tim Taylor

Sat., 21st—Golden Gate Singing—San Francisco Bay Area, Location TBD—<http://fasola.org/sf/goldengate/>—Info: chair@bayareasacredharp.org

Sat., 21st—Detroit Singing—Cathedral Church of St. Paul, 4800 Woodward Ave—9:30 a.m.—Info: Jamie Yeats

Sat., 21st—Atlanta Sacred Harp Singing—Morningside Presbyterian Church, 1411 N Morningside Dr NE, Atlanta, GA 30306—9:30 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*—Downstairs social hall—Info: Andy Ditzler

Sat., 21st—New York State Regional (Spring)—Ithaca Friends Meeting House, 120 3rd St., Ithaca, NY 14850—10:00 a.m.—Info: Ginny Huszagh

Sat., 21st & Sun., 22nd—Rusk County Convention—Old Pine Grove Church, Henderson, Texas—*Christian Harmony* (Sat)—*Cooper Book* (Sun)—Fourth weekend in April unless falls on Easter, then third weekend in April—Info: Robert Vaughn or Gaylon Powell

Sun., 22nd—Friendship Church—Winston County, Alabama, Eight miles southeast of Haleyville—On Hwy. 195, Turn south at church sign, go 2 miles, church on left—Going north—look for church sign, go south 2 miles

Sun., 22nd—Alewine-Laminack Memorial—St. Michael Lutheran Church, 2213 County Road 14, Muscadine, Cleburne County, Alabama—9:30 a.m. CT with Lunch 12:00 noon CT—Take U.S. 78 to Fruithurst—Turn north (County Road 35) at post office—Go to County Road 49—Follow County Road 49 north to County Road 14 (Rosewood Community)—Turn right—Go approximately 2 miles—Church on left

Sun., 22nd—Alabama State Cooper Book Convention—Traveler's Rest Church, Samson, Alabama—Semi-Annual Session—Info: Victoria Aplin

Fifth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 28th—Georgian Harmony Singing—Roberta Civic Center, South Matthews St., Roberta, Georgia—Info: John Plunkett

Sat., 28th—Parker, Hollis, Putman Memorial—Liberty Church (McCormick), Jefferson County, Alabama—9:30 a.m.—Saturday before the first fifth Sunday of year—Info: Velton Chafin +

Sat., 28th & Sun., 29th—Southwest Texas Convention—Bethel Primitive Baptist Church, McMahan (Caldwell County), Texas—*Cooper Book*—On Farmers Market Road 713—Between Bastrop and Luling—East of Lockhart—First fifth Sunday in the spring (March or later)—Info: Tom Owen

Sat., 28th & Sun., 29th—East Midlands Sacred Harp Convention—Village Hall, Kegworth, Leicestershire, United Kingdom—10:00 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition* and *Cooper Book*—0.5 miles SE of M1 junction 24—5 minutes from East Midlands Airport and 45 minutes from Birmingham International Airport—NOTE: This singing will be held on the 5th Sunday and Saturday before in April 2017 and 2018.—Info: Ian West

Sat., 28th & Sun., 29th—Bob Meek Memorial/Harrods Creek Shape Note Convention—Harrods Creek Baptist Church, Brownsboro, Kentucky—9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition, Southern Harmony, and Cooper Book*—Take I-71 North—Go to exit 14—Turn left—Go 1.5 miles past Christian Church on right—Church will be on left—From Louisville—Held on the weekend before the first Saturday in May (because of Derby weekend).—Info: Michele Cull

Sat., 28th & Sun., 29th—Midwest Convention—Chicago, Illinois—9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m., both days—Info: Randy Neufeld & Susan Geil or www.chicagosingings.org

Sun., 29th—Ivey Memorial—Liberty Church, Henagar (DeKalb County), Alabama—9:30 a.m.—First fifth Sunday of year—Info: David Ivey or Rodney Ivey +
Sun., 29th—Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Church—Old Chicora, Florida—*Cooper Book*—Fifth Sundays—Info: Mary Ellen Schrock +

May

First Sunday and Saturday before

Tue., 1st—Coffee Springs Singing—Senior Citizens Building, Coffee Springs, Alabama—*Cooper Book*—First Tuesday in May each year

Sat., 5th—Huntsville Sacred Harp Singing—Burrirt on the Mountain, Huntsville, (Madison County), Alabama—9:30 a.m.—Singing held on Saturday before the first Sunday in May—Info: David Ivey

Sat., 5th—Northwest Arkansas Convention—St. John's Episcopal Church, 707 W. Central Ave., Harrison, Arkansas—10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*—Info: Syd Caldwell

Sat., 5th—Augusta Sacred Harp Singing—Augusta Old Line Primitive Baptist Church, Martinez, Georgia—Info: Diane Goldman

Sat., 5th & Sun., 6th—Portland Sacred Harp Singing—The Little Church, 5138 NE 23rd Avenue, Portland, Oregon—9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.—Saturday singing from *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition* and Sunday singing from *The Christian Harmony*—Info: Anna Stoerch

Sun., 6th—Heath Memorial—Mabson Church, Ozark, Alabama—*Cooper Book*—5 miles east of Ozark on Hwy 36—Info: Tommie Spurlock or Stanley Smith

Sun., 6th—Shady Grove Baptist Church—Dutton (Jackson County), Alabama—Info: Syble Adams +

Sun., 6th—Shady Grove (Keeton Cemetery)—141 Keeton Lane, Nauvoo, Walker County, Alabama—10:00 a.m.—Info: Glenn Keeton +

Sun., 6th—Mt. Zion Primitive Baptist Church—Clay County, Alabama—Info: Eugene Forbes +

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 12th—Memphis Singing—Grace Chapel Primitive Baptist Church, 838 Berclair Road, Memphis, Tennessee—Info: Matt Bell

Sat., 12th—Furman University Sacred Harp/Christian Harmony Singing—Herring Pavilion, Furman Campus, Greenville, South Carolina

Sat., 12th—Boston Singing—St. Paul's Episcopal, 15 St. Paul St., Brookline, Massachusetts—10:00 a.m.—Info: www.bostonsacredharp.org

Sat., 12th—Mid-Michigan Singing—Faith Lutheran Church, Okemos, Michigan—Info: Bob Borcharding/Anne Missavage

Sat., 12th—Bristol Singing—Shirehampton Public Hall, Station Road, Shirehampton, Bristol, UK—10:00 a.m.—Info: Matthew Parkinson/
bristolsacredharp@gmail.com

Sat., 12th—Old Flatwoods Primitive Baptist Church—Nauvoo, Alabama—Info: Jimmie Gilmore

Sat., 12th—J.W. Bassett Memorial and Stockholders Meeting—Traveler's Rest Church, Samson, Alabama—*Cooper Book*—Info: Tommie Spurlock or Wayne Jones

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Fri., 18th & Sat., 19th—Garden State Singing Convention—Montclair Friends Meetinghouse, 289 Park Street at Gordonhurst Ave., Montclair, New Jersey—Friday night 7:00-9:30 p.m.—Saturday 10:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.—Info: Claire Simon

Sat., 19th—Los Angeles Regional Singing—Angels Gate Cultural Center, Building H, San Pedro, California—Info: homepage.smc.edu/russell_richard/fasola/

Sat., 19th—Mentone Rhododendron Festival Singing—St. Joseph's Church, Mentone, Alabama—9:30 a.m.—Info: Susan Cheronos

Sat., 19th—Kenneth Fannin Memorial and Providence Singing—Mt. Olive Primitive Baptist Church at Providence, Cullman County, Alabama—10:00 a.m.—2 County Road 1428, Vinemont, Alabama 35179. Located on eastern side of Cullman County Road 1435.

Sat., 19th—Kentucky State Sacred Harp Convention—Pisgah Presbyterian Church, Versailles, Kentucky—Near Lexington—Info: Charles Coulston

Sat., 19th—Goodshaw Sacred Harp Singing—Goodshaw Baptist Church, Chapel Street, Goodshaw, Rossendale, Lancashire, UK—10:30 a.m.—Info: Chris Brown/
Judy Whiting

Sat., 19th—Piney Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Headland, Alabama—*Cooper Book*—Hwy 173, 2 miles north of Headland—Info: Kathy Folsom

Sun., 20th—Cane Creek Church—Cleburne County, Alabama—3.5 miles east of Heflin on U.S. Hwy. 78—From west to east, turn left just beyond mile marker 180. Church is located between mile marker 180 and 181.

Sun., 20th—Concord Baptist Church—Calhoun County, Mississippi—12:00 Noon Dinner, singing at 1:00 p.m.—West of Hwy. 32 at Ellard—In Ellard—Take County Road 238 west from Ellard to Concord. Cross Persimmon Bottom and continue up the hill to the church.

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 26th—Mount Pisgah Singing Society—31040 US Hwy 431, Five Points, Chambers County, Alabama 36855—9:00 a.m.—*Cooper Book*—14 miles north of Lafayette and 7 miles south of Roanoke on U.S. Hwy. 431 at Stroud

Sat., 26th—The Piccolo Spoleto Singing—Charleston, South Carolina—10:00 a.m.—Gage Hall, 4 Archdale Street—Info: Michael Walker

Sat., 26th—Gum Pond Singing—Gum Pond Primitive Baptist Church, 2086 Gum Pond Rd., Eva, (Morgan County), Alabama—9:45 a.m.—Singing moved from Sunday—Info: Judy Caudle +

Sat., 26th—Brighton Sacred Harp Singing Day—East Sussex, United Kingdom—Info: Guy Hayes or Sarah Hill

Sat., 26th & Sun., 27th—John Merritt Memorial Singing—Old Courthouse Museum, 1008 Cherry Street, Vicksburg, Mississippi—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition, J.L. White Book, Cooper Book, and Christian Harmony*—Info: Mark Davis or Henry McGuire

Sat., 26th & Sun., 27th—Germany Sacred Harp Convention—Cologne/Germany, Location to be announced—10:30 a.m.—Info: Dominik Fraune, dominikfraune@gmail.com

Sun., 26th—The Big Singing—Marshall County Courthouse on the Square, Benton, Kentucky—10:00 a.m.—*Southern Harmony, The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*—Info: Tim Reynolds

Sun., 27th—Rocky Mount Homecoming/Hillabee Sacred Harp Convention—

Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church, Daviston, Tallapoosa County, Alabama +
Sun., 27th—Beda Church Singing—*Cooper Book*—20 miles southwest of Andalusia, Alabama, on Hwy 137 north of Wing, Alabama—Info: Billy Kelley

Mon., 28th—Memorial Day

Mon., 28th—Jack C. Smith Memorial Singing—Oakhurst Baptist Church, 222 East Lake Drive, Decatur, Georgia—10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*—Info: John Plunkett

June

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 2nd—Lamar and Pickens County Convention—Zion Primitive Baptist Church, Pickens County, Alabama +

Sat., 2nd—Shaker Meetinghouse and Francis Bliss Memorial singing—Sabbathday Lake Shaker Village Meetinghouse, New Gloucester, Maine—Info: Barb Ames

Sat., 2nd—Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Elba, Alabama—*Cooper Book*—approximately 7 miles north of Elba on Hwy 87 just past CR315 (dirt road circles back to Hwy 87). Church is on left going north—Info: Chip Westbrook

Sat., 2nd—Newcastle upon Tyne Singing—St. Bartholomew's Church Hall, Station Road, Benton, Newcastle upon Tyne, United Kingdom—10:00 a.m.—Singing held on Saturday following the last Monday in May—Info: Phil and Cath Tyler

Sat., 2nd & Sun., 3rd—Northern Shenandoah Valley Double All-Day Singing—Location to be announced—10:00 a.m.—singing from *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition* on Saturday; singing from *The Shenandoah Harmony* on Sunday—Info: John delRe or Kelly Macklin

Sat., 2nd & Sun., 3rd—Holly Springs Primitive Baptist Church—Near Bremen, Carroll County, Georgia—9:30 a.m.—Info: Phillip Langley +

Sat., 2nd & Sun., 3rd—Oslo Sacred Harp Singing—Uranienborgveien 2 (Yellow house behind the castle), Oslo, Norway—Saturday 10:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.—Sunday noon-3:30 p.m.—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*—Singing school on Friday evening—Location to be announced—Info: Camilla Marie Widholm or Oskar Kvasnes

Sun., 3rd—Hill Roane Memorial—Sherman Baptist Church, Calhoun County, Mississippi—On Hwy. 32, 10 miles west of Bruce—Dutch treat: singers bring lunch.

Sun., 3rd—Liberty Decoration Day Singing—Liberty Church, Henagar (DeKalb County), Alabama—9:30 a.m.—Info: David Ivey +

Sun., 3rd—Homecoming Singing—Shady Hill Church, Andalusia, Alabama—*Cooper Book*—Info: Edd Bass

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 9th—New York State Regional Singing—Albany area, Old Songs Center, 37 S. Main St., Voorheesville, NY 12186—10:00 a.m.—Info: Tarik Wareh, albanysacredharp.org

Sat., 9th—Raymond Hamrick Memorial Georgian Harmony Singing—Roberta Civic Center, South Matthews Street, Roberta, Georgia—Info: John Plunkett

Sat., 9th & Sun., 10th—Hopewell Homecoming—Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church—9:00 a.m.—3596 Airport Road, Altoona, Blount County, Alabama—Info: Nate Green +

Sun., 10th—June Singing—Alpharetta City Hall Building, 2 Plaza Park, Alpharetta, Georgia—10:00 a.m.—from Atlanta, exit GA400 North at Haynes Bridge—turn left—go to Old Milton Parkway—turn left—turn right on GA9—City Hall/Courthouse ¼ mile on right—Info: Helen Bryson

Sun., 10th—Oak Springs Church—Calhoun County, Mississippi—Dinner at noon, singing at 1:00 p.m.—3 miles north of Derma

Sun., 10th—Aldridge Memorial—Pleasant Hill Church (Johnson Schoolhouse), Fayette County, Alabama—Info: Elene Stovall, Bridgett Kennedy, or Joan Aldridge +

Sun., 10th - Thu., 14th—Camp Fasola, Adult Session—Camp McDowell, Double Springs, Alabama—Registration on Sunday at 4:00 p.m. Camp Ends Thursday at 8:30 a.m. Community Singing (all are invited) on Wed., June 13th, 7:00 p.m.—Info: David Ivey <http://fasola.org/camp>

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Thu., 14th - Sat., 16th—National Sacred Harp Singing Convention—Birmingham Square Dance Association, Friendship Hall, Fultondale, Alabama—9:30 a.m.—Info: Mark Davis

Sat., 16th—Moore, Graves, and Calvert Memorial—Addington Chapel Methodist Church, Cullman County, Alabama—from I-65 take exit 299-go south on Hwy 69 toward Jasper approximately 10.8 miles—turn right onto County Road 59-go 1.5 miles, church will be on your right.

Sat., 16th—Exeter All Day Singing—Exeter Friends Meetinghouse, Exeter Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania—U.S. 422 to Baumstown—Continue past homestead 1 mile to Meetinghouse Road—Left on Meetinghouse Road 0.2 miles to Meetinghouse on right—Set date of Saturday before the third Sunday in June—Info: Ted Stokes

Sat., 16th—Mt. Adams All-Day Singing—The Trout Lake Grange Hall, 2390 Highway 141, Trout Lake, Washington—Take I84 east, cross the river at Hood River, drive north on Hwy. 141 about 25 minutes—Friday night social in Trout Lake—Info: Melissa Stephenson

Sat., 16th—Leeds All-Day Singing—South Parade Baptist Church, Kirkstall Lane, Headingley, Leeds, UK—Info: Arja and John Copperwheat

Sun., 17th—Zion Hill Memorial Singing—Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church, Brachfield (Rusk County), Texas—10:00 a.m.—*Cooper Book*—About 12 miles southeast of Henderson—Take Farm to Market Road 840 toward Brachfield from Henderson—Turn right at the Welch Cemetery on County Road 368—Church is on the left—Always held on Father's Day—Info: Robert Vaughn

Sun., 17th—Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church—Near Ephesus, Heard County, Georgia—10:00 a.m.—Take Georgia Hwy. 100 south to Ephesus School—Turn left onto Ephesus/Roosterville Road—Go 2.5 miles, turn right.

Sun., 17th—Clifford Wakefield Memorial—King School House (Mt. Vernon Baptist Church), Winston County, Alabama +

Sun., 17th—Macedonia Primitive Baptist Church—Macedonia Community (Jackson County), Alabama—10:00 a.m.—4 miles south of Section—7 miles northwest of Fyffe on county road to Section—Info: Dennis George

Sun., 17th—Pleasant Home Baptist Church—6107 Eagle Road, Andalusia, Alabama 36420—9:30 a.m.—*Cooper Book*—Info: Ken Kelley

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 23rd—Salem United Methodist Church Singing—Near Cedar Bluff, Cherokee County, Alabama—9:30 a.m.—On Alabama Highway 9 between Cedar Bluff, Alabama and the Georgia state line—7 miles from Cedar Bluff and 1 mile from the Georgia line—Info: Henry Johnson

Sat., 23rd—The Kermit and Steve Adams Memorial—Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Winston County, Alabama +

Sat., 23rd—Live Oak Annual Singing—South of Vernon, Florida, 5211 Miller Ferry Road—*Cooper Book*—Info: Tim Lanham

Sat., 23rd—Oxford Sacred Harp Singing—Women's Institute Hall, Botley, Oxford, England—10:00 a.m.—Info: Edwin/Sheila Macadam

Sun., 24th—DeLong-Roberts Memorial Singing—Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church, 4490 State Bridge Way, Alpharetta, Georgia—10:00 a.m.—Exit GA400 N at exit 10—Go east for 2.6 miles—turn left at traffic light on to Kimbell Bridge Road (past Chick Fil'a)—take second left into parking lot—Info: Jesse Roberts

Sun., 24th—New Hope Church—Cullman County, Alabama—Five miles south of Jones Chapel off Hwy. 278, turn south onto County Road 940—Church is on the right

Sun., 24th—Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church—Fayette County, Alabama +

July

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 30th—Pioneer Valley Singing—First Congregational Church Chapel, Sunderland, Massachusetts—10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.—Info: www.wmsmc.org or Linda Shea

Sat., 30th & Sun., 1st—Henagar-Union Convention—Liberty Church, DeKalb County, Alabama—Saturday 9:00 a.m. and Sunday 9:30 a.m.—Two miles north of Henagar—Info: David Ivey +

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Mon., 2nd—Independence Day Singing—Camp Lee, Lakeview Lodge, Anniston, Alabama—9:00 a.m. CT—from I20, exit 188, turn north to Choccolocco Road turn right, go 2.2 mi. Sign for camp on the left—Lunch is Dutch Treat \$8.00 each

Mon., 2nd - Fri., 6th—Camp Fasola (Youth Session)—Camp Lee, Anniston, Alabama—Community Singing (all are invited) on Thurs., July 5th, 7:00 p.m.—Camp ends Friday July 6th at 9:00 a.m.—Info: David Ivey / <http://fasola.org/> camp

Wed., 4th—Independence Day

Fri., 6th & Sat., 7th—Mountain View Singing—Old Mountain View High School, Mountain View, Arkansas—Held on Friday and Saturday following July 4—Info: Dan Brittain

Fri., 6th & Sat., 7th—Quebec Convention—Quebec, Canada, 7th TBA—Friday evening and Saturday—Info: Chuck Neville

Sat., 7th—Flat Shoals Primitive Baptist Church Singing—Flat Shoals Primitive Baptist Church, 2052 Fairview Road, Stockbridge, Georgia—Info: Jesse Roberts

Sat., 7th—Lewes Sacred Harp Singing Day—South Malling Parish Church, Church Lane, Lewes, E. Sussex, United Kingdom—10:00 a.m.—Info: Rachel Jordan

Sat., 7th—Sydney Singing—Dickson Street Space, 35-39 Dickson Street, Newtown, Sydney, New South Wales, Australia—Info: Elaena Gardner / sydneyshapenote@gmail.com

Sat., 7th & Sun., 8th—Cullman County Singing Convention—Cullman County Courthouse, Cullman, Alabama—9:30 a.m.

Sun., 8th—Hardeman Primitive Baptist Church, Decatur (DeKalb County), Georgia—Preaching at 10:30 a.m.—Lunch at 12:15—Singing 1:15 p.m.—*J.L. White Book* +

Sun., 8th—Rutherford Memorial—Union Hill Singing Hall, Millers Crossroads, Bonifay, Florida—*Cooper Book*—Info: Russ Scholz

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 14th—Walker County Convention—Boldo United Methodist Church, 55 Gray Street, Boldo, Alabama 35504—Info: Velton Chafin or Glenn Keeton

Sat., 14th—Spivey Hall Singing—Spivey Hall, Clayton College and State University, Morrow, Georgia

Sat., 14th—Michiana Singing—Fairview Grange 2177, 22482 County Road 45, Goshen, Indiana—9:30 a.m.—Wilden Avenue in Goshen is County Road 45. Fairview Grange is in Dunlap 0.7 miles southeast of Ox Bow Park.—Info: Samuel Sommers

Sat., 14th—Norwich All-Day Singing—St. George's Church Hall, Sprowston Rd., Norwich, UK—10:30 a.m.—Info: Cath Saunt

Sat., 14th—Melbourne All-Day Singing—Melbourne, Australia—Info: Shawn Whelan/Natalie Sims/sacred_harp@yahoo.com.au

Sat., 14th & Sun., 15th—Rocky Mountain Convention—Colorado Session, Location to be announced—Third Sunday and Saturday before in July—Info: Stephanie Fida

Sun., 15th—Kalamazoo Singing—Western Michigan University, Wesley Foundation (on campus), Kalamazoo, Michigan—9:30 a.m. EDT—Follow campus directions towards the Fetzer Center—Wesley Foundation is nearby—Info: Bill/Martha Beverly

Sun., 15th—Chafin, Harbinson, Hollis Memorial Singing—New Prospect Church, Near Bremen, Cullman County, Alabama—From Cullman, Take Hwy. 69 south—Go past landfill—Take County Road 8 south—Go 1 mile (First paved road)—Take left and go 0.6 miles.

Sun., 15th—Muscadine Methodist Church—Corner of County Road 267 and County Road 49, Muscadine, Alabama 36269—9:30 a.m.—Info: Cecil Roberts +

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Thu., 19th—Capitol City Shape Note Singing—Loeb Reception Center (near Kiwanis Park), 310 Columbus Ave., Montgomery, Alabama—10:00 a.m.—Sponsored by the Alabama Center for Traditional Culture—Bring a sack lunch for the noon lunch break—Always held on the third Thursday in July—Info: Joey Brackner

Sat., 21st—Cotaco Convention—Gum Pond Primitive Baptist Church, 2086 Gum Pond Rd. (Morgan County) Eva, Alabama—10:00 a.m.—Info: Judy Caudle +

Sat., 21st—Maine Singing—Union Town House, Townhouse Rd, Union, Maine—10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.—Info: Kathe Pilobosian or Chris Holley

Sat., 21st—Swannanoa Gathering Singing—Warren Wilson College, Swannanoa, North Carolina—10:00 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition/Christian Harmony/Southern Harmony*—Coincides with summer programs at college. Be sure to check listings for date changes.—Info: Sarah Kehrberg

Sat., 21st—Gwehelog Sacred Harp Singing—Gwehelog Methodist Chapel, nr Usk, United Kingdom—10:00 a.m.—Info: Liam Kirby

Sat., 21st—Lunsford and Jolly Memorial—Trinity Episcopal Church, Escondido, California (Saturday) and Adobe Chapel, Old Town San Diego (Sunday)—Info: Carla Smith

Sun., 22nd—Mt. Zion Memorial—Mt. Zion United Methodist Church, Mt. Zion (Carroll County), Georgia—10:00 a.m.—8.5 miles west of Carrollton on Hwy. 16—Behind school

Sun., 22nd—D.H. Mansfield Singing—Union Town House, Townhouse Rd, Union, Maine—10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.—*American Vocalist and The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*—Info: Peter Golden or Chris Holley

Fifth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 28th—Cooper Book Singing—Chicago, Illinois—Info: Jim Helke

Sat., 28th—Young People's Singing—Gum Pond Primitive Baptist Church, Eva, AL—9:30 a.m.—Info: Nicholas Thompson +

Sun., 29th—Lacy Memorial Singing—Fuller Cemetery, Ider, Alabama—9:30 a.m.—Just off AL Hwy. 117—1 mile north from intersection of Alabama Highways. 117 and 75—Church is just west of AL Hwy. 117—Follow sign—First fifth Sunday after July 4th—Info: Reba Windom

Sun., 29th—Mount Pisgah—Sylvester (Worth County), Georgia—10 miles southwest of Sylvester—From I-75—Take Hwy. 112 to Ashburn and through Sylvester—Turn left on Evergreen/Doerun Road—Go 5.5 miles—Church on right—Always the second fifth Sunday each year

Sun., 29th—Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Church—Old Chicora, Florida—*Cooper Book*—Fifth Sundays—Info: Mary Ellen Schrock +

August

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 4th—Eugene Singing—Eugene, Oregon area, Location to be announced—9:30 a.m.—First Saturday in August—Info: Karen Stingle

Sat., 4th & Sun., 5th—Chattahoochee Sacred Harp Convention—Wilson's Chapel, Southeast of Carrollton (Carroll County), Georgia—9:30 a.m.—From the southeastern section of 166 (Carrollton bypass) turn south on OLD Newnan Road, at fork, bear left onto Cross Plains Rd—at three way intersection, bear right onto dirt road, Chapel on left.—From Alabama—Exit I20 at US Hwy 27, turn right, go about 10 miles, turn left at light onto Linda Lane, continue several miles until light at Old Newnan Road, turn left, after passing Cross Plains on right, keep straight after sharp curve, Chapel on left—Info: John Plunkett

Sun., 5th—Fayette County Convention—Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church, Fayette County, Alabama—9:30 a.m. +

Sun., 5th—Bulgar-Cockcroft Memorial—Red Oak Church, Hwy 55 between Andalusia and Florala, Alabama—*Cooper Book*—Info: Billy Kelley

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 11th—Calhoun County Convention—Bethel Primitive Baptist Church, Highway 9, one mile north of Bruce, Mississippi—9:30 a.m.—church is on the right.

Sat., 11th—East Kentucky All-Day Singing—Calvary Campus, 31 Stuart Robinson Road, Letcher, Kentucky 41832—10:00 a.m.—from Hwy 15, turn on to Route 7 South at Isom and drive about 10 minutes—Calvary Campus is on the right—
Info: Ben Fink

Sat., 11th & Sun., 12th—East Texas Sacred Harp Convention—Henderson Civic Center, 1005 Hwy 64, Henderson (Rusk County), Texas—*Cooper Book*—Info: Robert Vaughn

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 18th—Cooper Book Singing—Ramah Primitive Baptist Church, Lenox (Conecuh County), Ala.—On County Hwy. 6, about 4 miles west of I-65 near Lenox—Info: Hubert Nall

Sat., 18th—B.M. Smith Memorial Singing—Rome-Midway Primitive Baptist Church, 5585 Martha Berry Hwy, NE, Armuchee, Georgia—10:00 a.m.—Eight miles north of Rome on US 27—Info: Hayden Arp

Sat., 18th—Central New Jersey Singing (formerly Princeton All-Day Singing)—Reformed Church of Highland Park, 19 S. 2nd Ave., Highland Park, New Jersey—
Info: Rachel Speer or Leon Pulsinelle

Sat., 18th—Glasgow Singing—Location TBA—
Info: shapenotesscotland@gmail.com

Sat., 18th—Mt. Rainier Singing—Buckley Hall, 127 N. River Ave., (between Main St. and Cottage St. N, Buckley, Washington—*Cooper Book*—Info: Karen Willard

Sun., 19th—Willard Birthday Singing—Buckley Hall, 127 N. River Ave., (between Main St. and Cottage St. N, Buckley, Washington—Info: Karen Willard

Sun., 19th—Cleburne County Convention—Edwardsville Baptist Church,

Edwardsville, Cleburne County, Alabama—9:30 a.m.—Info: Cecil Roberts
Sun., 19th—Emma Beasley, Belton Beasley, and Phillip Lee, III Memorial—Concord Primitive Baptist Church, Winfield (Marion County), Alabama—
Info: Marlin Beasley +

Sun., 19th—Cedar Creek Singing—Mt. Pisgah Primitive Baptist Church, Sylvester, Georgia—Info: Tim Meeks

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 25th—Central Ontario All-Day Singing—Detweiler Meetinghouse, 3445 Roseville Road, North Dumfries Township (near Kitchener/Waterloo), Ontario, Canada—9:30 a.m. EDT—Info: Pleasance Crawford or Gillian Inksetter

Sat., 25th—Palo Alto Singing—UU Church of Palo Alto, 505 E. Charleston Rd., Palo Alto, California—Info: Dan Harper

Sat., 25th—Cork All-Day Singing—St. Fin Barre's Cathedral, Dean Street, Cork, Ireland—Info: corksacredharp@gmail.com

Sat., 25th & Sun., 26th—Mississippi State Convention—Antioch Primitive Baptist Church, Near Forest (Scott County) Mississippi—9:30 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition, Cooper Book, J.L. White Book, and Christian Harmony*—Info: Mark Davis

Sat., 25th & Sun., 26th—Lookout Mountain Convention—Pine Grove Church, Near Collinsville, DeKalb County, Alabama—9:30 a.m.—Info: Rodney Ivey +

September

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 1st—New Providence Primitive Baptist Church—Ringgold, Louisiana—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition and Cooper Book*—Info: Robert Vaughn

Sat., 1st—Georgian Harmony Singing—Roberta Civic Center, South Matthews Street, Roberta, Georgia—Info: John Plunkett or Oscar McGuire

Sat., 1st—Maidencreek Friends Meetinghouse—Near Leesport, Berks County, Pennsylvania—Saturday of Labor Day Weekend—Info: Ted Stokes

Sat., 1st—Covington County Convention—Pleasant Home Baptist Church, County Road 14 (Eagle Road), Andalusia, Alabama—*Cooper Book*—Singing held at various locations—Info: Wayne Jones

Sun., 2nd—Fox Valley Folk Festival Singing—Island Park, Geneva, Illinois—11:30 a.m.—Always the Sunday before Labor Day

Sun., 2nd—Clear Creek West Convention/Mulberry River Convention—Pleasant Hill Church (Johnson Schoolhouse), Fayette County, Alabama—9:30 a.m.—Convention held in even years at Pleasant Hill Church (Johnson Schoolhouse), Fayette County, Alabama +, and in odd years at County Line Church, Jefferson County, Alabama +—Info: Danny Creel or Elene Stovall +

Sun., 2nd—Shiloh-Littlevine Singing—Shiloh Primitive Baptist Church, South of Tallapoosa, Georgia, off Hwy. 100—10:00 a.m.—From I-20—Take Exit #5 and go South on Hwy 100—1.4 miles to Shiloh Church Road—Turn right—0.8 miles to church

Sun., 2nd—Haynes Creek Church—Rockdale County, Georgia—10 miles north of Conyers on state Hwy. 20—Turn left on Rosebud Road, approximately 3 miles, church is on left.

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Mon., 3rd—Labor Day

Mon., 3rd—Labor Day—Shoal Creek Church—Talladega National Forest, Near Edwardsville, Cleburne County, Alabama—9:30 a.m.—From West to East: Take Hwy. 78 east to Heflin and then into Edwardsville—Go through Edwardsville, just past mile marker 183, and turn north onto County Road 61 which is directly across the road from the volunteer fire department. There is a sign for Talladega National Forest—Go 5.6 miles, cross the creek, go 0.4 miles and look for a sign for the church. Turn right at the church sign onto a dirt road leading to the church—Info: Cecil Roberts or Virginia Dyer

Sat., 8th—Cooper Book Singing—Little Flock Church, 3218 Molino Road, Molino, Florida—1.5 miles West of US Hwy. 29—Info: Hubert Nall

Sat., 8th—Pioneer Day Sacred Harp Singing—Gray Court, South Carolina—10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.—From the Greenville area, take I-385 south to exit 19, about 11 miles from I-85. Take SC Hwy. 14 to Owings, about 2 miles into Gray Court.

Continue through the traffic light for about one quarter mile. Parking area will be on the left, then follow the signs—Second Saturday in September—Info: Leon Carnell

Sat., 8th—Cape Meares Singing—Community Schoolhouse, Cape Meares, Oregon—Saturday following Labor Day—Info: Betsy Jeronen

Sat., 8th—Rivanna River Sacred Harp Singing—Friends Meeting House, 1104 Forest St., Charlottesville, Virginia—10:00 a.m.—Info: john@virginia.edu

Sat., 8th & Sun., 9th—United Sacred Harp Musical Association (United Sacred Harp Singing Convention)—Holly Springs Primitive Baptist Church, near Bremen, Georgia—Info: Linda Sides/Nathan Rees/Angela Myers +

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 15th—New York City All Day Singing—Location TBA—9:30 a.m.—Info: Aldo Ceresa

Sat., 15th—Lee Rogers Memorial Singing—Home of John and Elsie Hollingsworth, 1574 Adams Clarke Road, Commerce, Georgia—10:00 a.m.—*Christian Harmony*—Info: John Hollingsworth

Sat., 15th—Illinois State Convention—Texas Christian Church between Clinton and Decatur, Illinois—Saturday before the third Sunday in September—Info: Mark Graber or Terry Hogg

Sat., 15th—Middle Creek Convention—Pleasant Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Ozark, Alabama—*Cooper Book*—Info: Tommie Spurlock or Stanley Smith

Sat., 15th—Santa Cruz Singing—Garfield Park Community Church, Santa Cruz, California—Info: Ed Rice, edsrice@gmail.com

Sat., 15th & Sun., 16th—United Kingdom Sacred Harp Convention—Hove Park School, Brighton, United Kingdom—Info: www.ukshc.org

Sun., 16th—Cornelius Benjamin Keeton and Travis Keeton Memorial Singing—Shady Grove (Keeton Cemetery), 141 Keeton Lane, Nauvoo, Walker County, Alabama—10:00 a.m. +

Sun., 16th—J.L. White Sacred Harp Singing—Hardeman Primitive Baptist Church, 3965 Glenwood Road, Decatur, Georgia—10:00 a.m.—*J.L. White Book*—Info: John Plunkett or Sandra Wilkinson +

Sun., 16th—Smyrna Annual Sacred Harp Singing—Smyrna Primitive Baptist Church, Goodwater, Alabama—10:00 a.m.—From Hwy. 9, turn east in Goodwater on Hackneyville Road—Go approximately 5 miles to County Road 83, turn right (church sign there)—Info: Go approximately 0.25 miles, church is on left

Mon., 17th - Fri., 21st—Camp FaSoLa Europe—Wichrowe Wgorze, Chmeilno, Poland—Info: David Ivey, <http://fasola.org/camp>

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 22nd—Gum Pond Primitive Baptist Church—2086 Gum Pond Rd., Eva, Morgan County, Alabama—10:00 a.m.—Info: Judy Caudle +

Sat., 22nd—West Florida Convention—Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Glendale, Florida—*Cooper Book*—4 miles east of Glendale on County Road 183—Info: Aubrey Barfield

Sat., 22nd & Sun., 23rd—Minnesota State Convention—Saturday: Location TBA—Sunday: Shakopee, Minnesota—9:30 a.m.—Fourth Sunday and Saturday before—Info: Matt Wells

Sat., 22nd & Sun., 23rd—Rocky Mountain Convention—New Mexico Session, Location to be announced—9:30 a.m.—Fourth Sunday and Saturday before in even years

Sat., 22nd & Sun., 23rd—Alabama State Christian Harmony Convention—Union Baptist Church, 3351 Warrior Jasper Road, Warrior, Alabama—9:30 a.m.—I-65 to exit 282—Church is 7.6 miles west on Warrior-Jasper Road (approximately 5 miles east of Hwy 78—Info: Emily Creel

Sat., 22nd & Sun., 23rd—Poland Convention—Warsaw, Poland—Info: www.sacredharp86.org

Sun., 23rd—Winston County Convention—Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Double Springs, Alabama +

Sun., 23rd—Poplar Springs Primitive Baptist Church Singing—Poplar Springs Primitive Baptist Church, Carroll County, Georgia—9:30 a.m.—North of Bowdon, Georgia. From Tallapoosa (I-20 exit 105 at Hwy 100) travel 7 miles south. Turn right at four way stop onto Smithfield Rd and proceed 2 miles. The church is on the right—Info: Richard DeLong or Cecil Roberts

Fifth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 29th—Mountain Heritage Day Singing—Administration Building, Western Carolina University, Cullowhee (Jackson County), North Carolina—10:00 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition/Christian Harmony*—Always the last Saturday in September—Info: Michael Nichols, mrrnichol@frontier.com

Sat., 29th—Johnny Lee and Kelly Day Memorial Cooper Book Singing—Flora, Indiana—Saturday before the last fifth Sunday of the year prior to December (September, October, or November)—Info: Brad Bahler

Sat., 29th & Sun., 30th—Union Musical Sacred Harp Convention—City of Alpharetta Municipal Building, Alpharetta, Georgia—9:30 a.m.—First Fifth Sunday and Saturday before after Labor Day—Info: Helen Bryson, Nathan Rees

Sat., 29th & Sun., 30th—Southwest Texas Convention, Fall Session—Location to be announced—*Cooper Book*—Last fifth Sunday before Thanksgiving (August, September, or October)—Info: Gaylon Powell

Sun., 30th—Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Church—Old Chicora, Florida—*Cooper Book*—Fifth Sundays—Info: Mary Ellen Schrock +

October

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 6th—Cooper Book Singing—Shady Grove Baptist Church, Between Dutton and Section, Jackson County, Alabama—9:30 a.m.—Info: Syble Adams +

Sat., 6th—Vancouver All-Day Singing—Grandview Calvary Baptist Church, Vancouver, British Columbia—Info: Kevin Beirne

Sat., 6th—Sheffield Sacred Harp Singing Day—Location to be announced, Sheffield, United Kingdom—11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*

Sat., 6th & Sun., 7th—New England Convention—Location to be announced—9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.—Hosted by Maine Singers—First Sunday and Saturday before in October—Info: info@neconvention.net or Anna Mays

Sun., 7th—South Georgia Sacred Harp Singing Convention—Liberty Hill Community House, Lamar County, Georgia—Info: Oscar McGuire

Sun., 7th—Alexander, Hullett, Lowe, Brothers, Wootten Memorial—Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church, 3596 Airport Road, Altoona, Blount County, Alabama—Info: Nate Green +

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 13th—Sydney All-Day Singing—Location to be Announced, Sydney, Australia—Info: sacredharpaustralia.com

Sat., 13th—Tallahassee Singing—Tallahassee Museum of History and Natural Science, Tallahassee, Florida—9:30 a.m.—*Cooper Book*—Info: Alice/Tor Bejnar

Sat., 13th—Savannah All Day Singing—Skidaway Island Presbyterian Church, 50 Diamond Causeway, Savannah, Georgia—Saturday before the second Sunday—Info: Gene Pinion

Sat., 13th—Columbia Singing—Dripping Springs Christian Church, 2701 Dripping Springs Rd., Columbia, Missouri—Info: Wendy Hofmann or Lou/Penny Kujawinski

Sat., 13th—Taylor United Methodist Church—Taylor (Lafayette County), Mississippi—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*—8 miles south of Oxford

Sat., 13th—Northwest Pennsylvania Singing—First Universalist Church of Girard, 107 Myrtle St, Girard, Pennsylvania—Info: Gerald Hoffman

Sat., 13th—Duluth Singing—St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 1710 E Superior Street, Duluth, Minnesota—10:00 a.m.—Info: Bonnie Ambrosi

Sun., 14th—Albright, Cates, Brown, and Sheppard Memorial—Muscadine Methodist Church, Muscadine (Cleburne County), Alabama—10:00 a.m. CT—Take U.S. Hwy. 78 to Muscadine—Turn south on County Road 49—Go 1 mile—Church on right. +

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 20th—Tri-State Convention—Location to be Announced: (Georgia 2018), (Florida 2019), (Alabama 2020)—9:00 a.m.—*Cooper Book*—Info: Aubrey Barfield, Morgan Bunch, Mary Whitehurst, Russ Scholz

Sat., 20th—Tennessee State Sacred Harp Singing—Nashville, Tennessee—9:30 a.m.—Info: Ron Harper or Justin Bowen

Sat., 20th & Sun., 21st—New York State Convention—Mennonite Meetinghouse, 111 Hillside Avenue, Rochester—Third Sunday and Saturday before in October—Info: Thom Metzger

Sat., 20th & Sun., 21st—Pacific Northwest Convention, Oregon—Location to be announced—9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.—Saturday a.m. devoted to singing school. Regular singing Saturday afternoon and all day singing on Sunday—Info: Linda Berkemeier, Thom Fahrback

Sun., 21st—Andrew's Chapel—Upson County, Georgia—6.1 miles southeast of Thomaston on Hwy. 74—Turn right on the Rock Road to first stop sign—Bear left—1 mile to school—Bring covered dish.

Sun., 21st—Reid Memorial Singing—County Line Church, Jefferson County, Alabama +

Sun., 21st—Rhodes Memorial—Darien Church, Luverne, Alabama—*Cooper Book*—Info: Mike Jones

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Fri., 26th & Sat., 27th—Alaska Sacred Harp Convention—United Methodist Church, Sitka, Alaska—Friday evening and Saturday—Info: Kari Lundgren

Sat., 27th—Seed and Feed Sacred Harp Singing—Emory Presbyterian Church, 1886 North Decatur Road, Atlanta, Georgia—10:00 a.m.—From I-85: Take the Clairmont Rd. exit and go south (passing the VA Hospital on the right) to the intersection of Clairmont and North Decatur Road. Turn right on North Decatur. Church is 0.5 miles west of the Clairmont/North Decatur intersection, at the corner of North Decatur and Westminster Way—Info: Kelly Morris or Laura Akerman

Sat., 27th—Putnam, Light, and King Memorial—Mt. Oak Methodist Church, Marshall County, Alabama—10:00 a.m.—6 miles northwest of Arab—Turn west off Alabama Hwy 231 onto County Road 418 at Discount Warehouse Grocery, also called Ruth Eddy Road—Church is on the left.

Sat., 27th—Bloomington All-Day Singing—Fairview Methodist Church, 600 West 6th St, Bloomington, Indiana—10:00 a.m.—Info: John Hoerr or William Shetter

Sat., 27th—Northwest Arkansas Fall Singing—Location to be announced—9:30 a.m.—Info: Holly Childs, Sydney Caldwell

Sat., 27th—Sadsbury Cooper Book Singing—Old Sadsbury Friends Meeting House, Christiana, Pennsylvania—Info: Laura Densmore

Sat., 27th—Newton Singing—Church of the Redeemer, 379 Hammond Street, Newton, Massachusetts 02467—10:00 a.m.—*Norumbega Harmony* and *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*—Info: Sylvia Martin

Sat., 27th—Spring Hill Convention—Union Hill Singing Hall, Millers Crossroads, Bonifay, Florida—*Cooper Book*—Info: Aubrey Barfield

Sat., 27th & Sun., 28th—London Singing—Saturday: Highgate United Reformed Church, Pond Square Chapel, South Grove, London—Sunday: Heath Street Baptist Church basement, 84 Heath Street, London—10:30 a.m.—Saturday: *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition* and Sunday: *Christian Harmony*—Info: Michael Walker
Sun., 28th—Coweta County Courthouse Singing—Newnan, Georgia—10:00 a.m.—Info: John Plunkett

November

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 3rd—Little Hope Primitive Baptist Church—Near Huntington, Angelina County, Texas—*Cooper Book*—4 miles on Farm to Market Road 1669 out of Huntington—Info: Burl Russell

Sat., 3rd—Velton Chafin Birthday Singing—Liberty Church (McCormick), Sumiton, Jefferson County, Alabama—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition/Cooper Book*—Info: Velton Chafin +

Sat., 3rd—Denney Memorial—Emmaus Primitive Baptist Church, Carrollton (Carroll County), Georgia—10:00 a.m.—Take I-20 to Georgia, exit 11—U.S. Hwy. 27 south for about 13.5 miles—turn right on Oak Grove Road—Go about ½ miles—turn left on Oak Grove Church Road and go about ½ miles. Church is on the left—Info: Philip Denney

Sat., 3rd—Hyde Park Singing—Chicago, Illinois—9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.—57th Street Meeting of Friends, 5615 S. Woodlawn—Always Saturday before the first Sunday in November—Info: Amritpal Singh

Sun., 4th—Holly Springs Primitive Baptist Church—Near Bremen, Carroll County, Georgia—9:30 a.m.—Info: Phillip Langley +

Sun., 4th—New Hope at Mt. Ebron Church Singing—New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, Near Double Springs, Winston County, Alabama—10:00 a.m.—3 miles west of Double Springs on Hwy. 25—Double Springs to Lynn—Info: Richard Mauldin

Sun., 4th—Southeast Convention—Pleasant Grove (Carroll Church), Ozark, Alabama—*Cooper Book*—Info: Tommie Spurlock or Stanley Smith

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 10th—Sally Coghlan Memorial Singing—The International House of Davis, 10 College Park, Davis, CA 95616—9:00 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*—Saturday before the second Sunday in November—Info: Patrick Coghlan

Sat., 10th—Immanuel Baptist Church—222 Belle Meade Boulevard, Nashville, Tennessee—Between Harding Road, U.S. 70, and Harding Place—Info: Tim Reynolds

Sat., 10th—Dallas County Singing—Location to be announced, Dallas, Texas—9:30 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*—Info: Cheryl Foreman or Sonny Erwin

Sat., 10th—Stapleford Sacred Harp Singing—St. Luke's Church, Moorbridge Lane, Stapleford, Nottingham, United Kingdom—Info: Helen Brown

Sat., 10th—James River Convention—Richmond, Virginia—Saturday before the second Sunday in November—Info: Bridget Camden

Sat., 10th—Berkshire Foothills Singing—Lenox Community Center, 65 Walker Street, Lenox, MA, see WMSHC.org—10:00 a.m.—Info: Sally Langendorf or Joanne Fuller

Sat., 10th—Boiling Springs Convention—Mt. Zion Primitive Baptist Church, Clay County, near Ashland, Alabama—Info: Eugene Forbes +

Sun., 11th—Oak Hill Baptist Church and Calhoun County Convention—County Line Road, Near Oxford, Calhoun County, Alabama—9:30 a.m.—Get on Hwy. 21 South in Oxford—Go under I-20—Take left at light onto Friendship Road—Cross 3 bridges to traffic light—Turn right onto Cheaha Drive—Go 5/6 blocks—Turn left onto County Line Road—Church on right

Sun., 11th—The Cooper Book Convention—Traveler's Rest Church, Samson, Alabama—Info: Wayne Jones

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 17th—Tri-County Sacred Harp Singing—Immanuel Presbyterian Church, 8790 Vaughn Road, Montgomery, Alabama—9:30 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition/Cooper Book*—Info: Bill Hogan

Sat., 17th—West Yorkshire Sacred Harp Day—West Lane Methodist Chapel, Haworth, United Kingdom—Info: Chris Brown/Judy Whiting

Sat., 17th—Georgian Harmony Singing—Roberta Civic Center, South Matthews Street, Roberta, Georgia—Info: John Plunkett or Oscar McGuire

Sat., 17th—Northeast Kansas Singing—The White Schoolhouse, 1510 North 3rd Street, Lawrence, Kansas—10:00 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition/Missouri Harmony*—Info: info@kawshapenote.org

Sat., 17th—Holly Springs Primitive Baptist Church—Near Bremen, Carroll County, Georgia—7:00 p.m.—Saturday night before the third Sunday in November—Info: Cecil Roberts +

Sun., 18th—Davis Memorial—Historic Sugar Valley Baptist Church, 4380 Sugar Valley Road, NW, Sugar Valley, Georgia 30746—10:00 a.m.—GPS: 34.574923, -85.024869 (the historic church building, not the active First Baptist Church.) Go to the intersection of Hill City Rd and Sugar Valley Rd NW.—Info: Judy Mincey

Sun., 18th—Wakefield Memorial—King School House (Mt. Vernon), near Lynn, Winston County, Alabama +

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Wed., 21st—Cornucopia All-Night Singing—Princeton, New Jersey—Info: Jeff Gauthier

Thu., 22nd—Thanksgiving Day

Sat., 24th—Thanksgiving Sacred Harp Singing—Jordans Village Hall, Green Road West, Jordans, Buckinghamshire, United Kingdom—10:30 a.m.—Info: Sheila/Edwin Macadam

Sat., 24th & Sun., 25th—Alabama Sacred Harp Musical Convention—Jefferson State Community College, 2601 Carson Road, Birmingham, Alabama 35215—9:00 a.m. Saturday and 9:30 a.m. Sunday—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*—Eugene Fitzgerald Student Center (Jefferson Campus)—Info: David Ivey

Sat., 24th—Sacred Harp Musical Heritage Association (SHMHA) Annual Meeting—Jefferson State Community College, Eugene Fitzgerald Student Center (Jefferson Campus), 2601 Carson Road, Birmingham, Alabama—2:00 p.m.—Meeting follows Saturday singing session—Info: David Ivey, David@DavidIvey.com or 256-258-8660

December

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 1st—Sacred Harp Singing—Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church, 4930 West Bellfort Avenue, Houston, Texas—10:00 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition/Cooper Book*—Info: Linda Siemers or www.texasfasola.org

Sat., 1st—Lehigh Valley All-Day Singing (Shenandoah Harmony)—Bethlehem, PA, location TBA—10:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.—First Saturday in December—Info: Daniel Hunter

Sat., 1st & Sun., 2nd—Florida State Sacred Harp Convention—Holiday Inn, 2001 Cove Boulevard, Panama City, Florida—*Cooper Book*—For reservations call 850.769.0000

Sat., 1st & Sun., 2nd—Georgia State Christian Harmony Convention—Georgia—9:30 a.m.—*Christian Harmony*—Info: John Plunkett

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 8th & Sun., 9th—Joseph Jackson Beasley Memorial—Concord Primitive Baptist Church, Winfield (Marion County), Alabama—Info: John Beasley +

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 15th—Christmas Singing—Traveler's Rest Church, Samson, Alabama—*Cooper Book*—Info: Kevin Eddins

Sun., 16th—(No listings)

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 22nd—(No listings)

Mon., 24th & Tue., 25th—Christmas Eve & Christmas Day

Fifth Sunday and Saturday before

Tue., 26th, 5:30 p.m.—Barrett's Singing—Patton Home, Henagar, Alabama—Info: Barrett Patton

Sat., 29th—(No listings)

Sun., 30th—Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Church—Old Chicora, Florida—*Cooper Book*—Fifth Sundays—Info: Mary Ellen Schrock +

Mon., 31st, 7:00 p.m.—Wooten Family New Year's Eve Singing—Antioch Baptist Church, Ider (DeKalb County), Alabama

Mon., 31st, 6:00 p.m.—New Year's Eve Singing—Hollingsworth Home, Ila, Georgia—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition/Christian Harmony*—Info: John Hollingsworth

FIFTH SATURDAY/SUNDAY SINGINGS

First Fifth Weekend	Saturday, April 28 Sunday, April 29
Second Fifth Weekend	Saturday, July 28 Sunday, July 29
Third Fifth Weekend	Saturday, September 29 Sunday, September 30
Fourth Fifth Weekend	Saturday, December 29 Sunday, December 30

First Fifth Weekend (Regular Singings)

Parker, Hollis, Putman Memorial—Liberty (McCormick), Sumiton, Alabama—Saturday before the first fifth Sunday each year

Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Church—Bethlehem Rd. (between Hwy 37 and Hwy 39—one mile north of Hwy 674—five miles east of Fort Lonesome) Old Chicora, Florida—Fifth Sundays—*Cooper Book*—Info: Mary Ellen Schrock +

Ivey Memorial—Liberty Church, Henagar, Alabama—First fifth Sunday of year

Southwest Texas Convention—Bethel Primitive Baptist Church, McMahan,

Texas—First fifth Sunday in the spring (March or later)—*Cooper Book*

Second Fifth Weekend (Regular Singings)

Mount Pisgah—Sylvester, Georgia—Second fifth Sunday of each year

Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Church—Old Chicora, Florida—Fifth Sundays—*Cooper Book*—Info: Mary Ellen Schrock +

Young People's Singing—Gum Pond Primitive Baptist Church, Morgan County, Alabama—Saturday before first fifth Sunday after July 4th

Lacy Memorial Singing—Ider, Alabama—First fifth Sunday after July 4th

Third Fifth Weekend (Regular Singings)

Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Church—Old Chicora, Florida—Fifth Sundays—*Cooper Book*—Info: Mary Ellen Schrock +

Union Musical Sacred Harp Convention—Held at different locations, Atlanta area—First fifth Sunday and Saturday before, after Labor Day—Info: John Plunkett, Helen Bryson

Southwest Texas Convention, Fall Session—Austin, Texas—Last fifth Sunday before Thanksgiving—*Cooper Book*

Fourth Fifth Weekend (Regular Singings)

Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Church—Old Chicora, Florida—Fifth Sundays—*Cooper Book*—Info: Mary Ellen Schrock +

LOCAL SINGINGS

Alabama

Birmingham: First Tuesday night—6:30 p.m.—*1991 Edition*: —Southside Baptist Church, Heritage Room—19th Street and 11th Avenue South, near Five Points—Info: Elene Stovall / Hubert Nall

Fayette: Second Sunday night—6:00 p.m.—*1991 Edition*: —Mt. Lebanon Church—Bluff Road off Hwy. 107—8 miles northwest of Fayette—Info: Larry Ballinger

Ft. Payne: Last Tuesday night of each month, March through October—6:30 p.m.—Senior Center (Council on Aging building)—600 Tyler Avenue, South—From I-59, take exit #218 (Hwy. 35)—Take Hwy. 35 to U.S. Hwy. 11 (Gault Avenue)—Turn east on 8th Street, South (at O'Reilly's Auto Parts). Proceed to Tyler Avenue and turn left. The building is 2 blocks on the left.

Henagar: First Sunday night, October through April—5:30 p.m.—*1991 Edition*: —Liberty Church—Info: Rodney Ivey or David Ivey

Huntsville: Monday Night, February 5, April 2, August 6, and November 5—7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.—*1991 Edition*: —Burritt Museum—3101 Burritt Drive, on Monte Sano Mountain—Take U.S. 431 south (Governors Drive) to top of Monte Sano Mountain—Turn north onto Monte Sano Boulevard—Turn onto Burritt Drive—Info: David Ivey

Ider: Second Sunday night, October through March—October through March—*1991 Edition*: —Antioch Church—5 miles north of Ider—Left on Hwy. 75—Info: Terry Wootten

Jasper: Saturday night before second Sunday in January—Memorial Singing—*1991 Edition*: —Mrs. Luther Calvert and Mrs. Jim Woodley—Pleasant Grove Church—Boldo Community—5 miles east of Jasper—Hwy. 69.

Jasper: Saturday night before the third Sunday in March—Boldo Memorial Singing—*1991 Edition:* —Stephenson and Wall Memorial—Pleasant Grove Primitive Baptist Church—Five miles east of Jasper—Hwy. 69.
Montgomery: Third Tuesday (except November and December)—5:30-7:00 p.m.—*1991 Edition and Cooper Revision:* —Jubilee Center, 432 S Goldthwaite St, Montgomery, AL—Info: Bill Hogan

Alaska

Anchorage: Second and fourth Sundays—7:00 p.m.—call or email for location—Info: John David Thacker
Fairbanks: Sundays—7:00 p.m.—Info: Charley Basham or Robert Sullivan.
Sitka: Second Sunday—3:30-5:30 p.m.—Sitka Pioneers Home Chapel—Info: Kari Lundgren

Arizona

Phoenix: Second Saturday—3:30-5:30 p.m.—*1991 Edition:* —Foothills Community Church, 700 S. Hamilton St, Chandler—Info: Kathy Garrett or LeeAnn Garrett
Tucson: Most first and Third Saturdays—2:00-5:00 p.m.—*1991 Edition:* —Sonora Cohousing—501 E. Roger Rd.—Info: Paige Winslett, tucsonfasola@earthlink.net

Arkansas

Big Fork: First Sunday—2:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m.—Info: Verla Huckaby or Flora Burns
Mena: Second and Fourth Thursdays—6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.—Info: Verla Huckaby
Springdale: Second Sundays—1:30-4:00 p.m.—General Store at the Shiloh Museum, 118 West Johnson Ave.—Info: Sydney Caldwell

California

Claremont: Fourth Sunday—4:00-6:00 p.m.—Claremont Presbyterian Church, 1111 N. Mountain Ave—Info: Church office 909.624.9693, please call to confirm
Davis: Second Friday—7:00-9:00 p.m.—345 L Street, Davis, CA 95616—Info: Matthew Lawson, mmlawson@ucdavis.edu
Healdsburg: First Sundays—1:00-3:00—Old Felta Schoolhouse, 1034 Felta Rd.—Info: Mary Anne Ciavonne, ciavonne@sonic.net
Los Angeles (East side): First Sunday—3:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m.—Info: Laura Boyd Russell
Los Angeles (West side): Third Sunday—3:00-5:50 p.m.—Info: Laura Boyd Russell
Los Angeles (Santa Monica): Saturday before fourth Sunday—4:00-6:00 p.m.—Learners Workshop style—Info: Laura Boyd Russell
Monterey: Third Sunday—3:00-6:00 p.m.—Info: Michael Armstrong or Jack and Kathy Herbig
Sacramento: Fourth Wednesday—7:00-9:00 p.m.—2376 Zinfandel Dr., Rancho Cordova, 95670—Info: Pat Coghlan, coghlanstuff@sbcglobal.net
San Diego: First Sundays—3:00-5:00 p.m.—Adobe Chapel, 3950 Conde St, in Old Town San Diego—Info: Jerry Schreiber
San Diego: Second Sundays—4:00-6:00 p.m.—First Unitarian Universalist Church, 4190 Front Street, in Hillcrest, San Diego—Info: Jerry Schreiber
San Diego: Third Sundays—3:00-5:00 p.m.—Adobe Chapel, 3950 Conde St, in Old Town San Diego—Info: Jerry Schreiber
San Diego: Fourth Sundays—4:00-6:00 p.m.—Various locations—Info: www.sdfasola.org

San Francisco: Third Sundays except Jan.—3:00-5:00 p.m.—Various locations—
Info: Carolyn Deacy

San Francisco Bay (Peninsula/South Bay): Second and Fourth Sundays—2:00-4:00 p.m.—Unitarian Universalist Church, 505 E. Charleston Rd. Palo Alto—Info: Terry Moore

San Francisco Bay Area-University of California/Berkeley: Every Monday—7:30-9:30 p.m.—location near UC Berkeley Campus—Info: Lindy Groening

Santa Barbara: First Saturday of each month—7:30-10:00 p.m.—808 California Street—Call in advance to confirm—Info: Tom/Victoria Ostwald

Santa Cruz: Second and fourth Thursday—7:00 p.m.—Location varies—
Info: Edward Rice

Colorado

Arkansas Valley: Third Mondays—6:30-8:30 p.m.—1991 Edition and Cooper Book: —417 Carson Ave, La Junta, CO—Info: Pete Mathewson

Boulder: Second Friday of every month—7:00-9:00 p.m.—First Congregational Church, 1128 Pine St.—Info: stephanie.fida@gmail.com or sacredharpcolorado.org

Colorado Springs: Second Sunday—1:30-3:30 p.m.—Pikes Peak Primitive Baptist Church—12th and Pikes Peak—Info: Pete Mathewson

Denver: All Mondays except first—6:40-8:40 p.m.—1991 Edition, Norumbega, Cooper, and Christmas Harp in season: —St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 2015 Glenarm Pl.—Always confirm—Info: Sharon Kermiet

Fort Collins: First Monday—7:00-8:30 p.m.—St Luke's Episcopal Church—2000 Stover—Info: Hill Grimmett

Connecticut

Middletown: First and third Thursday—7:00-9:00 p.m.—*Sbenandoab Harmony*: —Church of the Holy Trinity, 381 Main St. (enter through south “Meeting Rooms” side doors).—Info: jonasori@gmail.com or joshuarushbarnett@gmail.com

New Haven: Every Tuesday (except late December when Yale is closed)—7:00-9:00 p.m.—Room 106, Stoeckel Hall, 469 College Street—Info: Ian Quinn

Newtown, other places: Meets occasionally—Connecticut Valley Harmony (performance group).

District of Columbia

Downtown: Third Tuesday—7:00-9:30 p.m.—Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church, 201 4th St. SE—Info: Brenda Dunlap / DC Shape note facebook page

Capitol Hill: Fourth Sunday, except December—5:00-8:00 p.m.; Potluck 6:30 p.m.—Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church, 201 4th St. SE. Sponsored by Folklore Society of Greater Washington (membership not required)—Info: Brenda Dunlap / DC Shape note facebook page

Florida

Gainesville: Sunday after third Saturday (except December)—3:30-5:30 p.m.—Episcopal Church of the Mediator, 501 NE Chokolka Boulevard, Micanopy—
Info: Pat Morse or Fay Baird

Jacksonville: Second Monday and Fourth Sunday—7:00-9:00 p.m.—Jacksonville Church of the Brethren, 4554 Prunty Avenue—Info: Heather Palmer or FB jaxsacredharp

Pensacola: Second Friday—5:30-7:30 p.m.—*Cooper Revision*: —Governor Perry Home, 6 E Wright Street—Date and location subject to change—Info: Ryan Bowman

Tallahassee: Monday after fourth Sunday—7:00 p.m.—*Multiple Books:* —Tallahassee Friends Meetinghouse, 2001 S. Magnolia Dr—Info: Morgan Bunch

Tallahassee: Friday before third Sunday—7:00 p.m.—Holy Comforter Episcopal Church, 2015 Fleischmann Rd—Info: Alice Bejnar

Georgia

Albany: Third Saturday except December—6:00-8:00 p.m.—St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 212 N. Jefferson St. (enter through bell tower doors)—Info: Laurin Harrison

Atlanta: Second and fourth Wednesday—7:00 p.m.—Saint John the Wonderworker Orthodox Church, 543 Cherokee Ave., SE—Info: Matt Hinton or John Kelso or Jesse P. Karlsberg

Atlanta: Third Sunday—6:00 p.m. Singing School—6:30 p.m. singing—Church of Our Saviour, 1068 North Highland Ave., NE—Info: Amy Armstrong Wells or Jesse P. Karlsberg

Alpharetta: Go east on Old Milton for 2.6 miles—Turn left at light onto Kimball Bridge Road—Go 0.2 miles—Church on left—Info: Faye Holbrook

Alpharetta: Friday before the third Sunday, September, October, February, and April—7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.—S.O.F.A. Singing—Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church—Take Georgia Hwy. 400—Exit 10—Old Milton Parkway

Athens: Monthly evening singings, dates and locations vary—Info: John Hollingsworth

Bremen: Third Thursday—7:00-9:00 p.m.—Holly Springs Primitive Baptist Church

Decatur: First Thursday (Except for December)—7:30-9:30 p.m.—Emory Presbyterian Church—1886 North Decatur Road,—Info: David Brodeur or John Plunkett

Hoboken: Saturday before the third Sunday in each month—7:00 p.m.—Hoboken Elementary School—Take 82 East to Hoboken to the second caution light—Turn left on Kelly—Cross R.R. tracks—Take second paved street to the left—Go to the end of the block—The school and parking are on the right—Info: David/Kathy Lee Clarke/Julie Lee

Savannah: Saturday before second Sunday each month—2:00-4:00 p.m.—Fellowship Hall, Ferguson Avenue Baptist Church, 10050 Ferguson Ave—Info: Dawn Stanford, dawnipawni@gmail.com

Valdosta: First Friday night every month—7:00-9:00 p.m.—*Cooper Book:* —VSU Music Annex, 1603 North Patterson—Info: Steven Taylor

Illinois

Chicago area: Second and fourth Sunday of each month—3:00-5:00 p.m.—Info: Susan Geil

Chicago: Third Sunday—4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.—Various locations—Info: Cathryn Bearov

Decatur: Third Sunday in February, May, August and November—2:00-4:00 p.m.—Rock Springs Nature Center—Info: Terry Hogg

Fox Valley: First and third Tuesday—7:00-9:00 p.m.—Cornerstone Church, 41W170 Russell Rd, Elgin—Info: Ryan Wheeler

Hyde Park/Chicago: Thursdays—7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.—Location varies—Info: Cathryn Bearov

Urbana: Third Sunday—3:00-5:00 p.m.—First United Methodist Church—Info: MaryE Yeomans or Terry Hogg

Indiana

Bloomington: Second and fourth Tuesdays—7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.—Fairview United Methodist Church, Fellowship Hall, 600 W. 6th St, (basement level, entrance on corner of 6th and Jackson)—Info: John Hoerr or www.bloomingtonsacredharp.org

Goshen: First Sunday in each month (except January and July)—3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.—Vista Community Health Center, 808 N 3rd Street, Goshen—Info: James Nelson Gingerich or Samuel Sommers

Howard County: Second Sunday afternoon of each month—2:00-5:00 p.m.—Bahler residence—4903 N. County Road 200 E., Howard County, near Kokomo—Info: Brad Bahler

Iowa

Cedar Rapids: Third Saturday—1:00-3:00 p.m.—Kenwood Park United Methodist Church, 175 34th St. NE (entrance and parking on north side)—Info: Bryan Davis

Fairfield: Every Sunday—7:30-9:30 p.m.—Location varies—Info: Jennifer Hamilton

Kansas

Lawrence: Third Sunday—1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.—usually at Oread Friend Meeting building, 1146 Oregon Street—Info: Brad Levy

Kentucky

Berea: First and third Sunday—1:30-3:00 p.m.—Union Church—Corner of Main and Prospect (enter from parking lot by ramp)—Info: Kent Gilbert

Lexington: Second Sunday, September through May—3:00-5:00 p.m.—Niles Center of the Lucille Little Library at the University of Kentucky—Info: Mary Brinkman, mary.brinkman@uky.edu

Louisville: Third Sunday—2:30-4:30 p.m.—Ohio Valley Shape Note Singers—Vine Street Baptist Church—Info: Michele Cull

Whitesburg: First and third Saturdays of each month—2:00-5:00 p.m.—The Appalshop, 91 Madison Ave., Whitesburg 41858—Info: Ben Fink, ben.fink@gmail.com

Louisiana

Baton Rouge: Fourth Sunday—2:00-4:30 p.m.—St. Alban's Chapel on the LSU campus—Info: Charlene Heaton

New Orleans: Bi-Weekly Practice Singings—Time and location varies—Info: Ateven (504.371.2352) or atevenp@gmail.com

Maine

Belfast: Third Sunday—2:00-5:00 p.m.—Location varies—Info: Emma Schwartz or singing@mainesacredharp.org

Damariscotta: Fourth Sunday—2:00-5:00 p.m.—Location varies—Info: Barb Ames or Corrone Bryant or singing@mainesacredharp.org

Downeast: First Saturday—2:00-4:00 p.m.—CCLC, 10 Commissary Point Rd, Trescott—Info: Kris Paprocki, kwpaprocki@gmail.com

Portland: First Sunday—2:00-5:00 p.m.—New Church, 302 Stevens Avenue—Info: Elizabeth Stoddard or singing@mainesacredharp.org

Portland: Every Tuesday—7:00-9:00 p.m.—First Parish Church, 425 Congress St—Info: Jesse Vear or singing@mainesacredharp.org

Waterville: Third Sunday—2:00-5:00 p.m.—First Baptist Church, 1 Park Street—Info: Peter Golden or watervillesingings@mainesacredharp.org

Maryland

Baltimore: Second Sunday—4:00-8:00 p.m.—Christ United Methodist Church of the Deaf—1040 South Beechfield Ave.—Info: Elizabeth Cusick

Baltimore: First and third Thursdays—7:00-9:30 p.m.—*1991 Edition and Shenandoah Harmony*:—Peace Chapel of the Cathedral of the Incarnation, 4 E. University Parkway—Info: Nora Miller or Facebook groups

Sandy Spring: Third Sundays—4:00-6:00 p.m.—17801 Meetinghouse Road, in the small schoolhouse behind the Community Building—Info: David Greene

Massachusetts

Amherst: First Sundays—2:00-4:30 p.m.—*Multiple Books*:—The Octagon on the Amherst College Campus—Info: Linda Shea

Boston (Newton): Second Monday—7:45 p.m.-10:00 p.m.—Church of the Redeemer, 379 Hammond St. Newton—Info: Bob Parr, parr@ll.mit.edu or Sylvia Martin, warbler@neomailbox.ch

Boston: Second Sunday—4:00-7:00 p.m.—St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 15 St. Paul Street, Brookline—Info: Christina Wallin or www.bostonsacredharp.org

Boston (Beacon Hill): Third Thursdays—7:00-9:00 p.m.—*1991 Edition and Shenandoah Harmony*:—Beacon Hill Friend Meeting, 8 Chestnut St—Info: Michael Brown

Boston (Cambridge): Wednesdays after first and third Sunday—6:00-8:00 p.m.—Harvard Divinity Hall, 14 Divinity Ave—Please check in advance—Info: Patrick Burrows or Micah John Walter or www.bostonsacredharp.org

Greenfield: Fifth Sundays—Time and location varies—*Cooper Book*:—Info: Wendy Sibbison or Eliza Cavanaugh

Lenox: Third Sunday—Singing School 1:00-2:00 p.m.—Regular Singing 2:00-4:00 p.m.—55 Main St—Info: Allison Steel

Leyden: Every fifth Thursday—Potluck supper at 6:00 p.m.—singing from 7:00-10:00 p.m.—*Various books used*:—910 Greenfield Rd.—Info: Laura Timmerman

Newburyport: Third Sunday—3:00-5:30 p.m.—*1991 edition and Cooper revision*:—Belleville Congregational Church, 300 High St.—Info: Chris Noren

Northampton: Every Tuesday—7:00-10:00 p.m.—Helen Hills Chapel, Smith College—Info: Linda Shea

Michigan

Ann Arbor: Second Sunday—1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.—The Ark Coffeehouse—316 S. Main—(734.761.1800)—Info: Charlotte Wolfe

Detroit: First Wednesday—7:00-9:00 p.m.—Cathedral Church of St. Paul, 4800 Woodward Ave—Info: Jamie Yeats

East Lansing: First & third Mondays—7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.—Edgewood United Church, 469 North Hagadorn Rd—Info: Bob Borcherdig

Grand Rapids: First Saturdays—9:30-11:15 a.m.—Christ Church, 2500 Breton Rd, SE—Info: Susan Guerra

Kalamazoo: Third Sunday—4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.—Pot luck dinner following—529 Pinehurst Blvd.—Info: Bill and Martha Beverly

Lake Orion: Fourth Sunday—2:00-5:00 p.m.—St. Mary's In-The-Hills Episcopal Church, 2512 Joslyn Ct—Info: Jamie Yeats

Minnesota

Duluth: First Sundays—2:00-4:00 p.m.—Duluth Friends Meeting House, 1802 East First St—Info: Larry Spears

Minneapolis (Dinkytown): Tuesday nights—5:30-7:30 p.m.—*Cooper Book*: —University Baptist Church—1219 University Ave. SE—near the campus of the University of Minnesota—Info: Matt Wells

Minneapolis (Dinkytown): Third Sunday—4:00-6:00 p.m.—*Shenandoah Harmony*: —University Baptist Church—1219 University Ave. SE—near the campus of the University of Minnesota—Info: Matt Wells

Minneapolis (Dinkytown): Fourth Sundays—5:00-7:00 p.m.—*Cooper Book*: —University Baptist Church—1219 University Ave. SE—near the campus of the University of Minnesota—Info: Matt Wells

Northfield: Second Thursdays—6:30-8:30 p.m.—Cannon Valley Friends Meetinghouse, 512 Washington St.

Minneapolis (Saint Paul): Second Sundays—5:00-7:00 p.m.—Saint Sahag's Armenian Church, 203 N. Howell Street—Info: Matt Wells mnfasola.org

Mississippi

Bruce: Third Sundays, November through March—1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.—Bethel Primitive Baptist Church—Info: Warren Steel or Mark Davis

Jackson: Second Wednesday—6:00-8:00 p.m.—Beit Ha Torah Messianic Synagogue, Florence. Call for directions—Info: Mark Davis / Henry McGuire

Missouri

Cape Girardeau: Fourth Saturday—3:00-5:00 p.m.—*1991 Edition*: —Christ Episcopal Church, 101 N. Fountain St.—Info: stlfasola.org/cape.htm

Columbia: Second and Fourth Tuesdays—7:30 p.m.—Trinity Presbyterian Church—Rollins Rd.—Info: Wendy Hofmann or Penny/Lou Kujawinski

Hannibal: Second Saturday (except March, May, and September)—2:30-5:00 p.m.—Old Paths Bible Church, outside of Bowling Green—Info: Tommy Schultz

Kansas City: See listing under Lawrence, Kansas

Saint Louis: First, third, and fifth Mondays—7:00-9:30 p.m.—*Sacred Harp, 1991 edition and Missouri Harmony, 2005*: —Info: Paul Figura / Dave Ressler

Montana

Billings: Third Sundays—3:30-5:00 p.m.—St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, 180 S. 24th Street West (enter through south door)—Info: Gayla Bradberry

Missoula: Occasional singings—Info: Beverly Young

Nebraska

Lincoln: Third Sundays of each month—2:00 p.m.—CGS Music Store, 1244 High Street, (13th and High), basement—Info: (402) 328-0677

Omaha: Second Sunday of the month—1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.—St. Vincent's Orthodox Church—2502 North 51st Street—Info: Jim Solheim, jim@jamesolheim.com

New Hampshire

Berlin: Third Saturdays—6:00-9:00 p.m.—WREN Makers' Space, 117 Main Street—Please call or email ahead as the location occasionally changes—Info: Carly Goss

Hanover: Second Thursdays—7:00-9:30 p.m.—Hanover Friends Meetinghouse—Info: Dan Hertzler

Nelson: Second Sunday—2:00-4:00 p.m.—Nelson Congregational Church (on the green)—Info: Eric and Sara Sandberg

Nelson: First and third Thursdays—7:00-9:00 p.m.—820 Nelson Rd. (across from church)—Info: Eric and Sara Sandberg

New Jersey

Princeton: Third Sunday—1:30-3:30 p.m.—October-July (no singing in August and September)—Lawrenceville School Chapel, Craven Lane at Rt. 206 in Lawrenceville—Info: Leon Pulsinelle

Upper Montclair: Fourth Sunday—2:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m.—Montclair Friends Meetinghouse—289 Park Street—Info: Gina Balestracci

New Mexico

Albuquerque: Second and fourth Sundays—2:00-5:00 p.m.—Immanuel Presbyterian Church-114 Carlisle SE—Info: Nancy Nortz

Las Cruces: Second and fourth Tuesday—7:00 p.m.—Unitarian Universalist Church, 2000 S. Solano Drive—Info: Eric Morgan or Donna Sewell

Las Cruces: First Sunday—2:00-4:00 p.m.—Hallmark at the Village community room, 2880 N Roadrunner Pkwy—Info: Eric Morgan or Donna Sewell

New York

New York City Singings: Information—Info: nysacredharp.org

Albany (Schenectady): Every Wednesday evening—6:00-8:00 p.m.—St. George's Episcopal Church, 30 N Ferry St, Schenectady, New York—Info: Tarik Wareh/albanyacredharp.org

Altamont: Old Songs Festival (June)—Altamont Fairgrounds—Altamont, New York—Morning singing, workshops—Always held the last full weekend in June, the last Sunday and the Friday and Saturday before.

Annandale-on-Hudson: Every Sunday—12:30-2:30 p.m.—Bard Hall at Bard College—Info: Keillor Mose, km6697@bard.edu, Ezekiel Rosenberg, er4196@bard.edu, Jonathan Mildner, jm2801@bard.edu

Bovina: Second Tuesday—6:00-8:30 p.m.—United Presbyterian Church, Bovina Center—Info: sacredharpcatskills@gmail.com

Buffalo: Third Sunday—4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.—At the home of Vince

Kuntz—Elmwood West Ferry, neighborhood of Buffalo—Info: Vince Kuntz

Chestnut Ridge: Tuesdays—7:30-8:30 p.m.—Hilltop—Info: Joel Franklin

Clinton: First Wednesday—7:00-9:00 p.m.—St. James Episcopal Church—9 Williams St.—Info: Barbara Swetman or Margaret and Ron Bornick

Huntington Station: Second Sunday—1:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.—Bethany Presbyterian Church—425 Maplewood Road—Info: Terry Ryan

Ithaca: Third Sunday—2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.—First Baptist Church—309 N. Cayuga St.—Info: Ginny Huszagh

Kingston: Meets twice a month on Second Wednesday and Fourth Tuesday—7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.—Holy Cross Episcopal Church—Info: Jim Ulrich

New York City (Carroll Gardens, Brooklyn): Second Sundays—2:00-5:00 p.m.—St. Paul's Episcopal Church—199 Carroll Street (near the corner of Clinton Street; singing is upstairs in parish house)—Info: Nancy Mandel, nbmandel@hotmail.com

New York City (Upper East Side, Manhattan): Third Sundays—1:30-4:30 p.m.—(September-May)—Church of The Epiphany, 1393 York Ave (corner of E. 74th St; entrance on 74th St; chapel is to the right of the main sanctuary)—Info: Aldo Ceresa, nysacredharp@gmail.com

New York City (Greenwich Village, Manhattan): Wednesdays weekly—7:00-9:30 p.m.—St. John's Lutheran Church, 81 Christopher St (between Bleecker & W. 4th Streets, near 7th Ave. S)—Info: Aldo Ceresa, nysacredharp@gmail.com

New York City (East Village, Manhattan): First Sundays—3:00-6:00 p.m.—Jimmy's No. 43, 43 E 7th St (between 2nd & 3rd Aves)—Info: Aldo Ceresa, nycsacredharp@gmail.com

New York City (Gramercy, Manhattan): Saturdays before Fourth Sundays—2:00-5:00 p.m.—*Christian Harmony and gospel*:—Menno House, 314 E 19th St (between 1st & 2nd Aves)—Info: Mary Ellen Schrock, meschrock47@gmail.com

Plattsburgh: Sunday (floating)—1-4:30 p.m.—Unitarian Universalist Church—4 Palmer St.—we have refreshment break—Info: Bruce Kokernot

Rochester: Second Sunday—2:00-5:00 p.m.—Mennonite Fellowship Church—111 Hillside Ave.—Rochester, New York (14610 between Winton Road and Norris Drive, next to School #1)—Info: Chris Haller or Thom Metzger or Sue Hengelsberg

Syracuse: Second Sunday—2:00-4:00 p.m.—May Memorial UU Society, 3800 East Genesee St—Info: <http://sacredharp.wix.com/syracuse>

Woodstock: Fourth Wednesday—6:00-8:30 p.m.—Edwina and Tom Unrath, 57 Harmati Lane, Shady, NY, 845-679-1273

North Carolina

Durham: Second Sundays—2:00-4:00 p.m.—First Presbyterian Church, 305 E. Main St.—Info: ncshapenote.org

Durham: Wednesday evenings—7:30-10:00 p.m.—Location varies—Info: Kathy Kaiser

Raleigh: Fourth Sunday—1:50-3:50 p.m.—Mordecai Historic Park, One Mimosa St.—Info: ncshapenote.org, Lynda Hambourger

Swannanoa: Third Sundays, September through May—3:00-5:00 p.m.—Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church, Fellowship Hall—Info: Sarah and Kevin Kehrberg

Wilmington: Last Sunday of the month—2:00-4:00 p.m.; Beginner's instruction at 1:30—Cameron Art Museum, 3201 S. 17th St—Info: 910.599.0398

Winston-Salem: First Sunday—7:00-9:00 p.m.—St. Anne's Episcopal Church, 2690 Fairlawn Drive—Info: Tom Dillon

Ohio

Cincinnati: Second Sundays—4:30-7:30 p.m. (with potluck meal)—Community Friends Meeting, 3960 Winding Way in North Avondale—Info: <http://cincysacredharp.ej345.com>

Columbus: First and Third Sundays—4:00-6:00 p.m.—St. James Episcopal Church, 3400 Calumet St—Info: Michael Darby / Laura Russell / columbussacredharp.org

Dayton: Fourth Sundays (September-May)—3:00-6:00 p.m.—Lutheran Church of Our Savior, 155 East Thruston Blvd (Oakwood)—Info: daytonsacredharp.org

Oklahoma

Edmond: Fourth Thursdays—6:30-8:30 p.m.—2624 Sunflower Dr—Info: Nancy Price or OKCSacredHarpSingers@gmail.com

Oregon

Eugene: Second and fourth Thursdays—7:30-9:00 p.m.—Location varies—Info: Jean Murphy / Karen Stingle

La Grande: Second Sundays—6:00 p.m.—The Olde Meeting House (Quakers/Friends)—Info: Carla Arnold

La Grande: Every other Tuesday—4:30-6:30 p.m.—In a private home, location changes—Info: Carla Arnold

Portland: Every First Sunday—2:00-4:00 p.m.—*Cooper Book*: —Waverly Heights UCC, Fellowship Hall, 3300 SE Woodward—Info: Betsy Jeronen, jeronenbetsy@gmail.com

Portland: Every Second Sunday—5:00-7:00 p.m.—*1991 Edition*: —People's Co-Op—3029 SE 21st Ave, Community Room—Info: Betsy Jeronen, jeronenbetsy@gmail.com

Portland: Every Third Sunday—2:00-4:00 p.m.—*1991 Edition*: —Cedar Hills UCC, 1169 SW Park Way—Info: Betsy Jeronen, jeronenbetsy@gmail.com

Portland: Every Fourth Sunday—3:00-6:00 p.m.—*1991 Edition*: —McMenamins Kennedy School, Community Room (SE Corner of the building), 5736 NE 33rd-singing school first hour—Info: Betsy Jeronen, jeronenbetsy@gmail.com

Portland: Every last Thursday—7:00-9:00 p.m.—McMenamins Kennedy School, Community Room (SE Corner of the building), 5736 NE 33rd—Info: Betsy Jeronen, jeronenbetsy@gmail.com

Portland: Every first Friday—5:00-7:00 p.m.—*Christian Harmony*: —People's Co-op, 3029 SE 21st Ave, Community Room—Info: Betsy Jeronen, jeronenbetsy@gmail.com

Salem: Every Monday—7:00-9:00 p.m.—Info: Melissa Stephenson or www.salemsacredharp.org

Pennsylvania

Douglassville (near Reading): Third and fourth Sundays—6:30 p.m.—Exeter Friends Meetinghouse, 191 Meetinghouse Road—Berks Sacred Harp Singers—Info: Ted Stokes

Edinboro: Fourth Sunday of each month—2:00-5:00 p.m.—5170 Crane Road (just north of town, off 99), Edinboro—Info: Gerry Hoffman

Lancaster: First Sunday—2:30-5:00 p.m.—Strickler's Barn, 1855 Stony Battery Road, Mountville, 17552—Info: Elizabeth Patton or Ruth Wampler

Philadelphia (Havertown): Second Fridays—7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.—St. James Church—Havertown—Info: Marian McKenzie and Walter Smith

Philadelphia (University City): Second Sundays—5:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.; Potluck at 6:30 p.m.—Parish Hall, St. Mary's Church, 3916 Locust Walk (on University of Pennsylvania Campus)—Info: Rachel Hall

Philadelphia (West Philly): Fourth Thursday—7:30-9:30 p.m.—The A-Space, 4722 Baltimore Ave—Info: Elizabeth Stokes

Pittsburgh: Second Saturday—1:30-4:30 p.m.—St. Andrew Lutheran Church—Info: Penny Anderson

State College: Second and fourth Mondays of each month—7:00-8:30 p.m.—University Mennonite Church, 1606 Norma St.—Info: Hal Kunkel

West Chester: First and Third Mondays (usually)—7:00-9:00 p.m.—Birmingham Friends Meetinghouse, a few minutes south of West Chester—The singings are held twice a month, but call ahead for we shift the dates because of Monday holidays.—Info: Laura Densmore

Wilkes-Barre (Dallas): Meets irregularly—Info: David Martin

Rhode Island

Providence: Fourth Sundays—3:00-6:00 p.m.—Providence Friends Meeting House, 99 Morris Ave (corner of Olney St)—Info: ri-sacredharp.net/singings.html

Providence: Weekly, Thursdays during the school year (Sep-early Dec and late Jan-April)—5:00-7:00 p.m.—Brown University Campus—Info: ri-sacredharp.net/singings.html

South Carolina

Charleston: Fourth Saturdays (occasionally Third)—2:00-4:00 p.m.—Circular Congregational Church, 150 Meeting Street—Info: Stephen Jones, ss_jones@bellsouth.net

Greenville: Friday night before the third Sunday each month—7:00-9:00 p.m.—First Christian Church—704 Edwards Rd. 29615—Info: Leon and Frances Carnell

Tennessee

Chattanooga: Third Thursday—7:00 p.m.—St. Elmo Fire Hall, 4501 St. Elmo Ave, Chattanooga—Info: Rachel Rudi or Judy Mincey

Cleveland/Chattanooga: Second Saturday, except June and July—2:30-4:30 p.m.—Location TBA—Info: Daryl Chesney

Johnson City: Third Sunday—2:00-4:00 p.m.—*Christian Harmony 2010:* —St. John's Episcopal Church, 500 North Roan Street—Info: Don Wiley

Knoxville: (New Harp of Columbia)—Info: Sara Baskin

Nashville: First Sundays—3:00-5:00 p.m.—Room 124, Belmont United Methodist Church—2007 Acklen Ave, Nashville, Tennessee—Info: Sandie Scott

Texas

Austin (Travis Co.): Every Wednesday evening—7:00-9:00 p.m.—Fellowship Hall—Hyde Park Christian Church—610 E. 45th St.—Info: Gaylon Powell

Buda: Third Friday evening—7:00-9:00 p.m.—Southern Hills Church of Christ, 3740 FM 967, 4 miles west of Buda, Texas—Info: Lindsey Wiggins or Gaylon Powell

Dallas: Third Saturday—2:00-4:30 p.m.—(1991 Edition/Cooper Revision): —Highland Park Presbyterian Church, 3821 University Blvd—Info: Sonny Erwin or Cheryl Foreman

East Texas: First Monday—6:00-8:00 p.m.—*Cooper and Denson:* —Rotates among three churches—Westminster at Nacogdoches, Smyrna near Mt. Enterprise, and Zion Hill near Henderson—Info: David Rousseau or Robert Vaughn

Fort Worth: Second Saturday—3:00-5:00 p.m.—(1991 Edition): —King of Glory Lutheran Church, 1659 Sandy Lane—Info: Chloe Webb

Houston: First Sunday afternoon—2:00-4:00 p.m.—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition/Cooper Book:* —Spring Woods Baptist Church, 10131 Emnora Lane (Emnora just east of Gessner in Activity Bldg)—Info: Barbara Smith

Kennard: Second and Fourth Tuesdays—7:00-8:00 p.m. (covered dish at 6:00 p.m.)—(Cooper Revision): —Kennard Auto, corner of Main and Broadway—Info: Jerry/Margaret Wright

San Antonio: First Saturdays (except December)—2:00-4:00 p.m.—Coker United Methodist Church, Gibbs Bldg, 1st floor, 231 E. North Loop Road or entry off Wurzbach Parkway—Info: Mike Hinton or Janie Short

Utah

Provo: Second Tuesdays—7:00-9:00 p.m.—St. Mary's Episcopal Church—50 West 200 North—Info: Stan/Jenny Jensen

Salt Lake City: First Tuesdays—7:00-9:00 p.m.—All Saints Episcopal Church, 1710 Foothill Dr.—Info: Stan/Jenny Jensen

Salt Lake City: Fourth Tuesdays—7:00-9:00 p.m.—(Cooper Book): —Home of Lynn and Pam Carson, 1480 Edison (1480 South 145 East)—Info: Stan/Jenny Jensen

Vermont

Brattleboro: First and Third Sundays—7:00-9:00 p.m.—KidsPlayce, 20 Elliot St—Info: Cuvv Lever

Burlington: Every Tuesday—6:30-8:30 p.m.—Ira Allen Chapel, 26 University Place—Info: Kerry Cullinan

Derby Line: Fourth Sundays—3:00 p.m. with a pot-luck—Universalist Unitarian Church Hall—the church is about 500 feet from the International Border Line between Canada and the US—call/write to confirm—Info: Troad (Julia Richmond)

Glover: Second and fourth Tuesdays and Thursdays—Singing is held on Second Thursday in the winter, 7:00 p.m.; and every Tuesdays in the Summer, 7:30 p.m.—Bread and Puppet Farm—Rt. 122—Info: Linda Wells

Middlebury: First Sundays—1:00-3:00 p.m.—Middlebury Community Music Center, 6 Main St.—Info: Deb Moody, moody.debby@gmail.com

Norwich: Fourth Sunday—1:30-4:30 p.m.—St. Barnabas Church parish hall—Info: Dan Hertzler (See also Hanover, New Hampshire)

Plainfield: Second Sundays, September through June—3:00-5:00 p.m.—Plainfield Community Center, 153 Main St.—Info: Pat Mayhew or Ann Flight

Virginia

Charlottesville: Fourth Saturday—4:00-7:30 p.m.—Charlottesville Friends Meeting House, 1104 Forest St—Info: Diane Ober or John Alexander

Charlottesville: Second Tuesday—7:30-9:00 p.m.—Friends Meeting House, 1104 Forest St—Info: Diane Ober or John Alexander

Floyd: Second Tuesday—6:30-8:30 p.m.—Sweet Providence Farm, 3313 Floyd Hwy N, Floyd, VA 24091—Info: Chris Wolf, chrisfromground2plate@gmail.com

Floyd: Fourth Tuesday—6:30-8:30 p.m.—Presbyterian Church of Floyd, 169 Newtown Rd NE, Floyd, VA 24091—Info: Chris Wolf, chrisfromground2plate@gmail.com

Northern Shenandoah Valley: First Saturday—4:00 p.m.—Potluck at 6 p.m.—Close to Winchester and Berryville—Info: John delRe and Kelly Macklin

Oakton: Third Sunday—5:00-7:30 p.m.—Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Rd. (classroom 1)—Info: John delRe and Kelly Macklin, jdelre@visuallink.com

Richmond Sacred Harp Singers/Ashland: First and Third Tuesday—7:00-9:00 p.m.—Info: Leyland delRe

Washington

Olympia: Second and third Sundays: 5:00-7:00 p.m. and Friday before fourth Sunday: 7:00-9:00 p.m.—Info: Marla Beth Elliott

Seattle: Second and Fourth Sundays—6:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.—Info: Clarissa Fetrow or Bob Schinske

Seattle: Third Fridays—Supper at 6:00 p.m.; Singing 7:00-9:00 p.m.—Info: Kathy Vlach

Tacoma: First Sundays—3:00-5:00 p.m.—Info: Karen Willard

Tri-Cities: Second and fourth Thursdays—6:30-8:30 p.m.—Info: Tricities@pacificnwsacredharpsingers.org

Vashon Island: Meets most months on Saturday before the third Sunday—Info: VashonIslandContact@pacificnwsacredharpsingers.org

Whidbey Island: First Sundays (most months)—3:00-5:00 p.m.—Langley Methodist Fellowship Hall, Anthes Street—Info: Bruce Rowland

Wisconsin

Madison: usually first and third Sundays—2:00-4:00 p.m.—Location varies—Info: James Page

Blackwood: Usually Third Sunday—1:00-2:00 p.m.—Blackwood Uniting Church, Martin Street

Melbourne: First Sunday—4:00-6:00 p.m.—Brunswick Uniting Church, Sydney Road (opposite the Town Hall)—Info: Natalie Sims/Shawn Whelan, sacred_harp@yahoo.com.au

Sydney: Second Sundays—3:00-6:00 p.m.—Dickson Street Space in Newtown—Info: Eimear Cradock

Wyoming

Laramie: Tuesdays—1:30-2:30 p.m.—Info: Chris Anderson, chrisas1@gmail.com

Australia

Sydney: Second Sunday—3:00-6:00 p.m.—Dickson Street Space, Newtown—Info: sacredharpaustralia.com

Sydney: Fourth Sunday—3:00-6:00 p.m.—Erskineville Town Hall—Info: sacredharpaustralia.com

Canada

Grafton, Ontario: Second Sunday—7:00-9:00 p.m.—Grafton Community Centre, 718 Station Rd.—Info: Elizabeth Barlow, sheltevalleyshapenote@gmail.com

Guelph, Ontario: Third Friday each month—7:00-9:00 p.m.—Priory Park Baptist Church, 8 Torch Lane, (off Janefield Ave) Location may change, call or email to confirm—Info: Sue Woodward, bill.sue.woodward@sympatico.ca

Ottawa, Ontario: Third Tuesdays, September-May—8:00 p.m.—23 Warren Ave—Info: Catherine Burns or ottawashapenote in Google Groups

Toronto, Ontario: Third Wednesdays—7:30-9:30 p.m.—Bloor Street United Church, 300 Bloor St. W. (at Huron)—Info: Pleasance Crawford / www.torontoshapenote.org

Cowichan Valley, Vancouver Island, BC: First Saturday—10:00 a.m.-noon—location varies—Info: shapenotecowichan@gmail.com

Vancouver, BC: Every Thursday—7:00-9:00 p.m.—Grandview Calvary Baptist Church—Info: <https://vancouvershapenote.wordpress.com/>

Montreal, Quebec: Tuesdays—7:30-9:30 p.m.—National Theatre School, 5030 rue Saint-Denis, Room 247—Info: Dara Weiss or Facebook

Winnipeg: Generally second Wednesday—7:00-9:00 p.m.—Crescent Fort Rouge United Church, 525 Wardlaw Ave.—Info: “Peg City FaSoLa” on Facebook

Germany

Berlin: Every Thursday—7:30-10:00 p.m.—Sharehaus Refugio-Lenastr. 4, 12047—Info: Caro Stamm-Reusch or www.sacredharpberlin.de

Cologne: Every Sunday—6:00 p.m.—Info: www.sacredharpcologne.com/english.html

Holland

Amsterdam: Every second Friday of the month—7:45 p.m.—Info: www.sacredharp.nl

Ireland

Cork: Every Thursday—7:00-9:00 p.m.—Unitarian Church, Princes Street, Cork—Info: corksacredharp.com

Dublin: Every Friday—7:30-9:00 p.m.—back of Franciscan Friary on Cook Street, Dublin 8—the entrance is through a grey door in a pink wall, on the right of the street from the city centre—Info: sacredharpdublin@gmail.com

Japan

Tokyo: Third Tuesday—7:00-9:00 p.m.—Ikebukuro Anglican Church, 5-24-5, Nishi-Ikebukuro, Toshima Ward—Info: Peter Evan or Tim Cook, Tokyo.sacred.harp@gmail.com

Korea

Seoul: Every Saturday—3:00-5:00 p.m.—Seoul Anglican Cathedral—Info: Brian Sears/Phillipa Gowdy-Jaehnig/Tyler Rasch

Norway

Oslo: First Sunday—2:00 p.m.—American Lutheran Church—Info: Jessica Sligter
Oslo: Thursday before third Sunday—7:00 p.m.—Uranienborgveien 2 (location varies)—Info: Jessica Sligter

Poland

Warsaw: Every Monday—7:30 p.m.—Freta 10, Dominicans friary—Info: Magdalena Gryszko, or Facebook: Sacred Harp Poland

Sweden

Uppsala: Sundays, odd weeks—7:00 p.m.—Eriksbergskyrkan—Info: Zack Lindahl

United Kingdom

Belfast: Every Sunday—7:30-9:30 p.m.—Corrymeela House, 8 Upper Crescent—Info: www.belfastsacredharp.com

Birmingham: Fourth Thursday monthly—Info: Ian West

Brighton: Last Wednesday monthly—Info: www.brightonshapenote.weebly.com

Bristol: Tuesday weekly—Info: Matthew Parkinson

Derby: First Friday monthly—Info: Helen Brown

Edinburgh: Third Friday monthly—7:00-9:30 p.m.—Info: shapenotescotland.weebly.com/

Gateshead: Second Sunday—Info: Helen Barbour

Glasgow: First Friday monthly—7:00-9:30 p.m.—Info: shapenotescotland.weebly.com/

Herts: First Friday monthly—7:30-10:00 p.m.—Info: Steve/Mary Welch

Leeds: Third Monday—Info: Susan Carr

Lewes: Second Monday—Info: Rachel Jordan/Nick Hall

London: Weekly singings—Info: londonsacredharp.org or Michael Walker

Manchester: Last Monday—7:00 p.m.—Sacred Trinity Church, Chapel Street, Salford—Info: Hannah Land

Newcastle upon Tyne: Every Tuesday—7:30 p.m.—Bridge Hotel, Castle Square—Info: Phil Tyler

Norwich: Every Monday—7:00 p.m.—Octagon Unitarian Chapel, Colegate—Info: Cath Saunt

Scarborough: First Tuesday—Info: Sally Greaves-Lord

Sheffield: First Monday—Info: Carmel Wood

DIRECTIONS TO CHURCHES WITH MULTIPLE SINGINGS

Alabama

Concord Primitive Baptist Church—Winfield (Marion County), Alabama—0.7 mile south of County Road 14—From Hwy. 78 in Winfield—Take Hwy. 129 North—County Road 14 turns west off Hwy. 129, then left at Church sign—Church is 0.7 mile on right

County Line Church—(Jefferson County), Alabama—Near Corner, off Miller Road—9 miles west of Warrior—Exit 284 off I-65 (Hayden/Corner Exit)—Turn left off the ramp—Turn right (Blount County Road 8)—Go approx. 7 miles—Turn left on Miller Road—Church is on right

Gum Pond Primitive Baptist Church—(Morgan County), Alabama—2086 Gum Pond Road, Eva, Alabama, 35621—Located on the eastern side of Gum Pond Road in Morgan County, Alabama—From Alabama Hwy. 67, turn on Gum Pond Road at mile marker 16 between Ryan and Florette—Go about 4 miles to the church—From Alabama Hwy. 69 at Fairview, turn north on County Road 1527 (Wesley Ave., north)—Go about 3.5 miles, turn right on County Road 1544—About 3.5 miles to church

Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church—(Blount County), Alabama—3596 Airport Road, Altoona—6 miles east of Oneonta—1 mile east of Oneonta Airport—From I59—Take Hwy. 231 north—Go beyond mile marker 248—Take first paved road on right at sign for Robin Hill Baptist Church—Go to dead end—Turn right—Church is on left

King School House—Mt. Vernon Baptist Church (Winston County), Alabama—Near Natural Bridge—3 miles east of Natural Bridge—turn on County Road 357 between mile markers 30 and 31, off U.S. Hwy. 278

Liberty Church—Henagar (DeKalb County), Alabama—2 miles north of Henagar on Liberty Road—From Henagar Crossing—Take Hwy. 40 west 0.6 mile to the Farmers Telephone Cooperative—Turn right and go to dead end—Turn right—Take first left past Henagar Methodist Church (Liberty Road)—Church is on right after 1.3 miles

Liberty Church—McCormick (Jefferson County), Alabama—2.5 miles southwest of Sumiton—Turn off Hwy 78 onto Hollis Goodwin Road—Go .7 mile (past New Horizon Funeral Home and cemetery) to McCormick Road—turn left—Church is on left

Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church—(Fayette County), Alabama—8 miles northwest of Fayette—Take State Highway 18 west from Fayette—Turn right, north, on State Highway 107—Go approximately 4 miles—Turn right on Mt. Lebanon Road (you will have passed Ballinger Road about midway)—There should be a sign—Church is on the left

Mt. Zion Primitive Baptist Church—(Clay County), Alabama—6 miles southwest of Ashland—In Ashland, turn south on AL Hwy. 9, turn right, west, on County Road 5 North. The church is a little over a mile on the left

Muscadine Methodist Church—(Cleburne County), Alabama—Corner of County Road 267 and County Road 49, Muscadine, Alabama—Take US Hwy 78 to Muscadine, turn south on County Road 49, go 1 mile. Church on the right

Pine Grove Church—Lookout Mountain, near Collinsville (DeKalb County), Alabama—Take I-59 and turn east on Hwy. 68 (exit 205)—Follow signs to U.S.

11—Go south on U.S. 11—Look for sign to church between mile markers 210 and 211 (turn is almost directly in line with mile marker 211, Hwy. 469)—Go 2.6 miles, follow signs

Pleasant Grove Primitive Baptist Church—Boldo (Walker County), Alabama—6 miles northeast of Jasper, On Hwy. 69—Follow Hwy. 69 into Boldo—The church is on the right, next to the fire station

Pleasant Hill Church (Johnson Schoolhouse)—(Fayette County), Alabama—From Birmingham, take I-59/20 to US Hwy 78(Arkadelphia Road) go west approx. 52 miles to Carbon Hill—turn south at sign for Fish Hatchery (4th St. SW)—turn right on Co. Rd. 63—go 4.7 miles to Pleasant Grove Church—turn right on Co. Rd. 44 for 1.6 miles to Pleasant Hill Loop Rd. Church is on right

Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church—(Tallapoosa County), Alabama—4413 County Road 79, 3 miles southwest of Daviston, Alabama—Hwy. 22 to Daviston—Take County Rd. 79 south to crossroads—Church on right—From Alexander City—Hwy. 22 east to Germany Ferrys Rd.—Take right—Church on left

Shady Grove Baptist Church—Dutton (Jackson County), Alabama—Between Section and Dutton—Off Alabama Highway 71 on the west side—Turn at church sign

Shady Grove—Keeton Cemetery (Walker County), Alabama—141 Keeton Lane, Nauvoo, Alabama—Nauvoo to Carbon Hill, 1.5 miles east of New Flatwoods Church on Hwy. 11

Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church—(Winston County), Alabama—3 miles north of Double Springs on Hwy. 195

Zion Primitive Baptist Church—(Pickens County), Alabama—8 miles north of Gordo—turn onto County Road 49—Church is .25 miles west of Hwy. 159

Florida

Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Church—Old Chicora, Florida—I-75 south to Hwy 674, then east on 674 to Fort Lonesome (from I-4 go south on Hwy 39) where 674 and 39 cross, east on Hwy 674 five miles to Bethlehem Road, then north one mile to church

Georgia

Hardeman Primitive Baptist Church—Decatur, Georgia—3965 Glenwood Road, Decatur—From I-285, Exit 44, west (toward Atlanta) on Glenwood Rd. 1.4 miles—Church is on left—From I-20, Exit 61, east on Glenwood Rd. 4.2 miles—church is on right—Church is between Columbia Dr. and Candler Rd

Holly Springs Primitive Baptist Church—Near Bremen, (Carroll County), Georgia—2 miles south of Bremen off Hwy. 27—Exit #11 off I-20 and turn south on Hwy. 27—Go to top of hill at BP service station—Turn left—Go to dead end, turn left

Liberty Hill Church—Lamar County, Georgia—On Highway 36, Approximately 5 miles west of I-75—Take either High Falls exit or Barnesville / Jackson exit 201 and go west toward Barnesville—Church is on the left

How other singing books appear in the Minutes

Song numbers listed in the minutes are from *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition* unless another book is named in the title of the singing.

When multiple books are used at a singing, songs from books other than *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition* are indicated by an abbreviation in parentheses after the number, for example: 517 (WB).

ACH	American Christmas Harp
AH	The American Harmony
AV	American Vocalist
CB	Cooper Book
CH	Christian Harmony
EH 1	Eclectic Harmony
EH 2	Eclectic Harmony II
GH	Georgian Harmony
HS	Harmonia Sacra
ICH	Ingalls Christian Harmony
JB	James Book
KH	Kentucky Harmony
KsH	Keystone Harmony
LD	Lloyd's Hymnal
MH	Missouri Harmony
NH	Northern Harmony
NHC	New Harp of Columbia
NbH	Norumbega Harmony
OSH	Old School Hymnal
ScH	Social Harp
ShH	The Shenandoah Harmony
SoH	Southern Harmony
WB	J.L. White Book

SACRED HARP SINGINGS

2017 MINUTES

ELDRIDGE SCHOOLHOUSE SINGING

Lynn Schoolhouse, Orleans, Indiana

Saturday, December 17, 2016

Adrian Eldridge called the class to order by leading 32t and 285t (in memory of John Bayer). He then offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Katherine Eldridge 30t, 166; Virginia Eldridge 108t, 300; James Eldridge 48t, 426t; Rebecca Eldridge 108b, 284; Bill Hayes 535, 551; Tim Morton 417, 168; Joel Deckard 64, 176t; Mary Huffman 39t, 74b.

RECESS

Tom Morton called the class to order leading 496. Leaders: John Huffman 446; Curtis Cook 333; Aaron Jones 51; Bill Shetter 36b; Erin Fulton 383; Laura Morton Mattingly 186; James Eldridge 120; Doug Trent 63; Bill Hayes 338; Adrian Eldridge 178; Darrell Swarens 208; Rebecca Eldridge 203; Tim Morton 76b.

RECESS

Mary Huffman led 49b to bring the class together. Leaders: Joel Deckard 313b; Bill Shetter 546; Aaron Jones 117; Virginia Eldridge 86; John Huffman 84; Katherine Eldridge 472; Erin Fulton 162; Tim Morton 384; Darrell Swarens 72b; John Hoerr 306; Tom Morton 209; Curtis Cook 229; Beth Garfinkel 228; Laura Morton Mattingly 282. Gary Huffman asked a blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Adrian Eldridge called the class together by leading 235 (in memory of Bob Meek). Leaders: John Huffman 269; Beth Garfinkel 268; Doug Trent 569b; Joel Deckard 515; Bill Hayes 277; James Eldridge 198; Erin Fulton 56b; Darrell Swarens and Annie Kidwell 128; Virginia Eldridge 542; Bill Shetter 28b; Katherine Eldridge and Annie Kidwell 107; Tim Morton 29t; Tom Morton and Nick Loper 155; Aaron Jones and Nick Loper 147t; Annaliza Cull 47b; Curtis Cook 304; Virginia Eldridge and Sue Hicks 504; Laura Morton Mattingly and Melanie Kidwell 49t; Doug Trent 66; John Hoerr 528; Beth Garfinkel 188; Annaliza Cull 59; Rebecca Eldridge 39b; Katherine Eldridge and Bill Hayes 16 (SoH); Adrian Eldridge and Virginia Eldridge 299.

Following announcements, Adrian Eldridge led 347 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Adrian Eldridge, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Adrian Eldridge; Secretary—Erin Fulton

BARRETT PATTON'S CHRISTMAS SINGING

Henagar, Alabama

December 26, 2016

The 10th annual Barrett's Christmas Singing was held the day after Christmas.

Barrett Patton called the class to order by leading 72b, and then offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Barrett Patton 134; Rodney Ivey 163t; Karen Rollins 399b; John Huffman 365; Nate Green and Norma Green 343; Cheyenne Ivey 182; Ed Thacker 112; Eloise Wootten 186; Stephen Huffman 138t; Tony Ivey 139; Justin Bowen 225b; Mary Huffman 29t; Loyd Ivey 498; Hayden Arp 530; Elizabeth Gentry 319; Elene Stovall 270 (in memory of Bud Oliver); Nicholas Thompson and Betty Shepherd 216; David Ivey 461; Judy Caudle 437; Ricky Harcrow 37b; David Saylor, Teresa

Saylors, and Sierra Saylors 203, 209; Kathy Williams 81b; Eddie Mash 168; Isaac Green 411; Isaac Stiefel 131b; Angela Myers 473; Daniel Williams 74t; Cindy Tanner 368; Susan Cheronos 564; Gary Glover and Nicholas Thompson 480; Margaret Thacker 569b; Karen Ivey 475 (in memory of B.M. Smith and for Margie Smith); Jamey Wooten 39t; Lilly Underwood 457; Syble Adams 63; Hayden Wooten 73t; Wes Reid 70b; Barrett Patton and Betty Shepherd 101t; Barrett Patton and Justin Bowen 336; Barrett Patton, John Huffman, Stephen Huffman, and Mary Huffman 32t; Barrett Patton and Elene Stovall 316 (in memory of Toney Smith); Kathy Williams 151; Karen Ivey 384 (for Coy Ivey).

Barrett Patton led 62 as the closing song. He offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Barrett Patton; Secretary—Cheyenne Ivey

HAMBURG SILVESTER SINGING
Englische Kirche, Hamburg, Germany
Friday, December 30, 2016

The 3rd annual Hamburg New Year's Singing was held at the English Church (Anglican Church of St. Thomas Becket), Zeughausmarkt, Hamburg. Yotin Tiewtrakul called the class to order by leading 48t.

Leaders: Christina Schümann 228; Ludger Dünnebacke 122; Boyan Pohl 77t. Yotin Tiewtrakul offered some opening remarks. Leaders: Marcos Sullivan 49b; Lilja Häfele 146; Arnfried Mähler 45t; Fynn Titford-Mock 161; Inga Hübner 56t; Emma Rock 68b; Monika Sauter 30t; Jasmina Graf 448t; Ulrike Tietjen 34t; Claudia Jansen 278t; Klaus Kringels 99; Harald Grundner 341; Tobias Saalman 180; Nina Riegler 433; Eckehart Neugebauer 480; Michael Lohrer 268; Eckehart Neugebauer 178 (for singers who could not be present); Gerben Vos 47t.

RECESS

Tobias Saalman called the class together leading 159. Leaders: Fynn Titford-Mock 225t; Inga Hübner 273; Claudia Jansen 42; Emma Rock 372; Ulrike Tietjen 113; Jasmina Graf 271t; Harald Grundner 399t; Gerben Vos 272; Klaus Kringels 442; Nina Riegler 306; Eckehart Neugebauer 274t; Michael Lohrer 47b; Marcos Sullivan 225b.

LUNCH

After a delicious potluck lunch, Marcos Sullivan called the class to order leading 457. Leaders: Fynn Titford-Mock 101t; Nina Riegler 250; Emma Rock 216; Marcos Sullivan 377; Ulrike Tietjen 224; Harald Grundner 187; Yotin Tiewtrakul 168; Tobias Saalman 66; Fynn Titford-Mock 198; Klaus Kringels 360; Marcos Sullivan 504; Jasmina Graf 505; Ulrike Tietjen 36t; Claudia Jansen 564; Christina Schümann 551; Boyan Pohl 276; Eckehart Neugebauer 277; Gerben Vos 189; Christina Schümann 481; Emma Rock 430.

RECESS

Yotin Tiewtrakul called the class together leading 131b. Leaders: Monika Sauter 182; Fynn Titford-Mock 387; Inga Hübner 193; Claudia Jansen 217; Christina Schümann 183; Jasmina Graf 181; Gerben Vos 448b; Harald Grundner 512; Klaus Kringels 38t; Marcos Sullivan 186; Arnfried Mähler 34b; Ludger Dünnebacke 32b; Tobias Saalman 173; Nina Riegler 466; Eckehart Neugebauer 425; Ulrike Tietjen 95; Boyan Pohl 390; Michael Lohrer 343. After announcements and thanks, Yotin Tiewtrakul led 162 as the closing song.

Chairman—Yotin Tiewtrakul; Secretary—Fynn Titford-Mock

WOOTTEN FAMILY NEW YEAR'S EVE SINGING

Ider, Alabama

December 31, 2016-January 1, 2017

The 55th session of the Wootten Family New Year's Eve Singing held at Antioch Baptist Church, Ider, Alabama, was called to order by Terry Wootten leading 48t and 59. Loyd Ivey offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Terry Wootten 171 (in memory of Carnice Wootten); Hayden Wootten and Jamey Wootten 82t, 348b; Claudene Townson 572 (CB); Teresa Saylor 133 (CB); Chris Holley and Kathe Pilobosian 108b; Susan Cheronos 300; Sierra Saylor 504; Syble Adams 472; Boyd Scott 358; Gary Glover and Syble Adams 480; Gedney Barclay 208; Katherine Eldridge 291; Phil Townson and family 511b (CB).

RECESS

Hayden Wootten and Cole Wootten led 40 to bring the class together. Leaders: Brenda Dunlap 37b; Andy Ditzler 459; Stacy Pilcher and Susan Pilcher 196 (in memory of Phillip Wootten); Ben Fink 30b; Samuel Williams 543; Robert Walker 99; Nicholas Thompson 142; Isaac Lloyd 29b; Sarah Trumbore 182; Justin Bowen 283; Isaac Green 567; Johnny Dalton 542; Dennis George 288; Hayden Arp 460; Louis Hughes 448t (for Marlon and Eloise Wootten); Aaron Wootten 159; Drew McGuire 422; James Eldridge 129; Reba Windom and Shelby Castillo 318 (in memory of B.M. Smith); Rodney Ivey and Amy Wootten 47t. Chris Boggs asked a blessing before the meal.

Supper

The class was brought back to order by Terry Wootten leading 39t (in memory of Levon Wootten). Leaders: Jamey Wootten 56t; Darrell Swarens and Katherine Eldridge 77t; Elyssa Lloyd 145b; Virginia Eldridge 39b; Daniel Williams 349; Nate Green and Norma Green 35; Gideon Lloyd 277; Rebecca Eldridge 284; Cindy Tanner 155; Angela Myers 436; Ezra Lloyd 107; David Brodeur 272; Adrian Eldridge 456; Esther Williams 276; Eddie Mash 377; Judy Caudle 421; Chris Ryan 134; Linda Thomas and Terry Wootten 345b.

RECESS

The class was brought together by Hayden Wootten leading 101t. Leaders: David Saylor and Myra Dalton 203; Daniel Bearden 511; Sarah Wootten 186; Kennedy Wootten and Toby 74b; Chris Boggs and Michelle Boggs 290; Dewayne Wootten, Kennedy Wootten, and Cole Wootten 445; Jeffrey Wootten, Terry Wootten, and Dewayne Wootten "Pass Me Not"; Shane Wootten 465 (CB) (for Coy Ivey); Marty Wootten 546; Hayden Wootten and Jamey Wootten 441; Terry Wootten 559 (CB), 410 (CB), 573 (CB), 563 (CB), 505 (CB). Terry Wootten offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Terry Wootten; Secretary—Judy Caudle

CINCINNATI NEW YEAR'S DAY SINGING

Harriet Beecher Stowe House, Cincinnati, Ohio

Sunday, January 1, 2017

The 26th annual New Year's Day Singing was called to order by Ray Rechenberg leading 40. Ray then offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Ray Rechenberg; Arranging Officer—John Bealle; Secretary—Karen Arnett. The class sang selections from *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*, *The Shenandoah Harmony*, and *Missouri Harmony*.

Leaders: Karen Arnett 34b; John Bealle 75, 110; Deborah Hall 299, 184; Rich Overturf 49b, 100; Michael Domino 102, 235; Karen Carelli 117, 421; Eloise Clark

273, 162; Joy Huener 45t; Steve Angell 178, 358; Bob French 223, 180.

RECESS

Ray Rechenberg called the class back to order by leading 217. Leaders: Joy Dunn 148; Beth Huener 344, 200; David Casenhiser 268, 146; Erin Fulton 14 (ShH), 207 (ShH); Kay Huener 318, 269; William Shetter 547, 546; Shannon Tibbs 282; John Hoerr 440, 171; Michele Cull 29t, 504; Nikos Pappas 220, 163t; John Bealle 278t; Ray Rechenberg 413 (ShH), 429 (ShH). Ray Rechenberg conducted a memorial lesson for John Bayer, and then offered prayer.

LUNCH

Ray Rechenberg led 155 to bring the class back together. Leaders: Karen Arnett 159; Sandra Young 276; Mike Hieber 186, 163b; Beth Huener 454, 147t; John Hoerr 229, 189; Nikos Pappas 106, 298; William Shetter 373, 28b; Erin Fulton 86 (ShH), 79 (ShH); Michele Cull 300, 168; Shannon Tibbs 38b; Kay Huener 38t, 234; Carol Medlicott 475, 203.

RECESS

The class was called together by Ray Rechenberg leading 564. Leaders: Michael Domino 161 (MH); David Casenhiser 140 (ShH); Rich Overturf 313b; Deborah Hall 438b (ShH); Eloise Clark 540; Carol Medlicott 206; Mike Hieber 37b; Sandra Young 59; Michele Cull 236; Nikos Pappas 192; William Shetter 209; John Hoerr 29b; Erin Fulton 82t; Shannon Tibbs 39t; David Casenhiser 565; Mike Hieber 31t.

Following announcements, the class sang 347, and took the parting hand. Ed Walton offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Ray Rechenberg; Secretary—Karen Arnett

DOMINIC CIAVONNE ZIEGLER MEMORIAL SINGING

Felta Schoolhouse, Healdsburg, California

Sunday, January 1, 2017

The 5th annual Dominic Ciavonne Ziegler Memorial Singing was held at the Felta Schoolhouse, Healdsburg, California, on New Year's Day. The class was called to order by Mary Ann Ciavonne and Jack Ziegler leading 39t. Susan Fetcho offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Lindy Groening 30b; David Fetcho 182; Leah Coffin 50t; Bob Brylawski 163t; Leigh Cooper 37b; Patrick Ziegler 168; Wren Hyde 89; Carolyn Deacy 349; Dan Harper 195; Terry Barber 42; Marc Lambert 460; Inder Khalsa 277; Terry Moore 378b; Mark Godfrey 99; Linda Domholt 369; Joel Chan 148; Linda Selph 172.

RECESS

The class was called back together by Rebecca Edwards leading 421. Leaders: Brian Harris 216; David Wright 306; Pat Coghlan 52t; Allegra Wilson 170; Dave Barber 171; Liam Keohane 29t; Susan Fetcho 208; Greg Freed 532; Erika Wilson 81t (in memory of Caroline Bonnet); Jack Ziegler 106; Leah Coffin 107; Dan Harper 186; Mary Ann Ciavonne 376; Lindy Groening 377; David Fetcho 189; Terry Barber 379; Inder Khalsa 300; Mark Godfrey 74t; Bob Brylawski 122; Patrick Ziegler 496. Mary Ann Ciavonne offered the prayer before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Dave Barber leading 34b. Leaders: Carolyn Deacy 215; Marc Lambert 472; Mary O'Brien 59; Matthew Lawson 284; Rebecca Edwards 558; David Wright 564; Lindy Groening 380; Leigh Cooper, Cecil Godfrey, and Leon Godfrey 283; Joel Chan 72b; Linda Selph 430; Liam Keohane 159; Wren Hyde 101t; Terry Moore 334; Linda Domholt 162; Brian Harris 73t; Erika Wilson 542; Dave Barber 383; Allegra Wilson 282; Pat Coghlan 510; Greg Freed 515.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Leah Coffin leading 47b. Leaders: Susan Fetcho 385b; Peter Ross 163b; Mary O'Brien 70b; Rebecca Edwards 336 (in memory of Andrew Forbes); Matthew Lawson 133; David Wright 185; Liam Keohane 31t; Brian Harris 112; Linda Selph 382; Joel Chan 46; Leah Coffin 416; Mark Godfrey 436; Inder Khalsa 350; Cecil Godfrey and Leon Godfrey 40; Mary Ann Ciavonne, Jack Ziegler, and Patrick Ziegler 146.

Mary Ann Ciavonne, Jack Ziegler, and Patrick Ziegler led 347 as the closing song. Linda Selph offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Co-Chairpersons—Mary Ann Ciavonne and Jack Ziegler; Vice Chairperson—Lindy Groening; Secretary—Erika Wilson

NEW YEAR'S DAY SINGING

Holy Trinity Church, Mapperley, Derbyshire, United Kingdom Sunday, January 1, 2017

The class was called to order by Helen Brown leading 32t. Ted Brown offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Helen Brown; Vice Chairman—Ted Brown; Secretary—Margaret Gillanders; Arranging Committee—Judy Whiting and Vicki Elliott.

Leaders: Ian West 54t (CB); Margaret Gillanders 313t; Ted Brown 105; Vicki Elliott 82t; Karen Turner 410t; Faiz Wareh 30t (CB); Hannah Land 75 (CB); Scott Lewin 336t (CB); Cora Wareh 362; Joe Vickers 35 (CB); Michael Walker 138t (CB); Eimear O'Donovan 31b (CB); Sam Carter 271t (CB); Tarik Wareh 348b; Ella Cumber 406; Patti Wareh 142; Cath Saunt 34b; Werner Ullah 37b; Julie Russell 155; Hannah Land 137 (CB); Ian West 59 (CB); Karen Turner 511t (CB); Scott Lewin 199 (CB); Ted Brown 77b. Grace for the mid-day meal was offered by Joe Vickers.

LUNCH

Joe Vickers called the class back together by leading 29t. Leaders: Patti Wareh 228; Michael Walker 499 (CB); Julie Russell 163b; Karen Turner 277; Cath Saunt 350; Cora Wareh 269 (CB); Rosalind Oldham 575 (CB); Ted Brown 133 (CB); Margaret Gillanders 546; Eimear O'Donovan 548; Tarik Wareh 268b (CB); Helen Brown 556; Scott Lewin 449 (CB); Judy Whiting 590 (CB); Sam Carter 439; Vicki Elliott 426b. The memorial lesson was conducted by Karen Turner. The following sick and housebound were named: Curtis Owen, Edith Owen, Norman Johnson, Nate Green, Norma Green, Melanie Hauff, Nigel Cumber, Monica Nasis, Sister Pippa, Joyce Farrell, Irene Bown, Alan Bown, Charlene Wallace, Sue Screamon, Dave Elliott, Diana Elliott, and Delorese Lee.

The following deceased were remembered and honored: David Smith, Chris Holloway, John Pinnick, Don Grimshaw, Ros Taylor, Eileen McDougall, B.M. Smith, Charlie Derleth, Gary Smith, Johnny Lee, Toney Smith, Lavoy Smith, Earlis McGraw, S.T. Reed, Bernice Harvey, Tom Robinson, Jimmie Foreman, Janelle Davis, Gren Morris, April Selley, Robert Peele, Ruth Steggles, Alex Elliott, and Winifred Elliott. Karen Turner led 566 for all the above named. Michael Walker closed the memorial service with prayer.

Leaders: Cath Saunt 547; Ian West 480; Hannah Land 472; Faiz Wareh 486.

RECESS

Scott Lewin called the class together by leading 448b. Leaders: Sam Carter 587 (CB); Joe Vickers 38t (CB); Hannah Land 98 (CB); Eimear O'Donovan 505 (CB); Tarik Wareh, Cora Wareh, and Faiz Wareh 392 (CB); Helen Brown 77t; Rosalind Oldham 299; Werner Ullah 278t; Margaret Gillanders 573 (CB); Michael Walker 111b; Patti Wareh 486 (CB); Vicki Elliott 210 (CB).

Helen Brown led 95b (CB) as the closing song. Jonathan Stanyon dismissed the class with prayer and blessing.

Chairman—Helen Brown; Vice Chairman—Ted Brown; Secretary—Margaret Gillanders

SHADY GROVE ANNUAL SINGING

**Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Winston County, Alabama
Sunday, January 1, 2017**

The Shady Grove Annual Singing was held on the first Sunday in January. Don Keeton called the class to order by leading 31b. He offered the morning prayer. The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Don Keeton; Vice Chairman—Nicholas Thompson; Arranging Officer—Margaret Keeton; Secretary—Roma Rice.

Leaders: Don Keeton 30t; Roma Rice 97, 460; Julie Poston 166, 145b; Gravis Ballinger 120; Mike Hankins 389, 410t; Amber Davis 499 (in memory of Gladys Bonds), 150; Zena Tucker 168, 47t; Nicholas Thompson 273, 151; Anne Steel 114, 48t, 179; Linda Booth 489, 350; Warren Steel 211, 306; Danny Creel 215, 217; Ann Jett and Yancey Jett 89, 77t.

RECESS

Don Keeton called the class back to order leading 270. Leaders: Cassie Allen 326, 328; Larry Ballinger 119, 56t; Lisa Geist 474, 228; Earl Ballinger 127, 177; Shirley Tidwell 159, 124; Ken Tate 354t, 547; Wanda Capps 135, 63; Yancey Jett and Ann Jett 440, 172; Betty Baccus 171, 436; Don Keeton 480.

LUNCH

Nicholas Thompson called the class back to order leading 82t. Leaders: Zena Tucker 178, 143; Mike Hankins 72b; Ken Tate 147t; Nellie Alexander 100; Sara Berry 146, 45t; Linda Booth 31t; Hazel Heinze 99; Loretta Whitman 85, 277; Yancey Jett 67; Amber Davis 208 (for a friend who passed away); Cassie Allen and Danny Creel 167; Earl Ballinger 439; Ann Jett 269; Gravis Ballinger 182; Nicholas Thompson 336; Anne Steel 224; Julie Poston 324; Warren Steel 513; Margaret Keeton 276; Don Keeton 61 (in memory of his mother); Hazel Heinze 86.

Nicholas Thompson led 62 as the closing song. Earl Ballinger dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Don Keeton; Vice Chairman—Nicholas Thompson; Secretary—Roma Rice

CHICAGO ANNIVERSARY SINGING

**Kilbourn Park Fieldhouse, Chicago, Illinois
Sunday, January 8, 2017**

The 32nd Chicago Anniversary Singing was held at the Kilbourn Park Fieldhouse, Chicago, Illinois, on the second Sunday in January. Dave Barford and Debbie Barford called the class to order at 10:00 a.m., and led 31t. John Seaton offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Terri Cunningham 59; Eileen Ferguson 84; John Seaton 47t; Lori Graber 150; Mark Dawson 236; Amritpal Singh 47b; Michael Mosley 283.

In a business meeting, the following officers were elected: Chairman—Terri Cunningham; Secretary—Eileen Ferguson. Committee members were appointed as follows: Memorial Committee—Steve Warner and Linda Selph; Finance Officer—Randy Neufeld; Arranging Committee—Anne Heider, Judy Hauff, Doug Stapleton, and Jim Swanson; Chaplains—Anne Heider, John Seaton, and Jim Swanson.

Leaders: Jim Helke 69t; Susan Geil and Melanie Jansen 107; Marian Mitchell 300;

Paul Landskroener 114; Erika Detemmerman 457; Jan Ketelle 556; Steve Warner 86; Linda Selph 129; Lindsey Kruse 77; Matthew Siefert 333; Mary Rogel 538; Megan Dunning 76b.

RECESS

Randy Neufeld brought the class back together by leading 148. Leaders: Anne Heider 163; Aldo Ceresa 182; Dave Barford 332; Bob Borcharding 444; Samuel Sommers 534; Cecelia Kramer 71; Peter Bradley 228; Anne Missavage 280; Debbie Barford 224; Shawn Fenton 65; Carol V. Crawford 540; Jim Swanson 522; Lisa Grayson 448; John Bealle 278t.

RECESS

Jerry Gripshover brought the class back to order by leading 34b. Leaders: Jim Crawford 523; Doug Stapleton and Frank Connet 155; Ben Crawford 154; Ted Johnson 368.

Steve Warner and Linda Selph conducted the memorial lesson. Steve Warner read the following list of names of the sick and shut-ins: Melanie Hauff, Mel Connet, Johanna Fabke, Len VanderJagt, Dan Marolda, Gary Segal, Paul Wilson, Collette Miller, Francis Gurtz, Ray Cott-Meissel, Michael Apert, Tom Klein, Mary Grayson, Hilda Carper, Vera Stieher, Rich Goss, Jim Harnish, and Sharon Owens. Steve Warner led 340.

Linda Selph read the following list of names of the deceased: Levon Wootten and Toney Smith—Alabama; Johnny Lee and B.M. Smith—Georgia; Janelle Davis, Edgar Houston Martin, Steven Craig Miller (Jo Dell's husband), Eileen O'Sullivan, Eleanora Pechota, Nicole Pirnie, Annie Rodin—Illinois; Mike Schmucker—Indiana; Peggy Stapleton—Kentucky; Judith Klein—Maryland; Leon J. Pulsinelle—New Jersey; Lila Mitchell—New York; John Bayer—Ohio; Tracy Furumo Williams—Wisconsin. Linda Selph led 499, and offered prayer.

Leaders: Judy Hauff 421; Dan Hunter 434; Ted Mercer 324 (in memory of Steven Miller); Marcia Johnson 216. Anne Heider asked a blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Terri Cunningham brought the class back to order leading 36b. Leaders: Julie Vea 385; Seth Wenger 49b; Eileen Ferguson 49; John Seaton and Jason Stinsol 48; Lori Graber 472; Amritpal Singh 282; Michael Mosley 348b; Jim Helke and Alexandra Kolot 391; Susan Geil and Melanie Jansen 344; Marian Mitchell 528; Paul Landskroener 183; Erika Detemmerman 168; Randy Neufeld 504; Jan Ketelle 549; Steve Warner 475 (in memory of B.M. Smith); Linda Selph 396; Lindsey Kruse 454; Mary Rogel 422; Megan Dunning 112.

Ted Mercer presented the founders lesson. Founders Ted Johnson, Marcia Johnson, Kris Richardson, Terry Cunningham, and Judy Hauff joined him in the square to lead 38t.

RECESS

John Bealle brought the class together by leading 30t. Leaders: Aldo Ceresa and John Bealle 543; Bob Borcharding 269; Samuel Sommers 54; Cecelia Kramer 430; Peter Bradley 380; Anne Missavage 137; Carol V. Crawford 89; Jim Crawford 546; Dan Hunter 158 (in memory of Oliver Kindig-Stokes); Ben Crawford 159; Ted Johnson 142; Judy Hauff 542; Anne Heider 189; Marcia Johnson 485.

In a business meeting, John Bealle was elected as Vice Chairman. Terri Cunningham thanked the committees and singers. The Finance Committee announced that financial needs were almost met.

Terri Cunningham and John Bealle led 62 as the closing song. Jim Swanson dismissed the class with a prayer.

Chairman—Terri Cunningham; Vice Chairman—John Bealle; Secretary—Eileen Ferguson

AUBURN SACRED HARP SINGING
St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church, Auburn, Alabama
Saturday, January 14, 2017

The 14th annual Auburn Sacred Harp Singing was held on Saturday before the third Sunday in January. The class was called to order by Robert Chambless leading 369. Father John Wells Warren offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Karen Clark 70t; Lisa Bennett 276; Karen Rollins 106; Jim Aaron 47b; Chris Parris 206; Nicholas Thompson 564; Eugene Forbes 434; Brandon Acton 168; Oscar McGuire 485; Lisa Geist 492; Loyd Ivey 47t; Theresa Westmoreland and Carly Westmoreland 39t; Tom George 138t; Rodney Ivey 282 (for Gary Trentham); Alice Sundberg 275t; Michael Panhorst 159; Bea Aaron 456.

RECESS

Robert Chambless brought the class back to order leading 84. Leaders: Dennis George 498; Taylor Watkins 146; Andy Ditzler 372; Karis Askin 504; Earl Ballinger 200; Jim Carnes 203; April Watkins 101t; Ken Sundberg 298; Stanley Smith 299; Bill Hogan 297.

Karen Rollins conducted the memorial lesson leading 348b in memory of the following deceased: B.M. Smith, Earlis McGraw, and Geneva Prichard—Georgia; Janelle Davis—Illinois; Betty Jo Bennett—South Carolina; Edd Bass, Bernice Harvey, S.T. Reed, Toney Smith, Lavoy Smith, Steve Adams, Kermit Adams, Edna Ruth Phillips, Elsie Moon, Craig Allen Hensarling, and the Core family of Opelika—Alabama. The names of the sick and shut-ins remembered are as follows: Michael Appert, Ed Thacker, Margaret Thacker, Susan Harcrow, William Futral, Virginia Futral, Pauline Oliver, JD Morris, and Betty Culver. Adam Brasich offered prayer to close the memorial service.

Leaders: Jacob Acton 196; Justin Bowen 192; David Ivey 134; Winfred Kerr 225t (for Rebecca Over); Shane Wootten and Donna Wootten 314; Adam Brasich 125; Reba Windom 546; Isaac Green 426b; Henry Johnson 52b; Chris Ballinger 215; Bobby Watkins 480; Larry Ballinger 551; David Brodeur 336; Hubert Nall 475; Nicholas Holmes 56t; Philip Denney 142; Cheyenne Ivey 371; Jack Nelson and Taylor Kennedy 318. Adam Brasich offered the blessing before lunch.

LUNCH

Karen Clark brought the class back to order leading 32t. Leaders: Daniel Williams 74t; Kathy Williams 234.

The following officers were elected for next year: Chairman—Carly Westmoreland; Vice Chairman—Elizabeth Gentry.

Leaders: David Smead 359; Wendy Anderson 98; Judy Mincey 169; Jenny Acton 340; Elizabeth Gentry, David Ivey, and Karen Clark 76b; Esther Williams 148; Jasmine Anderson and Wendy Anderson 100; Robby Anderson 457 (for William Futral); Justin Bowen 309; Adam Brasich 399b; Jenny Acton, Brandon Acton, and Jacob Acton 212; the Ballinger family 120 (for Uncle Gravis); Nicholas Thompson 392; Ken Sundberg and Alice Sundberg 59; Tom George and Dennis George 455; Stanley Smith and Bill Hogan 349; Andy Ditzler and Judy Mincey 538; Bobby Watkins, April Watkins, and Taylor Watkins 512; the Ivey family 283; Eugene Forbes and Bea Aaron 445; Daniel Williams, Esther Williams, and Kathy Williams 208; David Brodeur, Lisa Bennett and Elizabeth Gentry 110; Henry Johnson, Theresa Westmoreland, and Carly Westmoreland 460; David Smead, Isaac Green, Chris Parris, and Oscar McGuire 69t; Karen Clark and Jim Carnes 474; Jack Nelson, Hubert Nall, and Winfred Kerr 313t; Taylor Kennedy, Wendy Anderson, and Jasmine Anderson 145b.

After announcements, Robert Chambless and Father John Wells Warren led 56t as the closing song. Father John Wells Warren offered the closing prayer.
Chairman—Robert Chambless; Vice Chairman—Karen Clark; Secretary—Lisa Bennett

ALL-CALIFORNIA SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION
Angels Gate Cultural Center, San Pedro, California
January 14-15, 2017

Saturday, January 14

The 29th session of the All-California Sacred Harp Singing Convention was called to order by Elaine Denny leading 173. David Olson offered the opening prayer.

A business meeting was held with the following officers elected: Chairperson—Esteban Veliz; Co-Vice Chairpersons—Carolyn Deacy and Erika Wilson; Secretary—David Olson.

Leaders: Esteban Veliz 31t; Carolyn Deacy and Erika Wilson 171; David Olson 48t; Laura Boyd Russell 101t; Jon Rand 285t; Kathy Sawada 497; Pat Keating 183; Eleanor Glewwe 67; Carl Barnes 299; Linnea Sablosky 480.

RECESS

David Fetcho led 47t to call the class back together. Leaders: Alison Fisher 162; Larry Arnstein 503; Karen Mathews 191; Mimi Wright 410b; Jerry Schreiber 327; Abbie Sorg 133; Janet Plattner 335; Karen Stingle 549; Corrie Van Duzer 492; Carla Smith 464; Annalise Perone 159; Pat Coghlan 52t; Tom Ostwald 268; Elaine Denny 110.

RECESS

Leah Coffin led 56b to call the class back together. Leaders: Mark Godfrey 107; Julie Johnson 312b; Steve Warner 475; Kate Fine 318; Nick Hall 455; Leigh Cooper 542; David Fetcho 536; Judy Van Duzer 540; Juniper Hill 472; Ted Mercer 139; Carolyn Deacy 29t; Vivian Rogan 84; Alex Forsyth 411; Claire Singleton 270; Joel Chan 30b.

LUNCH

Mark Godfrey led 82t to call the class back together. Leaders: Midge Harder 135; Sean Francis Conway 491; Anne Heider 528; Judy Getrich 99; Dave Barber 361; Mary Rose O'Leary 565; Brenda Dunlap 77t; Susan Willis-Powers 300; Brian How 48b; Rachel Jordan 546; Lucinda Larsen Saue 178; Stuart Wheeler 112; Katie White 547; Kate Coxon 422; Ray Huener 269; Linda Booth 196; Nancy Novotny 383; Sasha Hsuczky 216; Gary Rogan 384; Gerry Hoffman 142; Betsy Jeronen 534.

RECESS

Betsy Jeronen led 330b to call the class back together. Leaders: Catie Van Duzer 182; Greg Saue 147t; Ames Bielenberg 245; Jennifer Jones 474; Laura McMurray 498; Jim Friedrich 273; Thom Fahrback 304; Lindy Groening 512; Erika Wilson 501; Susan Fetcho 372; Edward Rice 284; Leah Coffin 500; Betty Marvin 473; Jennifer Obeiden 168; Jeff Begley 410t.

RECESS

Sasha Hsuczky and Alex Forsyth led 145t to call the class together. Leaders: Andrew Mashchak 445; Fred Wilkey 114; Julia Zaffarano 38b; Maggie Taylor 313b; Porter Lontz-Underhill 504; Colleen Dougher 454; Wendy Stone 274t; India Genack 277; Esteban Veliz 228; Jeri Segal 538; Jeff Begley 209; Peter Stenshoel 34t; David Olson 192; Rick Russell 328.

Esteban Veliz led 347 as the closing song. David Olson offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, January 15

The Sunday session of the All-California Sacred Harp Singing Convention was

called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Esteban Veliz leading 40. Jim Friedrich offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Linnea Sablosky 319; Bruce Teter 213t; Lindy Groening 560; Dave Barber 42; Jennifer Obeiden 217; Bryce Roberts 133; Bonnie Mitchell 282; John Marr 335; Heather Lockie 384; Leah Coffin 453; Fred Wilkey 569b; Erica Wilson 527; Maggie Taylor 131t.

RECESS

Dave Barber led 72b to call the class together. Leaders: Carolyn Deacy 85; Sean Francis Conway 55; Karen Stingle 203; Susan Willis Powers 117; Julia Zaffarano 379; Elaine Denny 172; Juniper Hill 254; Betty Marvin 174; Jim Friedrich 481; Gary Rogan 418; Stuart Wheeler 61; Kate Fine 466; Mark Godfrey 83t; Nancy Novotny 396.

RECESS

Lindy Groening led 32t to call the class together. Leaders: Vivian Rogan 215; Ames Bielenberg 33b; Leigh Cooper 35; Thom Fahrbach 296; Jeff Begley 59.

Peter Stenshoel spoke and led 86 for the following sick and shut-ins: Melanie Hauff, Stephen O'Leary, Rodney Willard, Barbara Willard, Shisue Sugimoto, Kevin Hobacher, Bill Davis, Joe Todd, Lyle Lindsey, Wayne King, Gordon Willis, Jr., Michael McKernan, Katie Holldber, Art Haig, Robert W. Jenson, Sharon Waterman, and Michael Kaye.

Marilyn Murata spoke and led 284 in memory of the following deceased: Ron Huss, Oliver Kindig-Stokes, John Bayer, Loraine Bayer, Johnny Lee, Levon Wootten, Earlis McGraw, Pandora Wright, Rachel Bates, Kay Vander Werp, John Shaffer, Eva Miller, Jose Aguirre, Kazuko Yoshigai, Andy M. Stewart, Janelle Davis, June Pellish, Philp W. Frey, Dwight Edwards, Tom McCarrick, Nadine Clarke, Warren Houghteling, Jean Furnish, David Carr, Grandma Ruthie, Roy Bair, Stephen Craig Miller, Doris Guthrie, Lars Guthrie, Madeleine Venier, Sara Wheaton Perry, Candace Hill, Ben Roy, David Roberts, Will Marcotte, Vern Bohr, Ruth Redman, B.M. Smith, and Chunky Sanchez.

Leaders: Kay Huener 350; David Fetcho 428.

LUNCH

Erika Wilson led 81t to call the class together. Leaders: Sasha Hsuczyk 345b; Kate Coxon 145t; Bruce Hayes 250; Jennie Jenson 353; Jerry Schreiber 538; Betsy Jeronen 548; Jennifer Jones 212; Tom Ostwald 504; Greg Sauer 163b; Laura McMurray 75; Edward Rice 288; Linda Larson-Sauer 47b; Susan Fetcho 216; Abbie Sorg 417; Janet Plattner 119; Julie Johnson 344; Claire Singleton 228; Judy Van Duzer 38t.

RECESS

Thom Fahrbach led 106 to call the class together. Leaders: Ted Mercer 376; Lucy O'Leary and Mary Rose O'Leary 377; Annye Love 159; Brian How 183; Katie White 127; Gerry Hoffman 448t; Alex Forsyth 392; Rachel Jordan 189; Nick Hall 280; Corrie Van Duzer 121; Ben Kurtz and Elaine Denny 455; Mairye Bates 236; Catie Van Duzer 354t.

RECESS

Laura Boyd Russell led 27 to call the class together. Leaders: Wendy Stone 282; Rick Russell 49b; Alison Fisher 155; Larry Arnstein 122; Eleanor Glewwe 71; Marilyn Murata 200; Annalise Perone 186; Luc Kleiner 532; Jon Rand 385t; Kathy Sawada 479; Mary Rose O'Leary 220.

Following announcements, Esteban Veliz led 276 as the closing song. David Olson offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Esteban Veliz; Co-Vice Chairpersons—Carolyn Deacy and Erika Wilson; Secretary—David Olson

CREEL MEMORIAL CHRISTIAN HARMONY SINGING
Old County Line Church, Jefferson County, Alabama
Sunday, January 15, 2017

The annual Creel Memorial *Christian Harmony* singing was held at Old County Line Church on the third Sunday in January. The class was called to order by Yancey Jett leading 31t. Danny Creel offered the opening prayer. Yancey Jett then led 281b. Leaders: Cassie Allen 336t, 364; Emily Brown 264, 43; Judy Caudle 51, 76b; Will Fitzgerald 256t, 428; Robert Walker 49, 85; Jeff James 84, 50; Eugene Forbes 253; Ken Tate 168b, 54; Nicholas Thompson 14, 1; Justin Bowen 77, 142.

RECESS

Yancey Jett called the class back by leading 93. Leaders: Adam Brasich 258, 354; Shannon Primm 421b, 9; Samuel Sommers 518, 133; Mike Spencer 493t, 310t; Stanley Smith 138, 149; Nancy Hogan 468b, 362; SuNell Ellis 60, 64; Eddie Pierce 82b, 188.

RECESS

The class was brought together by Cassie Allen leading 167b. Leaders: Ann Jett 170, 180; Henry Johnson 67t, 281t; Jane Cannon 312, 13; John Plunkett 125b, 440t; Bill Hogan 334, 172.

LUNCH

Yancey Jett began the afternoon session by leading 307. Leaders: Danny Creel 544, 166; Lucy Heidorn 238; Cindy Tanner 131, 250t, 322; Justin Bowen 308; Will Fitzgerald 67b; Emma Calvert 91; Emma Calvert and Ainslie Allen 117; Adam Brasich 275; Jane Cannon 316; Samuel Sommers 230b; Shannon Primm 90; Mike Spencer 404b; Stanley Smith 247; Nicholas Thompson 10; Jeff James 140; Judy Caudle 176; John Plunkett 62t, 546b (by request); Eddie Pierce 184; Henry Johnson 80 (by request); Robert Walker 171; Bill Hogan 338b.

Announcements were made. Yancey Jett led 287. Cassie Allen and Yancey Jett led 214 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Danny Creel.

Co-Chairpersons—Yancey Jett and Cassie Allen; Secretary—Emily Brown

KEYSTONE SACRED HARP CONVENTION
Sonlight River Brethren School, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania
January 20-22, 2017

Friday, January 20

A singing school was held on Friday night at the Sonlight River Brethren School. Ruth Wampler made announcements, and then introduced the singing school teacher, Mark Brown. After opening remarks, Mark led 34b. The shapes were introduced followed by the staff, scale, and clefs (detailed in the Rudiments). Mark then had the class sing the major and minor scales and triads. Time signatures were discussed (speed limits, so to speak). He noted the modes of time expressed in two beats and three beats. The class was divided into parts in the square to sing. Mark shared traditions he grew up with on Sand Mountain and in his church, which uses the Sacred Harp in its worship services, making the singing experience spiritual and meaningful. Beating four beats per measure for common time songs slows down the tempo and, in worship, highlights the words so that singers can take them in. Mark led 47t to demonstrate. For the shapes and the first verse, two beats per measure were denoted in beating time. For the second and third verses, four beats were denoted in beating time. Then, 47b was presented as an example of a three beat time signature.

Mark recalled the history of shared fellowship between Shady Grove Church, Liberty Church, Union Church, and Antioch Church. Worship services rotated

between the locations monthly, one time each, and many learned to sing Sacred Harp: more through worship and less through singing schools. A meaningful song to the Shady Grove community is “Sweet Affliction” (145b), and is sung as an uplifting song to cure the affliction referenced by the title.

Attendees of the singing school were invited to lead songs and share their experiences. Leaders: Chris Holley 72b; Gina Balestracci 28t; Leslie Booher and Rachel Speer 178. Chris Fitzgerald expressed appreciation for individuals of different faiths being welcomed to share the hollow square, and what a privilege it is to have these voices brought together. Robert Stoddard led 32t. He said that this song is often led at Antioch as the first song of the day. Robert said he felt a striking commonality with the community there despite the differences in geography. Eva Striebeck led 107, and then shared thoughts about singing in Germany: how they started in a bunker to not disturb anyone and the privilege of watching the German singing community grow. Ray Rechenberg led 448t. Stephanie Fida asked Mark what song she would hear if she were a fly on the wall at Shady Grove. Mark mentioned the *Cooper Book* song “Love at Home” as particularly meaningful, and also “Consecration”. The singing school closed with Mark Brown leading 566 in memory of Johnny Lee, a friend who passed away in November. The class stood on the last verse, and was dismissed. Secretary—Joel Bassett

Saturday, January 21

The 19th annual Keystone Convention was held on the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in January at the Sonlight River Brethren School in Mount Joy, Pennsylvania. Joel Bassett called the class to order leading 31b, and then offered the opening prayer.

A business meeting was held to confirm the following incoming officers: Chairman—Ruth Wampler; Vice Chairman—Molly Sauder; Treasurer—Sasha Hsuczyk; Secretaries—Linda Baysore and Sonia Chin.

Leaders: Ruth Wampler 394; Emma Rose Brown 40; Bethany Towne 205; Doron Henkin 391; Tom Tucker 176t; Matthew Kaufmann 154; Dan Hunter and Katy Hunter 405; Sarah Underhill 272; Lamar Matthew 35; Rebecca Rohrer 270; Guy Bankes 351; Ellen Ray 89; Mike Robinson and Gabrielle Robinson 30t; Erin Kelly 187; Molly Dektar 501; Jonah Chambers 425; Mary Skidmore 153; Dann Pell 173. RECESS

Charles Biada called the class to order leading 81t. Leaders: Terry Ryan 218; Ina Shea and Norris McDonald 198; Jeremy Galvagni 123t; Emma Swartz 527; Michael Sensor 86; Gwen Gethner 385t; G.C. Waldrep 260; Alice Beattie 472; Ben Sachs-Hamilton 400; Mark Brown 503; Rachel Speer and Dean Jens 286; Barbara Swetman 383; Greg Creech 33b; Stina Soderling 410b; Ben Shirley 211; Laura Densmore 311; Tom Ivey 212; Leslie Booher 274b; Jesse Vear and Chris Holley 436; Thomas Ward 179; Joanne Fuller 439. RECESS

Jan Steidl called the class to order leading 52t. Leaders: Tristan Gordon 102; Ian Smiley 442; Francesca Farrisi and Elise Cavicchi 203; John Plunkett 271b; Laura Hodges 447; Jim Glaser 322; Richard Ivey, Kelsey Ivey, and Everett Ivey 396; Owen Stoddard 42; Will Fitzgerald and Bess Fitzgerald 131t; Jonathon Smith 419; Eva Striebeck 273; Jan May 276; Andy Ditzler 570; Masti Mayrand 133; Kevin Beirne 454; Randa Harris and Karen Rollins 268; Patrick Friesen 418; Karen Ivey 422; Philippe Doyle 214; Liora O’Donnell Goldensher 528; George Sigut 146; Julian Bender 183. Mark Brown offered the noon blessing.

LUNCH

Carol Huang called the class to order leading 67. Leaders: Gina Balestracci 71; Thom Fahrbach 536; Nathan Rees 193; Hal Kunkel 298; Liz Cantrell 466; Hayden

Arp, Isaac Green, and Fallon Cook 269; Gillian Inksetter 215; David Ivey 172; Carol Medlicott 112; David Brodeur 411; Anna Mays 426b; Dennis George 384; Justin Bowen and Alvaro Witt Duarte 564; Kate Coxon 500; Ray Rechenberg 300; Ivy Hauser and Becky Wright 397; John Hughes 168; Cheyenne Ivey 208; Robert Stoddard 376; Nicholas Thompson and Gedney Barclay 512 (for Asa Horvitz and Grandmother); Michael Nord 213t; Sara Lott 282; Mike Richards 532; Roland Hutchinson 518.

RECESS

Philippa Stoddard called the class to order leading 82t. Leaders: Tom George 382; Keillor Mose 304; Sharon Strong 195; Alex Forsyth, Tom Stokes, and Dan Miksiewicz 228; Clement Slothour 49b; Jordan Lewis 455; Kathy Williams 180; Sasha Hsuczyc 111t; Stephanie Fida 74t; Ernest Chamberlain 569t; Chelsea Smiley 36b; Myles Louis Dakan 163t; Jesse Flynn 59; Isabelle Gervais Chapman 290; Jesse C. Polhemus 567; Roger Crabtree 31t; Harry Scott 474; Rachel Hall 217. Ruth Wampler led 549 as the closing song. Shannon Latham dismissed the class with prayer.

Sunday, January 22

The Sunday session of the Keystone Convention was brought to order by Ruth Wampler, who led 135. Alvaro Witt Duarte offered the opening prayer. Leaders: Sonia Chin 144; Gina Balestracci 430; Anna Mays 171; Gerry Hoffman 70b; Elizabeth Patton 125; Brian How 146; Leslie Booher 163b; Katie White 547; Thom Fahrbach 56t; Francesca Farris 209; Jim Glaser 462; Barbara Swetman 91; Nancy Tkacs 497; Terry Ryan 362.

RECESS

Jessica Keyes called the class to order leading 445. Leaders: Michael Nord 411; Tristan Gordon and Molly Dektar 448b; Leon Pulsinelle 32b (dedicated to Jean Comfort-Hallowell); Gillian Inksetter 167; Gerald Clark and Miriam Delirium 29b; Ernest Chamberlain 65; Will Fitzgerald and Bess Fitzgerald 283; Roger Crabtree 47b; Greg Creech 74b; Isabelle Gervais Chapman 378t; Nicholas Thompson 192; Gedney Barclay 434; Philippe Doyle 111t; Isaac Green 548; Corinne Ducey 87; Nathan Rees and Jonathon Smith 227; Roland Hutchinson 553.

RECESS

Ted Stokes called the class to order leading 337. Laura Densmore led 315 in honor of the following sick and shut-ins: Richard Mauldin, Claudene Townson, Jeff Begley, Charlene Wallace, Delorese Lee, Margaret Youngberg, Fran Henry, Edward Swetman, Sue Nord, Merv Horst, Evlyn Silvia, Ron Bornick, Margaret Bornick, Pam Regan, Chris Cotter, Joe Todd, Lyle Lindsey, Skip Trout, Craig Wilkinson, Sharyn Mead, Chelsea Musio, Annette Kastner, Matt Roberts, Kate Fortin, and Brenda Dunlap.

G.C. Waldrep conducted the memorial lesson, and led 505 in memory of the following deceased: S.T. Reed, Toney Smith, Lavoy Smith, Steve Adams, Kermit Adams, Elsie Moon, Mary-Lucia Sanford, and Levon Wootten—Alabama; Leslie Allen Kelly, Bill Horvitz, and Mildred—California; Earlis McGraw, B.M. Smith, Johnny Lee, Geneva Prichard, Mrs. Lillie, and Lucile Gunnels—Georgia; Janelle Davis—Illinois; Steven Page and Eli Todd—Massachusetts; Candace Hill and Francis Bliss—Maine; Bill Mates—New Jersey; Murielee Kurtze, Tom McCarrick, and Juanita Chamberlain—New York; John Bayer, Jr. and Leatrice Creech—Ohio; Jean Comfort Hallowell and Dorothy Kratz—Pennsylvania; Joseph Leonard Rowe—Rhode Island; Madeleine Venier and Denise LeRoux—France; Francine Grunberg—Canada. G.C. Waldrep offered a prayer to close the memorial service.

Leaders: Myles Louis Dakan and Ben Sachs-Hamilton 477; Karen Rollins and Randa Harris 345t; Dean Jens 276; Mary Skidmore 406; Becky Wright 416; Charles Biada

and Gwen Gethner 349; Mike Richards 348b; Ray Rechenberg 29t; Sara Lott and Stina Soderling 216; Krista Guerrieri 532; Carolyn Dries and Joanne Fuller 504; Jesse Flynn 101t; John Hughes and Jesse C. Polhemus 344; Chelsea Smiley and Ian Smiley 38t; Carol Medicott 182; Karen Ivey and David Ivey 34t; Alvaro Witt Duarte 186; Jesse Vear 568; Sasha Hsuczky 138b; Kevin Griffin Moreno 179. Thom Fahrback offered the noon blessing.

LUNCH

Doron Henkin and Barb Hohenstein called the class to order leading 56b. Leaders: Elizabeth Stoddard 546; Jan May 99; Richard Ivey and Alex Forsyth 30b; Carol Huang 377; Stephanie Fida and Kate Coxon 302; John Plunkett 297; Elizabeth Pilar 313t; Philippa Stoddard 336; Hayden Arp 530; Jason Steidl 573; Kevin Beirne 456; Kelsey Ivey 545; Keillor Mose 327; Liora O'Donnell Goldensher and Emma Rose Brown 542; Christine Andrews and Emma DeLisle 203; Kerry Cullinan and Chris Holley 489; Kathy Williams 560; Rachel Speer 275t; Eva Striebeck 506; Rachel Hall 385t.

RECESS

Tom Tucker called the class to order leading 278t. Leaders: Andy Ditzler and David Brodeur 534; Owen Stoddard 460; Ben Cocchiaro 436; Ivy Hauser 330t; Robert Stoddard 417; Laura Hodges and Liz Cantrell 475; Justin Bowen 88t; Emma Swartz 61; Tom George and Dennis George 421; Masti Mayrand and Alvaro Witt Duarte 424; Jeremy Galvagni and Laura Clampitt 367; Fallon Cook 440; Erin Kelly 206; Ben Shirley 335; Tom Ivey 354t; Sharon Strong 299; George Sigut 448t; Guy Bankes 556; Harry Scott and Lamar Matthew 347; Dan Hunter, Katy Hunter, and Yona Hunter 111t.

Sonia Chin gave the Secretary's report. There were 208 songs led by 150 leaders on Saturday and Sunday. There were 270 singers registered, and a total of 300 people attending from twenty-five states, the District of Columbia, three Canadian Provinces, and Germany. Sasha Hsuczky, Treasurer, reported that all expenses were met. Elizabeth Stoddard and Isaac Green submitted the Resolutions Committee report, thanking God, all the officers, and everyone who helped to make the convention a success. The committee resolved to reconvene in Philadelphia, on the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in January, 2018.

Following announcements, Ruth Wampler and Molly Sauder led 569b as the closing song. David Ivey dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Ruth Wampler; Vice Chairman—Molly Sauder; Secretaries—Linda Baysore and Sonia Chin

FEAST AND FASOLA

Home of Mark and Lori Graber, Delavan, Illinois

Saturday, January 21, 2017

The annual Feast and FaSoLa Singing, held each year on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in January, was called to order by Lori Graber leading 56t. Mark Graber offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Mary Huffman 48t; Stephen Huffman 32t; Terry Hogg 523; Anne Drexler 335; Shirley Figura 36b; John Huffman 344; Paul Figura 38t; Mark Graber 66; Ted Mercer 145 (MH); Nelson Bond 172; Peggy Brayfield 569t; Becky Browne 564; Janet Fraembs 532; Mary Huffman 479; John Seaton 180 (MH); Presley Barker 505; Don Bardsley 86; Stephen Huffman 131b; Terry Hogg 135 (MH); Lamar Schlabach 47b.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Lori Graber leading 334. Leaders: Shirley Figura 67; Anne Drexler 87; John Huffman 29t; Paul Figura "Webster Groves" (composed by R.L. Vaughn as a gift to the St. Louis Sacred Harp Singers); Mark

Graber 63; Ted Mercer 324 (for Steven Craig Miller); Nelson Bond 153 (for his parents); Peggy Brayfield 138 (MH); Becky Browne 430; Janet Fraembs 150 (for Karen Hojnacki and Linda Austin); Mary Huffman 13 (MH); John Seaton 152; Presley Barker 501; Don Bardsley 120; Stephen Huffman 155; Terry Hogg 142 (MH) (for Berkley Moore and Conrad Wetzel); Lamar Schlabach 47t; Shirley Figura 565; Anne Drexler 268; John Huffman 269. Lori Graber and the class sang 164 (MH) as table grace.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Terry Hogg leading 147 (MH). Leaders: Paul Figura 209; Mark Graber 127 (MH); Ted Mercer 71 (MH); Nelson Bond 154; Lori Graber 128 (MH); Peggy Brayfield 8 (MH); Becky Browne 211; John Seaton 145t; Mary Huffman "St. Louis" (also composed by R.L. Vaughn for the St. Louis singers); Presley Barker 201; Don Bardsley 213b; Stephen Huffman 73t; Terry Hogg 27 (MH); Lamar Schlabach 68b; Shirley Figura 51 (MH); Anne Drexler 99; John Huffman 195; Paul Figura 332.

RECESS

The final session began with Mark Graber leading 551. Leaders: Ted Mercer 61 (MH); Nelson Bond 159; Lori Graber 556; Peggy Brayfield 139 (MH); Becky Browne 142; John Seaton 62 (MH); Mary Huffman 528; Presley Barker and Barbara Chopin 131 (MH); Don Bardsley 105; Stephen Huffman 362; Terry Hogg 162 (MH); Lamar Schlabach 149 (MH); Shirley Figura 163b; Anne Drexler 277. Announcements were made, and included a special thank you to the Grabers for their generous hospitality and to others who helped make the day a success. The class took the parting hand while singing 347. John Huffman offered the closing prayer. Chairman—Lori Graber; Secretary—Martha Tyner

W. L. GREEN MEMORIAL AND BALDWIN COUNTY SACRED HARP CONVENTION (COOPER BOOK)

Galilee Primitive Baptist Church, Stockton, Alabama

January 21-22, 2017

Saturday, January 21

The W.L. "Bill" Green Memorial and Baldwin County Sacred Harp Convention was held at Galilee Primitive Baptist Church on the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in January. Bill Hogan called the class to order by leading 101t. He gave a warm welcome to all in attendance, and then led 36b. The opening prayer was offered by Danny Creel.

Leaders: J.A. Mosley 373; Nicole Bowman 514; Alice Mosley 484; Nate Green and Norma Green 95b; Evie Eddins 482; Nancy Hogan 392; Rodney Ivey 515; Ken Kelley 559; Gary Padgett 494; Robert Chambless 31b; Edith Eddins 196; Sue Bunch 504t; Lloyd Jones 463; Angela Myers 464; Eric Eddins 304.

RECESS

The class was brought back together by Nicole Bowman leading 54t. Leaders: Scott Ivey 98; Judy Chambless 29b; Jackson Fleder 38t.

Bill Hogan thanked the people of Galilee Primitive Baptist for their hospitality, making special mention of Bobby Willis's desire for the singing to be held at the church.

Leaders: Cindy Tanner 486; Perry Kiedel 107; Reba Windom 505; Ezra Eddins 277; Danny Creel 404; Tim Jones 424; Sonny Erwin 569; Anne Royappa 42; Henry McGuire 582; Jamira Jackson and Regina Derstine 361; Kevin Eddins 83t.

RECESS

Ken Kelley led 108t to bring the class together. Leaders: Judy Mincey 273; Russ

Scholz 283; Regina Derstine 408; Tim Taylor 148; Charlotte Naylor 155; Tommie Spurlock 183; Ewan Eddins 53; Ann Jett 503; Tim Royappa 28t.

The class sang 369, and Aubrey Barfield offered the blessing before the noon meal.
LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Bill Hogan and Perry Kiedel leading 96. Leaders: Judy Caudle 380t; Ryan Bowman 418; Mary Amelia Taylor 35; Andrew Royappa and Stanley Smith 370; Eli Eddins 52t; Becky Briggs and Danny Creel 522; Beverly Coates 416b; Nancy Van Den Akker 311; Ateven Anderson 93; Georgeanna Presnell and Sylvia Zurko 59; Elizabeth Royappa and Morgan Bunch 516; Loretta Jones 384; Drew McGuire 552; Aubrey Barfield 276; Hubert Nall 572; Bruce Coates 563; Chris Nicholson 95t; Stanley Smith 567; Sam Wright 315; Coy Ivey 465; Cindy Tanner, Ann Jett, and Danny Creel 355; Reba Window 478; Charlotte Naylor 388; Crystal Menas and J.A. Mosley 282; Tim Royappa, Anne Royappa, Andrew Royappa, and Elizabeth Royappa 274t; Henry McGuire 578; Tim Taylor and Mary Amelia Taylor 189.

Announcements were made. Bill Hogan and Nancy Hogan led 140 as the closing song. Hubert Nall offered the closing prayer.

Sunday, January 22

The Sunday session was called to order by Bill Hogan leading 224. He thanked everyone for coming, and the church for welcoming the convention. Bill then led 225t. The opening prayer was offered by Tim Jones.

Leaders: J.A. Mosley 273; Nicole Bowman 47b; Evie Eddins 297; Alice Mosley 45t; Nate Green and Norma Green 336t; Nancy Hogan 309 (in memory of Edd Bass); Ethan Eddins 31b; Rodney Ivey 138t; Kevin Eddins 268b; Tim Jones 120; Ateven Anderson 163t; Stanley Smith 213; Chris Nicholson 264t; Robert Chambless 72; Henry McGuire 524; Lloyd Jones 571.

RECESS

Rodney Ivey brought the class back to order by leading 440b. Leaders: Bruce Coates 32t; Drew McGuire 222; Judy Chambless 29t; Hubert Nall 422; Tim Taylor 391; Loretta Jones 520; Nancy Van Den Akker 511b; Eli Eddins 157; Beverly Coates 591; Becky Briggs 395b; Judy Caudle 477; Chris Parris 559; Ewan Eddins 553; Tommie Spurlock 574; Regina Derstine 156; Judy Mincey 411; Jamira Jackson 511t; Ezra Eddins 113; Jackson Fleder 45b.

The memorial committee was recognized to present the memorial lesson. Sonny Erwin said that the mixture of backgrounds among the singers was particularly notable to him as he began singing. He noted that the memorial lesson was unique. This year it became very personal because of his friend, who had been sick and unable to sing for months. He asked the class to remember those who are unable to be with us, and encourage them with phone calls or cards. He read the following list of names of the sick and shut-ins: Todd Derstine, Curtis Owen, Edith Owen, Mike Jones, Wilburn Ellison, Velton Chafin, Johnnie Chafin, Ed Thacker, Margaret Thacker, Virginia Glass, Richard Mauldin, Syble Adams, Eloise Wootten, and Pauline Oliver. Sonny led 447t in their honor.

Nancy Hogan remembered J.D. Morris, who passed away recently. She and Bill were asked to sing for him while he was sick. Up until then, she said, she had thought of Sacred Harp songs as being about death and dying, but singing for Brother Morris showed her that they are really songs of perfect healing. She then read a poem about how our loved ones are very near us, and read the following list of names of the deceased: Joe Nall—Florida; Edd Bass, Elder Bobby Willis, Elsie Moon, Gary Smith, Donnie Feagin, Toney Smith, Lavoy Smith, Elder J.D. Morris, and Levon Wootten—Alabama; Ruth Redmon—Texas; Earlis McGraw, B.M. Smith, and Johnny Lee—Georgia. She led 30b in their memory. Tim Taylor offered prayer to close the

memorial lesson.

Leaders: Morgan Bunch 30t; Ryan Bowman 274b; Scott Ivey 292b; Eric Eddins 132 with Stanley Smith; Sonny Erwin 199; Angela Myers 421. After the class sang 369, Hubert Nall offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The class was called back to order for the afternoon session by J.A. Mosley leading 572. Leaders: Sue Bunch 54t; Edith Eddins 77t; Gary Padgett 594; Chris Nicholson 38t; Bruce Coates 264b; Regina Derstine 497; Nancy Van Den Akker 288; Chris Parris 463; Beverly Coates 270; Jamira Jackson 573; Sonny Erwin and Judy Caudle 86; Ateven Anderson 154; Judy Mincey 494 (in memory of Lee Rogers); Jackson Fleder 448; Chris Nicholson 293b; Emily Eddins 336b.

Announcements were made. Bill Hogan, Nicole Bowman, Nancy Hogan, and Evie Eddins led 171 as the closing song. Gary Padgett offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Bill Hogan; Vice Chairmen—J.A. Mosley and Nicole Bowman;

Secretaries—Nancy Hogan and Evie Eddins

GEORGIAN HARMONY SINGING **Roberta Civic Center, Roberta, Georgia** **Saturday, January 28, 2017**

The annual *Georgian Harmony* Singing was held on Saturday before the first fifth Sunday in 2017 at the Roberta Civic Center in Roberta, Georgia. All song selections were from *The Georgian Harmony* song book. Bill Hollingsworth called the class to order leading 9 and 30. John Hollingsworth offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Oscar McGuire 11, 49; David Smead 50, 51; Helen Bryson 45, 1; Mary Brownlee 95, 94; Lisa Bennett 143, 154; Martha Harrell 54, 107; Rosemund Watson 25, 109; Angela Benton and Bill Hollingsworth 198; Michael Spencer 43, 233; John Hollingsworth 126, 56; John Plunkett 142, 248.

RECESS

Bill Hollingsworth called the class to order leading 200, 203.

LUNCH

John Plunkett called the class to order leading 246, 160. Leaders: Oscar McGuire 26; David Smead 92; Helen Bryson 42; John Plunkett 146; Mary Brownlee 13; Lisa Bennett 128; Rosemund Watson 33; Michael Spencer 208, 252, 196; Bill Hollingsworth 195, 155; David Smead 16; Lisa Bennett 15.

Announcements were made. Rosemund Watson led 255 as the closing song. Wayne Watson offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Oscar McGuire; Vice Chairman—Bill Hollingsworth; Secretary—Helen Bryson

PARKER, HOLLIS, AND PUTNAM MEMORIAL **Liberty Primitive Baptist Church (McCormick), Sumiton, Alabama** **Saturday, January 28, 2017**

The annual Parker, Hollis, and Putnam Memorial Sacred Harp singing was held on Saturday before the fifth Sunday in January. The class was called to order by Brenda Chafin leading 32t. Marlin Beasley offered the morning prayer.

The class organized by electing the following officers: Chairman—Brenda Chafin; Vice Chairman—Richard Mauldin; Secretary and Arranging Officer—Margaret Keeton.

Leaders: Brenda Chafin 35; Richard Mauldin 276, 137; Butch White 86, 535; Don Keeton 490, 491; Marlin Beasley 389, 434; Julia Poston 343, 100; Betty Baccus 454

(for Willodean Barton), 436; Bea Aaron 205, 568; Delone Cobbs 73t, 354t.

RECESS

Richard Mauldin called the class back together by leading 36b. Leaders: Jim Aaron 47b, 503; Henry Guthery 543, 558 (in memory of Preston Crider); Eugene Forbes 112 (for Gravis Ballinger), 212; Emily Brown 208, 285t; Larry Ballinger 216, 209; Chris Ballinger 215, 344; Linda Sides 159, 198; Ken Tate 123t, 147b; Yancey Jett 440, 172; Loretta Whitman 124, 101t.

RECESS

Brenda Chafin led 76b to bring the class together. Leaders: Wanda Capps 142, 144; Bridgett Hill Kennedy 163t, 168; Earl Ballinger 403, 439. Marlin Beasley asked a blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Richard Mauldin leading 146. Leaders: Ken Tate 426b; Henry Guthery 140; Yancey Jett 497; Linda Sides 319, 225t; Emily Brown 383; Chris Ballinger 424; Larry Ballinger 50b; Bridgett Hill Kennedy 88t; Ottis Sides 530, 378t; Bea Aaron 438; Don Keeton 499; Jim Aaron 31b; Nancy Phillips 354b, 358; Betty Baccus 507; Earl Ballinger 511; Loretta Whitman 399b; Bridgett Hill Kennedy 82t; Emily Brown 475 (in memory of Flarce Creel); Margaret Keeton 138t, 517.

Announcements were made. Brenda Chafin and Richard Mauldin led 62 as the closing song. Earl Ballinger dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Brenda Chafin; Vice Chairman—Richard Mauldin; Secretary—Margaret Keeton

WILLIAM J. REYNOLDS SACRED HARP SINGING **Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas** **Saturday, January 28, 2017**

The 33rd annual Sacred Harp Singing was held in the Memorial Building at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, on the last Saturday in January. This is the twenty-sixth year that *The Sacred Harp*, 1991 Revision has been used. Gaylon Powell called the class to order at 9:30 a.m. by leading 128. John Gray offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Gaylon Powell 365; Tim Reynolds 148; Jerry Ryan 145t; Nancy Price 491; Robert Vaughn 335; Douglas Foster 89; Russell Farnell 146; Kristie Powell 442; William Price 34b; Chelsea Miller 306; Donald Ross 225t; Leon Ballinger 313t; Becki Miller 32t; Dianne Ross 354t; Nicole Cannon 142; Mike Hinton 318; Brian Sears and May Sears 569b; Chris Nicholson 490.

RECESS

Gaylon Powell led 129. Leaders: Susan Schneider 178; Gayle Avant 29b; Jesse Latimer 269; Tim Reynolds 492; Jerry Ryan 274t; Nancy Price 300; Robert Vaughn 419; Douglas Foster 268; Russell Farnell 45t; Kristie Powell 110; Esther Huckaby 358; William Price 34t; Chelsea Miller 375; Donald Ross 273; Leon Ballinger 297. Tim Reynolds asked a blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Gaylon Powell led 445 to begin the afternoon session. Leaders: Holly de la Chapelle 282; Findley Ross 388; Ryan Ross 294; Becki Miller 84; Dianne Ross 497; Nicole Cannon 143; Mike Hinton 480; Brian Sears 384; Chris Nicholson 473; Catherine New 59; Levi Xuanmin Li 350; Nathaniel Fox 45b; Jesse Latimer 389; Juan Samuel Paquot 524; Ruth Aung 159; Kaleb Barrett 163b; Lucia 125.

RECESS

Leaders: Gaylon Powell 232; John Gray 40; Sunywon Byun 135; Gena Kim 124; Susan Schneider 139; Eunok Gi 287; Jesse Latimer 312b; Tim Reynolds 81t; Jerry Ryan 111b; Gypsy Youngraven 196; Findley Ross 146; Ryan Ross 99; Nancy Price

222; Robert Vaughn 107; Kristie Powell 47t; William Price 299; Chelsea Miller 61; Donald Ross 183.

Announcements were made. David Toledo made closing comments. Gaylon Powell led 448t as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by David Toledo, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Dr. David Toledo; Vice Chairman—Dr. Scott Anoil; Secretary—Catherine New

AUSTRALIAN SACRED HARP CONVENTION

Dickson Street Space, Sydney, Australia

January 28-29, 2017

Saturday, January 28

The 2nd Sacred Harp Singing Convention in Australia was held in Sydney on the weekend closest to Australia Day (26 January). Shawn Whelan brought the class to order leading 49t. Natalie Sims led 77b.

In a business session, the following officers were elected or appointed: Chairman—Elaena Gardner; Vice Chairman, Secretary, and Chaplain—Meg Quinlisk; Treasurer—Dilini Jayakody; Arranging Officer—Margo Lanagan; Resolutions Officer—Elaena Gardner. The opening prayer was offered by Meg Quinlisk. Leaders: Elaena Gardner 45t; David Rosenberg 40; Tricia Entwistle 479; Meg Quinlisk 47t; Daniel Whelan 39t; Margo Lanagan 535; Ruth McNamara 34b; Lisa Haynes 276; Elaena Gardner 318; Shawn Whelan 503; Ruby Foster 472; Natalie Sims 112; David Rosenberg 162; Tricia Entwistle 38t; Meg Quinlisk 171; Daniel Whelan 448t; Margo Lanagan 448b; Ruth McNamara 33b; Lisa Haynes 282; Elaena Gardner 107; Shawn Whelan 142; Ruby Foster 34t; David Rosenberg 299.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Natalie Sims leading 128. Leaders: Tricia Entwistle 474; Meg Quinlisk 373; Daniel Whelan 42; Margo Lanagan 168; Ruth McNamara 29t; Lisa Haynes 132; Jean Rosenberg 344; Elaena Gardner 388; Shawn Whelan 49b; Ruby Foster 496; David Rosenberg 68b; Natalie Sims 32b; Tricia Entwistle 155; Meg Quinlisk 426b; Daniel Whelan 348t; Margo Lanagan 26; Ruth McNamara 143; Lisa Haynes 345t; Jean Rosenberg 59; Elaena Gardner 312b; Shawn Whelan 475; Ruby Foster 424; David Rosenberg 117; Natalie Sims 504; Tricia Entwistle 200; Meg Quinlisk 84; Daniel Whelan 71. Meg Quinlisk asked a blessing before the mid-day meal.

LUNCH

Jean Rosenberg called the class back to order leading 146. Leaders: Margo Lanagan 506; Dianne Porter 284.

Suzanne Dixon conducted the memorial lesson, and led 457 in memory of the deceased and for those who are sick or shut-in.

The singing resumed with Ruth McNamara leading 410t. Leaders: Lisa Haynes 455; Jean Rosenberg 454; Shawn Whelan 540; David Rosenberg 36b; Natalie Sims 551; Tricia Entwistle 183; Meg Quinlisk 110; Margo Lanagan 230; Dianne Porter 159.

RECESS

Ruth McNamara called the class back to order leading 111b. Leaders: Lisa Haynes 106; Jean Rosenberg 198; Elaena Gardner 268; Shawn Whelan “Tune My Heart” (composed by Shawn Whelan, 2016); Daniel Whelan “Brunswick” (composed by Angharad Davis, 2014); David Rosenberg 63; Natalie Sims 203; Tricia Entwistle 350; Meg Quinlisk 290; Jean Rosenberg 269; Margo Lanagan 70b; Dianne Porter 145t; Ruth McNamara 481.

Elaena Gardner led 62 as the closing song. Meg Quinlisk offered the closing prayer,

and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, January 29

The Sunday session of the Australian Sacred Harp Convention was brought to order by Elaena Gardner leading 49t.

Leaders: Margo Lanagan 495; Dilini Jayakody 31t; Suzanne Dixon 47b; David Rosenberg 147t; Daniel Whelan 77t; Meg Quinlisk 48t; Jean Rosenberg 505; Shawn Whelan 76b; Dianne Porter 76t; Natalie Sims 460; Ruby Foster 85; Ruth McNamara 47t; Lisa Haynes 547; Tricia Entwistle 334; Elaena Gardner 455; Margo Lanagan 497; Dilini Jayakody 268; Suzanne Dixon 410t; Rob Wills 162; David Rosenberg 91; Bernice Dodd 475; Meg Quinlisk 546; Jean Rosenberg 335; Daniel Whelan 300; Shawn Whelan 532; Dianne Porter 117; Natalie Sims 384; Ruby Foster 361; Ruth McNamara 30b; Lisa Haynes 282; Tricia Entwistle 163b.

In a brief business session, Elaena Gardner thanked all those who contributed to the spirit and success of the convention. It was resolved to gather again next year in Melbourne on the weekend closest to Australia Day (27-28 January, 2018) to reconvene the Australian Sacred Harp Convention.

RECESS

Elaena Gardner called the class back to order leading 159. Leaders: Margo Lanagan 236; Dilini Jayakody 223; Suzanne Dixon 277; Elizabeth Gray 139; Rob Wills 46; David Rosenberg 228; Bernice Dodd 112; Shawn Whelan 224; Meg Quinlisk “Dickson” (composed by Angharad Davis, 2015); Jean Rosenberg 569b; Daniel Whelan 445; Natalie Sims 446; Ruby Foster 222; Ruth McNamara 56b; Elizabeth Gray 37t; Elaena Gardner 142; Margo Lanagan 62. The Secretary reported that eighteen leaders led 132 songs. The class was dismissed.

Chairman—Elaena Gardner; Secretary—Meg Quinlisk

IVEY MEMORIAL

Liberty Baptist Church, Henagar, Alabama

Sunday, January 29, 2017

The annual Ivey Memorial Sacred Harp singing was held at Liberty Baptist Church on the first fifth Sunday of the year. The class was called to order by Shane Wootten leading 59. Dennis George offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were previously elected to serve: Chairman—Shane Wootten; Vice Chairman—Richard Ivey; Secretary—Cheyenne Ivey; Arranging Officer—Jackie Tanner.

Leaders: Richard Ivey 482; Cheyenne Ivey 31t; Jackie Tanner 129; Scott Ivey 48t; Barrett Patton 200 (for Raymond Cruiz); Nate Green and Norma Green 317; Boyd Scott 358; Ellen Ray 111b; Eschol Hughes 542; Sarah Trumbore 411; Don Bowen 225t (in memory of Earlis McGraw and B.M. Smith); Rachel Jordan 441; Daniel Lee 566; Sasha Hsuczyk 271b; Winfred Kerr 36b; Jacob Acton 268; Isaac Green and Scott Ivey 400; Philip Denney and Karen Rollins 148.

RECESS

David Ivey led 345b (in memory of S.T. Reed). Leaders: Nathan Rees 91; Henry Johnson 213b; Jenny Acton 112; Nick Hall 344; Edith Eddins 163b; Rachel Rodgers 32b; Dennis George 524; Eloise Wootten and Loyd Ivey 426b (for Susan Harcrow); Ewan Eddins 107; Lisa Bennett 499; Paul Figura 278t; Elam Eddins 304; Linton Ballinger and Lomax Ballinger 120 (for Gravis Ballinger); Ed Thacker 532; Emily Eddins 115.

RECESS

Rodney Ivey led 343 (in memory of Bud Oliver). Leaders: Jared Wootten and Jamey Wootten 492; Elijah Boggs 82t; Kevin Eddins, Edith Eddins, and Eli Eddins 90; Samuel Williams 397; Lauren Bock 536; Phil Summerlin 97; Eli Hinton 77t; Dana

Eddins 47t; Brandon Acton 430; Justin Bowen 292; Evie Eddins 183; Anna Hinton 468; Eli Eddins 34b; Andy Ditzler 71; Nicholas Thompson and Judy Caudle 522; Ezra Eddins 182; Kathy Williams 540. Mark Carroll asked a blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Alex Forsyth leading 111t. Leaders: John Plunkett 53; David Smead 68t; Karin Covi and Max Berueffy 276; Marlin Beasley 318; Linda Booth 269; Cassie Allen 460; Terry Wootten and Loyd Ivey 89; Jesse P. Karlsberg 73t; Susan Cherones 564; Matt Hinton 131b; Cindy Tanner 76b; Robert Chambless and Judy Chambless 426t; David Brodeur 272; Judy Mincey 311; Loyd Ivey, Louise Ivey, Marion Biddle, Teresa Bethune, Lilly Underwood, Doug Ivey, Will Ivey, Candace Sizemore, Lindsey Watkins, Adam Biddle, Callie Watkins, Hallie Sizemore, and Vickie Ivey 454, 501 (CB); Elene Stovall and Barrett Patton 500; Grace Whitener, Vivian Ivey, and Karen Ivey 354b; Drew McGuire and Shelby Castillo 327; Kelsey Ivey 67; Pam Nunn 283 (for Sharon DuPriest and Daphene Causey); Buell Cobb 275t; Tom George 291; Erica Hinton 324.

RECESS

The class was brought together by Marlon Wootten and Scott Ivey leading 176b. Leaders: Stuart Ivey 328; Isaac Lloyd 444; Daniel Williams 523; Chris Ryan 452; Ezra Lloyd and Gideon Lloyd 282; Syble Adams, Richard Ivey, and Shane Wootten 47b; Coy Ivey 384; Joyce Walton 456; Isaac Stiefel 230; Mark Carroll 49b; Elizabeth Gentry, Charlotte Gentry, and Lillie Bell 314; Shane Wootten and Marty Wootten 348b (in memory of Levon Wootten).

Shane Wootten led 146 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Henry Johnson, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Shane Wootten; Vice Chairman—Richard Ivey; Secretary—Cheyenne Ivey

BAYLOR UNIVERSITY SACRED HARP SINGING **George W. Truett Theological Seminary, Waco, Texas** **Saturday, February 4, 2017**

The 15th annual Baylor University Sacred Harp Singing was held in the Great Hall of the George W. Truett Theological Seminary on the Baylor University campus in Waco, Texas. Donald Ross gave a few introductory remarks about Sacred Harp, and conducted a singing school prior to the start of the singing. Dr. David Music called the class together leading 59. Matthew Hazelwood offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were appointed: Chairman—Dr. David Music; Secretary—Diane Ross.

Leaders: Diane Ross 171; Leon Ballinger 225t; Kristie Powell 224; Daniel Paguot 72b; Jerry Ryan 318; Gaylon Powell 142; Beverly Coates 448t; Grant Frederick 63; David Warren 87; Bruce Coates 34b; Donald Ross 546; Lu Ann Thomas 35; Joshua McClain 282; Christy Hazelwood 159; Matthew Hazelwood 45t; Adam Cogliano 313t; Reed Coates 448b; Parker Bowen 135; Leslie Robinson 30t.

RECESS

Dr. Randall Bradley and Alex Ubiera brought the class back together leading 354b.

Leaders: Gus Holdrich 81t; Chelsea Miller 504; Tammy Powell 503; Jessie Latimer 157; Vickie Cook 150; Carter Cook 168; Lucy Murphy 178; Kyle Hearn 133; Abigail Thompson 146; Trey Faucett and Evan Maynihan 49t; Sam Eatherton 312b; Evan Maynihan 59; Brian Sears 276, 373; Alex Ubiera 439; Larry Hand 75; Dr. David Music 128. Dr. Marconi Monteiro led the grace prior to the meal.

LUNCH

Diane Ross brought the class back together leading 350. Leaders: Kristie Powell 430; Daniel Pagnot 475; Jerry Ryan 490; Gaylon Powell 542; Beverly Coates 472; Bruce Coates 49b; Donald Ross 551; Lu Ann Thomas 481; Gus Holdrich 268; Chelsea Miller 37b; Tammy Powell and Jessie Latimer 460; David Warren 494; Vickie Cook 38b; Carter Cook 300; Jacolyn Henderson 177; Randall Bradley 218; Lucy Murphy 85; Brian Sears 474; Alex Ubiera 132; Larry Hand 31t; Jessie Latimer 30b; Larry Hand 68b; Carter Cook 203; Brian Sears 84; Chelsea Miller 86; Gus Holdrich 163b. Dr. David Music dismissed the class.

Chairman—Dr. David Music; Secretary—Diane Ross

DUBLIN SINGING

Franciscan Friary, Dublin, Ireland

Saturday, February 4, 2017

The 5th annual Dublin All-Day Singing was called to order at Adam & Eve's Franciscan Friary, Dublin, Ireland, by Hugh McKenna leading 171.

Leaders: Mike Morrisroe 45t; Brian Flanagan 29b; Chris Swift 39t; Daragh McCarthy 56b; Dee Kirwan 37b; Dermot Peel 114; Jennifer Barry 142; John O'Flynn 111b; Lily Power 30b; Niamh Madigan 32t; Rachel Ní Chuinn 31t; Ruth Clinton 276; Sarah Shiel 178; Steph Malpass 187; Caro Stamm-Reusch 29t.

RECESS

Leaders: Amanda Parkes 270; Bryan Seale 101t; Dara Desmond 528; Derek Buckland 515; Evelyn Lamb 99; Ewan Paterson 143; Florent Decherf 123t; Geoff Grainger 535; Jan Geerts 150; Joanna Bennett 181; Kate Kirwan 212; Katie Ahern 475; Kevin Kennedy 174; Ross Harbison 335; Ruth Holman 84; Saara Pakarinen 352; Sinead Hanrahan 546; Vicki Elliot 532; Annie Flynn 36t; Mike Morrisroe 57; Brian Flanagan 480; Chris Swift 77t; Daragh McCarthy 448b; Dee Kirwan 163t; Jennifer Barry 215; John O'Flynn 209.

LUNCH

Leaders: Hugh McKenna 344; Niamh Madigan 148; Rachel Ní Chuinn 448t; Sarah Shiel 163b; Steph Malpass 272; Amanda Parkes 550; Bryan Seale 189; Caro Stamm-Reusch 377; Dara Desmond 196; Derek Buckland 267; Evelyn Lamb 367; Ewan Paterson 274t; Florent Decherf 411; Geoff Grainger 156; Jan Geerts 112; Joanna Bennett 456; Kate Kirwan 179; Katie Ahern 426b.

RECESS

Leaders: Sinead Hanrahan 228; Kevin Kennedy 218; Ross Harbison 269; Ruth Holman 569b; Saara Pakarinen 167; Vicki Elliot 183; Hugh McKenna 523; Mike Morrisroe 315; Chris Swift 282; Daragh McCarthy 49t; Dermot Peel 278t; Jennifer Barry 313t; Niamh Madigan 49b; Sarah Shiel 268; Steph Malpass 372; Amanda Parkes 53; Fergal Malone 542; Bryan Seale 134; Caro Stamm-Reusch 481; Dara Desmond 501; Derek Buckland 38b.

Hugh McKenna made closing announcements, during which he thanked all those involved in organizing the day and gave special thanks to the singers who had travelled for the singing. He also expressed gratitude to Mike Morrisroe for providing an introductory lesson for new singers during morning session.

Dermot Peel gave the Secretary's report, and stated that eighty-two songs had been sung by forty-nine registered singers and thirty-five leaders. Seven countries were represented (Ireland, England, Scotland, France, Germany, Luxembourg, Norway, Malta, and the US). Dermot also gave the Treasurer's report, stating that all expenses had been met and that a surplus would be contributed to the Friary to support the brothers in their work in the local community.

Hugh McKenna led 300 as the closing song, and the singing concluded.

Chairman—Hugh McKenna; Secretary—Dermot Peel

ROTUNDA SINGING

Department of Archives and History, Montgomery, Alabama Saturday, February 4, 2017

The 20th annual session of the Rotunda Singing was held in the foyer of the Department of Archives and History Building, Montgomery, Alabama. Four songbooks were used: *The Colored Sacred Harp*, *The B.F. White Sacred Harp, Cooper Edition*, *The Christian Harmony*, and *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*.

The following officers served for the day: Chairman—Bill Hogan; Vice Chairmen—Joey Brackner and Jim Carnes; Secretary—Nancy Hogan; Arranging Officer—Nicole Bowman.

The class sang 87, and was called to order by Bill Hogan leading 36b, followed by a warm welcome. Joey Brackner of the Alabama State Arts council offered words of welcome. Chris Parris offered the opening prayer.

The first session of singing was from the *Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*. Leaders: Nicole Bowman 240; Ken Kelly 480; Gary Padgett 442; Tim Taylor 475; Ann Riley 209; Ted Price 551; Chris Parris and Jillian Parris 206; Samuel Sommers 386; Ryan Bowman 338 and 338 (CB) (tenor parts only); Joey Brackner 318.

The second session of singing was from the *Christian Harmony*. Leaders: Adam Brasich 336t (CH); Danny Creel 186 (CH); Cindy Tanner 131 (CH); Steve Grauberger 179 (CH); David Daniel 184 (CH); Margie Simmons 142 (CH); Chris Nicholson 490 (CH); Ken Tate 432b (CH); Gary Padgett 170 (CH); Samuel Sommers 264 (CH); Tim Taylor 322 (CH).

RECESS

The third session of singing was from the *B.F. White Sacred Harp, Cooper Edition*. The class was called to order by Ken Sundberg leading 590 (CB). Leaders: Adam Brasich 133 (CB); Alice Sundberg 448 (CB); Karen Clark 514 (CB); Adrian Nall 393 (CB); Gavin Blakely 335 (CB); Nancy Hogan 520 (CB); Tommie Spurlock 594 (CB); Mary Amelia Taylor 269 (CB); Hayden Arp 521 (CB); Isaac Green 567 (CB); Katlin Bailey 516 (CB); Chita Blakeley 484 (CB); Brenda Chafin 563 (CB).

The fourth session of singing was from the *Colored Sacred Harp*. Leaders: Chris Nicholson 33 (CSH); Joey Brackner 24 (CSH); Samuel Sommers 95 (CSH); Stanley Smith “Lord, Give Me Just a Little More Time”; Karen Clark 12 (CSH); Ken Sundberg 65b (CSH); Stanley Smith 87 (CSH). Danny Creel offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Adrian Nall led 96 (CB) to bring the class back together. The first afternoon session included selections from the *Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*. Leaders: Sarah Beasley 340; Darlu Nall 277; Ken Tate 547; Isaac Green 548; Isabelle Green 47b; Jack Nelson and Taylor 560, 45t; Jillian Parris 159.

The second session of the afternoon included selections from the *Christian Harmony*. Leaders: Jim Carnes 133 (CH); Sam Wright 338b (CH); Herbert Buckhannon 109 (CH); Wanda Capps 172 (CH); Nancy Hogan 468b (CH); Sarah Beasley 117 (CH); Karen Clark 168b (CH).

The third session of singing was from the *Colored Sacred Harp*. Leaders: Jim Carnes 65t (CSH); Isaac Green 19 (CSH); Hayden Arp 4 (CSH).

The fourth afternoon session included selections from the *Sacred Harp, Cooper Edition*. Leaders: Cindy Tanner 486 (CB); Chris Parris 421 (CB); Joey Brackner 239 (CB); Isabelle Green 229 (CB); Ann Riley 384 (CB); Wanda Capps 505 (CB); Tim Taylor 54t (CB).

Following announcements, Nicole Bowman, Nancy Hogan, Joey Brackner, Danny Creel, Stanley Smith, and Bill Hogan led 99 as the closing song. Adam Brasich offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed. Chairman—Bill Hogan; Vice Chairman—Joey Brackner and Jim Carnes; Secretary—Nancy Hogan

BURNHAM AND BROWN MEMORIAL SINGING
Wesley Foundation Student Center, Jacksonville, Alabama
Sunday, February 5, 2017

The annual Sacred Harp singing in memory of Uncle Bob Burnham, Leman Brown, and Ruth Brown was held on the first Sunday in February. The class was called to order by Pearl Guier leading 59. The opening prayer was offered by Henry Johnson. Leaders: Tom George 425; Pam Nunn 186; Bert Collins and Glenda Collins 393; Judy Caudle 101t (in memory of B.M. Smith); Justin Bowen 33b; Paula Oliver 73t; Jack Nelson 524; Samuel Williams 89; Hubert Nall 129; Cecil Roberts 138b; Margaret Thacker 480; Winfred Kerr 388; Kenneith Calvert 350; Eugene Forbes 192; Jamey Wootten 276; Denney Rogers 143; Scot Oliver 68b.

RECESS

Tom George led 319 to bring the class together. Leaders: Judy Chambless 527; Richard Mauldin 446; Daniel Williams 101b; Robert Chambless 452 (in memory of Ronald Chambless); Karen Rollins 445; Ed Thacker 91.

A business session was held and the following officers were elected or appointed: Chairman—Pearl Guier; Vice Chairman—Tom George; Secretary—Judy Caudle; Arranging Officer—Pam Nunn.

Leaders: David Smead 379; Karen Ivey 217; Loyd Ivey 208; Elene Stovall 436; Jared Wootten 475; Buell Cobb 330t; Cheyenne Ivey 88t; Dennis George 488; Susan Cheronas 300; Marty Wootten 30b; Scott DePoy 201; Nicholas Thompson 336; Rene Greene 142; Philip Denney 120; David Brodeur 516; Samuel Sommers 486; Nathan Rees 464; Lisa Bennett 34t (for her sister-in-law); Erica Hinton 345b; David Ivey 38t; Alanna Blanks 405; Henry Johnson 515; Jeannette DePoy 36b (for Jesse P. Karlsberg and Lauren Bock); Oscar McGuire 229; Linda Thomas 79; Matt Hinton 297; Larry Brasher and Louise Brasher 513; Justin Bowen and Jamey Wootten 472; Paula Oliver and Cheyenne Ivey 182; Eugene Forbes and David Ivey 299; Judy Caudle and Loyd Ivey 426t (for Eloise Wootten); Tom George and Nicholas Thompson 426b. Cecil Roberts asked a blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Pearl Guier leading 32t. Leaders: Lilly Underwood 108b; Paige Harrod 112; Scot Oliver, Alanna Blanks, and Linda Thomas 314; Buell Cobb and Karen Rollins 303; Samuel Sommers and Dennis George 465; Robert Chambless, Judy Chambless, and Jack Nelson 225t; Hubert Nall and Richard Mauldin 168; Winfred Kerr and Cecil Roberts 56t; Jeannette DePoy and David Brodeur 271t; Nathan Rees and Rene Greene 500; Philip Denney and Denney Rogers 87; Henry Johnson and Daniel Williams 489; Scott DePoy and Karen Ivey 155 (for Charlene Wallace); Oscar McGuire and Elene Stovall 556 (in memory of Jeff Sheppard); Matt Hinton, Erica Hinton, and Lilly Underwood 65; Ed Thacker and Paige Harrod 460; David Smead and Lisa Bennett 384 (for Coy Ivey); Susan Cheronas and Samuel Williams 411; Sherrill Clieno 335; Terry Wootten 332; Glenda Collins and Bert Collins 340; Larry Brasher and Louise Brasher 385b; Ann Simpson 354b; Tom George and Pam Nunn 434 (for Daphene Causey and Sharon DuPriest).

Announcements were made. Pearl Guier and Tom George led 146 as the closing song. Philip Denney offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed. Chairman—Pearl Guier; Vice Chairman—Tom George; Secretary—Judy Caudle

CAPE COD SINGING
Falmouth, Massachusetts
Saturday, February 11, 2017

The annual Sacred Harp singing on Cape Cod (formerly the East Sandwich Singing) was held at the Friends Meeting House in Falmouth, Massachusetts, on Saturday before the second Sunday in February. The class was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Bill Holt leading 52t. Brian Harris offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Chuck Micciche 68b; Liz Patton 448b; Christina Wallin 48b; Mike Richards 67; M.B. Gowins 283; Chris Holley 422; Joanne Fuller 278t; Brian Harris 85; Laura Hodges 110; Isaac Hutton 159; Devereux Fuller 196; Ernest Chamberlain 457; Jennie Brown 564; Alvaro Witt Duarte 440; Mary Skidmore 312b; Leon Pulsinelle 133; Ruth Wampler 436; John Hughes 287; Angharad Davis 189; Chris Martinez 111t; Philippa Stoddard 325; Charles Biada 286.

RECESS

Laura Hodges called the class back together by leading 81t. Leaders: Rachel Taylor 480; Patrick Friesen 39b; Hollie Long 73b; Liz Cantrell 192; Erik-Dardan Ymeraga 132; Joan Frankel 414; Jesse Vear 51; Christina Wallin 56b; Micah John Walter 292; Darlene Dalton 448t; James Baumgartner 73t; Chris Geissler 180; Effie Cummings 203; Keillor Mose 218; Lynne deBenedette 456; Mike Richards 172; M.B. Gowins 556; Chris Holley and Devereux Fuller 376. Liz Cantrell asked a blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Bill Holt leading 148. Leaders: Brian Harris 327; Laura Hodges 284; Joanne Fuller 500; Isaac Hutton 538; Devereux Fuller 168; Ernest Chamberlain 178; Jennie Brown 475; Alvaro Witt Duarte 472; Mary Skidmore 142; Leon Pulsinelle 114; Ruth Wampler 383; John Hughes 107; Angharad Davis 197; Chris Martinez 515; Philippa Stoddard 534; Charles Biada 224; Patrick Friesen 505; Rachel Taylor 313b; Hollie Long 46; Liz Cantrell 328; Erik-Dardan Ymeraga 214; Joan Frankel and Bill Holt 284; Jesse Vear 460; Christina Wallin 326.

RECESS

Alvaro Witt Duarte led 32t to bring the class together. Leaders: Micah John Walter 212; Darlene Dalton 59; Liz Patton 176b; James Baumgartner 372; Chuck Micciche 268; Chris Geissler 277; Effie Cummings 147t; Keillor Mose 200; Lynne deBenedette 445; Bill Holt 299.

A business session was held in order to hear reports from various committees. The Chairman thanked all involved, and a resolution was made to hold the singing at the same place in February, 2018. The Treasurer (Christina Wallin) reported that expenses had been met. The Secretary reported that seventy-eight songs were led by thirty-seven leaders representing ten states (Massachusetts, Maine, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Alabama, Georgia, and Louisiana).

Brian Harris offered the closing prayer. The officers led 62 as the closing song, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Bill Holt; Vice Chairman—Chuck Micciche; Secretary—Liz Patton

EMORY SACRED HARP SINGING
Cannon Chapel, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia
Saturday, February 11, 2017

The 12th annual Emory Sacred Harp Singing was called to order by Phillip Langley leading 59. John Plunkett offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Phillip Langley 283 (for Charlene Wallace); Andy Ditzler 138t, 138b; Laura Akerman 192, 235; Jesse Karlsberg 234, 104; John Plunkett 517, 540; Malinda Snow 468, 112; Lisa Bennett 320 (for Lauren Bock), 183; Tony Hammock 430, 547; Lela Crowder 146, 186; Lauren Bock 410b; Lauren Bock, Caroline Rodoni, and Elena Rodoni 45t; Scott DePoy 277, 48t.

M. Patrick Graham, Director of the Pitts Theology Library at Emory University, introduced a special presentation by members of the family of the late Robert W. John, former Professor and Chair of the Music Department and Associate Dean at the University of Georgia, who acquired a collection of 250 tunebooks, including some rare shape-note editions, which has been donated to the Pitts Theology Library. Jesse P. Karlsberg spoke about the significance of the tunebooks in the collection and their value to the library.

RECESS

The class returned with Phillip Langley leading 32t. Leaders: David Brodeur 100, 101t; Nina Burris 198, 448b. A business session was held and the following officers elected: Chairman—Andy Ditzler; Vice Chairman—David Smead; Secretary—Laura Akerman. Leaders: David Smead 334, 116; Jerusha Wheeler 466, 414; Kathy Collett, Elizabeth Tingley, Claudia Bower, Wright Penn, and Nanci Penn (family of Robert W. John) 59, 162; Charles Woods 523, 143.

LUNCH

Andy Ditzler brought the class back together by leading 145b. Leaders: Jim Neal 30t, 270; Megan Friddle 147b, 37b; Jason Stanford 268, 408; Amy Wells 384, 76b; Nathan Rees 122, 431; Jeannette DePoy 42, 142; Oscar McGuire 276, 485; Susan Posey 128, 344; Kathy Collett 84; Lela Crowder and Lauren Bock 391; John Plunkett and Tony Hammock 148; Lisa Bennett and Jerusha Wheeler 182; Jason Stanford and Nathan Rees 556; Ellen Culpepper 89, 212; Erica Hinton 141, 464; Sam Culpepper 285t, 472; Anna Hinton 168, 209; Nina Burris and Megan Friddle 47b; Matt Hinton 436, 432.

Andy Ditzler and David Smead led 323t as the closing song. Malinda Snow dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Andy Ditzler; Vice Chairman—David Smead; Secretary—Laura Akerman

MINNESOTA MIDWINTER COOPER BOOK SINGING
University Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota
Saturday, February 11, 2017

The 18th annual Minnesota Midwinter *Cooper Book* Singing was called to order by Steven T. Schmidgall and Janell Draper leading 210. The opening prayer was offered by Jeff Bell.

Leaders: Tamara Harris 60; Paul Wyatt 511t; Gordon Olsen 47b; Stacey Berkheimer 30t; Paul Landskroener 155; Mara McPartland 270; Anna Leigh Smith 330t; Bill Beverly 501; Barb Patterson 591; Megan Holm 38t; Jim Helke 411; Christine Stevens 424 (for Pastor Doug Donley); Anna Pfau and students from the University of St. Thomas 505; Cathy Lutz and students from the University of St. Thomas 99; Jim Goetz 484; Kat Kohorst 393; Angie Payne 293b.

RECESS

Alec Jenkins-White called the class back together by leading 276. Leaders: Myles Alexander 77t; Maryann Corbett 150; Midge Olsen 478; Michael Moore 364 (in memory of Wade Uting); Jake Kiakahi 449; Kit Canright 159; Joel Setterholm 50t; Eleanor Haase 272; Dan Edwards 47t; Claudia Egelhoff 590; Pop Wagner 41 (in memory of Johnny Lee); Ben Fink 486; Carol Buche 587 (for Helen Buche and Cheryl Elsey); Cathy Lutz 559.

RECESS

Matt Wells brought the class to order leading 268t. Leaders: Kevin Bullock 151; Alec Jenkins-White 96; J.R. Hardman 55; Paul Wilson 314; Martha Beverly 140; Cathy Jordan 48t; Jim Pfau 269. Jeff Bell offered grace before dinner on the ground.

LUNCH

Janell Draper and Steven T. Schmidgall called the afternoon session to order by leading 515. Leaders: Steven Levine 580; Laura Densmore 98; Karen Edwards 148 (for Lauren Bock and Jesse P. Karlsberg); Joel Menk 482; Guy Bankes 552; Cecilia Kramer 480; Jeanette Nelson 229; Dick Patterson 594; Doron Henkin 522; Will Gilman 285t; Karen Clark 514; Ben Copenhaver 592; Erin Kelly 429; Elise delMas 464; Terry Hogg 95b; Martha Henderson 39; Denise Kania 488; Steve Luttinen 507b.

RECESS

Nathan Berry led 65 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Tamara Harris 442t; Debora Grosse 340; Matt Wells 287; Jake Kiakahi 414 (for Collette Miller); Joel Menk 166; Seth Wenger 49b; Steven Levine 273; Paul Wyatt 520; Ben Fink and Jeff Gotfredson 391; Jacob Carrigan 122; Midge Olsen 218; Anna Pfau and Bill Waddington 573; Charles Wells 38b; Steven T. Schmidgall 369.

Announcements were made. The Treasurer reported that expenses were met. The Secretaries reported that seventy-six lessons were led by sixty-four leaders from eight states.

Janell Draper and Steven T. Schmidgall led 87 as the closing song. Jeff Bell offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairpersons—Steven T. Schmidgall and Janell Draper; Secretaries—Joel Menk and Tivey

SANDERS MEMORIAL SINGING

Liberty Primitive Baptist Church (McCormick), Sumiton, Alabama Saturday, February 11, 2017

The annual Sanders Memorial Sacred Harp singing was held on Saturday before the second Sunday in February. The class was called to order by Larry Ballinger leading 56t. Danny Creel offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Henry Guthery; Vice Chairman—Ken Tate; Secretary—Judy Caudle; Arranging Officer—Bea Aaron.

Leaders: Ken Tate 147t, 411; Richard Mauldin 168, 475; Nancy Phillips 354b, 358; Don Keeton 278t, 491; Judy Caudle 208, 403; Angela Myers 500, 472; Eugene Forbes 142, 192; Betty Baccus 349 (in memory of Clarence McCool), 373 (for Ernestine Parker); Linda Sides 215, 225t (for Velton Chafin); Jim Aaron 47b, 457; Henry Guthery 343 (in memory of Barrett Ashley), 512 (in memory of Harrison Creel); Danny Creel 348b, 318; Susan Allred 436 (in memory of Kenneth Fannin and for Carol Fannin), 385b.

RECESS

Earl Ballinger brought the class together by leading 111t and 139. Leaders: Ann Jett 138t, 42; Nicholas Thompson 564, 327; Brenda Chafin 568, 271t (for Velton Chafin); Linda Booth 101b, 220; Rob Dunn 268, 269; Wanda Capps 36b, 298;

Yancey Jett 440, 312b; Ken Tate 324, 418; Margaret Keeton 325, 402; Ottis Sides 530, 322; Bea Aaron 441, 426b. Earl Ballinger asked a blessing at the table before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Henry Guthery leading 572. Leaders: Don Keeton 61, 270; Larry Ballinger 157; Richard Mauldin 388, 43; Susan Allred 480, 76b; Brenda Chafin 336, 47t; Linda Booth 218, 31t; Earl Ballinger 80b; Eugene Forbes 39b, 495; Nicholas Thompson 456, 200; Rob Dunn 38t, 64; Nancy Phillips 145t, 460; Bea Aaron 205, 175; Yancey Jett 44, 172, 89.

Henry Guthery led 521 as the closing song. Richard Mauldin offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Henry Guthery; Vice Chairman—Ken Tate; Secretary—Judy Caudle and Nicholas Thompson

H. R. AVERY MEMORIAL SINGING

Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church, Daviston, Alabama

Sunday, February 12, 2017

The class was called to order by Jack Nelson leading 32t and 73t. The opening prayer was offered by Ted Price.

Leaders: Bill Hogan 58, 65; Ted Price, Brittney Price Miller, and Marianne Lynn Miller 290, 57; Oscar McGuire 129, 171; Judy Chambless 426t, 34t; Robert Chambless 145t, 77b; Winfred Kerr 560, 225t; Jack Nelson 548, 540; Sharon Whitehead 186, 565.

RECESS

The second session began with Jack Nelson leading 500. Leaders: Cecil Roberts 285t, 37b; Brittney Price Miller and Ted Price 373, 457; Stanley Smith 384 (for Christine Keeble), 155; Jordan McGuire 480, 143; Richard Mauldin 446, 43; Charlotte Bishop 335, 268; Douglas Hubbard and Lynda Fagan 72b, 49b; Lynda Fagan 45t, 31t.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Jack Nelson leading 399b and 318. Elder Ben Keeble offered prayer for the following sick and shut-ins: Betty Culver, Sarah Nelson, Odean Keel, Sheila Shivers, Mary Cu Shivers, Jean Payne, Frances Treadwell, and Nell Estes. Jack Nelson led 145b (for Virginia Futral) and 81t (in memory of Tim East). Cecil Roberts led 76b (in memory of Stanly Willie Edwards). Bill Hogan led 47b and 39b (for Christine Keeble).

Leaders: Oscar McGuire 515; Judy Chambless 73t; Robert Chambless 494; Winfred Kerr 36b; Jack Nelson 332; Stanley Smith 101t; Richard Mauldin 168; Charlotte Bishop 229 (CB); Carla Smith 111t; Douglas Hubbard and Lynda Fagan 228; Lynda Fagan 445; Bill Hogan 418.

Following announcements, Jack Nelson led 56t as the closing song. Oscar McGuire offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Jack Nelson; Secretary—Sharon Whitehead

LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY SINGING

University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois

Sunday, February 12, 2017

The 25th annual Lincoln's Birthday Singing was held on the second Sunday in February at Ida Noyes Hall, University of Chicago, in conjunction with the University of Chicago Folk Festival. The class was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Jim Swanson, who led 49b.

Since many people unfamiliar with Sacred Harp attend this singing, he welcomed everyone, encouraged all to participate, and announced that there would be a singing school lesson to help them understand the music.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Jim Swanson; Secretary—Mary Rogel; Arranging Officer—Jim Swanson.

Leaders: Eileen Ferguson 34b; Mary Rogel 49t; Ginny Landgraf 39t; Linda Selph 68b; Lisa Grayson 47b; Jerry Gripshover 28b; Ann Sleeva 178; Doug Stapleton 155; Daniel Braithwaite 311; Ted Mercer 31t; Jim Swanson 300; Susan Geil 52t; Eileen Ferguson 36b; Mary Rogel 40.

Lisa Grayson taught a singing school lesson. Leaders: Randy Neufeld 77t; Ginny Landgraf 547; Linda Selph 475; Samuel Sommers 422.

RECESS

Jerry Gripshover called the class to order leading 344. Leaders: Erica Detemmerman 81t; Lisa Grayson 112; Ann Sleeva 225t (for Michael Appert); Doug Stapleton 503; Matthew Siefert 426b; Jim Swanson 216; Ted Mercer 192; Susan Geil 217; Eileen Ferguson 84; Mary Rogel 501; Debbie Kanfer and Linda Selph 472; Kris Richardson 365; Randy Neufeld 29t; Ginny Landgraf 527; Linda Selph 61; Samuel Sommers 437; Jerry Gripshover 111b; Erica Detemmerman 59; Amritpal Singh 82t; Ann Sleeva 171; Lisa Grayson 448t.

RECESS

Matthew Siefert called the class to order leading 63. Leaders: Jim Swanson 228; Ted Mercer 278b; Sophie Ciesielski and Matthew Siefert 276; Ella DeCastro, Anna Schloerb, and Ginny Landgraf 62; Susan Geil 474; Eileen Ferguson 107; Mary Rogel 73b; Kris Richardson and Anna Schloerb 76b; Randy Neufeld 99; Ginny Landgraf 567; Rochelle Lodder and Jim Swanson 442; Linda Selph 208; Samuel Sommers 207; Jerry Gripshover 268; Erica Detemmerman 284; Amritpal Singh 522; Mike Kerr 378b; Lisa Grayson 436; Ann Sleeva 66.

Announcements were made. Jim Swanson led 347 as the class took the parting hand. Chairman—Jim Swanson; Secretary—Mary Rogel

ALABAMA COLLEGIATE SINGING **University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Alabama** **Saturday, February 18, 2017**

The 19th annual session of the Alabama Collegiate Sacred Harp Singing was held in the Student Center of Canterbury Episcopal Chapel on the campus of the University of Alabama on Saturday before the third Sunday in February. Nikos Pappas welcomed the class, and led 49b. Frank Cornett offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Scott Ivey 33b; Judy Chambless 37b; Jim Aaron 47b; Robert Chambless 225t; Jennifer Sheppard 227; Jack Pate 569b; Zilpha Cornett 535; Carolyn Thompson 442; Eugene Forbes 203; Lisa Geist 528; Hubert Nall 313t; Nate Green and Norma Green 113; Nicholas Thompson 422; Rodney Ivey 432; Mike Hankins 168; Leslie Sheppard 268; Bea Aaron 456; Reba Windom 176b; Buell Cobb 177; Larry Ballinger 112.

RECESS

Nikos Pappas brought the class back to order by leading 354b. The Sacred Harp Publishing Company presented a plaque honoring Toney and Lavoy Smith for their devotion and service to Sacred Harp music.

Leaders: David Ivey 278t (in memory of Toney and Lavoy Smith); Loyd Ivey 340; Warren Steel 444; Hayden Arp 342; Lilly Underwood 29t; Lomax Ballinger 277; Sandy Ivey 31t; Linda Booth 273; Isaac Green 242; Elizabeth Gentry 496; Brenda Chafin 272; Judy Caudle 434; Susan Cheronos 300; Arlon Gardner 481; Wanda Capps 383; Linda Sides 276; Shane Wootten 156; Angela Myers 498; David Ivey 98;

Lucy Heidorn 155; Jane Doughty and Carole Fleming 75; Lisa Geist, Larry Ballinger, and Lomax Ballinger 472; Scott Ivey and Sandy Ivey 201; Loyd Ivey, Rodney Ivey, and David Ivey 470; Hayden Arp and Isaac Green 123t; Judy Caudle and Nicholas Thompson 192; David Ivey, Zilpha Cornett, and Wanda Capps 178; Buell Cobb and Warren Steel 131t; Nikos Pappas 294. Frank Cornett offered the thanksgiving prayer before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Stephen Smith brought the class back to order by leading 58. A business session was held and the following officers were elected or re-elected: Chairman—Scott Ivey; Vice Chairman—Rodney Ivey; Secretary—Stephen Smith.

The class resumed singing with Tony Ivey leading 139. Leaders: Judy Chambless and Robert Chambless 335; Lucy Heidorn and David Heidorn 146; Arlon Gardner, Shane Wootten, and Tony Ivey 131b; Jennifer Sheppard and Leslie Sheppard 457; Jane Doughty and Carole Fleming 480; Loyd Ivey and Lilly Underwood 454; Angela Myers and Reba Windom 542; Jack Pate and Hubert Nall 448t; Bea Aaron and Jim Aaron 503; Linda Booth, Linda Sides, and Brenda Chafin 215; Elizabeth Gentry, Susan Cheronas, and Stephen Smith 564; Sharon DuPriest 318; Nate Green and Norma Green 63; Rodney Ivey and Hubert Nall 45t; Scott Ivey, Hayden Arp, Isaac Green, Nicholas Thompson, Elizabeth Gentry, and Lilly Underwood 138t, 436; Jim Aaron, Hubert Nall, Eugene Forbes, Lucy Heidorn, and Loyd Ivey 68b; Susan Cheronas, Arlon Gardner, Pamela Minor, and Warren Steel 400.

Announcements were made. Nikos Pappas led 267 as the closing song. Frank Cornett offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Nikos Pappas; Vice Chairman—Scott Ivey; Secretary—Stephen Smith

PACIFIC NORTHWEST SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION, WASHINGTON SESSION Ballard Homestead, Seattle, Washington

February 18-19, 2017

Saturday, February 18

The 26th annual Pacific Northwest Sacred Harp Singing Convention, Washington Session, was called to order by Clarissa Fetrow leading 171. John Wiens offered the opening prayer.

The class held a business session, and the following officers were approved or appointed to serve: Chairperson—Kate Coxon; Rising Chairperson—Adam Berey; Treasurer—Zoe Scofield; Arranging Committee—Bob Schinske and David Wright; Secretary—Katie Mahoney. The business session was closed.

Leaders: Kate Coxon 144; Jinx McGuire 110; Kathy Vlach 145b; Adam Berey 59; Lu Zeng 29t; Laura McMurray 400; Peter Schinske 272; Susan Helf 383; Nancy Novotny 182; Jim van Horn 283; Nell Whitman 228; Anne Huckins 350; Doug Hill 448b; Karen Stingle 385b; Yosef Trachtenberg 148; Desirae Fendel 38b; Kate Fine 318; Scott Kennedy 163b.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Bruce Rowland leading 426b. Leaders: Bob Schinske 328; Katie Mahoney 234; John Berendzen 314; Destiny Woods 277; Erik Schwab 389; Jean Murphy 551; Joe Linden 63; Carolyn Gilkey 504; David Wright 36b; Wing Mui 344; Dan Thoma 430; Shannon McGuire 135; Rebecca Blumenthal 25; Matthew MacLellan 73t; Reed Schilbach 501; David Hough 53; Lucinda Saue 178; Ted Mercer 192.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Ethan Hardy leading 111b. Leaders: Kevin Beirne

187; Nancy Price 106; Pat Coghlan 214; Kramer Klein 428; Mryka Hall Beyer 497; Richard Barnes 31t; Myles Alexander 538; Zoe Scofield 35; Eva Striebeck 126; Greg Saue 163t; Mother Felicitas 159; Tim Morton 330b; Sophia Schinske 34t; Steve Cackley 29b; Dan Harper 236; Gabriel Kyne 436; Kelly Kennedy 270. John Wiens offered thanks for the meal.

LUNCH

The class was called to order by Brad Knoke leading 145t. Leaders: Kevin Barrans 349; Katharine Hough 269; Erika Wilson 424; William Price 313t; Kathy Williams 142; Ray Rechenberg 480; Betsy Jeronen 560; Tom McTighe 442; Lindy Groening 362; Carol Huang 532; John Wiens 198; Ruth Wampler 268; Jack Lofton 550; Marie Brandis 212; Thom Fahrback 399b; Stephanie Fida and Leanne Conley-Holcolm 543; John Seaton 47t; Marilyn Murata 378b.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Kelly Kennedy leading 312b. Leaders: Jeff Begley 134; Cornelia Stanton 87; Joel Deckard 313b; Claire Hogan 95; Ethan Hardy 297; Darlene Simpson-Brown 354t; Ana Tighe 460; Bruce Rowland 498; Linda Berkemeier 56b; Riley Mae Burns 448t; Dan Harper and Jeff Begley 84; Jean Squires 86; Kathy Williams 276; Tim Morton 547; Nancy Price 440; Ted Mercer 275t; Mother Felicitas 47b; Rebecca Blumenthal 360.

Kate Coxon led 347 as the closing prayer. The closing prayer was offered by John Wiens.

Sunday, February 19

The class was called to order by Kate Coxon leading 52t. John Wiens offered the opening prayer. Leaders: David Wright 42; Darlene Simpson-Brown 179; Clarissa Fetrow 128; John Wiens 47t; Evergreen College students 46; Shannon McGuire 330b; Rogan Campbell 457; Evergreen College students 448b; Greg Saue 473; Nancy Price 542; Kate Fortin 67; Jim Friedrich 347; Ben Furbee 146; Evergreen College students 111b; Yosef Trachtenberg 47b; Laura McMurray 505; Kathy Vlach 34b.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Scott Kennedy leading 86. Leaders: Sophia Schinske 58; Destiny Woods 280; Jinx McGuire 273; Erika Wilson 382; Matthew McClellan 390; Marie Brandis 422; Nancy Novotny 229; Katie Mahoney and Rich Lee 70b; Jen Rymut 138b; Jeff Begley 68t; Evergreen College students 38b; Lucinda Saue 147t; Pat Coghlan 351; Claire Hogan 201; Bob Schinske 89; Lindy Groening 456; Betsy Jeronen 440; Richard Barnes 288; William Price 180; Tom McTighe 522.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Matthew McClellan leading 32t. Leaders: Marilyn Murata 195; John Berendzen 500; Katharine Hough 183; Marla Elliott 547; Ethan Hardy 138t.

Kathy Williams and Clarissa Fetrow conducted the memorial lesson. Kathy Williams led 285t in memory of the following deceased: Jayla McGill, Teresa Niggemeyer, Phil Williams, Jim Davis, Art Haig, and Ryan Hobbs—Washington; Steven Craig Miller, Janelle Davis, and Les Sontag—Illinois; Gary Smith, Toney Smith, S.T. Reed, Steve Adams, Bernice Williams Harvey, and Elsie Moon—Alabama; Joe Nall and Henry Rodriguez—Florida; Charlie Derleth—Missouri; Robert Karabinus and Dorothy Elliott—Texas; Jim Newell, Will Marcotte, and Robert “Bob” Johnson—Oregon; Fannie Forry and George Hill—Pennsylvania; Elizabeth Johnson—Alaska; Su Lum and John Schaffer—Colorado; Johnny Lee, Delorese Lee, John Pharr, Willie Hawkins, B.M. Smith, and Earlis McGraw—Georgia; Jose Aguirre—Arizona; Colette Miller and Joyce Barnes—Minnesota; Ron Huss, Bill Horvitz, James Kyne, Joe Golowka, Eva Miller, Kazuko Ko Yoshigai, Betty Phares, and Carole Poles—

California; John Bayer—Ohio; James Mahnke—Montana; Stuart McLean—Ontario; Ruth Steggle—United Kingdom.

Clarissa Fetrow led 278t in honor of the following sick and shut-ins: Hannah Mae Blair, Gerhart Schwab, Christofer Leavenworth, Betty Shea, Shirley Messinger, John Carson, Melanie Hauff, Elaine Zidek, Shisue Sugimoto, Kevin Hobacher, Amy Wilson and baby girl, Sharon Waterman, Sally Cunningham, Michael Arden, Doug Webb, Chris Brown, Paul Luther Wilson, Susan Harcrow, Laird Schaub, Corinne Uvell, and Karen Dron.

John Wiens offered the closing prayer for the memorial lesson.

Leaders: Ruth Wampler 450; Ray Rechenberg 565; Cornelia Stanton 523. John Wiens offered thanks for the meal.

LUNCH

The class was called to order by Marie Brandis leading 445. Leaders: Anne Huckins 479; Adam Berey 392; Kelly Kennedy 573; Stephanie Fida 399t; Thom Fahrbach 411; Carol Huang 131t; Kevin Beirne 272; Eva Striebeck 441; Kevin Barrans 434; Ted Mercer 468; Tim Morton and Ruth Wampler 394; Kate Fine 112; Karen Stingle 76b; Nell Whitman 300; Zoe Scofield 196; Jack Lofton 153; Rebecca Blumenthal 198; Joel Deckard 176t; John Seaton 38t; Myles Alexander 102.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Kevin Beirne leading 48t. Leaders: Steve Cackley 488; Desirae Fendel 267; Susan Helf 472; Erik Schwab 396; Kathy Williams 455; Eva Striebeck 36t; Peter Schinske 218; Dan Harper 66; Ana Tighe 506; Wing Mui 324; Carolyn Gilkey 474; David Hough 385t; Linda Berkemeier 56t; Molly Pumfrey 268; Sean MacPherson 539; Mother Felicitas 378t; Scott Kennedy 454; Reed Schilbach 39t.

A business meeting was held to hear committee reports. The Treasurer announced that all expenses were met through the generosity of the attendees. The Arranging Committee announced 192 registered attendees, representing seventeen U.S. states, three Canadian provinces, and Germany. The Resolutions Committee thanked all whose work made the convention a success. The business meeting was closed, and announcements were made.

Kate Coxon and Adam Berey led 62 as the closing song. John Wiens offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairperson—Kate Coxon; Rising Chairperson—Adam Berey; Secretary—Katie Mahoney

UNIVERSITY OF WEST GEORGIA **Food Services Building (Z-6), Carrollton, Georgia** **Sunday, February 19, 2017**

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at the University of West Georgia in Carrollton, Georgia, on the third Sunday in February was called to order by Philip Denny, who welcomed everyone. He led 535. Philip stated that Myron House was unable to attend due to sickness, and that it would have been Myron's 35th year to serve as chairman. Cecil Roberts offered the opening prayer.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed:

Chairman—Nathan Rees; Vice Chairman—Philip Denney; Secretary—Donna Bell; Arranging Officer—Judy Chambless.

Leaders: Nathan Rees 100, 56t; Philip Denney 99; Donna Bell 340 (for Virginia Dyer), 490; Judy Chambless 34b, 426t; Cecil Roberts 35; Winfred Kerr 40, 282; Hayden Arp 103, 331; Susan Cheronos 460, 56b; Oscar McGuire 276, 229; Dalton Lewis 63 (for his Nana, Virginia Dyer), 70b; Nathan Rees and University of West Georgia students (Taneisha Turner, Candice Salters, Marily Suarez, Kameron

Martin, and Joshua Chapman) 500 (in memory of Earlis McGraw).

RECESS

Philip Denney brought the class back to order by leading 87. Leaders: Lisa Bennett 193 (for Virginia Dyer), 435 (in memory of Earlis McGraw); Karis Askin 36b, 300; Andy Ditzler 80t, 323b; Mary Morris 82b, 64.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Karen Rollins. She briefly explained the importance of the lesson to the university students in attendance stating, "It is an important part of our heritage and our singings. I know that the memorial lesson is to celebrate the life of those who've gone before and the sick, but I realize more and more that the memorial lesson is for us too. We depend on each other to keep this tradition going." Karen noted that we can find strength, comfort, and love during this time. The deceased remembered were B.M. Smith, Earlis McGraw, Geneva Prichard, Toney Smith, Lavoy Smith, Johnny Lee, Delores Lee, Janelle Davis, Gail Jackson, James Hughes, Lynn Swafford Key, S.T. Reed, Les Sontag, Hester Edwards, Harold DeLong, and Edna Ruth Phillips. The sick and shut-ins mentioned were Myron House, Virginia Dyer, Eloise Wootten, and Floy Wilder. Karen Rollins led 122. The memorial lesson was closed with prayer offered by Henry Johnson.

Leaders: Robert Chambless 225t, 163b (in memory of Horace Merrill); Cindy Gray 61, 76b; Isaac Green and Dalton Lewis 146 (for Fallon Cook); Isaac Green 545; Henry Johnson 206, 521; Sandra Wilkinson 171, 75; Malinda Snow 489, 527. Philip Denney offered the blessing of the noon meal.

LUNCH

Philip Denney, and university students, Doija Tyler and Kaylyn Becton brought the class back to order by leading 120. Leaders: David Brodeur 536, 458; Karen Rollins 168, 274t; Sheri Taylor 274b, 278b; David Smead 391, 151; Richard DeLong 370, 341; Fred Eady 192, 47b; Glenda Collins and Bert Collins 101t, 138t (in memory of B.M. Smith); Esther Williams 159, 90; Samuel Williams 512, 378b; Daniel Williams 425, 74t; Margie Smith and Richard DeLong 494; Oscar McGuire and Cecil Roberts 477; Henry Johnson and Malinda Snow 96; Philip Denney, Karen Rollins, and Fred Eady 97; Susan Cheronos and Sheri Taylor 564; Lisa Bennett and Andy Ditzler 444; Hayden Arp, Isaac Green, and Charlene Wallace 283, 155 (in memory of Carlene Griffin); Donna Bell and Sandra Wilkinson 405; Daniel Williams, Esther Williams, and Samuel Williams 349; David Brodeur and David Smead 79; Glenda Collins, Bert Collins, and Winfred Kerr 59; Robert Chambless, Judy Chambless, and Margie Smith 354b. The Chairman recognized Hugh McGraw, and the class wished him a happy birthday.

Nathan announced that the officers are looking for a new location on campus for this singing to be held. Other announcements were made.

Nathan Rees and Philip Denney led 45b as the closing song. Philip Denney offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Nathan Rees; Vice Chairman—Philip Denney; Secretary—Donna Bell

J.L. WHITE AND ECLECTIC HARMONY SINGING

Hardeman Primitive Baptist Church, Decatur, Georgia

Saturday, February 25, 2017

The 17th annual J.L. White and *Eclectic Harmony* singing was held at Hardeman Primitive Baptist Church on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in February. John Plunkett welcomed the class and led 34t (WB). Andy Morse offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: John Plunkett 382t (WB); Malinda Snow 314 (WB), 315 (WB); Judy Mincey 54t (WB), 55t (WB); Russ Hanson 274t (WB), 316 (WB); Eric Tweedy 490b (WB), 512 (WB); David Brodeur 487t (WB), 274b (WB); Andy Morse 491t (WB),

484t (WB); David Smead 526 (WB), R26 (WB).

RECESS

Russ Hanson reconvened the class leading 55b (EH1). Leaders: John Hollingsworth 154b (WB); Henry Johnson 96 (WB), 164 (WB); Sandra Wilkinson 51 (EH1), 57 (EH1); Joan Durdin 92 (EH1); Debora Grosse 424 (WB), 492 (WB); John Plunkett 40 (EH1), 483b (WB); Malinda Snow 13 (EH1), 8 (EH1); Lisa Bennett 12 (EH1), 28t (EH1). Henry Johnson asked the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

John Plunkett reconvened the class leading 548b (WB). Leaders: Judy Mincey 78 (EH1), 82 (EH1); David Brodeur 279 (WB), 222 (WB); Andy Morse 79 (EH1), 110 (EH1); David Smead 64 (EH2), 74 (EH2), 68 (EH2); Carol Hanson 313 (WB); Russ Hanson 62 (EH1); Henry Johnson 385t (WB), 56 (EH2); Sandra Wilkinson 479b (WB), 511 (WB); Lisa Bennett 519 (WB) (in memory of her mother, Betty Jo Bennett), 66 (EH2).

After announcements, John Plunkett led 60 (WB) as the closing song. Judy Mincey dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—John Plunkett; Vice Chairman—Russ Hanson; Secretary—Malinda Snow

SOUTH YORKSHIRE SINGING **Wood Lane Countryside Centre** **Stannington, South Yorkshire, United Kingdom** **Saturday, February 25, 2017**

The annual South Yorkshire All-Day Sacred Harp singing was called to order by Sarah West leading 59. Kate Kirwan offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were appointed: Chairperson—Sarah West; Secretaries—Margaret Gillanders and Emily Verrier; Arranging Committee—Eimear O'Donovan and Joe Vickers.

Leaders: Eimear O'Donovan 36b; Vicki Elliott 88b; Sam Carter 37b; Emily Verrier 49t; Cath Ingham 30t; Barry Parsons 67; Claire Welford 82t; Joe Vickers 95; Hannah Land 85; Ed Johnson Williams 229; Myfanwy Reynolds 162; Ted Brown 225t; Lin James 569t; Richard Mayers 29t; Julie Russell 155; Kate Kirwan 75; Derek Buckland 68b; Helen Brown 61; Joy Spreadborough 31t; Erin Johnson Williams 207.

RECESS

Claire Welford called the class to order leading 318. Leaders: Benny Ross 278b; Liz Lawson 163b; Margaret Gillanders 314; Richard Mayers 268; Julie Russell 34b; Amy Parkin 448b; Sam Carter 439; Myfanwy Reynolds 148; Derek Buckland 56b; Sarah West 449; Cath Ingham 135; Barry Parsons 560; Emily Verrier 319; Ted Brown 317; Hannah Land 392; Kate Kirwan 367; Joy Spreadborough 47t; Ed Johnson Williams 309; Vicki Elliott 436. Ted Brown offered the blessing for the midday meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Sam Carter leading 32t. Leaders: Joe Vickers 97; Calum Woods 224; Phil Tyler 174; Helen Brown 426b; Amy Parkin 378b; Kelly Taylor 142; Erin Johnson Williams 388; Emma Warren and Joe Vickers 282; Cath Tyler 340; Liz Lawson 66; Lin James 540; Margaret Gillanders 564; Eimear O'Donovan 475.

Sarah West conducted the memorial lesson and read the list of names of the following recently deceased: Delorese Lee, Johnny Lee, B.M. Smith, Alex Elliott, Ruth Steggle, Les Holmes, Jimmy Bailey, and Robert Peel. She also spoke for the following sick and housebound: Gillian White, Toby Boyes, Chris Brown, Joyce Farrell, David Gasi, Lynn Carr, Sister Pippa, Peter Golding, and Daniel Lord. Sarah

West led 83t. Joe Vickers closed the memorial lesson with a prayer.

Leaders: Hannah Land 48t; Ted Brown 43; Vicki Elliott 70b; Kate Kirwan 506; Joy Spreadborough 154.

RECESS

Emily Verrier called the class to order leading 106. Leaders: Liz Lawson and Calum Woods 236; Barry Parsons 360; Myfanwy Reynolds 496; Kelly Taylor 217; Derek Buckland 350; Claire Welford 362; Carmel Wood and Helen Brown 532; Ed Johnson Williams and Erin Johnson Williams 383; Colin Higgins 411; Emma Warren and Eimear O'Donovan 448t; Cath Tyler 499; Richard Mayers 455; Julie Russell 171; Benny Ross 178; Cath Ingham 63; Calum Woods 399t; Cath Tyler and Kelly Taylor 99.

Sarah West led 347 as the closing song. Margaret Gillanders offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Sarah West; Secretaries—Margaret Gillanders and Emily Verrier

TEXAS STATE SACRED HARP CONVENTION **Coker United Methodist Church, San Antonio, Texas** **February 25-26, 2017**

Saturday, February 25

The 25th annual Texas State Sacred Harp Singing Convention was held at Coker United Methodist Church in San Antonio, Texas. Amy Peveto called the class to order leading 47t. Gary Rogan offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Amy Peveto 49t; Sarah Huckaby 277; Tammy Powell 542; Mike Hinton 270; Janie Short 228; Patrick Weatherington 31t; Vickie Cook 150; Bruce Coates 515; Kevin Powell 209; Rick Cunningham 89; Don Ross 532; Silas Huckaby 189; Catherine Rogan 273; Cheryl Foreman 472; Robert Vaughn 229; Beverly Coates 225t (for Curtis and Edith Owen); Sonny Huckaby 400; Diane Ross 430; Linda Booker 569b; Gary Rogan 155.

RECESS

Sarah Huckaby called the class back together by leading 76b. Leaders: Tom Owen 309; Chris Nicholson 34b; Vivian Rogan 32t; Jackson Owen 53; Hoss Curran 25t; Karen Isbell 142; Michele Curran 269; Presley Barker and Barbara Chopin 505; Jeb Owen 455; John Berendzen 500; Scott Curran 475; Lauren Owen and Abby Huckaby 159; Liz Owen 546; Kristie Powell 567; Riley Owen 171; Janet Morgan 77t; Sonny Erwin 448b; Lori Rodgers 276; Rick Foreman 448t; Micah Rodgers and Doug Hebert 47b; Gaylon Powell 240; Leon Ballinger 300; Tammy Powell 217; Chris Nicholson 473; Beverly Coates 432; Rick Cunningham 146; Don Ross 530.

The following committees were appointed: Memorial Committee—Cheryl Foreman and Gaylon Powell; Nominating Committee—Vivian Rogan and Sonny Erwin.

Bruce Coates offered the noon prayer

LUNCH

Sarah Huckaby called the class back to order leading 36b. Leaders: Scott Curran 328; Vivian Rogan 282; Diane Ross 168; Liz Owen 377; Patrick Weatherington 145b; Jackson Owen 274t; Tom Owen 481; Lauren Owen, Abby Huckaby, and Cheryl Foreman 99; Gary Rogan 384; Riley Owen 312b; Bruce Coates 176b; Robert Vaughn 507; Silas Huckaby 110; Jeb Owen 112; Catherine Rogan 299; Michele Curran 478; Karen Isbell 29t; Janet Morgan and Beverly Coates 382 (for Carol Selleck).

RECESS

Amy Peveto called the class back together leading 347. Leaders: Gaylon Powell 383; John Berendzen 396; Presley Barker 474; Rick Foreman 50b; Linda Booker 34t; Kristie Powell 203; Sonny Erwin 568; Mike Hinton 480; Lori Rodgers 503; Janie

Short 344; Vivian Rogan and Mam's Kids (Riley Owen, Jackson Owen, Lauren Owen, Silas Huckaby, Abby Huckaby, and Hoss Curran) 146; Patrick Weatherington and Beverly Weatherington 452; Tammy Powell and Rachel Cywinski 142. A business meeting was held. The following officers were elected to serve for next year: Chairman—Sarah Huckaby; Vice Chairman—Don Ross; Secretary—Tammy Powell; Treasurers—Rick Foreman and Cheryl Foreman; Assistant Treasurer—Sonny Erwin. Announcements were made. Amy Peveto led 62 as the closing song. Sonny Huckaby offered the closing prayer.

Sunday, February 26

The Sunday session of the Texas State Convention was called to order by Amy Peveto leading 48t. Kevin Powell offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Amy Peveto 326; Sarah Huckaby 42; Tammy Powell 142, 143; John Berendzen 73b, 37b; Jane Goforth 133; Olivia Powell and Aurora Danial 45t, 274t; Carter Cook 168, 217; Kristie Powell 515, 440; Presley Barker 201, 501; Janet Morgan 314, 72b; Sonny Erwin 454; Sonny Erwin and Abby Huckaby 496; Abby Huckaby and Cheryl Foreman 159.

RECESS

Amy Peveto called the class back together by leading 30b and 59. Leaders: Kevin Powell 358, 535; Linda Booker and Grandson Steven 452, 490; Silas Huckaby 566, 99; Karen Isbell 224, 556; Claire Steinman and Cheryl Foreman 45t, 40.

A memorial lesson was held. Cheryl Foreman led 499 for the following sick and shut-ins: Chris Brown, Gravis Ballinger, Virginia Glass, Tina Smith Walston, Andy Worthington, Sue Harju, Curtis Owen, Edith Owen, Amy Denison, Azalea Barnett, Myrl Jones, Charlotte Powell, Claire Shougor, Mary Stanley, Chloe Webb, Doug Webb, and Mike Webb.

Gaylon Powell led 111b in memory of the following deceased: Les Sontag and Janelle Davis—Illinois; Charlie Derleth—Missouri; Steve Adams, Kermit Adams, Toney Smith, Lavoy Smith, Levon Wootten, and Bill McCarthy—Alabama; B.M. Smith, Johnny Lee, and Delorese Lee—Georgia; Mike Winchester—Oklahoma; Farrell Blevins, Ruth Redmond, and Jimmy Foreman—Texas. Mike Hinton offered the closing prayer for the memorial service.

Leaders: Rick Foreman 33b, 46; Mike Hinton 154, 61; Gaylon Powell 329, 426t; Cheryl Foreman 551, 285; Janie Short and the BBQ cooks 318. Mike Hinton offered the noon prayer.

LUNCH

Sarah Huckaby called the class back to order by leading 278b. Leaders: Janie Short 373, 193; Vickie Cook 38b, 335; John Berendzen 480; Carter Cook 312b; Jane Goforth 477; Kristie Powell 442; Presley Barker 313b; Silas Huckaby 500; Karen Isbell 282; Linda Booker 354b; Sonny Erwin 489; Olivia Powell 47t; Cheryl Foreman 354t; Kevin Powell 56t; Rick Foreman 36b; Mike Hinton 495; Gaylon Powell 107; Janie Short 183; Vickie Cook 479; Silas Huckaby 176b; John Berendzen 88t; Presley Barker 472; Karen Isbell 39t; Barbara Chopin 496; Amy Peveto, Vickie Cook, and Janie Short 236. Announcements were made.

Amy Peveto led 69t as the closing song. Gaylon Powell offered the closing prayer. Chairman—Amy Peveto; Vice Chairman—Sarah Huckaby; Secretary—Tammy Powell

UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA SINGING

State Botanical Garden of Georgia, Athens, Georgia

Sunday, February 26, 2017

The annual session of the University of Georgia Singing was held on the fourth Sunday in February. This is the only annual singing that uses *The Social Harp*, first

published in 1855. John Hollingsworth opened the session leading 191 (ScH) and 86 (ScH). John Plunkett offered the opening prayer.

A business session was held and the following officers were elected: Chairman—Michael Spencer; Vice Chairman—Bill Hollingsworth; Secretary—Lisa Bennett. Jane Cannon was appointed as the Arranging Officer.

Leaders: Michael Spencer 87 (ScH), 200 (ScH); Bill Hollingsworth 52t (ScH), 182 (ScH); Lisa Bennett 53 (ScH), 141 (ScH); Nathan Rees 153 (ScH), 202 (ScH); Judy Mincey 152 (ScH), 135 (ScH); Robert Kelley 103 (ScH), 61b (ScH); Margie Dietz 24b (ScH); Ben Fink 38t (ScH), 137 (ScH); Dave Farmer 98 (ScH), 170 (ScH); David Smead 131 (ScH), 154 (ScH); Oscar McGuire 34 (ScH) (for Hugh McGraw), 83 (ScH); John Plunkett 82 (ScH), 138 (ScH); Eli Snyder 183 (ScH), 228 (ScH); Chris Wilhelm 188 (ScH), 21 (ScH); Karen Redwine 187 (ScH), 24t (ScH); Jane Cannon 61t (ScH), 159 (ScH).

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Michael Spencer leading 253 (ScH). Leaders: Bill Hollingsworth 31 (ScH); Lisa Bennett 30 (ScH); John Plunkett 22 (ScH); Chris Wilhelm 134 (ScH); Margie Dietz 186 (ScH); Judy Mincey 155 (ScH); Oscar McGuire 88 (ScH); Dave Farmer 101 (ScH); David Smead 149 (ScH); Ben Fink 239 (ScH); Robert Kelley 235 (ScH); Eli Snyder 33t (ScH); Jane Cannon 194 (ScH); Karen Redwine 93 (ScH).

LUNCH

During the afternoon session, the class sang selections from *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*. Leaders: Michael Spencer 191; Bill Hollingsworth 354b; Lisa Bennett 383; Dave Farmer 186; Oscar McGuire 515; Margie Dietz 29t; Judy Mincey 311; David Smead 420; Mary Helen Hogue and Julia Katterjohn 479; Daron Douglas 47t; Robert Kelley 285b; Eli Snyder 187; Karen Redwine 81t; Jennifer McDaniel 127; Christy Sinksen 448t; John Hollingsworth and Bill Hollingsworth 236; Winston Stephens 34b; Nathan Rees 152; Jane Cannon 328; Michael Spencer 382; Bill Hollingsworth 489; Lisa Bennett 212 (for her parents); Mary Helen Hogue and Julia Katterjohn 299; Daron Douglas 162; Robert Kelley 472; Eli Snyder 545; Karen Redwine 569b; Jennifer McDaniel 178; Christy Sinksen 107; Oscar McGuire 163b; Winston Stephens 503; Nathan Rees 352; Dave Farmer 209; Chris Wilhelm 415; David Smead 55; Nathan Rees 347 (at the request of John Hollingsworth).

Following announcements, Michael Spencer led 521 as the closing song. John Hollingsworth offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Michael Spencer; Vice Chairman—Bill Hollingsworth; Secretary—Lisa Bennett

ELMORE CENTER SINGING

Elmore Center United Methodist Church, Gordo, Alabama Saturday, March 4, 2017

The 173rd session of the Elmore Center Sacred Harp Singing was held at Elmore Center United Methodist Church near Gordo, Alabama, on Saturday before the first Sunday in March. Glenn Keeton called the class to order by leading 81t. Pastor Joey Karr gave an update on Jack and Bobbi Pate's granddaughter, Libby. He then offered the morning prayer. Glenn Keeton welcomed everyone on behalf of Jack Pate, and then led 59.

The class organized by electing or appointing the following officers: Chairman—Jack Pate; Vice Chairman—Glenn Keeton; Secretary—Lisa Geist; Arranging Officer—Wayne Baines. The class decided the singing would be dedicated to the honor of Libby Hankins.

Leaders: Wayne Baines 100, 155; Tim Cook 39t, 39b; Earl Ballinger 80b, 147b;

Henry Guthery 511, 527; Tim Reynolds 86, 117; Mike Hankins 120 (for Gravis Ballinger), 168; Betty Baccus 517 (WB), 339; Richard Mauldin 36b, 388 (for his sister, Anne Chalker); Mako Cook 276, 503; Chris Ballinger 112 (for Gravis Ballinger), 477; Hayden Arp 405, 336.

RECESS

Glenn Keeton led 270 to call the class to order. Leaders: Lisa Geist 182 (for Gravis Ballinger), 269; Doug Wyers 73t, 480; Nikos Pappas 113, 220; Bea Aaron 568, 456; Jim Aaron 47b, 231; Nicholas Thompson 474, 216; Linda Booth 31t, 198; Rob Dunn 504, 32t; Larry Ballinger 68b, 528.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Glenn Keeton leading 282. Leaders: Loretta Whitman 399b, 373, 406; Wendell Rinehart 445, 457; Wayne Baines 146; Lisa Geist 472; Nicholas Thompson 137; Earl Ballinger 139; Linda Booth 441; Rob Dunn 294; Nikos Pappas 358; Lisa Geist 304 (requested by Henry Guthery); Larry Ballinger 151; Hayden Arp 408; Mike Hankins 72b; Wendell Rinehart 159; Richard Mauldin 34b; Chris Ballinger 49t; Tim Cook 287; Tim Reynolds 299; Bea Aaron 341; Mako Cook 515; Julie Poston 145b; the class sang 145t (per request from a listener).

Following announcements, Glenn Keeton led 267 as the closing song. Reverend Joey Karr dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Jack Pate; Vice Chairman—Glenn Keeton; Secretary—Lisa Geist

EMMAUS PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH SINGING

Thomaston, Georgia

Saturday, March 4, 2017

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Emmaus Primitive Baptist Church held on Saturday before the first Sunday in March was called to order by Wayne Watson leading 49b. Wayne Watson offered the morning prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve for the day: Chairman—Wayne Watson; Secretary—Helen Bryson.

Leaders: Wayne Watson 480; Oscar McGuire 34b; Mel Kersey 515, 503; Philip Ford 49t, 52t; Michael Spencer 289, 420; Philip Denney 61, 84; Helen Bryson 155, 492; Daniel Williams 312b, 285t; Lisa Bennett 212, 153 (in memory of her parents).

RECESS

Oscar McGuire called the class to order leading 75. Leaders: David Smead 415, 510; David Grant 145b, 166; Mary Brownlee 78, 183; Debora Grosse 473, 354t; Faye Hollis 99, 276; Martha Harrell 74b, 77t; Sandra Wilkinson 270, 345t; Rosemund Watson 94, 149.

LUNCH

Oscar McGuire called the class to order leading 33t. Leaders: John Brownlee 47b; Beth Brownlee Kerkoff and Bob Crawford 147t, 143; Bentley McGuire and visitors, Ben and Alec 542, 378t (in memory of Melvin Kersey), 293; Oscar McGuire, Susie Pressley, and Kenneth Pressley 45t; Mel Kersey 68b; Philip Ford 535; Michael Spencer 278t; Philip Denney 448t; Helen Bryson 300; Bentley McGuire 505; Daniel Williams 426t; Debora Grosse 288; David Smead 350; David Grant 421; Lisa Bennett 383; Mary Brownlee 151; Faye Hollis 186; Martha Harrell 178; Oscar McGuire 358 (by request).

Announcements were made. Rosemund Watson led 347 as the closing song. Philip Denney offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Wayne Watson; Secretary—Helen Bryson

ELDER GERALD HAND MEMORIAL SINGING (LAS CRUCES)
Women's Improvement Association Building, Las Cruces, New Mexico
March 4-5, 2017

Saturday, March 4

The 6th session of the Elder Gerald Hand Memorial Singing was called to order by David Hand leading 59. The following officers were elected: Chairman—David Hand; Vice Chairman—Eric Morgan; Arranging Officer—Judy Licht; Treasurer—Janet Hand Morgan; Secretaries—Donna Hand Sewell and Judy Licht.

Leaders: Eric Morgan 47t; Leslie Alperin 163b; Carla Smith 36b; Anita Landess 77t; Erika Roush 77b; Jerry Schreiber 344; Chris Nicholson 47b (for Rosemary Wolfe); Carol Hand Selleck 548; Pete Mathewson 35; Larry Hand 82t; Craig Averill 312b; Lori Hand Rodgers 454; Julie Johnson 128; Chris Nicholson 34b; Janet Hand Morgan 448t; Abbie Sorg 504; Donna Hand Sewell 171; David McPherson 430.

RECESS

David Hand brought the class back to order leading 282. Leaders: Jeri Segal 142; Janet Plattner 277; Barry Johnston 66; Sarah Heartsong 323b; Eric Morgan 70b; Leslie Alperin 228; Anita Landess 297; Carla Smith 291; Erika Roush 94; Jerry Schreiber 542; Julie Johnson 178 (for Rosemary Wolfe); Carol Hand Selleck 549; Pete Mathewson 565; Larry Hand 39b; Craig Averill 68b; Julie Johnson 31t; Lori Hand Rodgers 99. Catherine Massey offered thanks before the noon meal.

LUNCH

David Hand brought the class back to order leading 358. Leaders: Sally Gwylan 421; Jean Merritt 313b; Chris Nicholson 473; Janet Hand Morgan 106; Abbie Sorg 107; Donna Hand Sewell 146; David McPherson 300; Jeri Segal 411; Janet Plattner 503; Barry Johnston 28t; Eric Morgan 65; Leslie Alperin 268; Janet Hand Morgan 76b; Stephen Hoyt 569b; Anita Landess 481; Carla Smith 480; Erika Roush 203; Jerry Schreiber 384; Rosemary Wolfe and Kim Lewis 146; Carol Hand Selleck 39t.

RECESS

David Hand brought the class back to order leading 288. Leaders: Pete Mathewson 489; James Caufield and Eric Morgan 49b; Craig Averill 276; Julie Johnson 383; Lori Hand Rodgers 192; Sally Gwylan 81t; Jean Merritt and Carol Hand Selleck 294; Chris Nicholson 477; Eric Morgan 532; Abbie Sorg 284; Donna Hand Sewell 63. Announcements were made. Craig Averill offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, March 5

The Sunday session was called to order by David Hand leading 59. Leaders: David McPherson 452; Barry Johnston 336; Judy Licht 159; Larry Hand 143; Kim Lewis 117; Janet Plattner 119; Eric Morgan 89; Catherine Massey 45t; Leslie Alperin 191; Stephen Hoyt 105; Anita Landess 312t; Carla Smith 313t; Erika Roush 551; Jerry Schreiber 172; Marion Hand Lewis and Carol Hand Selleck 235; Claire Singleton 299; Pete Mathewson 501; Jeri Segal 372; Craig Averill 49t; Julie Johnson 335; Lori Hand Rodgers 47t.

RECESS

David Hand brought the class back to order leading 387. Leaders: Eric Morgan 186; Jerry Schreiber 369.

A memorial lesson was conducted by Carol Hand Selleck. Janet Hand Morgan read the following list of names of the sick and homebound: Paige Winslett, Michael McKernon, Ed Stevens, Margaret Odell, and Susan Harcrow. Jerry Schreiber led 369.

Janet Hand Morgan then read the following list of names of the deceased: Johnny Lee, Dolores Lee, George Snyder, and B.M. Smith—Georgia; Don Thayer—

Massachusetts; David Carr, Warren Houghteling, Betty Pierce, and Elder Vernon Venable—New Mexico; Lea Glitman-Alkalai and Ron Huss—California; Elder Bill McCarthy—Oklahoma. Jerry Schreiber led 41 (CB) in their memory. Craig Averill offered prayer to close the memorial service.

Leaders: Janet Hand Morgan and Lonnie Jarrett 68b; Sally Gwylan 324; Jean Merritt 479; Chris Nicholson 490; Abbie Sorg 217; David McPherson 183; Barry Johnston 125; Larry Hand 465; Kim Lewis 168; Janet Plattner 81b; Eric Morgan 29t; Leslie Alperin 547; Stephen Hoyt 347.

LUNCH

David Hand brought the class back to order leading 128. Leaders: Anita Landess 379; Carla Smith 378t; Erika Roush 26; Jerry Schreiber 236; Donna Hand Sewell 448b; Sarah Heartsong 344; Claire Singleton 228; Jeri Segal 47b; Craig Averill 55; Julie Johnson 566.

RECESS

David Hand led 341 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Janet Hand Morgan 75; James Caufield and Eric Morgan 163t; Sally Gwylan 326; Chris Nicholson 175; Abbie Sorg 181; David McPherson 50t; Larry Hand 49b; Kim Lewis 472; Janet Plattner 441; Leslie Alperin 38b; Anita Landess 32t.

A short business meeting was held including announcements and reports from the Resolution Committee and Treasurer.

Leaders: Carla Smith 40; Erika Roush 267; Jerry Schreiber 556; Donna Hand Sewell 274t.

Eric Morgan led 62 as the closing song. Craig Averill offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—David Hand; Secretaries—Judy Licht and Donna Hand Sewell

IRELAND CONVENTION **St. Marie's of the Isle, Cork, Ireland** **March 4-5, 2017** **Saturday, March 4**

The 7th session of the Ireland Sacred Harp Singing Convention was called to order by Bryan Seale leading 171. Michael Walker offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Kevin Kennedy 138t; Katie Ahern 39t; Ailish McMahan 39b; Joanna Bennett 512; Declan Barron 84; Lisa O'Grady 144; Ruth Clinton 37b; Michael Walker 207; Lily Power 31t; Brian Flanagan 57; Werner Ullah 49t; Cath Saunt 272; Catherine Roberts 203; Ella Cumber 492; Karen Turner 273; Florent Decherf 330t; Sarah West 215; Jill Thompson 504.

RECESS

Rob Wedgbury brought the class to order leading 89. Leaders: Vicki Elliott 29t; Stephanie Copenhaver 129; Nancy Novotny 182; Florine Vieilly-Éymard 122; Rebecca Over 192; Cornelia van den Doel 148; Camilla Marie Widholm 328; Geoff Grainger 503; Kate Kirwan 172; Julius Pasay 406; Eimear O'Donovan 488; Luke Siverton 565; Midge Olsen 454; Dominik Fraune 296; Sinéad Hanrahan 68b; Cheri Neilson 33t; William Price 32t; Kevin Beirne 222; Ruth Linehan and Nick Fagerlund 440; Megan Holm 178.

RECESS

Dara Desmond called the class to order leading 30b. Leaders: Jon Giles 392; Dick Patterson and Barb Patterson 538; Gillie Campbell 66; Sophie Sawicka Sykes 335; Andy Ditzler and Anne Altringham 391; Frédéric Éymard 361; Jake Kiakahi 430; Eleanor Haase 352; Faiz Wareh 466; Alison Brown and Marjorie Brown 344; Elisabeth Schallwig 481; Aaron Kahn 95; Sam Kleinman 302; Caro Stamm-Reusch

367; Alex Dixon 77t; Ronan O'Donovan 276; Teresa Maguire 313t; Christina Schumann 228; Steve Brett 513; Evelyn Lamb 390; John Hughes 155; Sheila Girling Macadam 377; Elizabeth Stoddard 124; Ben Fink 240. Cath Saunt asked a blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Sadhbh O'Flynn called the afternoon session to order leading 106. Leaders: Al McCready 227; Ted Mercer 216; Jen Coddington 268; Fynn Titford-Mock 459; Elise delMas 532; Aldo Ceresa 475 (for Lucey Rose Karlsberg, Lauren Bock, and Jesse P. Karlsberg); Stephanie Fida 500; Eamonn O'Neill 250; Corrie Van Duzer 280 (for Catie Van Duzer); Janelle Draper and Kevin Bullock 324; Léopoldine Guillaume 128; Pattie Wareh 299; Joel Menk 149; Sam Carter 439; Karen Swenson 528; Rachel Jordan 318; Margaret Bradshaw 168; Alec Jenkins-White 269.

RECESS

Colleen Jones called the class to order leading 282. Leaders: Marco Wessnigk 289; Dorothy Robinson 456; David Schmitt 81t; Jessica Slighter 214; Tina Cramer 535; Jan Geerts 49b; Crispin Walker 567; Nancy Price 86; Boyan Pohl 314; Evelyn Saylor 70b; Steve Biggs 288; Ben Shirley 133; Emma Rock 372; Saara Pakarinen 351; Ellen Kennedy and Monique Mathieu 42; Jude O'Neill 107; Stefan Swat 271t, Áine Uí Cheallaigh 196.

Bryan Seale led 176t as the closing song. Chris Lyons dismissed the class with prayer.

Sunday, March 5

The Sunday session of the Ireland Sacred Harp Singing Convention was brought to order by Bryan Seale leading 28b. Emma Rock offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Kevin Kennedy 283; Helen Peake 36b; Kate Kirwan and Michael Walker 138b; Áine Uí Cheallaigh and Katie Ahern 201; Hillevi Lasen and Camilla Marie Widholm 102; Joanna Bennett and Declan Barron 569b; Dara Desmond 501; Alison Brown and Marjorie Brown 566; Rebecca Over 225t; Mike Morrisroe 187; Vicki Elliott and Sarah West 76b; Caro Stamm-Reusch 114; Inga Hübner 193; Tom Greig 315; Emma Rock and Fynn Titford-Mock 131b; Barb Patterson and Dick Patterson 399t; Florent Decherf 460.

RECESS

Lisa O'Grady led 512 to call the class to order. Leaders: Steve Brett 343; Richard Mayers 294; Eimear Cradock 455; Cath Saunt and Cora Wareh 63 (for April Selley); Edwin Macadam 444; Ben Fink and Ben Shirley 191; Seth Dickens 287; Sandy Semeonoff 319; Margaret Bradshaw and Karen Turner 339; Piers Blewett 113; Ellen Kennedy 108b; Eimear O'Donovan and Mary Ryder 105; Theresa Hofmann 284; Gwendal Geleoc 421; Teresa Maguire 72b; Margo Lanagan 195; Sinéad Hanrahan 276.

RECESS

Colleen Jones brought the class to order leading 89. Leaders: Gideon Dresdner 335; Gordon Olsen and Paul Kolenbrander 547; Judy Van Duzer 173; Kate Coxon 548; Noëlle Copeland and Eamonn O'Neill 236; Kirk Boyes 313b; Monique Mathieu 209; David Brodeur and Peg Dunn 545; Eli Petzold 480; William Cleary and Paul Wyatt 30t; Nick Hall 515; Amanda Jokerst and Luke Sivertson 97; Joe Jones 48b. Chris Lyons read the following names of the sick and housebound: Vera Parkes, Franz-Josef Fraune, Gravis Ballinger, John Helen, Allan Jones, Roy McGregor, David Sillito, Liliana Sillito, Eddie Francis, Ray Cotte-Meissel, Blake Weston, Cath Ingham, Toby Boyes, Mick O'Rorke, Gosia Perycz, Éinín McIlhenny, Chris Brown, Catriona Keogh, Armand Guillaume, Nigel Cumber, Silke Kunow-Koch, Winfred Kerr, June Eames, Brian Morrisroe, Peter Evans, David Gasi, Tanya Adamson, Sebastian Roskosch, Paula Mogensen, Kay Baumgartner, and Deborah. He then read the following list of names of the deceased: Mary Kennedy, V Rev

Victor Griffen, Robert Peel, Ruth Ridgeway, Aggie Houlihan, and Michael Goulding, Jr.—Ireland; Jack Lanagan—Australia; Mijo Divary—France; Ola Konecka—Poland; Kirsty Grainger—New Zealand; Terry Messner—Canada; Mary-Louise Lacombe, Doris Hammond, Jane Davies, Freda Chittock, Ruth Steggles, and Alex Elliott—England; Don Klein, Toney Smith, Lavoy Smith, Stephanie Wolf, Collette Miller, Herman Drews, David Muniz, April Selley, Janelle Davis, B.M. Smith, John Schaeffer, Earlis McGraw, Geneva Pritchard, Les Sontag, Johnny Lee, Delorese Lee, Dick Ray, Harry Lyn Huff, and Jeff Mitchell—USA.

Chris Lyons discussed the references to grief in the Bible, focusing on John 11:35, and offered his thoughts on the support and protection offered to those grieving. He led 448b.

Leaders: Tarik Wareh 534; Laura Hodges 292; Steve Luttinen 445; Carol Huang 419; Robert Stoddard 179.

Grace before lunch was offered by Marjorie Brown.

LUNCH

Amanda Parkes and Thomas Parkes called the class to order leading 217. Leaders: Jonathon Smith 426b; Nathan Berry 345b; Ben Copenhaver 572; New York City Singers and Al McCready 192; David Brodeur and Andy Ditzler 383; Eleanor Haase 142; Ted Mercer 353; Sheila Girling Macadam and Edwin Macadam 198; Nancy Price and William Price 300; Evelyn Lamb 368; Kevin Beirne 428; Midge Olsen 218; Colorado Singers 522; Janelle Draper and Kevin Bullock 362; Alex Dixon, Beth Dixon, and Sebastian Dixon 274t; Karen Swenson 200; Alec Jenkins-White and Miriam Delirium 505; Wareh family 80t; Rachel Jordan and Nick Hall 474; Joel Menk 123t; Megan Holm and Elise delMas 270; Jake Kiakahi 401.

RECESS

Rob Wedgbury led 82t to bring the class back together. Leaders: Ben Copenhaver and Stephanie Copenhaver 408; Elizabeth Stoddard and Robert Stoddard 556; Kate Coxon and Chris Lyons 146; Amanda Jokerst 447; Ruth Linehan 564; Evelyn Saylor and Marco Wessnig 495; Al McCready 153; Corrie Van Duzer and Judy Van Duzer 112; Dorothy Robinson and Nancy Novotny 396; Sadhbh O'Flynn and Nathan Berry 425; Aaron Kahn and Alexia Yver 448t; Saara Pakarinen 68t; Steve Luttinen and Paul Wyatt 330b; Jessica Sligter 285t; Laura Hodges 477; Melissa Kelley 336; Noëlle Copeland 528; Jonathon Smith 472.

Bryan Seale made closing announcements, during which he thanked all those involved in organizing the weekend, and gave special thanks to the many singers who had travelled for the singing. Katie Ahern gave the Secretary's report and stated 202 songs had been sung in total (103 on Saturday, and 99 on Sunday) by 244 registered singers. Seventeen countries were represented (Australia, Cambodia, Canada, England, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Scotland, Spain, Switzerland, and the United States of America). Twenty US States were represented (Colorado, Connecticut, Georgia, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Missouri, New York, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Utah, Virginia, and Washington). Sinéad Hanrahan gave the Treasurer's report during which she stated that all expenses had been met, and thanked everyone for their generosity.

Bryan Seale led 62 as the closing song. Kevin Bullock offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Bryan Seale; Vice Chairman—Kevin Kennedy; Secretary—Katie Ahern

OHIO STATE CONVENTION
First Lutheran Church, Cincinnati, Ohio
March 4-5, 2017

Saturday, March 4

The 25th annual Ohio State Convention was brought to order by Karen Arnett leading 31b. The morning prayer was offered by Jim Herr.

A short business session took place, in which the following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairperson—Karen Arnett; Vice Chairperson—Lia Mansfield; Treasurer—Ray Rechenberg; Secretary—Michael Domino.

Leaders: Lia Mansfield 65; Ray Rechenberg 148; Michael Domino 40; Deborah Hall 38t; Claire Outten 542; Rich Overturf 312b; Carol Medlicott 182; Joel-Henry Mansfield 410t; Claudia Baldwin 38b; Beth Garfinkel 504; Sheila Patterson 114; Zachary Davis 56b; David Casenhiser 59; Randy Weber 547; William Shetter 441; Linda Coppock 377; Ally Talbot 480; Jim Herr 27; Michael Darby 128; Jim Coppock 198.

RECESS

The class was brought back together by Karen Arnett leading 72b. Leaders: Idy Kiser 313b; Jubal Bayer 189; Nigel Ewan 344; Ruth Wampler 279; Tim Morton 395; John Bealle 340; Elizabeth Gentry 34t; Hans Bayer 419; Gillian Inksetter 227; Shawn Fenton 70b; Bob Borcharding 324; Regina Frick 270; Gerry Hoffman 458; Anne Missavage 454; Eddie Mash 77t; Cecelia Kramer 534; Ray Rechenberg 47t; Michele Cull 384; Tom Kochan 496; Corey Sees 336; Darrell Swarens 507; Nate Zweig 160t; Annaliza Cull 155; Greg Creech 401. Greg Creech offered a blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Karen Arnett leading 274t. Leaders: Michael Domino 235; Tom Morton 209; Marian Mitchell 549; Paula Picton 428; Mike Hinton 475; Brad Oglesby 151; Lori Graber 500; Laura Ann Russell 564; Barb VanderJagt 112; John David Thacker 122; Hollie Long 535; Grace Patterson 448b; Len VanderJagt 350; Michael Hieber 178; Sylvia Thomas 444; Michele Raine 183; William Shetter 546; Gillian Inksetter 273; Mike Hinton 154; Paula Picton 142; Ruth Wampler 394; Jubal Bayer 442.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Linda Coppock leading 147t. Leaders: Regina Frick 196; Ed Walton 524; Randy Weber 236; Nate Zweig 516; Hans Bayer 455; Nigel Ewan 276; Jim Herr 222; Darrell Swarens and Annaliza Cull 47b; Corey Sees 390; Eddie Mash 556; Anne Missavage 215; Bob Borcharding 383; Gerry Hoffman 29t; Cecelia Kramer 71; Annaliza Cull 268; Tim Morton 269; Marian Mitchell 474; Michele Cull 300; Greg Creech 74b; Beth Garfinkel 448t; Zachary Davis 282; Shawn Fenton 163t; Michael Darby 123t; Joel-Henry Mansfield 68b.

Announcements were made. Karen Arnett led 347 as the class took the parting hand. The closing prayer was offered by Nigel Ewan.

Sunday, March 5

The Sunday session of the Ohio Sacred Harp Singing Convention was brought to order by Karen Arnett leading 52t. The morning prayer was offered by Ray Rechenberg. Announcements were made by Karen Arnett.

Leaders: Ray Rechenberg 203; Michael Domino 34b; Lia Mansfield 515; Bobette Olson 95; Claire Outten 171; Gerry Hoffman 42; Laura Ann Russell 542; Ruth Wampler 213b; Greg Creech 127; Bob Borcharding 210; Linda Coppock 532; Darrell Swarens 36b; Shawn Fenton 501; John Bealle 278t; Gillian Inksetter 572; Michele Cull 217; Jim Patterson 86; Paula Picton 82t; Jim Coppock 106; Sylvia

Thomas 168; Eddie Mash 455; Jim Herr 440; Sheila Patterson 89; Michael Darby 133; Annaliza Cull 358; Ally Talbot 290; Rich Overturf 373.

RECESS

The memorial service was conducted by Ruth Wampler and Michele Cull. Ruth spoke, and led 430 for the following sick and shut-ins: Melanie Hauff, Anne Hiltner, Karen Carrelli, Curtis Owen, and Edith Owen.

Michele spoke, and led 53 in memory of the following singers and friends who have died since last year's Ohio Convention: Les Sontag, Mary Jean McGuire, Janelle Davis—Illinois; Lila Mitchell, Helen Darby—New York; John Bayer, Lorraine Bayer, Deb Riley, Boyd Holliman—Ohio; Johnnie Lee, Delorese Lee, B.M. Smith, Earlis McGraw—Georgia; Steve Adams, Kermit Adams, Toney Smith, Lavoy Smith—Alabama; Fannie Forry—Pennsylvania; John McGhee—California; Annabel Clark—Colorado; Leatrice Creech—Kentucky; Dorothy Pipkin—Tennessee; Madeleine Venier—France.

Michele spoke in particular about John Bayer. Claire Outten offered a prayer, thus closing the memorial service.

LUNCH

Linda Coppock brought the afternoon session of the convention to order by leading 30b. Leaders: Tim Morton 323t; Cecelia Kramer 157; John David Thacker 99; Corey Sees 121; Hollie Long 73b; Mike Hinton 456; Barb VanderJagt 294; Anne Missavage 280; David Casenhiser 155; Marian Mitchell 163b; Grace Patterson 47t; Lori Graber 150.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Lia Mansfield leading 335. Leaders: Susan Zurcher 535; Idy Kiser 472; Len VanderJagt 277; Carol Medlicott 475; Michael Domino 390; Gillian Inksetter 186; Paula Picton 273; Barb VanderJagt 122; Rich Overturf 100; Hollie Long 491; John David Thacker 49b; Ally Talbot 551; Lori Graber 32t; Jim Patterson 569b; Jim Coppock 436; Laura Ann Russell 528.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with John Bealle leading 75. Leaders: Dennis Delaney 117; Sheila Patterson 71; Ray Rechenberg 49t; Bobette Olson 362; Susan Zurcher 84; Sylvia Thomas 504; Len VanderJagt 452; Jessica Dooley 48t; Claire Outten 315; Michael Darby 189; Linda Coppock 212; Grace Patterson 344; Idy Kiser 39t; Carol Medlicott 460; Dennis Delaney 274b; Mike Hinton 400; Gerry Hoffman 328; Karen Arnett 503.

Karen Arnett led 347 as the closing song, and those who wished took the parting hand. The closing prayer was offered by Ed Walton.

Chairman—Karen Arnett; Vice Chairman—Lia Mansfield; Secretary—Michael Domino

ROGERS MEMORIAL SINGING **Ephesus School, Roopville, Georgia** **Sunday, March 5, 2017**

The annual Rogers Memorial Singing was held on the first Sunday in March. The class was called to order by Denney Rogers leading 101t. The morning prayer was offered by Henry Johnson. Denney Rogers welcomed everyone to Ephesus.

A business meeting was held with the following officers elected: Chairman—Denney Rogers; Vice Chairman—Rodney Ivey; Arranging Officer/Secretary—Judy Chambless.

Leaders: Rodney Ivey 318; Judy Chambless 570; Nicholas Thompson 217; Isaac Green 222 (in honor of Lauren Bock and her new baby); Eli Hinton 77t; Sherrell Clieno 335; Cecil Roberts 312b (in honor of Jeannette Laminack and Lois Bowman);

Philip Denney 100 (in memory of his mother); Karen Rollins 171; Earl Ballinger 286; Louis Hughes 448b; Reba Windom 299; Larry Ballinger 300; Mark Godfrey 204; Margie Smith 108t; Stanley Smith 53; Cindy Tanner 187; Henry Johnson 435 (in memory of Earlis McGraw); Ainslie Allen 196.

RECESS

Rodney Ivey brought the class back to order leading 81t. Leaders: Nathan Rees 202; Malinda Snow 468.

Karen Rollins conducted the memorial lesson. She spoke, remembering friends, who are sick and loved ones, who have left for a better home. The following list of names of the sick and shut-ins was read: Floy Wilder, Wayne Reed, Jerry Rollins, Michael Webb, Doug Webb, William Futral, Virginia Futral, James Hughes, Rachel Rogers, Virginia Dyer, Gravis Ballinger, Mike Taylor, and Eloise Wootten.

Karen invited her siblings to join her in the square, and read the following list of names of the deceased: Elsie Moon, B.M. Smith, Earlis McGraw, Hester Edwards, Edna Ruth Phillips, Toney Smith, Lavoy Smith, Lynn Swafford Key, Gail Jackson, Johnny Lee, Delorese Lee, S.T. Reed, Janelle Davis, Geneva Pritchard, Steve Adams, Kermit Adams, Margie Denney, Doris Rogers, W.C. Yarbrough, Casey Hester, Harold DeLong, and Bob Vance. They led 119. Philip Denney closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Hayden Arp 109; Ann Jett 319; Robert Chambless 225t; Yancey Jett 440; Dennis George 107; Marty Wootten 276; Nate Green and Norma Green 279; Leigh Cooper 349.

RECESS

Samuel Williams brought the class back to order leading 129. Leaders: Danny Creel 456; Lisa Bennett 346; Susan Cheronos 564; Judy Caudle 389; Buell Cobb 409; Daniel Williams 290; Wanda Capps 546; Jeannette DePoy 328; Pam Nunn 216; Matt Hinton 70t; David Smead 488; Jamey Wootten 441; Drew McGuire 399b; Cassie Allen 120; the grandchildren of Lonnie and Vivian Rogers 345t.

LUNCH

Denney Rogers brought the class back to order leading 87. Leaders: Judy Mincey 155; Richard Mauldin 446; Jared Wootten 371; Esther Williams 70b; Sherry Lovvorn 454; Paige Harrod 460; Oscar McGuire and Cassie Allen 485; Gene Duke and Donna Duke 282; Linda Thomas and Jared Wootten 472; Samuel Williams 125; Sheri Taylor and Christian Webb 46; Larry Ballinger and Earl Ballinger 283; Nicholas Thompson, Jared Wootten and Jamey Wootten 475; Danny Creel, Wanda Capps, Ann Jett, and Cindy Tanner 512; Dennis George, Cassie Allen, and Yancey Jett 373; Henry Johnson, Judy Caudle, and Stanley Smith 348b; Rodney Ivey and Loyd Ivey 89; Daniel Williams, Esther Williams, and Samuel Williams 123b; Reba Windom, Pam Nunn, and Drew McGuire 442; Susan Cheronos, Lisa Bennett, and David Smead 270; Philip Denney, Richard Mauldin, and Sheri Taylor 168; Hayden Arp, Charlene Wallace, and Isaac Green 112; Matt Hinton, Lottie Hinton, Mark Godfrey, and Leigh Cooper 203; Cecil Roberts, Oscar McGuire, and Robert Chambless 209; Malinda Snow, Jeannette DePoy, and Linda Thomas 474; Nate Green, Norma Green, and Sherrell Clien 332; Judy Mincey and Buell Cobb 433; Gene Duke and Donna Duke 392.

After announcements, Denney Rogers, Rodney Ivey, and Karen Rollins led 62 as the closing song. Cecil Roberts offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Denney Rogers; Vice Chairman—Rodney Ivey; Secretary—Judy Chambless

**JOHN ETHERIDGE SINGING/WINSTON JONES AND
DOSS BRYAN MEMORIAL (COOPER BOOK)
Valley Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Opp, Alabama
Saturday, March 11, 2017**

The annual John Etheridge Singing in memory of Winston Jones and Doss Bryan was held on Saturday before the second Sunday in March at Valley Grove Primitive Baptist Church near Opp, Alabama. Wayne Jones called the class to order by leading 225t. He welcomed everyone, and thanked all for coming. He then led 36b. Gary Padgett offered the opening prayer.

Larry Shaw directed the introductory lesson leading 63, 505, and 553. Leaders: Tim Jones 461; Ezra Eddins 146, 77t; Gary Padgett 346, 532; Eric Eddins 29t, 76b; Rodney Ivey 571, 380t; Vicki Aplin 516.

RECESS

Tim Jones called the class back together by leading 120. Leaders: Alice Sundberg 31t, 210; Aubrey Barfield 192, 298; Mike Jones 385t; Kennon Smith 189, 293b; Cassie Allen 514, 355; Loretta Jones 138t, 384; Tommie Spurlock 137; Tommie Spurlock and Evie Eddins 112.

RECESS

Wayne Jones led 464 to bring the class back together. Leaders: Ann Jett 54t, 515; Breanne Jones 73t, 264b; Kevin Eddins 300, 89; Wayne Jones 369. Kennon Smith asked a blessing on the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with the class singing 96. Leaders: Evie Eddins 50t, 297; Janet King 497, 148; Ethan Eddins 33; Shane Brown 507b, 49b; Edith Eddins 356, 30b; Ken Sundberg 128, 471; Geoffrey Brooks 132, 277; Nathan Webb 463, 31b; Dewayne Hawthorne 398b, 29b, 436b (by request); Lloyd Jones 45t, 465; Eli Eddins 408 (by request), 77b; Rodney Ivey 559 (by request).

Wayne Jones and Shane Brown led 47b as the closing song. Shane Brown offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Wayne Jones; Vice Chairman—Tim Jones; Secretary—Evie Eddins

**OLYMPIA SINGING
Olympia Woman's Club, Olympia, Washington
Saturday, March 11, 2017**

The 8th annual Olympia All-Day Singing was called to order by Molly Pumfrey and Rogan Campbell leading 46. Molly Pumfrey made brief announcements regarding the day's procedures, and extended a welcome. The opening prayer was offered by Bob Schinske.

The following officers and committee members were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Molly Pumfrey; Vice Chairman—Marla Elliott; Secretary—Stephanie Claire; Treasurer—Curtis Rhyner; Arranging Officer—Kate Fortin; Chaplain—Bob Schinske.

Leaders: Kate Fortin 279, 388; Desirae Fendel 338; Mara Palmen and Kaitlyn Estep 448b; Ben Furbee 146; Darlene Simpson Brown and Debra Peri 354t; Emily Greenhalgh 47t; Nancy Novotny 432, 73t; Emma Wellman and Ian Suchon 111b; Destiny Woods 128, 442; Amanda Wilson 457; Hailey Quackenbush 38t; Scott Kennedy 149, 228; Ken Burch 268; Kathy Vlach 66, 200; Jordan Manville 347; Mark Underdahl 455.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Rogan Campbell leading 277. Leaders: Marla Elliott 535 (for her mother); Anne Huckins 312b, 299; Linda Berkemeier 97, 564;

Pat Coghlan 492; Curtis Rhyner 319; Erik Schwab 323b, 523; Steve Cackley 553; Nickolas Rettinger 108b; Riley Mae Burns 448t; Stephanie Crouch and Emily Kate Hall 282; Alexandra Maymi 401, 163b; Kate Fine 418, 454.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Darlene Simpson Brown leading 30t. Leaders: Laura McMurray 348t, 512; Andy Lai 547, 47b; Eric Holt 313b, 344; Jenna Bond Tompkins 318, 532; Adam Berey 168, 27. Bob Schinske offered a prayer before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The class was called back to order by Marla Elliott leading 49b. Leaders: Jean Squires 142, 147t; David Wright 197, 375; Marie Brandis 196, 269; Curtis Rhyner 254; Bob Schinske 348b, 340; Betsy Jeronen 105, 89; Cornelia Stanton and friend 504, 368; Karen Willard 431, 543; Clarissa Fetrow 176b (in memory of Bernice Harvey), 335; Ron Harvey and Kevin Barrans 45t, 87 (CSH); Ana Tighe 143, 389; Wing Mui 106, 107.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Kate Fortin leading 445. Leaders: Mary Fendel and Desirae Fendel 50t; Julie Johnson 285b; Rodman Campbell 159, 38b; Molly Pumfrey 393; Raven 181; Chris Lane 354b, 430.

Announcements were made. The Resolutions Committee thanked all who had contributed, and resolved to meet again in March, 2018.

Molly Pumfrey and Marla Elliott led 267 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Bob Schinske, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Molly Pumfrey; Vice Chairman—Marla Elliott; Secretary—Stephanie Claire

SMITH MEMORIAL SACRED HARP SINGING (COOPER BOOK/THE SACRED HARP, 1991 REVISION) New Harmony Community Center, New Harmony, Texas Saturday, March 11, 2017

The 38th session of the Smith Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was called to order by Kristie Powell leading 59 (CB). David Jones offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Kristie Powell 380t (CB); Tammy Powell 553 (CB), 558 (CB); Sonny Erwin 569 (CB), 464 (CB); Robert Vaughn 140 (CB), 77t (CB); Cheryl Foreman 171 (CB), 417 (CB); Myrl Jones 491 (CB), 142 (CB); Marcelene Hardy 172 (CB), 112 (CB); Mike Hinton 63, 288; Kit Alderman 148, 117; David Jones 463 (CB), 406 (CB).

Committee appointments were made as follows: Nominations Committee—Robert Vaughn; Memorial Committee—Mike Hinton and Gaylon Powell.

RECESS

Kristie Powell called the class back together leading 37 (CB). Leaders: Rick Foreman 68b (CB), 461 (CB); Sonya Kirkham 39 (CB), 54t (CB); Margaret Roundsaval 450 (CB), 137 (CB); Owen Stephenson and Gaylon Powell 45t (CB).

The memorial lesson was conducted. Gaylon Powell led 515 (CB) for the following sick and shut-ins: Paul Wilson, Curtis Owen, Edith Owen, Crystal Meadows, Dale Redmond, Jr., Azalee Barnett, and Marian Grant.

Mike Hinton led 400 (CB) in memory of the following deceased: B.M. Smith, Johnny Lee, and Delorese Lee—Georgia; Cathey Marsh, Jimmy Foreman, Harold Hill, Bertha Upchruch, and Ruth Redmon—Texas; Levon Wootten, Toney Smith, and Lavoy Smith—Alabama. Robert Vaughn closed the memorial lesson with prayer. Leaders: Gaylon Powell 244 (CB), 232 (CB); Priscilla Wiggins 344, 365. David Jones offered the noon prayer.

LUNCH

Kristie Powell called the class back to order by leading 39t. Leaders: Kris Wiggins 86, 30b; Peggy Ray 143, 569b; Sonny Erwin 480, 475; Charity Vaughn 422b (CB), 212 (CB); Robert Vaughn 522, 500; Cheryl Foreman 470 (CB), 486 (CB); Marcelene Hardy 189 (CB), 572 (CB); Mike Hinton 573 (CB), 544 (CB); Kit Alderson 47b (CB), 268b (CB).

RECESS

Kristie Powell called the class back together leading 514 (CB). Leaders: Rick Foreman 31t (CB), 31b (CB); Sonya Kirkham 99, 124; Owen Stephenson 434 (CB); Priscilla Wiggins 472, 87; Gaylon Powell 422t (CB), 479 (CB); Kris Wiggins 236; Peggy Ray 78 (CB), 571 (CB); Lisa Matt 38t (CB); John Berendzen 505 (CB), 587 (CB).

A business meeting was conducted. The Treasurer reported that all expenses were met. The Nomination Committee gave their report as follows: Chairman—Kristie Powell; Vice Chairman—Mike Hinton; Secretary—Tammy Powell; Treasurer—Barbara Smith; Assistant Treasurer—Sue Utz; Chaplin—David Jones.

Kristie Powell led 503 as the closing song. Robert Vaughn offered the closing prayer. Chairman pro tem—Kristie Powell; Secretary—Tammy Powell

SUSSEX SHAPE NOTE SINGING

Staplefield Village Hall, near Crawley, Sussex, United Kingdom Saturday, March 11, 2017

The 19th annual Sussex Shape Note Singing was held in Staplefield Village Hall, using *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition* and *Alternative Harmony (AH)*, a booklet of other shape note tunes. The class was called to order by Tony Singleton and Jill Thompson leading 276. Leaders: Nick Hall 489; Sheila Girling Macadam 81t; Edwin Macadam 184; Steve Fletcher 39t; Ian Lamb 89; Corrie van Duzer 280; Rachel Jordan 52t; Rob Mahoney 86; Jacqui Selby 35; Derek Buckland 28b; Steve Biggs 49b; Judie van Duzer 48t; Ron Hollman 85; Toby Goss 47b; Jill Thompson 299; Tony Singleton 300; Sheila Girling Macadam 487; Edwin Macadam 122; Steve Welch 147b; Caroline Edwards 107; Steve Fletcher 272; Guy Hayes 441; Catherine Roberts 171; Jacqui Selby 282; Nick Hall 279; Rachel Jordan 155.

RECESS

Toby Goss called the class to order leading 228. Leaders: Derek Buckland 56b; Steve Welch 50b; Ian Lamb 481; Judie van Duzer 148; Rob Mahoney 159; Ron Hollman 547; Corrie van Duzer 436; Steve Biggs 40; Catherine Roberts 37b; Caroline Edwards 178; Guy Hayes 296; Jill Thompson 454; Edwin Macadam 172; Jacqui Selby 82t; Nick Hall 120; Steve Fletcher 196; Tony Singleton 117; Sheila Girling Macadam 430; Toby Goss 143; Derek Buckland 72b; Rachel Jordan 528.

LUNCH

Caroline Edwards called the class to order leading 31t. Leaders: Ian Lamb 504; Rob Mahoney 163b; Judie van Duzer 38t; Ron Hollman 385; Jacqui Selby 134; Guy Hayes 318; Nick Hall 267; Steve Welch 569t.

Rob Mahoney conducted a combined memorial lesson and sick and housebound lesson. Tony Singleton led 457. Jean Mahoney read the following list of names of the deceased: Clif Finch, Elisabeth Clark, Brian Hall, Doris Hammond, Jane Davies, Ruth Steggle, and Silvia Deeka. Guy Hayes read the following list of names of the sick and housebound: Jenny Gibson, June Eames, Dave Cooper, Cleve Boudreaux, Jackie Saunders, Nik Pollard, Paula Mogensen, and Ced Morgan. The memorial service was closed.

Leaders: Corrie van Duzer 198; Jill Thompson “Ten Thousand Charms” (AH); Sheila Girling Macadam 320; Rachel Jordan 426b; Edwin Macadam 236; Steve Biggs

“Life’s Purpose” (AH) Catherine Roberts 30b; Steve Fletcher “Idumean Road” (AH).
RECESS

Corrie van Duzer called the class to order leading “The Lily” (AH). Leaders: Steve Welch “New England” (AH); Caroline Edwards 47t; Toby Goss “Immensity” (AH); Guy Hayes 511; Catherine Roberts 114; Derek Buckland 523; Ian Lamb 209; Ron Hollman 128; Steve Biggs “Millbrook” (AH); Rob Mahoney 474; Corrie van Duzer “Walpole” (AH); Steve Fletcher “Red Lion” (AH); Edwin Macadam and Sheila Girling Macadam 183; Rachel Jordan 475.

The Secretary reported that forty-two singers had attended, and eighty-three songs had been sung. Thanks were extended and announcements made. The 2018 Sussex Shape Note singing will be held on Saturday, the 10th of March.

Jill Thompson and Tony Singleton led 347 as the closing song, and the class was dismissed.

Co-chairmen—Jill Thompson and Tony Singleton; Secretaries—Ian Lamb, Mary Welch, Jacqui Selby, and Jean Mahoney

MISSOURI STATE CONVENTION

St. John United Church of Christ, Pinckney Township, Missouri March 11-12, 2017

Saturday, March 11

The 32nd annual session of the Missouri State Sacred Harp Singing Convention was called to order at St. John United Church of Christ by John Huffman and Roberta Strauss leading 47t. Tommy Schultz offered the opening prayer.

The convention officers previously elected or appointed are as follows:

Chairpersons—John Huffman and Roberta Strauss; Secretary—Dave Ressler; Arranging Officer—Presley Barker; Finance Officer—Hollie Powell; Memorial Committee—Joan Aldridge and Paul Figura. Song selections were from *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition* and *The Missouri Harmony, 2005 Edition*.

Leaders: Stephen Huffman 49b; Dave Ressler 135 (MH); Tommy Schultz 497; Tullaia Powell 142; Karen Isbell 68 (MH); John Uhlemann 455; Evangeline Schultz 29t; Mary Huffman 171; Hollie Powell 564; Martha Beverly 532; Theophilus Schultz 565; Jim Page 45 (MH); Katie Dohman 178; Syd Caldwell 460; Elizabeth Stoddard 423; Bill Beverly 13 (MH); Peggy Brayfield 151 (MH); Jim Herr and Clara Herr 556.
RECESS

Barbara Chopin led 180 (MH) to bring the class together. Leaders: Dan Brittain 109 (MH); Ginny Landgraf 9 (MH); Darrell Swarens 341; Jubal Schultz 229; Lou Kujawinski 48b; Lori Graber 46 (MH); Cory Winters 112; Gail Doss 191; Anna Dohman 107; Judy Mincey 177 (MH); Ted Mercer 77 (MH); Paul Landskroener 6 (MH); Carole Briggs 334; Julie Thompson 63; John Seaton 62; John Ramsey 224.
RECESS

Penny Kujawinski and Monica Beery led 430 to bring the class together. Leaders: Barbara Uhlemann 147 (MH); JoDell Albi 163b; Amanda Jokerst 319; Chris Nicholson 34b; Prisca Rice and Anne Drexler 277; Lindsay Kruse 131b; Marcus Whitman 26 (MH); Luke Sivertson 420; Dayle Dryer 228. The class sang 164 (MH) as a blessing, and Marcus Whitman offered a prayer before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Lisa Bulawsky led 40 to bring the class together. Leaders: Wendy Hofmann 475; Aubrey Hemminger 474; Vickie See and Billy See 480; Cindy Burlison and Dan Brittain 141 (MH); Ryan Hill 338; Shirley Figura 299; David Barford 260; Zoe Hosmer-Dillard 448b; Debbie Barford 288; Jenny Whitman 236; Carla Bermudez 360; Paul Figura 19 (MH); Presley Barker 505; John Huffman 362; Stephen

Huffman 365; Tommy Schultz 481.

RECESS

Evangeline Schultz led 270 to bring the class together. Leaders: Tullaia Powell 209; Jamie Dohman 546; Ginny Landgraf 175 (MH); Dave Ressler 138 (MH); Roberta Strauss and Mary Huffman 384 and “Trusting” (for Coy Ivey); Jim Herr 222; Jim Page 170; Syd Caldwell 137; Elizabeth Stoddard 312; Bill Beverly 127 (MH); Cory Winters 149 (MH); John Uhlemann 50 (MH).

After announcements, the class sang 499, and was dismissed with prayer offered by Gary Huffman.

Sunday, March 12

The Sunday session of the Missouri State Sacred Harp Singing Convention was called to order, and Evangeline Schultz offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Roberta Strauss 32; Barbara Uhlemann 66; Judy Mincey 89 (MH); Peggy Brayfield 73 (MH); Elizabeth Stoddard 8 (MH); Syd Caldwell 113 (MH); Nate Zweig 104 (MH); Jairus Schultz, Theophilus Schultz, and Abigail Schultz 313b; Jim Page 84 (MH); Jim Herr 294; Karen Isbell 133 (MH); Darrell Swarens 145 (MH); Jubal Schultz 450; Chris Nicholson 157 (MH); Penny Kujawinski 500.

RECESS

Amanda Jokerst, Hollie Powell, and Tullaia Powell led 72b to bring the class together. Leaders: Martha Beverly 124 (MH); Clara Herr 535; Lori Graber 174 (MH); Gail Doss and Cory Winters 513; Ted Mercer 131t; Paul Landskroener 436; Julie Thompson 268; John Seaton 47t; John Ramsey 451; Vickie See and Billy See 33b; Russell Rench, Tiffany Sipes, and Paul Figura 47b.

RECESS

Wendy Hofmann led 485 to bring the class together. Leaders: Ryan Hill 84; John Markovitz 86.

The memorial lesson was held at this time. Joan Aldridge read the list of names of the sick and shut-ins. She commented that small acts of kindness and remembrance matter, and they add up in all our lives. She mentioned how much cards are appreciated, even if from strangers. Joan led 134 for the sick and shut-ins.

Paul Figura read the list of names of the deceased from the past year. He commented that each convention, and each annual session, is different, in large part because of the people who are in attendance and in our thoughts. Paul read a biography and remembrance of Les Sontag, an active St. Louis singer, who passed three weeks prior to the convention. Presley Barker gave a remembrance of Charlie Derleth, another St. Louis singer, who died in May, 2016. Charlie always exhorted singers to “Sing it all!” The class sang 348b, and Aubrey Hemminger closed the lesson with prayer.

Leaders: David Barford 58; Jedidiah Schultz 547; Lou Kujawinski 276; Aubrey Hemminger 503. The class sang 164 (MH) as a blessing, and Judy Mincey offered a prayer before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Jenny Whitman led 13 (MH) to bring the class together. Leaders: Debbie Barford 218; Shirley Figura 318; Tullaia Powell 300; Joan Aldridge 445; JoDell Albi 159 (MH); Ginny Landgraf 283; Nate Zweig 49 (MH); Syd Caldwell and Karen Isbell 446; Tommy Schultz 470; Cory Winters 182; Hollie Powell 560; Merlin Whitman 163t; Luke Sivertson 178; Lisa Bulawsky 501; Roberta Strauss and Penny Kujawinski 269.

RECESS

Darrell Swarens and Syd Caldwell led 389 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Barbara Chopin 327; Judy Mincey 128 (MH); Amanda Jokerst 7 (MH); Presley Barker 121 (MH); Roberta Strauss 441; Wendy Hofmann 448t; Marcus Whitman 102; Jim Herr and Syd Caldwell 138t.

Announcements were made. The class sang 146 as the closing song. Jim Herr dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairpersons—John Huffman and Roberta Strauss; Secretary—Dave Ressler

WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS SACRED HARP CONVENTION

Holyoke, Massachusetts

March 11-12, 2017

Saturday, March 11

The 19th annual Western Massachusetts Sacred Harp Convention was called to order by Becky Wright leading 101t. Tim Eriksen offered the opening prayer. Leaders: Gerald Clark 172; Stina Soderling 171; Philippa Stoddard 36b; Mary Andrews 40; John Holbrook 38t; Molly Merrett 81t; Jeremy Galvagni 95; Wendy Sibbison 477; Sheila Kelley 475; Tristan Gordon 32t; Lydia Vernon-Jones 198; Maggie Shar 276; Chris Carlton 277; Oona Coy 162; Lilly Israel 270; Kelly Taylor 217; Bob Mills 228; Liz Patton 234.

RECESS

The second session was called to order by Margaret Youngberg leading 335. Leaders: Brian Harris 142; Solon Gordon 222; Emily Hale-Sills 474; Molly Dektar and Alanna Goodman 547; Chris Frantz-Dale 299; Kathy Collett 84; Dan Hertzler 39t; Terry Ryan 532; Eileen Raab 268; Joshua Barnett 384; Zoë Madonna 344; Mike Richards 432; Harold Booth 254; Maura Burns 195; Ivy Hauser 163t; Barbara Swetman 390; Evan Druce 313t.

RECESS

The third session was called to order by Michael Nord and Molly Merrett leading 30b. Leaders: Mel Novner 293; Erik-Dardan Ymeraga 367; Dann Pell 434; Tristan Gordon 129; Anna Mays 436; Bill Dunn 300; Isabelle Gervais Chapman 503; Magdalena Eriksen 200; Bill Holt 209; Anya Skibbie 466; Keillor Mose 28b; Angharad Davis 426b; Laura Borrelli 196; Myles Dakan 502; Emma Swartz 522; Charles Biada 391; Corinne Ducey 56t; Doron Henkin 336; Mary Skidmore 567; Matthew Leger-Small 361. Joseph Pensak offered a blessing before the meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Christine Andrews leading 179. Leaders: Linda Shea 306; Dean Jens 182; Matthew Wojcik 192; Kelsey Ivey 536; Mark Godfrey 500; Lela Crowder 272; Tim Eriksen 47b; Emma Rose Brown 349; Jean Seiler 106; Richard Ivey 212; Ina Shea 101b; Philip Langley 430; Deidra Montgomery 377; Peter Irvine 460; Leigh Cooper 348b; M.B. Gowins 556; Liz Cantrell 538; Scott Luscombe 548; Amy Finlay 203; Sara Lott 442; Guy Bankes 65; Cat Walsh 417; Vale Cofer-Shabica 131b; Sharon Strong 218; Jonathan Skeet Surrency 235; Tara Mulder 312b; Leland Kusmer 481.

RECESS

The last session of the day was called to order by Sam Kleinman leading 445. Leaders: Leon Pulsinelle 345t; Diane Holmlund 108b; Brian Collett 163b; Philippe Doyle 187; Anne Kazlauskas 118; David DiLorenzo 236; Ron Trial 455; Dan Coppock 55; Traci Naylor 542; Patrick DeDauw 229; Michael Sensor 504; Sarah Maika 284; Tom Padwa 148; Porter James 146; Vicki Hayes and LaRee Delahurst 34b; Joanne DeVoe 31t; Jonathan Spencer 165; Allison Steele and Calum Steele 105. Becky Wright led 323t as the closing song. Ivy Hauser offered the closing prayer.

Sunday, March 12

The Sunday session of the Western Massachusetts Sacred Harp Convention was called to order by Becky Wright leading 52t. Tim Eriksen offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Stina Soderling 37b; Rebecca Hawkins 230; Andrew Forsthoefel 67; Nathan Aldrich 323b; Michael Nord 171; Jonathan Skeet Surrency 176t; Alvaro Witt Duarte 48t; Ben Sachs-Hamilton 365; Jenny Wright 315; M.B. Gowins 371; Sally Langendorf 138b; Claire Moore-Cantwell 425; Guy Bankes 77b; Dean Jens 338; George Sigut 122; Mark Godfrey 39b.

RECESS

The second session was called to order by Magdalena Eriksen leading 335. Leaders: John Holbrook 354t; Leah Velleman 53; Chance Kellner and Diane Holmlund 183; Corey Walters 505; Keillor Mose 83t; Margaret Youngberg 362; Ian Ludders 131t; Marie Hamilton and Patrick Friesen 284; Tristan Gordon 111t; Chris Geissler 110; Sara Lott and Stina Soderling 440; Charles Biada 392; Mel Novner 181; Scott Luscombe 376; Mary Skidmore 189; Myles Dakan 383; Deirdre Browne 193; Joan Frankel and Sasha Hsuczyk 414.

RECESS

The third session was called to order by Mary Andrews leading 31t. Leaders: Kelly Taylor 318; Leigh Cooper 283; L.H. Spencer 245; Emily Hale-Sills 312t; Leon Pulsinelle 435; Jonathan Spencer 70b; Sarah Maika 198; Dan Coppock 380. The memorial lesson was conducted by Tim Eriksen and Wendy Sibbison. Tim read the following list of names of the deceased before leading 285t in their memory: Thomas Jerome Fugle, Leo Gaesser, Jean Comfort Hallowell, Paul Gavin, Johnny Lee, Delorese Lee, B.M. Smith, Joyce Fagan, John Bayer, Dixie Lee Trial, Curtis Smith, James Stevenson, Baerana Sabaco, Danny Spooner, Barry Redlich, Mary Bryan, Vivian Kellner, Mary Stumo, Donal Staebler, Kari Skural, Adam Vera, Bill Mates, Tommy Soper, Sam Soper, Timothy Grannis, Francine Grunberg, Geneva Prichard, Collette Miller, Robert Germany, Jay Hartman-Berrier, Bill Seaman, Charlotte Quimby, Carol Quimby Heath, Margie Baron, Ann Morrison, Adrian Morton, Lucien Turbide, Bill Horovitz, Dick Wetherbee, Sandy Sheehan, Cheryl Burrows, Paul Begley, Dina Paisner, and Joan Forsthoefel.

Wendy read the following list of names of the sick and shut-ins before leading 30t in their honor: Joanne Fuller, Katherine Glatter, Ellie Gavin, Mike Ramsey, Chloe Rombach, Christine Mayrand Fortin, Barbara Cole, Dan Richmond, Sue Nord, Ron Bornick, Margaret Bornick, Edward Swetman, Brenda Holtkamp, John Bloch, Henry Cheng, Lydia Lewallen, Captain Michael Appert, Rita Esparza, Tom Farrow, Scott Kelly, Peter Diamondstone, Bob Wilson, Lise Depelteau, Ben Pirie, David Aldrich, Jay Gesulga, Ann Peirce, Hilde Doherty, Peter Schenck, Don Butner, and Francis Collins. Alvaro Witt Duarte offered a prayer to close the memorial service.

Leaders: Christine Andrews 426t; Eliza Cavanaugh 448t; Richard Ivey and Kelsey Ivey 421; Jennie Brown 444. Tim Eriksen offered a blessing before the meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Jeremy Galvagni leading 72b. Leaders: Allison Steele 384; Corinne Ducey 216; Kshama Ananthapura 400; Lynne deBenedette 306; Phillip Langley 564; Anna Mays 455; Mike Richards 316; Philippe Doyle and Simon Duchesne 168; Dan Hertzler 340; Isabelle Gervais Chapman 143; Laura Hodges 528; Doron Henkin 192; Sasha Hsuczyk 411; Patrick DeDauw 44; Molly Ellis 419; Philippa Stoddard 222; Anya Skibbie 573; Rachel Speer 42; Sharon Strong 497; Jean Seiler 273; Lela Crowder 157; Ivy Hauser and Margaret Youngberg 302; Sam Kleinman 422; Maura Burns 210.

RECESS

The last session of the day was called to order by Amy Finlay leading 282. Leaders: Kate Richardson 567; Cheri Hardy 313t; Gerald Clark and James Boisvere 32b; Cat Walsh 58; Laura Clampitt 536; Ron Woodland 479; Ines Lüttgen 378b; Ben Sachs-Hamilton 472; Emma Swartz 57; Barbara Swetman 114; Laura Timmerman 68b;

Paul Kinsman 274t; Jennie Brown 475; Molly Dektar and Sara Lott 410b; Erik-Dardan Ymeraga 179; Evan Druce 496; Peter Irvine and Zoë Darrow 76b. A short business meeting was held.

Eliza Cavanaugh offered the closing prayer. Becky Wright, Gerald Clark, and Stina Soderling led 62 as the closing song, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Becky Wright; Vice Chairman—Gerald Clark; Secretary—Stina Soderling

OXFORD SINGING

Powerhouse Community Arts Center, Oxford, Mississippi

Sunday, March 12, 2017

The 37th annual Oxford Sacred Harp Singing was held in the Powerhouse Community Arts Center on the second Sunday in March. The class was called to order by Warren Steel leading 556. Earl Ballinger offered the morning prayer. Mark Davis led 530.

The class entered into a business session, and the following officers were elected to serve: Chairman—Warren Steel; Vice Chairman—Mark Davis; Secretary—Wanda Capps; Arranging Officer—Nicholas Thompson.

Leaders: Wanda Capps 99; Nicholas Thompson 436; Anne Steel 318; Logan Green 315; Susan Dickey 59; Richard Mauldin 66; Jan Murray 457; Earl Ballinger 439; Ken Tate 411; Regina Derstine 426; Glenn Keeton 349; Hubert Nall 566; Matt Bell 377; Arlon Gardner 455; Caroline Green 276; Lisa Geist 527 (for Gravis Ballinger and Libby Hankins).

RECESS

Warren Steel called the class to order leading 213t. Leaders: Elene Stovall 430; Henry McGuire 456; Mark Tew 268; Danny Creel 215; Andy Davis 269; Kim Funderburk and Kail Funderburk 63; Linda Thomas 32t; Dorothea Maynard 442; Jamira Jackson 65; Gordon Bigelow 47b; Larry Ballinger 224; Allison Davis 373; Jeff Corbett 107; Chuck Howell 354b.

RECESS

Mark Davis brought the class to order leading 147b. Leaders: Becky Briggs 558; Bob Barber, Ben Barber, and Karol Barber 277.

A memorial lesson was held. Dorothea Maynard led 492 for the sick and homebound. Richard Mauldin led 383 in memory of the following deceased: Kermit Adams, Steve Adams, Gary Smith, Toney Smith, Lavoy Smith, Elsie Moon, Kenneth Fannin and Sam Chalker—Alabama; Stites Gardner, Billie Margaret Gardner, and Willadean Brunette—Mississippi; Helen Beauchamp—Tennessee; Joe Nall—Florida; Earlis McGraw—Georgia; Janelle Davis—Illinois; Sister Frances Carr—Maine. Earl Ballinger offered prayer to close the memorial service.

Leaders: Yancey Jett 172; Bobby Neyman 479; Drew McGuire 212.

LUNCH

Warren Steel called the afternoon session to order leading 306. Leaders: Jack Barbera 162; Shelby Castillo 208; Sarah Beasley 340; Vicky Neyman 178; Buell Cobb 467; Alicia Canterbury 37b; Loretta Whitman 399b; Sarah Tidwell 42; Will McGuire 111b; Curtis Gregory 119; Nicholas Thompson 120; Warren Steel and Mark Davis 218; Danny Creel, Wanda Capps, Yancey Jett, and Ken Tate 145t; Earl Ballinger, Larry Ballinger and Lisa Geist 112; Logan Green and Caroline Green 56b; Sarah Beasley, Becky Briggs, Dorothea Maynard, and Glenn Keeton 204; Richard Mauldin and Hubert Nall 168; Linda Thomas, Elene Stovall, and Allison Davis 217; Jamira Jackson and Regina Derstine 339; Loretta Whitman, Margaret Keeton, and Louise Yaeger 402; Anne Steel and Jan Murray 348b; Arlon Gardner and Jeff Corbett 481; Mark Tew, Matt Bell, and Jack Barbera 139; Gordon Bigelow and Chuck

Howell 191; Andy Davis 236; Henry McGuire and Sarah Tidwell 209.

Following announcements, Warren Steel, Mark Davis, and Nicholas Thompson led 278b as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer offered by Sister Susan Karina Dickey.

Chairman—Warren Steel; Vice Chairman—Mark Davis; Secretary—Wanda Capps

STEPHENSON, WALL, AND HOCUTT MEMORIAL
Pleasant Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Boldo, Alabama
Saturday Night, March 18, 2017

The annual Stephenson, Wall, and Hocutt Memorial Sacred Harp singing held at Pleasant Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Boldo, Alabama, on Saturday night before the third Sunday in March was called to order by Larry Ballinger leading 56t. Danny Creel offered the opening prayer.

The class was organized and the following officers were elected or appointed: Chairman—Larry Ballinger; Vice Chairman—Richard Mauldin; Secretary—Wanda Capps.

Leaders: Larry Ballinger 121; Ronald Gilmore and Hazel Gilmore 111b, 108t; Richard Mauldin 168; Amber Davis 150; Hayden Arp 406; Don Keeton 317, 61; Velton Chafin 36t; Hubert Nall 162; Jackie Tanner 101t; Bea Aaron 475; Butch White 547; Isaac Green 548; Linda Booth 196; Linda Sides 530; Tom Booth 68b; Ann Jett and Yancey Jett 546; Jim Aaron 47b; Charlotte Langley 285t; Emily Brown 73t.

RECESS

Larry Ballinger led 133 to bring the class together. Leaders: Betty Baccus 81t; Ann Jett and Yancey Jett 498, 324 (for Julia Poston); Ken Tate 491; Cindy Tanner 436; Brenda Chafin 434; Danny Creel 383; Cassie Allen 213t; Fay Narramore 75; Wanda Capps 203; Gary Glover 480; Cassie Allen 294 (for Ozella Blackmon), 187 (in memory of Marion Chafin). Announcements were made.

Larry Ballinger led 323t as the closing song. Don Keeton offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Larry Ballinger; Vice Chairman—Richard Mauldin; Secretary—Wanda Capps

ANN ARBOR SINGING
Cady Room, Stearns Building, University of Michigan
Ann Arbor, Michigan
Saturday, March 18, 2017

The 3rd annual University of Michigan Ann Arbor All-Day Singing brought together experienced singers and students, especially those in the Early Music Choir of the U-M School of Music, Theatre and Dance. The class was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Joe Gascho leading 59. Will Fitzgerald offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were appointed as follows: Chairman—Joe Gascho; Vice Chairman—Mark Clague; Chaplain—Will Fitzgerald; Arranging Officer—Gillian Inksetter; Secretaries—Caitlyn Koester and Rachel Yu Chen.

Leaders: Mark Clague 569b; Will Fitzgerald 35; Idy Kiser 28b; Bess Fitzgerald and Will Fitzgerald 230; Meghan Melloy Ness and Anna Golitzin 159; Jeremy York 171; Charlotte Wolfe 274t; Tish Shapiro and Jeremy York 146; Anne Missavage 66; Anna Golitzin 145t; Jan May 474; Martha Beverly 532; Marian Mitchell 457; Peter Trumbore 313b.

RECESS

Gillian Inksetter called the class to order by leading 32t. Leaders: David Stowe 84;

Cory Sees 30b; Cecilia Kramer 430; Catherine Brown 287; Katie White 547; Ray Rechenberg 203; Nathan Thatcher “Behold the Morning Sun” (an original composition); Gerry Hoffman 272; Joe Gascho 127; Annie Jeng 107; Mark Clague 183; Will Fitzgerald 34t; Tish Shapiro and Jeremy York 344.

Martha Beverly conducted the memorial lesson. She spoke about the tradition and its meaning to the community, especially those who cannot be with us today. She read the following list: Hugh McGraw, Johanna Fabke, and Gary Gronau. She led 70t to honor them.

She read the following list of names of the deceased: Kathleen Doss Traywick, Elsie Moon, Steve Adams, Kermit Adams, S.T. Reed, Toney Smith, Gary Smith—Alabama; Charlie Derleth—Missouri; Earlis McGraw, B.M. Smith, Loyd Landrum, Johnny Lee, Delorese Lee, Edna Vickers—Georgia; Joe Nall—Florida; Janelle Davis, Les Sontag, Nathan Reed—Illinois; Ruth Steggle—United Kingdom; John Bayer—Ohio; Collette Miller—Minnesota; Lila Mitchell—New York; Laura Burns—Michigan. Martha led 340 in their memory. Will Fitzgerald closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Bess Fitzgerald 228; Jeremy York 49t; Idy Kiser and Showey Howey 108t; Meghan Meloy Ness and Anna Golitzin 254. Will Fitzgerald asked a blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Gillian Inksetter brought the class to order by leading 31t. Leaders: Charlotte Wolfe 87; Caitlyn Koester and Rachel Yu Chen 27; Anne Missavage 236; Austin Stewart and Mark Clague 504; Ed Walton and Corey Sees 143; David Belkovski 300; Bill Beverly and Gillian Inksetter 191; Audrey Shepherd and Mark Clague 47t; Jan May 440; Anna Golitzin and Jennifer Shin 479; Wanita Forgacs 345b; Martha Beverly 436; Aaron Kurz and Vivian Anderson 118; Marian Mitchell 189; Peter Trumbore 480 (for Sarah Trumbore); Joe Gascho, Jennifer Shin, and Suzie Lee 96 (HS), 3 (CSH), 95 (CSH).

RECESS

Jeremy York called the class to order by leading 82t. Leaders: David Stowe 268; Corey Sees 245; Caitlyn Koester and Suzie Lee 128; Cecelia Kramer and Steven Whiting 485; Nathan Thatcher, David Belkovski, and Carmen Johnson 282; Catherine Brown 29t; Tish Shapiro and Jeremy York 192; Katie White 472; Bill Beverly 546; Gerry Hoffman 278t; Ray Rechenberg 349; Showey Howey 277. Joe Gascho thanked everyone who had helped make the singing a success. The secretaries reported that fifty-five singers had attended, and thirty-eight leaders from six states and one province had led seventy songs.

Joe Gascho led 347 as the closing song. Will Fitzgerald offered the closing prayer, and dismissed the class.

Chairman—Joe Gascho; Vice Chairman—Mark Clague; Secretaries—Caitlyn Koester and Rachel Yu Chen

HOBOKEN SINGING (COOPER BOOK) **Hoboken Elementary School, Hoboken, Georgia** **Saturday, March 18, 2017**

The 22nd annual session of the Hoboken All-Day Singing was called to order by Riley Lee leading 64. Riley Lee offered opening remarks by welcoming those visiting, and then led the class in singing the minor and major scales. Marty Wootten offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Amy Lee 336t; Buck Lea 200; Terry Herrin 328; John Gentry 463; Vik Slen 489; Stephen Jones 123b; Jason Deal 58; Thomas Smith 543; Karen Clark 520; Tollie Lee 84; Jeffrey Forbes 122; Jesse Roberts, Jr. 571.

RECESS

Clarke Lee brought the class back together leading 425. Leaders: Gene Pinion 486; Tommy Spurlock 594; Louis Hughes 138t; Ben Fink 575; Kellen O'Neal and T.K. Whitley 392; Brian Harris 98; Sharon Kermiet 42; Kevin Barrans 75; Adam Brasich 133; Christine Stevens 360; David Smead 229; Matt Bell 416t; Geoff Grainger 143; Marty Wootten, Jamey Wootten, and Jared Wootten 47t.

RECESS

David Lee brought the class back together leading 76b. Leaders; James Williamson 500; Julie Lee and Kathy Lee 288.

The memorial lesson was held at this time. Riley Lee read several scripture verses in memory of the deceased and sick and shut-ins. He reminded the class to look to those who have gone on before and set a Godly example. He admonished the class that we would walk uprightly, as those who have gone before, seeking God with all our being. Further, we should be in prayer for our children, grandchildren, and one another that we will continue to be able to gather in places like this to worship and sing praises to our Lord and Savior. Riley Lee led 348t. The memorial lesson was closed with prayer offered by Gavin Baxley.

Leaders: Jose Camacho 239; Alex Forsyth 72; Steve Schmidgall 55; Tom Owen 95b; Syble Adams 47b; Donna Bell 507b; Laura Densmore 83t; Jenny Willard and Keith Willard 199.

LUNCH

Steven Taylor brought the class back together leading 82 and 196. Leaders: Lynn Batten and Tony Batten 63; Dan Mickiewicz 400; Jessica Altman 132; Judy Mincey 494; Sonya Lee and Syble Adams 527; David Lee, Delda Lee, Melinda Lee, and Sonya Lee 312; Stanley Smith 269; Kendra Sanctuary 393; Billy Lee 587; Charlie Sohm 227; Jonathan Surrency, Ben Fink, and Ashley Thompson 235; Anna Strickland 141; Phillip Reeves 207b.

RECESS

Riley Lee brought the class back together leading 505. Leaders: David Lee and family 378t; Sharon Kermiet 192; Geoff Grainger 89; Mary O'Neal and Shane O'Neal 287; Stephanie Carter 511t; Kevin Barrans 210.

Following announcements, Riley Lee led 503 as the closing song. Elder Terry Herrin offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Riley Lee; Secretary—Amy Lee

SOUTH CAROLINA STATE SINGING IN MEMORY OF WILLIAM WALKER

Second Presbyterian Church, Spartanburg, South Carolina Saturday, March 18, 2017

The 23rd South Carolina State Singing in Memory of William Walker was held on Saturday before the third Sunday in March. Robert Kelley gave a brief introduction to shape notes, both seven shape and four shape systems. Frances Carnell led 63. Leon Carnell offered the opening prayer.

The first morning session included selections from *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*. Leaders: Frances Carnell 129; Dave Farmer 128; Mary Baumeister 103; Chris Wilhelm 410b; Jonathan Wood 24b; Bobbi Albert 278t; Matt Drumheller 383; Diane Eskenasy 155; Mike Spencer 289; Robert Kelley 179; Jane Cannon 213t; Leon Carnell 178; Jacob Lindler 410t; Frances Carnell 74t; Dave Farmer 107; Mary Baumeister 491; Chris Wilhelm 235; Jonathan Wood 35; Bobbi Albert 163b.

In a business meeting, the class agreed to keep the same officers for 2018 as follows: Chairman—Frances Carnell; Vice Chairman—Dave Farmer; Treasurer—Bobbi

Albert; Secretary—Mary Baumeister. We purchased a box (10 books) of *Christian Harmony*, 2010 Edition, for use at this Spartanburg Singing, and the singing at Furman in Greenville.

RECESS

The second morning session included selections from *The Christian Harmony*, 2010 edition. Leaders: Frances Carnell 257 (CH); Matt Drumheller 165 (CH); Mike Spencer 493b (CH); Robert Kelley 414 (CH); Robert Good 179 (CH); Jane Cannon 329 (CH); Leon Carnell 346 (CH); Scott Swanton 128b (CH); Frances Carnell 1 (CH); Dave Farmer 432b (CH); Mary Baumeister 510b (CH); Chris Wilhelm 386 (CH); Jonathan Wood 244b (CH); Bobbi Albert 256t (CH); Diane Eskenasy 51 (CH).

LUNCH

The first afternoon session included selections from *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*. Leaders: Dave Farmer 84; Matt Drumheller 215; Diane Eskenasy 181; Charity Rouse 236; Mike Spencer 345t; Robert Kelley 495; Harry Eskew 40; Jane Cannon 196; Leon Carnell 56b; Jacob Lindler 133; Frances Carnell 415; Dave Farmer 168; Mary Baumeister 169; Chris Wilhelm 500; Jonathan Wood 130; Bobbi Albert 503; Matt Drumheller 76b.

RECESS

The second afternoon session included selections from *The Christian Harmony*, 2010 Edition. Leaders: Frances Carnell 339 (CH); Mike Nichols 160 (CH); Diane Eskenasy 50 (CH); Mike Spencer 412t (CH); Robert Kelley 445 (CH); Jane Cannon 205 (CH); Leon Carnell 546t (CH); Scott Swanton 158 (CH); Robert Kelley 6 (CH) (requested by Frances Carnell); Dave Farmer 546b (CH); Mary Baumeister 88 (CH); Chris Wilhelm 245 (CH) (requested by Suzanne Sanford); Jonathan Wood and Jackie White 67b (CH).

Announcements were made. Frances Carnell led 291 (CH) as the closing song. Leon Carnell dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Frances Carnell; Vice Chairman—Dave Farmer; Secretary—Mary Baumeister

GEORGIAN HARMONY SINGING

Hardeman Primitive Baptist Church, Decatur, Georgia

Sunday, March 19, 2017

All song selections were from *The Georgian Harmony*, 2012 Edition, by Raymond C. Hamrick.

At 2:00 p.m., John Plunkett called the class to order by leading 216. Bill Hollingsworth offered the opening prayer. Leaders: Bill Hollingsworth 15, 19; John Hollingsworth 153; Andy Ditzler 112, 92; Sandra Wilkinson 9, 25; Laura Akerman 14; Judy Mincey 246, 142; Debra Grosse 244, 208; Eddie Mash 54, 22; Oscar McGuire 26, 49.

RECESS

Bill Hollingsworth called the class back together by leading 120. Leaders: Andy Morse 94, 46; Helen Bryson 1, 6; David Brodeur 252, 82; Malinda Snow 188, 162; Michael Spencer 233, 234; Bill Hollingsworth 209; Andy Ditzler 211; Michael Spencer 43; Sandra Wilkinson 154; Laura Akerman 118; Judy Mincey 130; Debra Grosse 189; John Plunkett 198; Bill Hollingsworth 136; Oscar McGuire 152; Andy Morse 51; David Brodeur 108; Malinda Snow 59.

After discussion and vote, the class resolved to meet again at Hardeman Church on the third Sunday in March, 2018, for another half-day of singing from *The Georgian Harmony*.

John Plunkett led 45 as the closing song. John Hollingsworth offered the closing prayer.

Chairmen—John Plunkett and Bill Hollingsworth; Secretary—David Brodeur

GODSEY SISTERS AND SANDRA SPRADLIN MEMORIAL SINGING

**Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Double Springs, Alabama
Sunday, March 19, 2017**

The Godsey Sisters and Sandra Spradlin Memorial Singing in honor of Leona Horton, Maude Adams, Delia Watts, Mina Adams, and Sandra Spradlin was called to order by Don Keeton leading 145t. Don Keeton offered the morning prayer.

The class was organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve:

Chairman—Don Keeton; Vice Chairman—Jerry Kitchens; Arranging Officer—Margaret Keeton; Secretary—Roma Rice.

Leaders: Don Keeton 317; Hayden Arp 283; Nicholas Thompson 99; Lisa Geist 391 (in memory of Sandra Spradlin); Glenn Keeton, Elizabeth Keeton, and Matthew Keeton 235; Justin Bowen 171; Isaac Green and Cindy Tanner 170; Chris Bell 30t (in memory of Sandra Spradlin); Christy Allen 270; Nancy Phillips 282; Larry Ballinger 151; Lauren Allen and Christy Allen 39b; Cindy Tanner 220; Linda Booth 269; Yancey Jett and Lisa Geist 182; Mike Hankins 168; Henry Guthery 499; Wanda Capps 430; Lucy Heidorn 192 (in memory of her mother); Jackie Tanner 208.

RECESS

Don Keeton called the class back to order by leading 498. Leaders: Danny Creel 222; Hazel Heinze 143; Ronald Gilmore and Hazel Gilmore 111b, 383 (for his son); Butch White 278t; Ken Tate 535; Brenda Chafin 86; Betty Baccus and Ricky Wakefield 284 (in memory of Gene Wakefield); Glenn Keeton 349 (in memory of Sandra Spradlin); Susan Allred 384; Roma Rice 66; Richard Mauldin 43 (in memory of John and Josie Hyde); Loretta Whitman 72b; Julie Poston 108b; Larry Ballinger 528; Lisa Geist 527; Margaret Keeton, Christy Allen, Lauren Allen, Chris Bell, Jennifer Bell, Nadia Bell, Noah Bell, and Cian Jones 273, 126 (in memory of Sandra Spradlin); Glenn Keeton and Elizabeth Keeton 178; Danny Creel 503.

LUNCH

Don Keeton called the class to order leading 61. Leaders: Jerry Kitchens 354b; Richard Mauldin 392; Amber Davis 142; Faye Donaldson 225t; Tom Booth 30b; Dylan Feezell 436; Justin Bowen 434; Isaac Green 426b; Hayden Arp 530; Nicholas Thompson 189; Brenda Chafin 442; Greg Allred and Susan Allred 183; Lauren Allen “The Star Spangled Banner”; Christy Allen and Cindy Tanner 276; Linda Booth 441; Jackie Tanner 172; Ken Tate 123t; Danny Creel, Wanda Capps, Lucy Heidorn, and Ken Tate 342; Butch White 29b; Hazel Heinze 147t; Dylan Feezell 340; Glenn Keeton, Elizabeth Keeton, and Matthew Keeton 108t; Amber Davis 49b (for the Jack Pate family); Mike Hankins 120; Jerry Kitchens 480; Ronald Gilmore 475; Nancy Phillips 274t; Hayden Arp 177; Nicholas Thompson 216; Isaac Green 411; Justin Bowen 428; Lucy Heidorn and Cindy Tanner 155; Dylan Feezell and Christy Allen 336; Yancey Jett 440.

Don Keeton led 62 as the closing song. Isaac Green offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Don Keeton; Vice Chairman—Jerry Kitchens; Secretary—Roma Rice

CONFERENCE FOR THE SOCIETY OF AMERICAN MUSIC
Wirth Opera Studio, McGill University, Montreal, Quebec, Canada
Thursday, March 23, 2017

The 23rd annual Conference of the Society for American Music Sacred Harp Singing, held at the Wirth Opera Studio of McGill University was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Ron Pen offering opening remarks, and leading 73b. Song selections were from the Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition.

Leaders: Erin Fulton 82t; Jesse Karlsberg 83t; Sondra Howe 159; Philippe Doyle Gosselin 39t; Kevin Kehrberg 373; Masti Mayrand 335; Marie Hamilton and Patrick DeDauw 284; Deane Root 457; Phillipa Rispin and Phillippe Doyle Gosselin 183; Mark Clague 163b; Patrick DeDauw 512; Austin Stewart 504; Esther Wade and Cal Higgins 38b; Kerry Cullinan 29t; Ron Pen 455.

RECESS

Leaders: Jesse Karlsberg 202; Patrick DeDauw and Alvino Forbes 114; Phillipa Rispin and Philippe Doyle Gosselin 53; Marie Hamilton 344; Sondra Howe 107; Mark Clague 186; Esther Wade and Cal Higgins 86; Kevin Kehrberg and John Thomerson 186; Kerry Cullinan 313t; Austin Stewart and Deane Root 254; Masti Mayrand 515; Philippe Doyle Gosselin 534; Erin Fulton and Christy Miller 383. Ron Pen led 267 while the parting hand was shared. Deane Root delivered a parting prayer, and the class was dismissed.

The Society for American Music Singing is scheduled in conjunction with the Society's annual conference, the date and site of the meeting vary each year. The 2018 singing will be held in Kansas City, Missouri.

Chairman—Ron Pen; Session Chairman—Jesse Karlsberg; Secretary—Erin Fulton

HIGHER GROUND SINGING
United Campus Ministries Center, Terre Haute, Indiana
Saturday, March 25, 2017

The 22nd annual Higher Ground Singing was called to order by Darrell Swarens leading 84. Don Bardsley offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Co-Chairpersons—Darrell Swarens and Lori Graber.

Leaders: Lori Graber 473; James Eldridge 171; Peggy Brayfield 551; Tom Morton 556; Greg Creech 515; Don Bardsley 354t; Adrian Eldridge 225t; Janet Fraembs 217; Bob Cull 163b; Tim Morton 162; Wayne Dell 569b; Stephen Huffman 29t; Grace Patterson 47t.

RECESS

Darrell Swarens called the class back to order leading 128. Leaders: Jim Patterson 274t; Carol Ann Munro 455; John Huffman 373; Sheila Patterson 114; Beth Garfinkel 435; Aaron Jones 410t; Katherine Eldridge 175; Mary Huffman 214; Jason Hosfield 63; Nate Zweig 391.

RECESS

Lori Graber led 135 (MH) to bring the class together. Leaders: Samuel Sommers 355; William Shetter 178; Virginia Eldridge 288; Joan Aldridge 276; Annaliza Cull 504.

LUNCH

Lori Graber began the afternoon session leading 2 (MH). Leaders: Terry Hogg 147 (MH); Steve Martin 50t; Michele Cull and Darrell Swarens 145 (MH) (in memory of Bob Meek); Carol Ann Munro 392; Virginia Eldridge 277; Jason Hosfield 299; Aaron Jones 45 (MH); Katherine Eldridge 546; Beth Garfinkel 138 (MH); Mary Huffman 103; Sheila Patterson 180 (MH); Tim Morton 127 (MH); Nate Zweig 92 (MH);

Adrian Eldridge 319; Stephen Huffman 283; Wayne Dell 66; Don Bardsley 212; Greg Creech 10 (MH).

RECESS

Lori Graber and Darrell Swarens began the final session leading 72b. Leaders: Tom Morton 209 (MH); Peggy Brayfield 6 (MH); James Eldridge 330b; Virginia Eldridge, Adrian Eldridge, James Eldridge, Katherine Eldridge, and Darrell Swarens 436; Bob Cull 547; Jim Patterson 278t; John Huffman 538; Grace Patterson 39t; William Shetter 454; Annaliza Cull 155; Samuel Sommers 522; Darrell Swarens and Jane Connor 314; Joan Aldridge 540.

Following announcements, Darrell Swarens and Lori Graber led 62 as the closing song. Adrian Eldridge offered the closing prayer.

Co-Chairpersons—Darrell Swarens and Lori Graber

PITTSBURGH REGIONAL SACRED HARP SINGING **Franklin Park Baptist Church, Sewickley, Pennsylvania** **Saturday, March 25, 2017**

The 8th annual Pittsburgh Regional All-Day Sacred Harp Singing was held at the Franklin Park Baptist Church, Sewickley, Pennsylvania. Gerry Hoffman called the class to order at 10:00 a.m. leading 32t. The opening prayer was offered by Katie White.

Leaders: Penny Anderson 178; Katie White 315; Laura Densmore 313t; Guy Bankes 77b; Frances Mary D'Andrea 384; Len Vanderjagt 38b; Stephanie Phillips 34b; Brian How 107; Will Reilly 587 (CB); Barb Vanderjagt 65; Lamar Matthew 35; Barb Hohenstein 349; Jack Puskar 142; Harry Scott 393; Carol Medicott 192; David Fetcho 328.

RECESS

Barb Hohenstein called the class back together by leading 37b. Leaders: Gerry Hoffman 348t; Laura Densmore 549; Susan Turnquist 81t; Penny Anderson 84; Dave Witter 87; Katie White 547; David Alexander 304; Lois Hurt 551; Guy Bankes 444; Frances Mary D'Andrea 171; Len Vanderjagt 350; Stephanie Phillips 236; Will Reilly 235; Barb Vanderjagt 496; Lamar Matthew 156; Jack Puskar 481; Harry Scott 318. Grace was offered before the noon meal by Katie White.

LUNCH

Harry Scott called the class back to order leading 117. Leaders: Lois Hurt 145b; Barb Hohenstein 48b; David Fetcho 522; Susan Turnquist 479; Carol Medicott 440; David Alexander 106; Guy Bankes 486; Jack Puskar 148; Laura Densmore 311; Lindsey Scherloun 112; Dave Witter 122; Gerry Hoffman 505; Katie White 53; Frances Mary D'Andrea 324; Len Vanderjagt 168; Will Reilly 503; Barb Vanderjagt 99; Lamar Matthew 183; Penny Anderson 163b; Brian How 146.

RECESS

Penny Anderson called the class to order leading 344. Leaders: Jack Puskar 276; Elizabeth Joyce 86; Harry Scott 104; Lindsey Scherloun 282; Brian How 312b; Lamar Matthew 334; Laura Densmore 415; Guy Bankes 287; Barb Hohenstein 500; Carol Medicott 371; Frances Mary D'Andrea 47b; Len Vanderjagt 452.

In a business meeting, Gerry Hoffman announced that expenses had been met.

Penny Anderson reported that 79 songs had been sung. Announcements were made.

Katie White offered the closing prayer, and Gerry Hoffman led 347 as the closing song.

Chairman—Gerry Hoffman; Secretary—Penny Anderson

VERMONT SACRED HARP SINGING
Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the Upper Valley
Norwich, Vermont
Saturday, March 25, 2017

The 37th annual Vermont All-Day Sacred Harp Singing was called to order by Paul Gauthier leading 31t. Paul also said words of introduction and welcome. The opening prayer was offered by Margaret Graver.

Leaders: Carole Dempsey 131b; Anya Skibbie 171; Anna Mays 29t; Bill Schults 66; Margaret Graver 28t; Ian Smiley 121; Lynnette Combs 300; Scott Luscombe 472; Peggy Kadina-Mazela 106; Betsy Maislen 479; Chelsea Smiley 91; Kerry Cullinan 466; Jenny Wright 547; Sarah Maika 448b; Jonathan Spencer 324; Judy Contompasis 84; L.H. Spencer 250; Jessica Turner 345b; Ian Ludders 83b.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Co-Chairmen—Paul Gauthier and Dan Hertzler; Chaplain—Margaret Graver; Treasurer—Ian Ludders; Arranging Committee—Anna Mays and Anya Skibbie; Secretary—Carole Dempsey.

RECESS

Chelsea Smiley called the class back to order leading 159. Leaders: Dan Coppock 227; Carly Goss 142; Jonas Powell 344; Sue Dwelle 503; Andal Sundaramurthy 444; Mike Richards 546; Liz Patton 234; Larry Gordon 528; Deborah Marsh and Donna Carlson 82t; Stina Soderling 328; Elizabeth Stoddard 422; Susan Jaster 540; Ron Trial 101t; Liz Cantrell 217; Michael Nord 298; Ishmael Stefanov-Wagner 538; Mary Skidmore 432; Patrick Friesen 460; Tristan Gordon 406; Jenny Wright 216; Bill Schults 163b; Carole Dempsey 168.

Margaret Graver conducted the memorial lesson, and led 481 in memory of the following deceased: Adrian Morton—California; Carol Quimby Heath—Connecticut; Beth Olsen Johns—Florida; Joanne Guthrie Coburn and Charlotte Quimby—New Hampshire; John Bayer—Ohio; Wilmer Brandt, Pat Colteryahn, Keith Coran, Bill Dempsey, Timothy Grannis, Ed Janeway, John MacArthur, Daphny Murray Mara, and Dave Wales—Vermont.

Dan Hertzler led 65 for the following sick and shut-ins: Corky Boshara, Linda Brazeau, Dory Coran, Jackie Degrenier, Mark Dowling, Mark Elliot, Eugene Forbes, Joanne Fuller, Eric Hildebrandt, David McCumber, Mike Ramsey, Fabian Rodriguez, Mimi Rodriguez, and Laura Timmerman.

Leaders: Robert Stoddard 421; Sarah Maika 383. Chelsea Smiley offered grace before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Nicandra Galper called the class to order by leading 228. Leaders: Elizabeth Stoddard 57; Mike Nord 440; Carly Goss 197; Mary Skidmore 196; Patrick Friesen 505; Susan Jaster 71; Christopher Kain 496; Stina Soderling 269; Ron Trial 455; Liz Cantrell 315; Fred Emigh 47b; Tristan Gordon 470; Sue Dwelle 178; Mike Richards 39b; Traci Naylor 542; Dan Coppock 419; Liz Patton 163t; Jonas Powell 209; Ishmael Stefanov-Wagner 362; Andal Sundaramurthy 236; Scott Luscombe 376; Margaret Graver 565.

RECESS

Judy Contompasis called the class back together by leading 312b. Leaders: Larry Gordon 340; Nic Tuff 448t; Chelsea Smiley 95; Robert Stoddard 395; Betsy Maislen 454; Dan Hertzler 452; L.H. Spencer 442; Anna Mays 475; Peggy Kadina-Mazela 566; Ian Ludders 277; Traci Naylor 522; Jonathan Spencer 360; Ian Smiley 384; Lynnette Combs 198; Kerry Cullinan 63; Anya Skibbie 573; Christopher Kain 282; Stina Soderling and Tristan Gordon 445; Robert Stoddard and Mike Nord 48t; Patrick Friesen and Donna Carlson 408; Elizabeth Stoddard and Zoe Skibbie 569b;

Dan Hertzler and Dan Coppock 76b.

In a business meeting, the Treasurer reported that expenses were met. The Secretary reported that there were one hundred registered singers from eight states, and that forty-eight leaders led ninety-one songs. It was announced that the 2018 Vermont All-Day Singing will be held on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in March in Barre, Vermont. Anna Mays thanked all who made the day successful and joyous. Paul Gauthier led 62 as the closing song. Margaret Graver offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Co-Chairmen—Paul Gauthier and Dan Hertzler; Secretary—Carole Dempsey

GEORGIA STATE SACRED HARP CONVENTION
Emmaus Primitive Baptist Church, Carrollton, Georgia
March 25-26, 2017

Saturday, March 25

The 56th session of the Georgia State Sacred Harp Convention was held on the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in March at Emmaus Primitive Baptist Church in Carrollton, Georgia. Matt Hinton called the class together leading 32t. Bill Hollingsworth offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Phillip Langley 101t; Lela Crowder 68b; Donna Bell 64; Jeannette DePoy 39t; Andy Ditzler 204; Isaac Green 343; Winfred Kerr 225t; Philip Denney and Isaiah Horsley 300; Judy Chambless 397; John Plunkett 52t; Daniel Lee 566; Jack Nelson 504; Curtis Spivey 358; Don Bowen 494; Faye Hollis 168; John Hollingsworth 434; Samuel Williams 286; Oscar McGuire 276; Anna Hinton 155; David Smead 183; Eli Hinton 65; Louis Hughes 314; Judy Mincey 538.

RECESS

Philip Langley brought the class back to order leading 166. Leaders: Debora Grosse 288; Nicholas Thompson 120 (in memory of Gravis Ballinger); Malinda Snow 349; Robert Chambless 122 (for Hugh McGraw).

A business session was held with the following officers and committee members elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Phillip Langley; Vice Chairman—Jason Stanford; Chaplains—Bill Hollingsworth and Gillian Inksetter; Secretary—Lela Crowder; Assistant Secretary—Donna Bell; Arranging Committee—Jeannette DePoy, Andy Ditzler, Isaac Green, and Anna Hinton; Memorial Committee—Lisa Bennett and Michael Thompson; Finance Committee—Hayden Arp and Daniel Williams; Locating Committee—Philip Denney and Samuel Williams; Resolutions Committee—David Brodeur, Emma Rose Brown, and David Smead.

Leaders: Jonathan Skeet Surrency 282; Jason Stanford 348b; Michael Thompson 44; Susan Cheronos 564; Richard Mauldin 446; Lydia Lewallen 290; John Kelso 135; Sandra Wilkinson 445; David Brodeur 439; Erica Hinton 215.

RECESS

Jason Stanford called the class back together by leading 345t. Leaders: Cat Walsh 271t; Andrew Forsthoefel 129; Fred Eady 236; Nate Green and Norma Green 206; Richard Delong 431; Linda Booth 273; Henry Johnson 82b; Brian Harris 430; Justin Bowen 505; Angela Myers 142; Denney Rogers 143; David Ivey 572; Lisa Bennett 476; Jesse Roberts 209.

LUNCH

Hayden Arp and Isaac Green called the class back to order leading 88t. Leaders: Karen Ivey 318; Stanley Smith 470 (in memory of Loyd Redding and E.C. Bowen); Pat Temple 373; Gillian Inksetter 214; Laura Hodges 422; Mike Hinton 475 (in memory of B.M. Smith); Mary Wright 477; Emma Rose Brown 336; Wade Kotter 303; Clarissa Fetrow 272; Pam Nunn 454; Richard Ivey, Kelsey Ivey, and Everett

Ivey 309; Karen Rollins and Rodney Ivey 426b; Charlene Wallace and Jason Stanford 549; Joyce Walton and David Ivey 153 (in memory of Jap Walton); Gail Doss 148; Charles Woods 197; Judy Caudle 542; Rene Green 546; Bill Hollingsworth 56b; Cheyenne Ivey 208; Dan Edwards 497; Janet Shepherd and Vince Adams 114; Leanne Carter 73t.

RECESS

Jason Stanford brought the class back together leading 568. Leaders: Daniel Williams 567; Karis Askin 112; Dylan Feezell 340; Hayden Arp 269; Brian Harris 327; Emma Rose Brown 313t; Clarissa Fetrow 472 (for Concetta Branson); Lydia Lewallen 41; Gillian Inksetter 228; Laura Hodges 486; Wade Kotter 217; Mike Hinton 495.

Announcements were made. Jason Stanford led 62 as the closing song. Bill Hollingsworth dismissed the class with prayer.

Sunday, March 26

The Sunday session of the Georgia State Sacred Harp Convention was brought to order by Phillip Langley leading 144. Gillian Inksetter offered the morning prayer. Leaders: Lela Crowder 124; Donna Bell 299; Jeannette DePoy 36b; Andy Ditzler 48t; Anna Hinton 142; Isaac Green, Hayden Arp, and Cheyenne Ivey 329 (for Sasha Hsuczyk); David Brodeur 370; Emma Rose Brown 316; Gillian Inksetter 348t; Phillip Denney and Karis Askin 100; Karen Rollins 227; Matt Hinton 275t; Amy Wells 278t; Nathan Rees 352; David Smead 338; Eli Hinton 99; Fred Eady 192; Burt Collins and Glenda Collins 45t; Erica Hinton 187; Robert Chambless 569t; Cat Walsh 326; Susan Cheronos 460; Jack Nelson 518.

RECESS

Philip Langley and Debra Langley brought the class back to order leading 274t. Leaders: Karen Ivey 440; Tony Hammock 204; Justin Bowen 392; Oscar McGuire 573; Leanne Carter 49b; Winfred Kerr 516 (for Hugh McGraw); Laura Hodges 57; Faye Hollis 283; Richard Ivey 202; Sheri Taylor, Laura Frey, and Riley McKibben 178; Pam Nunn 318 (in memory of B.M. Smith); Wade Kotter 426b; Richard Mauldin 43.

RECESS

Andy Ditzler and Gary Davis led 56t to bring the class back together. Leaders: Samuel Williams 269; Nicholas Thompson 186; Kelly Morris 147t.

Lisa Bennett and Michael Thompson conducted the memorial lesson. Michael Thompson spoke about homeostasis, or stability, and how the Sacred Harp community feels an imbalance when someone is missing. He read the following list of names of the sick and shut-ins: Anne Mauldin Chalker, Eugene Forbes, Lilly Hopper, Myrline Redmond, Ottis Sides, Eloise Wootten, Jewell Wootten, Michael Arden, Hannah Mae Blair, Carla Smith, Helen Bryson; Virginia Dyer; Hugh McGraw, Robby Rivers, Michael Appert, Melanie Hauff, Ted Mercer, Paul Luther Wilson, Concetta Branson, Rachel Rogers, Curtis Owen, Edith Owen, Doug Webb, Johanna Fabke, and Julie Vea. Michael Thompson led 33b in their honor. Lisa Bennett asked everyone to remember the folks who are left behind and help care for the whole community. Lisa read the following list of names of the deceased: Azilee Adams, Kermit Adams, Steve Adams, Gravis Ballinger, Kenneth Fannin, Bernice Williams Harvey, Elsie Calvert Moon, Elder J.D. Morris, Edna Ruth Phillips, Toney Smith, and Lavoy Smith—Alabama; Joe Nall—Florida; Steve Ludlow—Arizona; James Harold DeLong, Curtis Hamrick, James Hughes, Lynn Swafford Key, Loyd Landrum, Johnny Lee, Delorese Lee, Earlis McGraw, Geneva Pritchard, B.M. Smith, Elder Ed Smith, George Snyder, and Agnes Stanford—Georgia; Janelle Davis and Les Sontag—Illinois; John Lewallen—North Carolina; Tony Conrad—New York; John Bayer—Ohio; Ralph Kotter—Utah; and Ruth

Steggles—United Kingdom. Lisa Bennett led 284. Gillian Inksetter closed the memorial service with prayer.

Leaders: Nate Green and Norma Green 328; Lauren Bock 216; Jenna Frey 408; Don Bowen and Rodney Ivey 39b; Dan Edwards 547.

LUNCH

Phillip Langley called the class back to order leading 145t. Leaders: John Plunkett 451 (for Daphene Causey); Brian Harris 38b; Shelby Castillo and David Ivey 340; Judy Caudle 500; Rodney Ivey 528; Clarissa Fetrow 530; Mike Hinton 534 (in memory of Toney and Lavoy Smith); Mary Wright 312t; Jonathan Skeet Surrency 455; Elene Stovall 182 (in memory of Gravis Ballinger); David Ivey 310; Gail Doss 66; Pat Temple 59; Lydia Lewallen 330b; Drew McGuire 39t; Cheyenne Ivey and Angela Myers 430; Bryan Black 220; Kathy Williams 273; Wyatt Denney 107; Kelsey Ivey 317; Michael Thompson 89; Judy Mincey 501; Anders Wells and Mary Jasionowski 76b; Karen Edwards 282.

RECESS

Jason Stanford called the class back to order leading 472. Leaders: Ateven Snderson 313b; Daniel Williams 74t; Leanne Carter and Amy Callahan 106; Cat Walsh 448b; Coy Ivey 384; Emma Rose Brown 97; Gillian Inksetter 411; Laura Hodges 200; Kelsey Ivey, Everett Ivey, Lauren Bock, and Lucey Rose Karlsberg 222.

The convention went into a business session to hear reports from the various committees. The Locating Committee reported that the convention will meet back at Emmaus Primitive Baptist Church in Carrollton, Georgia, the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in March, 2018. Donna Bell presented the finance report. David Brodeur, Emma Rose Brown, and David Smead presented the resolutions. All reports were approved, and the business session was closed. Announcements were made. Phillip Langley and Jason Stanford led 62 as the closing song. Gillian Inksetter offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Phillip Langley; Vice Chairman—Jason Stanford; Secretary—Lela Crowder; Assistant Secretary—Donna Bell

BRIGHTON SACRED HARP SINGING DAY

Exeter Street Hall, Brighton, East Sussex, United Kingdom

Saturday, April 1, 2017

The 2nd Brighton Sacred Harp All-Day Singing was called to order by Seth Dickens leading 47t. The opening prayer was offered by Catherine Roberts.

Leaders: Catherine Roberts 171; Sarah Hill 56t; Ian Lamb 148; Tom Gerber 66; Guy Hayes 27; Iain Paxon and Ron Hollman 209; Mark Percival 89; Ross Adamson 86; Rachel Jordan 492; Rob Mahoney 107; Dan Ardern and Guy Hayes 178; Nick Hall 452; Max Hartmann and Piers Blewett 51; Ron Hollman 274t; Werner Ullah 37b; Theresa Maguire 67; Andrew Clark 496.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Jill Thompson leading 344. Leaders: Piers Blewett 101t; William Cleary 480; Mahna 313b; Francis Gaskin 322; Toby Goss 159; Ted Brown 74b; Ali McKenzie Wilcox 504; Pete Eiseman-Renyard 56b; Cora Wareh 46; Steve Brett 358; Leilai Immel 172; Matthew Parkinson 36b; Edwin Macadam 280; Dermot Peel 278t.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Jill Thompson. She led 457 in memory of Joe Marshall, Doris Hammond, Jane Davies, Nora Harwood, Jean Mary Martin, April Selley, Mel White, Robert Peele, Janelle Davis, B.M. Smith, Johnny Lee, Delorese Lee, Anne Kennedy, and Ruth Steggles.

Rachel Jordan spoke for the sick and housebound. She led 68b for Karen Rollins, Janette Lawrence, Alexandra Assis, Geoffrey Rendle, Phoebe Davidson, Sister Pippa,

Chris Holbrook, Jackie Saunders, Rebecca Over, Nik Pollard, Dave Richardson, Nigel Cumber, and June Eames.

Leaders: Joe Vickers 460; Sheila Girling Macadam 442; Helen Brown 542; Tarik Wareh 275t; Pattie Wareh 228. The grace was offered by Mark Percival.

LUNCH

The class was called back to order by Tom Gerber leading 277. Leaders: Ella Cumber 548; Arthur Swindells 340; Jen Codrington 299; Dermot Peel 114; Rachel Wemyss 145t; Faiz Wareh 346; Helen Brown 436; Steve Brett 524; Ali McKenzie Wilcox 497; Pattie Wareh 70t; Joe Vickers 163t; Tarik Wareh 500; Ted Brown 339; Leilai Immel 426b; Cora Wareh 71; Matthew Parkinson 123b; Gaia Dickens and Seth Dickens 282; Sheila Girling Macadam 142; Edwin Macadam 538; Ron Hollman 128; Toby Goss 49b; Andrew Clark 162.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Piers Blewett leading 183. Leaders: William Cleary 146; Nick Hall 222; Pete Eiseman-Renyard 117; Emily Verrier 319; Francis Gaskin 229; Mahna 268; Ella Cumber 24b; Faiz Wareh 571; Werner Ullah 448b; Arthur Swindells 191; Theresa Maguire and Natalie Edelman 378b; Jen Codrington 350; Catherine Roberts 290; Tom Gerber 334; Iain Paxon and Sarah Hill 535; Ian Lamb 481; Guy Hayes 348t.

Announcements were made. Seth Dickens thanked all who made the second Brighton All-Day Singing possible. Catherine Roberts reported that there were seventy-three registered attendees from three countries, and eighty-two songs were sung.

Seth Dickens led 347 as the closing song. Tarik Wareh offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Seth Dickens; Secretary—Catherine Roberts

COLOGNE SINGING

Köln, Germany

Saturday, April 1, 2017

The 2nd annual Cologne All-Day Singing was called to order by Dominik Fraune, who welcomed everyone and led 171. Stefan Swat offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Stefan Swat 102; Boyan Pohl 179; Cäcilia Mann 551; Theresa Hofmann 38b; Tobias Saalman 66; Deborah Mann 117; Tobias Kanngießler and Yotin Tiewtrakul 452; Tina Cramer 365; Christian Saupe and Laura Eisen 39t; Emma Rock 111b; Eckehard Neugebauer 68b; Franka Sprzagala 129; Maria Neumann-Fraune and Caro Stamm-Reusch 457; Yotin Tiewtrakul 187; Elisabeth Schallwig 142; Geoff Grainger 535; Eleni Melis 163t; Laura Eisen 480.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Andreas Manz leading 31b. Leaders: Jasmina Graf 505; Christina Schumann 344; Caro Stamm-Reusch 399t; Zack Lindahl 385b; Saara Pakarinen 85; Gerben Vos 99; Ines Lüttgen 373; Derek Buckland 49b; Eva Striebeck 475; Ray Rechenberg 276; Ulrike Tietjen 309; Tobias Kanngießler and Eva Striebeck 274t; Magdalena Osthaus 121; Evelyn Lamb and Hanka Kleinodien 472 (for Concetta Branson of Portland, Oregon, USA); Georges Whatelse and Franka Sprzagala 448t; Lauren Ciancio 159. Susanne Zimmermann offered the prayer before dinner on the grounds.

LUNCH

The class was called back to order by Caro Stamm-Reusch leading 29t. Leaders: Zack Lindahl 506; Saara Pakarinen 500; Derek Buckland 569b; Gerben Vos 240; Ines Lüttgen 422; Ray Rechenberg 40; Evelyn Lamb and Hanka Kleinodien 35; George Whatelse 125; Lauren Ciancio 547; Ursula Diderich and Victor Diderich 84;

Christina Schümann 347; Jasmina Graf 320; Laura Eisen 542; Boyan Pohl 474; Geoff Grainger 523 (in memory of his sister, Kirsty Grainger, who passed away in 2016); Eva Striebeck 411; Theresa Hofmann 128; Emma Rock 430; Tobias Kanngießner and Yotin Tiewtrakul 107; Dominik Fraune 339.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Eva Striebeck leading 37b. Leaders: Stefan Swat and Ursula Diderich 504; Caro Stamm-Reusch 397; Franka Sprzagala and Tobias Saalman 236; Magdalena Osthaus 101b; Yotin Tiewtrakul 388; Eleni Melis 567; Elisabeth Schallwig 372; Ulrike Tietjen 564; Ursula Diderich and Victor Diderich 209; Tina Cramer 50t; Eckehard Neugebauer 61; Maria Neumann-Fraune and Dominik Fraune 566; Christian Saupe 147t; all pitchers 70b; singers from Scandinavia and Netherlands 425; singers from Bremen 312b; singers from Great Britain and United States 215; singers from several German towns 228; singers from Cologne 49t.

Announcements were made. The Treasurer announced that all expenses were met with the generosity of the attendees. Fifty-two singers were registered, and seven countries were represented.

Dominik Fraune led 146 as the closing song. Susanne Zimmermann offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Dominik Fraune; Vice Chairman—Stefan Swat; Secretary—Cäcilia Mann

HARPETH VALLEY/PRIESTLEY MILLER MEMORIAL SINGING

Radnor Primitive Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee

Saturday, April 1, 2017

The 55th annual Harpeth Valley-Priestley Miller Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Tim Reynolds leading 350. Rick Hoffman offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Tim Reynolds 85; David Carlton 86, 332; Justin Bowen 87, 36b; Richard Ivey 58, 306; Gail Doss 324, 501; Nathan Rees 464, 353; Kelsey Ivey 225t, 197; Barrett Patton and Nicholas Thompson 182 (in memory of Gravis Ballinger), 216 (for Betty Shepherd), 192, 217; Caleb Dillehay 34t, 35.

RECESS

Tim Reynolds brought the class back together leading 84. Leaders: David Gooch 112, 312b; Rick Hoffman and Alejandra Ferrer 135, 107; Linda Booth 481, 198; Spencer Arrowood 159, 143; Sarah Trumbore 56t, 313t; Jason Whitt 65, 268; Larry Brown 155, 276; Christopher Schuller 430, 49b; Susan Cheronos 56b; Susan Cheronos and Richard Ivey 460.

RECESS

Tim Reynolds and Terry Taylor brought class back together leading 72b. Leaders: Darrell Swarens 128, 507 (in memory of Kerene Box); Febrienne Box 455, 358; Isaac Green 359, 37b; Dewey Cooksey 503; Billy See and Vickie See 480, 176b; Dorothea Maynard 442, 361; Rick Fretter 479, 299.

LUNCH

Tim Reynolds and Laura Snelling called the class to order leading 148. The class went into business session, and the following officers were retained: Chairman—Tim Reynolds; Vice Chairman—Randy Box; Secretary—Sandie Scott.

Leaders: Laurens Blankers 452, 421; Hayden Arp 73t, 434; Johanna Fabke 472, 335; Darrell Swarens 111b; Jason Whitt 282; Christopher Schuller 89; Sarah Trumbore 196; Spencer Arrowood 162; Nicholas Thompson and Barrett Patton 269; Nathan

Rees and David Gooch 57; Isaac Green 208; Barrett Patton and Hayden Arp 204; Dorothea Maynard 294; Rick Fretter 496; Susan Cheronos 564; Justin Bowen 560; Larry Brown 63; Rick Hoffman 111t; Richard Ivey, Kelsey Ivey, and Everett Ivey 389; Caleb Dillehay 67; David Gooch 319; Tim Reynolds 573, 572; Gail Doss and Dorothea Maynard 304; Hayden Arp 511; Laurens Blankers 334; David Carlton 236. After announcements, Tim Reynolds led 77t as the closing song. Darrell Swarens dismissed the class with prayer.
Chairman—Tim Reynolds; Vice Chairman—Randy Box; Secretary—Sandie Scott

IOWA SINGING

St. John's Lutheran Church, Des Moines, Iowa

Saturday, April 1, 2017

The 16th annual Iowa All-Day Singing was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Michael Moore leading 171. Sharla Hulsey offered the opening prayer. Leaders: Eric Saylor 178; Sharla Hulsey 34b; Seth Wenger 38b; Paul Landskroener 228; Anne Missavage 556; Virginia Landgraf 218; Jenny Solheim 352; Jim Helke 100.

RECESS

Eleanor Haase called the class back to order leading 274t. Leaders: Megan Holm 282; Brad Sparks 117; Bruce Voyles 344; Amritpal Singh 457; Annie Grieshop 481; Donnie Simmet 229; Beth Ann Edwards 84; Jim Solheim 299; Rowen Sabala 47b; Anne Missavage, Brianna Dompkey, Sonia Benzmilller, and Emily Robinson 49t; Sarah Garey 47t.

RECESS

Michael Moore called the class together leading 272. Leaders: Jim Helke, Sarah Garey, and Laurel Cramer 86.

Sharla Hulsey directed the memorial lesson. She read Mark 1:29-31, and the following list of names of the sick and shut-ins: Melanie Hauff, Barry Robertson, Paul Wilson, Ray Cott-Meissel, Jim Page, Carole Briggs, Ben Crawford, David Moore, Tom DeVries, Nancy DeVries, Donnie Phillips, and Karen Shull. She led 72b in their honor.

Sharla then read verses from 1 Thessalonians 4:13-14, and the following list of names of the deceased: Marvin Walden—California; Darrel Fasching—Florida; Johnny Lee and Delorese Lee—Georgia; Janelle Davis—Illinois; Colette Miller—Minnesota; Charlie Derleth—Missouri; Jon Pearson—Nebraska; John Bayer—Ohio; Merlin Hutchinson, Betty Olson Spicer, and Jason Lighthall—Iowa. She led 510, and closed the memorial service with prayer.

Leaders: Eric Saylor, Sarah Garey, and Reid Fredriksen 551; Annie Grieshop, Jessica Low, Naomi Weissberg, and Brooke Carter 503. Sharla Hulsey offered the prayer before dinner.

LINCH

The class was called back to order by Paul Landskroener leading 87. Leaders: Megan Holm 89; Bruce Voyles 163b; Amanda Beachy 448b; Jenny Solheim "Pine"; Virginia Landgraf 162; Seth Wenger 49b; Brad Sparks 107; Eleanor Haase 122 (for Carole Briggs); Charlotte Baldwin and Virginia Landgraf 56b; Rowen Sabala and Sharla Hulsey 212; Donnie Simmet 101b; Sarah Garey and Eric Saylor 159; Paul Landskroener 266; Jim Solheim "Kyrkjebøbakken"; Amritpal Singh 112; Anne Missavage 217; Sharla Hulsey 188.

RECESS

Eleanor Haase led 29t to bring the class together. Leaders: Laurel Cramer and Paul Landskroener 339; Bruce Voyles 236; Sloan Wheeldon and Jim Helke 361; Eric Saylor 168; Megan Guest and Virginia Landgraf 376; Michael Moore 203; Charlotte Baldwin 42; Donnie Simmet 324; Jim Solheim "I Dwell in Possibility"; Virginia

Landgraf 447; Seth Wenger 155; Beth Ann Edwards 268; Jenny Solheim 500; Jim Helke 498; Megan Holm 82t; Paul Landskroener 300; Amritpal Singh 417; Anne Missavage 454; Brad Sparks 59; Sharla Hulsey 35; Michael Moore and Daniel Minnie 349.

Announcements were made. Annie Grieshop led 347 as the closing song. Sharla Hulsey offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed at 3:30 p.m.

Chairman—Michael Moore; Secretary—Annie Grieshop

POTOMAC RIVER CONVENTION

The Grange, Great Falls, Virginia

April 1-2, 2017

Saturday, April 1

The 28th annual Potomac River Convention was called to order by Kelly Macklin leading 171. Ben Hartland offered the morning prayer.

The class went into a business meeting and the following officers were elected or appointed: Chairman—Brenda Dunlap; Vice Chairman—Matt Roberts; Secretaries—Abby Beavin, Zoe Plaughner, Julia Seidenstein, and Rebecca Wenstrom; Treasurer—Jim Glaser; Arranging Committee—Graham DeZarn, Corinne Ducey, Mary Helen Dupree, and Kelly Macklin.

All song selections on Saturday were from *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*. Leaders: Brenda Dunlap 144; Graham DeZarn 277; Matt Roberts 183; Corinne Ducey 131b; Mary Helen Dupree 95; Kathy Manning 455; Tom Ivey 377; Richard Green 29t; Leyland delRe 164; Jim Glaser 486; Adrian Mariano 411; Mary Ann Daly 415; John delRe 77t; Tyler Benjamin 207; Abby Beavin 30b; Sharon Strong 334; Tim Slattery 344; Clare Chapin 86; Susan Green 157 (for her father); Topher Lawton 84; Joni Seidenstein 528.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Chris Wolf leading 34b. Leaders: Joel Miller 404; Miranda Elliott-Rader 512; Jeremy Donaldson 266; Liz Meitzler 215; Evan Duncan 300; Julia Seidenstein 89; Bev Yaeger and Erica Chapman 192; Robin Banerji 131t; Jim Strube 236; Peter Pate 197; Barbara Barry 148; Ina Shea 149; Nora Miller 47t; John Alexander 29b; Yael Tarshish 384; Elizabeth Betz 354b; Will Fesperman 112; Owen Kelley 106; Kathy Kaiser 485; Les Updike 373; Merry Bruns and Matt Roberts 146. Ben Hartland offered a blessing before the meal.

LUNCH

Shawn Fenton called the class back to order by leading 501. Leaders: Nancy Tkacs 143; Dean Jens 71; Cornelia Stanton 87; Chris Wolf 216; Cecelia Kramer 444; Leon Pulsinelle 214; Nancy Mandel 284; Aaron Weiss 500; Molly Sweetser 323t; Karl Dise 245; Becca Gibson 556; Michael Spencer 382; Shawn Fenton 480; Emily Hancock 430; Bethany Towne 328; Patrick Friesen 32b; Walter Olson 454; Ben Shirley 191; Rachel Speer 196; Ulrike Brauneis 442; Katie Kellert 178; Zoe Plaughner and Nora Miller 376.

RECESS

The class was called together by Bev Yaeger leading 40. Leaders: Robin Betz and Sharon Strong 358; Bridget Camden 70b; Kathy Kaiser 278b; Ina Shea 26; Cornelia Stanton 212; Aaron Weiss 326; Nancy Mandel 564; Becca Gibson 421; Rachel Speer 172; Cecilia Kramer 39t; Leon Pulsinelle 74t; Michael Spencer 289; Will Fesperman 102; Emily Hancock 198; Karl Dise 302; Molly Sweetser 378b; Shawn Fenton 73t; Bethany Towne 27; Martha Burns 288; Patrick Friesen 57; Dean Jens 272; John Alexander 56b; Miranda Elliott-Rader 547; Chris Wolf 445.

Brenda Dunlap led 56t as the closing song. Ben Hartland offered the closing prayer.

Sunday, April 2

The Sunday session of the Potomac River Convention was called to order by Brenda Dunlap leading 1b (ShH). Ben Hartland offered the morning prayer.

All song selections on Sunday were from *The Shenandoah Harmony*. Leaders: Matt Roberts 124 (ShH); Julia Seidenstein 163 (ShH); Jim Glaser 127 (ShH); Tom Ivey 210 (ShH); Leyland delRe 83t (ShH); John delRe 117 (ShH); Kathy Manning 114 (ShH); Ben Hartland 227 (ShH); Mary Helen Dupree 125 (ShH); Joel Miller 253 (ShH); Abby Beavin 208 (ShH); Zoe Plaughter and Corinne Ducey 246b (ShH); Bridget Camden 395 (ShH); Sharon Strong 217 (ShH); Clare Chapin 7b (ShH); Mary Ann Daly 288b (ShH); Adrian Mariano 423 (ShH); Joni Seidenstein 285 (ShH); Tim Slattery 78 (ShH); Nora Miller 420b (ShH); Aaron Weiss 140b (ShH); Kathy Kaiser 242 (ShH).

RECESS

Graham DeZarn called the class back to order leading 70t (ShH). Leaders: Ulrike Brauneis 27 (ShH); Kelly Macklin 292 (ShH); Nancy Mandel 77 (ShH); Shawn Fenton 246b (ShH); Steven Sabol 53 (ShH); Bethany Towne 28b (ShH); Rachel Speer 158t (ShH); Nancy Tkacs 151 (ShH); Dan Hunter 100 (ShH); Molly Sweetser 147 (ShH); Thomas Smith 260b (ShH); Peter Pate 225 (ShH); Susan Green 266 (ShH); Patrick Frieson 65t (ShH); Karl Dise 310 (ShH); Dean Jens 79 (ShH); Becca Gibson 86 (ShH).

The memorial lesson was conducted by Sharon Strong and Tom Ivey. Sharon Strong led 221 (ShH) for the following sick and shut-ins: Rachel Hall, Clara Sensor, Concetta Branson, Hugh McGraw, Randolph Green, John White, Kelly O'Rourke, Millie Haw, Charles Bennett, Miriam Kilmer, Cheryl Mitchell, and Garcia Oliver. Tom Ivey led 417 (ShH) to remember the following deceased: John Bayer, Jr.—Ohio; Lois Kochanski, Frank Duncan, William Cardinal Keeler, and Stephanie Wolf—Maryland; Rosalie Duncan, Joan Donahue, Ruth Hare, Deacon Tom McQuillan, Wayne Bowman, J. Reilly Lewis, Chris Chaukley, Joseph Dezarn, Sr., and Bill Andrews—Virginia; Raymond Rivard—Indiana; Johnny Lee, Dolores Lee, and B.M. Smith—Georgia; Rev. J. Donald Monan—Massachusetts; Helen Slattery and Dorothy Copeland Elliott—Texas; Minnie Dupree—District of Columbia; Gerard Marini, Leon J. Pulsinelle, and Rhoda Ann Wildey—New Jersey; Gary Smith—Alabama; Collette Miller—Minnesota; Jean Hallowell Comfort—Pennsylvania; Ric Zender—South Carolina; Joe Stead—United Kingdom.

Leaders: Corinne Ducey and Julia Seidenstein 441 (ShH). Leyland delRe offered a blessing before the meal.

LUNCH

Matt Roberts called the class back to order by leading 191 (ShH). Leaders: Martha Burns 296 (ShH); Michael Spencer 37 (ShH); Emily Hancock 243 (ShH); Nate Zweig 75 (ShH); Cecelia Kramer 254 (ShH); Jeremy Donaldson 202 (ShH); Ina Shea and John delRe 366 (ShH) (in memory of John Bayer); Cornelia Stanton 136 (ShH); David Giusti 177 (ShH); Liz Meitzler and Eleanor Hancock 181 (ShH); Jim Strube 402 (ShH); Miriam Delirium and Bethany Towne 363 (ShH); Topher Lawton 403 (ShH); Abby Beavin 81 (ShH); Chris Wolf and Ben Hartland 422 (ShH); Nancy Mandel 348b (ShH); Karl Dise 248b (ShH); Molly Sweetser 120t (ShH); Graham DeZarn 450 (ShH); Rebecca Wenstrom 373 (ShH).

RECESS

Julia Seidenstein and David Giusti called the class back to order by leading 93 (ShH). Leaders: Aaron Weiss 170 (ShH); Dan Hunter 149 (ShH); Chris Wolf 338 (ShH); Rachel Speer and Terra Kyle 305 (ShH); Michael Spencer and Abby Beavin 424t (ShH); Tom Ivey and Sharon Strong 378b (ShH); Adrian Mariano and Joni Seidenstein 326b (ShH); Miriam Delirium and Chris Wolf 326t (ShH); Nora Miller

and Joel Miller 235 (ShH); Becca Gibson and Bethany Towne 384 (ShH); Dean Jens 186 (ShH); Mary Ann Daly 21 (ShH); John delRe and Nancy Mandel 129t (ShH); Bridget Camden and Ina Shea 312 (ShH); Matt Roberts 364b (ShH); Corinne Ducey, Tophre Lawton, and Eleanor Hancock 157 (ShH); Tim Slattery 1t (ShH); Nancy Tkacs 183 (ShH); Liz Meitzler 429 (ShH); Peter Pate 434t (ShH); Ulrike Brauneis and Mary Helen Dupree 201 (ShH); Brenda Dunlap and D.C. area singers 15 (ShH). The committees gave their reports. Matt Roberts offered Resolutions, and thanked the many volunteers. Announcements were made. The Potomac River Convention, 2018, switches to the second Sunday and Saturday before in April due to Easter falling on the first Sunday.

Brenda Dunlap and the officers led 309 (ShH) as the closing song. Chris Wolf offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Brenda Dunlap; Vice Chairman—Matt Roberts; Secretaries—Julia Seidenstein, Rebecca Wenstrom, Zoe Plaughter, and Abby Beavin

BETHEL SINGING

Bruce, Mississippi Sunday, April 2, 2017

The 68th annual Sacred Harp singing at Bethel Primitive Baptist Church was held in memory of Hugh Bill McGuire. Henry McGuire called the class to order leading 547t (WB). Arlon Gardner offered the morning prayer. Henry McGuire, Drew McGuire, Will McGuire, and Thomas Burns then led 511 (WB).

The class organized by retaining the following officers: Chairman—Henry McGuire; Vice Chairman—Drew McGuire; Secretary—Warren Steel.

Leaders: Drew McGuire 40, 29b; Mark Davis 122, 371; Anne Steel 209, 480; Earl Ballinger 208, 389; Linda Funderburk 47t, 108b; Arlon Gardner 70b, 481; Pam Nunn 155, 186; Darlene Reynolds and Bentley Rose 569b, 282.

RECESS

Henry McGuire called the class together leading 492 (WB). Leaders: Warren Steel 176b (WB), 240; Amber Davis 34b, 391; Reba Windom 36b, 112; Andy Davis 196, 434; Chris Ballinger 120 (WB), 478t (WB); Mark Tew 59, 335; Lisa Geist 273, 528; Kim Funderburk and Kail Funderburk 63, 72b; Nikos Pappas 37b, 218; Mike Hankins 460, 299; Will McGuire 370, 317b (WB).

LUNCH

Henry McGuire called the afternoon session together leading 442. Leaders: Larry Ballinger 300, 276; Scotty Polston 108t, 268; Robert Earl Alexander 145t, 145b; Sarah Tidwell 146, 42; Drew McGuire 236; Mark Davis 376; Anne Steel 378b; Earl Ballinger 378t; Arlon Gardner 278t; Pam Nunn and Reba Windom 192; Shelby Castillo 500, 436; Darlene Reynolds 354b; Warren Steel 285t; Amber Davis 291; Andy Davis 198; Chris Ballinger 84; Mark Tew 269; Lisa Geist 228; Mike Hankins 527; Will McGuire 111b; Larry Ballinger 403 (in memory of Gravis Ballinger); Scotty Polston 171; Nikos Pappas 505 (WB); Robert Earl Alexander 47b (for T.J. Funderburk); Henry McGuire 486t (WB).

Following announcements, Henry McGuire and Drew McGuire led 62 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer offered by Drew McGuire.

Chairman—Henry McGuire; Vice Chairman—Drew McGuire; Secretary—Warren Steel

EDWARDSVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH
Edwardsville, Cleburne County, Alabama
Sunday, April 2, 2017

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Edwardsville Baptist Church, Edwardsville, Cleburne County, Alabama, was held on the first Sunday in April. Cecil Roberts called the class to order by leading 28t. He then welcomed everyone, and Henry Johnson offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Cecil Roberts 278t; Henry Johnson 52t, 53b; Donna Bell 99, 499 (in memory of her daddy, George Garner); Judy Chambless 389 (for Karen Rollins), 292; Winfred Kerr 516 (in honor of Hugh McGraw), 36b (for Rebecca Over); Sherrell Clien 127, 335; Isaac Green 242, 548 (for Hugh McGraw); Virginia Dyer 340, 454; Jack Nelson 399b (for Eugene Forbes), 480; Robert Chambless 354b (for Hugh McGraw), 72b (in memory of B.M. Smith).

RECESS

Henry Johnson brought the class back to order by leading 375. A business session was held and the following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Vice Chairman—Henry Johnson; Secretary—Donna Bell; Arranging Officer—Judy Chambless.

Leaders: Tony Hammock 30b, 267; Rene Greene 84, 34b; Ed Thacker 269 (for Karen Rollins), 225t (in memory of Earlis McGraw and Buford McGraw); David Brodeur 570 (for Hugh McGraw), 566; Dalton Lewis 472, 77b; Richard DeLong 35, 39b; Chance Cook 192; Oscar McGuire 163b; Gary Davis and Karen Flagg 59, 45t; Andy Ditzler 232, 44; Hayden Arp 149, 517 (for Hugh McGraw).

The memorial lesson was conducted by Judy Chambless. She spoke on the subject of thankfulness. Judy thanked Edwardsville Baptist Church and our friends in Cleburne County for welcoming the Sacred Harp singers with open arms and allowing us to sing here. Judy stated that she was also thankful that she woke up this morning and wasn't on either of these lists. The sick and shut-ins honored were Karen Rollins, Hugh McGraw, Eugene Forbes, Eloise Wootten, Susan Harcrow, Robby Rivers, Helen Bryson, Lois Bowman, and Rebecca Over. The deceased remembered were Earlis McGraw, Patti McGraw, B.M. Smith, Geneva Prichard, Lynn Swafford Key, Gail Jackson, Hester Edwards, James Hughes, James Harold DeLong, and Edna Ruth Phillips. Judy then led 318. Jack Nelson closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Glenda Collins and Bert Collins 100, 101t; Fallon Cook 47b, 295 (for Julie Owens); Cecil Roberts 229, 282 (by request); Henry Johnson 138t. Reverend Jeff Layton, pastor of the church, offered the blessing of the noon meal.

LUNCH

Cecil Roberts brought the class back to order by leading 512. Leaders: Tony Hammock 204; Rene Greene 294; Donna Bell 358 (by request); Andy Ditzler 188 (in honor of this beautiful day); Richard DeLong 36t; Isaac Green and Fallon Cook 215; Sherrell Clien 452; Robert Chambless 75; Ed Thacker 48t; Oscar McGuire 344; Glenda Collins and Bert Collins 383; Fallon Cook, Jesse McGuffey, and Lawana McGuffey 186; Winfred Kerr 89; David Brodeur 572; Jack Nelson 408; Judy Chambless 222; Andy Ditzler 236; Virginia Dyer and Rene Greene 63 (in memory of Lessie Albright Cates); Fallon Cook and Winfred Kerr 146.

Announcements were made. Cecil Roberts, Henry Johnson, and Donna Bell led 46 as the closing song. Cecil Roberts offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Vice Chairman—Henry Johnson; Secretary—Donna Bell

**ELDER HOMER BENEFIELD, KATHERINE BENEFIELD
AND MILDRED JOHNSON MEMORIAL**

**Shiloh Primitive Baptist Church, South of Tallapoosa, Georgia
Friday night, April 7, 2017**

The 25th session of the Elder Homer Benefield, Katherine Benefield, and Mildred Johnson Memorial singing was held on Friday night before the second Sunday in April at Shiloh Primitive Baptist Church, just south of Tallapoosa on Shiloh Church Road. Cecil Roberts called the class to order by leading 97. Johnny Wright offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Cecil Roberts 101t; Johnny Wright 59, 58; Donna Bell 34b, 33b; Jason Stanford 500, 75; Kathy Manning 74b, 73b; Virginia Dyer 163b, 40.

A business session was held and the following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Vice Chairman—Johnny Wright; Secretary—Donna Bell; Arranging Officer—Virginia Dyer.

Leaders: Samuel Williams 426t, 345b; Winfred Kerr 225t (for Hugh McGraw), 314; Glenda Collins and Bert Collins 100, 138t (in memory of B.M. Smith); Esther Williams 230, 159; Gary Davis and Karen Flagg 480, 570.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Cecil Roberts leading 37b. Leaders: Sherrell Clieno 452 (in memory of B.J. Harris), 335; Richard DeLong 482, 403; Diane Clayton 143. Samuel Williams asked a blessing before the evening meal.

SUPPER

The class reconvened with Johnny Wright leading 145t. Leaders: Kathy Manning 144, 99; Chance Cook 192; Dalton Lewis 472, 354b; Fallon Cook 68b (for Karen Rollins), 491, 186; Emmadene Williams 285t (for Daniel Williams); Joyce Lambert 294, 56t (in memory of her daddy, Elder Homer Benefield); Winfred Kerr and Fallon Cook 146 (for Rebecca Over).

Announcements were made. Cecil Roberts, Johnny Wright, and Donna Bell led 46 as the closing song.

Jason Stanford offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Vice Chairman—Johnny Wright; Secretary—Donna Bell

BAINBRIDGE ISLAND SACRED HARP SINGING

Seabold Hall, Bainbridge Island, Washington

Saturday, April 8, 2017

The Bainbridge Island All-Day Sacred Harp Singing was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Kevin Barrans leading 111t. Jim Friedrich offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were elected: Chairman—Kevin Barrans; Secretary—Adam Berey; Treasurer—Kim Lusk; Chaplain—Jim Friedrich. Bob Schinske and David Wright were appointed to the Arranging Committee.

Leaders: Susan Helf 497; Kate Fortin 47t; Erik Schwab 308; Peter Schinske 183; David Wright 209; Jennifer Jones 564; Bob Schinske 129; Nancy Novotny 271t; Ana Tighe 128; Jim Friedrich 163t; Kate Coxon and Carol Cobus 42; Laura McMurray 354t; Linda Berkemeier 77b; Clarissa Fetrow 143 (for Karen Rollins); Karen Willard and John O'Brien 452; Kate Fine 490.

RECESS

The class was called to order by John Wiens leading 111b. Leaders: Kathy Vlach 473; Ben Furbee 146; Anne Huckins 377; Tom McTighe 373; Reed Schilbach 171; Brad Fenbert 99; Betsy Jeronen 534; Adam Berey 191; Darlene Simpson-Brown 275t; Kevin Beirne 440 (for Caroline Helmici); Lu Zeng 107; Geneviève Laved 268; Matthew MacLellan 304; Steve Cackley 167; Marla Elliott 383; Wren Hyde 102.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Bradley Knoke leading 154. Leaders: Cornelia Stanton 486; John Wiens 328; Kelly Kennedy 156; Jenna Bond Tompkins 354b; Carol Huang 475; Marie Brandis 472; Lindy Groening 418; Kevin Barrans 348b; Thom Fahrbach 507; Wren Hyde 76b; Bob Schinske 432 (by request for Karen Rymut); Clarissa Fetrow 436; Susan Helf 270; Karen Willard 287; Reed Schilbach 61; Adam Berey 222. Jim Friedrich offered the blessing for the midday meal.

LUNCH

The class was called to order by Matthew MacLellan leading 72b. Leaders: Erik Schwab 218; Marie Brandis 536; John Wiens 269; Carol Huang 312b; Thom Fahrbach 556; Lindy Groening 419; Kevin Barrans 411; Kate Coxon 296; Kelly Kennedy 517; Tom McTighe 200; Kevin Beirne 528; Marla Elliott 236; Matthew MacLellan 448t; Steve Cackley 502; Kim Lusk and Kevin Barrans 179; Kate Fortin 358; Cornelia Stanton 454; David Wright 170.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Peter Schinske leading 29t. Leaders: Anne Huckins 203; Rodman Campbell 38b; Jennifer Jones 189; Kate Fine 384; Katie Mahoney and Rich Lee 229; Peter Schinske and Zoe Scofield 368; Linda Berkemeier 499; Ana Tighe 182; Laura McMurray 495; Carol Huang 168; Nancy Novotny 542; Matthew MacLellan 506; Wren Hyde 47b; Kathy Vlach and Mary Côté 86; Jim Friedrich and Marilyn Pedersen 347 (in memory of Joe and Phyllis Golowka); Darlene Simpson-Brown 434; Kevin Beirne 460; Betsy Jeronen 330b (for Concetta Branson).

A business session was held. The Arranging Committee reported a total of sixty-four registrants, including fifty leaders. The Treasurer reported that all expenses were met. The Resolutions Committee made a resolution thanking the officers and volunteers, which was adopted by the class. A resolution to convene a second Bainbridge Island singing in 2018 was moved, but did not proceed to a vote. Kevin Barrans led 62 as the closing song, and those who wished took the parting hand. The closing prayer was offered by Jim Friedrich, and the class was dismissed. Chairman—Kevin Barrans; Secretary—Adam Berey

NEW YORK STATE REGIONAL SINGING Mennonite Meetinghouse, Rochester, New York Saturday, April 8, 2017

Thom Metzger called the class together by leading 34b, and welcomed all. Eileen Metzger offered the opening prayer, and then led 39t. Leaders: Ginny Huszagh 198; Mary Skidmore 38b; Eric Bean 270; Jean Seiler 72b; Brian How 183; Margaret Bornick 77b; Jan May 492; Katie Reimers 547; Gerry Hoffman 142; Joanna Wheeler 68b; Dennis Leipold 52t; Katie White 472; Bob Wheeler 171; Janet Shipman 178.

RECESS

Thom Metzger called the class back to order leading 274t. Leaders: Chris Haller 267; Rachel Fox Swearingen 159; Dev Crasta 148; Sue Hengelsberg “Mount Hope” (composed by Dan Hertzler) (in memory of friends and family recently passed); Willis McCumber 396; Eileen Metzger 383; Ginny Huszagh 276; Mary Skidmore 35; Eric Bean 277; Joanna Wheeler 163b; Brian How 107; Margaret Bornick 454.

RECESS

The class was recalled by Jan May leading 146 and 538. Leaders: Katie Reimers 549; Gerry Hoffman 216; Thom Metzger 99; Jean Seiler 82t; Dennis Leipold 475; Katie White 282; Bob Wheeler 503; Thom Metzger 108; Chris Haller 184. Bob Wheeler offered a prayer before the meal.

The following officers and committee members were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Thom Metzger; Registrars—Dev Crasta and Rebeka Radna-Crasta;

Arranging Committee—Eileen Metzger and Dev Crasta; Chaplain—Eileen Metzger; Secretary—Sue Hengelsberg.

LUNCH

Dennis Leipold called the class back together leading 145b. Leaders: Rebeka Radna-Crasta 522; Susan Turnquist 81t; Dev Crasta 47b; Rachel Fox Swearingen 155; Candis Bailey 49b; Willis McCumber 27; Janet Shipman 268; Sue Hengelsberg 306; Eric Bean 236; Mary Skidmore 312b; Joanna Wheeler 86; Brian How 334. Announcements were made.

RECESS

Jean Seiler led 87 to call the class together. Leaders: Margaret Bornick 344; Ginny Huszagh 300; Jan May 540; Katie Reimers 45t; Gerry Hoffman 440; Jean Seiler 217; Dennis Leipold 480; Katie White 479; Bob Wheeler 40; Eileen Metzger 419; Chris Haller 455; Thom Metzger 29b.

RECESS

Sue Hengelsberg led 38b. Leaders: Rebeka Radna-Crasta 290; Susan Turnquist 31t; Candis Bailey 111b; Rachel Fox Swearingen 122; Willis McCumber 313t; Mary Skidmore 542; Jan May 515; Eric Bean 335; Margaret Bornick 448b; Gerry Hoffman 448t; Ginny Huszagh 189; Brian How 117; Katie White 147t.

Thom Metzger led 347 as the closing song. Eric Bean made a resolution to thank the Chairman and the committees for the fine day of singing. Eileen Metzger offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Thom Metzger; Secretary—Sue Hengelsberg

STATE LINE CHURCH

Near Muscadine, Cleburne County, Alabama

Saturday, April 8, 2017

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at State Line Church, Cleburne County, Alabama, on Saturday before the second Sunday in April was called to order by Rodney Ivey. A business session was held and the following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Rodney Ivey; Vice Chairman—Hayden Arp; Secretary—Judy Caudle; Arranging Officer—Judy Chambless. Henry Johnson presented a motion before the class to dedicate the singing today to the memory of B.M. Smith. The motion was approved, and the business session closed.

Rodney Ivey led 101t. Dennis George offered the opening prayer. Leaders: Rodney Ivey 186 (in memory of Jeff Sheppard); Hayden Arp 345t, 345b; Judy Caudle 336; Judy Chambless 472 (for Karen Rollins); Winfred Kerr 516 (for Hugh McGraw); Philip Denney and Karis Askin 168, 100; Henry Johnson 213b; Rene Greene 200; Loyd Ivey 213t; Cassie Allen 517; Robert Chambless 303; Cheyenne Ivey 182; Angela Myers 122; Dennis George 183; Rob Dunn 385b; Reba Windom, Rene Greene, and Pam Nunn 216 (in memory of Shelbie Sheppard and Willa Mae, and for Betty Shepherd); Pam Nunn, Rene Greene, and Reba Windom 269.

RECESS

The class was brought back together by Rodney Ivey leading 67. Leaders: Jack Nelson 300; Nate Green and Norma Green 283; Will Fitzgerald 153; Sherrell Clieno 335; Lauren Bock 464; Paul Figura 415; Jesse P. Karlsberg 492; Lydia Lewallen 109.

Helen Bryson conducted the memorial lesson. She expressed her thoughts on the heart: a full heart, a heart of joy, and a heart of grief, and read the following: “The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched—they must be felt with the heart.” (Helen Keller, 1880-1968).

Helen read the following list of names of the sick and shut-ins: Karen Rollins, Hugh McGraw, Eugene Forbes, Skip Trout, Joan Trout, and Andy Worthington. She

reminded everyone to remember to send cards, make phone calls, and offer prayers. She then read the following list of names of the deceased: Elizabeth Faye Smith, George Snyder, B.M. Smith, Earlis McGraw, Patti McGraw, Johnny Lee, and Delorese Lee—Georgia; Edna Ruth Phillips, Steve Adams, Kermit Adams, Gravis Ballinger, Elsie Moon, and Wallace Creel—Alabama; John Lewallen—North Carolina; Janelle Davis and Les Sontag—Illinois; Charlie Derleth—Missouri; Colette Miller—Minnesota. Helen led 475. Dennis George offered prayer to close the memorial lesson.

Leaders: David Smead 329; Anna Hinton 142; Alex Forsyth 411; Tom George 546; Sarah Trumbore 192; Sasha Hsuczyk 208.

RECESS

Hayden Arp led 166 to bring the class together. Leaders: Justin Bowen 64; Sandra Wilkinson 155; Laura Densmore 456; Andy Ditzler 392; Roberta Strauss 474; Tony Hammock 389 (for Karen Rollins); Shirley Figura 299; Erica Hinton and Lottie Hinton 534; Helen Bryson 112; Kathy Manning 436; Samuel Williams 272; John Plunkett 297.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Rodney Ivey and Loyd Ivey leading 426t. Leaders: Lisa Bennett 227 (for Karen Rollins); Karen Swenson 217; Oscar McGuire 556; Eli Hinton and Lottie Hinton 99; Jamey Wootten 111b; Greta Edwards 77t; Jerry Creason 501; Margie Smith 225t (in memory of B.M. Smith); Loretta Whitman 176b; Isaac Green 419; Matt Hinton and Rodney Ivey 365 (for Karen Rollins and Charlene Wallace); Susan Cheronos 564; Karen Edwards 430; Donna Bell 434; Jeannette DePoy 460; David Brodeur 542; Nathan Rees 448b (in memory of B.M. Smith); Johnathon Kelso 24b (in memory of Johnny Lee); Fred Eady 178; Dan Edwards 29t; Paul Figura, Shirley Figura, Roberta Strauss, and Anne Drexler 282; Laura Densmore and Karen Swenson 228; Kathy Manning 440 (in memory of Jeff Sheppard); Lydia Lewallen and Rob Dunn 165; Alex Forsyth and Sasha Hsuczyk 348b (in memory of B.M. Smith); Justin Bowen and Sarah Trumbore 120; Will Fitzgerald 532 (in memory of Janelle Davis). Pam Nunn gave the financial report for State Line Church. Announcements were made.

Rodney Ivey and Henry Johnson led 521 as the closing song. Henry Johnson offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Rodney Ivey; Vice Chairman—Hayden Arp; Secretary—Judy Caudle

ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH SINGING

Ider, Alabama

Sunday, April 9, 2017

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at Antioch Baptist Church, Ider, Alabama, was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Shane Wootten and Jamey Wootten leading 82t.

Shane Wootten, Jamey Wootten, and Chris Boggs led 47t. Chris Boggs offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Aaron Wootten 101t; Colby Brown and Kennedy Brown 76b; Colby Brown, Kennedy Brown, and Jeffrey Wootten 460; Elijah Boggs 551; Ed Thacker and Margaret Thacker 426t; Sarah Wootten 293; Steven Miller 127; Stacy Wootten and Luchie Wootten 330t, 101b; Linton Ballinger 299; Julie Lee and Clarke Lee 87, 29t; Hayden Wootten and Cole Wootten 565, 445; Jerry Creason 313b; Veneta Wootten, Stacey Pilcher, and Susan Pilcher 196; Cheyenne Ivey and Shane Wootten 376; Myra Dalton and Jamie Dalton 126.

RECESS

Shane Wootten and Jeffery Wootten led 89 to bring the class together. Leaders: Drew McGuire 349; Daniel Lee 410t; Eschol Hughes 456; Laura Densmore 542;

David Light 436; Roberta Strauss 209; Claudene Townson, Raven Townson, Dani Townson, Chase Townson, Heath Townson, Tiffany Townson, Kash Townson, Sophie Townson, Phil Townson, David Townson, Sherri Townson, Danette Townson, Logan Townson, Cole Farrow, and Jacob Smith 448t, 68b; Kathy Manning 313t; Amy Daniel and Tony Schrader 48t; Shirley Figura 318; Isaac Lloyd 284; Lydia Lewallen 330b; Amanda Stewart, Patricia Wootten, and Marty Wootten “Pass Me Not” (in memory of Levon Wootten); Amanda Stewart, Patricia Wootten, Marty Wootten, Jamey Wootten, Hayden Wootten, and Jarrod Wootten 128 (for Dakota Garner); Pam Wilkerson 163t; Chris Ryan 434.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Shane Wootten. He spoke, and read the following list of names of the deceased: Charlie Derleth—Missouri; Les Sontag and Janelle Davis—Illinois; Earlis McGraw, B.M. Smith, Johnny Lee, and Delorese Lee—Georgia; S.T. Reed, Toney Smith, Lavoy Smith, Carl Frame, Levon Wootten, Gravis Ballinger, Steve Adams, and Kermit Adams—Alabama; John Bayer—Ohio; and Collette Miller—Minnesota;

Shane read the following list of names of the sick and shut-ins: Judy Whiting, Chris Brown, Jewel Wootten, Karen Rollins, Rachel Rogers, and Eugene Forbes. He led 348b. Phil Summerlin closed the memorial service with prayer.

Leaders: Alex Forsyth 285t; Jamey Wootten and Anna Wootten 421; Eddie Mash 125; Tollie Lee 30t; Isaac Stiefel 319; Will Fitzgerald 56b; Nathan Stewart 189. Jeremy Wootten asked a blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The class was called back to order by Shane Wootten and Jamey Wootten leading 56t. Leaders: David Saylor and Teresa Saylor 203; Sierra Saylor and Gus Carter 67; Sierra Saylor and Sasha Hsuczyk 142; Syble Adams and Rhonda 572 (CB); David Lee 47b; Louis Hughes 496; Justin Bowen 328; Dennis George and Tom George 275b; Mel Kersey 50b; Reba Windham and Shelby Castillo 224; Paul Figura 290; David Killingsworth 30b; Henry Johnson 418; Chris Boggs, Terry Wootten, Dewayne Wootten, and Marty Wootten 176t; Malachi Lloyd, Gideon Lloyd, and Ezra Lloyd 84, 282; Elyssa Lloyd, Havilah Lloyd, and Isaac Lloyd 448b; Karalina Mann, Kaylee Mann, and Carly Mann 354b; Susan Cheronos 564; Rodney Ivey and David Ivey 465 (CB); Phil Summerlin 213t; Marty Wootten and Jared Wootten 441; Sasha Hsuczyk 138b; Linda Thomas and Shane Wootten 571 (CB) (for Jewel Wootten); Jenny Mann 559 (CB); Scott Ivey, Loyd Ivey, Eloise Ivey, and Lorrie Ivey 454; Brenda Carroll, Shane Wootten, and Jenny Mann 384; Nate Green and Norma Green 425; Kaylee Mann, Carly Mann, Karolina Mann, and Jenny Mann sang a special song.

Announcements were made. Shane Wootten and Jamey Wootten led 146 as the closing song. Eddie Mash offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed. Co-Chairmen—Shane Wootten and Jamey Wootten; Secretary—Teresa Saylor

COUNTY LINE CHURCH

Near Corner, Jefferson County, Alabama

Sunday, April 9, 2017

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at Old County Line Church, near Corner, Alabama, on the second Sunday in April was called to order by Cassie Allen leading 34b. Ken Tate offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Cassie Allen 30t; Yancey Jett and Lisa Geist 112 (in memory of Gravis Ballinger); Yancey Jett 440; Jackie Tanner 36b; Don Keeton 480, 515; Ottis Sides 530, 322; Carolyn Thompson 236, 397; Richard Mauldin 66, 43 (in memory of Josie Hyde); Linda Booth 168, 441; Andy Ditzler 428, 106.

RECESS

Yancey Jett led 312b to bring the class back together. Leaders: Samuel Williams 171; Nancy Phillips 282; Robert Chambless 77b; David Brodeur 156; Judy Caudle 455; Nick Holmes 37b; Betty Baccus 408 (for Ernestine Parker); Tom Booth 68b; Virginia Watts 274t; Mark Davis 419; Judy Chambless 279 (for Karen Rollins); Gary Glover 82t; April Watkins and Taylor Watkins 146; Bea Aaron 456.

RECESS

The class was brought together by Yancey Jett leading 172. Leaders: Linda Sides 215 (in memory of Gravis Ballinger); Henry McGuire 220; Max Berueffy and Karin Covi 498 (in memory of Harrison Creel), 276; Buell Cobb 337; Christie Allen 475 (in memory of Flarce Creel); Nicholas Thompson and Lisa Geist 120 (in memory of Gravis Ballinger); Bob Watkins 348b; Ken Tate 547; Wanda Capps and Emma Calvert 388; Lauren Allen 39b; Isaac Green and Amber Davis 380; Danny Creel 485; Lisa Geist 273 (in memory of Gravis Ballinger); Ainslie Allen 29t; Emily Brown 528; Amelia Jett 399b; Emma Calvert 76b.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Cassie Allen leading 418. Leaders: Nathan Rees 444; Lucy Heidorn, Ainslie Allen, Emma Calvert, and Amelia Jett 460; Hayden Arp 342 (in memory of Harrison Creel); Ann Jett and Amelia Jett 108b; Margaret Keeton and Lauren Allen 402; Chris Ballinger 512 (in memory of Harrison Creel); Elene Stovall 500; Cindy Tanner 436, 198; David Heidorn and Lucy Heidorn 217; Henry Guthery 304; Rob Dunn and Brad Branner 268; Angela Myers 105; Amber Davis 192; Nathan Rees 371; Samuel Williams 163t; David Brodeur 511; Andy Ditzler 373; Mark Davis 362; Taylor Watkins 345t; Henry McGuire 532; Bob Watkins 546; Isaac Green 224; Hayden Arp 384; Nicholas Thompson and Ann Jett 269; Christie Allen and Cindy Tanner 187 (in memory of Sandra Spradlin); Danny Creel and Emily Brown 111b (by request); Cassie Allen 434.

Announcements were made. Cassie Allen led 323t as the closing song. Danny Creel dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Cassie Allen; Vice Chairman—Yancey Jett; Secretary—Emily Brown

FUTRAL, HENRY, AND NELSON MEMORIAL SINGING **Smyrna Primitive Baptist Church, Goodwater, Alabama** **Saturday, April 15, 2017**

The annual Futral, Henry, and Nelson Memorial Singing was held on Saturday before the third Sunday in April. The class decided to keep the same officers as follows: Chairman—Jack Nelson; Vice Chairman—William Futral; Secretary and Arranging Officer—Virginia Futral.

Jack Nelson led 35 and 32t. Elder Durwood Hornsby offered the morning prayer. Leaders: Winfred Kerr 36b, 225t; Richard Mauldin 203, 168; Rebecca Over 176b, 186; Daniel Williams 48 (LH), 123b; Terry Futral 300, 378t; Daniel Dean 77t, 127; Denice Burleson 196, 358; Gabriel Futral 335, 192.

RECESS

Jack Nelson and Mona Nelson brought the class back together leading 369 and 236. Leaders: Bert Collins and Glenda Collins 472, 340; Nathan Rees 187, 172.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Jack Nelson. The following sick and shut-ins were mentioned: Floy Wilder, Hugh McGraw, Ottis Sides, Anne Mauldin Chalker, Betty Shepherd, Karen Rollins, Elder Arnold Ritch, Mary Shivers, Christine Keeble, and Tom Ingram. The following deceased were remembered: Toney Smith, Lavoy Smith, Edna Ruth Phillips, J.D. Morris, Azilee Adams, Elsie Moon, Steve Adams, Kermit Adams, Gail Jackson, Gravis Ballinger, Sam Chalker, and Lisa Loomis—Alabama; Janelle Davis—Illinois; Joe Nall—Florida; Geneva Prichard and Earlis McGraw—Georgia. Jack Nelson led 143. Elder Ken Milner

closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Wendy Anderson 98, 36b; Taylor Kennedy 45t, 517; Debra Ritch 373, 200; Roy Nelson 12 (LH), 188 (LH), 339. Elder Louis Culver asked a blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Jack Nelson brought the class together leading 318. Leaders: Nathan Rees 208 (for Eugene Forbes), 88t; Mary Ann Waters and Jack Nelson 59; Ken Milner 31b, 39b; Virginia Futral 569b, 145b; Richard Mauldin 446; Winfred Kerr 314; Nathan Rees 230; Bert Collins and Glenda Collins 282; Daniel Williams 74t; Debra Ritch 385b; Rebecca Over 384; Denice Burleson 288; Daniel Dean 47b; Wendy Anderson 100; Jack Nelson 147t; Taylor Kennedy 27; the class sang “What A Day That Will Be” (requested by Sara Nelson).

Jack Nelson led 46 as the closing song. Elder Ken Milner offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Jack Nelson; Vice Chairman—William Futral; Secretary—Virginia Futral

MIDDLE GEORGIA SACRED HARP SINGING **Union Primitive Baptist Church, Johnstonville, Georgia** **Saturday, April 15, 2017**

The 14th annual Middle Georgia Sacred Harp Singing was held on Saturday before the third Sunday in April. Harry Eskew welcomed all to today’s singing. John Plunkett opened the singing leading 59 and 44. Bill Hollingsworth offered the morning prayer.

A business session was held. The class voted to keep the same officers as follows: Chairman—Harry Eskew; Vice Chairman—John Plunkett; Secretary—Helen Bryson.

Leaders: Oscar McGuire 34b, 33b; Helen Bryson 100, 418; Lisa Bennett 34t, 83b (for Hugh McGraw, Karen Rollins, and Concetta Branson); David Smead 288, 51; Harry Eskew 159, 63; Mary Brownlee 163t, 287; Debora Grosse 310, 408.

RECESS

Oscar McGuire called the class to order leading 129. Leaders: Sandra Wilkinson 300, 405; Lydia Lewallen 73t, 55; Rosemund Watson 503, 147t; Martha Harrell 99, 178; John Hollingsworth 415; Bill Hollingsworth 163b, 323t; Robert Chambless 72b, 145t; David Grant 409, 421; Judy Chambless 500 (for Karen Rollins), 292; Elena Rodoni and Caroline Rodoni 45t, 162; John Plunkett 81t (in memory of Lloyd Landrum, who was instrumental in starting the Middle Georgia singing).

LUNCH

John Plunkett called the class to order leading 480. Leaders: Oscar McGuire 485; Helen Bryson 365; Lisa Bennett 197; David Smead 402; Harry Eskew 49b; Mary Brownlee 501; Debora Grosse 236; Sandra Wilkinson 213b; Rosemund Watson 149; Martha Harrell 47b; Bill Hollingsworth 68t; Robert Chambless 143; David Grant 166; Judy Chambless 549 (for Hugh McGraw); Lydia Lewallen 70t; Lisa Bennett 383; Lydia Lewallen 229.

Announcements were made. Rosemund Watson led 347 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Robert Chambless, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Harry Eskew; Vice Chairman—John Plunkett; Secretary—Helen Bryson

PARIS SACRED HARP SINGING **Fondation des Etats-Unis, Paris, France** **Saturday, April 15, 2017**

The 2nd annual Paris All-Day Sacred Harp Singing was called to order by

Léopoldine Guillaume leading 47t. Mary-Jane Wilkie offered the morning prayer. The following officers were appointed: Chairman—Léopoldine Guillaume; Secretary—John Davis.

Leaders: John Davis 68b; Julius Pasay 146; Lauren Ciancio and Arden Halsey 147t; Geoff Grainger 313b; Arnaud Couptry 276; Frédéric Eymard and Jérôme Eymard 312b; Mary-Jane Wilkie 228; Gwendal Geleoc 159; Aaron Kahn 39t; Elisabeth Schallwig 330t; Florent Decherf 56b; Margaret Bradshaw 105; Perrine de Sancy and Léopoldine Guillaume 40; Georges Boboé 125; Florine Vieilly-Eymard 114; Werner Ullah 49t; Evelyn Lamb 48t.

RECESS

Aaron Kahn called the class to order leading 335. Leaders: Peter Kocher and Walburga Ruhl 29t; Frédéric Eymard, Jérôme Eymard, and Tierno Eymard 133; Julius Pasay and Gwendal Geleoc 457; Arnaud Couptry 86; Mary-Jane Wilkie 332; John Davis and Nathalie Adenot 523; Léopoldine Guillaume and Philippine de Sancy 47b; Margaret Bradshaw 87; Lauren Ciancio 319; Elisabeth Schallwig 48b; Evelyn Lamb and Valérie Sicard 569b; Geoff Grainger 503; Werner Ullah 37b; Florent Decherf 183; Florine Vieilly-Eymard, Jérôme Eymard, Tierno Eymard, Cédalis Collin, and Suzon Collin 63; Georges Boboé 448t. Mary-Jane Wilkie offered the blessing before the midday meal.

LUNCH

John Davis called the class to order leading 274t. Leaders: Gwendal Geleoc 107; Arnaud Couptry 272; Peter Kocher 277; Mary-Jane Wilkie 32b; Aaron Kahn 504; Julius Pasay 89; Elisabeth Schallwig 348t; Margaret Bradshaw 266; Alexia Yver and Léopoldine Guillaume 268; Evelyn Lamb 99; Florine Vieilly-Eymard 84; Werner Ullah 82t; Fanny Stevenin and Lauren Ciancio 67; Geoff Grainger 156; Frédéric Eymard 209; Perrine de Sancy and Léopoldine Guillaume 49b; Aaron Kahn 300; Florent Decherf 171; Peter Kocher 344; Gwendal Geleoc 547.

RECESS

Werner Ullah called the class to order leading 565. Leaders: Mary-Jane Wilkie 135; Arnaud Couptry and Thomas Maroudin 45t; Elisabeth Schallwig 378b; Perrine de Sancy and Florent Decherf 535; Alexia Yver 282; Evelyn Lamb and Marion Bartl 81t; Margaret Bradshaw 122; John Davis and Nathalie Adenot 28t; Geoff Grainger and Georges Boboé 242; Lauren Ciancio 501; Léopoldine Guillaume 236; Julius Pasay 35; Frédéric Eymard 354b; Florine Vieilly-Eymard 31t; Peter Kocher 231; Aaron Kahn 142.

A business meeting was held to hear reports from the various committees. Lauren Ciancio gave the Finance Committee report, declaring that all expenses had been met. John Davis gave the Secretary's Report, announcing that seventy-four songs had been led by twenty-nine leaders. Forty-two singers registered from seven countries. The business meeting was concluded.

Léopoldine Guillaume and John Davis led 62 as the closing song. Mary-Jane Wilkie offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Léopoldine Guillaume; Secretary—John Davis

RHODE ISLAND SINGING

Providence, Rhode Island

Saturday, April 15, 2017

The 14th annual Rhode Island All-Day Singing was held in the Providence Friends Meeting House on Saturday before the third Sunday in April. The class was called to order by Vale Cofer-Shabica leading 59. Liz Cantrell offered the opening prayer. Leaders: Erik-Dardan Ymeraga 36b; James Baumgartner 34b; Tom Padwa 569b; Joanne DeVoe 31t; Laura Hodges 176t; Patrick Friesen 171; Molly Ellis 176b; Ross

Parker 146; Danny Wood 133; Liz Cantrell 150; Nic Tuff 448t; Lynne deBenedette 300; Celia Devine 73b; Maura Burns 270; Charles Biada 42; Brian Harris 159; Vicki Hayes 47t; Cris Martinez 131b.

RECESS

The class was called back together by Tara Mulder leading 71. Leaders: Micah John Walter 77t; Joanne Fuller 290; Eric Beecher 209; Sally Langendorf 310; Porter James 400; Laura Borrelli 142; Michael Nord 411; Stina Soderling 200; Emily Hale Sills 72b; Jeremy Galvagni 168; Will Fesperman 384; Bob Parr 304; Elizabeth Stoddard 216; Sophie Soloway 315.

RECESS

Jason Woofenden led 81t to call the class to order. Leaders: Tyler Benjamin 480; Joshua Barnett 474; Angharad Davis 91; Jennie Brown 192; Wendy Sibbison and Jason Woofenden 99; Topher Lawton 344; Ruby Francis and Devereaux Fuller 196; Judy Contompasis 335; Tara Mulder 89; Bill Holt 550; Mary Skidmore 163t; Myles Louis Dakan 318; Philippa Stoddard 197; Chris Noren 236; Anna Kellar 49b. Liz Cantrell offered prayer before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Patrick Friesen called the class back together leading 313t. Leaders: Matthew Leger-Small 328; Emma Rose Brown 444; Alvaro Witt Duarte 292; Molly Merrett 172; David Wright 283; Deidra Montgomery 187; Tristan Gordon 138b; Ian Quinn 426b; Gwen Gethner 360; M.B. Gowins 454; Ben Sachs-Hamilton 455; Becky Wright 316; Robert Stoddard 475; Yael Tarshish 440; Mike Richards 446; Eric Hildebrandt 551; Jesse Vear 101b. In a business meeting, James Baumgartner and Jesse Polhemus were elected co-chairmen of the 2018 Rhode Island All-Day Singing.

RECESS

Tyler Benjamin led 105 to bring the class together. Leaders: Mel Novner 101t; Rebecca Maxfield 240; Judith Morris and Sophie Soloway 178; Leon Pulsinelle 314; Christopher Kain 49b; Bill Ashton and James Baumgartner 162; Kerry Cullinan 452; Joan Frankel and Bill Holt 414; John Hughes 107; James Powell 276; Mary Skidmore 385t; Joanne Fuller 542; Myles Louis Dakan 532.

Treasurer Tara Mulder reported that all expenses were met. The Arranging Committee said that seventy-nine leaders led eighty-three songs.

The class sang 62 as the closing hymn. Sophie Soloway offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Co-chairmen—Vale Cofer-Shabica and Eric-Dardan Ymeraga; Secretaries—Joanne DeVoe and Tom Padwa

SHARON JORDAN LEACH MEMORIAL **Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church, Arab, Alabama** **Saturday, April 15, 2017**

The annual Sharon Jordan Leach Memorial Sacred Harp singing held at Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church, Arab, Alabama, was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Matt Jordan leading 49t. Marlin Beasley offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Matt Jordan; Vice Chairman—David Light; Secretary—Betsy Jordan; Arranging Officer—Nicholas Thompson.

Leaders: Matt Jordan 47t; David Light 30t, 112; Nicholas Thompson 76b, 472; Henry Guthery 408, 120 (in memory of Gravis Ballinger); Sarah Trumbore 145b, 318; Marlin Beasley 434, 336; Linda Booth 489, 441; Tom George 78, 89; Judy Caudle 310, 311; Bea Aaron 438, 568; Gail Doss 542, 547.

RECESS

The class was brought back together by Matt Jordan leading 569b. Leaders:

Elizabeth Gentry 338, 319; Delone Cobbs 565, 354t; Hayden Arp 360, 331; Susan Cheronos 300, 56b; Butch White and Joyce White 480, 146; Dennis George 207, 473; Daniel Bearden 156, 511; Tina Beasley 79, 40; Jim Aaron 47b, 68b. Elder J.L. Hopper asked a blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Matt Jordan leading 39b. Leaders: Christopher Mann 39t, 535; Jacklyn Protz 77t, 288; J.L. Hopper 236, 518; Marissa Lingaitis 84, 222; Nancy Phillips 274t, 358; Vella Dailey 452, 147t; Juanita Beasley 61; J.L. Hopper 149 (by request), 280 (by request); David Light 436; Matt Jordan 268 (in memory of Sharon Jordan Leach).

Announcements were made. Matt Jordan led 101t as the closing song. Butch White offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Matt Jordan; Vice Chairman—David Light; Secretary—Betsy Jordan

NEW HAVEN SINGING

Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut

Sunday, April 16, 2017

The 7th New Haven All-Day Singing was held in Connecticut Hall on the campus of Yale University. Charles Biada called the class to order leading 38t. Martha Murray offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Holly Laws 107; Paula Picton 101t; Vicki Hayes 47t; Angharad Davis 100; John Klaess 131b; Martha Murray 38b; Ian Quinn 32t; Keillor Mose 129; Christopher Kain 496; Carol Huang 35; John Gambell 300; Margaret Youngberg 375; Solon Gordon 156; Mary Skidmore 548; Rashad Ullah 50t; Nancy Mandel 92; Jesse Vear 390; Douglas Fower 474; Anna Kellar 564.

RECESS

Gwen Gethner called the class to order leading 144. Leaders: Joshua Barnett 312b; Kerry Cullinan 29t; Jason Woofenden 351; Jonas Powell 56b; Christina Wallin 57; Brian Harris 349; Ines Lüttgen 310.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Philippa Stoddard and Ian Quinn. Philippa Stoddard led 330b and spoke for the following sick and shut-ins: Jon Giles, Michael Kaye, Concetta Branson, Katherine Glatter, Hilde Doherty, Richard Benson, Mike Ramsey, Mary Capron, and Bo Montoya.

Ian Quinn led 123t and spoke for the following deceased: Don Fahrback—Wisconsin; John Bayer—Ohio; Edward Swetman—Minnesota; B.M. Smith, Earlis McGraw, and Johnny Lee—Georgia; Olive Traylor—Oklahoma; Toby Strout—Indiana; Randall Speirs, Pat Colterahn, and Timothy Grannis. Christina Wallin closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Robert Stoddard 498; Michael Nord 384; Jason Steidl 322; Tyler Benjamin 282; Alice Beattie 410b; Tofer Lawton 313b; Corinne Ducey and Gerald Clark 82t; Deidra Montgomery 434; Al McCready 276. The noon meal blessing was given by Liz Cantrell.

LUNCH

Nancy Mandel and Alice Stock called the class to order leading 105. Leaders: Myles Louis Dakan 269; Rebecca Blumenthal 198; Mike Richards 528; David Wright 362; Ben Sachs-Hamilton 189; Ellen Ray 454; Kevin Beirne 475; Aldo Ceresa 236; Laura Hodges 183; Julie Botnick 67; James Baumgartner 179; Danny Wood 319; Rachel Hall and family 227; Liz Cantrell 396; Elizabeth Stoddard 534; Gerald Clark 365; Sharon Lehr 315; Philippa Stoddard 182; Chris Geissler 84; Gwen Gethner 27.

RECESS

Joshua Barnett called the class to order leading 30b. Leaders: Jonas Powell, Connie Des Marais, Kobi Bordoley, and Rashad Ullah 547; Holly Laws, Vicki Hayes, and

John Conley 448t; Philippa Stoddard, Julie Botnick, Christina Wallin, and Charles Biada 480; Patrick Friesen, Laura Hodges, and James Baumgartner 408; Keillor Mose, Brian Harris, and Alexander D'Alisera 442; Carol Huang, David Wright, Deidra Montgomery, and Kevin Beirne 153; Anna Kellar and Allison Hadley 203; Robert Stoddard, Myles Louis Dakan, and Rachel Hall 96; Nancy Mandel, Jasmine Mendoza, Ines Lüttgen, and Alice Stock 445; Elizabeth Stoddard, Mary McCarthy, and Kerry Cullinan 87; Al McCready and Gwen Gethner 31t; Ben Sachs-Hamilton, Brigid Snow, and Eric Snow 497; Angharad Davis, LaRee Delahunt, and Sharon Lehr 81t; Jesse Vear, Liz Cantrell, Mike Richards, and Christopher Kain 512; Danny Wood and Jason Woofenden 335; Aldo Ceresa, Douglas Fower, Rebecca Blumenthal, and Solon Gordon 146.

Reports were given and announcements made. Registered participants came from twelve states, the District of Columbia, and Canada. Charles Biada, Holly Laws, Joshua Barnett, Jonas Powell, and Chris Geissler led 62, and the class took the parting hand. John Gambell offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed. Chairman—Charles Biada; Vice Chairman—Holly Laws; Secretary—Joshua Barnett

OLD HARMONY PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Abernathy, Cleburne County, Alabama

Sunday, April 16, 2017

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Old Harmony Primitive Baptist Church near Abernathy, Cleburne County, Alabama, was held on the third Sunday in April. Robert Chambless welcomed everyone to the Easter Sunday singing, and then mentioned that he looked at photographs the previous evening of this singing he had taken five years ago. Robert noted that several of our regular singers have passed away since that time. He named and nodded to where a few of those singers usually sat, and then stated that we miss their presence today. Samuel Williams offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Donna Bell 480, 340 (in honor of Lawrence Edwards and in memory of Stanly Edwards); Judy Chambless 415, 37b (both songs for Karen Rollins); Sherrell Cleino 452 (in memory of B.J. Harris), 335; Cecil Roberts 97, 76b; Ruth Daniels 155 (in memory of Evelyn Harris), 378t; Winfred Kerr 500 (for Hugh McGraw), 89; Glenda Collins and Bert Collins 282, 566; Miranel Swafford 565, 32t; Ed Thacker 154 (in memory of Stanly Edwards and B.M. Smith), 498.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed: Chairman—Robert Chambless; Vice Chairman—Winfred Kerr; Secretary—Donna Bell; Arranging Officer—Judy Chambless; Memorial Lesson—Judy Chambless.

RECESS

Winfred Kerr brought the class back to order by leading 314. Leaders: Dalton Lewis 472, 354b; John Plunkett 156, 197; Rebecca Over 55 (in memory of A.J. McClendon), 283 (in memory of Earlis McGraw and in honor of Charlene Wallace); Virginia Dyer 61, 28b; Richard DeLong 70t (for Hugh McGraw), 95; Samuel Williams 551, 378b; Oscar McGuire 163b, 441; Fallon Cook 63, 146; Gary Davis and Karen Flagg 35, 45t; Ann Simpson 47t, 445; John Plunkett 236; Glenda Collins and Bert Collins 100.

Judy Chambless conducted the memorial lesson. She spoke of looking at the photographs Robert had mentioned earlier of the people who are no longer with us, but live on in our memory. Judy read the names of the sick and shut-ins and of the deceased. The sick and shut-ins honored were Karen Rollins, Hugh McGraw, and Eloise Wootten. The deceased remembered were B.M. Smith, Earlis McGraw, Geneva Prichard, Hester Edwards, Janelle Davis, James Hughes, Gail Jackson, Lynn Swafford Key, Harold DeLong, Levon Wootten, Gravis Ballinger, and Nellie Mae

White. Judy Chambless led 209. Cecil Roberts closed the memorial lesson with prayer. Henry Johnson offered the blessing of the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session of singing began with Robert Chambless leading 225t. Leaders: Jason Stanford 142, 535; Sherrell Cleino 127 (in memory of Uncle Clellan); Donna Bell 84; Ed Thacker 112 (in memory of Gravis Ballinger); Winfred Kerr 47b; Rebecca Over 42; Oscar McGuire 515; Cecil Roberts 303; Samuel Williams 68t; Richard DeLong 432; Ann Simpson 358; Jason Stanford 73b; Rebecca Over 74t; Oscar McGuire 229; Ed Thacker 192; Cecil Roberts 168; Ann Simpson 388; Samuel Williams 332; Donna Bell 49b (in memory of B.J. and Evelyn Harris); Winfred Kerr 516; Sherrell Cleino 128; Jason Stanford and Iris Stanford 159; Rebecca Over 114 (in memory of Buford McGraw).

Following announcements, Robert Chambless led 56t as the closing song. Ed Thacker offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Robert Chambless; Vice Chairman—Winfred Kerr; Secretary—Donna Bell

PINE GROVE SINGING

Pine Grove Church, Collinsville, Alabama

Sunday, April 16, 2017

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Pine Grove Church, near Collinsville, Alabama, was held on the third Sunday in April. The class was called to order by Wayne Reed and Scot Oliver leading 59. Wayne welcomed the class. Donnie Reed offered the opening prayer. Wayne and Scot led 146 (in memory of S.T. Reed, Bud Oliver, Milton Oliver, and others who helped establish the singing at Pine Grove).

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Co-Chairmen—Wayne Reed and Scot Oliver; Secretary—Judy Caudle; Arranging Officer—Cindy Tanner. Leaders: Judy Caudle 415; Donnie Reed and Eric Blanks 235; Cindy Tanner 182; Boyd Scott 358; Charles Smelley 277; Lisa Bennett 532 (in memory of Janelle Davis); Buell Cobb 308; Joyce Whittington 76b; Mark Carroll 99; Daniel Lee 48t; Adrian Eldridge 312t; Jamey Wootten and Jared Wootten 318; Jerusha Wheeler 200.

RECESS

The class was called back together by Scot Oliver leading 82t. Leaders: Ryan Bowman 86; Henry Johnson 289; Hayden Wootten 42; David Brodeur 280; David Smead 353; Jesse P. Karlsberg 125; Anna Wootten 176t; Darrell Swarens 36b; Nate Green 570; Paula Oliver 142; Isaac Green 170; Ben Fink 315; Nathan Rees 349; Alanna Blanks, Arleigh Beard, Cayden Blanks, and Emma Blanks 405.

RECESS

Rodney Ivey and Scot Oliver led 343 to bring the class together. Leaders: Richard Ivey 224; Shelby Castillo 500; Ann Jett 77t; Andy Ditzler 447; Lauren Bock 126; Jackie Tanner 314; Hayden Arp 123t; Shane Wootten 543; Lydia Lewallen 359; Danny Creel 498; Gail Doss 35; David Ivey 451; Susan Cheronos 460; Marty Wootten 313t; Nicole Bowman 203; Jared Wootten 440.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Scot Oliver and Eric Blanks leading 480. Leaders: Rodney Ivey 472; Reba Windom 236; Mary Ruth Stiefel 322; Cheyenne Ivey 309; Jerry Creason and Rodney Ivey 421; Verlon Stiefel and Joyce Whittington 348b; Scott Ivey 56t (in memory of Barrett Ashley); Tom George 228; Tanya Edmundson and Tom George 454; Brianna Stiefel, Scott Ivey, and Isaac Green 542; Lilly Underwood 496; Loyd Ivey 426b, 426t; Andy Ditzler and David Brodeur 216; Darrell Swarens, Adrian Eldridge, and Cindy Tanner 198; Lisa Bennett and David Smead 522; Jesse P. Karlsberg, Lauren Bock, and Lucey Rose Karlsberg 181; Susan

Cherones and Gail Doss 300; Ben Fink 299; Jerusha Wheeler 283; Nathan Rees 317; Lydia Lewallen 70; Jerry Creason and Ann Sibole 47; Shane Wootten and Buell Cobb 131b (for Eloise Wootten).

Announcements were made. Scot Oliver and Rodney Ivey led 45b as the closing song. Shane Wootten offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Co-Chairmen—Wayne Reed and Scot Oliver; Secretary—Judy Caudle

DETROIT SACRED HARP SINGING

The Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Detroit, Michigan

Saturday, April 22, 2017

The annual Detroit All-Day Sacred Harp Singing was held on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in April. Giles Simmer called the class to order at 9:30 a.m. leading 39t, and then offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Giles Simmer 49t; Peter Trumbore 106, 480; Gillian Inksetter 31t, 151; Jamie Yeats 503, 63; Ray Rechenberg 142, 203; Idy Kiser 108b, 208; Josiah Tazelaar 309; Ed Walton 346, 569b; Bernie Hetrick 390; David Stowe 178, 318.

RECESS

Jamie Yeats called the class back to order leading 312b. Leaders: Bob Borcharding 184, 34t; Chad Creager 567; Anne Missavage 171, 99; Cecelia Kramer 180, 191; Mary Creager 492; Sandy 354t; Megan Jennings 37b, 36b; Marian Mitchell 315, 422; Jan May 313b, 276; Letitia Shapiro 192, 146; Peter Trumbore 45b, 277; Idy Kiser 29t, 28b; Gillian Inksetter 181, 228.

LUNCH

Cecelia Kramer called the class back to order leading 148. Leaders: Jamie Yeats 159, 169; Ray Rechenberg 242; Liz Smith Yeats 236, 25; Dawn McDuffie 479; Idy Kiser 167, 112; Ray Rechenberg 564, 454; David Stowe 268, 457; Jan May 287, 474; Bernie Hetrick 378t; Bob Borcharding 210, 473; Chad Creager 466; Anne Missavage 84, 40; Cecelia Kramer 71, 430; Mary Creager 431, 70b.

RECESS

Jamie Yeats called the class back to order leading 47b. Leaders: Marian Mitchell 197, 534; Letitia Shapiro 189, 344; Jamie Yeats 33b; Ray Rechenberg 565.

Jamie Yeats led 86 for the following sick and shut-ins: Concetta Branson, Will Fitzgerald, Bess Fitzgerald, Bob Hubbard, and Vicki Toll. Idy Kiser led 47t in memory of the following deceased: John Bayer—Ohio; Janelle Davis—Illinois; Don Fahrback and Bob Muhlbach—Michigan; and Lila Mitchell—New York.

Leaders: David Stowe 365; Jan May 540; Ed Walton 143; Bernie Hetrick 93; Chad Creager 497; Cecelia Kramer 493; Mary Creager 324; Marian Mitchell 300; Letitia Shapiro 299.

Jamie Yeats led 347 as the closing lesson, offered the closing prayer, and dismissed the class.

Chairman and Secretary—Jamie Yeats

GOLDEN GATE SINGING

Trinity Lutheran Church, Alameda, California

Saturday, April 22, 2017

The 13th annual Golden Gate Singing was held at Trinity Lutheran Church in Alameda, California, on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in April. Erika Wilson called the class together leading 171. Linda Domholt offered the opening prayer.

In a business meeting, the following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairperson—Rebecca Edwards; Vice Chairperson—Dave Barber; Secretary—Dan Harper; Treasurer—Edward Rice.

Leaders: Rebecca Edwards 421; Dave Barber 131b; Dan Harper 29t; Inder Khalsa 168; Jeremy Knight 448t; Leah Coffin 448b; Greg Freed 227; Susan Fetcho 472; Hugh McGuire 558; Betty Marvin 350; Carolyn Deacy 430; Bob Brylawski 236; David Fetcho 411; Mary O'Brien 282; Wren Hyde 445; Arnold Zwicky 344; Leigh Cooper 441.

RECESS

Susan Fetcho brought the class together leading 52t. Leaders: Jeannette Ralston 196; Linda Domholt 235; Karen Stingle 203; Jack Ziegler 106; Brian Harris 73t; Ellen Auriti 230; Hans Guttman 480; Lena Strayhorn 65; Rodman Campbell 77t; Mary Ann Ciavonne 148; Joel Chan 496; Linda Berkemeier 212; Jennifer Jones 189; Sue Lindner 217.

RECESS

Joel Chan brought the class together leading 72b. Leaders: Mark Godfrey 299; Shelby Sampson 30b; Edward Rice 59; Sophia Schinske 460; Pat Coghlan 391. Kate Coxon and Bob Schinske conducted the memorial lesson. Kate Coxon led 330b in honor of the sick and homebound. Bob Schinske led 27 in honor of the following deceased: Gerhart Schwab—Ohio; Don Fahrback—Michigan; Phil Frey, Marion Rankin, Karen Prisons, Mildred Holley, Marian Bush, Paul Woods, and Bill Horvitz—California; Candace Collins-Hill—Maine; Carolyn Smith—North Carolina; Will Marcotte—Oregon; Bobbi Fried—Kentucky; Hayward Schwartz—Florida; B.M. Smith, George Snyder, Johnny Lee, and Delorese Lee—Georgia; Bob Harper—Massachusetts. Linda Domholt offered a prayer to close the memorial lesson.

Leaders: Lindy Groening 302; Jennie Brown 475; Kevin Barrans 465; MB Gowins 336. Susan Fetcho offered the prayer before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Greg Freed brought the class together leading 162. Leaders: Richard Barnes 228; Jenny Jensen 532; John Wiens 567; Erik Schwab and Clarissa Fetrow 242; Asa Horvitz 500; Alex Makris 222; Bob Schinske 392; Ana Tighe 564; Thom Fahrback 513; Leonore Tjia 56b; Kate Coxon 214; Peter Ross 163b; Lucy O'Leary 442; Bob Jost 566; Jen Blecha 277; Terry Barber 376; Joel Knopf 163t; Jennie Brown 328; Hans Guttman 37b; MB Gowins 436; Kevin Barrans 286; Rebecca Edwards 447.

RECESS

Leah Coffin brought the class together leading 28t. Leaders: Dave Barber 383; Linda Berkemeier 178; Brian Harris 495; Jennifer Jones 300; Rodman Campbell 38b; Karen Stingle 254; Erik Schwab 278t; Edward Rice 146; Clarissa Fetrow 83t; Asa Horvitz 426b; Jenny Jensen 353; John Wiens 400; Ana Tighe 361; Thom Fahrback 499 (in memory of Don Fahrback); Betty Marvin 169; Hugh McGuire 176b; Joel Chan 477; Leigh Cooper, Mark Godfrey, Cecil Godfrey, and Leon Godfrey 32t. In a business meeting, the Treasurer reported expenses had been met. The Secretary reported at least ninety-two singers from nine states sang eighty-seven songs led by fifty-eight leaders. The Resolutions Committee, (MB Gowins and Jennie Brown), thanked those who made the singing possible, and presented a resolution to convene again next year. The business meeting was closed.

The officers led 62 as the closing song, and singers took the parting hand. Susan Fetcho offered the closing prayer.

Chairperson—Rebecca Edwards; Vice Chairperson—Dave Barber; Secretary—Dan Harper

OAK GROVE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Alpharetta, Georgia

Saturday, April 22, 2017

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Oak Grove Primitive Baptist Church was held on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in April. Elder Bobby Cagle called the class to order leading 33b. John Plunkett offered the morning prayer.

A business session was held with the following officers elected to serve: Chairman—David Smead; Vice Chairman—Elder Bobby Cagle; Secretary—Helen Bryson. Leaders: Bobby Cagle 49b; Rebecca Over 131b, 485 (in honor of Oscar McGuire); Léopoldine Guillaume 48t, 276; Ellen McNeill 40; John Plunkett 74b (in memory of Lloyd Garrison), 133; David Smead 134, 515; Helen Bryson 70t, 112 (in memory of Violet Thomason); David Brodeur 531, 487; Winfred Kerr 36b, 146; Andy Morse 481, 497; Samuel Williams 397, 135.

RECESS

David Smead called the class to order leading 82b. Leaders: Andy Ditzler 310, 408; Scott DePoy 277, 129; Daniel Williams 242, 498; Bobby Cagle 43; Rebecca Over 415; Léopoldine Guillaume 47t; Ellen McNeill 7b; Scott DePoy 503 (for Jeannette DePoy, by request); John Plunkett 544; David Smead 453; Helen Bryson 542; Samuel Williams 500; David Brodeur 510; Winfred Kerr 460; Andy Morse 203.

LUNCH

David Smead called the class to order leading 31t. Leaders: Andy Ditzler 524; Daniel Williams 376; Bobby Cagle 61 (by request); Rebecca Over 492; Léopoldine Guillaume 84; Ellen McNeill 159, 288; John Plunkett 343 (in memory of Violet Thomason); David Smead 445; Helen Bryson 176b; Samuel Williams 160b; David Brodeur 567; Winfred Kerr 294; Andy Morse 377; Andy Ditzler 546; Daniel Williams 94; John Plunkett 229; Rebecca Over 77t; Léopoldine Guillaume 187. Announcements were made. It was announced that this will be the last all-day Sacred Harp singing at Oak Grove Primitive Baptist Church. Another site for the 2018 singing will be considered.

David Smead led 347 as closing song. Elder Bobby Cagle offered the closing prayer. Chairman—David Smead; Vice Chairman—Elder Bobby Cagle; Secretary—Helen Bryson

OLIVER KINDIG-STOKES MEMORIAL SINGING

York Friends Meeting House, York, Pennsylvania

Saturday, April 22, 2017

The 2nd annual Oliver Kindig-Stokes Memorial Singing was held on the fourth Saturday in April at the York Friends Meeting House, York, Pennsylvania. The singing would have been the 10th annual singing held at York, and was renamed in 2016 after the death of one of its founders, Oliver Kindig-Stokes. Sandy Cryder called the class to order by leading 171. Ruth Wampler offered the opening prayer. A business meeting was called to order, and the following officers were elected: Chairman—Bethany Towne; Vice Chairman—Corinne Ducey; Treasurer—Rachel Hall; Secretary—Sonia Chin. Bethany Towne, the incoming chairman, welcomed everyone and led 303.

Leaders: Sonia Chin 319; Rachel Hall 35; Sasha Hsuczuk 76b; Lamar Matthew 388; Thomas Benedict 146; Elizabeth Patton 90; Theresa Rodriguez 290; Clare Chapin 486; Ina Shea 236 (in memory of Michael Sensor); Matthew Kaufman 477; Forrest Quay 545; Colleen Hayes 47b; Doron Henkin 53; Nancy Tkacs 135; Ruth Wampler 489.

RECESS

Tom Tucker called the class back to order leading 82t. Leaders: Ben Cocchiario 436; Daniel Miksiewicz 68b; Elizabeth Pilar 349; Harry Scott 217; Laura Densmore 315; Leon Pulsinelle 189; Sonia Chin 187 (for Leilani Richardson); Erin Kelly 81t; Katie White 52t; Jim Strube 198; Anna Melton 496; Scott Robinson 410t; Gina Balestracci 506; Rachel Hall 213t; Susan Greenberg 442.

RECESS

Alex Forsyth called the class back together leading 145b. Leaders: Ted Stokes 330t; Jeff Shenk 282; Rachel Speer 432; Kathy Manning 546; Nancy Mandel 379; John delRe 30b; Brenda Dunlap 118; Ben Sachs-Hamilton 417; Corinne Ducey 530; Bill Beverly 547; Nora Miller 488; Myles Louis Dakan 57; Gedney Barclay 270; Kelly Macklin 485; Aaron Weiss 268. Aaron Weiss offered a prayer before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The class was brought back to order by Ruth Wampler and Sasha Hsuczyk leading 145t. Leaders: Alex Forsyth 296; Jessica Keyes 212; Mike Richards 392; Michael Nord 434; Justin Bowen 348b; Liz Cantrell 269; Nathan Rees 377; Gerry Hoffman 242; Ben Hartland 26; Joel Miller 404; Dean Jens 203; Roland Hutchinson 553; Martha Beverly 504; Kelly Macklin and Leon Pulsinelle 464; Patrick Friesen 172; Laura Hodges 302; Myles Louis Dakan and Ben Sachs-Hamilton 324; Aaron Weiss 448t; Hal Kunkel 536; Gedney Barclay 208.

RECESS

The singing resumed with Doron Henkin leading 85. Leaders: Dann Pell 456; Thomas Ward 344; Rachel Speer and Jim Hersey 245; Bethany Towne 162; Laura Hodges and Liz Cantrell 192; Krista Guerrieri 454; Molly Sauder 569b; Deanna Robbins 107; Patrick Friesen and Mike Richards 151; Justin Bowen and Nathan Rees 418; Kaysha McKim and Leyland delRe 466; Ina Shea, Erin Kelly, Colleen Hayes, Susan Munch, and other kitchen volunteers 312b; Mike Nord 408; Martha Beverly and Bill Beverly 163b; Kathy Manning 181; Dan Hunter 482.

In a business meeting, Nancy Mandel delivered resolutions, resolving to meet again on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in April, 2018.

In closing, 62 was sung as the class took the parting hand. Corinne Ducey offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Bethany Towne; Vice Chairman—Corinne Ducey; Secretary—Sonia Chin

SHILOH PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH SINGING

(COOPER EDITION)

Frisco City, Alabama

Saturday, April 22, 2017

The 2nd annual Shiloh Primitive Baptist Church Singing was called to order by Tim Taylor leading 63 and 36b. Richard Mauldin offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Ken Kelley 59, 572; Hubert Nall 84, 186; Tim Jones 355, 171; Aubrey Barfield 203, 356; Alice Mosley 484; Charlotte Naylor 128, 155; Ryan Bowman 86, 285t; Judy Chambless 300, 222; J.A. Mosley 75, 559; Alice Sundberg 558, 99.

RECESS

The class was brought back together by Tim Taylor leading 32t. Leaders: Richard Mauldin 358, 43; Gary Padgett 91, 503; Mike Jones 436t, 424; Rhonda Harrison 573, 515; Lloyd Jones 463, 465; Liz Duffy 451; Robert Chambless 70t, 508; Shane Brown 48t, 49b; Michael Jones 450, 384; Darlu Taylor Nall 583, 277; Kaitlyn Bailey 127, 276; Ken Sundberg 182, 192; Loretta Jones 380t, 514. The class sang 369, and Shane Brown offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Aubrey Barfield leading 96. Leaders: Bill Hogan 552, 591; Nicole Bowman 376, 132; Brenda Kyser 164, 571; Mary Amelia Taylor and Jason Smith 425, 464; Danny Creel 133, 140; Archie Covington 492; Nancy Hogan 299, 505; Stanley Smith 217, 408 (in memory of Buena Mae Purvis); Jamie Kelley 42; Jamie Kelley and Will Kelley 348t; Shane Brown 45t; Stanley Smith 522; Stanley Smith and Hubert Nall 504t (in memory of Joe Nall); Bill Hogan 196; Judy Chambless 574; Aubrey Barfield 497, 410; Richard Mauldin 365. The floor was opened for announcements.

Tim Taylor, Nicole Bowman, and Mary Amelia Taylor led 95b as the closing song. Hubert Nall offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.
Chairman—Tim Taylor; Secretary—Nicole Bowman

RUSK COUNTY CONVENTION
Pine Grove Church, Henderson, Texas
April 22-23, 2017

Saturday, April 22

The 9th annual Rusk County Singing met Saturday before the fourth Sunday in April at Old Pine Grove Church near Henderson, Texas. The tune book for Saturday was the 2010 Revision of the *Christian Harmony*. With the absence of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman, Chris Nicholson, called the class to order leading 338t (CH). Gaylon Powell offered the opening prayer.

A business session was held and the following officers were elected: Chairman—Chris Nicholson; Vice Chairman—John Berendzen; Secretary—Gaylon Powell. Leaders: Chris Nicholson 67b (CH); John Berendzen 142 (CH), 143 (CH); Gaylon Powell 155 (CH), 332 (CH); Robert Vaughn 393t (CH), 394 (CH); Elizabeth Stoddard 258 (CH), 79 (CH); Kristie Powell 336t (CH), 548 (CH); Eva Striebeck 61t (CH), 544 (CH).

RECESS

Chris Nicholson called the class back together leading 187 (CH). Leaders: Henry McGuire 76b (CH), 131 (CH); Tammy Powell 421b (CH), 64 (CH); Charles Whitmer 515 (CH), 246 (CH); John Berendzen 105b (CH), 261t (CH); Gaylon Powell 133 (CH), 206 (CH); Robert Vaughn 189 (CH), 204t (CH); Natalie Fletcher 188 (CH), 78b (CH). Elder Robert Vaughn asked a blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Chris Nicholson called the class back to order leading 167t (CH) and 167b (CH). Leaders: Elizabeth Stoddard 527 (CH), 339 (CH); Kristie Powell 41t (CH), 105t (CH); Eva Striebeck 354 (CH), 51 (CH); Henry McGuire 432b (CH), 203 (CH); Tammy Powell 322 (CH), 253 (CH); Charles Whitmer 498 (CH), 507t (CH); Natalie Fletcher 117 (CH), 137 (CH).

RECESS

Chris Nicholson called the class back together leading 490 (CH). Leaders: Gloria Berendzen 157 (CH); John Berendzen 303 (CH); Gaylon Powell 74 (CH); Robert Vaughn 77 (CH); Elizabeth Stoddard 484 (CH); Kristie Powell 138 (CH); Eva Striebeck 50 (CH); Henry McGuire 54 (CH); Charles Whitmer 346 (CH); John Berendzen 111b (CH); Elizabeth Stoddard 313 (CH); Eva Striebeck 546b (CH); Henry McGuire 493t (CH).

The chairman appointed Robert Vaughn and Elizabeth Stoddard to serve on the memorial committee. He then led 549t (CH) as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Robert Vaughn.

Sunday, April 23

The Sunday session of the convention was held in conjunction with the Pine Grove

Cemetery Homecoming. The tune book for Sunday was the B.F White Sacred Harp, Cooper Revision. Chris Nicholson called the class to order leading 59 (CB). Elder Robert Vaughn offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Chris Nicholson 264t (CB); John Berendzen 264b (CB), 422b (CB); Gaylon Powell 53 (CB), 142 (CB); Kim Vaughn 164 (CB), 558 (CB); David Rousseau 127 (CB), 179 (CB); Will McGuire 422t (CB), 410 (CB); Charity Vaughn 459 (CB), 212 (CB); Elizabeth Stoddard 54t (CB), 138t (CB); Lisa Matt 268t (CB), 38t (CB); Charles Whitmer 587 (CB), 218 (CB); Eva Striebeck 133 (CB), 449 (CB).

RECESS

Chris Nicholson called the class back together leading 323b (CB). Leaders: Robert Vaughn 176b (CB), 95t (CB); Henry McGuire 200 (CB), 140 (CB); Kristie Powell 210 (CB), 300 (CB); Sherry Rousseau 282 (CB), 47b (CB).

Elizabeth Stoddard made a few remarks and read the following list of names of the sick and shut-ins: Curtis Owen, Edith Owen, Myrl Jones, Azalea Barnett, Crystal Meadows, Concetta Branson, Dale Redmon, Marion Grant, Karen Rollins, Rick Foreman, Jane Goforth, Judy Whiting, Doug Webb, and Michael Webb. She led 444t (CB) in their honor.

Robert Vaughn made a few comments and read the following list of names of the deceased: Johnny Lee, Delorese Lee, Ruth Redmon, Gravis Ballinger, Toney Smith, Lavoy Smith, Earlis McGraw, B.M. Smith, Geri Behrendt, John Bayer, and Loraine Bayer—Sacred Harp singers and supporters; Mary Twomey—burial in the Pine Grove Cemetery. He led 290 (CB) in their memory. The memorial lesson was closed with prayer offered by Gaylon Powell.

Leaders: Tammy Powell 553 (CB), 95b (CB); John Berendzen 486 (CB). The noon prayer was offered at the dinner tables.

LUNCH

Chris Nicholson called the class back to order leading 32t (CB) and 40 (CB).

Leaders: Gaylon Powell 532 (CB); David Rousseau 507b (CB); Elizabeth Stoddard 482 (CB); Lisa Matt 463 (CB); Charles Whitmer 546 (CB); Eva Striebeck 559 (CB); Will McGuire 544 (CB); Robert Vaughn 552 (CB); Kristie Powell and Gloria Berendzen 45t (CB), 73b (CB); Henry McGuire 582 (CB); Tammy Powell 478 (CB); John Berendzen 522 (CB); Gaylon Powell 543 (CB); David Rousseau 430 (CB); Elizabeth Stoddard 423 (CB); Lisa Matt 461 (CB); Charles Whitmer 393 (CB); Eva Striebeck 273 (CB); Robert Vaughn 332 (CB); Kristie Powell and Gloria Berendzen 63 (CB); Henry McGuire 567 (CB), 563 (CB).

After announcements, Chris Nicholson led 62 (CB) as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer offered by Robert Vaughn.

Chairman—Chris Nicholson; Vice Chairman—John Berendzen; Secretary—Gaylon Powell

ALEWINE-LAMINACK MEMORIAL

St. Michael Lutheran Church, Cleburne County, Alabama Sunday, April 23, 2017

The annual Alewine-Laminack Memorial Sacred Harp singing was held on the fourth Sunday in April at St. Michael Lutheran Church, north of Muscadine, in Cleburne County, Alabama. Cecil Roberts called the class to order by leading 49t. Jack Nelson offered the opening prayer. Cecil Roberts welcomed everyone, and then led 146.

Leaders: Donna Bell 373, 127 (in memory of Corene Laminack); Judy Chambless 82t (for Karen Rollins), 37b; Winfred Kerr 225t, 89; Dalton Lewis 354b, 70b; Gary Davis and Karen Flagg 59, 35; Glenda Collins and Bert Collins 340, 282; Jack Nelson 294, 125; Ed Thacker 28b, 371; Lisa Bennett 266, 158; Virginia Dyer 137,

361.

RECESS

Henry Johnson brought the class back to order by leading 138t. A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed: Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Vice Chairmen—David Smead and David Brodeur; Secretary—Donna Bell; Arranging Officer—Judy Chambless. Cecil Roberts brought before the class a proposal of a new singing to be started at Poplar Springs Primitive Baptist Church, just south of Tallapoosa, on the fourth Sunday in September. The class voted unanimously to begin the new singing in September. The business session was closed.

Leaders: Isaac Green and Rebecca Over 284, 548 (for Hugh McGraw); Rene Greene 299, 183 (in memory of Shelbie Sheppard); Robert Chambless 122 (for Hugh McGraw and Karen Rollins, and in memory of Beulah Mae Glasgow), 145t; David Smead 165, 240; Rebecca Over 360 (in memory of Henry Kerr and E.F. Alewine), 430; Tom George 416, 417; Léopoldine Guillaume 277, 276; David Brodeur 539, 267; Tony Hammock 556, 112; Richard DeLong 359, 323b; Richard DeLong and Rene Greene 153; Henry Johnson 164, 435 (in memory of Gladys McGraw); Hayden Arp 140, 80b; Oscar McGuire 327, 336. Cecil Roberts thanked the class for their generous donations. The money will be used for the upkeep of the church and cemetery. Lutheran services have not been held at this church for approximately 80 to 85 years. Ed Thacker offered the blessing of the noon meal at the table.

LUNCH

Cecil Roberts brought the class back to order by leading 162. Leaders: Glenda Collins 340 (by request); Andy Ditzler 231, 482; Samuel Williams 487, 350; Fallon Cook 47b, 142; Daniel Williams 116, 36b; Ann Simpson 47t, 445; Esther Williams 481, 86; Sherrell Cleino 335 (in memory of her aunt, Aline Harris), 378t (by request); Jason Stanford 102, 285b; Rene Greene and Richard DeLong 220; Andy Ditzler, David Brodeur, and Léopoldine Guillaume 192; Lisa Bennett, David Smead, and Rebecca Over 562; Hayden Arp, Tom George, and Isaac Green 411; Esther Williams, Samuel Williams, and Daniel Williams 135; Tony Hammock, Oscar McGuire, and Robert Chambless 72b; Henry Johnson, Ed Thacker, and Fallon Cook 69t; Donna Bell, Sherrell Cleino, and Ann Simpson 452 (in memory of B.M. Smith, B.J. Harris, Corene Laminack, and in honor of Margaret Thacker); Winfred Kerr, Cecil Roberts, and Jason Stanford 460; Glenda Collins, Bert Collins, and Judy Chambless 300; Rebecca Over 39t; Léopoldine Guillaume 49b; Fallon Cook, Hayden Arp, and Isaac Green 186, 196.

Announcements were made. Cecil Roberts, David Smead, David Brodeur, Donna Bell, and Judy Chambless led 138t as the closing song. Judy Chambless offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Vice Chairmen—David Smead and David Brodeur; Secretary—Donna Bell

FRIENDSHIP PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH SINGING

Haleyville, Alabama

Sunday, April 23, 2017

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Friendship Primitive Baptist Church was held on the fourth Sunday in April. The class was called to order by Ken Tate leading 73b.

The opening prayer was offered by Earl Ballinger.

The class was organized by electing the following officers to serve: Chairman—Ken Tate; Vice Chairman—Parnell Berry; Secretary—Margaret Keeton; Arranging Officer—Lisa Geist.

Ken Tate welcomed everyone, and led 111b. Leaders: Mike Hankins 203, 72b; Linda

Sides 276, 225t; Yancey Jett 317, 440, 312b; Don Keeton 477, 406; Hubert Nall 313t, 168; Wanda Capps 142, 430; Lucy Heidorn 99, 206; Earl Ballinger 498, 439; Loretta Whitman 373, 187; Jerry Kitchens 421, 460; Amber Davis 234 (in memory of John Hyde), 216; Chris Ballinger 215, 270.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Parnell Berry leading 306. Leaders: Roma Rice 93, 104 (in memory of John Hyde); Eugene Forbes 299, 112, 212; Ann Jett 269, 327; Larry Ballinger 268, 224; Margaret Keeton 137 (in memory of Lola Robinson), 213b (in memory of Tom Robinson); Danny Creel 530, 106; Richard Mauldin 133, 551, 146; Nancy Phillips 283, 274t; Nicholas Thompson 272, 436; Glenn Keeton, Denny Hall, and Lena Keeton 340, 475; Lisa Geist 528, 532. Danny Creel asked a blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Ken Tate led 147t and 147b. Leaders: Mike Hankins 527; Linda Sides 319; Ann Jett and Yancey Jett 172; Don Keeton 354b; Lucy Heidorn 87; Earl Ballinger 80b; Wanda Capps 143; Hubert Nall 176b; Roma Rice 166; Eugene Forbes 384; Danny Creel 294 (by request); Larry Ballinger 159; Nancy Phillips 40; Jerry Kitchens 33b; Richard Mauldin 396; Loretta Whitman 111t; Chris Ballinger 344; Ann Jett 546; Nicholas Thompson 318; Glenn Keeton 163b; Lisa Geist 182 (in memory of Gravis Ballinger and Tom Robinson); Shirley Tidwell 457; Louise Yeager 569b; Ozella Blackmon 568; Sandra Batchelor 143 (in memory of her mother, L.E. Hannah). Announcements were made. Ken Tate led 145t as the closing song. Danny Creel dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Ken Tate; Vice Chairman—Parnell Berry; Secretary—Margaret Keeton

OLD FELTA SCHOOLHOUSE SINGING

Healdsburg, California

Sunday, April 23, 2017

The Old Felta Schoolhouse Singing was held in Healdsburg, California, on the fourth Sunday in April. The class was called to order by Mary Ann Ciavonne and Jack Ziegler leading 39t. Erika Wilson offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Leon Godfrey 37b; Greg Freed 84; Terry Barber 49t; Leigh Cooper 82t; Dave Barber 313t; Mark Godfrey 99; Rebecca Edwards 432; Erika Wilson 68b; Mary O'Brien 65; Patrick Ziegler 168; Leah Coffin 215; Linda Berkemeier 77b; Kate Coxon 232; MB Gowins 371; Brian Harris 296; Bob Schinske 415; Thom Fahrbach 116; Jennifer Jones 506; Sophia Schinske 548; Ana Tighe 494; Erik Schwab 216; Jennie Brown 411.

RECESS

The class was called back together by Lindy Groening leading 105. Leaders: Clarissa Fetrow 88b; Rodman Campbell 487; John Wiens 551; Kevin Barrans 225t; MB Gowins 470; Linda Berkemeier 145b; Bob Schinske 283; Kate Coxon 474; Jennie Brown 177; Erik Schwab 127; Ana Tighe 192; Sophia Schinske 217; Thom Fahrbach 345b; Brian Harris 327; Jennifer Jones 101t; Joel Chan 348b.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Erika Wilson leading 145t. Leaders: Cecil Godfrey 294; Dave Barber and Pat Coghlan 444; Rebecca Edwards 484; Leah Coffin 430; Rodman Campbell 159; Greg Freed and MB Gowins 532; Kevin Barrans 271b; Clarissa Fetrow 428; John Wiens 550; Terry Barber 501; Bob Schinske and Sophia Schinske 78; Kate Coxon and Ana Tighe 522; Jennie Brown and Thom Fahrbach 536; Jennifer Jones and Linda Berkemeier 143; Mary Ann Ciavonne and Jack Ziegler 58; Brian Harris and Kevin Barrans 271t; Rodman Campbell and Erik Schwab 324; Joel Chan 340; Lindy Groening 69t; Patrick Ziegler 384; Erika Wilson 505; Mary

O'Brien 282; John Wiens and Clarissa Fetrow 269; Mark Godfrey, Leigh Cooper, Cecil Godfrey, and Leon Godfrey 40; Mary Ann Ciavonne and Lindy Groening 196. Mary Ann Ciavonne and Jack Ziegler led 347 as the closing song. Jennie Brown offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.
Co-Chairpersons—Mary Ann Ciavonne and Jack Ziegler; Secretary—Erika Wilson

EAST MIDLANDS SACRED HARP CONVENTION
Village Hall, Kegworth, Leicestershire, United Kingdom
April 29-30, 2017

Saturday, April 29

The class was called to order by Ian West leading 77b. Karen Turner offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were appointed to serve: Chairman—Ian West; Vice Chairman—Helen Brown; Secretaries—Margaret Gillanders and Rosalind Oldham; Arranging Committee—Sarah West, Vicki Elliott, Joe Vickers, Steve Brett, and Helen Brown.

Leaders: Helen Brown 30t (CB); Margaret Gillanders 354t; Ted Brown 397 (CB); Hannah Land 500 (CB); Chris Brown 505 (CB); Rosalind Oldham 559 (CB); Rob Mahoney 159; Vicki Elliott 392 (CB); Werner Ullah 47t; Kate Kirwan 268b (CB); Tarik Wareh 443 (CB); Judy Whiting 507b (CB); Geoff Grainger 49b; Sam Carter 37b; Isobelle Walker 47b; Joe Vickers 147b; Cora Wareh 70t; Derek Buckland 535; Richard Mayers 451 (CB); Karen Turner 39 (CB); Steve Brett 109 (CB); Sadhbh O'Flynn 115 (CB).

RECESS

Sarah West reconvened the class leading 515 (CB). Leaders: Sam Carter 134; Mark Wardlaw 378b (CB); Patti Wareh 547; Julius Pasay 86; Geoff Grainger 89; Faiz Wareh 197; Michael Walker 111b (CB); Kuba Choinski 178; Margaret Gillanders 203; Judy Whiting 222; Derek Buckland 452; Vicki Elliott 411; Kate Kirwan 422; Helen Brown 30b; Werner Ullah 73b; Joe Vickers 204; Karen Turner 384; Sadhbh O'Flynn, Cora Wareh, and Tom Higgins 156 (CB); Tarik Wareh 512; Richard Mayers 77t; Rosalind Oldham 84; Isobelle Walker 474; Ted Brown 378t (CB); Chris Brown 456; Sarah West 112; Rob Mahoney 454; Patti Wareh 477; Mark Wardlaw 292b (CB); Faiz Wareh 518; Julius Pasay 341. Grace for the midday meal was offered by Rob Mahoney.

LUNCH

Kate Kirwan reconvened the class leading 105. Leaders: Steve Brett 521 (CB); Kuba Choinski 59; Ian West 142; Helen Brown 327; Joe Vickers 430; Chris Brown 133 (CB); Michael Walker 520 (CB); Hannah Land 463 (CB); Vicki Elliott 187; Tarik Wareh 536; Sarah West 99; Sam Carter 300; Karen Turner 189; Judy Whiting 441; Ted Brown 442t (CB); Sadhbh O'Flynn 160 (CB); Mark Wardlaw 539 (CB); Patti Wareh 571 (CB); Rob Mahoney 63; Richard Mayers 183; Julius Pasay 274t; Margaret Gillanders 556.

RECESS

Michael Walker reconvened the class leading 145t. Leaders: Vicki Elliott 380b (CB); Kuba Choinski 501; Geoff Grainger 339; Steve Brett 411 (CB); Hannah Land 410 (CB); Rosalind Oldham 511t (CB); Werner Ullah 278t; Sadhbh O'Flynn and Sarah West 271t; Derek Buckland 148; Tarik Wareh 176b (CB); Joe Vickers 293t (CB); Rob Mahoney 209; Julius Pasay 122; Judy Whiting 466; Sam Carter 565; Ted Brown 113 (CB).

Helen Brown and Ian West led 323t as the closing song. Jonathan Stanyon dismissed the class with prayer.

Sunday, April 30

The Sunday session of the East Midlands Convention was called to order by Ian West leading 101t. Hannah Land offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Helen Brown 32t; Margaret Gillanders 36b; Ted Brown 338; Hannah Land 313t; Chris Brown 81t; Werner Ullah 49t; Rachel Jordan 27; Cora Wareh 393 (CB); Derek Buckland 178; Kate Kirwan 73t; Joe Vickers 54t (CB); Rosalind Oldham 480; Michael Walker 35; Karen Turner 277; Nick Hall 569b; Steve Brett 78 (CB); Leilai Immel 47t; Kuba Choinski 34b; Tarik Wareh 516 (CB); Sheila Girling Macadam 87; Patti Wareh 171; Geoff Grainger 313b; Judy Whiting 472; Sarah West 149; Faiz Wareh 48b; Rob Mahoney 276.

RECESS

Vicki Elliott reconvened the class by leading 70b. Leaders: Chris Brown 527 (CB); Faiz Wareh 360; Karen Turner 460; Toby Goss 189; Rosalind Oldham and Daniel Oldham 573 (CB); Matthew Parkinson 572 (CB); Rachel Jordan 569t; Barry Parsons 568; Cora Wareh 386 (CB); Geoff Grainger 156; Margaret Gillanders 542; Derek Buckland 288; Sadhbh O'Flynn 165; Julius Pasay 153; Nick Hall 510 (CB); Sheila Girling Macadam 53.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Joe Vickers and Michael Walker. Joe spoke for the sick and housebound and led 96 (CB) for the following: Jean MacDonald, David Elliott, Maggie Birley, Catherine Harkin, Tom Foy, Tony Phelan, Curtis Owen, Edith Owen, Nate Green, Norma Green, Melanie Hauff, Peter Barker, Karen Rollins, Laurel Tannenbaum, Heather West, Dave Richardson, Cath Ingham, Don Walker, Charlotte Walker, Edwin Macadam, Jackie Saunders, Barbara Meddoms, and Paula Mogensen.

Michael Walker spoke for the deceased and led 475 in memory of the following: Alex Elliott, April Selley, Kirsty Grainger, Chris Holloway, Charlie Derleth, B.M. Smith, Gary Smith, Toney Smith, Lavoy Smith, Earlis McGraw, Jimmie Foreman, Tom Robinson, Johnny Lee, Delorese Lee, Don Grimshaw, Ros Taylor, Gordon Hoyland, Winifred Elliott, Norman Johnson, Ruth Steggle, Stanley Pasay, Janelle Davis, June Eames, Richard Webb, and Bohdan Matusiak. The memorial lesson was closed with prayer offered by Michael Walker.

Leaders: Kate Kirwan 285t; Kuba Choinski 146; Julie Russell 33b; Steve Brett 158. Grace for the midday meal was offered by Rosalind Oldham.

LUNCH

The class was reconvened by Ted Brown leading 111b. Leaders: Steve Brett 482 (CB); Leilai Immel 177 (CB); Hannah Land 198; Sheila Girling Macadam 454; Michael Walker 227; Matthew Parkinson 138t (CB); Sarah West 140 (CB); Vicki Elliott 514 (CB); Barry Parsons 447; Patti Wareh 318; Chris Brown 306; Helen Brown 517; Sadhbh O'Flynn 292; Tarik Wareh 465 (CB); Ian West 217; Joe Vickers 436; Margaret Gillanders 564; Kate Kirwan 309; Rosalind Oldham 503; Nick Hall 587 (CB); Kuba Choinski 40 (CB).

RECESS

The class was reconvened by Steve Brett singing 213t. Leaders: Karen Turner 182; Cora Wareh and Tom Higgins 48t; Derek Buckland 39t; Werner Ullah 278t; Jenneith Codrington 372; Geoff Grainger 143; Faiz Wareh 572; Toby Goss 547; Rachel Jordan 546; Matthew Parkinson 74b (CB); Rob Mahoney and Jean Mahoney 159; Leilai Immel 381b (CB); Julius Pasay 162; Judy Whiting 208; Barry Parsons 493; Sadhbh O'Flynn 85; Kuba Choinski 84; Tarik Wareh and Patti Wareh 369 (CB). Ian West and Helen Brown led 95b (CB) as the closing song. Karen Turner dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Ian West; Vice Chairman—Helen Brown; Secretaries—Margaret Gillanders and Rosalind Oldham

**HARROD'S CREEK AND BOB MEEK
MEMORIAL SHAPE NOTE SINGING CONVENTION
Harrod's Creek Baptist Church, Brownsboro, Kentucky
April 29-30, 2017**

Saturday, April 29

The 22nd annual shape note singing convention held at Harrod's Creek Baptist Church on the last Saturday in April and the Sunday following was called to order by Michele Cull. The following song books were used during the two-day singing: *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*, *The Southern Harmony*, and *The B.F. White Sacred Harp*, Cooper Revision. Michele welcomed everyone to the singing. The opening prayer was offered by Greg Creech.

Leaders: Tim Morton 51; Darrell Swarens 36b.

Michele Cull introduced Mr. Buford Parrish, a deacon at Harrod's Creek Baptist Church. He welcomed all of the singers, and gave a little history of the church.

Leaders: Doug Trent 569b; Bob Cull 148; Bill Hayes 551; Jim Patterson 278t; Rich Overturf 100; Tom Kochan 511t (CB); Jim Herr 310 (SoH); Greg Creech 74 (SoH); Stephen Huffman 575 (CB); David Carlton 256 (SoH); Eddie Mash 183t (SoH); John Huffman 38t (CB).

RECESS

Leaders: Tim Morton 274t; Randy Weber (handout); Josh Walton 254; Karen Arnett 171; Mary Huffman 276; Hans Bayer 133 (CB); Ed Walton 505 (CB); John Hoerr 269; Clara Herr 273 (CB); Curtis Cook 229; Jubal Bayer 154; Virginia Eldridge 181; Beth Garfinkel 504.

RECESS

Leaders: Stephanie Fida 445; John Bealle 110; Tom Morton 209; Sheila Patterson and Darrell Swarens 38 (SoH); Rodman Campbell 422t (CB); Adrian Eldridge 326; Grace Patterson 344; Erin Fulton 20 (SoH); Liz Meitzler 49 (SoH); Joel Deckard 25t (SoH); Katherine Eldridge 377; Laura Morton 340 (CB); Eloise Clark 327; Mary Brinkman 313t.

LUNCH

Leaders: John Huffman 350; Darrell Swarens 84; Jim Patterson 178; Rich Overturf 480; Ben Fink 240; Tom Kochan 571 (CB); Jim Herr 556; Greg Creech 33b; Stephen Huffman and Kay Huffman 163b; David Carlton 424; Ray Rechenberg 564; Michele Cull and Spencer Harmon (new pastor at Vine Street Baptist Church) 448t; Eddie Mash 277 (SoH); Josh Walton 463 (CB); Karen Arnett 485; Mary Huffman 336t (CB); Annaliza Cull and guest 393 (CB).

RECESS

Leaders: Stephen Huffman 56t; Hans Bayer 421; John Hoerr 112; Joan Aldridge 559 (CB); Curtis Cook 535; Joe Crouse and Ben Fink 527 (CB); Beth Garfinkel 183; Stephanie Fida and Brenda Waters 49b (in memory of Bob Meek); Michele Cull 268. Announcements were made. The closing prayer was offered by Gary Huffman.

Sunday, April 30

The Sunday session of the Harrod's Creek and Bob Meek Memorial Shape Note Convention was called to order by James Eldridge leading 39b. The morning prayer was offered by Eddie Mash.

Leaders: Tim Morton 384; Darrell Swarens 198; Laura Morton 49t; Adrian Eldridge 512; Ben Fink 362; Joel Deckard 61; Tom Morton 503; Katherine Eldridge 254 (SoH); Clara Herr 300; Erin Fulton 35; Ray Rechenberg 105; Doug Trent 66; John Bealle 203; Virginia Eldridge 67 (SoH); Sheila Patterson 528.

RECESS

Leaders: Tim Morton 72t; Bob Cull 547; Greg Creech 39b (SoH); Curtis Cook 350;

Jim Patterson 569b; Eloise Clark 164 (SoH); Billy See and Vickie See 30b (CB); Eddie Mash 89t (SoH); Debbie Hall 197; Rodman Campbell 489.

LUNCH

Leaders: Stephanie Fida 514 (CB); Clair Outten 111 (SoH); Grace Patterson 39t; Michael Domino 408 (CB); Jim Herr 84t (SoH); Kelly Toon 481; Annaliza Cull 268; John Bealle 278b; Sheila Patterson 157; Darrell Swarens, Grace Patterson, and Katherine Eldridge 77t; Ray Rechenberg 565; Paul Adams, Joy Adams, and Ben Fink 587 (CB); Erin Fulton 452; Liz Meitzler 195; Clara Herr 27; Greg Creech 127.

LUNCH

Leaders: James Eldridge 217; Curtis Cook 333; Eloise Clark 312t; Levi Bainter and Ben Fink 392 (CB); Nate Zweig 63 (SoH).

The memorial lesson was held at this time. Eddie Mash led 460 in honor of the sick and shut-ins. Jim Herr read the list of names of the deceased, and led 549.

Leaders: Jim Patterson 86; Vickie See and Billy See 288; Rodman Campbell 388; Clair Outten 149; Susan Zurcher 486 (CB); Liz Meitzler 213 (CB).

RECESS

Leaders: Adrian Eldridge 318; Bill Hayes and Ben Fink 236; Michael Domino 390; Jim Herr 222; Grace Patterson 122; Annaliza Cull 448t; Esther Crookshank 68b; Paul Adams, Joy Adams, and Rhonda Adams 442; Debbie Hall 299; Adrian Eldridge, Virginia Eldridge, James Eldridge, Katherine Eldridge, Stephanie Fida, and Darrell Swarens 116 (CB); Nate Zweig 30 (SoH); Kelly Toon 338.

Announcements were made. The class sang 62 as the closing song, and those who wished took the parting hand. The class was dismissed.

Secretary—Brenda Waters

MIDWEST SACRED HARP CONVENTION **Pulaski Park Fieldhouse and Irish American Heritage Center**

Chicago, Illinois

April 29-30, 2017

Saturday, April 29

The 32nd annual meeting of the Midwest Sacred Harp Convention was held in Chicago, Illinois, on the fifth Sunday and Saturday before in April. Mary Rogel and Jerry Gripshover opened the Saturday session held at Pulaski Park Fieldhouse by leading 276. Jim Swanson offered the invocation.

Leaders: Rochelle Lodder 300t (ShH); Jim Swanson 422 (ShH); Noelle Copeland 218t (ShH); Steve Warner 503 (at the request of Don Bowen); Myles Alexander 102; Claudia Egelhoff 364b (ShH); Debbie Barford 242 (ShH); Luke Sivertson 565; Beth Todd 475; Paul Wyatt 173 (ShH).

A business meeting was convened to elect the following officers: Chairpersons—Susan Geil and Randy Neufeld; Vice Chairman—Cathryn Bearov; Secretary—Rochelle Lodder.

RECESS

Anna Pfau called the class to order leading 114. Leaders: Alec Jenkins-White and Aaron Ban 106 (ShH); Steven Schmidgall 260b (ShH); Matthew Lind 474; Erica Detemmerman 429 (ShH); AnnaLeigh Smith 243 (ShH); Matt Wells 456; Orwin Youngquist 81t; Doug Stapleton 163b; Barb VanderJagt 155; Seth Wenger 448b; Anne Missavage 217; Wendy Wahn 448t; Marian Mitchell 327; Benjamin Bedroske 192; Ana Tighe 358; Lisa Cohen 485.

The following names of the committee members were announced: Memorial Committee—Steve Warner and AnnaLeigh Smith; Finance Committee—Jim Helke; Arranging Committee—Carolyn Deacy, Kathy Williams, Anna Pfau, and Mary

Rogel; Chaplain—Melanie Jansen.

RECESS

Cathryn Bearov called the class to order leading 294. Leaders: Leon Pulsinelle 464; Barbara Patterson 235 (ShH); Jeff Begley and Arieta Santinelli 114 (ShH); Cecelia Kramer 380; Amanda Jokerst 285 (ShH); John David Thacker 122; Jim Helke and Pornkamol Huang 69 (ShH); Joel Menk 152 (ShH); Myles Louis Dakan 165 (ShH); Bob Borcharding 210; Betsy Jeronen 78 (ShH); Jan May 125 (ShH); Tullaia Powell 142; Katie White 547; Gerry Hoffman 564. Melanie Jansen offered grace before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Susan Geil called the class to order leading 29t. Leaders: Sam Kleinman 392; Nora Miller 420b (ShH); Reba Windom 546; Sasha Maslanka 107; Erik Schwab 447; Phillip Langley 215; Kelly Macklin 188 (ShH); Jonathon Smith 96t (ShH); Pam Nunn 318; Gillian Inksetter and Julia Inksetter 377; Susan Cheronos 300; Dick Patterson 407 (ShH); Eva Striebeck 361; Kathy Williams 234; John delRe 12b (ShH); Judy Hauff 384 (ShH); Lydia Lewallen 56t.

RECESS

Rochelle Lodder called the class to order leading 36b. Leaders: Daniel Lee 566; Lisa Grayson 264b (ShH); Kathy Kaiser 501; Ted Mercer 428 (ShH); Elise delMas 562; Ginny Landgraf and Dan Gar 200 (ShH); Catherine Brown and Dan Gar 66; Harriet Dart 229; Gillian Inksetter, Jim Helke, Susan Cheronos, and Joel Menk 180; Jacob Kiakahi 147 (ShH); Carolyn Deacy 208; Bruce Vyles 344; Anne Heider 378b (ShH); Eileen Ferguson 140t (ShH); Dave Barford 101 (ShH); Amritpal Singh 362; Carol Ann Munro 556; Mary Rogel 390 (ShH); John Seaton and Adrian Garcia 22b (ShH). Susan Geil and Randy Neufeld led 347 as the closing song. Melanie Jansen dismissed the class with prayer.

Sunday, April 30

The Sunday session of the Midwest Sacred Harp Convention was held at the Irish American Heritage Center. Susan Geil and Randy Neufeld brought the class to order by leading 68b. Melanie Jansen offered the invocation.

Leaders: Ginny Landgraf 76t (ShH); Dick Patterson 385 (ShH); Carol Ann Munro 392; Eleanor Haase 454; Dave Barford 366 (ShH); Tullaia Powell 300; Pam Nunn 236; Alissa Ricci 547; Anne Heider 528; Bill Beverly and Gillian Inksetter 191; Bob Borcharding 344; Katie White 475; Joel Menk 105 (ShH).

RECESS

Jim Swanson called the class to order leading 145t. Leaders: Gillian Inksetter 310 (ShH); Len VanderJagt 350; Bruce Voyles 38b; Jake Kiahahi 363b (ShH); Elise delMas 424t (ShH); Daniel Lee 410t; Alexandre Pomier 388; Debbie Barford 313b; Eva Striebeck 53 (ShH); Claudia Egelhoff 214 (ShH); Beverley Rose Enright 352; Erik Schwab 396; Kerry Cullinan 348 (ShH) (for his daughter, Atticus); Hollie Powell 426b; Sam Kleinman 522; Betsy Jeronen 472 (for Concetta Branson); Ann Miczulski 361.

RECESS

Kathy Williams called the class to order leading 37b. Leaders: Martha Beverly 114 (ShH); Steven Schmidgall 369; Kelly Macklin 292 (ShH); Jacob Lee 299; Megan Dunning 335.

AnnaLeigh Smith spoke on behalf of the sick and shut-ins. She led 72b for the following: Melanie Hauff, Michael Appert, Carol Ruth Kimmel, Wayne Rose, Concetta Branson, Mary L. Capron, Nicholas Hill, Tommie Spurlock, Vera Nell Sasser, Elaine Zidek, Hannah Mae Blair, Mike Ramsey, Atticus Cullinan, and Karen Rollins.

Steve Warner gave the memorial lesson. He read the following list of names of the

deceased, and led 209 in their memory: Johnny Lee, Delorese Lee, B.M. Smith, Earlis McGraw, Geneva Prichard, Edna Vickers, and Loyd Landrum—Georgia; Buster Creagh—Texas; Laura Burns, Don Fahrback, and Dick DeLaVergne—Michigan; Lila Mitchell—New York; Peggy Stapleton—Kentucky; Mel Connet and Laurie Eash—Iowa; Colette Miller and Gerhardt Moldenhauer—Minnesota; John Bayer, Jr, Gerhart Schwab, Sharon Owens, and Patricia Cohen—Ohio; Judith Klein—Maryland; Jean Comfort-Hallowell and Michael Sensor—Pennsylvania; Levon Wootten, Kathleen Doss Traywick, Elsie Moon, Steve Adams, Kermit Adams, Toney Smith, Gary Smith, and Gravis Ballinger—Alabama; Janelle Davis, Steven Craig Miller, Edgar Houston Martin, and Les Sontag—Illinois; Darrell Fasching and Joe Nall—Florida; Ron Huss, Pandora Wright, and Bill Horvitz—California; Pat Colteryahn and Timothy Grannis—Vermont; Nanda Hoppenwasser and Aren Simmering—Colorado; Charles Derleth—Missouri; Ruth Steggles—United Kingdom; Diana Hauff Zwieg—South Dakota. Melanie Jansen read “The Gate” by Marie Howe, and offered prayer to close the memorial lesson.

Leaders: Carolyn Deacy 95; Jonathon Smith 442. Melanie Jansen offered grace before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Mary Rogel brought the class back to order leading 178 (for Carol Ruth Kimmel).

Leaders: Matt Wells 500; Phillip Langley 564; Reba Windom 216; Myles Louis Dakan 284 (ShH); Susan Cheronos 460; Alec Jenkins-White 338 (ShH); Ana Tighe 140b (ShH); Nora Miller 402 (ShH); John delRe 278 (ShH); Noelle Copeland 413 (ShH); Paul Wyatt 417 (ShH); Barb Patterson 416 (ShH); Julie Vea 419; Kathy Kaiser 326b (ShH); Ted Mercer 431 (ShH); Cecelia Kramer 444; Amanda Jokerst 305 (ShH); Lisa Grayson 79 (ShH); Jim Helke, Susan Cheronos, Joel Menk, and Jane Wells 26; Anne Missavage 362; Judy Hauff 392 (ShH).

RECESS

AnnaLeigh Smith called the class to order leading 77 (ShH). Leaders: Leon Pulsinelle and John delRe 351 (ShH); Sasha Maslanka 157; Miriam Delirium 381 (ShH); Gerry Hoffman 315; Beth Todd 373; Lydia Lewallen 426t; Myles Alexander 68t; Johanna Fabke 84; Jan May 266 (ShH); Jeff Begley 422 (ShH); Jo Dell Albi 197 (ShH); Linda Selph 480 (in memory of Janelle Davis); Ann Sleeva 445; Marian Mitchell 532; Kathy Williams and Anna Pfau 434.

John delRe thanked the officers, keyers, and all others who contributed to the success of the convention

The officers led 62 as the closing song, and those who wished took the parting hand. Melanie Jansen dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairpersons—Susan Geil and Randy Neufeld; Vice Chairman—Cathryn Bearov; Secretary—Rochelle Lodder

SOUTHWEST TEXAS SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION SPRING SESSION (COOPER BOOK)

Bethel Primitive Baptist Church, McMahan, Texas

April 29-30, 2017

Saturday, April 29

The annual Southwest Texas Sacred Harp Singing Convention, Spring Session, was called to order by Janie Short, who welcomed everyone and led 59. The opening prayer was offered by Tom Owen.

Leaders: Scott Curran 68b; Bruce Coates and Beverly Coates 36b; Gary Rogan 276; Tammy Powell 553; Tom Owen 49b; Linda Booker 38t; Findley Ross 282; Ellie Curran 274t; Gaylon Powell 536; Hoss Curran 60; Liz Owen 293b; Silas Huckaby

356; Amy Peveto 38b; Ainsley Ross 540; Patrick Weatherington 511t; Tom Owen, Abby Huckaby, Addison Bowles, and Lauren Owen 367 (special request of Syble Adams); Robert Vaughn 521; Wendy Laubach 331b; Jackson Owen 53; Cheryl Foreman 95b (for Chris Brown and Judy Whiting); Riley Owen 142.

RECESS

Janie Short called the congregation together leading 148. A business meeting was held and the following officers were elected: Vice Chairwoman—Kristie Powell; Secretaries/Arranging Committee—Bruce Coates and Beverly Coates. Janie Short turned the singing over to the new chairman, Scott Curran, who led 98.

Leaders: Kyle Hearn 146; Cornelia Stanton 336t; Owen Ross and Larkin Ross 143; Brenda Dunlap 61; David Brodeur 304; Elizabeth Stoddard 576; Scott McCown 99; Carol Selleck 54t; Barbara Hohenstein 294; Jesse Latimer 522; Ruth Wampler 444t; Robert Stoddard 84; Lindsey Kruse 47t; Andy Ditzler 524; Ryan Bowman 216; Laura Densmore 482; David McPherson 449; Rebecca Blumenthal 300; John Berendzen 214; Carol Huang 210; Chris Noren 486; Joel Bassett 559; Alice Beattie 277; Lori Rodgers 171. A prayer of thanksgiving for the meal was offered by Donald Ross.

LUNCH

Kristie Powell led 31t to start the afternoon session. Leaders: Bill Bailey 121; Donn Howard 505; Nancy Price 434; Reed Coates and Abel Coates 39; Diane Ross 132; Jon Giles 174; Josh Rogan, Jacob Rogan, and Canaan Pereira 82; Craig Averill 49t; Gloria Berendzen 73b; David Lee 278b; Addison Bowles 573; Rick Foreman 447t; Zach Rogan 288; Lauren Owen 515 (for Edith Owen); Stanley Smith 140 (for Tommie Spurlock); Ryan Ross 110; Tollie Lee 348t; Chris Nicholson 558; Ben Copenhaver 348b; Donald Ross 591; William Price 319.

RECESS

Scott Curran led 32t to begin the next session. Leaders: Sonny Huckaby 400; Jeff Adcock and Canaan Pereira 543; Sonny Erwin 569 (in memory of Johnny and Delorese Lee); Sarah Huckaby 395b; Mike Hinton 544; Michele Curran 183; Leon Ballinger 280; Vivian Rogan 463; Amanda Bowles 198; Catherine Rogan 268t; Jeb Owen 133; Greg Bowles 81; Kit Alderson 427; Lisa Matt 587; Claire Steinman 47b. Scott Curran led 323t as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Robert Vaughn.

Sunday, April 30

The Sunday session of the Southwest Texas Convention began with Scott Curran leading 567. The opening prayer was offered by Jeff Adcock.

Leaders: Kristie Powell 203; Bruce Coates and Beverly Coates 442t (for Curtis and Edith Owen); Sonny Huckaby 450; Vivian Rogan 343; Leon Ballinger 222; Catherine Rogan 155; Lauren Owen 159; Carter Cook 168; Linda Luter 75; Abby Huckaby and Sarah Huckaby 99; Hoss Curran 60; Gloria Berendzen and Kristie Powell 63; Jackson Owen 31t; Diane Ross 300; William Price 416b; Ainsley Ross 467; Carol Selleck, Cornelia Stanton, and Jeff Adcock 96; Brody Ross 40; Barbara Hohenstein 563; Findley Ross 145t; Ruth Wampler 394; Silas Huckaby 464.

RECESS

Scott Curran led 67 to bring the class together. Leaders: Ron Bernucho 128; Brenda Dunlap 273; Riley Owen 268t; Lindsey Kruse 213; Stephen Hoyt 393; Lynette Howard 133; Tollie Lee 553; Addison Bowles 500; Laura Densmore 311.

The memorial lesson was held at this time. Kristie Powell read the following list of names of the sick and shut-ins: Concetta Branson, Andy Worthington, Gayle Cowart, Karen Rollins, Tommie Spurlock, Michael Kay, Jane Goforth, Kevin Powell, Edith Owen, Curtis Owen, Myrl Jones, Azalea Barnett, and Crystal Meadows. Elder Jeb Owen made remarks about the singers who were unable to attend, and led 283.

Kristie read the following list of names of the deceased: Gravis Ballinger, Toney

Smith, and Lavoy Smith—Alabama; John Bayer and Loraine Bayer—Ohio; Michael Sensor—Pennsylvania; Johnny Lee, Delorese Lee, and B.M. Smith—Georgia; Janelle Davis—Illinois; Sister Frances Carr—Maine; Michael Winchester—Oklahoma; Joe Nall—Florida; Jimmy Foreman—Texas. Elder Sonny Huckaby talked of the deceased, and how it is needful and scriptural to mourn those who have passed away. Kristie led 381t in their memory. The memorial service was closed with prayer offered by Elder Jeb Owen.

Leaders: Ryan Ross 179; Rebecca Blumenthal 215; Donn Howard 507b; Nancy Price 571; Josh Rogan, Jacob Rogan, and Canaan Pereira 358; Carol Huang 414; Solon Gordon 137; Elizabeth Stoddard 57; Ryan Bowman 514; Alice Beattie 313; Andy Ditzler 192; Stanley Smith 210. A prayer of thanksgiving for the meal was offered by Stanley Smith.

LUNCH

Scott Curran and Kristie Powell led 104 to begin the afternoon session. Leaders: Amy Peveto 54t; Joel Bassett 298; Cheryl Foreman 269; David Brodeur 365; Jon Giles 465; Wendy Laubach 422b; Jeff Adcock and Joe Mike Hodge 484; Chris Noren 229; Craig Averill 430; John Berendzen 279; David Lee 76b; Ellie Curran 274t; Ben Copenhaver 457; Charles Whitmer 218; Chris Nicholson 264t; Sonny Erwin 541; Rick Foreman 556; Donald Ross 36t; Lisa Matt 38t; Alex Hawk 240; Gaylon Powell 232, 235; Linda Booker 199; Tammy Powell and Laura Densmore 216; Gary Rogan, Catherine Rogan, Liz Owen, and Michele Curran 212; Tom Owen, Jeb Owen, Amanda Bowles, and Greg Bowles 299.

The officers led 6 (*The Good Old Songs*). The class was dismissed with prayer offered by Gary Rogan.

Chairman—Scott Curran; Vice Chairwoman—Kristie Powell; Secretaries—Bruce Coates and Beverly Coates

MOUNT PISGAH PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Sylvester, Georgia

Sunday, April 30, 2017

The Sacred Harp singing held annually at Mount Pisgah Primitive Baptist Church on the second fifth Sunday was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Trent Peachey leading 59. Bob Meeks offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Trent Peachey 37t; John Plunkett 37b, 33b; Oscar McGuire 34b, 75; Rebecca Over 284, 138t; Tim Meeks 45t, 235; Bob Meeks 73b, 72b; David Grant 145b, 153; Georgia Ann Corbin 100, 127; Bob Corbin 341, 156; John Robinson 452, 569b; Kay Robinson 334, 46; Trent Peachey 318, 384; John Plunkett 411, 209; Oscar McGuire 155, 441 (in memory of Earlis McGraw and Tom Entrekin).

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Trent Peachey leading 317. Leaders: Rebecca Over 159, 107; Tim Meeks 383, 196; David Grant 400, 409; John Robinson 147t, 63; Lamar Robinson 358, 34t; Georgia Ann Corbin 112, 340; Bob Corbin 87, 323b; Myrtice Meeks 129, 491; Bonnie Rewis 335, 49b; Kaylen Rewis 282, 294; Peter Crockett 126; Brittany Mobley 354b, 128; Kay Robinson 490, 480; Rebecca Over 50b; Lamar Robinson 138b, 58; Trent Peachey 236.

Announcements were made. Trent Peachey thanked everyone for their attendance and participation. Trent Peachey led 347 as the closing song. Tim Meeks offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Trent Peachey; Secretary—Tim Meeks

AUGUSTA SACRED HARP SINGING

Augusta Old Line Primitive Baptist Church, Martinez, Georgia Saturday, May 6, 2017

The 8th annual Augusta Sacred Harp Singing was held at Augusta Old Line Primitive Baptist Church, Martinez, Georgia, on Saturday before the first Sunday in May. The class was called to order by Joyce Heath at 10:00 a.m. Richard Noegel and Joyce Heath welcomed everyone. Gene Pinion offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Nina Burris 59; Richard Noegel 178; John Gentry 101t; Joyce Heath 100; Oscar McGuire 171; Liz Blount 143; Mary Brownlee 47b; Frank DeBolt 515; Gene Pinion 154; Emmaleigh Calhoun 117; Agnes Roberts 30t; Helen Bryson 176b; Richard Noegel 358; Chandler Thigpen 162.

RECESS

Joyce Heath brought the class back to order. Leaders: Nina Burris 99, 448b; Emmaleigh Calhoun 95, 282; Gene Pinion 48b, 189; John Gentry 106, 312b; Oscar McGuire 229, 276; John Plunkett 361, 354t; Mike Spencer 166, 278t; Joyce Heath 283, 142; Liz Blount 338; Mary Brownlee 78; Richard Noegel 147t. Elder Dwayne Hooen asked a blessing before lunch.

LUNCH

Richard Noegel called the class back to order at 1:10 p.m. Leaders: Richard Noegel 72b, 73b; John Plunkett 274t, 224; Joyce Heath 46, 47t; Oscar McGuire 155, 371; Liz Blount 209, 163b; Mary Brownlee 501, 448t; Frank DeBolt 186, 503; Gene Pinion 128, 318; Agnes Roberts 294; Chandler Thigpen 496, 439; Helen Bryson 176t, 365; Richard Noegel 268, 84; John Plunkett 569t; John Gentry 401; Emmaleigh Calhoun 277; Mike Spencer 113; Joyce Heath 112.

The class entered into a business session with the following officers elected to serve: Chairman—Richard Noegel; Vice Chairman—Chandler Thigpen; Secretary—Diane Goldman. Announcements were made. Joyce Heath thanked all who attended, and all who helped with this year's singing.

John Plunkett led 62 as the closing song. John Gentry offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Richard Noegel; Co-Chairman—Joyce Heath; Secretary—Diane Goldman

HUNTSVILLE SACRED HARP SINGING

Burritt On the Mountain, Huntsville, Alabama Saturday, May 6, 2017

The annual Huntsville Sacred Harp Singing was held on Saturday before the first Sunday in May in the Old County Church at Burritt on the Mountain, Huntsville, Alabama. The class was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Stuart Ivey leading 59. Gary Huffman offered the opening prayer.

The class was organized by electing or appointing the following officers to serve: Chairman—Stuart Ivey; Vice Chairman—David Ballinger; Secretaries—Amanda Hardiman and Teresa Hope; Arranging Committee—Lomax Ballinger and David Ballinger.

Leaders: David Ballinger 340; Teresa Hope and Amanda Hardiman 68b; Lomax Ballinger 312b; David Ivey 542; Cheyenne Ivey 432; Samuel Sommers 197; Pam Wilkerson and Loyd Ivey 424; Daniel Bearden 470; Buddy Ballinger 343; Elene Stovall 492; Stephen Huffman 131b; Jim Aaron 47b; Lauren Allen 412; Drew McGuire 422; Amy Daniel 270; Daniel Lee 566; Lisa Geist 273; Andy Ditzler 306; Brad Bahler 75; J.L. Hopper 450; Jeannette DePoy 34b; Mark Carroll 30b; David Bahler 63; Shelby Castillo 106; J.C. Rutledge 480; Jeff Adcock, Leah Holland, and

Justin Bowen 34t; Bea Aaron 456.

RECESS

Henry Guthery led 76b to bring the class back together. Leaders: Richard Mauldin 446; Cassie Allen 352; Delone Cobbs 354t; Winfred Kerr 460; Rebecca Over 186; Nate Green and Norma Green 350; Nicholas Thompson 336; Cindy Tanner and Cassie Allen 498; Ron Harper 442; Hayden Arp 181; Billy See and Vickie See 33b; Sarah Trumbore 474; Caleb Dillehay 402; Jonathan Parris and Chris Parris 206 (for their dad), 377; Linda Booth 196; Charles Meitinger 182; Leopoldine Guillaume 228.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Stuart Ivey leading 85. The memorial lesson was conducted by Kelsey Ivey and David Brodeur. Kelsey Ivey spoke for the sick and those who couldn't be here, and read the following list of names: Karen Rollins, Velton Chafin, Johnnie Chafin, Ottis Sides, Clarissa Fetrow, Michael Appert, Lilly Hopper, Anne Mauldin Chalker, Rachel Rodgers, Hugh McGraw, Robby Rivers, Tommie Spurlock, Curtis Owen, and Edith Owen. She led 65 in their honor.

David Brodeur spoke in memory of the deceased, and read the following list of names: Gravis Ballinger, Kermit Adams, Steve Adams, Kenneth Fannin, Elsie Moon, and Suzie Nolen Bennett—Alabama; Earlis McGraw, Geneva Prichard, and B.M. Smith—Georgia; John Bayer—Ohio; Joe Nall—Florida. He led 544. Samuel Sommers closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Richard Ivey 345b; Mary Huffman 37b; Gary Glover 35; Linda Thomas 472; Dennis George and Tom George 532; Charles McCravy and Shane Wootten 145t; Karen Bahler 74b.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Shane Wootten leading 277. Leaders: Russ Pope 128; Henry Johnson 231; Loyd Ivey 283; Hubert Nall 168; Lauren Bock 419; John Huffman 528; Susan Cheronos 564; Bob Simmons 569b; Karen Ivey and Allison Whitener 217; Earl Ballinger 97; Linda Sides 170; Jesse Karlsberg 187; Isaac Green 421; Susan Allred 183; Rob Bahler 536; Rick Fretter 313b; Geraldine Sharpton 318; Bill Hutcherson 457.

RECESS

Rodney Ivey called the class back together leading 129. Leaders: Judy Caudle 540; Sasha Hsuczuk 436; Chris Mann, Garrett Sipe, and Sonya Sipe 77t; Elizabeth Gentry 347; Larry Ballinger 56t; Gail Doss 137; Judy Mincey 500; Rob Dunn and Hubert Nall 313t; Bridgett Hill Kennedy 391; Nathan Rees 371; Alex Forsyth 530; David Ivey 268 (by request).

Following announcements, Stuart Ivey led 45t as the closing song. Samuel Sommers offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Stuart Ivey; Vice Chairman—David Ballinger; Secretaries—Amanda Hardiman and Teresa Hope

NORTHWEST ARKANSAS SHILOH SINGING, SPRING SESSION

St. John's Episcopal Church, Harrison, Arkansas

Saturday, May 6, 2017

The Northwest Arkansas Shiloh Singing, Spring Session, was called to order by Dan Brittain leading 65, and he welcomed all to the singing. Bill Caldwell offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Andrew Albers 294, 58; Katy Black 312b, 350; Dan Brittain 13 (MH), 34 (MH).

RECESS

Syd Caldwell brought the class back into session leading 142 (MH) and 128 (MH).

Leaders: Andrew Albers 177 (MH), 153 (MH); Katy Black 276, 277; Bill Caldwell 135 (MH), 180 (MH); Darryl Criss 138 (MH), 89 (MH); Dan Brittain 141, 146.

RECESS

Dan Brittain brought the class back to order leading 111b. Syd Caldwell began the memorial service by reading the following list of names of those who have passed away: John Bayer and Loraine Bayer—Ohio; Alfred Caldwell and B.M. Smith—Georgia; Les Sontag and Janelle Davis—Illinois; Charlie Derleth—Missouri; Lois Graney, Deen Guths, Steve Ludlow, and Rick Myer—Arkansas. Syd spoke, and led 348b and 318 in their memory.

Bill Caldwell read the following list of names of the sick and shut-ins: Gail Cowart, Melanie Hauff, Myron House, Hugh McGraw, Curtis Owen, Edith Owen, Karen Rollins, Tommy Spurlock, and Margaret Spurlock. We sang 503 to encourage them, and Bill offered prayer to close the memorial lesson. Dan Brittain led 164 (MH) as our table grace.

LUNCH

Syd Caldwell led 99 and 212 to bring the class together. Announcements were made. Leaders: Andrew Albers and Melanie Albers 86; Andrew Albers 227; Katy Black and Margaux Burluson 142, 344; Darryl Criss 117, 63; Syd Caldwell and Bonnie Wood 368t (CB).

RECESS

Dan Brittain brought the class back together leading 64 and 181. Leaders: Bill Caldwell 113 (MH), 62 (MH); Syd Caldwell, Terry Davis, and Lynda Chapman 82t, 472.

Dan Brittain led 521 as the closing song. Bill Caldwell offered the closing prayer. Chairman—Dan Brittain; Vice Chairman—Andrew Albers; Katy Black—Secretary

PORTLAND SACRED HARP SINGING

The Little Church, Portland Oregon

Saturday, May 6, 2017

The 11th annual Portland All-Day Sacred Harp Singing was called to order by Julie Strayer Thoma and Dan Thoma leading 448b. Tom McTighe offered the morning prayer.

A business meeting was held to elect the following officers: Chairman—Dan Thoma; Treasurer—Linda Berkemeier; Secretary—Betsy Jeronen.

Leaders: Betsy Jeronen 225t; Tom McTighe 176b; Steve Tarr 87; Nancy Novotny 277; Jennifer Jones 432; Ruth Linehan 131b; Ana Tighe 63; Jean Murphy 106; Bob Schinske 90; Karen Stingle 475; Martha Sherwood 47b; Scott Kennedy 228; Kate Fortin 73t; John Berendzen 73b; Greg Saue 99; Kate Fine 187; Dorothy Robinson 497; Jeff Begley 77t; Hannah Field and Dorothy Robinson 86.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Bradley Knoke leading 204. Leaders: Kathy Vlach 91; Adam Berey 312b; Pat Coughlin and Brian Harris 210; Will Hall 222; Mark Miller 316; Desiree Fendel 230; Jack Lofton 220; Destiny Woods 94; Marilyn Murata 176t; Stephanie Fida 482; Kevin Barrans 39b; Corinne Ducey 286; John Wiens 314; Laura McMurray 428; Ethan Hardy 66; Lucinda Larsen Saue 178.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Steve Cackley leading 103. Leaders: Kate Coxon 441; Chris Cotter 213t; Anne Huckins 276; Sean Francis Conway 491; Thom Fahrback 278t; Charley Ramm 480; Michael Walker 207; Gillian Inksetter 392; Jonathon Smith 126; Sinead Hanrahan 214; Mike Richards 377; Rachel Hall 416; Sophia Schinske 34t; Kevin Beirne 208; Erik Schwab 560; Brian Harris 101b; Jane Cannon 434; Clair Hogan 114; Dan Thoma 338; Matthew MacLellan 500; David

Wright 336. The noon blessing was offered by Tom McTighe.

LUNCH

The class was called back to order by Cornelia Stanton leading 32t. Leaders: Marie Brandis 212; Peter Schinske 215; Sarah Wang 65; Mike Richards 422; Sinead Hanrahan 196; Jonathon Smith 440; Michael Walker 506; Stephanie Fida 548; Mark Miller 312t; Rachel Hall 292; Jane Cannon and Bradley Knoke 158; Corinne Ducey 60; Brian Harris 182; Gillian Inksetter 572; Chris Cotter 477; Linda Berkemeier 369; John Wiens 318; Sean Francis Conway 426t; David Wright 411; Claire Hogan 148; Kevin Beirne 399b; Kate Coxon 29t; Liz Bryant 84 (in memory of George Snyder).

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Jack Lofton leading 31t. Leaders: Kevin Barrans 329; Jeff Begley 58; Jen Rymut 527; Bob Schinske 373; Marilyn Murata 200; Erik Schwab 474; Scott Kennedy 551; Matthew MacLellan 542; Adam Berey and Rebecca Allen 198; Destiny Woods 313b; Kate Fortin 313t; Yosef Trachenberg 268; Kathy Vlach 294 (for Mary Chaffin); Desiree Fendel 28b; Greg Saue 76b; Anne Huckins 496; Lucinda Larsen Saue 532; Peter Schinske 36b; Karen Stingle 183; Steve Cackley 29b.

The business meeting was reopened. The Treasurer reported the day's expenses were met. The Arranging Committee reported 100 registered attendees, 64 leaders, and 106 songs sung.

Dan Thoma led 146 as the closing song. Tom McTighe offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Dan Thoma; Secretary—Betsy Jeronen

MT. ZION HOMECOMING SINGING

Mt. Zion Primitive Baptist Church, Ashland, Alabama

Sunday, May 7, 2017

The annual Homecoming Sacred Harp Singing was held at Mt. Zion Primitive Baptist Church on the first Sunday in May. Eugene Forbes called the class to order leading 101t. Roy Nelson offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Eugene Forbes 32t; Jacob Acton 282, 34b; Glenda Collins and Bert Collins 81t, 340; Roy Nelson 31b; Lori Hinesley 40, 172; Shirley Berrey 143, 373; Judy Chambless 389 (for Karen Rollins), 527 (for Hugh McGraw); Jenny Acton 146, 358; Robert Chambless 569b (for Myrlene Redmon), 77b; Oscar McGuire 515, 229.

RECESS

Jack Nelson led 369 to bring the class together. Leaders: Wendy Futral Anderson 111t, 36b; Richard Mauldin 133, 63; Rebecca Over 129, 82t.

The memorial lesson was held at this time. Richard Mauldin led 37b for the following sick and shut-ins: Myrlene Redmon, Ottis Sides, Anne Mauldin Chalker, Hugh McGraw, Karen Rollins, Tommie Spurlock, Mary Frances Forbes, and Floy Wilder.

Richard Mauldin led 236 in memory of the following deceased: Steve Adams, Bill Smith, Christine Keeble, Kermit Adams, Elsie Calvert Moon, J. D. Morris, Gravis Ballinger, and Edna Ruth Phillips—Alabama; Earlis McGaw, Gail Jackson, and Geneva Prichard—Georgia; Joe Nall—Florida; and Janelle Davis—Illinois. Jack Nelson offered prayer to close the memorial service.

Leaders: Brandon Acton 145t, 168; Pam Anderson 480, 334.

LUNCH

Jenny Acton led 100 to bring the class together. Leaders: Robert Anderson 98, 299; Taylor Kennedy 27, 45t; Winfred Kerr 314, 225t; Jack Nelson 399b; Rebecca Over 34t; Robert Chambless 72t; Richard Mauldin 43; Eugene Forbes 318; Jenny Acton 229 (CB); Glenda Collins and Bert Collins 335; Brandon Acton 551; Wendy Futral

Anderson 339; Lori Hinesley 496; Roy Nelson 44; Oscar McGuire 163b; Taylor Kennedy 544; Winfred Kerr 516; Jack Nelson 166; Judy Chambless and Ken Milner 347.

Announcements were made. Eugene Forbes led 46 as the closing song. Elder Ken Milner offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Eugene Forbes; Secretary—Jenny Acton

PORTLAND CHRISTIAN HARMONY SINGING

The Little Church, Portland, Oregon

Sunday, May 7, 2017

The 5th annual Portland All-Day *Christian Harmony* singing was called to order by Ana Tighe and Chris Cotter leading 261t. Gillian Inksetter offered the morning prayer.

A business meeting was held to elect the following officers: Chairman—Chris Cotter; Treasurer—Linda Berkemeier; Secretary—Betsy Jeronen.

Leaders: Betsy Jeronen 21; Thom Fahrbach 336t; Marilyn Murata 109; Ana Tighe and LeighAnn Starcevich 168b; Dan Thoma 143; Marla Elliot 88; Jeff Begley 144b; Nancy Novotny 339; Sean Francis Conway 203; Lu Zeng 433; Kevin Barrans 204b; Gillian Inksetter 41b; Erik Schwab 462t; Sinead Hanrahan 432b; Kate Fine 316.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Chris Cotter leading 36t. Leaders: Scott Kennedy 180; Rachel Hall 411; Kate Coxon 362; Cornelia Stanton 322; Michael Walker and Bradley Knoke 458; Jane Cannon 64; Mike Richards 74; Steve Cackley 418b; Desiree Fendel 419t; Stephanie Fida 354; Bob Schinske 192; Jonathon Smith 332; Jen Rymut 10.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Rachel Hall leading 313. Leaders: Kevin Beirne 16; John Wiens 142; Corinne Ducey and Sam Bennet 372; Bradley Knoke 492b; Eric Holt 111b; Kate Fortin and Ben Macspadden 78b; Chris Cotter 205; Karen Willard 175; Adam Berey 384; John Berendzen 81t; Kelly Kennedy 54; Brian Harris 246; David Wright 284; Matthew MacLellan 276; Tom McTighe 320; Claire Hogan 548.

The noon blessing was offered by Gillian Inksetter.

LUNCH

The class was called back to order by Bradley Knoke leading 324. Leaders: Peter Schinske 295; Nell Whitman 51; Sean Francis Conway 453t; Kevin Barrans 204t; Gillian Inksetter 490; Michael Walker 258; David Wright 80; Rachel Hall 511; Jonathon Smith 155; Sinead Hanrahan 131; Erik Schwab 355; Mike Richards 166; Cornelia Stanton 149; Corinne Ducey 281t; Kevin Beirne 91; Thom Fahrbach 13; Jane Cannon 172; Linda Berkemeier 228.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Kevin Barrans leading 189. Leaders: Kate Coxon 544; Adam Berey 424; Stephanie Fida 176; John Wiens 170; Betsy Jeronen 292 (for Concetta Branson); Dan Thoma 171; Lu Zeng 473; Matthew MacLellan 55t; Brian Harris 500t; Kate Fine 55b; Peter Schinske 195; Jeff Begley 54; Kelly Kennedy 318; Bob Schinske 184; Claire Hogan 138; Karen Willard 82b; Kate Fortin 174t; John Berendzen 70b.

The business meeting was reopened. The Treasurer reported the day's expenses were met. The Arranging Committee reported 48 leaders and 88 songs sung.

Chris Cotter led 67 as the closing song. Gillian Inksetter offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Chris Cotter; Secretary—Betsy Jeronen

SHADY GROVE SINGING
Keeton Cemetery, Walker County, Alabama
Sunday, May 7, 2017

The 45th annual Sacred Harp singing was held at Shady Grove Church (Keeton Cemetery) on the first Sunday in May. The class was called to order by Glenn Keeton leading 144. The morning prayer was offered by Robert Dunn. A warm welcome was extended to everyone by Glenn Keeton.

The class was organized by electing or appointing the following officers to serve: Chairman—Glenn Keeton; Secretary and Arranging Officer—Lena Keeton.

Leaders: Glenn Keeton 155; Chris Ballinger 145t, 350; Linda Booth 269, 361; Earl Ballinger 439, 560; Robert Dunn 64, 32t; Faye Donaldson 371, 78; Lisa Geist 546, 171; Henry Guthery 558, 543; Roma Rice 34t (in memory of her mother), 405.

RECESS

Glenn Keeton led 270 to bring the class back together. Leaders: Mike Hankins 72b, 527; Larry Ballinger 119, 551; Parnell Berry 283, 177; Amber Davis 110, 500; Betty Baccus 166, 387; Joshua Keeton 111t, 111b; Margaret Keeton 97, 373 (in memory of Travis Keeton).

RECESS

Glenn Keeton called the class back to order by leading 290 (for Maxine Keeton and in memory of Olen Keeton and A.C. McGough). Leaders: Nicholas Thompson 215, 192; Marlin Beasley 318, 336; James (Butch) White 86, 535; Ronald Gilmore and Hazel Gilmore 235, 421 (in memory of Estelle Gilmore); Jerry Kitchens 334, 335; Elene Stovall 298, 436; Warren Steel 102, 434.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Glenn Keeton leading 108b. Leaders: Nancy Phillips 117, 186; Gwen Cornelius 490; Joey Clingan 63, 308; Warren Steel 236; Linda Booth 441; Robert Dunn 231; Butch White 547; Glenn Keeton, Chris Ballinger, and Lisa Geist “Joshua”, “Ashley”; Nancy Phillips 282 (for Bernice Wakefield); Elene Stovall 218; Nicholas Thompson 200; Henry Guthery 548; Larry Ballinger 151; Earl Ballinger 80b; Mike Hankins 120; Glenn Keeton and Lena Keeton 475; Ozella Blackmon 419; Parnell Berry 280; Amber Davis 454 (for Willodean Barton); Joshua Keeton, Lena Keeton, and Joey Clingan 408; Joey Clingan 388.

Announcements were made. Glenn Keeton thanked everyone for coming and making this a good singing. Glenn Keeton and Joshua Keeton led 267 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Nicholas Thompson, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Glenn Keeton; Secretary—Lena Keeton

BOSTON SINGING
St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, Brookline, Massachusetts
Saturday, May 13, 2017

The 8th annual Boston All-Day Sacred Harp Singing was held at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church in Brookline, Massachusetts, on Saturday before the second Sunday in May. The class was called to order by Laura Borrelli leading 33b. Alvaro Witt Duarte offered the opening prayer.

A business session was held and the following officers were elected or appointed: Chairman—Alvaro Witt Duarte; Vice Chairman—Philippa Stoddard; Secretary—Christina Wallin.

Leaders: Alvaro Witt Duarte 81t; Philippa Stoddard 56t; Christina Wallin 52t; Jennie Brown 276; Emily Hale Sills 99; Porter James 33t; Bill Holt 65; Deidra Montgomery

27; Christopher Kain 496; Bob Parr 215; MB Gowins 283; DJ Hatfield 532; Brian Harris 32t; Laura Hodges 534; Micah John Walter 76b; Robert Stoddard 176t; Vale Cofer-Shabica 284; Mary Skidmore 172; John Travers 178; Liz Patton 373.

RECESS

Mike Richards called the class back to order by leading 47t. Leaders: Zoë Madonna 35; James Baumgartner 428; MB Gowins 63; Sunny Doyle 313b; Ross Parker 30b; Joanne Fuller 460; Leah Velleman 270; Jesse Vear 202; Tom Padwa 480; Keillor Mose 200; Charles Biada 440; Molly Ellis 481; Matthew Leger-Small 367; Danny Wood 67; Tom Malone 197; Joanne DeVoe 327; Richard Schmeidler 474.

RECESS

Emma Rose Brown led 111b to call the class back to order. Leaders: Jeremy Galvagni 131b; Ben Bath 362; Emily Hancock 162; Lynne deBenedette 383; Philippe Doyle Gosselin 341; Ruby Francis and Devereaux Fuller 168.

Deidra Montgomery and Joanne Fuller conducted the memorial lesson. Deidra Montgomery spoke on behalf of the following people on the sick and shut-ins list: Doris Donohue, Rachel Taylor, Robert Dove, Concetta Branson, Mike Ramsey, Arlene Dextraze, Beth Drummond, Kelly O'Rourke, Vicki Bailey-Hayes, Keith Brown, David Vaughan, Hugh McGraw, Curtis Owen, Edith Owen, Karen Rollins, Jane Goforth, Christine Vitale, Ruth Wampler, and Susan Shurow. Deidra led 374 to honor these singers.

Joanne Fuller then spoke in honor of the following deceased: Michael Arden—Arizona; Bernice Gourse—Florida; B.M. Smith, David J. “Johnny” Lee, and Delorese Lee—Georgia; Rick Archer and Amanda Phillips—Massachusetts; Jennifer Stege—New York; John Bayer and Loraine Bayer—Ohio; Robert Germany—Pennsylvania; Joseph Leonard Rowe—Rhode Island; Pat Colterahn and Timothy Grannis—Vermont. Joanne led 406 in their memory. Brian Harris closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Angharad Davis 329; Becky Wright 462; Erik-Dardan Ymeraga 391; George Pomfret 535. Liz Cantrell offered a blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Matthew Leger-Small led 29t to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Mel Novner 564; Amy Finlay 542; Ian Quinn 269; Joanna Lieberman 216; Ivy Hauser 396; Anya Skibbie 430; Tristan Gordon 154; Elizabeth Stoddard 399t; Cheri Haire 277; Molly Merrett 214; Al McCready 472; Emma Rose Brown 432; Sheldon Finlay 189; Liz Cantrell 325; Stine Soderling 436; Sarah Stefanski and Ross Parker 446 (for Jennifer Stege); Mike Richards 278t; Michael Nord 324; Pat Callahan 176b; Patrick Friesen 44; Angharad Davis 212; Jack Sullivan 344; Vale Cofer-Shabica 312b; Jesse Vear 505.

RECESS

Mary Skidmore called the class back to order by leading 39t. Leaders: Thiago de Carvalho Rigo and Philippa Stoddard 209; Emily Hale Sills 135; Nathan Aldrich 340; Laura Hodges 572; Kerry Cullinan and Elizabeth Stoddard 466; Charles Biada and Josh Satok 102; Becky Wright 26; Sunny Doyle 300; Emily Hancock 319; James Baumgartner 142; Robert Stoddard 434; Anya Skibbie 56b; Keillor Mose 380; Philippe Doyle Gosselin 299; Ivy Hauser 330b; Erik-Dardan Ymeraga 379; Christina Wallin 182; Philippa Stoddard 313t.

A business meeting was held to hear reports. The Finance Committee announced that expenses had been met. The Secretary reported that seventy-one leaders had led ninety-six songs. The Resolutions Committee thanked those who had organized and helped with the singing, and resolved to meet again on Saturday before the second Sunday in May, 2018. The business meeting concluded.

Alvaro Witt Duarte, Philippa Stoddard, and Christina Wallin led 62 as the closing song. Alvaro Witt Duarte offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Alvaro Witt Duarte; Vice Chairman—Philippa Stoddard; Secretary—Christina Wallin

BRISTOL SINGING

Frenchay Quaker Meeting House, Bristol, United Kingdom

Saturday, May 13, 2017

The 4th Bristol All-Day Singing was called to order at Frenchay Quaker Meeting House by Kate Kirwan leading 72b. Matthew Parkinson offered the opening prayer. Leaders: Samantha Cole 31b; Leilai Immel 30t; Rachel Wemyss 68b; Barry Parsons 492; Steve Fletcher 106; Alec Williams 204; Crispin Walker 171; Teresa Maguire 278b; Steve Brett 88b; Charlie Williams 270; Rachel Jordan 150; Derek Buckland 28b; Toby Goss 210; Hauke Grünefeld 344; Vicki Elliot 377; Seth Dickens 102; Amelia Osborn 288; Joe Vickers 207; Tom Oldham 345b; Cath Saunt 299; Werner Ullah 37b; Hannah Land 298; Pete Eiseman-Renyard 282; Bridget McVennon 340.

RECESS

Matthew Parkinson called the class back to order leading 63. Leaders: Sarah West 124; Judy Whiting 105; Thom Nunns 114; Cora Wareh 523; Ted Brown 406; Eli Podzold 285t; Emma Hooper 335; Christian Liberati 49b; Francis Gaskin 567; Jen Codrington 440; Tarik Wareh 174; Jeremy Donaldson 86; Camilla Widholm 172; Caro Stamm-Reusch 397; Ian West 447.

The sick and housebound lesson was led by Crispin Walker, who spoke about the strength of our singing community and the support it offers. Crispin then led 154 in honor of the following people: Kerry Botes Neilson, Concetta Branson, Hannah Mae Blair, Jackie Saunders, Geoffery Rendle, Alex Assis, Mary Jo Clogg, Nigel Cumber, Raisa Nasis, Curtis Owen, Edith Owen, Nate Green, Norma Green, Melanie Hauff, Barbara Meddoms, Edwin Macadam, Sheila Macadam, Mary Parkes, Dave Elliott, Jean MacDonald, and Karen Rollins.

Teresa Maguire conducted the memorial lesson in which she spoke about the antiquity of grief and music, and the generational lineage of the singing community. Teresa led 505 in memory of the following: Klaus Eichelmann—Germany; David Ritchie—Northern Ireland; Phoebe Davidson—London; Ruth Steggles—Nottingham; Don Grimshaw—Southampton; Ros Taylor—St John's Chapel; Alex Elliott and Gordon Hoyland—Sheffield; Winifred Elliot—Bolton; Norman Johnson—Beaydon; Erika McVennon—Cumbria; Ruth Anglezake—Lewes; Gary Smith, Toney Smith, and Lavoy Smith—Alabama, USA; Jimmie Foreman—Texas, USA; B.M. Smith, Earlis McGraw, Johnny Lee, and Dolores Lee—Georgia, USA; Don Fahrback—Michigan, USA; April Selley—New York, USA. A post-memorial prayer was offered by Leilai Immel.

Leaders: Ella Cumber 448b; Nick Hall 515; Helen Brown 396; Faiz Wareh 133; Richard Mayers 300; Sinead Hanrahan 230. The blessing before the mid-day meal was offered by Geoff King.

LUNCH

Vicki Elliot called the class back to order leading 314. Leaders: Barry Parsons 542; Chris Brown 392; Lisa O'Grady 522; Oskar Kvasnes 297; Kate Coxon 312t; Amanda Parkes 316; Marielle Minutella 216; Nadia Abdelaziz 481; Steve Fletcher 504; Seth Dickens 312b; Cath Saunt 272; Rachel Wemyss 326; Joe Vickers 353; Caro Stamm-Reusch 276; Faiz Wareh 547; Emma Hooper, Charlie Williams, and Aubrey Hooper 112; Rachel Jordan 466; Francis Gaskin 408.

RECESS

Ian West called the class back to order leading 32t. Leaders: Jen Codrington 444;

Sinead Hanrahan 373; Eli Petzold 99; Camilla Widholm 528; Tarik Wareh 100; Kate Coxon 472; Amanda Parkes 232; Oskar Kvasnes 309; Lisa O'Grady 187; Hannah Land 203; Nadia Abdelaziz 209; Marielle Minutella 178; Helen Brown and Ted Brown 225t; Cora Wareh 122; Richard Mayers 71; Judy Whiting 208; Matthew Parkinson 97.

Kate Kirwan made closing announcements, thanking all those involved in the organization and running of the day, and thanking those who had traveled to sing. Leilai Immel reported that eighty-seven songs had been sung by sixty-six registered singers, with fifty-five leaders representing six countries (The UK, Ireland, Germany, Norway, Canada, and the USA). Rachel Wemyss gave the Treasurer's report, stating that all expenses had been met.

Kate Coxon offered the closing prayer. Kate Kirwan led 176t as the closing song, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Kate Kirwan; Vice Chairman—Samantha Cole; Secretary—Leilai Immel

FURMAN UNIVERSITY SINGING

**Daniel Recital Hall, Furman University, Greenville, South Carolina
Saturday, May 13, 2017**

The 20th annual Furman University Singing was held on Saturday before the second Sunday in May.

The first morning session included selections from *The Christian Harmony*, 2010 Edition. Frances Carnell called the class to order leading 519 (CH). John Plunkett offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Frances Carnell 518 (CH); Dave Farmer 165 (CH); Mary Baumeister 496b (CH); Rob Dillon 487 (CH); Robert Kelley 144b (CH); Chris Wilhelm 174t (CH); Judy Mincey 397b (CH); John Plunkett 284 (CH) (in honor of Mother's Day); Mike Spencer 225t (CH); Eli Snyder 29 (CH); Frances Carnell 507b (CH); Dave Farmer 475 (CH); Mary Baumeister 305 (CH).

In a business meeting the following officers were retained for 2018: Chairman—Frances Carnell; Vice Chairman—Dave Farmer; Secretary—Mary Baumeister.

RECESS

The second morning session included selections from *The Sacred Harp*, 1991 Edition.

Leaders: Frances Carnell 87; Rob Dillon 29b; Robert Kelley 141; Chris Wilhelm 328; Judy Mincey 50b (for Hugh McGraw); John Plunkett 201; Mike Spencer 289; Eli Snyder 101b; Stephen Jones 123b; David Libbey 224; Leon Carnell 122; Frances Carnell 200; Dave Farmer 324; Mary Baumeister 545; Rob Dillon 457; Robert Kelley 213t; Chris Wilhelm and Stephen Jones 548; Judy Mincey 186; John Plunkett 409. Before the noon meal, grace was offered by Leon Carnell.

LUNCH

The first afternoon session included selections from *The Christian Harmony*, 2010 Edition. Leaders: Dave Farmer 87 (CH); Mike Spencer 12 (CH); Eli Snyder 155 (CH); Leon Carnell 359 (CH); Frances Carnell 185 (CH); Dave Farmer 105b (CH); Mary Baumeister 399b (CH); Rob Dillon 323 (CH); Robert Kelley 312 (CH); Chris Wilhelm 133 (CH); Judy Mincey 50 (CH); John Plunkett 129 (CH); Mike Spencer 310t (CH); Eli Snyder 231 (CH); Frances Carnell 51 (CH); Dave Farmer 546t (CH); Mary Baumeister 208b (CH); Rob Dillon 382 (CH).

RECESS

The second afternoon session included selections from *The Sacred Harp*, 1991 Edition. Leaders: Frances Carnell 370; Robert Kelley 230; Chris Wilhelm 564; Judy Mincey 473; John Plunkett 540; Mike Spencer 308; Eli Snyder 440; Stephen Jones 52b; David Libbey 547; Leon Carnell 268; Frances Carnell 318; Dave Farmer 455; Mary Baumeister 560.

Frances Carnell led 312b as the closing song. John Plunkett offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Frances Carnell; Vice Chairman—Dave Farmer; Secretary—Mary Baumeister

MEMPHIS SINGING

Grace Chapel Primitive Baptist Church, Memphis, Tennessee

Saturday, May 13, 2017

The 6th annual Memphis Sacred Harp Singing was called to order by Matt Bell leading 33b. Jeff Corbett offered the opening prayer. Leaders: Matt Bell 34b; Harris Beauchamp 276, 58; Andrew Beauchamp 70b, 122; Elsie Dalton 84, 178; Jeff Corbett 133, 565; Michael Jones 569b, 300.

RECESS

Matt Bell brought the class together by leading 274t. Leaders: Bobby Neyman 347, 163b; Seth Guess 67, 107; Matt Case 171, 40; Tim Morton 168, 269; Shane O'Neal 47t, 47b; Dalton Green 123b, 143; Nathan Guess 376, 103. Elder Andrew Beauchamp asked the blessing on the noon meal.

LUNCH

Matt Bell opened the afternoon session by leading 142. Leaders: Mary Elizabeth O'Neal 37b, 354b; Kathryn Hamilton 77t, 157; Kevan Barley 105, 335; Roy Beauchamp 201, 70b (for Logan Green); Gordon Bigelow 191, 38b; Bobby Neyman and Elizabeth Firestone 178; Matt Bell 329 (CH); Dalton Green 504, 186; Shane O'Neal 235; Melissa Beauchamp 380, 385t; Harris Beauchamp "California"; Matt Bell 179 (for Warren Steel); Tim Morton 472; Stephen Dalton 375; Jeff Corbett 192; Shane O'Neal 452; Michael Jones 503 (for Lana Watson).

Following announcements, the class sang 62 as the closing song. Matt Bell thanked everyone present for attending. Elder Shane O'Neal offered the closing prayer. Chairman and Secretary—Matt Bell

MID-MICHIGAN SINGING

Faith Lutheran Church, Okemos, Michigan

Saturday, May 13, 2017

The annual session of the Mid-Michigan All-Day Singing was held at Faith Lutheran Church, Okemos, Michigan, on Saturday before the second Sunday in May. The class was called to order at 9:34 a.m. by Molly McBride leading 171. Wendy Wahn offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Anne Missavage 68b; Marian Mitchell 66; Bob Borcharding 155; Cecelia Kramer 106; Ted Mercer 421; Will Fitzgerald 532; Bess Fitzgerald 228; Martha Beverly 318; John Seaton 47t; Len Vanderjagt 496; Peter Trumbore 84; Wendy Wahn 472; Anne Sleeva 503; Showey Howey 154; Bill Beverly 304.

RECESS

The class was called back together by Marian Mitchell leading 146. Leaders: Barb Vanderjagt 49b; Jan May 538; Jamie Yeats 169; Linda Heemskerk 324; Mark Clague 455; Nate Zweig 456; Ann Miczulski 312b; Ted Mercer 250; Peter Trumbore 350; Martha Beverly 217; John Seaton 124; Anne Sleeva 107; Len Vanderjagt 38b; Jan May 99; Will Fitzgerald 57.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Jamie Yeats leading 47b. Leaders: Wendy Wahn 181; Marian Mitchell 454; Anne Missavage 436; Barb Vanderjagt 112; Showey Howey 457; Bob Borcharding 335; Mark Clague 183; Linda Heemskerk 372; Cecelia Kramer 180; Bess Fitzgerald 186; Ann Miczulski 270; Bill Beverly 348t; Nate Zweig

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LUNCH

The class was called back together by Molly McBride leading 31t. Leaders: Jamie Yeats 39t; Peter Trumbore 277; Anne Sleeva 276; Jan May 287; Len Vanderjagt 448t; Martha Beverly 522; John Seaton 142; Ted Mercer 327; Wendy Wahn 163b; Ann Miczulski 474; Molly McBride 430; Mark Clague 464; Showey Howey 58; Bill Beverly 59; Bess Fitzgerald 32t; Linda Heemskerk 122; Anne Missavage 91; Marian Mitchell 362; Cecelia Kramer 64; Bob Borcharding 113.

RECESS

The class was called back together by Will Fitzgerald leading 52b. Leaders: Nate Zweig 76t; Marcy Toons 515; Showey Howey 63; Steve Martin 129; Barb Vanderjagt 384; Ted Mercer 344; Mark Clague 114; John Seaton 73t; Len Vanderjagt 29t; Anne Sleeva 75; Martha Beverly 271t; Will Fitzgerald 317; Ann Miczulski 569b; Bess Fitzgerald 230; Nate Zweig 371; Peter Trumbore 30t; Jan May 540.

Announcements were made. The Resolutions Committee expressed thanks to the cooks and attendees. Molly McBride led 347 as the closing song, and those who wished took the parting hand. Wendy Wahn offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Molly McBride; Secretary—Bob Borcharding

GARDEN STATE SINGING CONVENTION

Montclair Friends Meetinghouse, Montclair, New Jersey

May 19-20, 2017

Friday, May 19

The 25th annual Garden State Singing Convention was called to order by Gina Balestracci leading 38t (CB). She welcomed the class, followed by the opening prayer.

The following officers were appointed or elected to serve: Co-Chairmen—Gina Balestracci and Susan Bingham; Arranging Officer—Laura Densmore.

Leaders: Nancy Tkacs 276 (CB); Nancy Britten 74t (CB); Harry Scott 42; Lamar Matthew 504t (CB); Eric Xu 504b (CB); Susan Bingham 311; Barbara Swetman 392 (CB); Rachel Speer 314 (CB); Roland Hutchinson 414 (ShH); Laura Densmore 552 (CB); Nancy Mandel 574 (CB); Dean Jens 326 (ShH).

RECESS

Gina Balestracci brought the class to order leading 222 (ShH). Leaders: Nancy Tkacs 197 (CB); Nancy Britten 249 (ShH); Harry Scott 532; Lamar Matthew 485 (CB); Dean Jens 420 (ShH); Rachel Speer 429b (ShH); Susan Bingham 472; Eric Xu 22b (ShH); Roland Hutchinson 206 (ShH); Laura Densmore 380t (CB); Barbara Swetman 326b (ShH); Nancy Mandel 270 (ShH); Nancy Tkacs 156 (ShH); Nancy Britten 15 (ShH); Nancy 3b (ShH). After announcements, Gina Balestracci led 574 (CB), and offered the evening prayer.

Saturday, May 20

The Saturday session of the Garden State Singing Convention was brought to order by Gina Balestracci leading 77b, and offering the opening prayer. Leaders: Susan Bingham 34b; Laura Densmore 313t; Leon Pulsinelle 33b; Barbara Swetman 32t; Harry Scott 70b; Nancy Tkacs 31t; Roland Hutchinson 66; Terry Ryan 71; Dean Jens 42; Lamar Matthew 229; Rachel Speer 106; Douglas Fower 227; Sara Lott 270; Gina Balestracci 430; Susan Bingham 542; Laura Densmore 142; Barbara Swetman 312b; Harry Scott 145b; Nancy Tkacs 47t.

RECESS

Gina Balestracci brought the class together leading 49b. Leaders: Roland

Hutchinson 155; Stephani Priskos 114; Terry Ryan 496; Elsa Phemayotin 32b; Rachel Speer 68b; Lamar Matthew 154; Douglas Fower 504; Sara Lott 410b; Susan Bingham 168; Laura Densmore 228; Leon Pulsinelle 377; Barbara Swetman 383; Harry Scott 171.

Gina Balestracci conducted the memorial lesson, reading the names of the following sick and shut-ins, and then leading 472: Karen Rollins, Tommy Spurlock, Wayne Jens, Dawn Mogren, Sandy Stoltz, Peter Heckert, Chelsea Balestracci, Kat Davis, Michael Kaye, Melanie Hauff, Ron Bornick, and Margaret Bornick.

The names of the following deceased were read: Edward Swetman and Collette Miller—Minnesota; Connie Flood and Michael Sensor—Pennsylvania; Johnny Lee and Delorese Lee—Georgia; Gary Smith—Alabama. Gina led 38b, and closed the memorial service with prayer.

Leaders: Lamar Matthew 388; Thomas Ward 230; Nancy Tkacs 189; Roland Hutchinson 188. Gina Balestracci offered grace using the poetry from the song on page 180.

LUNCH

Laura Densmore called the class to order leading 157. Leaders: Stefani Priskos 86; Terry Ryan 200; Elsa Phemayotin 455; Jack Cuffari 108b; Jeff Gauthier 236; Douglas Fower 299; Dean Jens 300, 275t; Miriam Delirium 271t; Gina Balestracci 387; Thomas Ward 89; Barbara Swetman 348b; Harry Scott 553; Nancy Tkacs 113; Miriam Delirium 448t; Leon Pulsinelle 475; Susan Bingham 479; Terry Ryan 532; Laura Densmore 83t.

RECESS

Lamar Matthew brought the class together leading 156. Leaders: Jeff Gauthier 217; Rachel Speer 99; Douglas Fower 344; Stefani Priskos 148; Elsa Phemayotin 480; Lynn Rubier-Capron 45t.

Announcements and Resolutions were followed by the officers leading 62. Gina Balestracci offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Co-Chairmen—Gina Balestracci and Susan Bingham

GOODSHAW SACRED HARP SINGING DAY

Goodshaw Baptist Church

Crawshawbooth, Lancashire, United Kingdom

Saturday, May 20, 2017

The 8th Goodshaw Sacred Harp Singing Day was held at Goodshaw Baptist Church, in the United Kingdom, on Saturday before the third Sunday in May. Chris Brown began the day by leading 47t. Jean Sidebottom welcomed singers back to the church, and offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Chris Brown 46; Vicki Elliott 32b; Hannah Land 316; Karen Turner 30t; Ted Brown 32t; Steve Brett 317; Eva Striebeck 312b; Richard Mayers 67; Kate Coxon 135; Eimear O'Donovan 134; Margaret Gillanders 460; Pattie Wareh 99; Jan Geerts 540; Faiz Wareh 517; Margaret Bradshaw 101t; Benny Ross 501; Werner Ullah 49t; Cath Tyler 61; Myfanwy Reynolds 133; Cora Wareh 124; Lin James 76b; Derek Buckland 86; Tarik Wareh 485.

RECESS

Eimear O'Donovan called the class back together by leading 100. Leaders: Benny Ross 203; Judy Whiting 441; Liz Lawson 503; Richard Mayers 300; Pattie Wareh 183; Hannah Land 486; Karen Turner 89; Steve Brett 375; Eva Striebeck 411; Cora Wareh 335; Jan Geerts 351; Myfanwy Reynolds 117; Cath Tyler 270; Chris Brown 318; Margaret Gillanders 549; Faiz Wareh 458. John Copperwheat gave thanks for the noon day meal.

LUNCH

Vicki Elliott called the class back to order and led 82t. Leaders: Tarik Wareh 377; Lin James 29t; Margaret Bradshaw 421; Derek Buckland 28t; Kate Coxon 272; Werner Ullah 37b; Judy Whiting 150; Mike Upton and Benny Ross 455; Liz Lawson 66; Pattie Wareh 228; Ted Brown 208; Cath Tyler 153.

Karen Turner conducted the memorial lesson, and spoke for the following deceased: Chris Holloway—Germany; Don Grimshaw—Southampton; Ros Taylor—St John's Chapel; Gordon Hoyland, Alex Elliott, and Thomas Briddock—Sheffield; Winifred Elliott—Bolton; Norman Johnson—Blaydon; Ruth Steggle—Nottingham; Kiyah Stephens—Leeds; Jean McDonald—Derby; Donald Gillis—Florida, USA; Charlie Derleth—Missouri, USA; B. M. Smith, Earlis McGraw, Johnny Lee, and Dolores Lee—Georgia, USA; Gary Smith, Toney Smith, and Lavoy Smith—Alabama, USA; Jimmy Foreman and Tom Robinson—Texas, USA; April Selley—New York, USA; Janelle Davis—Illinois, USA.

She also spoke for the following sick and housebound: Curtis Owen, Edith Owen, Nate Green, Norma Green, Melanie Hauff, Dave Elliott, Betty James, David Elliott, Sister Pippa, Joyce Farrell, Concetta Branson, Hannah Mae Blair, Maggie Birley, Catherine Harkin, Toby Boyes, and Hugh McGraw. For them all, she led 155.

Hannah Land said a prayer, and led 365. Jan Geerts led 171.

RECESS

Benny Ross called the class to order leading 350. Leaders: Mark Wardlaw 467; Cora Wareh and John Copperwheat 346; Eimear O'Donovan 176t; Kate Coxon 187; Werner Ullah and Derek Buckland 45t; Steve Brett 542; Margaret Gillanders and Ted Brown 77t; Eva Striebeck 521; Margaret Bradshaw, Karen Turner, and Jan Geerts 168; Vicki Elliot 268; Benny Ross, Lin James, Cath Tyler, and Mark Wardlaw 195; the extended Wareh family 269.

Chris Brown and Judy Whiting led 347 as the closing song. Richard Mayers offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

The majority of the singers then went to the newly repaired Old Chapel (1760), the oldest Baptist Chapel in use in the UK. Leaders: Richard Mayers 111b; Eva Striebeck 378b; Judy Whiting 344; Mark Wardlaw 287; Myfanwy Reynolds 313b; Derek Buckland 31t; Chris Brown 28b; Tarik Wareh 323t; Vicki Elliott 565; Hannah Land 234; Karen Turner 410t; Werner Ullah 278b; Eimear O'Donovan 390; Margaret Bradshaw 267. Chris Brown and Judy Whiting led 330b, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Chris Brown; Secretaries—Trish Bater and Liz Lawson

KENNETH FANNIN MEMORIAL AND PROVIDENCE SINGING Mt. Olive Primitive Baptist Church at Providence, Cullman, Alabama Saturday, May 20, 2017

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Providence was held on Saturday before the third Sunday in May. The class was called to order by James (Butch) White leading 171. Delone Cobbs offered the opening prayer.

A business session was held and the following officers were retained: Chairman—Butch White; Vice Chairman—Christopher Mann; Secretary—Judy Caudle; Arranging Officer—Nicholas Thompson. Greg Allred addressed the class and presented a motion that the name of the singing be changed to the Kenneth Fannin Memorial and Providence Singing at Mt. Olive Primitive Baptist Church at Providence. The class unanimously agreed, and the motion was passed. The business session was closed.

Leaders: Butch White 535; Christopher Mann 31t, 146; Judy Caudle 317, 318; Nicholas Thompson 405 (in memory of Kenneth Fannin), 436; Delone Cobbs 73t

(in memory of Bud Oliver), 354t; Susan Allred 378b, 430; David Ivey 289, 205; Richard Mauldin 133, 168; Sonya Sipe 77t, 36b; Glenn Keeton 64, 349; Danny Creel 170, 111b; Nancy Thompson 345t, 345b; Bea Aaron 426b, 568.

RECESS

Butch White led 547 to bring the class back together. Leaders: Geraldine Sharpton 299, 66; Linda Booth 222, 319; Justin Bowen 97, 439; Rachel Pirkey 411, 567; Daniel Bearden 449, 483; Vickie See and Billy See 481, 30b; Henry Guthery 104, 407; Carol Fannin 503, 225t; Garrett Sipe 354b, 47b; Marlin Beasley 137, 460. The blessing before the noon meal was offered by Greg Allred.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Christopher Mann leading 101t. Leaders: Jim Aaron 163b, 231; Beth Anne Clay 542, 224; Lainey Martin 40, 445; Ryan Hale 47t, 192; Mary Holcombe 565, 535; Hazel Heinze 523, 515; Cindy Mann 159, 274t; Juanita Beasley 61; Laura Hale 340, 78; Christie Holcombe 329, 67; Aubrey Fannin and Chloe Fannin 178, 48t; Richard Mauldin 358 (in memory of Dick Mauldin); Justin Bowen 187; Carol Fannin, Susan Allred, Mary Holcombe, Laura Hale, and Aubrey Fannin 390 (in memory of Kenneth Fannin); Delone Cobbs, Cindy Mann, Sonya Sipe, Lainey Martin, Beth Anne Clay, Garrett Sipe, and Christopher Mann 39t; Butch White 504.

Announcements were made. Butch White led 62 as the closing song. Danny Creel offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Butch White; Vice Chairman—Christopher Mann; Secretary—Judy Caudle

KENTUCKY STATE SACRED HARP SINGING **Pisgah Presbyterian Church, Versailles, Kentucky** **Saturday, May 20, 2017**

The 36th annual Kentucky State Sacred Harp Singing, hosted by the Appalachian Association of Sacred Harp Singers (AASHS), was called to order at 9:03 a.m. by Ron Pen. Ron made a few announcements about the singing, schedule, and facilities. *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition* and the *Southern Harmony* were the books used throughout the day. Jim Thobaben offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Ron Pen 73b; Shawn Fenton 39t; Joy Dunn 40; Charles Coulston 299; Tom Morton 209; Tim Morton 89t (SoH); Amritpal Singh 216; Don Waggener 58; Ginny Langdorf 276b (SoH); Randy Webber 128; Stephen Huffman 31t; Judy Taylor 502; Ed Walton and Randy Webber 524; Mary Huffman 186; Ray Rechenberg 145t; John Huffman 49b; Erin Fulton 528.

RECESS

Ron Pen called the class back together. Leaders: Josh Walton 105; Rafi Finkel 535; Mary Brinkman 504; Randy Webber “Cincinnati”; Ron Pen 455; Donna Kwon 47b; Bob French 496; Pearl Marshall 454; Erik Schwab 548; Alana Boltz 440; Michele Cull 441; Annaliza Cull 155; Shawn Fenton 38 (SoH); Joy Dunn 183.

RECESS

Randy Webber conducted the memorial lesson. He read the following list of names of the sick and shut-ins: Melanie Hauff, Michael Appert; Darrell Swarens, Hugh McGraw, and Evi Melberg.

Ron Pen memorialized Keith MacAdam, who loved music and singing, and had been a member of the AASHS since its inception. Keith, a Kentuckian, died very suddenly in the fall of 2016, which was a major shock to everyone who knew him, and has left a considerable void in our shape note group. He had taught in the Physics and Astronomy Department at UK before retiring, created the MacAdam Observatory in 2008, and established two major endowments for the Niles Center for American

Music, where our group holds their regular monthly singings. Ron led 85 in memory of Keith. Jack Meiners, Sr. died in May of 2017 and was from Illinois. He was the father/father-in-law of Jim and Marcelyn Thobaben, and loved singing shape note music and sea shanties. Randy Webber led 53 in memory of Jack. John Bayer, from Ohio, died in 2016. Randy commented that he had learned a lot about pitching from John, and that John had composed numerous shape note songs. Ray Rechenberg shared that John was a melon farmer. Randy led 29t. Erin Fulton remembered her “Auntie” Heather Wiegert, a Kansan who died in 2017. Auntie Heather was one of the first people Erin sang shape notes with. Erin led 39 (SoH). Janelle Davis, from Illinois, was remembered by Ginny Landgraf. Ginny first met Janelle at the 2013 Illinois State Sacred Harp Convention. The last all-day singing Janelle attended was the Mid-Michigan singing in 2016. She died from cancer in July, 2016. Ginny led 480. Erik Schwab memorialized his father, Gerhart Schwab of Ohio, who died in 2017. He had immigrated to Ohio from Germany and had a great love for music. Erik led 523. Charles Coulston led 497 for his father, Gael Coulston, an Indianan who died in 2016. Norma Yost memorialized Dr. Wayne H. Bell who had died in 2017. When he was the minister of Vine Street Christian Church in Nashville, he performed the marriage ceremony of Norma Yost and Ron Pen. When he moved back to Lexington, he became President of the Lexington Theological Seminary. Norma and Ron led 92b (SoH) for Dr. Bell. Anna Stone’s father, James Bedsole, died in 2017. Music, praise, and worship were a large part of his life. Anna led 276 for him. Randy Webber concluded the memorial lesson by recognizing the contributions of those who have gone before us, and then offered the lunch blessing.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Rafi Finkel leading 269. Leaders: Pearl Marshall 282; Bob French 38b; Joseph Wrightson and Ron Pen 45t; Tom Morton 146; Erin Fulton 49 (SoH); Ron Pen 236; Josh Walton 556; Tim Morton 254 (SoH); Ed Walton 143; Amritpal Singh 112; Mary Huffman 362; Mary Brinkman 147t; Don Waggener 256 (SoH); Randy Webber 265 (SoH); Shawn Fenton 474; Ray Rechenberg 564; John Huffman and Kay Huffman 503.

RECESS

Announcements were made, after which Rafi Finkel led 159b (SoH). Leaders: Joy Dunn 66; Laura Earles 448t; Ginny Landgraf 507 (in memory of Janelle Davis and for Darrell Swarens); Erik Schwab 68b; Alana Boltz 278t; Charles Coulston 569b; Michele Cull 171 (for her ancestors who had helped start Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church in Keene, Ky., which is still going strong); Randy Webber 16 (SoH) (for Jim Thobaben); Doug Trent and Brenda Waters 515; Annaliza Cull 313b; John Huffman, Mary Huffman, Stephen Huffman, Gary Huffman, and Marilyn Huffman 198; Judy Taylor 479; Rob Coulston 117.

Rafi Finkel led 267 as the closing song, while all who wished shared the parting hand, and the class was dismissed.

Chairperson and Treasurer—Charles H. Coulston; Secretary—Mary Brinkman

LOS ANGELES REGIONAL SACRED HARP SINGING

Angels Gate Cultural Center, San Pedro, California

Saturday, May 20, 2017

The 25th session of the Los Angeles Regional Sacred Harp Singing was called to order by Rick Russell leading 52t. The morning prayer was offered by Al Grindon. A business meeting was held with the following officers elected: Chairman—Irene Gilb; Vice Chairman—Bruce Teter; Secretary—David Olson; Treasurer—Peter Stenshoel.

Leaders: Irene Gilb 83t; Bruce Teter 383; David Olson 313t; Peter Stenshoel 369;

Karen Mathews 28t; Karl Barnes 107; Bonnie Mitchell 30t; Al Grindon 314; Christina Wilson 267; Mimi Wright 69t; Mary Rose O'Leary 542; Jerry Schreiber 473.

RECESS

Leaders: Bruce Teter 274t; Rick Russell 228; Wendy Stone 277; Luc Kleiner 106; Carla Smith 110; Jeff Begley 128; Irene Gilb 384; Colleen Dougher 282; Carri Patterson Grindon 122; David Olson 112; Bruce Teter 145t; Judy Nahman-Stouffer 236; India Genack 276; Pat Coghlan 351; Jeri Segal 142; Steven Toriello 445; Peter Stenshoel 235.

RECESS

Bruce Teter called the class back to order leading 105. Mary Rose O'Leary led 68b for Julia Miranda, who was unable to attend. Irene Gilb conducted the memorial lesson in memory of the following deceased; Deborah Dunn, Pan Wright, Mardiah Gleeson, Cheryl Key, Campion (for baby), Irene Williams, Ging Sharour, and Diane Donghue—California; Alfred Grindon—Georgia. She led 455 in their memory.

Leaders: Al Grindon 155; Carl Barnes 159. Al Grindon offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Bruce Teter called the class to order leading 551. Leaders: Jeff Begley 53; Mairye Bates 148; Patch Tseng-Putterman 499; Mimi Wright 410b; Jerry Schreiber 524; Rick Russell 300; Pat Coghlan 272; Frederik Sisa 268; Stephen O'Leary 39t; Wendy Stone 117; Carla Smith 143; Colleen Dougher 178; India Genack 312b.

RECESS

Leaders: Bruce Teter 114; Peter Stenshoel 503; Mary Rose O'Leary 411; Anne Rardin 47b; Carri Patterson Grindon 58; Steven Toriello 332; Judy Nahman-Stouffer 183; Lizza Bakkes, Heather Lockie, and David Olson 42; Bonnie Mitchell 61; Jeri Segal 372; Stephen O'Leary 448b; Irene Gilb 49b.

A business meeting was held to hear committee reports, and then announcements were made. The class took the parting hand with Irene Gilb leading 62. Al Grindon offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Irene Gilb; Vice Chairman—Bruce Teter; Secretary—David Olson

ST. JOSEPH'S ON THE MOUNTAIN EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Mentone, Alabama

Saturday, May 20, 2017

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at St. Joseph's on the Mountain Episcopal Church, Mentone, Alabama, on Saturday before the third Sunday in May was called to order by Susan Cheronos leading 59. The morning prayer was offered by Ed Thacker.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Susan Cheronos; Vice Chairman—Elizabeth Gentry; Secretary and Arranging Officer—Cindy Tanner.

Leaders: Elizabeth Gentry 76b; Cindy Tanner 187; Don Bowen 353; Nate Green and Norma Green 92; Jim Neal 389; Gail Doss 148; David Smead 431; Winfred Kerr 418; Rebecca Over 380; Isaac Stiefel 168; Joyce Walton 455; Rodney Ivey 303; Gary Glover 480; Margaret Thacker 34b; Daniel Lee 566.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Elizabeth Gentry leading 319. Leaders: David Brodeur 571; Sarah Trumbore 474; Ed Thacker 511; Judy Mincey 149 (in memory of George Snyder); Shane Wootten 317; Michael Thompson 312t; Ellen Ray 312b; Andy Ditzler 169; Isaac Green 379; Lilly Underwood 457; Jackson Fleder 321; Loretta Smith 68b; Isaac Lloyd 344.

RECESS

Cindy Tanner led 155 to bring the class together. Leaders: Loyd Ivey 337; Susan Fields and Joyce Walton 146; Tom George 212; Kathy Williams 186; Lisa Bennett 193; Hayden Arp 286; Henry Johnson 138t; Elyssa Lloyd 178; Sandy Ivey 31t; Ezra Lloyd 47b; Bridgett Hill Kennedy 128 (for Colin Neill); Gideon Lloyd 277; Jessa Cheronos 299; Susan Cheronos 300; Don Bowen and Shane Wootten 39b; Jim Neal 496; Gail Doss and Devita Johns 567; David Smead 570; Winfred Kerr 318; Rebecca Over 273; Isaac Stiefel 101t; Gary Glover 82t; Margaret Thacker 565; Daniel Lee 410t; David Brodeur 103.

LUNCH

The class was called to order by Cindy Tanner leading 45t. Leaders: Sarah Trumbore 546; Peter Crockett 126; Ed Thacker 400; Joyce Walton 500; Shane Wootten 440; Michael Thompson 411; Ellen Ray 38b; Andy Ditzler 110; Susan Cheronos and Pam Willis 564; Isaac Green 426b; Jackson Fleder 176b; Isaac Lloyd 28t; Tom George 374; Kathy Williams 276; Lisa Bennett 391; Hayden Arp 387; Henry Johnson 82b; Sandy Ivey 345t; Bridgett Hill Kennedy 142; Elyssa Lloyd, Malachi Lloyd, and Havilah Lloyd 445.

Announcements were made. Susan Cheronos led 62 as the closing song. Jim Neal offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Susan Cheronos; Vice Chairman—Elizabeth Gentry; Secretary—Cindy Tanner

WASHINGTON SACRED HARP SINGING

Washington United Methodist Church, Washington, Arkansas Saturday, May 20, 2017

With the absence of last year's officers, Dan Brittain called the class to order leading 31b. Rev. Keenan Williams welcomed the class, and talked a little about the history of Washington Methodist Church, and then offered the opening prayer.

The class agreed on the following officers to serve: Chairman—Dan Brittain; Secretary—Gaylon Powell; Chaplain—Rev. Keenan Williams.

Leaders: Dan Brittain 68b; Gaylon Powell 76b (CB), 323b (CB); Eddie Huckaby 178, 288; Cory Winters 106, 222; Sonya Kirkham 559 (CB), 54t (CB); Joan Smith 47b (CB), 558 (CB); Chris Nicholson 293b (CB), 507b (CB); Kristie Powell 341 (CB), 210 (CB); Peggy Ray 572 (CB), 264b (CB).

RECESS

Dan Brittain called the class back to order leading 81t and 345b. Leaders: Keenan Williams 59 (CB); Gaylon Powell 45t (with Mary McCulloch, who is a great-great granddaughter of B.F. White), 235; Eddie Huckaby 42, 410t; Cory Winters 344, 142; Sonya Kirkham 133, 124.

LUNCH

Dan Brittain called the class back to order leading 315 (CB). Leaders: Joan Smith 395b (CB), 100 (CB); Chris Nicholson 473, 182; Kristie Powell 500, 564; Peggy Ray 143, 569b; Keenan Williams 587 (CB); Gaylon Powell 232 (CB), 235 (CB); Eddie Huckaby 448b, 49b.

RECESS

Dan Brittain called the class back to order leading 266. Leaders: Cory Winters 472, 112; Sonya Kirkham 392 (CB), 463 (CB); Joan Smith 442t (CB), 225t (CB); Chris Nicholson, Gaylon Powell, and Kristie Powell 393 (CB) (in memory of Jane Goforth), 264t (CB); Kristie Powell 514 (CB), 138t (CB); Peggy Ray 573 (CB), 64 (CB); Keenan Williams 505 (CB); Eddie Huckaby and Kristie Powell 65; Cory Winters and Sonya Kirkham 358; Dan Brittain, Keenan Williams, and Janice Huckaby 268; Joan Smith and Gaylon Powell 49t (CB); Chris Nicholson and Peggy

Ray 99 (CB).

After announcements, Dan Brittain led 69t as the closing song. Rev. Keenan Williams dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Dan Brittain; Secretary—Gaylon Powell

CANE CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Heflin, Cleburne County, Alabama

Sunday, May 21, 2017

On the third Sunday in May, the annual Decoration Day Sacred Harp singing was held at Cane Creek Primitive Baptist Church near Heflin, Cleburne County, Alabama. Due to the death of our beloved Chairman, B.M. Smith in September of last year, Glenda Collins called the class to order by leading 101t. The opening prayer was offered by Cecil Roberts. Glenda welcomed everyone, and then led 138t. A business session was held and the following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—David Brodeur; Vice Chairman—Glenda Collins; Secretary—Donna Bell; Arranging Officer—Judy Chambless; Memorial Lesson—Lisa Bennett. Leaders: David Brodeur 398, 499; Donna Bell 268, 350; Lisa Bennett 47t, 332; Judy Chambless 35, 43; Cecil Roberts 399b, 229; Margie Smith and Oscar McGuire 475; Winfred Kerr 388, 389; Eugene Forbes 384, 385t; David Smead 279, 121; Robert Chambless 225t (in memory of B.M. Smith and Earlis McGraw and in honor of Hugh McGraw and Karen Rollins); Rebecca Over 200 (in memory of Ed Barber), 316 (in memory of Arnevis Norton).

RECESS

The class reassembled with David Brodeur leading 59. Leaders: Ed Thacker 77b, 379; Frances Jones 72b, 358; Virginia Dyer 373, 546; Jack Nelson 157, 66; Pam Nunn 224, 155 (in memory of Evelyn Harris); Hubert Nall 47t, 448b; Rene Greene 87, 222; Andy Ditzler 164, 401; Sylvia Holland 339, 348b; Oscar McGuire 163b, 515.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Lisa Bennett. She briefly explained the tradition of the Sacred Harp memorial to the large congregation of visitors in attendance saying that this is the time we stop and take a moment to think about those people who aren't with us today: whether they are sick, whether they are shut-in, or whether they have died in the past year, but of course, we think about all the others who've gone on years before, too. Lisa mentioned having some people on the sick and shut-in list who are usually here. She said, "One we are all thinking about is Hugh (Hugh McGraw). He's been having quite a few health problems lately." Lisa went on to say that Hugh was chairman of the music committee that compiled the 1991 edition of *The Sacred Harp* when it was last revised and that he has been extremely important in everything to do with Sacred Harp. Karen Rollins is also on the list, another dear friend. Other names on the sick and shut-ins list include Lois Bowman, Richard Mauldin, Sandra Johnson, and Concetta Branson. Lisa Bennett led 472 for the sick and shut-ins.

Lisa continued, and read the following list of names of the deceased: B.M. Smith, Earlis McGraw, James Hughes, Gail Jackson, Geneva Prichard, Abi Edwards Counts, Wyatt Edwards, Ludie Halcombe Gustafson, Lynn Swafford Key, Joe Higgins, and Harold DeLong—Georgia; Alene Harris and Edna Ruth Phillips—Alabama; Janelle Davis—Illinois; Joe Nall—Florida. Lisa then led 312t. Hubert Nall closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Fallon Cook 548, 47b; John Plunkett 145t, 33b; Richard DeLong 511 (in memory of Henry Kerr), 177.

Charlie Norton gave a report on the church and cemetery fund. He stated that the money collected is used for upkeep of the church and cemetery maintenance. The

church only has two members. Ann Simpson led 388 and 445. Cecil Roberts offered the blessing of the noon meal at the tables.

LUNCH

David Brodeur brought the afternoon session of singing to order by leading 551. Leaders: Ruth Daniel 335, 378t; Glenda Collins and Bert Collins 340; Donna Bell and Eugene Forbes 148; Dalton Lewis 70b, 354b; Robert Chambless 354t (in memory of his brother, Ronald Chambless); Jack Nelson 56t; Winfred Kerr 128; David Brodeur 101b; Lisa Bennett 543; Andy Ditzler 527; David Smead 336; Margie Smith 317; Fallon Cook 564; Rene Greene 460; John Plunkett 71; Eugene Forbes 299; Oscar McGuire 485; Ed Thacker and Andy Ditzler 383 (in memory of Elder Lewis Norton); Hubert Nall 186; Robert Chambless 353 (in honor of Hugh McGraw); Cecil Roberts 312b.

David Brodeur thanked the church for hosting the singing today. Announcements were made, and Charlene Wallace thanked all the singers for coming.

David Brodeur led 521 as the closing song. Judy Chambless offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—David Brodeur; Vice Chairman—Glenda Collins; Secretary—Donna Bell

GUM POND SINGING

Gum Pond Primitive Baptist Church, Morgan County, Alabama Saturday, May 27, 2017

The Sacred Harp singing held at Gum Pond Primitive Baptist Church on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in May was called to order by Nicholas Thompson leading 82t. Lomax Ballinger offered the opening prayer. Nicholas welcomed the class and led 112.

Leaders: Judy Caudle 411; Delone Cobbs 44, 354t; Lilly Underwood 354b, 29t; Isaac Green 242, 123t; Nancy Thompson 565, 354b; Bridgett Hill Kennedy 101t (for Betty Shepherd), 212; Butch White 49b, 74b; Kaitlyn Bailey 107, 480; Larry Ballinger 217, 224; David Light 200, 436; Sarah Trumbore 145t, 216; Bea Aaron 475, 456.

RECESS

J.L. Hopper led 211 to bring the class back together. Leaders: Christopher Mann 566, 86; Ed Thacker 213t, 179; Lisa Geist 228, 377; Peter Trumbore 350, 84; Carol Newman 220, 358; David Ivey 213b, 121; Chris Ballinger 178, 460; Marlin Beasley 512, 498 (in memory of Harrison Creel).

The memorial lesson was conducted by Judy Caudle. She spoke and led 459 in memory of the following deceased: Dexter Cobbs, Talmadge Cobbs, Pauline Cobbs, Willard Hopper, Marvin Hopper, L.E. Hopper, Izella Hopper, Christine Leeth, Alta Mae Self, Herbert Self, Otis Self, Bera Bradford, Gravis Ballinger, B.M. Smith, Kenneth Fannin, Elsie Moon, Steve Adams, Kermit Adams, Toney Smith, Lavoy Smith, and Kenny Graves.

Judy led 472 in honor of the following sick and shut-ins: Arvid Holmes, Wilda Holmes, Eloise Wootten, Hugh McGraw, Charlene Wallace, Shelby Castillo, Betty Shepherd, Lily Hopper, Verna Holcomb, Colin Neill, Karen Rollins, Concetta Branson, Tracy Newman, and Martha Moody. Nicholas Thompson closed the memorial lesson with prayer, and asked a blessing on the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Nicholas Thompson leading 131b. Leaders: Loyd Ivey 39b, 283; Linda Sides 530 (for Ottis Sides), 225t; Lomax Ballinger 168, 300; Susan Allred 58, 384; Margaret Thacker 68b, 108t; Jim Aaron 47b, 231; Cheyenne Ivey 31t, 56t; Rachel Pirkey 142, 378b; Linda Booth 181; Linda Booth and Susan

Cherones 309; Susan Cherones 564, 56b; Cindy Tanner 269, 327; Daniel Bearden 493, 413; Mary Holcombe 164, 166; Geraldine Sharpton 542, 318; Jacklyn Protz 77t, 288; Dan Hopper 346, 240; Carol Fannin 136, 72b; Nancy Phillips 455, 282; Christie Holcombe 145b, 30b; J.L. Hopper 306; Juanita Beasley 61. Announcements were made. Nicholas Thompson led 521 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Elder J.L. Hopper, and the class was dismissed. Chairman—Nicholas Thompson; Secretary—Judy Caudle

MOUNT PISGAH SINGING SOCIETY (COOPER BOOK)

Mount Pisgah Primitive Baptist Church

Stroud, Chambers County, Alabama

Saturday, May 27, 2017

The annual all-day session of the Mount Pisgah Singing Society (organized in 1903) met at Mount Pisgah Primitive Baptist Church, and was called to order by Karen Clark at 9:00 a.m. leading 31b. The morning prayer was offered by Adam Brasich. Don Clark welcomed everyone, and then recognized the following officers of the singing: President—Karen Clark; 1st Vice President—David Lee; Secretary—Donna Bell; Arranging Committee—Don Clark and Laura Densmore.

Leaders: Karen Clark 70t; David Lee 176t, 128; Donna Bell 435 (in memory of B.M. Smith, Johnny Lee, and Delorese Lee), 309 (in honor of Hugh McGraw and Karen Rollins); Don Clark 58 (in memory of Sid Anglin), 558; Daniel Williams 74t, 553; Andy Morse 575, 572; Judy Chambless 413 (for Hugh McGraw); Bill Hogan 54t, 559; Tollie Lee 515, 507b; Nancy Hogan 49t, 520; Adam Brasich 101t, 69; Brenda Dunlap 144, 507t; Eugene Forbes 168, 384.

RECESS

The second session of singing was brought to order by Carol Buche leading 484. Leaders: Jack Nelson and Karen Clark 514, 300; Shane Brown 312, 48t; Winfred Kerr 146, 186; Ann Riley 571, 192; Ben Fink 392, 229; Nate Green and Norma Green 84, 380t; Rebecca Over 411, 344; Helen Bryson 172 (in memory of Christine Keeble); Helen Bryson and Karen Clark 505 (by request); Darlene Dalton 587; Laura Densmore and Tommie Spurlock 574. Elder Jonathan Blakeley led 369 inside the church before offering the blessing of the noon meal at the tables.

LUNCH

David Lee brought the afternoon session of singing to order by leading 96. Leaders: Marion Patrick 358; Hubert Nall 442t; Samuel Williams 215; Faye Hollis 276; Stanley Smith, Tommie Spurlock, and Don Clark 112 (for Mrs. Margaret Spurlock); Verona Campbell and Karen Clark 274t; Waylon Blakeley 68t; Chris Holley 543; John Plunkett 457; Syble Adams and David Lee 264b; Kathy Lee and David Lee 148; Oscar McGuire 155; Jonathan Blakeley 47t; Myra Dalton 133 (in memory of Genora Meadows); Carol Buche 210; Richard Mauldin 43.

Don Clark recognized Ralph Cotton, Jane Cotton, Loretta Dobson, Hilda Guthrie, Helen Farr (age 90), and Lucille Armstrong (age 93). Ms. Farr and Ms. Armstrong stated that they remembered going to Sacred Harp singings with their grandparents when they were little girls. The group led 45t.

Leaders: Ken Kelley 404; Robert Chambless 73t; Matt Hinton 38t; Chita Blakeley 142; Bobby Watkins and David Lee 138t; Isabelle Green and Stanley Smith 196; Charlotte Bishop 511b (in memory of Odean Moran); Buell Cobb 45b (in memory of Dr. Bill Davis).

Following announcements, Karen Clark led 573 (by request). Elder Jonathan Blakeley offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

President—Karen Clark; 1st Vice President—David Lee; Secretary—Donna Bell

PICCOLO SPOLETO SACRED HARP SINGING
Wellbrock Hall, Cathedral of St. Luke & St. Paul
Charleston, South Carolina
Saturday, May 27, 2017

The 8th annual Piccolo Spoleto Sacred Harp singing began at 9:30 a.m. with an introductory lesson taught by Dr. Robert Kelley: leading scales, 49t, and 49b for practice. Stephen Jones welcomed the class at 10:00 a.m. with a prayer and a song to open the first morning session.

Leaders: Stephen Jones 24t; Robert Kelley 32b; Rob Dillon 38b; Thomas Smith 535; John Gentry 101t; Gene Pinion 36b; David Wilson 276; David Smead 72t; Lisa Bennett 89; Agnes Roberts 294; Joyce Heath 72b; Chandler Thigpen 162; Rachel Mann 87; Tom Ivey 475; Sharon Strong 112; Suzanne Coffman 30b; Cleve Callison 479.

RECESS

Leaders: Jenny Callison 358; Stephen Jones 123b; Ariadne Zitsos 82t; Robert Kelley 407; Rob Dillon 547; Ariadne Zitsos 178; Thomas Smith 143; John Gentry 503; Gene Pinion 417; Rob Kelly 312b; David Wilson 313b; David Smead 122; Lisa Bennett 269; Agnes Roberts 59; Joyce Heath 212; Chandler Thigpen 318; Rachel Mann 282; Tom Ivey 528; Sharon Strong 524.

LUNCH

Leaders: Suzanne Coffman 146; Tom Ivey 268; Darlene Moak 47b; Sarah Eirich 283; Isaac Iverson 163b; Gene Pinion 121; Cleve Callison 198; Jenny Callison 277; Stephen Jones 254; Robert Kelley 344; Rob Dillon 147t; Thomas Smith 448t; John Gentry 224; Gene Pinion 124; David Wilson 40; David Smead 460.

RECESS

Leaders: Lisa Bennett 142; Agnes Roberts 64; Chandler Thigpen 168; Cleve Callison 34b; Sarah Eirich 47t; Joyce Heath 52b; Chandler Thigpen 242; Rachel Mann 229; Tom Ivey 56b; Sharon Strong 340; Suzanne Coffman 354b; Darlene Moak 155; Sarah Eirich 86; Isaac Iverson 128; Stephen Jones 457; Robert Kelley 416; Rob Dillon 45t; Thomas Smith 49b; John Gentry 106; Gene Pinion 549; David Wilson 31t; David Smead 163t; Stephen Jones 347.

At 3:00 p.m., Stephen Jones and attendees thanked everyone involved for the truly successful singing, particularly the intern and volunteer from the Piccolo Spoleto Festival. Also thanked were the participants who worked in the kitchen, particularly Delynne Lilly and Sarah Eirich. Suzanne Jones was recognized for the meticulous arranging. Participants announced future singings and other events. John Gentry offered a closing prayer. Stephen Jones led 347, and the class was dismissed. Chairman—Stephen Jones; Vice Chairman—Suzanne Coffman; Secretary—Rob Dillon

GERMANY SACRED HARP CONVENTION
St. Michaeliskirche Parish Hall, Hamburg, Germany
May 27-28, 2017

Saturday, May 27

The 4th annual Germany Sacred Harp Convention was held in the parish hall of the St. Michaeliskirche in Hamburg, Germany. Yotin Tiewtrakul called the class together by leading 49t. The opening prayer was offered by Stefan Swat. Yotin Tiewtrakul and Naomi Kaye Honova welcomed the class and made announcements.

Leaders: Naomi Kaye Honova and family 99; Philip Jacobs 171; Marcos Sullivan 31t; Eleni Melis 102; Nathan Bowler 365; Corinna Frische 145t; Wolfram Schnelle 535; Magdalena Osthaus 30t; Bertolt Hering and Nina Riegler 34b; Claudia Jansen 501;

Chloë Spreadborough 274t; Ulrike Tietjen 229; Theresa Hofmann and Fynn Titford-Mock 504; Christian Saupe-Wüst 68t; Boyan Pohl 270.

RECESS

The class was called together by Magdalena Osthaus leading 159. Leaders: Jasmina Graf 181; Tina Cramer 40; Stefan Swat 567; Eckehard Neugebauer 61; Geoff Grainger 313b; Nina Riegler 373; Katrin Malack 282; Sonja Spörhase and Rüdiger Forster 77t; Emma Rock 68b; Victor Maria Diderich and Ursula Diderich 84; Evelyn Saylor 448t; Theresa Mittmann 85; Peter Kocher 228; Monique Mathieu 344; Jan Kaye Hon and family 148; Johannes Sauer 285t; Caro Stamm-Reusch 63.

RECESS

Ulrike Tietjen called the class together by leading 29t. Leaders: Hauke Grünefeld 142; Deborah Mann 117; Laura Eisen 542; Marco Wessnigk 189; Elisabeth Schallwig 444; Cäcilia Mann 172; Cornelia van den Doel 452; Joy Spreadborough 73b; Kuba Choinski 59; Werner Ullah 37b; Joanna Bennett 218; Gerben Vos 203; Cora Wareh 481; Saara Pakarinen 132; Derek Buckland 74b; Anne Eringa 183; Richard Mayers 299; John Davis 87; Leilai Immel 97; Pattie Wareh 477. A blessing was given before the meal by Álvaro Witt Duarte.

LUNCH

The class was called together by Eva Striebeck leading 133. Leaders: Fynn Titford-Mock 212; Gosia Perycz 187; Matthew Parkinson 434; Sadhbh O'Flynn 442; Tarik Wareh 408; Betsy Jeronen 436; Álvaro Witt Duarte 430; Evelyn Lamb 286; Chris Brown 392; Kate Coxon 318 (for Erin and Ed Johnson-Williams); David Brodeur 396; Aldo Ceresa 532; Thom Fahrback 195; Judy Whiting 208; Tom McTighe 302; Faiz Wareh 216; Andy Ditzler 353 (for Hugh McGraw); Naomi Kaye Honova 269; Tobias Kanngiesser 268; Jantje Wilken 271t; Magdalena Osthaus 388.

RECESS

The class was called together by Tobias Saalman leading 146. Leaders: Nina Riegler 369; Paul Kolenbrander 505; Ellen Kennedy 144; Corinna Frische 379; Melanie Tönnies and Caro Stamm-Reusch 114; Theresa Mittmann 42; Boyan Pohl 179; Fynn Titford-Mock 45b; Monique Mathieu 112; Emma Rock 372.

Announcements were made. Aldo Ceresa led 323t as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer offered by Stefan Swat.

Sunday, May 28

The Sunday session of the Germany Convention began with Yotin Tiewtrakul leading 48t. The opening prayer was offered by Stefan Swat.

Leaders: Eva Striebeck 72b; Marcos Sullivan 455; Eckehard Neugebauer 523; Geoff Grainger and Cornelia van den Doel 503; Christina Schümann 278t; Christian Saupe-Wüst 28t; Elisabeth Schallwig 378b; Melanie Tönnies 58; Ulrike Tietjen 30b; Stefan Swat 324; Deborah Mann and Cora Wareh 282; Johannes Sauer 215; Sonja Spörhase and Ludger Dünnebacke 56b; Peter Kocher 335; Tobias Saalman 84.

RECESS

Boyan Pohl called the class together by leading 131b. Leaders: Nina Riegler 150; Nathan Bowler 457; Claudia Jansen 547; Dominik Fraune 191; Inga Hübner 361; Christopher Schuller 384; Eleni Melis 480; Bianca Geburek, Alma Geburek, and Evelyn Saylor 421; Theresa Hofmann 143; Wolfram Schnelle 287; Jantje Wilken 385t; Laura Eisen 201; Yotin Tiewtrakul 436 (for Álvaro Witt Duarte's birthday).

RECESS

The class was called together by Naomi Kaye Honova leading 569b (for Heather Thompson). Leaders: Sally Wandrey and Eckehard Neugebauer 551; Jasmina Graf 320; Monique Mathieu 106; Tina Cramer 107; Marco Wessnigk 129; Victor Maria Diderich and Ursula Diderich 209; Magdalena Osthaus 69b.

The sick and housebound lesson was conducted by Christopher Schuller, who led

328 for the following: Davin Scott, Malina Hilmer, Blake Weston, Melanie Audritz, Franz-Josef Fraune, Matthias Nels, Joe McPartland, Joe Ó Ceallaigh, Mark Hinkley, Kerryn Botes Neilson, Ju-Lyn Tan, Gary Davis, Benjamin Landrus, Concetta Branson, Steve Helwig, Hannah Mae Blair, Kevin Powell, Curtis Owen, Edith Owen, Hugh McGraw, Karen Rollins, Nate Green, Norma Green, Palńck Linehan, Melanie Hauff, Marina Sturza, and Michael Kaye.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Betsy Jeronen, who led 330b in memory of the following: Anna Weck, Klaus Eichelmann, Helga Eisen, Edgar Kanngießer, Nicole Thiel, Petra Spörhase, Stephan Wenzke, Chris Holloway, Hildegard Neugebauer—Germany; Bohdan Matusiak—Poland; Robert Peele—Ireland; Martyn Hett, Don Grimshaw, Ros Taylor, Gordon Hoyland, Norman Johnson, Winifred Elliott, Ruth Steggle—UK; Irina Taran—Ukraine; Kirsty Grainger—New Zealand; Neva Rubenstein—California; Jane Goforth, Mary McKinney, Jimmie Foreman—Texas; Johnny Lee, Delores Lee, B.M. Smith—Georgia; Don Fahrbach—Michigan; Janelle Davis—Illinois; William Tannenbaum, April Selley—New York.

Leaders: Judy Whiting 549; Lloy Cook 178; Werner Ullah, Cora Wareh, and Faiz Wareh 46; Katrin Malack and Silke Kunow-Koch 122; Joy Spreadborough 496; Caro Stamm-Reusch 33t. Theresa Hofmann offered the grace before the meal.

LUNCH

Tobias Saalman called the class together leading 66. Leaders: Joanna Bennett 528; Paul Kolenbrander 168; Richard Mayers 198; Pattie Wareh 327; Saara Pakarinen 297; Thom Fahrbach 214; Gosia Perycz 522; Sadhbh O'Flynn 428; Faiz Wareh 291; David Brodeur 352; Kate Coxon 527; Matthew Parkinson and Cooper Thompson 512; Tom McTighe 304; Tarik Wareh 35; Betsy Jeronen 564; Chris Brown 329; Álvaro Witt Duarte 472; Evelyn Lamb 536; Aldo Ceresa 500 (for Hugh McGraw); Andy Ditzler 548; Kuba Choinski 112; Gerben Vos 272; Leilai Immel 186; Hauke Grünefeld 113; Cornelia van den Doel 452; Derek Buckland 350; Ulrike Tietjen 439; Evelyn Saylor 224.

RECESS

The class was called together by Eva Striebeck leading 312b. Leaders: Emma Rock 89; Janna Itter and Marcos Sullivan 47b; Tarik Wareh, Pattie Wareh, Cora Wareh, and Faiz Wareh 570; Chris Brown and Judy Whiting 176t; Leilai Immel and Matthew Parkinson 378t; the singers from the United Kingdom 354b; the singers from the Pacific Northwest and Canada 36b; all other singers from the United States 456; the singers from Poland 330t; the singers from Ireland 57; the singers from Norway and the Netherlands 101t; the singers from Bavaria and Tübingen 347; the singers from Cologne, Bonn, Herborn, and Kiel 332; the singers from Berlin 134; the singers from Bremen 124; the singers from Hamburg 34b.

The Chairman made closing remarks. The Secretary reported that 111 people from nine countries and seven states registered during the convention. There were eighty-nine leaders who led 182 songs. The Treasurer, Jantje Wilken, reported that all expenses had been met. Announcements were made.

Yotin Tiewtrakul led 146 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Stefan Swat, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Yotin Tiewtrakul; Vice Chairman—Naomi Kaye Honova; Secretary—Evelyn Saylor

**JOHN NEWTON MERRITT MEMORIAL
SINGING CONVENTION
Old Courthouse Museum, Vicksburg, Mississippi
May 27-28, 2017
Saturday, May 27**

The 6th annual John Newton Merritt Memorial Singing was called to order by Henry McGuire leading 100 (WB). Elder Robert Vaughn offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Henry McGuire 505 (WB); Mark Davis 223, 122; Carole Watts 40, 46; Robert Vaughn 47b, 448t; Chris Nicholson 34b, 473; Charity Vaughn 392 (CB), 212 (CB); Amy Wells 112, 208; Susan Dickey 59, 274t; Wilma Mitchell 39t, 569b; Joan Smith 442t (CB), 558 (CB).

RECESS

Henry McGuire called the class back together leading 30b. Leaders: Nancy Van Den Akker 269, 28b; Jane Armstrong 198, 484; Darlene Reynolds 162 (CH), 188 (CH); Hugh McGuire 539 (CH), 23b (CH); Nanette Oliver 71, 27; Anders Wells 110, 332; Amber Davis 273, 391; Dorothea Maynard 442. Chris Nicholson offered prayer before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Henry McGuire called the class back together leading 64 (CH). Leaders: Regina Derstine 45t (CB), 393 (CB); Jamira Jackson 507b (CB), 65; Todd Derstine 410t, 204; Peggy Ray 571 (CB), 572 (CB); Robert Vaughn 543t (WB), 519 (CB); Mark Davis 131 (CH), 281b (CH); Chris Nicholson 546b (CH), 432b (CH); Charity Vaughn 527 (WB), 186.

RECESS

Hugh McGuire called the class back together leading 236. Leaders: Amy Wells 480, 384; Joan Smith 225t (CB), 341 (CB); Nancy Van Den Akker 270, 472; Jane Armstrong 389, 175 (CH); Darlene Reynolds 282; Hugh McGuire 285t (CB); Nanette Oliver 178, 159 (CB); Anders Wells 99, 76b; Amber Davis 300, 142; Dorothea Maynard 229 (CB), 383; Sonya Kirkham 31t (CB), 63 (CB); Carole Watts 578 (CB), 573 (CB).

Mark Davis, Hugh McGuire, and Henry McGuire led "The Drone" as the closing song. Elder Robert Vaughn dismissed the class with prayer.

Sunday, May 28

The class was brought to order by Henry McGuire leading 48t. The opening prayer was offered by Mark S. Davis.

Leaders: Henry McGuire 148; Mark Davis 336, 432; Anders Wells 28b, 70b; Amber Davis 440, 224; Dorothea Maynard 460, 569b; Hugh McGuire 491t (WB), 196 (WB); Nanette Oliver 455, 155 (CB); Darlene Reynolds 511 (WB); Darlene Reynolds and Hugh McGuire 142 (CH); Nancy Van Den Akker 401, 228; Amy Wells 222; Amy Wells and Jim Armstrong 540 (WB); Jane Armstrong 124, 287; Natalie Davis 65, 146.

RECESS

Henry McGuire and Will McGuire led 486t (WB). Leaders: Regina Derstine 98 (CB), 280 (CH); Jamira Jackson 70b (CH); Jamira Jackson and Regina Derstine 94 (CH); Peggy Ray 64 (CB), 78 (CB); Sonya Kirkham 268t (CB), 343 (CB).

The memorial lesson was held at this time. Chris Nicholson spoke and led 546t (WB) for the following sick and shut-ins: Marlin Beasley, Floyd Nicholson, Curtis Owen, Edith Owen, Roy Davis, Alice McGuire, Elizabeth Van Horn, Hugh McGraw, and Tommy Spurlock.

Amy Wells spoke and led 330b in memory of the following deceased: Emma Lou

Rigdon, Billie Margaret Gardner, and Stites Gardner—Mississippi; Jane Goforth—Texas; B.M. Smith—Georgia; Gravis Ballinger and Gary Smith—Alabama. Chris Nicholson closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

LUNCH

Henry McGuire called the class back together leading 492 (WB). Leaders: Hugh McGuire and Will McGuire 392 (CB); Mark Davis 500; Chris Nicholson 76b (CH); Darlene Reynolds 248 (CH); Jamira Jackson 393 (CB); Dorothea Maynard 280; Amber Davis 212; Natalie Davis 182; Amy Wells 354t; Regina Derstine and Darlene Reynolds 322 (CH); Will McGuire 111b; Jane Armstrong 505 (CB); Charity Vaughn 143 (CH); Anders Wells 281t (CH), 89; Carole Watts 490; Nancy Van Den Akker 208.

Henry McGuire led 62 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Mark Davis, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Henry McGuire; Vice Chairman—Mark Davis; Secretary—Carole Watts

THE BIG SINGING

Old Marshall County Courthouse, Benton, Kentucky

May 27-28, 2017

Saturday, May 27

The inaugural Saturday session of The Big Singing (using (i) *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*) was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Gene Gilliland, who offered the morning prayer. Tim Reynolds made introductory remarks on the format and tradition of Sacred Harp singings, and on the differences between the Sacred Harp and *Southern Harmony* traditions.

Leaders: Tim Reynolds 63, 39t; Randy Webber 38b, “Waggener”; Ray Rechenberg 49t, 268; Ron Pen 209, 455; David Carlton 472, 481; Donna Kwon 34b, 178.

RECESS

Tim Reynolds brought the class back together leading 148. Leaders: Ralph Paris 64, 89; Don Waggener 45t, 66; Billy See and Vickie See 480, 33b; Gene Gilliland 68b, 128; Nancy Paris and Ray Rechenberg 144; Ray Rechenberg 145t; Tim Reynolds 278t.

LUNCH

Tim Reynolds and Kaye Doran called the class back to order leading 81t. Leaders: Randy Webber 107; Randy Webber and Donna Kwon “Cincinnati”; Kerry Lovett 47b, 53; Don Waggener 117, 159; Vickie See and Billy See 282, 503; David Carlton 440, 547; Ron Pen 524, 146; Ralph Paris 31t, 36b; Ray Rechenberg 276, 300; Gene Gilliland 334, 235; Kerry Lovett 354b, 59; Ray Rechenberg 457 (by request); David Carlton 110 (by request); Randy Webber 236, 242 (by request); Ray Rechenberg 29t. After announcements, including the agreement to continue holding this Saturday session of Sacred Harp singing, Tim Reynolds led 267 as the closing song. Gene Gilliland closed the session with prayer.

Sunday, May 28

The morning session of the 134th annual Big Singing (using (i) *The Southern Harmony*, compiled by William Walker), was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Gene Gilliland leading 103 and 51. Leaders: Don Waggener 39t, 296; Raphael Finkel 50, 77; Kerry Lovett 8t, 123; Marcy Thobaben and James Thobaben 16; Tom Waggener 38, 166; Randy Webber 213, 115; Tim Reynolds 17b, 33; Vickie See and Billy See 92b, 3t; Ray Rechenberg 83, 46; Ron Pen 322, 133; Ralph Paris 27b, 276b.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order at 1:15 p.m. by Gene Gilliland leading

103. Leaders: David Killingsworth 19t, 302; David Carlton 256, 276t; Erin Fulton 308, 134; James Thobaben and Ron Pen 11; Mark Cain 296; Matt Meacham 299, 312t; Don Waggener 80, 265; Amanda Groves 89b; Raphael Finkel 159b; Kerry Lovett and Leesa Lovett 332, 144; Tom Waggener 116, 189; Randy Webber 133, 13t; Tim Reynolds 178; Ron Pen 19b, 46; Ralph Paris 277, 1; Matt Meacham 39t; Gene Gilliland 94t; Gene Gilliland and Randy Webber 194; Gene Gilliland, Randy Webber, and Ron Pen 107.
Gene Gilliland led 334 as the closing song. Ralph Paris offered the closing prayer. Chairman—Gene Gilliland; Vice Chairman—William Paris; Secretaries—Vickie See and Tim Reynolds

**ROCKY MOUNT PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
HOMECOMING AND
THE HILLABEE SACRED HARP CONVENTION
Daviston, Alabama**

Sunday, May 28, 2017

The Rocky Mount Homecoming and the Hillabee Sacred Harp Convention was held at Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church on the fourth Sunday in May. The class was called to order by Jack Nelson leading 32t, and then offering the opening prayer. Leaders: Judy Chambless 531, 318; Carol Buche 178, 488b (CB); Rebecca Over 560, 306; Ben Fink 37b, 129; Laura Densmore 359, 370; Robert Chambless 163b, 72b; Oscar McGuire 229, 441.

RECESS

The second session began with Charlotte Bishop leading 145b and 143. Leaders: Winfred Kerr 144, 480; Don Clark 225t (CB); Jack Nelson 179, 514 (CB); Brenda Dunlap 52t, 378b; Donna Bell 383, 303; Karen Clark 504 (CB), 336t (CB); Chris Holley 77t, 38t (CB); Wendy Anderson 463 (CB), 36b.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Charlotte Bishop leading 587 (CB). Charlotte Bishop conducted the memorial lesson, recognizing friends and family who have passed on since the last singing. Don Clark led 128 (CB) in memory of Johnny Lee, Delorese Lee, J.D. Morris, Edna Ruth Phillips, Christine Keeble, Earlis McGraw, B.M. Smith, and Odean Keel.

Robert Chambless led 122 for the following sick and shut-ins: Karen Rollins, Myra Goss, Hugh McGraw, Sheila Shivers, Mary Cu Shivers, Ledora Morris, Myrline Redmond, Floy Wilder, Tommy Spurlock, Mattie Perry, Frances Treadwell, Jean Payne, and Nellie Estes.

Leaders: Lynda Fagan 445 (for Paula Fagan), 31t; Douglas Hubbard 159, 49b; Charlotte Bishop 335, 229; Sharon Whitehead 112, 186; Jordan McGuire 358, 274t; Karen Clark 522; Donna Bell 500 (in honor of Hugh McGraw); Rebecca Over 410t (Hugh McGraw's favorite song); Laura Densmore 549 (arranged by Hugh McGraw); Carole Buche 225t.

Following announcements, Charlotte Bishop led 56t as the closing song. Oscar McGuire offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.
Chairman—Charlotte Bishop; Secretary—Sharon Whitehead

**ST. JOHN'S MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND SINGING
St. John's Historic Church, Rutherfordton, North Carolina
Sunday, May 28, 2017**

On Saturday before this singing an all-day *Christian Harmony* singing and singing school, taught by Ian Quinn, was held at the church.

For the first session on Sunday, Nathan Rees taught a Sacred Harp singing school. He focused on observing rests, communicating with the class when leading, and how to beat time.

RECESS

Michael Walker led 35 to bring the class together. Leaders: Jane Cannon 34t; Dave Farmer 34b; Diane Eskenasy 181; Patty Judson 480; Jonathan Wood 82t; Dorothy Lane 95; Leslie Booher 274b; Judy Mincey 311; Bill Lowry 155; Jackson Fleder 460; Lamar Matthew 388; Justin Bowen 206; Ian Quinn 92; Nigel Bowley 54; Mary Baumeister 449; Shannon Primm 225t (for Hugh McGraw); Harry Scott 171; Nathan Rees 352; Tom George 57; Gretchen Caverly 36b; Erica Martinez 299; Jonathon Smith 165; Chris Wilhelm 489; Michael Spencer 289; Michael Walker 426b; Dave Farmer 168; Diane Eskenasy 222; Patty Judson 187; Jonathan Wood 268. Shannon Primm offered prayer before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Leaders: Michael Walker 462; Leslie Booher 32b; Judy Mincey 350; Bill Lowry 84; Jackson Fleder 392; Lamar Matthew 154; Justin Bowen 570; Ian Quinn 500; Nigel Bowley 466; Mary Baumeister 567; Jane Cannon 478; Harry Scott 448t; Phil Perrin 354b; Nathan Rees 353; Shannon Primm 527; Tom George 336; Erica Martinez 349; Gretchen Caverly 31t; Tom Dillon 569b; Jonathon Smith 74t; Michael Spencer 382; Dorothy Lane 455; Chris Wilhelm 308; Michael Walker 298.

RECESS

Leaders: Michael Walker 134; Bill Lowry 479; Jackson Fleder, Carl Carroll, and Maria McDonald 47b; Tom George and Justin Bowen 522; Lamar Matthew 113; Ian Quinn 228; Nigel Bowley and Harry Scott 524; Erica Martinez 532; Jonathon Smith and Nathan Rees 351; Tom Dillon 446; Phil Perrin 59; Dave Farmer 454; Michael Walker 528; Leslie Booher and Jane Cannon 178. Throughout the day many singers were aware of Hugh McGraw's grave physical decline and chose lessons to commemorate his life-long contribution to Sacred Harp.

Following announcements, Michael Walker thanked all who helped the weekend go smoothly, and then led 62 as the last lesson. Shannon Primm offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Michael Walker; Secretary—Chris Wilhelm

JACK SMITH MEMORIAL SINGING **Oakhurst Baptist Church, Decatur, Georgia** **Monday, May 29, 2017**

The 17th annual Jack Smith Memorial Singing was held on Memorial Day at Oakhurst Baptist Church in Decatur, Georgia. John Plunkett began by speaking of Jack's love for singing and for introducing new singers to the Sacred Harp tradition. During the day singers added their own specific recollections of Jack. Members of the class also, having just learned of Hugh McGraw's death, spoke of him, and—it being Memorial Day—remembered friends and relatives who served in the armed forces. John Plunkett led 49t, and John Kelso offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Joan Durdin 45t; Malinda Snow 155 (for Murray Brown and in memory of Andrew Brown); Andy Morse 313b (in memory of Jack Smith and Hugh McGraw); Billy Hollingsworth 354b; Rebecca Over 516; Debora Grosse 303; Helen Bryson 176t; Samuel Williams 117; Brenda Dunlap 176b; John Hollingsworth 494 (for George Burnette and in memory of Hugh McGraw, who brought us together as singing friends); Bobby Watkins 348b (in memory of Lonnie Rogers); John Kelso 126; Fran Adams 159; Chris Tweedy 535 (remembering Jack's welcome to children at singings); Laura Densmore 549 (in memory of Hugh McGraw).

RECESS

Joan Durdin brought the class back into session by leading 34b. Leaders: Eric Tweedy 385b; Elena Rodoni, Caroline Rodoni, and Livia Rodoni 146; Erica Hinton and Lottie Hinton 83t; Carol Buche 162; Winfred Kerr 548; April Watkins 388; Taylor Watkins 82t; Matt Hinton 163b; John Plunkett, Caroline Massingall, and Dusty Massingall 145t; Joan Durdin 479; Malinda Snow 32t; Andy Morse 500; Billy Hollingsworth 503 (in memory of Raymond Hamrick and Hugh McGraw); Rebecca Over 381 (in memory of Boyd McGraw, killed in the Battle of the Bulge). Andy Morse asked the blessing before lunch.

LUNCH

John Plunkett reconvened the class leading 31b. In a business session, the class voted to keep the same officers.

Leaders: Debora Grosse 569b; Helen Bryson 217; Samuel Williams 168; Brenda Dunlap 70t; John Hollingsworth 77b; Bobby Watkins 442; Fran Adams 65; Laura Densmore 228; Erica Hinton and Lottie Hinton 37b; Carol Buche 178; Winfred Kerr 225t; April Watkins and Taylor Watkins 445; Matt Hinton 31t; Sandra Wilkinson 46 (in memory of Sgt. William Harold Wilkinson, killed in 1944), 100; Ellen McNeill 288, 282; Carol Buche and Laura Densmore 142; Mark Bumgardner 107, 457; Daniel Edwards 98; Brenda Dunlap 421; Rebecca Over 569t; John Plunkett 192 (by special request).

After announcements, John Plunkett let 56t, and John Hollingsworth dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—John Plunkett; Vice Chairman—Joan Durdin; Secretary—Malinda Snow

SINGING SERVICE AT THE FUNERAL OF HUGH MCGRAW Holly Springs Primitive Baptist Church, Bremen, Georgia Thursday, June 1, 2017

A large number of Sacred Harp singers from a number of U.S. states and the U.K. came together at 2:00 p.m. with family and friends of Hugh McGraw for his funeral at Holly Springs Primitive Baptist Church. Richard DeLong led 36b and 381. Elder Jesse Roberts offered prayer.

Leaders and song selections: P. Dan Brittain 353; Ted Mercer 500; Cecil Roberts 225t; John Plunkett 516; Jesse Roberts and Micah Roberts 517; Rebecca Over 527; Terry Wootten 548; David Ivey and Karen Ivey 570; Phillip Langley 48t; Michael Thompson and Shane Brown 312t; Richard Mauldin 446; Reba Windom and Pam Nunn 196; Virginia Dyer and Donna Bell 454; Matt DeLong 530; Richard Ivey and Rodney Ivey 436; Fallon Cook and Hayden Arp 269; Helen Bryson 411; Janice Paulk and Rachel Carlisle 75; Elene Stovall 192; Oscar McGuire 485; Mandy Denson Brady 77t; Jeannette DePoy and Scott DePoy 347.

Reverend Scott Hannah, husband of Hugh's daughter Paula, thanked the singers and introduced Buell Cobb. Buell Cobb talked about his long friendship with Hugh McGraw and about Hugh's contributions and legacy to Sacred Harp. Reverend Scott Hannah conducted a eulogy and ended this by quoting words from the song "Phillip's Farewell".

Richard DeLong and Charlene Wallace led 45t. Reverend Scott Hannah offered prayer. Nathan Rees led 146 as Hugh's coffin was carried from the church.

At the graveside at Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Bremen, Georgia, Reverend Scott Hannah read the 23rd Psalm and conducted a prayer. Daniel Williams led 339, and the class was dismissed.

Director of Music—Richard DeLong; Secretary—Rebecca P. Over

LAMAR AND PICKENS COUNTIES CONVENTION

Zion Church, north of Gordo, Alabama

Saturday, June 3, 2017

The 100th session of the Lamar County and Pickens County Sacred Harp Convention was held on Saturday before the first Sunday in June. Amber Davis welcomed everyone, and led 36b. Earl Ballinger offered the morning prayer.

The class was organized by retaining the same officers as follows: Chairman—Amber Davis; Secretary—Margaret Keeton; Arranging Officer—Wayne Baines.

Leaders: Amber Davis 78; Lisa Geist 475, 472; Mark Davis 393, 564; Mike Hankins 120, 527; Richard Mauldin 292, 388; Hubert Nall 34b, 155; Darlene Reynolds 319, 145t; Earl Ballinger 176b, 177; Faye Donaldson 129, 270; Chris Ballinger 215, 477; Betty Baccus 349 (in memory of Clarence McCool), 127 (in memory of Steve Adams); Jerry Kitchens 31b, 460. Pastor Chris McCool welcomed everyone.

RECESS

Wayne Baines called the class back to order, and led 480 and 340. Leaders: Chris McCool 45t, 268; Mason McCool and Amber Davis 58, 63; Henry McGuire 56t, 225t; E.B. Carrol and Larry Ballinger 65, 128; Larry Ballinger 49t (in memory of Gravis Ballinger), 56b; David Heidorn 343, 146. Earl Ballinger asked a blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Amber Davis leading 49b (in memory of her grandfather, Murray Livingston, and for Jack Pate). Leaders: Wendell Rinehart 445, 457; Hubert Nall 39t; Richard Maudlin 358; Chris Ballinger 339; Mark Davis 532; Mike Hankins 182; Larry Ballinger 528; Henry McGuire 195; Jerry Kitchens 48t; Betty Baccus 145b; Darlene Reynolds 490; Earl Ballinger 172; Lisa Geist 47t; Wayne Baines 59; Amber Davis 276, 487, 380 (for her mother, Paula Springfield).

Announcements were made. Amber Davis led 62 as the closing song. Earl Ballinger dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Amber Davis; Secretary—Margaret Keeton

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE SACRED HARP SINGING

St. Bartholomew's Church Hall, Benton, Newcastle upon Tyne

United Kingdom

Saturday, June 3, 2017

The 13th annual Newcastle singing was called to order by Claire Welford, who welcomed the class and led 37b. Joel Wallenberg offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were appointed to serve: Chairperson—Claire Welford; Secretary—Colin Monson; Treasurer—Phil Tyler; Arranging Committee—Mark Wardlaw, Lin James, and Claire Welford.

Leaders: Lin James 29t; Nigel Anderson 473; Benny Ross 85; Joel Wallenberg 63; Colin Monson 350; Carmen Gordon 31t; Phil Tyler 89; Claire Singleton 299; Mark Wardlaw 172; Sally Grieves-Lord 30t; Pattie Wareh 472; Margaret Bradshaw 107. Cath Tyler taught a short singing school, and then led 47t. Leaders: Josephine Ellis 266; Colin Higgins 296; Shereen Benjamin 542; Sula O'Duffy 117; Charmaine Phelps 47b; Penny Macbeth 48t.

RECESS

Mark Wardlaw called the class back together, and led 138b. Leaders: Sandy Semeonoff 70b; Cora Wareh 501; Ian West 500; Jan Geerts 351; Jonah Titchmarsh 276; Tarik Wareh 274b; Hilary Walton 192; Faiz Wareh 215; Ellen Murphy 178; Claire Welford 372; Anne Altringham and Joan Gordon 49b; Carmen Gordon 142. Joel Wallenberg spoke for the sick and housebound, and led 458 for Rachael Bailes,

Carmen Hunt, Betty James, Josephine Phelps, Dorothy Singleton, and Michelle Williams.

Cath Tyler conducted the memorial lesson, leading 549 in memory of the following deceased: Catherine Monson—Gateshead; Stuart Hudson—Stoke Newington; William Hulme, Dinah Evans, and Geoffrey Morris—Scarborough; Margaret Walton and Bobbie Ant—Newcastle; Jean MacDonald—Derby; Nigel Parton and Martha Booth—Edinburgh; Richard Webb—Holmfirth; Ron Laws—Consett; Rose Reeve—Durham; Hugh McGraw—Georgia, USA; Jimmy Bailey—Alabama, USA; Donald Gillis—Florida, USA; Ruth Hooke—Massachusetts, USA; April Selley—New York, USA; Janelle Davis—USA; Bill Smith—USA; David Carr and Jean Furnish—New Mexico, USA.

Leaders: Benny Ross 278b; Nigel Anderson 354b; Sally Grieves-Lord 216. Joel Wallenberg gave thanks for the midday meal.

LUNCH

Jan Geerts called the class to order leading 68b. Leaders: Ian West 475; Alan Williams 84; Cora Wareh 452; Josh Darby 65; Sandy Semeonoff 480; Faiz Wareh 355; Sarah Jane Boulton 222; Pattie Wareh 40; Shereen Benjamin 203; Claire Singleton 39t; Margaret Bradshaw 168; Tarik Wareh 466; Sula O'Duffy 277; Penny Macbeth 122; Colin Monson 159; Colin Higgins 29b; Mark Wardlaw 232.

RECESS

Lin James called the class together leading 282. Leaders: Margaret Bradshaw 421; Phil Tyler 474; Sula O'Duffy 87; Alan Williams 397; Hilary Walton 318; Sandy Semeonoff 375; Josh Darby 300; Ian West 111b; Jan Geerts 313b; Shereen Benjamin 268; Phil Tyler 198; Claire Singleton 455; the Wareh family 45b; Colin Higgins 564; Carmen Gordon 440; Colin Monson 133; Nigel Anderson 369; Joel Wallenberg 227. Claire Welford extended thanks to all those who had helped during the day, and announcements were made. Claire led 347 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer offered by Joel Wallenberg.

Chairman—Claire Welford; Secretary—Colin Monson

SHAKER MEETINGHOUSE AND FRANCIS BLISS MEMORIAL SINGING Sabbathday Lake Shaker Village, New Gloucester, Maine Saturday, June 3, 2017

The 10th annual Shaker Meetinghouse and Francis Bliss Singing was held in the Meetinghouse at Sabbathday Lake Shaker Village in New Gloucester, Maine. At 1:00 p.m., Barb Ames welcomed everyone and brought the class to order leading 49t. Chuck Micciche offered the opening prayer. Barb Ames and Meg Haskell led the class in singing the Shaker songs "Precious Gospel Kindred" and "We Are Strong". The following officers were appointed to serve: Chairperson—Barb Ames; Treasurer—Corrone Bryant; Arranging Committee/Secretary—Pleasance Crawford and Chuck Crawford.

Leaders: Chuck Crawford 225t; Corrone Bryant 59; Bobbie Goodell 344; Chris Holley 500; Sara Sandberg 503; Kris Paprocki 448b; Jesse Vear 527; Andy Alter 455; Robert Stoddard 480; Ally Talbot 86; Patrick Friesen 354b; Pat Callahan 318; Ethan McNerney and Carly Goss 324; Philippa Stoddard 40; Kerry Cullinan 163b; Celia Devine 312b; Chuck Micciche 368; Elizabeth Stoddard 513; Marilyn Murata 200; Chris McKnight 360; Corrone Bryant 77b; Pleasance Crawford 353; John Hughes 171.

RECESS

Pat Callahan called the class to order leading 270. Leaders: Carly Goss 430; Jesse

Flynn 105; Inez Luttgen 269; Chris Nicholson 34b; Emma Swartz 196; Eric Sandberg 299; Joan Frankel and Chris Holley 414; Laura Hodges 187; Stephanie Kierstead 313t; Annie Nixon 155; Kathe Pilibosian 422; Karen Mathews 28t; Liz Cantrell 91; Patrick Friesen 159; Philippa Stoddard 548; Ethan Mc Nerney and Carly Goss 272; Kerry Cullinan 549; Celia Devine 198; Chuck Micciche 87; Marilyn Murata 218; Chris McKnight 453; Carly Goss 542; John Hughes 486; Inez Luttgen 278t; Joan Frankel 284; Laura Hodges 73t; Chris Nicholson 235; Karen Mathews 547; Pat Callahan 313b; Liz Cantrell 142; Kris Paprocki 232; Emma Swartz 36b; Ally Talbot 127. Barb Ames led the Shaker song “We Will All Go Home with You”. Barb Ames reported that expenses were met. She further stated that the class of eighty-one singers came from seven states and one Canadian province, and that thirty-six leaders led sixty Sacred Harp songs and three Shaker songs. Barb Ames thanked all for traveling to the singing; the Sabbathday Lake Shaker community for their hospitality; the officers and others for helping; and the cooks for providing the evening meal.

Barb led 347 as the closing song, and those who wished took the parting hand. Liz Callahan offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed to the Dining Room in the Dwelling House, where all joined hands with Brother Arnold for a silent grace before the evening meal.

SUPPER

Following the evening meal, some of those attending the afternoon session reconvened in the rotunda of the 1893 State of Maine Building on the grounds of the Poland Springs Resort. Leaders: Robert Stoddard 38t (CB); Kerry Cullinan 273 (CB); Marilyn Murata 571 (CB); Chris Nicholson 393 (CB); Andy Alter 392 (CB); Elizabeth Stoddard 150 (CB); Jesse Flynn 505 (CB); Chris Nicholson 558 (CB); Eva Murray 137 (CB); Liz Cantrell 458 (CB); Alex Samaras 463 (CB); Ally Talbot 511t (CB); Pleasance Crawford 512 (CB); Patrick Friesen 516 (CB); Robert Stoddard 514 (CB); Kris Paprocki 295 (CB); Chris Holley 527 (CB); Jesse Vear 176b (CB); Elizabeth Stoddard 39 (CB); Philippa Stoddard 138t (CB); Andy Alter 274t (CB).

RECESS

Robert Stoddard called the class back to order leading 54t (CB). Leaders: Pleasance Crawford 411 (CB); Kerry Cullinan 504t (CB); Chris Nicholson 182 (CB); Chuck Micciche 282 (CB); Chris Holley 580 (CB); Patrick Friesen 464 (CB); Laura Hodges 559 (CB); Joan Frankel 312 (CB); Kathe Pilibosian 522 (CB); Robert Stoddard 133 (CB); Jesse Vear 416t (CB); Kris Paprocki 225t (CB); Marilyn Murata 229 (CB); Elizabeth Stoddard 552 (CB); Robert Stoddard 70b (CB).

Chairman—Barb Ames; Secretary—Pleasance Crawford

HOLLY SPRINGS MEMORIAL SINGING

Holly Springs Primitive Baptist Church, Bremen, Georgia

June 3-4, 2017

Saturday, June 3

The annual Sacred Harp memorial singing at Holly Springs Primitive Baptist Church, near Bremen, Georgia, was held on the first Sunday and Saturday before in June. The class was called to order by Charlene Wallace leading 59. Jesse Roberts offered the opening prayer.

The class was organized with the following officers retained or appointed to serve: Chairman—Charlene Wallace; Vice Chairman—Richard DeLong; Secretary—Donna Bell; Arranging Committee—Richard DeLong, Hayden Arp, and Nathan Rees.

Leaders: Richard DeLong 32t; John Plunkett 105; Phillip Langley 272; Henry

Johnson 138b; Debora Grosse 569b; Ellen Ray 68b; Shannon Primm 114; Erica Hinton 141; Lela Crowder 65; Jason Stanford 285t; Eric Tweedy 301; David Smead 110; Faye Hollis 340; Bobby Watkins 500; Michael Spencer 420.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Richard DeLong leading 399b. Leaders: Glenda Collins and Bert Collins 282; Winfred Kerr 516; Helen Bryson 522; Tony Hammock 229; Taylor Watkins 146; Chance Cook 192; April Watkins 388; Dalton Lewis 472; Anna Hinton 142; Eli Hinton 99; Samuel Williams 148; Lisa Bennett 527; Hayden Arp 342; Don Bowen 283.

RECESS

Hayden Arp called the class together leading 345t. Leaders: Scott DePoy 201; Nicholas Thompson 568; Oscar McGuire 573; Virginia Dyer 217; Judy Mincey 200; Daniel Williams 431; Nathan Rees 413; Kathy Williams 434; Ellen Culpepper 426b; Joyce Heath 178; Rene Greene 542; Brian Black, Wendy Cope, and Emily Burnette 306; Fred Eady and Mitcham Tuell 236; Mary Brownlee 556. Jesse Roberts offered the blessing of the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Isaac Green and Dalton Lewis leading 123t. Leaders: Dan Edwards 47t; Jeannette DePoy 183 (for Holly Mixon); Margaret Thacker 480; Jesse Roberts 369; Matt Hinton and Dan Decriscio 455; Jim Neal 270; Kelly Morris 535; John Kelso 457; Lisa Grayson 448t; Justin Bowen, Taylor Strickland, and Ryan Konopka 383; Ted Mercer 468; John Seaton 40; Eddie Huckaby 49b; Pat Temple 373; Ed Thacker 176b; Reba Windom and Pam Nunn 216; Elene Stovall and Paula Picton 440; Keillor Mose and Merritt Treaster 204; Alex Forsyth 112; Marcia Johnson 504.

RECESS

Charlene Wallace and Hayden Arp reassembled the class for the final session of the day leading 155. Leaders: Rebecca Over 464; Ted Johnson 89; Larry Nothweb 66; Nigel Bowley 379; Jan Ketelle and Jesse Roberts 549; Isaac Green and Fallon Cook 548; Robert Kelley 231; Judy Chambless 318 (in memory of Earlis McGraw, B.M. Smith, and Hugh McGraw); Lori Graber 150; Mary Wright 312t; Susan Chernes 300; Matt Bell 309; Robert Chambless 145t; Fallon Cook 215.

Following announcements, Charlene Wallace and Richard DeLong led 46 as the closing song. Jesse Roberts offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, June 4

The Sunday session of the Holly Springs Memorial Singing was called to order by Charlene Wallace leading 34b. John Plunkett offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Richard DeLong 36b; Debra Langley 155; Gary Davis and Karen Flagg 480; Judy Henry 77b; Robert Chambless 94; Malinda Snow 473; Lela Crowder 460; Donna Bell and Ted Mercer 501; Scott DePoy and Lynn Allen 277; John Plunkett 333; Robert Kelley 41; Sheri Taylor 405; Phillip Langley 546 (in memory of Geneva Prichard); Oscar McGuire 163b; Jeannette DePoy 89; Samuel Williams 487; Kathy Williams 37b; Shannon Primm 32b; Michael Spencer 521; Nathan Rees 56t; Cecil Roberts 547; Fallon Cook 47b.

RECESS

Phillip Langley led 81t to bring the class together. Leaders: Gene Black 193; Pat Temple 128; Fred Eady, Arielle Vaughn, and Eleanor Vaughn 358; Eddie Huckaby 323b; Ted Mercer 131t; Judy Chambless 549 (in memory of Earlis McGraw, B.M. Smith, and Hugh McGraw); John Seaton 276; Daniel Williams 74t; Marcia Johnson 171; Winfred Kerr 569b; Erica Hinton 187 (for friends that lost their house in a fire); Larry Nothweb 444; Virginia Dyer 532; Nigel Bowley 382; Jan Ketelle 216 (for Melanie Hauff); Pam Nunn 528; Ted Johnson 224; Rebecca Over 353 (in memory of

Earlis McGraw); Mary Wright 477; Lisa Grayson 288; Eli Hinton 99; Nathan Rees 294 (for Mildred Patterson). Cecil Roberts offered the blessing of the noon meal at the table.

LUNCH

The final session of the Holly Springs Memorial was brought to order by Richard DeLong leading 206. Leaders: Ellie Snyder 545; Ted Mercer 302; Robert Kelley 436; Marcia Johnson 340; Nigel Bowley 517; Pat Temple 33t; John Seaton 47t; Jan Ketelle 212; Rebecca Over 348t (for Judy Hauff); Ted Johnson 419; Brian Black, Wendy Cope, and Emily Burnette 113; Lisa Grayson 370; Larry Nothweb 183; Michael Spencer 166; Mary Wright 35; Jeannette DePoy 306; John Plunkett 297; Kathy Williams 151; Lela Crowder 270; Scott DePoy 48t; Shannon Primm and Nigel Bowley 565; Oscar McGuire 485; Sheri Taylor 430; Fallon Cook 168; Erica Hinton 284 (in memory of Earlis McGraw); Esther Williams 125; Winfred Kerr 318; Debra Langley 142; Daniel Williams 43; Dalton Lewis 354b; Jason Stanford 410t; Fred Eady 84; Cecil Roberts 399b; Samuel Williams 397; Nathan Rees and Chance Cook 268.

Announcements were made. Charlene Wallace led 46 as the closing song. Cecil Roberts offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Charlene Wallace; Vice Chairman—Richard DeLong; Secretary—Donna Bell

NORTHERN SHENANDOAH VALLEY SHAPE NOTE SINGERS **Bluemont Community Center, Bluemont, Virginia**

June 3-4, 2017

Saturday, June 3

The All-Day Sacred Harp singing was called to order by John delRe leading 32t. Chris Wolf offered the morning prayer.

The class went into a business session. The following officers were elected or appointed: Chairman—Leyland delRe; Vice Chairman—Ben Hartland; Secretaries—Matt Roberts and Joni Seidenstein; Treasurer—Jim Glaser; Arranging Committee—John delRe and Graham DeZarn.

Leaders: Ben Sachs-Hamilton 81t; Tom Ivey 500; Sharon Strong 77b; Matt Roberts 455; Topher Lawton 102; Rodman Campbell 278t; Graham DeZarn 74t; Miranda Elliot-Rader 284; Joel Miller 479; Jim Glaser 462; Kathy Manning 522; Richard Green 163t; Jesse Polhemus 123b; Forrest Quay 565; Matt Ference 112; Bethany Towne 138t; Lucas Husted 227; Matt Wells 176b; James Baumgartner 315; Les Updike 373.

RECESS

The class was called back together by Lydia Lewallen leading 100 and Megan Holm leading 64. Leaders: Fred Hoerr 28t; Liz Meitzler 179; Ben Hartland 410t; John Hoerr 229; Bev Yaeger 454; Stina Soderling 72b; Sam Kleinman 89; Gillie Campbell 66; Rachel Wells Hall 115; Jeremy Donaldson 173; Amanda Jokerst 531; Kelly Macklin 218; Stuart Jackson 223; Abby Beavin 326; Leon Pulsinelle 372; Tristan Gordon 36b; Bridget Camden 70b; Ina Shea 468; Mike Richards 102; Emmy Strassberg 312b; Adrian Mariano 419. Chris Wolf asked a blessing for lunch.

LUNCH

The class was called back by Stina Soderling leading 82t, and Tristan Gordon 65. Leaders: Peter Trumbore 480; Megan Holm 282; Lydia Lewallen 388; Chris Wolf 50t; Dann Pell 440; Jonathon Smith 165; Allison Steel 345b; Ateven Snderson 325; Dave Barford 542; Erica Martinez 384; Nora Miller 176t; Matthew MacLellan 434; Debbie Barford 368; Mary Helen Dupree 26; Susan Green 290; Doron Henkin 377;

Thomas Ward 399b; Luke Sivertson 178; Nancy Tkacs 268; Ben Cocchiario 436; Tim Morton 269; Joni Seidenstein 217.

RECESS

The class was called back together by Amanda Jokerst leading 35 and Mike Richards leading 56t. Leaders: Jerusha Wheeler 283; Sonia Chin 486; Corinne Ducey 30t; Myles Dakan 187; Erin Gum 146; Andrew Boyadjian 387; Dan Hunter 76b; Nadia Abdelaziz 210; Will Fesperman 378b; Jesse Polhemus 334; Megan Holm 445; Ben Sachs-Hamilton 212; Lydia Lewallen 460; Rodman Campbell 410b; Debbie Barford 142; Peter Trumbore 277; Sam Kleinman 362; Matthew MacLellan 348b; Stina Soderling 172; Jonathon Smith 131b; Luke Sivertson 37b; Matt Wells 547. Leyland delRe led 323t as the closing song. Chris Wolf offered the closing prayer.

Sunday, June 4

The Sunday session of the Northern Shenandoah Shape Note Singing was brought to order by Leyland delRe leading 70t (ShH). All song selections are from the *Shenandoah Harmony*. Chris Wolf offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Tom Ivey 382 (ShH); Graham DeZarn 130 (ShH); Jim Glaser 293 (ShH); Matt Roberts 457 (ShH); Andrew Boyadjian 125 (ShH); Tim Morton 156 (ShH); Thomas Ward 28b (ShH); Tristan Gordon 187 (ShH); Megan Holm 15 (ShH); Kathy Manning 227 (ShH); Miranda Elliot-Rader 12b (ShH); Sonia Chin 145 (ShH).

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Graham DeZarn leading 204 (ShH). Leaders: Nora Miller 333 (ShH); Emmie Strassberg 132 (ShH); Debbie Barford 364b (ShH); Jerusha Wheeler 431 (ShH); Rachel Hall 148 (ShH); Liz Meitzler 326b (ShH); Erin Gum 218b (ShH); Abby Beavin 133 (ShH); Lydia Lewallen 288t (ShH); Chris Wolf 254 (ShH); Jonathon Smith 96t (ShH); Stuart Jackson 167 (ShH); Sam Kleinman 184 (ShH); Matt Wells 285 (ShH); Mike Richards 62 (ShH); Stina Soderling 57 (ShH); Dann Pell 205 (ShH); Jeremy Donaldson 161 (ShH); Bev Yaeger 260t (ShH).

The memorial lesson was conducted by Dan Hunter. We remembered the following sick and shut-ins: Daniel Guevara, John Lewallen, and Ethel Strube. Dan led 178. We remembered the following deceased: John Bayer—Ohio; Hugh McGraw and B.M. Smith—Georgia; Stephanie Wolf—Maryland; Les Sontag, Edgar Houston, and Janelle Davis—Illinois; David Muniz—Colorado; Michael Sensor—Florida; Collette Miller—Minnesota; Jean Hollowell and Skip Trout—Pennsylvania; Ruth Hooke—Massachusetts; Jean Porter and Eric Bethhauser—Virginia; Dorothy Elliott—Texas; Tony Smith—Alabama; Earlis McGraw, Johnny Lee, and Deloree Lee—Georgia; Bill Horovitz—California; Charlie Derleth—Missouri. Dan led 12b (ShH). Chris Wolf offered prayer to close the memorial lesson. Les Updike led 296.

LUNCH

The class was called back to order by Sam Kleinman leading 104t (ShH). Leaders: Lucas Husted 197 (ShH); Ben Hartland 432t (ShH); Ben Sachs-Hamilton 270 (ShH); David Barford 260b (ShH); Dan Hunter 402 (ShH); Ben Cocchiario 140b (ShH); Jesse Polhemus 160 (ShH); James Baumgartner 171 (ShH); Josh Barnett 99 (ShH); Alison Steel 180 (ShH); Corinne Ducey 136 (ShH); Bridget Camden 3t (ShH); Bethany Towne 322 (ShH); Ina Shea 101 (ShH); Amanda Jokerst 305 (ShH); Nadia Abdelaziz 321b (ShH); Joel Miller 246b (ShH); Erica Martinez 112 (ShH); Nora Miller 385 (ShH); Fred Hoerr and Mary Hoerr 217 (ShH).

RECESS

Josh Barnett called the class together leading 5b (ShH). Leaders: Joni Seidenstein 241t (ShH); Sharon Strong 348b (ShH); Peter Pate 212 (ShH); John Hoerr 264b (ShH); Julia Seidenstein 452 (ShH); Doron Henkin 446b (ShH); Forrest Quay 166 (ShH); David Giusti 444b (ShH); Matthew MacLellan 218 (ShH); Jerusha Wheeler 310 (ShH); Allison Steel 53 (ShH); Luke Sivertson 131 (ShH); Josh Barnett 253

(ShH); David Barford 19 (ShH); Megan Holm 404t (ShH); Myles Dakan 413 (ShH); Leyland delRe and Abby Beavin 298b (ShH); Rachel Hall 348t (ShH); Tristan Gordon 113 (ShH); Lydia Lewallen 424t (ShH); Chris Wolf 78 (ShH). Kelly Macklin and John delRe led 129t (ShH) as the closing song. Kelly Macklin offered resolutions. Chris Wolf offered the closing prayer. Chairman—Leyland delRe; Vice Chairman—Ben Hartland; Secretaries—Matt Roberts and Joni Seidenstein

LIBERTY DECORATION DAY SINGING

Liberty Baptist Church, Henagar, Alabama

Sunday, June 4, 2017

The annual Liberty Decoration Day Sacred Harp Singing was held on the first Sunday in June at Liberty Baptist Church, Henagar, Alabama. The class was called to order by Loyd Ivey leading 82t. Loyd Ivey and Rex Wilks led 89. Loyd Ivey offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Scott Ivey 276; David Ivey 318 (for Eloise Wootten); Jackie Tanner 129; Rodney Ivey 426t; Boyd Scott 358; Cheyenne Ivey 106; Ed Thacker 280; Susan Cheronos 300; Nate Green and Norma Green 499; Daniel Lee 29b; Hubert Nall 186; Teresa Saylor 209; David Killingsworth 515; Bob Watkins 500; Linda Thomas 176b; Richard Mauldin 43; David Saylor 349; Loretta Smith 274t; Garrett Morton 477; Geraldine Sharpston and Dalton Sharpston 299; Don Bowen and Barrett Patton 532, 283 (in memory of Hugh McGraw); Ann Jett 327; Colby Brown and Kennedy Brown 74b; Hayden Arp 170; Anna Hinton 383; Buell Cobb 337; Jared Wootten and Jamey Wootten 546; Larry Ballinger 268.

The class assembled at the cemetery. David Ivey led 340 and 339. Shane Wootten led 571 (CB). Loyd Ivey led 511b (CB). Shane Wootten led 572 (CB).

RECESS

The class was called to order by Rodney Ivey leading 111t. Leaders: Judy Caudle 303; Dennis George and Tom George 275b; Sarah Trumbore 540; Joe Douglas 86; Mary Ruth Stiefel 399b; Sierra Saylor and Gus Carter 504; Nicholas Thompson 187; Cole Wootten, Hayden Wootten, and Aaron Wootten 47t, 39b; Josh Collier and Betty Shepherd 216; Phil Summerlin 68b; Paula Oliver 564; Danny Creel 269; Reba Windom 542; Taylor Watkins 388; Isaac Green and Alex Craig 421; Matt Hinton 371; Laurie Gregory 180; David Smead 517; Ellen Ray 45b; Elene Stovall 189; Linton Ballinger 282; Lilly Underwood and Anna Marie Bethune 457. Richard Mauldin offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Justin Bowen led 166 to bring the class back together. Leaders: Garrett Morton, Deborah Morton, and Josh Collier 59, 551; Delone Cobbs 354t; Loyd Ivey, Teresa Bethune, Marion Biddle, Louise Ivey, Adam Biddle, Candace Sisemore, Halle Sisemore, Lilly Underwood, Anna Marie Bethune, and Doug Ivey 501 (CB); Terry Wootten 484 (CB) (in honor of all military service men and women); Nicholas Holmes 215; April Watkins 87; Ainslie Allen and Grace Davis 76b; Anna Wootten and Susan Harcrow 426b; Shelby Castillo and Reba Windom 456; Isaac Green and Brianna Wells 472; Paula Picton and Keilor Mose 380; Richard Ivey and Kelsey Ivey 432; Henry Johnson 138t; Sharon DuPriest 208; Cassie Allen 228; Alex Forsyth and Reba Windom 30b; Lisa Bennett 368; Daphene Causey 434; Karen Ivey, Stuart Ivey, and Allison Whitener 73t; Coy Ivey and Amy Daniel 384; Sylvia Ivey, Tony Ivey, Sandy Ivey, Scott Ivey, Rachel Carter, Hayden Wootten, Jared Wootten and Jamey Wootten 445; Myra Dalton, Mark Brown, James Dalton, and Syble Adams 203; Joyce Walton 67; Cindy Tanner and Wanda Capps 512; Elizabeth Gentry and Charlotte Gentry 452; Allison Whitener and Grace Whitener 354b; Shane Wootten

171 (for Eloise Wootten).

Announcements were made. Shane Wootten and Ben Barrentine led 159 as the closing song. Ben Barrentine offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed. Chairman—Shane Wootten; Vice Chairman—Jared Wootten; Secretary—Cheyenne Ivey

SHERMAN SINGING
Calhoun County, Mississippi
Sunday, June 4, 2017

The 68th annual Hill Roane Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was held at Sherman Baptist Church. The class was called to order by Mark Davis leading 30t. Arlon Gardner offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Mark Davis 102; Mike Hankins 34b, 72b, 120; Arlon Gardner 106, 67, 535; Drew McGuire 73t, 37b, 317; Anne Steel 472, 66, 137; Nathan Stewart 546, 498; Darlene Reynolds 486t (WB), 511 (WB); Bentley Rose 282.

RECESS

Mark Davis reassembled the class by leading 151. Leaders: Andy Davis 454, 434, 334; John Van Horn 175, 163t, 186; Regina Derstine 214, 297, 33b; Julie Heerin 32t, 146, 163b; Warren Steel 370, 376; 320; Amber Davis 362, 142, 391; John Van Horn 300, 168.

LUNCH

Drew McGuire called the afternoon session together leading 82t. Leaders: Mark Davis 527 (WB), 154b (WB); Henry McGuire 138t (WB), 547t (WB), 471 (WB); Mark Davis 291; Mike Hankins 527; Arlon Gardner 148, 285t; Drew McGuire 197; Anne Steel 200; Darlene Reynolds and Bentley Rose 354b; Andy Davis 269; Regina Derstine 154; Julie Heerin 45t; Warren Steel 36t, 157; Amber Davis 440, 436; Henry McGuire 213t, 500; Drew McGuire 236; Judy Harrison 358.

Following announcements, Mark Davis led 62 as the closing song. Drew McGuire dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Mark Davis; Secretary—Warren Steel

RAYMOND HAMRICK MEMORIAL SINGING
(THE GEORGIAN HARMONY)

Roberta Civic Center, Roberta, Georgia

Saturday, June 10, 2017

The 3rd Raymond Hamrick Memorial Singing (*The Georgian Harmony*) was held on Saturday before the second Sunday in June at the Roberta Civic Center. Bill Hollingsworth called the class to order leading 9. John Plunkett offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Bill Hollingsworth 4; John Plunkett 38; Ben Fink 238; J.R. Hardman 90; Martha Harrell 54; Judy Whiting 108; Rosemund Watson 25; Michael Spencer 233; Chris Brown 9; Robert Chambless 65; John Hollingsworth 144; Steven Taylor 211.

RECESS

Bill Hollingsworth called the class to order leading 152. Leaders: Judy Chambless 252; Mary Brownlee 95; Oscar McGuire 49; Helen Bryson 42; Jerusha Wheeler 204; John Plunkett 92; Ben Fink 153; J.R. Hardman 179; Beth Hagues 109.

LUNCH

Bill Hollingsworth called the class to order leading 196. Leaders: Martha Harrell 107; Judy Whiting 253; Michael Spencer 208; John Hollingsworth 132; Chris Brown 106; Jose Camacho 15; Robert Chambless 206; Judy Chambless 225; Mary Brownlee 94; Oscar McGuire 26; Steve Taylor 216; Shannon Primm 2, 22, 13; Susan Ford and

Ben Fink 12; Judy Whiting 105; Jose Camacho 124; Bill Hollingsworth 198; Chris Brown 193; J.R. Hardman 86; Martha Harrell, Mary Brownlee, and Rosemund Watson 33b; Steve Taylor 87.

Announcements were made. Rosemund Watson led 255 as the closing song. John Hollingsworth offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Bill Hollingsworth; Vice Chairman—Oscar McGuire; Secretary—Helen Bryson

HOPEWELL HOMECOMING

Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church, Oneonta, Alabama

June 10-11, 2017

Saturday, June 10

The 71st annual Hopewell Homecoming Sacred Harp singing was held at Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church in Oneonta, Alabama, on the second Sunday and Saturday before in June. Terry Hullett called the class to order by leading 81t. Elder Philip Gilmore offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Terry Hullett 144; Nate Green 87; Bobby Watkins 204; Rebekah Gilmore 77t; Doyle Alexander 36b; Chris Green 318; Inga Huebner 56b; Nancy Novotny 464; Winfred Kerr 500 (in memory of Hugh McGraw); Jonathan Surrency 455; Philip Gilmore 47b; Derek Buckland 313b; Matthew MacLellan 474; Rebecca Over 217; Robert Stoddard 216; Richard Mauldin 168.

RECESS

Terry Hullett brought the class back together by leading 63. Leaders: Hayden Arp 340; Nancy Price 75; Alex Forsyth 101t; Sasha Hsuczyk 422; Darrell Swarens 208; Ed Thacker 64; Judy Caudle 365; Larry Ballinger 551; Reba Windom 192 (for Eloise Wootten); Joel Bassett 167; Elizabeth Stoddard 57; Linda Berkemeier 56t; Vickie See and Billy See 480; Adrian Eldridge 279; Henry Johnson 230; Eugene Forbes 384; Margaret Thacker 303; Doug Conn 406.

RECESS

Terry Hullett brought the class back together by leading 30b. Leaders: April Watkins 278b; Marlin Beasley 336; Taylor Watkins 345t; Grace Gilmore 542; Lori Graber 131t; Kerry Cullinan 68b; Bridgett Hill Kennedy 383; Paula Gilmore 317; Elizabeth Gentry 361; Cheyenne Ivey 389; J.L. Hopper 211; Daniel Bearden 459; Linda Booth 489; Linda Thomas and Jordan Sullivan 345b.

LUNCH

Philip Gilmore brought the class back together by leading 176b. Leaders: Inga Huebner 94; Rebecca Over 393; Derek Buckland 569b; Norma Green and Nate Green 225t; Matthew MacLellan 212; Mary Ruth Stiefel 421; Linda Berkemeier 228; Nancy Novotny 224; Elizabeth Stoddard and Deborah Kukal 546; Robert Stoddard 475; Kerry Cullinan 486; Joel Bassett 411; Sasha Hsuczyk 349; Alex Forsyth 272; Darrell Swarens 72b (in memory of Nettie Green); Adrian Eldridge and Elizabeth Gentry 353; Lori Graber 510; Nancy Price 178; Jonathan Surrency 235; Vickie See and Billy See 503.

Terry Hullett and Nate Green led 45t as the closing song. Elder J.L. Hopper dismissed the class with prayer.

Sunday, June 11

The Sunday session of the Hopewell Homecoming Sacred Harp singing was called to order by Terry Hullett leading 129. The morning prayer was offered by Doyle Alexander.

Leaders: Terry Hullett 59; Nate Green 32t; Bobby Watkins 111b, 76b; Rebekah Gilmore 67, 277; Doyle Alexander 63, 146; Dennis George 31b, 123t; Terry

Wootten 33b, 69t; Philip Gilmore 47t, 448t; Buell Cobb 207, 141; Vickie See and Billy See 30b, 72b; Doug Conn 546, 74b; Paula Gilmore 49b, 145b; Marlin Beasley 392 (in memory of Martha Harper), 319 (in memory of Myrtle Ann Beasley).

RECESS

Terry Hullett brought the class back together by leading 340. Leaders: Rodney Ivey 475, 383; Helen Brown 349, 142; Margaret Gillanders 77b, 203; Rebecca Over 369 (in memory of Calvin Phillips), 548 (in memory of Hugh McGraw); Ted Brown 75, 378t.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Philip Gilmore and Paula Gilmore. Philip read from Acts 24:15. Terry Hullett led 45t in memory of Wilma Green. Philip and Paula led 285t in memory of the following deceased: Hugh McGraw, Geneva Prichard, B.M. Smith, Johnny Lee, Delorese Lee, Mary Jean Avery Payne—Georgia; S.T. Reed, Gravis Ballinger, Calvin Phillips, Wilma Green, Toney Smith, Lavoy Smith, Gary Smith, Levon Wootten, Pat Wadsworth, Bill Davis, Patti Alexander, Velma Gillahan—Alabama; Byron Hulkan—Tennessee; J.B. Shenk—Indiana; Michael Sensor—Pennsylvania; Ruth Steggle, Jean MacDonald—United Kingdom. Philip and Paula led 48t for the following sick and shut-ins: John Brazitis, Eloise Wootten, Tommie Spurlock, Karen Rollins, Wayne Reed, Sue Bush, David Elliott, Jimmie Wadsworth, and Virginia Lowe. Doug Conn closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Nathan Rees 549, 348b; Joel Bassett 111t, 498; Alex Forsyth 52b, 432.

LUNCH

Terry Hullett brought the class back together by leading 101t. Leaders: Susan Cheronos 300, 460; Ruth Wampler 279, 393; Norma Green and Nate Green 144; Don Clark 174; Jonathan Surrency 408, 176t; Cheyenne Ivey 172; Jeff Shenk 117; Sasha Hsuczuk 61, 434; Taylor Watkins 445, 388; April Watkins 77t, 345b; Karen Clark 560, 534; Grace Gilmore, Rebekah Gilmore, Paula Gilmore, and Philip Gilmore 294, 270; Jordan Sullivan and Linda Thomas 472, 358; Winfred Kerr 516, 314; Ed Thacker and Terry Wootten 400; Jonathon Smith 73t, 132; Helen Brown, Ted Brown, Margaret Gillanders, Rebecca Over, and Molly Bagley 344; Rodney Ivey 571 (CB), 572 (CB) (for Jewel Wootten and Eloise Wootten); Coy Ivey 465 (CB). Terry Hullett, Nate Green, and Philip Gilmore led 62 as the closing song. Elder Philip Gilmore dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Terry Hullett; Vice Chairman—Nate Green; Secretaries—Paula Gilmore and Rebekah Gilmore

ALDRIDGE MEMORIAL

Johnson Schoolhouse, Fayette County, Alabama

Sunday, June 11, 2017

The annual Aldridge Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was held at Johnson Schoolhouse on the second Sunday in July. Elene Stovall welcomed everyone, and then led 36b. Earl Ballinger offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Elene Stovall 411; Bridgett Hill Kennedy and Max Berueffy 276; Joan Aldridge 540; Amber Davis 291; Henry Guthery 76b; Kerry Cullinan 31t; Nancy Price 372; Richard Mauldin 168; Lori Graber 182; Earl Ballinger 439; Glenn Keeton 504; Linda Berkemeier 77b; Chuck Howell 112; Henry McGuire 479; Mark Davis 150; Jerry Kitchens 30t; Linda Booth 269; Adrian Eldridge 328; Andy Ditzler 564; Betty Baccus 426b; Nicholas Thompson 215 (in memory of Gravis Ballinger); Charlotte Ehrman 287; Dan Brittain 154; Don Keeton 491; Lucy Heidorn 217; Darlene Reynolds 282; Derek Buckland 350; Frank Griggs 442; Linda Sides 500; Judy Whiting 72b.

RECESS

Max Berueffy led 32t to bring the class back together. Leaders: Nicole Collins 63; Eric Sandberg 228; Eugene Forbes 203; Joanna Bennett 216; Danny Creel 428; Shelby Castillo and Reba Windom 546, 542; Chris Brown 392; Robert Stoddard 202; David Brodeur 383; Gillian Inksetter 198; Nancy Novotny 377; Larry Ballinger 528; Matthew MacLellan 506; Chris Ballinger 460; Inga Huebner 323b; Elizabeth Stoddard 283; Lisa Geist 273; Nathan Stewart 189; Alison Davis 436; Darrell Swarens 84; Glenn Keeton, Isabella Keeton, and Matthew Keeton 235; Sara Sandberg 47t; Julia Poston 145b; Leon Pulsinelle 388. Earl Ballinger asked a blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Elene Stovall leading 440. Leaders: David Heidorn and Lucy Heidorn 99; Robert Stoddard and Elizabeth Stoddard 196; Chris Brown and Judy Whiting 176t; Darrell Swarens and Adrian Eldridge 507; Dan Brittain 375; Charlotte Ehrman 486; Sue Peters 178; Nathan Stewart 444; Inga Huebner 361; Mark Graber 503; Linda Berkemeier 549; Max Berueffy 220; Eric Sandberg 391; Matthew MacLellan 434; Mark Davis 181; Kerry Cullinan 163b; Lori Graber 53; Gillian Inksetter 456; Nancy Price 498; Henry McGuire 280; Derek Buckland 56b; Nicole Collins 47b; Andy Ditzler and David Brodeur 304; Nancy Novotny 505; Bridgett Hill Kennedy 142; Joanna Bennett 192; Frank Griggs 567; Darlene Reynolds 145t.

Elene Stovall, Bridgett Hill Kennedy, and Joan Aldridge led 46 as the closing song. Adrian Eldridge dismissed the class with prayer.

Co-chairmen—Elene Stovall and Joan Aldridge; Secretary—Amber Davis

JUNE SINGING

Alpharetta Municipal Building, Alpharetta, Georgia

Sunday, June 11, 2017

The 149th annual session of the June Singing was held on the second Sunday in June at the Alpharetta Municipal Building. Faye Holbrook called the class to order leading 46. John Plunkett offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Janice Paulk 32t; Helen Bryson and Buck Bailey 75; John Plunkett 74b, 50t; Richard DeLong 36b, 100; Susan Posey 146, 475; Ben Fink 313b, 486; Mike Castleberry 401, 490; Janice Paulk 337, 448b; Dave Farmer 84, 324; Tony Hammock 321, 196; Dan Bailey 66, 569b.

RECESS

Faye Holbrook called the class to order leading 67. The class entered into a business session. The following were elected to serve: Chairman—Faye Holbrook; Vice Chairman—Mike Castleberry; Secretary—Helen Bryson.

Leaders: Oscar McGuire 155 (for Charlene Wallace), 171; Malinda Snow 384, 276; Glenda Collins and Bert Collins 566, 340; Fallon Cook 37b, 59; Dalton Lewis 472, 354b; Donna Bell 300, 435 (for Lynn Munroe and Patricia Stough Wallace); Ben Fink 315; Lisa Bennett 142, 204.

Malinda Snow conducted the memorial lesson. She explained what a memorial lesson is for the new singers. As singers we are a community and as such we sing together, sit, eat, and support each other. We are travelers and we support each other in our journey. And as we travel, we have hope for another life. Malinda led 460, remembering the following deceased: B.M. Smith, Earlis McGraw, Hugh McGraw, William Posey, Gail Jackson, and Harold DeLong—Georgia.

We remember the following sick and shut-ins: Sue Haney, Jack Paulk, and Karen Rollins. Faye Holbrook closed the lesson with prayer.

LUNCH

Faye Holbrook called the class to order leading 455. Leaders: David Smead 287, 370;

Virginia Dyer 137, 112; Eric Tweedy 240, 377; Chris Tweedy 52t, 156; Jesse Roberts 172, 392; Chance Cook 192; John Plunkett 409; Helen Bryson 176t; Janice Paulk 517; Mike Castleberry 512; Tony Hammock 383; Richard DeLong 45t (by request); Lisa Bennett and Richard DeLong 510; Malinda Snow 556; Dave Farmer 178; Bert Collins and Glenda Collins 101t; Dalton Lewis 40; Susan Posey 503; Fallon Cook 186; David Smead 314; Donna Bell 176b; Jesse Roberts 380; Eric Tweedy 347.

Announcements were made. Faye Holbrook and Mike Castleberry led 549 as closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Jesse Roberts.

Chairman—Faye Holbrook; Vice Chairman—Mike Castleberry; Secretary—Helen Bryson

CAMP FASOLA, ADULT EMPHASIS **Camp McDowell, Double Springs, Alabama** **June 11-15, 2017**

Arrival, Registration, and Orientation Campers arrived at 4:00 p.m. and received their room assignments, schedules, and t-shirts. Campers had free time until dinner at 6:00 p.m. At 7:00 p.m. staff and campers met with David Ivey at Hall Hall for an orientation meeting, followed by a class singing.

Class Singing 7:30 p.m Led by Nativity Lodge campers. Shari Harrison began by offering the opening prayer. Leaders: Gillian Inksetter 318; Margaret Gillanders 76b; Sue Bunch 178; Idy Kiser 39t; Sandra Wilkinson 46; Robert Stoddard 76t; Bill Hayes 551; David Ivey 131b; Katie Kellert and Lauren Bock 45t; Morgan Bunch 203; Lela Crowder 278b; Pam Nunn 186; Michael Darby 67; Jeannette DePoy 460; Joel Bassett 422; Derek Buckland 68b; Judy Caudle 430; Hazel Heinze 99; Jesse P. Karlsberg 432; Winfred Kerr 36b; Karen Ivey and Vivian Ivey 146; David Brodeur 433; Ruth Wampler 209; Alex Forsyth 101t; Matthew MacLellan 345b; Joanna Bennett 207; Ted Brown 303; Sasha Hsuczyk 349; Elizabeth Stoddard 201; Jonathan Skeet Surrency 448t; Bridgett Hill Kennedy 277; Frank Griggs 535; Helen Brown 542. Dan Comstock and Ann Mashchak conducted the evening devotion. Shari Harrison offering the closing prayer.

Monday, June 12

Lesson: Rudiments I/Beginner 9:00 a.m Teachers—Lauren Bock and Jonathon Smith. The class emphasized starting from the very beginning (page 13 of the Rudiments). Lauren explained the basics of pitch, rhythm, and tempo. Fun tips and words were used to help campers remember and understand. “Amazing Grace” was used as a song example showing lines and spaces, braces, and staves (staves). The class participated in various active demonstrations to learn. The name of each shape was described using easy word association, such as diamonds are for me (mi). Scales, octaves, and intervals were introduced and practiced. The class was dismissed.

Lesson: Rudiments I/Basics. 9:00 a.m Teacher—Nathan Rees. Nathan led 32t to begin the class. He stated that the main resource for learning Sacred Harp singing is the Rudiments found in the front pages of the songbook. He recommended that new singers begin by learning the tenor part. Nathan asked campers to introduce themselves and to share their Sacred Harp backgrounds. A consistent theme in singing schools from the 1920s to the 1950s was singing scales. The class sang scales and intervals. Nathan suggested practicing intervals and scales, over and over. The class practiced some songs with tricky intervals, such as the tenor in 52b, the treble in 306, and the bass in 303. The class sang minor intervals in the bass part of 315. Nathan led 547, and the class was dismissed.

Lesson: Rudiments/Advanced 9:00 a.m Teacher—Stuart Ivey. Stuart began by saying that fundamentals lay the foundation in singing. The four main aspects are

pitch, rhythm, volume/dynamics, and accent. The class focused on pitch (how high or how low), and rhythm (how long or how short). Stuart explained that singing the right note at the wrong time, is a wrong note, especially when there are rests. The class sang the major scale, including intervals. Stuart referred the class to the song on page 351, asking each part to find their entry note from the tonic sound. For rhythm practice, the class was asked to find the whole notes, eighth notes, and sixteenth notes. After a short discussion on word painting in 351 and 344, the class sang 351 to close the lesson.

Elective: Learning Songs/Basics 10:45 a.m Teachers—David Ivey and Stuart Ivey. The teachers suggested learning new songs by listening to recordings, while following along with the songbook. Advice was given to sing the tenor line when leading. The class looked at 49t, and the anatomy of the song was explained, noting the title, meter, scripture verse, the top left as the source of the text, the top right as the source of the music, the key of the song, the time signature, and the composition of a measure. The class sang in unison each part of 49t. A short review about accent and repeats was discussed. Volunteers led 35 and 339. The class was dismissed.

Elective: Curiosities and Oddities in *The Sacred Harp* 10:45 a.m Teacher—Jonathon Smith. Jonathon provided campers with a handout named “Musical Mutations”. The class explored oddities from various editions of *The Sacred Harp* that were curious and odd. The following songs were included: from the *James Book*—“Wanderer’s Grave”, “St. Paul”, “Dayspring”, “Hermon”; from the *Social Harp*—“The Drunkard’s Burial”, “Musgrove”, “Holy War”; “The Shouting Pilgrim” by William Walker; “Land of Rest” and “Love Beyond Degree” by Whitt Denson; “The Love of God” by Owell Denson. The class moved on to modern music such as “Tribulation”, “Child of Grace”, “Devotion” and “93rd Psalm”. Joe James wrote songs to be sung with piano. The class sang “Northfield” and “Cullman” with piano accompaniment by Justin Bowen, followed by “Not Too Late” by William Walker. The class was dismissed.

Elective: Team Tunsmith I, Sacred Harp Composition 101/Advanced 10:45 a.m Teacher—Aldo Ceresa. Aldo led 101t. He quoted William Billings who said, “air can be a flight of fancy, do whatever you want! It’s hard to teach how to write a melody—it’s felt.” The class was composed of beginning writers who participated in a round robin style writing exercise to be sung at the Composium Session. Aldo offered the following tips on how to prepare to compose: listen, study the book, look for common musical phrases, learn from living composers, use correct mode of time, learn characteristics of word parts, keep accent in mind, sing it, pay attention to poetry, use folk tunes or camp meeting tunes and start with a text you like. Aldo gave the order for part writing beginning with tenor, and then bass, and then treble, and last alto. The song needs to have a good melody (tenor), a good mixture of step-wise and skip-wise motion, a comfortable voice range, and in the correct key. For harmony writing: bass—anchors the chords and rhythms, often on root of the chord, occasionally crosses above the tenor and the last note is always the tonic; treble—adds harmonic definition and fills in the chord, has about an octave range, crosses the tenor line in contrary motion, often sits on the fifth and ends on the fifth; alto—often moves step-wise, but not exclusively, has about a sixth in range but generally avoids the sixth in minor, avoid three note parts, add variety and make it fun! The class participated in a writing exercise and handouts of chord charts and major/minor scales were provided to assist tunsmiths in their compositions. The class was dismissed.

Elective: Songs of P. Dan Brittain 1:00 p.m Teacher—Dan Brittain. Dan shared with campers that he started composing around twenty-four years of age. In college, he majored in music composition. To him, the Who’s-Who in the shape-note world

were Hugh McGraw, Raymond Hamrick, and Kelly Beard. Dan led “Beard”. He told the class that he was sitting in his barracks during war time when he saw an ad in the paper about a singing convention in Poplar Springs, and having the weekend off, he went. The first person he saw was Kelly Beard. Dan led “Chmeilno”, named after a village in Poland. Dan said that as soon as his pen leaves the paper he feels the song no longer belongs to him. The following songs were provided on a handout and led by Dan: “Dow”, “Dean St.”, “Garden State”, “Hamrick”, “Gray”, “Hauff”, “Iowa”, “Redding”, “Maquoketa”, “Polnick”, “Self Examination”, and “Steele”. The class was dismissed.

Elective: What I Learned from My Sacred Harp Elders 1:00 p.m Teacher—Kathy Williams. Kathy welcomed the class and led 108t. She related that when she was ten years old her grandfather, Jim Fields, took her to a singing school conducted by H.N. “Bud” McGraw. She immediately fell in love with the music, warmth, and welcoming hugs. Her grandfather was worried she might not like Sacred Harp singing, and would not want to go back, but she knew immediately she liked it and began her love affair with Sacred Harp music and the Sacred Harp family. As a newcomer, Kathy stayed on the tenor part in order to learn to lead before trying to sing another part. Her first song to lead was 108t. In addition to her Papa, Jim and Lillie Belle Ayers were a strong influence in Kathy’s singing life. They became her surrogate grandparents and took her to singings. They were unselfish with their time and their love. Kathy led 506. Kathy said she learned to sing alto from Charlene Wallace and Joyce Walton. Sitting beside either of them was a learning experience, and she enjoys singing beside them still. Kathy led 77b. She attended singing schools taught by Bud McGraw, Jeff Sheppard, George Phillips, Lloyd Redding, Buford McGuire, Euclid McGuire and others. Collectively, Kathy learned from them that there is always something new to learn, someone new who needs help, and someone new to love and encourage. Kathy told some Jeff Sheppard stories and remarked how fun it is to get to know her fellow singers on a different level. She led 464. Kathy shared several Lonnie Roger’s stories. Growing up, Kathy knew all of the Roger’s family. She led 343. In closing, Kathy gave the class some bits of advice she has learned through the years: the book on the chair is a sacred covenant, when there is a book on a chair, that chair is spoken for; if you need to get up during a song, go around the perimeter of the group; responsible front bench singers always beat time with the leader; have your song ready when called to lead and have a back-up choice ready; if you lead immediately before or after the memorial lesson, choose a fitting song; let the person keying have some space; be aware of how a singing is flowing, with highs and lows during the day; singers have a wide range of belief systems, respect that right; it is okay to make mistakes and not do well or just listen and follow along; find your elders, the ones who have helped you along the way, and let them know how important they have been to you. Kathy led 37b for her mother, Louise Holland. She led 56t as the closing song, and the class was dismissed.

Lesson: The Georgia McGraws and Legacy to Sacred Harp 2:10 p.m Teacher—Rebecca Over. Rebecca began her lesson by dedicating it to the memory of Hugh Winfred McGraw (February 20, 1931–May 28, 2017). Rebecca stated that she is from the United Kingdom, and began extensive research and documentation of the McGraw family during her travels in Georgia and Alabama from 2011 to 2016. A compilation of her research was provided in a handout. Rebecca welcomed Charles Woods, grandson of H.N. “Bud” McGraw. A family tree was included in the handout for class members to refer to during the presentation. Rebecca stated that it was likely the original McGraws came to America from Ireland in the late 1600s. Rebecca’s story of the McGraws began with the Civil War generation, Ephraim and Jemima McGraw. Their children were Roland Jackson McGraw, a daughter, and

third child, William Alexander McGraw. Roland and William were the founders of the two Georgia branches of the McGraw family that include singers of the present day. Roland and Gussie McGraw had eleven children, and joined the Chattahoochee Convention in Coweta County, Georgia, in 1889. Bud and Lydia McGraw eventually settled in Bremen. Bud learned Sacred Harp from T.J. Denson, and later taught singing schools, particularly at Mount Zion in Carroll County, Georgia. The Mount Zion Memorial Singing has for many decades been known as the McGraw Family singing. There are four songs by Bud McGraw in the present edition of our book. A fifth, “Endless Life” was removed from the 1991 edition. The class sang this song from the handout. Bud and Lydia’s children were singers, and his grandson, Charles Woods, son of Bud and Lydia’s daughter Verdie, sings today.

Charles Woods showed the class a 1936 edition of the Sacred Harp, and also, the 1960 and 1970 editions, for which Hugh McGraw was on the committees. Charles shared several stories of growing up with his grandparents, and that he never attended a singing without a relative. Charles’s Grandpa Bud built the house Charles grew up in and his grandma taught him how to cook. Charles lived with Bud for seventeen years. Charles led “The Throne of Grace”, composed by Thomas Buford McGraw.

Buford and Gladys McGraw made sure all of their children learned to sing, and attended their grandfather Bud’s singing schools. Their daughters, Carlene and Carolyn both sang alto, as does their sister Judy Henry today. Eldest son, Earlis McGraw, loved nothing better than to sing treble next to his father. Aunt Charlene Wallace held practice sessions in her house for the children, grandchildren, nieces, and nephews. Charlene continues to help newcomers sing today. Tom McGraw was the youngest of Roland’s and Gussie’s composer sons. Two of Tom’s songs in the current book (381 and 420) reflect events in the life of his family. Tom wrote the tune and Octavia’s poetry became 420, which they named “Bishop” in memory of Octavia’s parents. The class sang 420. Another of Tom’s songs, “Crown Him” was removed in 1991. The class sang it from the handout.

William and Edna McGraw’s second child was John Wesley McGraw, who married Lillie Mae, and had an only surviving child, Hugh Winfred McGraw. Young Hugh was taken to singings, but much preferred to be playing outside. In 1947; Hugh married Donnie Mert Todd and built a house near Bremen where Hugh lived the remainder of his life. Hugh learned to sing mostly from his Uncle Bud. He later spent a lot of time with Marcus Cagle, and began composing with Raymond Hamrick in the 1950s. The class sang a song from the handout called “Redemption’s Free”. It is a song of Hugh’s only published in a book of music by contemporary composers in 1993. Sacred Harp became Hugh’s passion. He taught singing schools, traveled all over the United States and abroad teaching, guiding, setting up new conventions, and appeared in the films “The Long Riders” and “Lawless”. Rebecca said she knew many of us have at least one Hugh McGraw story to tell and he is why she is here today. After visiting Hugh’s home and learning a good deal of family history information that had been compiled for him some years before computers were in common use, she decided to see if she could fill in the gaps for him and that is how her McGraw research got started. Rebecca ended the lesson in the same way that Bud McGraw would often end singing schools, by leading 209. The class was dismissed.

Lesson: Conduct of Singings and Conventions/Basics 2:10 p.m Panel—Jesse P. Karlsberg, Helen Brown, and Judy Caudle. Jesse began with introductions, and then noted that conventions were not among the types of assemblies listed in the Sacred Harp when first published. Now, there is a chapter in the Rudiments devoted to the organization of singings. Conventions are a set of practices that are important

because they are transportable to different places. Practices of conventions have changed, yet we continue to do things that have always be done since the first singing conventions. Also, there is a great variation in practices in different areas. Jesse recommended thinking of this diversity as a resource. Judy told the story of being appointed to a Resolutions Committee without knowing what that committee did precisely. She consulted old minutes to determine what to do. This demonstrates the importance of keeping minutes. Helen mentioned the importance of singers knowing what to expect wherever they go to sing. Jesse referred to the Rudiments in regard to what officers to have and how they are selected. The panel agreed that chairman or president is the preferred term rather than chair. Judy discussed the variety of practices around electing officers, whether at a business meeting during the singing, or via committee beforehand. Judy prefers submitted minutes to include all of the information about elected officers and committees. There was further discussion of variety in electing officers as in Henagar-Union by ballot, and Western Massachusetts having candidate statements. Jesse talked about the importance of having mentors in situations about how to start and sustain a regular singing and to enlist younger singers along-side experienced singers in roles like secretary and arranging. Judy suggested accompanying a yearly singing with a singing school. Jesse added that a singing school might help form a core group in an area that is heavily dependent on support from the outside and also important, is having someone who can lead strongly and someone who can key. Helen mentioned the importance of local singers recognizing that their responsibility is to help newcomers. Substantial discussion ensued to the advantages and challenges on expanding a one-day singing into a two-day singing. Class was dismissed.

Lesson: Beating the Seven Modes of Time/Basics 3:40 p.m Teacher—Stuart Ivey. Stuart directed the class to page 16, number 12 in the Rudiments. He simplified the seven modes into two modes: down-up and down-down-up. The class reviewed the modes of time: Common time (down-up) is 2/2, 4/4, and 2/4; Triple time (down-down-up) has a 3 on top of the time signature (3/2 and 3/4); Compound time (down-up) has a 6 on top of the time signature (6/4 and 6/8). A fermata was explained as holding the beat at the top so the class can see. Stuart stated there are no exact tempos for songs. Watch, listen, and then lead like you want. When choosing a song, think of the time of day, but also sing what you know. Stuart gave the following songs in varied modes of time for campers to practice: 49t, 418, 29t, 178, 490, 146, and 64. Class was dismissed.

Lesson: Leading Workshop/Basics 3:40 p.m Teachers—Bridgett Hill Kennedy and Judy Caudle. Bridgett welcomed the class and led 32t. Bridgett addressed front row responsibilities and duties as singers. A front row singer has an obligation to beat time so everyone in the class can see someone. If you get tired, then let someone else sit on the front. The hollow square is sacred and we should be reverent and communicate as effectively as possible with the front benches. Judy spoke on modes of time referring to page 15 and page 16 of the Rudiments. Tempo, at the discretion of the leader, does not mean to lead so slowly the front bench falls asleep or so fast that nobody can hear the words. It is recommended to sing tenor when leading, but do not sacrifice your time in the square if you cannot sing the tenor. Judy recommended learning at least the first two or three measures of the song to get it started. On bringing in parts, Judy said it is not required, and gave Charlene Wallace as an example of an excellent leader who never brings in parts, and on a repeat she often just gives a little nod. Campers led songs for the remainder of the class with instruction and assistance from teachers. The class dismissed.

Elective: Accent/Basics 4:50 p.m Teacher—Nathan Rees. Nathan defined accent in music as stress or emphasis, and directed the class to page 16 of the Rudiments. A

discussion was held on why music has accent. Nathan explained the primary and secondary accent and led the class in exercises adding accent to the notes in common, compound, and triple time. The class sang the following songs for practice: 96, 30b, 347, 230, 360, and 301. Class was dismissed.

Elective: Keying Music 4:50 p.m Teacher—David Ivey. David stated keying cannot actually be taught, but gave pointers to the class. To be a good keyer, one must be a good listener. Listen and critique every song that is keyed at every singing. A person does not have to know music theory to key music. Songs should be keyed so that all parts can be reached comfortably. Set the tonic note first, and then sound all the parts, ending with the tenor. Volunteers practiced keying songs with critique and assistance from David. Class was dismissed.

Class Singing 7:30 p.m Led by Stough and St. Luke Lodge campers. The class was called to order by Pam Nunn and Linda Berkemeier leading 155. Bridgett Hill Kennedy offered the opening prayer. The following campers served as officers: Co-Chairpersons—Pam Nunn and Linda Berkemeier; Secretary—William Hayes, assisted by Lorene Gilliksen; Arranging Committee—Laura Ann Russell and Susan Cheronos.

Leaders: Laura Ann Russell 300; Susan Cheronos 564; Bill Hayes 338; Giles Simmer and Alexander Simmer 63; Chris Brown 42; Molly Bagley 122; Vivian Ivey and Stuart Ivey 176b; Daniel Lee 147; Lauren Bock 351; David Smead 321; Karen Matthews and Bridgett Hill Kennedy 277; Liora Goldensher 546; Lisa Bennett 142; Inga Huebner 94; Mary Skidmore 192; Steve Daniel and Andy Ditzler 276; Dan Brittan 121; Rebecca Over 483; Dan Comstock, Ann Mashchak, and Dan Brittan 334; Nicole Collins 86; Leon Pulsinelle 59; Janie Short 350; Davida Johns and David Brodeur 40; James Nugent 168; Justin Bowen 200; Donna Carlson 496; Aldo Ceresa 98; Karen Flagg and Jesse Karlsberg 345b; Kerry Cullinan 547; Jacob Stebly 417; Linda Booth 344; Judy Whiting 150. The closing prayer was offered by Roni Robbins. The devotional was given by Lorene Gilliksen. An ice cream social followed the singing.

Tuesday, June 13

Lesson: Rudiments II/Beginner 9:00 a.m Teachers—Lauren Bock and Jonathon Smith. The teachers welcomed the class and referred campers to page 14 of the Rudiments that explains musical notation, arrangement of notes, and rests in time. On page 15, the class reviewed length of notes and modes of time. The class practiced the major and minor scales. Class was dismissed.

Lesson: Rudiments II/Basics 9:00 a.m Teacher—Nathan Rees. The lesson began by singing the scales. Nathan split the class in half to sing intervals separately and then together. A giant cube (affectionately called Rees's cube) was rolled out to set a practice line of notes, and campers participated in an exercise of singing intervals. A review of time notation, notes, rests, tempo, how to beat time, and accent was done, referring to pages 13 through 15 of the Rudiments. Rhythmic characteristics of common time, triple time, and compound time were discussed. Songs led were 70t, 435, 83b, and 103. Class was dismissed.

Lesson: Rudiments II/Advanced 9:00 a.m Teacher—Jesse P. Karlsberg. Jesse stated that the Rudiments are made up of three departments—melodics, rhythmic, and dynamics. Melodics concern pitch and patterns of successive pitches. An interval is the distance between two notes. Campers practiced interval exercises in ascending and descending order, and different degrees of intervals. Campers practiced chromatic exercises on page 19 of the Rudiments. Rhythmic were explained, referring to page 14 of the Rudiments, and modes of time on page 15. Dynamics concern volume (loud or soft). Jesse remarked that fortissimo (ff) appears in the book from time to time, and that would imply that one should not be singing very loud all

the time. Jesse led 450 as an example. The song begins soft and slow for six measures, and then the text changes to something livelier, indicating at that point to sing louder. Class was dismissed.

Elective: Moving to the IV (Chord) 10:45 a.m Teacher—Aldo Ceresa. Aldo began the session leading 31t. The IV chord in the major mode is often described as a distinctly bright, even harsh sound. The IV (or subdominant) chord has drifted in and out of favor among Sacred Harp writers throughout the years. The IV chord appeared most commonly in the music of New England composers, notably William Billings. Early southern writers including William Walker, B.F. White, and E.J. King made frequent use of the subdominant. The IV chord made its way into the 1991 edition appearing in the music of Raymond Hamrick and others. The fourth degree on the major scale is cited as both a concord and a discord when sounded simultaneously. It is more often associated with gospel music, church hymns, and pop songs. Early English examples are “Old Hundred” and “Mear”. The IV chord appears on accented beats in about 135 tunes in the 1991 edition. Of these, its use is limited to single instances in about 63 songs. The class sang 49b, 438, 436, 454, 534, 32t, and “Brown” (CB) focusing on the IV chords. Aldo remarked that “Heavenly Vision” has the most IV chords with eleven, followed by “Heavenly Anthem” with eight, and “Easter Anthem”. The class sang 250, and was dismissed.

Elective: Thoughts on Sacred Harp Etiquette 10:45 a.m Teacher—Buell Cobb. Buell began by encouraging discussion and questions during the class. Buell quoted Dewey Williams, “Anybody who don’t know more than’s in the rudiments ain’t learnt but mighty little.” Buell began his thoughts. Time changes and Sacred Harp is not immune to the relaxing manner of society at large. Women no longer regularly wear hats and gloves. Our tradition has admitted changes. What constitutes a lesson—In the nineteenth century, only the top, usually male leaders, led thirty minute lessons. That dwindled to twenty minutes and then to two songs. A style developed that those two songs be compatible; both major or both minor. At about 1980, with the beginning of the National Convention, this dropped to one song and practice quickly spread to Cullman and other places. Singers who do not have loud, carrying voices now often indicate verse choices by holding up their fingers. This never happened before the nineteen-seventies. Singings used to be governed by a constitution and by-laws, which included a number of restrictive rules. The exclusion of discussion of politics and religion dates back to this period. We concentrate on the things that unite us, not divide us. Memorial Lessons used to include only singers and lovers of Sacred Harp. This has now expanded to the loved ones of singers, but with discretion. Causes and public figures should generally be avoided. Orchestrations of the singing is to be avoided. The front bench tenors are responsible for helping the leader, and also, for bringing the class along. Ginny Ely’s article on this topic is useful. It is important to stop clearly or to signal repeats clearly so the class knows what to expect. Buell led 425, lining out a second verse to demonstrate the willingness of the class to follow and create new traditions. Uncle Bob Denson and George Woodard often added a second repeat, which was adopted by visitors and became a fad. This practice should be employed sparingly and largely left to experienced singers, however, leaders should not abuse the privilege. Many singers announce their verse choice in advance, which reduces the flexibility of the leader. Observe what good leaders do. Begin conservatively. Bringing in the parts is not strictly necessary, but helpful and it indicates to the class that the leader is engaged with the song and appreciates the way the class is singing. The leader should take their eyes out of the book when possible. Arrangers should spread out good leaders and intermix them with others to maintain the interest and energy of the class. Finally, do not over-learn the lesson. Season what you hear with your own

experience, other singings, and common sense. Class dismissed.

Elective: Field trip to Winston County Courthouse 1:00 p.m Teacher: Aldo Ceresa. Campers carpooled to Double Springs, and sang in the Winston County Courthouse. Winston County was the center of the Sacred Harp world in the early part of the 20th Century. Many Denson family members lived in the area.

Aldo led 82t, which was the first song led at the 1942 Alabama State Convention. Aldo introduced recordings of the 1942 Alabama State Convention that were made by Alan Lomax and George Pullen Jackson. He recently obtained the full set of recordings from the Library of Congress, including hours of material that is not commercially available. The recordings include full sessions, with speeches by Paine Denson that include information, such as 433 McKay was named for S.M. Denson's singing school teacher.

Aldo led 176t, which was the second song of the 1942 Alabama Convention, and 392, which was named for the town of Manchester in Winston County.

The class listened to excerpts from the recordings, including comments by George Pullen Jackson and Paine Denson, and the class singing 402, 300, 342, the bass part of 342 by request of George Pullen Jackson, 445, and the tenor of 346 sung by Paine Denson.

After a group photo, made as campers gathered round the Sacred Harp monument on the Courthouse grounds, the class went to Fairview Cemetery, where T.J. Denson is buried near his wife Amanda, his children Howard, Paine, and Ruth Denson Edwards, and granddaughter Amanda Denson Brady. The class sang in the cemetery. Justin Bowen led 505. Lela Crowder shared her memories of Amanda Denson Brady and led 499. Aldo Ceresa shared his memories of Amanda Denson Brady and led 330t. Susan Cheronos offered prayer, and the group returned to Camp McDowell.

Elective: Music of Edmund Dumas 1:00 p.m Teacher—Dan Brittain. Dan greeted the class, and stated that Mr. Dumas was a Primitive Baptist minister, who lived in Monroe County, Georgia, and is buried at Forsyth, Georgia. He was musical and a splendid director of large classes of vocal singing. A full history of him can be found in "James History of the Sacred Harp" 1904, page 107. He was a fine teacher of music. Tunes of Edmund Dumas are found in the Denson, Cooper, James, and White books. The class was provided a hand-out of the following songs that were sung: "Come On, My Friends", "The Good Physician", "Missouri", "Endless Distress", "The Wonder", "The Teacher's Farewell", and "Ceylon's Isle". Class was dismissed.

Elective: Q&A/Basics 2:10 p.m Teachers—Judy Caudle and Bridgett Hill Kennedy. Campers attended an informal question and answer session with Judy and Bridgett. Among the topics of discussion were how to lead a bird's eye (for practice, Judy and the campers sang 48t and 48b); the raised sixth; repeats and dotted notes; southern traditions and regional differences; names of songs and where they came from, if known. The class was dismissed.

Lesson: Leading Workshop 3:40 p.m Teachers—Bridgett Hill Kennedy and Judy Caudle. Bridgett led 82t to bring the class together. Teachers critiqued class members, including new leaders, who led the following songs: 330t, 30b, 159, 504, 146, 492, 147t, and 383. Final comments from the teachers were to enjoy your time in the square. Class was dismissed.

Lesson: And Then I'll Be At Rest 3:40 p.m Teacher—Aldo Ceresa. Aldo quoted Paine Denson who said, "It's just as important to rest when the time comes as it is to sing when the time comes." Class members led and sang songs paying special attention to commonly missed or poorly executed rests. Leaders: Aldo Ceresa 77b; Lisa Bennett 149; Lela Crowder 71; Morgan Bunch 39t; Karen Mathews 457; Janie Short 38t; Sara Sandberg 354t; Aldo Ceresa 365. Class was dismissed.

Lesson: Time and Tempo 3:40 p.m Teacher—Jesse P. Karlsberg. Jesse began by asking “What do modes of time tell us about a song?” When thinking of modes of time, think moods of time. Modes of time tell us accent, general tempo, and how to beat time. Moods of time give personality to music. Jesse explained 3/2, 6/4, 2/2, and 6/8 time signatures and compared 4/4 versus 2/4. The class sang 503, 348b, and 310 for examples. Class was dismissed.

Elective: Concorde and Discords 4:50 p.m Teacher—Jesse P. Karlsberg. Jesse provided campers with a hand-out named “Concorde and Discords”. According to B.F. White’s Rudiments of Music, “the notes which produce harmony, when sounded together, are called concords. There are but four concords in music: unison, a third, a fifth and a sixth, and their octaves. The notes which when sounded together, produce a disagreeable sound to the ear are discords. The discords are a second, a fourth, a seventh, and their octaves.” He referred to page 22, section 8 of the Rudiments. The class sang the unison, a fifth and its octave concords and sang the second and seventh discords. The class looked at 348b as an example of different voicing of the tonic chord, including different inversion and closed versus dispersed voicing. The example on page 22, section 6 of the Rudiments was sung with and without the third scale degree to hear how it changes the sound of the chord. Examples of other chords explored were the Dominant found in 36b and 59. The Dominant is the third most common chord. Submediant chords were found in 406, 76b, and 303. Submediant is the second most common chord in major songs. The Supertonic chord is the most popular chord, and were found in 406 and 549. Class was dismissed.

Elective: Old Minutes—What They Tell Us & What They Don’t 4:50 p.m

Teacher—Buell Cobb. A hand-out was provided for campers that included old minutes excerpts. Buell remarked that we care about old minutes to know what sings and conventions consisted of that were different, give us perspective on what our fore-bearers intended the Sacred Harp tradition to be and how they found it practical and meaningful to operate. Buell shared from the following minutes and information: Jaybird Convention minutes, 1902: they do not tell us where it is or what songs were led, they do tell us who gave money and how much.

Warrior River Music Convention, Alabama, 1882: a committee of deceased members were formed, a memorial lesson was given, declared that the accent of the music should yield to the poetry.

Alabama State Convention, 1925: the 1920s were an important time for the proliferation of Sacred Harp conventions. A piano was sometimes used. A memorial lesson was given fifteen minutes. A committee was assigned to identify deceased members, and if possible, find a relative to choose a leader. Words only were often sung in memorial lessons.

Clear Creek Convention, 1925: articles to the constitution stated no leader can select a song for you unless you solicit a suggestion. The Chairman can call down any leader who refuses to keep up and down time. There shall be no scriptural queries or arguments introduced into the convention. The convention shall not be opened with an introductory sermon.

Alabama State Sacred Harp Musical Association, 1930: committees were arranging, entertainment, music improvement, finance, deceased members and resolutions.

Presentations were given on efforts to continue promoting Sacred Harp. An organ was used during these sessions. Delegates were named to attend other conventions.

Union Musical Convention, 1916: provided a pamphlet with the order of business. A unanimous vote carried the omission of the reading of the constitution and minutes. Minutes from 1921 reported a fifth Sunday singing that drew three to four thousands singers.

Alexander City Sacred Harp Convention, 1935: a resolution stated the favor of

consolidating the books (Cooper). Class dismissed.

Class Singing 7:30 p.m Led by Gribbon Lodge campers. Nicole Collins called the class to order leading 330t. Leaders: Mary Grahame Hunter 330b; Nathan Rees 371; Betty Denton 156; Nancy Novotny 426b; Sherri Mitchell 73t; Jacob Lindler 32b; Peter Crockett 126; Sara Sandberg 144; David Jackson 75; Jonathon Smith 132; Gary Davis 480; Rachel deVitry 339; Eric Sandberg 27; Cathy Jordan 481; Ted Brown 179; Karen Mathews 569b; Margaret Gillanders 128; Matthew MacLellan 212; Helen Brown 475; Jonathan Skeet Surrency 455; Joanna Bennett 222; Joel Bassett 423; Donna Carlson 163b; Derek Buckland 72b; Inga Huebner 118; Jacob Stebly 504; Molly Bagley 276; Chris Brown 447. A devotional was held before campers settled down to listen to Buell Cobb, reading excerpts from his book “Like Cords Around My Heart”.

Wednesday, June 14

Lesson: Rudiments III/Beginner 9:00 a.m Teachers—Lauren Bock and Jonathon Smith. Lauren explained how the scale extends both directions indefinitely. Jonathon worked with the class on singing minor scale intervals. Lauren referred campers to page 274t, and explained time signature, repeats, and the road map of the tune. She used 48t to explain ties and bird’s eyes. Campers participated in a minor scale game in which, unknown to the class, paper shaped notes were placed beneath chairs. Class members who had a note under their chair had to go up and stand with their shape with others who had shapes in the correct order to make up the minor scale. For practice, the class worked on 45t for beating time in 3/4 time, and 146 for beating time in 6/4 time. To conclude, Lauren reviewed the week’s lessons. Class was dismissed.

Lesson: Rudiments III/ Basics 9:00 a.m Teacher—Nathan Rees. Nathan welcomed the class, and interval exercises and scale practice was done. Nathan referred the class to 47t to sing and practice listening and blending together. Nathan gave suggestions on what to consider when choosing a song, such as the time of day, the theme, the energy of the class, and the difficulty of the song. He offered things to think about before starting a song, such as the meter, the tempo, how many verses, and the repeats. Leaders: Rachel deVitry 159; Sara Sandberg 29t; Mary Grahame Hunter and Steve Daniel 276. The class concluded with a question and answer session. Class was dismissed.

Lesson: Rudiments III/Advanced 9:00 a.m Teacher—Dan Brittain. Dan began the lesson by leading 316, followed by a question and answer session. For accent practice, Dan led 28b. Volunteers led 376, 34t, 408, and 137. For practice in tempo, volunteers led 360, 383, 302, 183, and 351. Class was dismissed.

Elective: Dinner on the Ground 10:30 a.m Teachers—The Creel Ladies. David Ivey introduced the class to the Creel family, and shared memories of Harrison Creel. The Creel ladies presenting dishes were Lucy Heidorn, Ann Jett, Wanda Capps, Cindy Tanner, and Cassie Allen. Cindy said that a cabinet of paper supplies are kept stocked by Lucy Heidorn at County Line Church for their singings. She stated that the ladies communicate before a singing to make sure they bring different dishes. The dishes the class prepared were Broccoli Salad, Grape Salad, Texas Caviar, Angel Food cake with pineapple filling, and Cream of Coconut cake. The ladies offered their tips and suggestions for each of the dishes. Cindy stated that the dressing for the broccoli salad is best made the night before. Cassie told the class how she made her angel food cake, using a bundt pan for baking. Ann showed her cream of coconut cake, and Wanda showed her grape salad. Wanda also showed her Texas caviar, a snack or a dip, that is good for socials. Along with making the dishes, the class enjoyed many family stories from Lucy and the ladies. Stories also included small food disasters, like dropping cakes and crock pots spilled, with the message that

mishaps happen when preparing and bringing food to singings. Cassie shared about the Calvert side of the family and singings at Addington Chapel. Lucy shared that her mother, Marie Aldridge, loved to bring lemon pies with a crust made from cornflakes to singings. The ladies' recipes were made available to those in attendance. Class was dismissed.

Elective: Scots & Scots Irish Tunes/ Words in Shape Note Books 10:45 a.m

Teacher—Chris Brown. Chris Brown provided the class with a handout. Chris remarked that there are many links between America and Scotland, and that many people involved in Sacred Harp have a Scottish or Northern Irish heritage. In 1700, there were about 7500 Scots in British North America in New England. Most were Presbyterians, some were adventurers, some were refugees. Dan Brittain led “York” from the handout. The Scottish Reformation was greatly affected by John Knox, who was influenced by John Calvin. In 1615; Andrew Han published one hundred fifty Psalms of David. Elizabeth Stoddard led “Dundee” from the handout. Dan Comstock led 126 where the first line of the text is from the Scottish Psalter. James Maxwell's (1759 “Hymns and Spiritual Psalms”) work survives in the *Cooper Book*. Jonathon Smith led “Heavenly Grace” from the handout. Judy Whiting led 569b, the tune adapted by Hugh Wilson. In 1892, the Scottish Psalter was revised with some of the words in 558. Lela Crowder led 558. The English government issued grants for Protestants to settle in Ireland and they brought a lot of people in from Scotland. In 1717, the Irish Scot migration began and lasted fifty eight years. Leaders: Jacob Lindler 457; Ted Brown 111b; Helen Brown 162; Robert Stoddard 175; Eric Sandberg 338; Rebecca Over 376; Andy Ditzler “Bruce's Address”; Aldo Ceresa “Bonnie Doon”. Chris closed by saying that folk music was adapted for religious purposes and that American music continued to go to Scotland peaking in the 1860's. Class was dismissed.

Elective: Singing Favorites with Elder Hopper 1:00 p.m Teacher—Elder J.L.

Hopper. Judy Caudle introduced Elder Hopper to the class as her Daddy. She remarked that Daddy took us to singings schools and Momma taught us to sing at the cradle. Elder Hopper opened with a reading from one of Paul's letters about singing with spirit and singing with understanding. Elder Hopper highlighted singing in the spirit as singing to God the Father, Christ Jesus, and God the Spirit. Elder Hopper read the text of 211 with reflections on its application to the history of America. Elder Hopper led 569b, stating the corrected line was “free to take away”, rather than the amended “free to make a way”. Elder Hopper led 163t. He turned to page 16 of the Rudiments, and discussed the tempo notations. He stated he had been quiet about how fast songs are led for a long time, leaving the unlearned listener without understanding. He felt he needed to address the issue. Elder Hopper thanked the Lord for the gift of a voice to sing, but said we are to sing with understanding if we are to get something out of it. He shared a story about his Uncle Jack who was very animated when he led. When Elder Hopper was a little boy, a singer wanted to put him on top of the communion table to see him better, but he did not want to because he wanted to run around like Uncle Jack! He stated we are to be an example in the square. Elder Hopper led 161 with closing remarks to lead the song as the author intended to honor them and God. Class was dismissed.

Elective: Mapping Sacred Harp 1:00 p.m Teacher—Jesse P. Karlsberg. Jesse

discussed and presented changes in the spread of Sacred Harp over time due to the digitizing of Sacred Harp minutes books from the 1950s until present. The result being a new database of thousands of locations of Sacred Harp singings. A handout was provided showing the mapping of the homes of Sacred Harp contributors to successive editions of the Sacred Harp, and how it had changed over time; the mapping of *The Sacred Harp's* one hundred most used songs from 1995-2014; the

mapping of the most used songs over ten regions in the United States and their trends. Jesse remarked that adding GPS coordinates to singings in the annual minutes have made it possible to visualize the growth of Sacred Harp since 1995. Class was dismissed.

Lesson: The Memorial Lesson 2:10 p.m Teachers—Helen Brown and Ted Brown. Ted and Helen spoke of their first experience of a memorial lesson. They both shared the acknowledgement of the love and respect that was obvious during this special service. Ted reminded the class that we sing for those passed, to express our appreciation, and to preserve the tradition. Helen stated that in the memorial lesson, we are welcomed to ruminate on our own mortality and to remember our names will one day too, be on that list.

Margaret Gillanders read the following list of names of the sick and shut-ins: Concetta Branson, Betsy Jeronen, Tom McTighe, Cornelia Stanton, Joe Todd, David Elliott, Curtis Owen, Edith Owen, Melanie Hauff, Joe McPartland, Sophie MacDoughall, Connor MacDoughall, Karen Rollins, Eloise Wootten, Tommie Spurlock, J.R. Scott, Barry McIntyre, Jack Weber, Annalisa Winje, Ju-Lyn Tan, Velton Chafin, Johnnie Chafin, and Julia Poston. Giles Simmer, Alexander Simmer, and Mary Grahame Hunter led 430.

Matthew MacLellan spoke about how singing was an act of grieving. Linda Berkemeier read the following list of names of the deceased: Gravis Ballinger, Elsie Moon, Steve Adams, Kermit Adams, S.T. Reed, Kenneth Fannin, Toney Smith, Lavoy Smith, Gary Smith, Levon Wootten, Edna Ruth Phillips, and Calvin Phillips—Alabama; Hugh McGraw, B.M. Smith, Geneva Prichard, Johnny Lee, and Delorese Lee—Georgia; Joe Nall—Florida; Chris Holloway—Germany; Sister Frances Carr—Maine; Collette Miller—Minnesota; Carl Jordan—Missouri; John Bayer—Ohio; Michael Sensor, Betty Hanpf, and Jean Comfort Hallowel—Pennsylvania; Arlene Dayton, Jane Goforth, and Jimmie Foreman—Texas; Jean McDonald, Ruth Steggle, Don Grimshaw, Ros Taylor, Gordon Hoyland, Norman Johnson, and Winifred Elliott—United Kingdom. Inga Huebner led 339. Mary Grahame Hunter offered prayer to close the memorial lesson. Class was dismissed.

Elective: Singing, Leading, and Remembering Jeff and Shelbie 3:20 p.m

Teachers—Rene Green and Pam Nunn. Rene and Pam shared stories about their parents, Jeff and Shelbie Sheppard. Class members shared their memories and experiences with Jeff and Shelbie. A lottery system was used to select leaders, who led songs that were challenging to them. Leaders were rewarded prizes from the personal belongings of Jeff and Shelbie. Leaders: Eugene Forbes 122; Judy Whiting 468; Betty Denton 147t; Gillian Inksetter 189; Jonathan Skeet Surrency 213t; Elizabeth Stoddard 181; Chris Brown 273; Linda Booth 319; Liora Goldensher 320; Alex Forsyth 362; Elizabeth Stoddard, Pam Nunn, and Rene Green 155. Class was dismissed.

Elective: A Story Most Lovely I'll Tell 4:30 p.m Teacher—Lela Crowder. Lela stated that reading and reading well has become a dying art. There is joy in the right word at the right time. In regard to classic or contemporary texts, Lela states that some texts are windows and some texts are mirrors. The class toured through literature where familiar hymns pop up as literary devices in order to relate religious, moral, or historical ideas. Examples of this can be found in the book “Stars Fell on Alabama” that has a whole chapter about an all-day singing on Sand Mountain, and Delia Sherman’s “Young Woman in a Garden” that has a short story called Sacred Harp. Songs and texts discussed were 57, 36b, 24, and 410t. Class was dismissed.

Community Singing 7:00 p.m Led by Advent Lodge campers. Alex Forsyth and Jacob Lindler called the class to order by leading 60, followed by the opening prayer. Leaders: David Smead 145t; Jennifer McDonel and James Nugent 457; Winfred

Kerr 516; Sue Peters 82b; Kerry Cullinan 34b; Hazel Heinze 43; Charlotte Pritchard, Lauren Bock, and students 47t; Leon Pulsinelle 549; Otis Sides and Linda Sides 530; Daniel Lee 410t; Dorothea Maynard 442; Linda Booth 481; Morgan Bunch 492; Susan Cheronos 460; Eric Sandberg 270; Laura Ann Russell 564; Jerry Kitchens 30t; Lisa Bennett 68t; Sue Bunch 547; Mary Skidmore 168; Amber Davis 380; Janie Short 373; Judy Whiting 441; Giles Simmer and Alexander Simmer 82t; Linda Berkemeier 122; Liora Goldensher 517; Ruth Wampler, Sasha Hsuczyk, and Katie Kellert 56t; Idy Kiser and Eugene Forbes 280; Aldo Ceresa 528; Michael Darby 123t; Dan Brittain 387; Mark Davis 193; Richard Mauldin 446; Judy Caudle 428; Andy Ditzler 419; David Jackson and Estes Jackson 45t; Gillian Inksetter 534; Nicholas Thompson 216; Lela Crowder 391; David Brodeur 459; Rebecca Over 353; Elizabeth Stoddard 374; Katie Kellert 146; Frank Griggs 491; Sandra Wilkinson 177; Justin Bowen 560; Robert Stoddard 88t; Ruth Wampler 394; Bridgett Hill Kennedy 215; Karen Ivey and David Ivey 498; Sasha Hsuczyk 511. Alex Forsyth and Jacob Lindler led 347 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer.

Thursday, June 15

Following breakfast at 7:00 a.m., campers departed, some headed for the National Convention in Birmingham, and some for other parts of the world. "Jesus, grant us all a blessing; Send it down, Lord, from above. May we all go home a-praising and rejoicing in Thy love."

SHMHA President and Camp Director—David Ivey

NATIONAL SACRED HARP CONVENTION
Birmingham Square Dance Association Friendship Hall

Fultondale, Alabama

June 15-17, 2017

Thursday, June 15

The 38th session of the National Sacred Harp Convention was called to order by Mark Davis leading 129. Elder Jesse Roberts offered the morning prayer. The business session was held next. Gaston White and Hubert Nall have retired as vice chairmen. Officers were elected as follows: Chairman—Mark Davis; Vice Chairmen—Buell Cobb and Glenn Keeton; Secretaries—Cheryl Foreman and Kathy Williams; Chaplain—Jesse Roberts. Committees were appointed as follows: Arranging Committee—Helen Brown, Sonny Erwin, Elizabeth Stoddard, Mary Whitehurst, and Susan Cheronos; Memorial Committee—Rebecca Over and Rick Foreman; Finance Committee—Ted Brown and Randy Webber; Resolutions Committee—Dorothea Maynard and Marlin Beasley.

Leaders: Gaston White 155; Buell Cobb 52t; Glenn Keeton 349; Kathy Williams 212; Cheryl Foreman 492; Jesse Roberts 430; Helen Brown 422; Sonny Erwin 472; Rick Foreman 31b; Randy Webber 120; Dorothea Maynard 442; Ted Brown 59; Richard Mauldin 43; Cora Sweatt 49b; Winfred Kerr 500; Judy Chambless 549; Lisa Geist 269; Jim Aaron 47b; Karen Clark 70t; Jack Nelson 527; Pamela Rosser 142.

RECESS

The class was brought together by Marlin Beasley leading 318. Leaders: Jenny Acton 340; Robert Chambless 225t; Gwynn Matthews 225b; Sandra Wilkinson 311; Corissa Sweatt 345t; Bella Keeton and Glenn Keeton 282; Lance Phillips 377; Nancy Van den Akker 189; Derek Buckland 39t; Charles Smelley 426b; Sara Sandberg 144; Frank Griggs 272; Molly Bagley 122; Karen Matthews 569b; Larry Brashear 512; Ginnie Ely 196; Jason Lindler 106; Susie Dixon 477; Sue Bunch 163b; Jonathan Surrency 213t; Bea Aaron 456; Inga Huebner 56b; Eric Sandberg 299; Gillian Inksetter 447; Daniel Lee 566; Lisa Bennett 538; Elizabeth Stoddard 197; Chris

Brown 392; Dick Naill 383; Eugene Forbes 384; Becky Briggs 405. Jesse Roberts asked the blessing before lunch.

LUNCH

The class was brought back to order by Ted Brown leading 111b. Leaders: Wendy Anderson 112; David Smead 548; Rebecca Over 74t; Dan Brittain 302; Lela Crowder 157; Cindy Tanner 436; Joel Bassett 564; Larry Ballinger 56t; Ruth Wampler 227; Emily Brown 434; David Ivey 406; Margaret Gillanders 546; Joanna Bennett 217; Robert Stoddard 573; Elene Stovall 498; Andy Ditzler 58; Amber Davis 214; Judy Whiting 105; Stanley Smith 147b; Julie Van Duzer 148; David Brodeur 314; Katie Kellert 146; Susan Cherones 300; Jonathon Smith 296; Charlotte Ehrman 479; Melissa Musick Nussbaum 565; Aldo Ceresa 439; Pat Morse 551; Nathan Rees 166; Mary Whitehurst 65; Nicholas Thompson 192; Morgan Bunch 540; Chris Green 277; Sarah Beasley 145b.

Mark Davis led 69t to close the singing for the day. The class was dismissed with prayer offered by Elder Jesse Roberts.

Friday, June 16

The Friday session of the National Convention was brought to order by Mark Davis leading 153. The morning prayer was offered by Elder Jesse Roberts. Leaders: Glenn Keeton 86; Hubert Nall 61; Buell Cobb 462; Kathy Williams 481; Cheryl Foreman 187; Helen Brown 411; Sonny Erwin 480; Elizabeth Stoddard 171; Rick Foreman 131b; Rebecca Over 399b; Randy Webber 290; Dorothea Maynard 304; Ted Brown 176t; Marlin Beasley 448t; Steve Daniel 276; Billy See and Vickie See 33b; Henry Guthery 431; Brandon Acton 460; Zilpha Cornett 313b; Micah Roberts 204.

RECESS

The class was called back together by Linda Thomas leading 217. Leaders: Arlon Gardner 285t; Delone Cobbs and Christopher Mann 551; Nancy Van den Akker 344; Jesse Roberts and Daphene Causey 245; Gresham Davis 76b; Anna Hinton 383; Kerry Cullinan and Donna Carlson 378t; Nate Green and Norma Green 354t; Chris Parris 206; Ann Riley 186; Linda Berkemeier 143.

RECESS

Helen Brown brought the class together leading 113. Leaders: Judy Mincey 367; Gene Pinion 144; Gail Doss 112; Derek Buckland 28b; David Smead 516; Nelly Nixon 335; Mary Skidmore 142; Leslie Alperin 268; Charles McCravy 145t; Judy Whiting 208; David Carlton 528; Joyce Heath 318; Charles Smelley 354b; Eugene Forbes 302. The blessing before lunch was led by Elder Jesse Roberts.

LUNCH

The class was brought to order by Helen Brown leading 270. Leaders: Sue Bunch 203; Jonathan Surrency 455; Dan Brittain 138t; Lisa Bennett 353; Anne Steel 289; SuNell Ellis and Jonathan Smith 532; Matt Hinton 542; Chita Blakeley 500; Aldo Ceresa 419; Sharon DuPriest 216; Justin Bowen 456; Lauren Bock 546; Robert Stoddard 454; Jim Carnes 436; Judy Caudle 389; Warren Steel 205; Joanna Bennett 390; Darlene Dalton 309; Jesse Karlsberg 377; Chris Brown 134; Amber Davis 234; Andy Ditzler and David Brodeur 200; Stanley Smith 273; Inga Huebner 193; Richard Mauldin 168; Jenny Acton 358; Bridgett Hill Kennedy 440; Mark Davis 236. Mark Davis led 69t to close the day. The class was dismissed with prayer offered by Marlin Beasley.

Saturday, June 17

The Saturday session of the National Convention was brought to order by Mark Davis leading 147b. Leaders: Glenn Keeton 163b; Gaston White 66; Hubert Nall 129; Buell Cobb 27; Jesse Roberts 368; Kathy Williams 77b; Cheryl Foreman 475; Helen Brown 432; Sonny Erwin 282; Dorothea Maynard 383; Ted Brown 68b; Marlin Beasley 348b; Rebecca Over 378b; Rick Foreman 63; Jim Aaron 503; Billy

See and Vickie See 178; Sarah Beasley 340; Brandon Acton 168; Judy Chambless 472; Linda Thomas 373; David Carlton 278b.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Kathy Williams leading 37b. Leaders: Bea Aaron 568; Leslie Alperin 320; Cora Sweatt 45t; Bentley Rose 354b; Micah Roberts 384; Carolyn Bonifay 143; Karen Matthews 445; Arlon Gardner 278t; Charlotte Ehrman 365; Pat Morse 235; Robert Chambless 452; Judy Mincey 279; Winfred Kerr 36b; Corissa Sweatt 59; Ann Riley 142; Henry Johnson 213b.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Rebecca Over and Rick Foreman. The last of Rebecca's comments are included here. "The international nature of this convention, which brings together people from all over the world for singing and fellowship, is a tribute to Hugh McGraw and the others who organized the first session in 1980. The most fitting tribute that we can give to Hugh, and to all those who sing together in that better land, is for all of us to sing as often as we can for as many years as we can to the very best of our abilities. We are their living legacy." The list of deceased is as follows: George Snyder, Hugh McGraw, Geneva Prichard, Mary Jean Avery Payne, B.M. Smith, Johnny Lee, Delores Lee—Georgia; Bill Davis, Edna Ruth Phillips, Calvin Phillips, Gary Smith, Gravis Ballinger, Christine Price Keeble, Daphne Keeble, Steve Adams, Kermit Adams, Otis Hand, Ana Hand, Levon Wootten—Alabama; Jimmy Foreman, Marjorie Dawson, Elizabeth Marie Nussbaum, Jane Goforth—Texas; Bob Bonnell and Joe Nall—Florida; Betty Hanpf and Mildred Sensor—Pennsylvania; John Bayer—Ohio; Keith McAdam—Kentucky; Pat Colterahn and Timothy Grannis—Vermont; Helen Beauchamp—Tennessee; Stites Gardner, Jr., and Billie Margaret Gardner—Mississippi; Chris Holloway—Germany; Jean McDonald, Ruth Steggle, Don Grimshaw, Ros Taylor, Gordon Hoyland, Norman Johnson, Winifred Elliott—United Kingdom. Rebecca Over led 570 in memory of the deceased.

Rick Foreman led 330b for the sick and homebound. The memorial lesson was closed with prayer offered by Elder Jesse Roberts.

Leaders: Mary Whitehurst 515; Myra Dalton and Gary Glover 313b; Susie Denson 388; Daniel Bearden 285b. Jesse Roberts asked a blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The class was called to order by Jesse Roberts leading 57. Leaders: Becky Briggs 179; Darlene Reynolds 490; Gail Doss and Alicia Germany 299; Rodney Ivey 30b; Margaret Gillanders 391; Ginnie Ely 228; Judy van Duzer 29t; Susan Cheronos 564; Terry Wootten 83t; Beth Branscome 546; Mary Shoulders and John Shoulders 288; Helen Brown, Ronnie Robbins, Karen Matthews, and Deborah Shifflett 64; Micah Roberts 481; Corissa Sweatt and Jonathan Sweatt 101t; Rebecca Over 176t; Margaret Gillanders 30t; Ted Brown 97.

The committee reports were heard in the afternoon business session. The Secretary reported that 387 people registered for the convention over the three days, representing twenty states, Canada, Ireland, United Kingdom, and Germany. There were 231 songs led by 139 leaders. The breakdown of states and countries is as follows: Alabama-215; Georgia-35; Florida-12; Tennessee-10; Mississippi-7; Texas-5; New York-5; Pennsylvania-5; Colorado-5; Maine-3; South Carolina-2; Maryland-2; Vermont-2; Illinois-2; Oregon-2; Arkansas-1; Louisiana-1; Kentucky-1; Michigan-1; New Mexico-1; United Kingdom-7; Canada-4; Ireland-1; Germany-1.

The Resolutions Committee made the following report: We the Resolutions Committee for the 38th annual National Sacred Harp Convention hereby resolve to thank our Heavenly Father for his grace, spirit, and strength to glorify his name in Sacred Harp singing. We thank Glenn Keeton, whose efforts gifted us with being able to gather here at BSDA Friendship Hall, Fultondale, Alabama. We wish to

dedicate this resolution to Gary Smith, who so faithfully and lovingly presented the resolutions to the class for several years. We thank the officers of the convention for their efforts, as well as everyone who brought food, served drinks, set-up tables, and cleaned. Thank you to Sarah Beasley and Seth Holloway for hosting the social at their home. Thanks to all of those who traveled from near and far to sing songs of praise. Without all of you this convention would not be possible. Respectfully submitted, Marlin Beasley and Dorothea Maynard.

The Finance Committee reported that the expenses for the convention were met. The business session was closed.

The officers led 62 as the traditional closing song of the convention, and those who wished took the parting hand. Elder Jesse Roberts offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Mark Davis; Vice Chairmen—Buell Cobb and Glenn Keeton; Secretaries—Cheryl Foreman and Kathy Williams

EXETER SINGING

Exeter Friends Meeting, Douglassville, Pennsylvania Saturday, June 17, 2017

The Exeter All-Day Singing was held at the Exeter Friends Meeting House, Douglassville, Pennsylvania, on Saturday before the third Sunday in June. Tom Stokes called the class to order by leading 37b.

A business meeting was held and the following officers were elected or appointed:

Chairman—Theresa Rodriguez; Treasurer—Dan Hunter; Chaplain—Ruth Wampler; Secretary—Joel Bassett. Ruth Wampler offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Theresa Rodriguez 28b; Joel Bassett 44; Ruth Wampler 477; Colleen Hayes 31b; Nancy Tkacs 68b; Forrest Quay 326; Doug Kurtze 193; Lamar Matthew 35; Julian Bender 148; Harry Scott 63; Jeff Shenk 117; Elizabeth Patton 348t; Dann Pell 33b; Bethany Towne 176b; Matthew Kaufmann 176t; Leon Pulsinelle 77t.

RECESS

Peter Frank called the class to order by leading 312b. Leaders: Tom Stokes 186; Jessica Keyes 129; Charles Biada 402; Ina Shea 33t; Clare Chapin 548; Liora O'Donnell Goldensher 141; Gwen Gethner 512; Ted Steinruck 195; Matthew MacLellan 272; Rachel Speer 383; Marilyn Murata 415; Lorah Hopkins 173 (for her mother); Nancy Mandel 284; Charles E. Krugger 282; Dan Hunter 58.

RECESS

Katy Hunter called the class to order by leading 133. Leaders: Dean Jens 32b; Ginny Landgraf 68t; Kevin Beirne 430; Molly Sweetser 102; Carol Huang 273; Jesse Beller 335; Kevin Griffin Moreno 480; Ellen Lueck 314; Gerald Clark 511; Sam Kleinman 123t; Doron Henkin 439; Ben Cocchiaro 535; Becky Wright 534; Michael Nord 61 (in memory of his friend, Henry Sparrow); Rachel Hall 197; Alex Forsyth 460; Ted Stokes 564; Sasha Hsuczyk 411. Ruth Wampler offered the lunchtime prayer.

LUNCH

Jimmy Griffin called the class to order by leading 162. Leaders: Dan Miksiewicz 384; Joel Bassett 399b; Mike Richards 392; Anna Mays 454; Jesse Polhemus 302; Emma Rose Brown 336; Marilyn Murata 456; Ian Quinn 351; Matthew MacLellan 353; Molly Sweetser 146; Kevin Beirne 474; Ginny Landgraf 222; Julius Pasay 67; Guy Bankes 42; Ruth Wampler 440; Charles Biada 208; Liora O'Donnell Goldensher 396; Nancy Mandel 123b; Harry Scott 276; Gwen Gethner 344; Leon Pulsinelle 475.

RECESS

Charles E. Krugger called the class to order by leading 288. Leaders: Becky Wright 30t; Sam Kleinman 76b; Rachel Speer 299; Mike Richards 216; Jessica Keyes 157; Michael Nord 340; Anna Mays 298; Ellen Lueck 81t; Ian Quinn 495; Gerald Clark

406; Carol Huang 500; Emma Rose Brown 505; Jesse Polhemus 36t; Kevin Griffin Moreno 269.

Reports were given by the secretary and the treasurer, and announcements were made. Theresa Rodriguez led 62 as the closing song. Ruth Wampler offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Theresa Rodriguez; Secretary—Joel Bassett

MOORE, GRAVES, AND CALVERT MEMORIAL

Addington Chapel, Cullman County, Alabama

Saturday, June 17, 2017

The 108th session of the Moore, Graves, and Calvert Memorial Sacred Harp singing was held at Addington Chapel on Saturday before the third Sunday in June. Danny Creel led 42 to bring the class to order, followed by prayer. He then led 111b.

A business session was held and the following officers were retained to serve:

Chairman—Danny Creel; Vice Chairman—Yancey Jett; Secretary—Emily Brown; Arranging Officer—Nicholas Thompson.

Leaders: Danny Creel 163b; Yancey Jett 497, 89; Emily Brown 349, 442; Nicholas Thompson 391, 436 (in memory of Elsie Moon); Angela Myers 30b, 166; Elizabeth Stoddard 309, 266; Linda Sides 215, 225t; Chris Brown 138b, 298; Kerry Cullinan 64, 180; Henry Guthery 154, 235; Leon Ballinger 195, 120 (in memory of Gravis Ballinger).

RECESS

Danny Creel brought the class back together by leading 159. Leaders: Larry Ballinger 157, 151; Linda Berkemeier 452, 480; Justin Bowen 313t, 212; Robert Stoddard 43, 417; Delone Cobbs 73t, 147t; Mary Skidmore 94, 406; Susan Allred 182, 302 (for Jennifer Lee); Lucy Heidorn 30t, 84; Richard Mauldin 168; Inga Huebner 323b, 86; Jackie Tanner 138t, 208; Earl Ballinger 171, 172, 68b, 72b; Ann Jett 37b, 47b; Lance Phillips 81t, 128; Judy Whiting 105, 492; Nicholas Holmes 133, 47t; Amber Davis 82t, 345t.

LUNCH

Danny Creel called the class back to order by leading 145t. Leaders: Mary Holcombe 129, 546; Eugene Forbes 203, 137; Carol Fannin 399b, 108t; Cassie Allen and Ainslie Allen 196; Cassie Allen 383 (by request); Butch White 278t, 547; Ken Tate 217, 475 (in memory of Flarce Creel); Nancy Phillips 282, 318; Cindy Tanner 220, 198; Mary Jean McCarthy and Robert Stoddard 373, 35; Amelia Jett 108b; Wanda Capps 36b, 299; Inga Huebner 361; Chris Brown and Judy Whiting 176t; Derek Buckland 267; Kerry Cullinan 466; Linda Berkemeier 56t; Robert Stoddard and Elizabeth Stoddard 556; Mary Skidmore 271t; Justin Bowen 380.

Announcements were made. Danny Creel led 46 as the closing song. Richard Mauldin offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Danny Creel; Vice Chairman—Yancey Jett; Secretary—Emily Brown

MT. ADAMS SINGING

Trout Lake Community Hall, Grange 210; Trout Lake, Washington

Saturday, June 17, 2017

The 4th annual Mt. Adams All-Day Singing was called to order by Melissa Stephenson leading 448b. Erik Schwab offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Ana Tighe 47t; John Berendzen 37b; Laura McMurray 144; Bob Schinske 61; Jennifer Jones 432; Steve Cackley 345t; Dorothy Robinson 132; Bruce Rowland 549; Karen Willard 466 (dedicated to Gosia Perycz, Cornelia Stanton, and Betsy Jeronen); Peter Schinske 272; Kate Fortin 133; Yosef Trachtenberg 148; Erik Schwab

278b; Kate Fine 171; Clarissa Fetrow 296; Kevin Barrans 506; Betsy Jeronen 573; Lindy Groening 547 (dedicated to Concetta Branson).

RECESS

Peter Schinske brought the class back to order leading 29t. Leaders: Pat Coghlan 260; Kate Coxon 375; Thom Fahrback 94; Nancy Novotny 184; Stacey Berkheimer 72b; Jennifer Jones 189; Yosef Trachtenberg 178; Kate Fortin 66; Kevin Barrans 225t; Ana Tighe 560; John Berendzen 546; Betsy Jeronen 564; Laura McMurray 67; Bruce Rowland 480; Dorothy Robinson 383.

RECESS

The class was reassembled with Kate Fortin leading 82t. Leaders: Bob Schinske 464; Stacey Berkheimer 417; Karen Willard 387; Steve Cackley 423; Kate Fine 344; Lindy Groening 197; Erik Schwab 142; Kelly Kennedy 172; Thom Fahrback 236; Clarissa Fetrow 280; Peter Schinske 532; Kate Coxon 475; Pat Coghlan 276; Nancy Novotny 426b. Thom Fahrback asked the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Bruce Rowland leading 282. Leaders: Peter Schinske 513; Kate Fortin 428; Kevin Barrans 426t; Pat Coghlan 501; Stacey Berkheimer 297; Ana Tighe 528; Bob Schinske 206; Yosef Trachtenberg 47b; Kate Coxon 498; Nancy Novotny 548; John Berendzen 411; Kelly Kennedy 290; Betsy Jeronen 422; Clarissa Fetrow 365; Linda Groening 436; Erik Schwab 522; Laura McMurray 77t; Karen Willard 530; Dorothy Robinson 367; Bruce Rowland 452; Dorothy Robinson 207.

RECESS

Ana Tighe called the class back to order leading 89. Leaders: Jennifer Jones 527; Steve Cackley 516; Kate Fine 454; Thom Fahrback 45b; Stacey Berkheimer 441; Kelly Kennedy 462; Lindy Groening and Ana Tighe 361; Kate Fortin 474; Bob Schinske 63; Nancy Novotny 29b; Karen Willard 203.

Announcements were made. Treasurer Dorothy Robinson announced that expenses had been met. Thirty-seven attendees filled out registration cards. The Resolution was approved for this singing to meet on Saturday before the third Sunday in June, 2018, at this same location. All who made this singing a success were thanked. Melissa Stephenson led 347 as the closing song. Kate Coxon offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Melissa Stephenson; Secretaries—Karen Willard and Betsy Jeronen

CLIFFORD WAKEFIELD MEMORIAL SINGING

King Schoolhouse, Mt. Vernon Baptist Church

Natural Bridge, Alabama

Sunday, June 18, 2017

The 109th session of the Clifford Wakefield Memorial Singing was held on the third Sunday in June. The class was called to order by Don Keeton leading 145b. He then offered the opening prayer.

The class was organized by electing the following officers to serve: Chairman—Don Keeton; Secretary and Arranging Officer—Betty Baccus.

Leaders: Don Keeton 145t; Kerry Cullinan 34b, 540, 538; Leon Ballinger 313t, 268, 269; Nicholas Holmes 280, 215, 234; Linda Berkemeier 480, 399b, 66; Roma Rice 49t, 299, 384; Mike Hankins 100, 120, 527 (for Johnnie Ballinger); Amber Davis 276 (for Margaret Keeton), 78, 391.

RECESS

Don Keeton called the class back together by leading 335. Leaders: Logan Donaldson and Elle Donaldson 159, 59; Logan Donaldson, Elle Donaldson, and

Joseph Ingle 274t; Lisa Geist 182, 472, 110 (in memory of Gravis Ballinger); Linton Ballinger 84 (in memory of Lavaughn Ballinger), 67, 457; Darlene Reynolds and Bentley Rose 282, 354b, 569b (in memory of Henry Reynolds); Larry Ballinger 91, 151; Chris Ballinger 112 (in memory of Gravis Ballinger), 45t (in memory of Lavaughn Ballinger), 270; Earl Ballinger 283, 217.

The children and grandchildren of S.L. and Katherine Wakefield (Clara Stults, Lisa Ingle, Joseph Ingle, Julia Poston, Junior Poston, Wayne Wakefield, Faye Donaldson, Martha McMillan, Lynn Donaldson, Betty Baccus, Larry Wakefield, and Kathy Buchanan) led 333 in memory of Wakefield family members. Kerry Cullinan stood with the Wakefield family, and sang in memory of his mother.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Don Keeton leading 498. Leaders: Beth Wallace 560, 442; Nicholas Holmes 47t, 200, 187; Steve Miles 454, 147t, 163b; Dorothea Maynard 189, 383, 196; Leon Ballinger 203, 297, 460; Linton Ballinger 300; Lisa Geist 228; Chris Ballinger 178; Margaret Keeton 336; Louis Yeager 551; Amber Davis 142; Earl Ballinger 389; Beth Wallace 222; Dorothea Maynard 218; Steve Miles 46; Mel Maynard 388.

Announcements were made. Don Keeton led 62 as the closing song. Mike Hankins dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Don Keeton; Secretary—Betty Baccus

HOPEWELL PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Roopville, Georgia

Sunday, June 18, 2017

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church in Roopville, Georgia, was held on the third Sunday in June. The class was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Karen Rollins leading 32t. Ted Brown offered the morning prayer. Karen Rollins welcomed the singers and visitors to the 150th annual singing at Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church.

Leaders: Philip Denney and Gayle Denney 84; Cecil Roberts 138b; Winfred Kerr 225t; Margie Smith 512; Glenda Collins and Bert Collins 100; Robert Chambless 145t; Oscar McGuire 344; Jeannette DePoy 55 (in memory of her father); David Brodeur 125; Sonny Erwin 493; Bentley McGuire 505; Margaret Gillanders 354t; Kathy Williams 343; Scott DePoy 65 (in memory of his father); Rick Foreman 301; Derek Buckland 515; Rebecca Over 521.

RECESS

Hayden Arp and Philip Denney brought the class back to order leading 40. Leaders: Andy Ditzler 57; Helen Brown 61; Jonathon Smith 133; Robert Stoddard 500 (in memory of Hugh McGraw); Nathan Rees 298; Joanna Bennett 189; Chris Brown 480.

Members of the Rogers family gave the history of the family and the church, talking about the end of the Civil War, the trip home for the soldier who bought the land and donated part of the land for the church, and started the singing in 1867.

Leaders: Ted Brown 187; Anna Hinton 383; Cheryl Foreman 472; Judy Whiting 212; Elizabeth Stoddard 29t.

LUNCH

Hayden Arp brought the class back to order leading 123t. Leaders: Ray Rechenberg 148; Inga Huebner 361; Eli Hinton 99; Jesse Karlsberg and Lucey Karlsberg 392. Karen Rollins conducted the memorial lesson talking about families and how our own families are so important and how our Sacred Harp family is important to each singer. The following deceased were remembered: Hugh McGraw, B.M. Smith, Lynn Swafford Key, Geneva Pritchard, Johnny Lee, Delorese Lee, Janelle Davis,

Doris Rogers, Edna Ruth Phillips, Toney Smith, Lavoy Smith, Gail Jackson, Harold DeLong, Verlyn Denney, Casey Hester, W.C. Yarbrough, Louise McCormick Houston, Gene Ward, Ruth Steggles, Gravis Ballinger, Levon Wootten, and John Bayer. The following sick and shut-ins were mentioned: Eloise Wootten, Floy Wilder, Curtis Owen, Edith Owen, Melanie Hauff, Tommie Spurlock, Concetta Branson, Jack Denney, Louise Holland, Calvin Phillips, Travis Yearwood, and Mike Taylor. Karen Rollins, Karleen Williams, Paige Harrod, Sherry Lovvorn, and Denney Rogers led 45t. Cecil Roberts offered the memorial prayer.

Leaders: Lonnie Rogers's grandchildren 143; John Plunkett 33b; Sharon Denney and Joan Denney 339 (in memory of their mother); Malinda Snow 422; Kacey Cook, Seth Denney, and Philip Denney 87; Lauren Bock 434; David Smead 413; Phillip Langley 172; Karis Askin 556. Opal Cannon gave a talk about how important the Sacred Harp singing at Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church had been to the Rogers family. Leaders: Matt Hinton 460; Lisa Bennett 560; Isaac Green 411; Hayden Arp 542; Donna Bell 545 (in memory of her daddy); Erica Hinton 309; singers from out of the USA 475 (in memory of B.M. Smith); singers not from Alabama or Georgia 432; Judy Chambless 527 (in honor of Karen Rollins).

After announcements, Karen Rollins and Philip Denney led 46 as the closing song. Rick Foreman offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Karen Rollins; Vice Chairman—Philip Denney; Secretary—Judy Chambless

MACEDONIA PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Section, Alabama

Sunday, June 18, 2017

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at Macedonia Primitive Baptist Church, near Section, Alabama, on the third Sunday in June was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Tom George leading 49t. Dennis George offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Tom George 61; Dennis George 52t, 82t; Jarrod George 74b, 277; Henry Johnson 267, 82b; Mark Carroll 37b, 299; Susan Cheronos 460, 300; Cheyenne Ivey 101t, 47t; Daniel Lee 410t, 31b; Margaret Thacker 178, 393; Boyd Scott 58, 358.

RECESS

Leaders: Russell Varner 45t; Joan Aldridge 454 (for Eloise Wootten), 540; M.J. McCarthy 505, 35; Mary Skidmore 306, 273; Charlotte Ehrman 486, 549; Jamey Wootten 138t, 56t; Shelby Castillo 472, 217; Ed Thacker 163t, 163b; Jared Wootten 406, 389; Kelsey Ivey 135, 403; Elene Stovall 172, 222 (for Eloise Wootten); David Ivey 449, 413; Sarah Trumbore 283, 512; Rodney Ivey 67, 290.

LUNCH

The class was called back to order. Leaders: Amy Daniel 176b; Richard Ivey 296, 399b; Joyce Morton 518 (CB); Shane Wootten 314, 83t; Loyd Ivey 278b, 318 (for Eloise Wootten); Nate Green and Norma Green 119, 141; M.J. McCarthy 326; Charlotte Ehrman 157; Mary Skidmore 250; David Ivey and Rodney Ivey 465 (CB); Loyd Ivey 511b (CB); Charles Stiefel 108b, 571 (CB); Shane Wootten 572 (CB). The class was dismissed with prayer.

Chairman—Tom George; Secretary—Dennis George

SINGING SERVICE AT FUNERAL OF CHARLES WELLS

St. Mary's Episcopal Church, St. Paul, Minnesota

Friday, June 23, 2017

A singing was held prior to the funeral service for Charles Wells. Jim Pfau called the class to order by leading 36b. Leaders: Denise Kania 155; Will Gilman 474; Cathy

Lutz 276; Jeff Bell 163b; Matt Wells and Amy Wells Putnam 456.

Jane Wells addressed the class and thanked the singers for coming.

Leaders: Martha Henderson 320; Jacob Kiakahi—Cedar Street (handout, composed by Charles Wells); Jim Pfau—Paradise (handout, composed by M.L. or W.H. Swan); Chandler Yorkhall 122; Bill Waddington 218; Paul Landskroener 340; Paul Wyatt 66; Christine Stevens 31t; AnnaLeigh Smith 48t; Jeanette Nelson 348b; Steve Luttinen 499; Dick Patterson 538; Midge Olsen 546; Kit Canright 176t.

Jim Pfau asked Steven Levine to lead 146 as a closing song.

Secretary—Jacob Kiakahi

KERMIT ADAMS AND STEVE ADAMS MEMORIAL SINGING Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Double Springs, Alabama Saturday, June 24, 2017

The Kermit Adams and Steve Adams Memorial Singing was held on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in June at Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church in Double Springs, Alabama. The class was called to order by Don Keeton leading 319. The morning prayer was offered by Don Keeton.

The class was organized and the following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Don Keeton; Vice Chairman—Jerry Kitchens; Arranging Officer—Margaret Keeton; Secretary—Roma Rice.

Leaders: Don Keeton 498; Butch White 29b, 30b; Roma Rice 378t, 229; Betty Claborn 59, 100; Jerry Kitchens 101t, 68b; Kathy Phillips 117, 282; Faye Donaldson 168, 225t; Mike Hankins 34b, 120 (in memory of Gravis Ballinger); Tom Booth 122, 123t; Eugene Forbes 318; Nicholas Thompson 442 (for Lisa Geist), 336; Bea Aaron 475, 441; Christie Holcomb 47b; Christie Holcomb and Susan Allred 67.

RECESS

Don Keeton called the class back to order leading 373. Leaders: Greg Allred 56t, 452; Carol Fannin 566, 399b; Jim Aaron 503, 231; Christie Allen 171, 129; Laura Hale 480, 270.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Richard Mauldin. The following list of names of the deceased was read: Robert Godsey, Robert Wayne Godsey, Michael McClaren, Gravis Ballinger, Kenneth Fannin, Hugh McGraw, Gary Switis, Edna Ruth Phillips, Janelle Davis, Joe Nall, and Sam Chalker. Richard led 111b. He led 30b in memory of Kenneth Fannin.

Richard read the following list of names of the sick and shut-ins: Shirley Tidwell, Karen Rollins, Anne Chalker, Marlin Beasley, Juanita Beasley, Linda Booth, Eloise Wootten, Verlon Stiefel, Velton Chafin, Johnnie Chafin, and Willodean Barton.

Richard led 34b. Don Keeton offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Don Keeton called the class back to order leading 294. Leaders: Daniel Bearden 118, 69b; Mary Holcomb 454, 477; Susan Allred 387, 384; Aubrey Fannin 146, 569b; Amber Davis 399 (in memory of Gladys Bonds), 192; Henry Guthery 273, 269; Justin Bowen 543, 186; Lauren Allen 47t, 218; Dorothea Maynard 196, 304; Linda Johnson 200, 280; Nellie Alexander 81t, 235; Loretta Whitman 406; Chris Bell 168, 30t; Julie Poston 275b; Nicholas Thompson 329 (in memory of Kenneth Fannin); Justine Bowen 159 (in memory of Cecil Wakefield).

Don Keeton led 62 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Butch White, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Don Keeton; Vice Chairman—Jerry Kitchens; Secretary—Roma Rice

OLD SONGS BOOK SINGING

Altamont, New York

Saturday, June 24, 2017

The Sacred Harp book singing at Old Songs Festival allows new singers to experience the style of a traditional book singing, in an abbreviated format. A brief introduction to the music and tradition was offered, and new singers were welcomed. Eric Bean opened by leading 34b.

Leaders: Jim Ulrich 178; Chris Haller 497; Ginny Huszagh 299; Jean Seiler 142; Elias Elliott 198; Doug Kurtz 466; Melody Johnson 344; Laura Densmore 549; Candis Bailey 547; Patricia Geritz 479; Maryann Morrison 269; Barbara Swetman 236; Gerry Hoffman 500; Brian How 183; Joan Frankel 284; Eric Bean 148; Jim Ulrich 277; Chris Haller 267; Ginny Huszagh 155; Jean Seiler 68b.

New singers were directed to resources about Sacred Harp and how to locate local singings.

Chairperson—Eric Bean; Secretary—Ginny Huszagh

OXFORD SACRED HARP SINGING DAY

Botley Women's Institute Hall, Oxford, United Kingdom

Saturday, June 24, 2017

The 19th annual Oxford Sacred Harp Singing Day was held on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in June. Sheila Girling Macadam called the class to order at 10:00 a.m. leading 34b. Edwin Macadam offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Sheila Girling Macadam; Treasurer—Edwin Macadam; Secretaries—Rebecca Over and Rosemary Cooper; Arranging Committee—Nick Hall and Werner Ullah; Chaplains—Edwin Macadam, Rebecca Over, Michael Walker, Gill Cole, and Mike Cooper.

Leaders: Edwin Macadam 371; Mandy Townsend 63; Dave Townsend 112; Werner Ullah 47t; Toby Goss 28b; Rachel Jordan 492; Michael Walker 131b; Deborah Mann 30t; Matthew Parkinson 31t; Rebecca Over 225t; Nick Hall 386; Sarah West 564; Joe Vickers 544; Margaret Gillanders 29t; Steve Brett 82t; Eli Petzold 101t; Ella Cumber 99.

RECESS

Ted Brown brought the class back to order leading 391. Leaders: Claire Welford 171; Dilwyn Scott 40; Magna Nowak 268; Cäcilia Mann 172; Toby Goss 189; Sheila Girling Macadam 102; Michael Walker 297; Rebecca Over 530; Matthew Parkinson 541; Deborah Mann 84; Steve Brett 201; Rachel Jordan 353; Edwin Macadam 250; Sarah West 399b; Joe Vickers 401; Margaret Gillanders 314; Nick Hall 147t; Cäcilia Mann 442; Eli Petzold 74b; Claire Welford 475; Ted Brown 549; Werner Ullah 73b.

RECESS

Ella Cumber brought the class back to order leading 144. Leaders: Toby Goss 178; Magna Nowak 313b; Michael Walker 369; Deborah Mann 274t; Derek Buckland 288; Matthew Parkinson 426t.

Rebecca Over conducted both the sick and housebound lesson and the memorial lesson. Rebecca spoke of the measure of comfort from messages received from other singers for anyone unable to attend an event in person, either through ill health, or as a care giver. We held the following in our thoughts: Nigel Cumber, David Elliott, Peter Sampson, Paula Mogensen, Sofi Mogensen, and John Taylor. She led 32b.

In the memorial lesson, Rebecca paid tribute to the contributions Hugh McGraw had made to Sacred Harp singing for over fifty years, his funeral having taken place at Holly Springs, Bremen, Georgia, three weeks earlier. We remembered the following: Jackie Saunders—Eynsham; Kathleen Evelyn Rowell—Lewes; June

Eames—Cubbington; Clare-Marie Grigg—Longworth; Jean McDonald—Derby; Hugh McGraw and Geneva Prichard—Georgia, USA; Calvin Phillips and Jimmy Baily—Alabama, USA; Charles Wells—Minnesota, USA. Rebecca led 516 in their memory, and Michael Walker closed the memorial service with prayer. Leaders: Cäcilia Mann 535; Werner Ullah 501; Magna Nowak 29b; Sheila Girling Macadam 372; Nick Hall 143; Margaret Gillanders 500. Gill Cole offered thanks for the midday meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session commenced with Edwin Macadam leading 464. Leaders: Sarah West 546; Rachel Jordan 318; Steve Brett 527; Ella Cumber 491; Joe Vickers 392; Ted Brown 229; Claire Welford 384; Eli Petzold 105; Sheila Girling Macadam 480; Michael Walker 528; Edwin Macadam 236; Rachel Jordan 269; Nick Hall 455; Deborah Mann 117; Werner Ullah 457; Rebecca Over 114; Sarah West 436; Matthew Parkinson 32t; Steve Brett 166; Ella Cumber 77t; Joe Vickers 348b; Magna Nowak 504; Margaret Gillanders and Sue Bird 534; Ted Brown 448b.

RECESS

The final session commenced with Claire Welford and Isabelle Walker leading 299. Leaders: Sue Lanfear 163b; Cäcilia Mann 361; Werner Ullah 49b; Rachel Jordan 208; Michael Walker 378t; Nick Hall 137; Sarah West 376; Rebecca Over 107 (for Adrian Bolge, present at the singing but did not wish to lead); Matthew Parkinson 76b; Derek Buckland 159; Steve Brett 511; Joe Vickers 313t.

The Secretaries reported that forty-one singers had registered from the UK, Ireland, and Germany and ninety-six songs had been led by twenty-seven leaders. The Treasurer reported all the day's expenses had been met. Announcements were made. Sheila Girling Macadam and Edwin Macadam thanked all the officers, committees and anyone who helped in any way to make this singing a success. It was agreed the 20th annual Oxford Sacred Harp Singing Day should be held at the Botley Women's Institute Hall on Saturday, the 23rd of June, 2018.

Sheila Girling Macadam and Edwin Macadam led 347 as the closing song. Mike Cooper offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Sheila Girling Macadam; Secretaries—Rebecca Over and Rosemary Cooper

RHODE ISLAND CHRISTIAN HARMONY SINGING **Saylesville Friends Meeting House, Lincoln, Rhode Island** **Saturday, June 24, 2017**

The singers of Rhode Island welcomed guests to the inaugural Rhode Island *Christian Harmony* All-Day Singing in Lincoln, Rhode Island. All song selections were from *The Christian Harmony*, 2010 Revision. Patrick Friesen called the class to order by leading 115. Liz Cantrell offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Laura Hodges 261t; Liz Cantrell 171; Jesse C. Polhemus 389; Mike Richards 462t; Chris Noren 253; Philippa Stoddard 326; Chris Cotter 121t; Jennie Brown 142; Molly Merrett 548; Bill Holt 544; Charles Biada 189; Corinne Ducey 307; Faiz Wareh 432b; MB Gowins 292; Micah Walter 130b; Cora Wareh 248; Christina Wallin 29.

RECESS

James Baumgartner called the class back to order by leading 59t. Leaders: Alvaro Witt-Duarte 268; Vicki Hayes 346; Calum Woods 131; Ian Quinn 168b; Tristan Gordon 235; Jesse Vear 299; Gwen Gethner 114; Kerry Cullinan 336t; Linda Shea 143; Stina Soderling 546t.

RECESS

Chris Cotter called the class back to order by leading 36t. Leaders: Carol Huang

166; Tarik Wareh 209; Rachel Hall 338b; Jason Woofenden 109; Pattie Wareh 91; Mike Nord 64; Christina Wallin 138; Micah Walter 203; Vicki Hayes and Ian Quinn 14; Mike Richards 320; Charles Biada and Carson Evans 101; Jesse C. Polhemus 372. Liz Cantrell offered a prayer before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Jesse Vear called the class back to order by leading 281b. Leaders: MB Gowins 362; Rachel Hall 364; Tarik Wareh 313; Carol Huang 419t; Calum Woods 155; Philippa Stoddard 332; Chris Cotter 378; Gwen Gethner 172; Ian Quinn 149; Corinne Ducey 54; Alvaro Witt-Duarte 417b; Molly Merrett 241; Faiz Wareh 82b; Tristan Gordon 55t; Chris Noren 170.

RECESS

Liz Cantrell called the class back to order by leading 85. Leaders: Pattie Wareh 117; Bill Holt 146b; Erik-Dardan Ymeraga 282; Linda Shea 16; Mike Nord 211b; Jennie Brown 276; Stina Soderling 262; Jesse Vear 95; Liz Patten 294; Kerry Cullinan 339; Cora Wareh 46b; Chuck Micciche 226t; James Baumgartner 197; Calum Woods 458. Patrick Friesen and Laura Hodges thanked all present for joining us to sing, and the officers and volunteers for their efforts. Treasurer Jason Woofenden reported that all expenses had been met. Secretary Jesse C. Polhemus reported that thirty-seven leaders led seventy-three songs. Announcements were made.

Patrick Friesen and Laura Hodges led 275 as the closing song, and the class took the parting hand. Liz Cantrell offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed. Chairpersons—Patrick Friesen and Laura Hodges; Secretary—Jesse C. Polhemus

SALEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH SINGING Farill Community, Cedar Bluff, Cherokee County, Alabama Saturday, June 24, 2017

The 16th session of the annual Sacred Harp singing at Salem United Methodist Church in Cedar Bluff, Alabama, was called to order by Henry Johnson leading 52t. Henry extended a warm welcome to everyone. Pastor Justin Yarbrough offered the opening prayer.

The following officers and committee members were previously elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Henry Johnson; Vice Chairman—Jeffrey Richardson; Secretary—Carolyn Hanks; Welcoming Committee—Gayle Richardson, Patsy Richardson, Sherry Hendon, and Carolyn Hanks; Arranging Officer—Jeffrey Richardson.

Leaders: Henry Johnson 60; Paula Oliver 73t; Robert Chambless 303; Winfred Kerr 500; Eli Hinton 148; Riley Lee 64; Darrell Swarens 40; Judy Chambless 389; Loyd Ivey 91; Nate Green and Norma Green 177; Adrian Eldridge 411; Rodney Ivey 422; Margaret Thacker 452; Daniel Lee 566; Chris Brown 350; Ed Thacker 220; Judy Whiting 472; Andy Ditzler 311; Matt Hinton 306; Janice Paulk 517.

RECESS

Henry Johnson called the class back to order by leading 489. Leaders: Hayden Arp 322; David Brodeur 502; Jennifer Kearns 282; Richard Ivey 567; Denney Rogers 143; John Plunkett 421; Kelsey Ivey 30b; Nathan Rees 272; Judy Mincey 320; Gary Davis 565; Karen Flagg 345b; Reba Windom 222; Jared Wootten 228; Micah Roberts 390; Philip Denney 448t; Scott Oliver 278b; Jesse Roberts 327; Jesse Karlsberg 202; Marty Wootten 164. Elder Jesse Roberts asked a blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Henry Johnson led 138t to begin the afternoon session. Leaders: Cecil Roberts 31t; Samuel Williams 216; Lauren Bock 209; Isaac Green 419; Dan Edwards 56b; Shane Wootten 268; David Ivey 407; Esther Williams 72b; Cindy Tanner 342; Linda Thomas 39t; Sarah Trumbore 430; Judy Whiting 208; Adrian Eldridge 181; Darrell

Swarens and Cindy Tanner 198; Janice Paulk and Alana Raines 551; Darlene Dalton 454; Loyd Ivey 318; David Brodeur 63; Sarah Tanner 475.

Henry Johnson led 45b as the closing song. Ed Thacker offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Henry Johnson; Vice Chairman—Jeffrey Richardson; Secretary—Carolyn Hanks

DELONG-ROBERTS MEMORIAL SINGING **Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church, Alpharetta, Georgia** **Sunday, June 25, 2017**

The annual DeLong-Roberts Memorial Singing was called to order by Jessica Altman leading 34b. Elder Jesse Roberts offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Matt DeLong 418; Helen Bryson 131b; John Plunkett 167; Micah Roberts 348t; Brady DeLong 47t; Dianne O'Shields 497; Eric Tweedy 327; Janice Paulk 75; Ashley Thompson 300; Faye Holbrook 290 (remembering the Morris Kelly family); Hayden Arp 336; Tony Hammock 455 (in memory of his brother, Tim); Jesse Roberts 473; Rachel Carlisle 204.

RECESS

Matt DeLong brought the class to order leading 348b. Leaders: Charles Woods 294; Richard DeLong 74t; Vaudie Sherer 145t; Virginia Dyer 137; Virgel "Cricket" Campbell 335; Judy Mincey 384; Timothy Altman 155; Fallon Cook 107; Lisa Bennett 87 (for Susan Posey).

A business session was held with the following officers elected to serve: Chairman—Jessica Altman; Vice Chairman—Matt DeLong; Secretary/Treasurer—Helen Bryson; Arranging Officer—John Plunkett. It was also voted to change the starting time for the singing to 10:00 a.m. effective 2018. Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church has graciously agreed to host this singing in 2018.

Leaders: Oscar McGuire 515; LeAnn Carter 32t; David Smead 465.

Janice Paulk conducted the memorial lesson. She said that each of us has a special memory of singers that we've sung with over the years. These singers have left us a special legacy and what better way to expand that legacy than for us to keep on singing. Richard DeLong led 153 in memory of the following deceased and past DeLong family members: Hugh McGraw, Johnny Lee, Delorese Lee, B.M. Smith, Alan Timothy Hammock (Tony Hammock's brother), Harold DeLong, Geneva Pritchard, and George Snyder—Georgia; Charles Wells—Minnesota. Jesse Roberts led 328 for family and friends of the Roberts family, and closed with memorial lesson with prayer.

LUNCH

Jesse Roberts called the class back to order leading 162. Leaders: Helen Bryson 568; Malinda Snow 475; Dalton Lewis 472; Micah Roberts 567; Brady DeLong 49b; Dianne O'Shields 186; Tabitha Altman and Jessica Altman 354b; Eric Tweedy 182; Janice Paulk 318; Ashley Thompson 196; Faye Holbrook 376; Hayden Arp 112; Tony Hammock 105; Charles Woods 99.

RECESS

John Plunkett called the class to order leading 101t. Leaders: Richard DeLong 399b; Vaudie Sherer 100; Virgel "Cricket" Campbell 481; Fallon Cook and Hayden Arp 340; Lisa Bennett 541; Oscar McGuire 229 (in honor of Cecil Roberts); Judy Mincey 301; David Smead 494; LeAnn Carter 64; Jesse Roberts 347.

Announcements were made. Brady DeLong and Jessica Altman led 62 as closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Elder Jesse Roberts.

Chairman—Jessica Altman; Vice Chairman—Matt DeLong; Secretary—Helen Bryson

MT. LEBANON BAPTIST CHURCH
Fayette County, Alabama
Sunday, June 25, 2017

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church on the fourth Sunday in June was called to order by Larry Ballinger leading 31b. Earl Ballinger offered the morning prayer.

After welcoming comments, the class organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Larry Ballinger; Vice Chairman—Chris Ballinger; Secretaries—Amanda Hardiman and Teresa Hope; Arranging Committee—Buddy Ballinger and David Ballinger.

Leaders: Larry Ballinger 120 (in memory of Gravis Ballinger); Teresa Hope 384; Amanda Hardiman 68b; Linton Ballinger and Sherry Stover 299; Edwin Ballinger 300; Leslie Brady, Patrick Brady, and Ciara Brady 124; Janet Litton 172; Nicholas Holmes 37b; Loyd Ivey 454; Darrell Swarens 208; Linda Sides 215; Jimmy Ballinger 84; Ken Tate 148; Beverly Coates 421; Judy Whiting 521; Earl Ballinger and Amelia O'dell 100; Don Jones 276; Ann Jett 119 (by request for Velton and Johnnie Chafin); Jerry Kitchens 108t; Arlon Gardner 285t (in memory of his parents); Amber Davis and Paula Springfield 380, 112 (in memory of Gravis Ballinger); Mike Hankins 168; Beth Wallace 442; Rodney Ivey 440; Lauren Allen 323b; Buddy Ballinger, Jill Porter, Ella Porter, Eady Porter, Sam West, and Aiden West 45t.

RECESS

Chris Ballinger, Katie Ballinger, and Lauren Ballinger led 31t to bring the class back together. Leaders: Don Keeton 491; David Brodeur 182; Tory Colvin and Anna Eashman 155; David White 405; Chris Nicholson 477 (in memory of his Uncle Claude); Albert Humber 565; Lilly Underwood and Loyd Ivey 426t; Phillip Ballinger 373; Isabella Keeton 282; Charles Humber 480; Bruce Coates 503; David Killingsworth 455; Dorothea Maynard 349 (for Marlin Beasley); Danny Creel 485; Chris Brown 392.

RECESS

David Ballinger led 110 (in memory of Gravis Ballinger) to bring the class back together. Leaders: Joanna Bennett 532; Miranda Steed 186; Matthew Keeton 235; Andy Ditzler 218; Adrian Eldridge and David Ivey 292; Betty Baccus and Lily Beth 145b; Justin Bowen 298; Max Berueffy 546; Glenn Keeton 475 (for his mom); Elene Stovall 382 (in memory of Roston White); Tom Booth 489; Linda Thomas 430; Nathan Stewart 304; Reba Windom 542.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Lomax Ballinger leading 144. Leaders: Judy Caudle 418; Leon Ballinger 313b; Mary Blake Thompson 302; Philip Denney 143; Ainslie Allen 196; Richard Mauldin 43; Bridgett Hill Kennedy 377; Jack Pate 569b; Shelby Castillo and Reba Windom 411; Winfred Kerr 516; Nate Green and Norma Green 322; Wayne Baines 34b (in memory of Gravis Ballinger); Nicholas Thompson 192; Christy Allen 428; Eugene Forbes 189; Darlene Reynolds 145t; Cheyenne Ivey 142; Mark Davis 474; Bentley Rose 354b; Henry McGuire 556; Cassie Allen 234; Faye Donaldson 78; David Ivey 444 (in memory of Toney and Lavoy Smith); Lisa Geist 528; Chris Ballinger 499; Rickey Beasley 30b; Chuck Howell 32t; John Beasley 335; David Ivey and Rodney Ivey 222 (for Coy Ivey); Larry Ballinger 551 (for Johnnie Ballinger).

Announcements were made. Larry Ballinger led 323t as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Buddy Ballinger, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Larry Ballinger; Vice Chairman—Chris Ballinger; Secretaries—Amanda Hardiman and Teresa Hope

NEW HOPE CHURCH SINGING

Cullman County, Alabama

Sunday, June 25, 2017

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at New Hope Church on the fourth Sunday in June was called to order at 9:45 a.m. by James (Butch) White leading 49t. Hubert Nall offered the opening prayer.

In a business session the following officers were elected: Chairman—Anna Grace Sipe; Vice Chairman—Christopher Mann; Secretary—Londa Pate; Arranging Officer—Butch White.

Leaders: Anna Grace Sipe 49b, 77t; Christopher Mann 31t, 178; Geraldine Sharpton 143, 421; Londa Pate 59, 63; Jim Pate 47b, 358; Nancy Phillips 117, 146; William Clay 40, 168; Sonya Sipe 30b; Delone Cobbs and Sonya Sipe 551; Susan Allred 436, 387.

RECESS

The class was called back together by Christopher Mann leading 101t. Leaders: Dick Nail 314, 300; Cindy Mann 159, 127; Nancy Tuck 274t, 335, 445 (for Margie Lee and in memory of Lela Crider); Theresa Westmoreland 200, 268; Buell Cobb 111t, 100; Essie Hollingsworth 480, 318. Ruben Williams gave a report on the cemetery fund. An offering was taken for the cost of the minutes books. Butch White returned thanks before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Anna Grace Sipe leading 503. Leaders: Hubert Nail 129, 47t; Greg Allred 452; Kenneith Calvert 350; Joyce White 282; Laura Hale 384, 137; Carol Fannin 33b, 390; Butch White 535; Jennelle Yancey 26; Christopher Mann 288; Kenneith Calvert 147t; Greg Allred 56t; Geraldine Sharpton 542; Christopher Mann 569b; Theresa Westmoreland 280.

Announcements were made. Anna Grace Sipe led 62 as the closing song. Delone Cobbs offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Anna Grace Sipe; Vice Chairman—Christopher Mann; Secretary—Londa Pate

LEWES SACRED HARP SINGING DAY

South Malling Parish Church, Lewes, Sussex, United Kingdom

Saturday, July 1, 2017

The annual Lewes Sacred Harp Singing Day was called to order by Rachel Jordan leading 34b. The opening prayer was offered by Mike Cooper.

Leaders: Nick Hall 73b; Ian Lamb 28b; Seth Dickens 448b; Rob Mahoney 107; Grace Scrimgeour 216; Ron Hollman 67; Catherine Roberts 276; Edwin Macadam 473; Magna Nowak 313b; Andrew Clark 287; Teresa Maguire 106; Steve Welch 569t; Sheila Girling Macadam 173; Pete Eiseman-Renyard 82t; Werner Ullah 503.

RECESS

Leaders: Derek Buckland 178; Arthur Swindells 191; Iain Paxon 535; Eleanor Callaghan 29t; Johannes Saver 344; Beverly Dayton 122; Nina Riegler 415; Jan Lawrence 339; Rachel Jordan 171; Ian Lamb 547; Seth Dickens 505; Grace Scrimgeour 33b; Nick Hall 283; Magna Nowak 504; Andrew Clark 235; Pete Eiseman-Renyard 49t; Catherine Roberts 278t; Joe Jones 113.

RECESS

Leaders: Edwin Macadam 540; Werner Ullah 28t; Teresa Maguire 35; Ron Hollman 181; Steve Welch 477; Iain Paxon 209; Sheila Girling Macadam 330b.

Mary Welch spoke for the sick and housebound and Werner Ullah read the following list of names: Paula Mogensen, Rebecca Over, Lisa O'Grady, Geoffrey Rendle,

MaryJo Clogg, Irmtraud Fessen, Jeannie Blagg, Ced Morgan, Mabel Aitchison, Kate Rothery, Esteban Cortez Herrera, Maddy O'Brien, Tommy Spurlock, and Roy Holloway. Steve Welch led 489.

The memorial lesson was read by Catherine Roberts in honor of the following deceased: Hugh McGraw, Joan Smith, June Eames, Phœbe Davidson, Gisela Sakaras, Helga Wahrig, Tilo Jeske, Jana Rosenstein, Peggy Willson, Bob Bunnell, Honey, Kathleen Evelyn Rowell, Gaetano Scarasciullo, and Rosa Pascazio. Catherine led 549 in their memory. Rob Mahoney closed the memorial service with prayer.

Leaders: Arthur Swindells 332; Derek Buckland 74b; Johannes Saver 378t; Jan Lawrence 318; Lucy Day 65; Beverly Dayton 334; Rob Mahoney 159. Milly Murphy offered grace before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Nick Hall called the class back to order leading 452. Leaders: Eleanor Callaghan 481; Paul Setford 182; Nina Riegler 448t; Sarah Hill 270; Jacoba Bruneel 268; Joe Jones 300; Edwin Macadam 183; Lucy Day 81t; Rachel Jordan 500; Ian Lamb 99; Seth Dickens 236; Jan Lawrence 52t; Magna Nowak 29b; Sheila Girling Macadam 372; Andrew Clark 496; Grace Scrimgeour 485; Steve Welch 147b; Catherine Roberts 480; Arthur Swindells 434; Werner Ullah 30t.

RECESS

Leaders: Rob Mahoney 454; Jill Thompson 299; Paul Setford 273; Ron Holman 542; Eleanor Callaghan 86; Teresa Maguire 460; Derek Buckland 146; Sarah Hill 531; Jacoba Bruneel 47b; Nina Riegler 101t; Johannes Saver 455; Beverly Dayton 497.

Announcements were made. Rachel Jordan thanked all who had helped in any way to make this singing possible, and then led 347 as the closing song. Edwin Macadam offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Rachel Jordan; Secretaries—Nick Hall and Mary Welch

HENAGAR-UNION CONVENTION **Liberty Baptist Church, Henagar, Alabama** **July 1-2, 2017** **Saturday, July 1**

The Henagar-Union Sacred Harp Singing Convention was held at Liberty Baptist Church, Henagar, Alabama, on the first Sunday and Saturday before in July. The class was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Shane Wootten leading 56t. Ron Harper offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Richard Ivey, Kelsey Ivey, and Everett Ivey 42; Cheyenne Ivey 33b; Cassie Allen, Hayden Arp, and Isaac Green 434; Nathan Rees 36t; David Light 436; Delone Cobbs and Anna Grace Sipe 39b; Susan Cheronos 460; Vickie See and Billy See 480; Henry Johnson 176b; Carolyn Thompson 280; Winfred Kerr 318; Boyd Scott 358; David Killingsworth 49b; Kathy Williams 291; Hubert Nall 566; Lomax Ballinger and Buddy Ballinger 277; Karen Edwards 500; Ron Harper 370; Daniel Lee 28b; Blake Sisemore 30b; Mary Wright 328; Nicholas Thompson 530; Lela Crowder 288 (in memory of Lisa Crowder); Caleb Dillehay 298.

RECESS

David Ivey led 309 to bring the class back together. Leaders: Hoss Curran 35; Louis Hughes 400; April Watkins 87; Linda Sides 225t; Ellie Curran 274t; Phil Summerlin 348b; Silas Huckaby 344; Cora Wareh 481; Eli Hinton 99; Gracie Davis 63; Faiz Wareh 301; Anna Hinton 203; Ainslie Allen 29t; Greta Edwards 77t; Taylor Watkins 445; Sarah Huckaby and Abby Huckaby 146; AnnaLiza Cull 155.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Shane Wootten leading 89. Leaders:

Jonathan Gaylord 428; David Carlton 538; Pattie Wareh 299; Stuart Ivey 293; Deidra Montgomery 316; Dan Edwards 497; Matt Hinton and Erica Hinton 228; Martha Beverly 197; Bill Waddington 217; Jackson Fleder 170; David Smead and Lisa Bennett 486; Pat Temple 59; John Shoulders and Mary Shoulders 108t; Cecelia Kramer 71; Jim Aaron and Bea Aaron 47b; Daniel Bearden 271b; Larry Brasher, Louise Brasher, and Ellen Harris 47t; Ruth Wampler 279; James Eldridge 485; Darrell Swarens 208; Gillian Inksetter 396; Vivian Rogan and Gary Rogan 168. Elder Ricky Harcrow asked a blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Rodney Ivey leading 166. Leaders: Justin Bowen 550; Barrett Patton and Judy Caudle 218; Jonathon Smith 379; Denise Kania and Jim Pfau 496; Alvaro Witt Duarte 186; Sasha Hsuczyk 302; Samuel Sommers 502; Andy Ditzler 498; Calum Woods 273; Elene Stovall and Ed Thacker 548; Thom Fahrback 399b; Katherine Eldridge 446; Tom George and Dennis George 512; Alex Forsyth 389; Aldo Ceresa 402; Anna Pfau 430; Scott Curran and Michele Curran 472; Lauren Bock and Jesse P. Karlsberg 542; Ellen Ray 564; Catherine Rogan 84; Ann Jett 319; Adrian Eldridge 390; Jeannette DePoy, Tabitha Cook, Taylor Cook, and Trinity Cook 159; Bobby Watkins 426b; Shane Wootten 518 (CB) (by request). Dennis George announced the results of the ballot election of officers as follows: Chairman—Kelsey Ivey; Vice Chairman—Shane Wootten; Secretaries—Cheyenne Ivey and Shelby Castillo.

RECESS

The class was brought back together by Scott Ivey and Tony Ivey leading 269. Leaders: Betty Shepherd and Reba Windom 216; John Plunkett 117; Jackie Tanner 172; Loyd Ivey and Cassie Allen 424; Judy Chambless and Robert Chambless 137; Nancy Price and William Price 196; Samuel Williams 286; Nate Green and Norma Green 556; Cindy Tanner 546; Tarik Wareh 374. Kelsey Ivey led 323t as the closing song. Loyd Ivey dismissed the class with prayer.

Sunday, July 2

The Sunday session of the Henagar-Union Sacred Harp Singing Convention was called to order by Kelsey Ivey leading 32t. The opening prayer was offered by Samuel Sommers.

Leaders: Shane Wootten 426t; Cheyenne Ivey 224; Cassie Allen, Hayden Arp, and Isaac Green 97; Ed Thacker 532; Loyd Ivey 283; Norma Green 84; Bobby Watkins 33b; Buell Cobb 371; Rachel Rogers 96; Karen Edwards, Dan Edwards, and Greta Edwards 282; Jonathan Gaylord and Keri Smith Gaylord 146; Isaac Lloyd 311; Vivian Rogan and Ellie Curran 163b; Kevin Eddins, Dana Eddins, and Elliott Eddins 38b; Hoss Curran 274t; Ben Fink 569b; Jim Pfau 411; AnnaLiza Cull 504; Samuel Sommers 132; Ezra Lloyd and Malachi Lloyd 40; Boyd Scott 58; Judy Caudle 422.

RECESS

Scott Ivey led 113 to bring the class together. Leaders: Eli Hinton 148; Gracie Davis and Ainslie Allen 76b; Daniel Lee 147t; Stephen Miller 328; Ezra Eddins and Eric Eddins 344; Louis Hughes and Scot Oliver 314; Guy Bankes 534; Silas Huckaby 455; Don Bowen and Bill Waddington 99; Eli Eddins and Ethan Eddins 445; Denney Rogers 345t (for Karen Rollins); Nate Zweig 337; Calum Woods and Justin Bowen 391.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Karen Ivey, Richard Ivey, and Allison Whitener leading 182. Darrell Swarens and Katherine Eldridge led 507.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Judy Caudle and Samuel Sommers. Judy Caudle read a devotional from the writings of Charles H. Spurgeon in honor of the following sick and shut-ins: Velton Chafin, Johnnie Chafin, Ottis Sides, Willodean

Barton, Keillor Mose, Chris Holley, Frances Sasser, Concetta Branson, Karen Rollins, Eloise Wootten, Daphene Causey, Sharon DuPriest, and Aline Summerlin. She led 437.

Samuel Sommers asked Nathan Rees to speak of Hugh McGraw. Nathan briefly told of the relationship between Mr. McGraw and the singing community in the Henagar area.

Samuel Sommers spoke in remembrance of the deceased, and read the following list of names: Kermit Adams, Steve Adams, Gravis Ballinger, Toney Smith, Lavoy Smith, Levon Wootten, and Gary Smith—Alabama; Johnny Lee, Delorese Lee, Hugh McGraw, B.M. Smith, Loyd Landrum, and Edna Vickers—Georgia; John Bayer and Loraine Bayer—Ohio; Evelyn Tornabane—Iowa; Bill Mates—New Jersey; Skip Trout—Pennsylvania; Don Fahrback—Michigan; Janelle Davis and Les Sontag—Illinois; Charles Wells and Collette Miller—Minnesota; Erin Harris—Tennessee; Marion Walsingham—Florida; Ruth Steggle—United Kingdom; Dimitri Kikis—Greece. He led 123t. James Eldridge closed the memorial service with prayer.

Leaders: Gary Rogan 324; Andy Ditzler 158; Ellen Ray and Anna Hinton 383; Dan Brittain 465; Evie Eddins, Emily Eddins, and Edith Eddins 133; Martha Beverly 474; Gideon Lloyd 34b; Caleb Dillehay 440; Ellie Curran 35; Robert Chambless and Judy Chambless 143 (for Karen Rollins); Billy See and Vickie See 72b. Louis Hughes asked a blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Jared Wootten and Jamey Wootten led 101t to bring the class to order. Leaders: Linda Sides and Isaac Green 170; Barrett Patton and Nicholas Thompson 522 (in memory of Oliver-Kindig Stokes); Nancy Price and William Price 222; Catherine Rogan 454; Anna Pfau 362; Scott Curran and Michele Curran 475; Earl Ballinger, Linton Ballinger, and Larry Ballinger 215; Coy Ivey, David Ivey, Rodney Ivey, Cheyenne Ivey, Karen Ivey, Richard Ivey, Allison Whitener, Grace Whitener, Kelsey Ivey, and Everett Ivey 384; Reba Windom and Shelby Castillo 112; Sam Culpepper, Ellen Culpepper, and Byrn Culpepper 426b; Aldo Ceres 456; Elene Stovall 200; Lauren Bock, Jesse P. Karlsberg, and Lucey Rose Karlsberg 434; Ruth Wampler 380 (for Keillor Mose); James Eldridge 432; Gillian Inksetter 195; Chris Ballinger and Lisa Geist 120 (in memory of Gravis Ballinger); Alex Forsyth and Sasha Hsuczyk 340; David Brodeur 150; Kathy Williams 479; Thom Fahrback 94 (in memory of Don Fahrback); Alvaro Witt Duarte 276; Jonathon Smith and Nathan Rees 189; April Watkins and Taylor Watkins 29t.

RECESS

Shane Wootten and Rodney Ivey led 358 (for Lois Ball). Leaders: Jackie Tanner and Shane Wootten 73t (in memory of Bud Oliver); Pattie Wareh and Cora Wareh 501; Cecelia Kramer and Dan Brittain 313b; Ewan Eddins 107; Adrian Eldridge and Judy Caudle 121; Sierra Saylor and Gus Carter 67; Jackson Fleder 398; Erica Hinton and Matt Hinton 70b; Danny Creel, Ann Jett, and Cindy Tanner 269; Elyssa Lloyd, Havilah Lloyd, Amariah Lloyd, Tim Simon, and Lidia Simon 393 (CB); Denise Kania 142; Chris Ryan 572; Lindsay Kruse 77t; Paula Oliver 540; Drew Smith and Mattie Sue Pruitt 385b; Hubert Nall 313t; Susan Cheronos 349; Henry Johnson 205; Marty Wootten, Lorie Wootten, Aaron Wootten, Jamey Wootten, Hayden Wootten, Chelsea Higdon, Cole Wootten, and Patricia Wootten 546; Teresa Saylor and David Saylor 203; Tarik Wareh and Faiz Wareh 397.

Kelsey Ivey, Loyd Ivey, and Coy Ivey led 62 as the closing song, and those who wished took the parting hand. Scott Curran offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Kelsey Ivey; Vice Chairman—Shane Wootten; Secretaries—Cheyenne Ivey and Shelby Castillo

CROSSROADS BAPTIST CHURCH
North of Tallapoosa, Georgia
Sunday, July 2, 2017

The 104th session of the Crossroads Baptist Church Sacred Harp Singing and Homecoming was held on the first Sunday in July. The class was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Cecil Roberts leading 49t. The opening prayer was offered by Daniel Williams. Cecil Roberts welcomed everyone to the singing, and then led 48t. Leaders: Miranel Swafford 155, 32t; Don Clark 31t; Karen Clark 501, 534; Karen Rollins 168, 399b; Samuel Williams 55, 95; David Smead 52b, 97; Helen Bryson 131b, 217; Winfred Kerr 576, 146.

A business session was held with the following officers retained or appointed to serve: Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Vice Chairman—Miranel Swafford; Secretary—Donna Bell; Arranging Officer—Margie Smith; Memorial Lesson—Helen Bryson. Lisa Bennett led 201 (for Chris Holley) and 85.

RECESS

Cecil Roberts led 56t to bring the class together. Leaders: Tony Hammock 30b, 105 (in memory of his brother, Tim Hammock); Eschol Hughes 138b, 45t; Gary Davis and Karen Flagg 565, 426t; Rene Greene 274t, 186; John Plunkett 88t, 139; Daniel Williams 74t, 222; Fallon Cook 37b, 107; Oscar McGuire 137, 276; Virginia Dyer 358 (by request), 454; Richard DeLong 36t, 110; Dalton Lewis 100, 70b.

Helen Bryson conducted the memorial lesson. Helen spoke and read the names of the deceased and the sick and shut-ins. The deceased remembered were Hugh McGraw, B.M. Smith, Lynn Swafford Key, James Hughes, Harold DeLong, George Snyder, Johnny Lee, Delores Lee, Mary Jean Avery Payne, Tim Hammock—Georgia; Charles Wells—Minnesota. The sick and shut-ins honored were David East, Sandra Johnson, Tommie Spurlock, and Chris Holley. Helen led 475. John Plunkett offered prayer to close the memorial lesson.

Leaders: Cecil Roberts 294; Karen Rollins 350 (in memory of B.M. Smith); Don Clark 151; Margie Smith 373. Eschol Hughes offered the blessing of the noon meal at the table.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Karen Clark leading 82t. Leaders: Philip Denney 84, 142; Lisa Bennett 479; John Plunkett 548; Rene Greene 216; Gary Davis and Karen Flagg 99; Winfred Kerr 89; Samuel Williams 372; Tony Hammock 465; Fallon Cook 215; David Smead 242; Richard DeLong 214; Oscar McGuire 229; Eschol Hughes 380; Karen Clark 234; Philip Denney 120.

Following announcements, Cecil Roberts, Miranel Swafford, and Donna Bell led 294 as the closing song. Eschol Hughes offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Vice Chairman—Miranel Swafford; Secretary—Donna Bell

INDEPENDENCE DAY SINGING
Lakeview Lodge, Camp Lee, Anniston, Alabama
Monday, July 3, 2017

The annual Independence Day Singing, formerly held at Muscadine Church in Cleburne County, was held at Lakeview Lodge, Camp Lee, Anniston, Alabama. The class was called to order by Rene Greene leading 120. Jack Nelson offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Samuel Sommers 176t (in memory of B.M. Smith); Judy Caudle 111b; Angela Myers 42; Pam Nunn 186; Jack Nelson 500 (in memory of Hugh McGraw);

Ann Riley 142; Rob Bahler 56b; Laurie Dempsey 155; Guy Banks 77b; Dan Brittain 61; Nancy Price 107; Dave Farmer 454; Pattie Wareh 171; Adrian Eldridge 313t; Lela Crowder 110; Winfred Kerr 314; Judy Chambless 318 (for Karen Rollins); William Price 217; Jim Neal 389; Robert Chambless 122; Michele Cull and Darrell Swarens 128; Esther Williams 135; Tom Booth 229.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Rene Greene; Vice Chairman—Samuel Sommers; Secretary—Judy Caudle; Arranging Committee—Pam Nunn and Angela Myers; Chaplain—Jack Nelson.

RECESS

Samuel Sommers led 32t to bring the class together. Leaders: Faiz Wareh 396; April Watkins 29t; Isaac Lloyd 29b; Cora Wareh 71; Taylor Watkins 445; Gideon Lloyd 277; AnnaLiza Cull 49b; Jubal Schultz 36b; Katherine Eldridge 461; Samuel Williams 534; Paula Oliver 216; Kathleen Prevost 170; James Eldridge 298; Olivia Prevost and William Prevost 159; Nicholas Thompson 426b; Daniel Bearden 359; Kathy Williams 37b; David Ivey 346; Shelby Castillo 472. Jack Nelson asked a blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Rene Greene and Samuel Sommers led 137 to bring the class to order. Leaders: Bob Watkins 455; Tom George 322; Elizabeth Betz 354b; Alvaro Witt Duarte 343; Jeannette DePoy 201; David Brodeur 109; Tarik Wareh 57; Alex Forsyth 227; Holly Mixon 475; Aldo Ceresa 431; Sasha Hsuczyk 542; Calum Woods 458; Lottie Hinton 32t; Philip Denney 99; Donna Bell 168; Drew Smith 179; Eva Grace Horsley and Karis Askin 408; Matt Hinton 411; Bridgett Hill Kennedy 82t; Anna Hinton 383; Lindsay Kruse and Jashen Edwards 47b; Thom Fahrbach 505; SHMHA Board members (David Ivey, Jeannette DePoy, Judy Caudle, Pam Nunn, and Samuel Sommers) 83t; Shannon Primm and Rajbir Athwal 67; Rene Greene and Pam Nunn 236 (in memory of Jeff and Shelby Sheppard).

Rene Greene and Samuel Sommers led 63 as the closing song. Jack Nelson dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Rene Greene; Vice Chairman—Samuel Sommers; Secretary—Judy Caudle

CAMP FASOLA, YOUTH EMPHASIS

Camp Lee, Anniston, Alabama

July 3-7, 2017

Monday, July 3

Arrival, Registration, and Orientation Registration for Camp Fasola, 2017, Youth Emphasis, began at 4:00 p.m. Campers were issued t-shirts, procedures lists, maps, and identification badges. Campers had free time for recreation, followed by counselor orientation sessions, and then followed by supper at 6:00 p.m. Every one attending camp met with David Ivey in Lakeview Lodge at 7:00 p.m. for orientation and instructions.

Class Singing 7:30 p.m Led by Youth Counselors. Beth Anne Clay and Sasha Hsuczyk called the class to order by leading 56t, followed by the opening prayer. Leaders: Brittany Thompson, Ainslie Allen, Elizabeth Brown, Rebekah Lauren Clay, Gracie Davis, and Cora Wareh 132; Justin Bowen, Zane Baxley, Ewan Eddins, and Ezra Lloyd 40; Cheyenne Ivey, Tabitha Cook, Trinity Cook, Taylor Cook, Karalina Mann, and KayLee Mann 87; James Eldridge, Gavin Baxley, Luke Cornett, Elam Eddins, and Faiz Wareh 111b; Beth Anne Clay, Annaliza Cull, Ruby Francis, Devereux Fuller, Anna Hinton, and Jade Thompson 131b; Alvaro Witt Duarte, Ezra Eddins, Spencer Hegwood, Gideon Lloyd, and Jared Pope 48t; Sasha Hsuczyk,

Elizabeth Betz, Dorothy Brown, Mary Francis Clay, Lainey Martin, and April Watkins 354b; Tom George, Jacob Acton, William Brown, Ethan Cornett, and Mason Ivey 282; Rachel Rudi, Chastity Broome, Neveah Broome, Jamira Jackson, Tullaia Powell, Mattie Sue Prewett, and Sierra Saylor 36b; Drew Smith, Justin Corbett, Eli Eddins, Isaac Lloyd, Barrett Patton, and Jubal Schultz 129; Lela Crowder, Karis Askin, Anna Bowen, Emily Eddins, Katherine Eldridge, Eva Grace Horsley, and Holly Mixon 65; Judy Caudle, Bridgett Hill Kennedy, Zilpha Cornett, Angela Myers, Pam Nunn, Aldo Ceresa, Tarik Wareh, Laurie Dempsey, and Robin Betz 448b; Eric Eddins, Ethan Eddins, and Kevin Eddins 178; Calum Woods and Sam Sommers 404; Pattie Wareh and Susan Cheronos 209; Samuel Williams and Esther Williams 566; Nicholas Thompson and Alex Forsyth 192; Lauren Bock, Jesse P. Karlsberg, and Lucey Rose Karlsberg 217; Jonathon Smith and Daniel Bearden 444; Allison Whitener and Grace Whitener 146; Ellen Ray and Nathan Rees 496; Dan Brittain and Jim Neal 114; Joanne Fuller and Laurie Dempsey 179; Sally Langendorf and Guy Bankes 481; Terry Wootten and Karlie Mann 74b; Eric Eddins and Paula Oliver 42; William Brown and Dorothy Brown 231. Beth Anne Clay and Sasha Hsuczyk led 277 as the closing song. Alvaro Witt Duarte offered the evening devotional, followed by James Eldridge, who offered the closing prayer. Class was dismissed.

Tuesday, July 4

Lesson: Rudiments I/Youth I 9:00 a.m Teachers—Lauren Bock and Tom George. Lauren introduced pitch, volume, and tempo using games and exercises. A rapid-fire flash card game was played to learn the shapes. Campers practiced scales using well known children's songs singing just the shapes. Volunteers were given a printed out shape, and were to arrange themselves in the order of the major scale. Lauren described rhythm as the beat of a song, and tempo was explained as speeding up or slowing down, but the rhythm will not change. Tom explored duration of notes using the concept of measures and using the hand to beat time. The class practiced exercises on pages 15 and 16 of the Rudiments on modes of time with explanation of accent in each mode. The elements on 49t were discussed, and the class sang it. Class was dismissed.

Lesson: Rudiments I/ Youth II 9:00 a.m Teachers—Stuart Ivey and Sasha Hsuczyk. Stuart began the lesson leading 47t. Stuart taught the class beginning with page 13 of the Rudiments, discussing relative pitch, which is used in Sacred Harp, and explained rhythmic, beating time, accent and dynamics. Sasha addressed the difference between the major and minor scales, and led campers in singing scale exercises. Sasha explained the basics of leading in Sacred Harp where the leader beats time with hand and arm moving down and up. Sasha demonstrated by leading 59 in common time. Volunteers practiced leading 59. Class was dismissed.

Lesson: Rudiments I/Adult 9:00 a.m Teacher—Nathan Rees. The lesson began by singing the major scale in ascending and descending order. Nathan explained intervals, according to page 19 of the Rudiments. Intervals are named after degrees of the scales; harmony consists of tones sounding simultaneously in a pleasing way. Nathan led 146. The class sang the bass line on 313t, and the treble line on 30b to demonstrate octaves. One octave is the span of eight degrees beginning with the tonic. To further demonstrate octaves, Nathan led 414 and 359. Minor scales were sung with attention to the difference in sound between the major and minor. The class sang the bass line of 315 and 312t, both minor songs. Class was dismissed.

Elective: Team Tunsmith I—Sacred Harp Composition 10:30 a.m Teacher—Aldo Ceresa. Aldo welcomed the class and led 101t. Aldo remarked that new music is written to give back to the Sacred Harp community, for personal expression, and to continue the work of writing songs. The best composers work at writing songs,

continuing to draft their music several times before the song is complete. Class members were divided into two teams to work together on writing new compositions to be sung later in the week at the composium. Aldo presented the following assistance to the tunesmiths: look to Sacred Harp as your guide; learn from living composers; learn the function and characteristics of each of the four voice parts; study Sacred Harp harmony; sing your music; do not rely too much on the computer or an instrument; make sure your tune is set in the correct mode of time; keep the accent in mind; pay attention to the poetry; remember that writing involves a lot of trial and error. Team number one was Daniel Bearden, Beth Anne Clay, and William Brown. Team number two was Drew Smith, Isaac Green, and Emily Eddins. Class was dismissed.

Lesson: Learning Songs/Youth 1:00 p.m Teachers—Jonathon Smith and Bridgett Hill Kennedy. Jonathon and Bridgett led 37b. Bridgett mentioned that certain songs have a natural appeal, and there are certain songs that people love within the Sacred Harp community. Jonathon related several things to remember when learning new songs, and stressed the importance of practicing them. Leaders: Jonathon Smith 274t; Barrett Patton 472; Jade Thompson and Karlie Mann 354b; Ruby Francis and Devereux Fuller 224; Anna Hinton 112; Spencer Hegwood 277; April Watkins 29t; Kaylee Mann, Karalina Mann, and Gavin Baxley 496; Ethan Cornett and Spencer Hegwood 117; Dorothy Brown 231; Jade Thompson and Jamira Jackson 168; Trinity Cook, Taylor Cook, and Tabitha Cook 159. Class was dismissed.

Lesson: Songs of P. Dan Brittain 1:00 p.m Teacher—Dan Brittain. Dan held a question and answer time, and explained the background, poetry, and thoughts behind his compositions. Dan credited Reese, White, and Dumas in having an influence in his writing. Songs discussed were “Iowa”, “Maquoketa”, examples of word painting in them; “Polnick”, George Washington’s parish church and was sung for the first time at the Potomac River Convention in the nineties; “Hauff”, the poetry from a poem written by an Anglican priest from Bristol, written for Judy and Melanie Hauff; “Dean Street”, the site of the third Ireland convention; “Cowling”, for Doug Cowling, an organist in Toronto, Canada; “Beard”, written for Kelly Beard. The remainder of class time was used singing the following songs: “Come On, My Friends”, “Good Physician”, “Endless Distress”, “The Wonder”, “The Teacher’s Farewell”, “Winter Garden”, “Dying Minister” and “Vain World Adieu”. Class was dismissed.

Elective: Mapping Sacred Harp 2:10 p.m Teacher—Jesse P. Karlsberg. Jesse provided campers with a handout that showed the comparisons of minuted singings that had been digitized from 1994-2014. Comparisons during that period showed a growth of singings in the northern region, particularly in New England, while the singings in Alabama and Georgia showed a slight decrease. Songs were also mapped by trend and usage in ten regions of the United States by the most led or the least led. Class was dismissed.

Lesson: How to Beat the 7 Modes of Time/Youth 3:30 p.m Teachers—Stuart Ivey and Lauren Bock. Lauren described which modes of time are down-up and down-down up. Stuart read page 16, section 12 of the Rudiments regarding 3/2 and 3/4 time. Students found songs they liked which featured different modes of time, and led them. Leaders: KayLee Mann 49t; Spencer Hegwood, Gavin Baxley, and Ethan Cornett 70t; April Watkins 29t; Taylor Cook and Elizabeth Brown 274t; Tullaia Powell and Sierra Saylor 547; Anna Bowen, Nevaeh Broome, Mason Ivey, and Chastity Broome 457; Eric Eddins 94; Cora Wareh 64. Class was dismissed.

Lesson: Leading Workshop/Adults 3:30 p.m Teachers—Bridgett Hill Kennedy and Judy Caudle. Bridgett led 101t. The teachers discussed the importance of having a clear and concise leading style. To lead effectively there should be communication

between the leader and the singing class. Leaders: Barrett Patton 434; Guy Banks 543; Ellen Ray 34; Tarik Wareh 48; Calum Woods 376; Jim Neal 473; Nicholas Thompson 386; Jubal Schultz 450. Class was dismissed.

Lesson: Scales and Intervals 3:30 p.m Teacher—Samuel Sommers. Sam led 358 to open the session, said a prayer, and welcomed the class. Sam highlighted the liberal use of scales and arpeggios in 358. The class sang the major scale in ascending and descending order. The last note of the bass part determines whether the song is in a major or minor mode. A perfect fifth has the same open sound regardless of a major or minor mode. The class sang 206, 218, and 411, all featuring scales. A triad in the root or tonic position is the first, third, and fifth degree of the scale and is often used in keying songs. Class members participated in singing scale drills and intervals. For examples of difficult intervals, Faiz Wareh led 310 and Sam Sommers led 431. For differentiating the fourth or fifth intervals, the class sang the bass part of 313b. For more interval practice, the class sang 110 before concluding with 176b. Class was dismissed.

Elective: Keying Music 4:45 p.m Teacher—David Ivey. David began by stating that learning to key is something that is a lifelong process of learning. Keying is basically self-taught and each person learns through their own method. The Rudiments suggest keying for vocal comfort. Listening is the most important way to key. The most chaotic thing is for everybody to jump in to help. The keyer may ask for help, if needed. If a keying war ensues, it is up to the chairman to restore order. Jeff Sheppard was quoted at one time saying, “The only two people who can have an opinion about the key is the leader and the keyer.” David provided class members with a list of songs that have a tendency to be keyed too high and a list of songs that have a tendency to be keyed too low, for reference. Leaders who practiced keying were William Brown 37b; Sierra Saylor 47b; Katherine Eldridge 38b; Gideon Lloyd 34b; Barrett Patton 331; Nicholas Thompson 175; Calum Woods 312; Sasha Hsuczyk 168. Class was dismissed.

Class Singing 7:30 p.m Led by Youth Boys. Jubal Schultz called the class to order by leading 565, followed by the opening prayer. Leaders: Arranging Committee 117; Barrett Patton and Alex Forsyth 377; Jared Pope and Faiz Wareh 300; Karen Ivey and Grace Whitener 354b; Ezra Lloyd, Edith Eddins, Eric Eddins, and Evie Eddins 317; Guy Banks and Dan Brittain 541; Sasha Hsuczyk and Robin Betz 303; Jade Thompson and Jamira Jackson 455; Kevin Eddins, Ewan Eddins, and Gideon Lloyd 65; Sam Sommers and Katherine Eldridge 64; Eva Grace Horsley 72b; Calum Woods and Pattie Wareh 319; Ainslie Allen and Anna Hinton 63; Susan Cheronos and Tarik Wareh 460; Beth Anne Clay and Rebekah Lauren Clay 358; Terry Wootten 472; Allison Whitener, Bridgett Hill Kennedy, and Angela Myers 440; Elam Eddins and Gavin Baxley 159; Idy Kiser and Lynn Wilson 171; Gracie Davis and April Watkins 388; Daniel Bearden and Rob Bahler 242; KayLee Mann and Karalina Mann 496; Campbell Longworth and Jim Neal 218; Tabitha Cook, Taylor Cook, and Trinity Cook 155; Nathan Rees and Ezra Eddins 182; Lainey Martin and Tullaia Powell 504; Holly Mixon 142; Cora Wareh 547; Emily Stutzman and Karis Askin 268; Justin Corbett and Nicholas Thompson 217; Sally Langendorf and Joanne Fuller 229. Jubal Schultz and Spencer Hegwood led 225t as the closing song. A closing prayer was offered, and the class was dismissed.

Wednesday, July 5

Lesson: Rudiments II/Youth I 9:00 a.m Teachers—Lauren Bock and Tom George. The class began with warm-up exercises on volume, pitch, and rhythm. Tom led the class in singing the major scales and intervals. Lauren reviewed the four voice parts, and how they form chords and harmony. Using 48t, the class reviewed the anatomy of the song, such as braces, bass and treble clefs, and mode of time. Class members

turned to 48t for an example of a tie, and 48b for examples of slurs and repeats. They sang the tenor line only. To demonstrate octaves, and how the scale extends in either direction, Tom started with his lowest note and sang the scale to his highest note. The class practiced singing the scale for two octaves. The class looked at 274t and learned about D.C. repeats and joined flags. The class sang the tenor line, and then in parts. Eight students, each holding a paper with a shape note on it, played a game of arranging themselves in height order. When arranged from shortest to tallest, they switched shaped notes to form the minor scale. Lauren offered explanation of the difference in sound between the major scale and the minor scale. Tom led 47b, and reviewed accent, specifically working on the primary accent, singing stronger on the first downbeat of each measure. Tom further reviewed primary and secondary accent in compound time. Lauren explained fuging tunes, with parts coming in at different times, and looked at 182 as an example. Class was dismissed.

Lesson: Rudiments II/Adults 9:00 a.m Teacher—Nathan Rees. The class began with warm-up exercises of the scales and intervals. Beginning on page 14, chapter II, of the Rudiments, Nathan taught class members about rhythmic. Included were D.C., note values, rests, time signatures denoting the modes of time, beating time, and accent. Leaders: Campbell Longworth 322; Emily Stutzman 435; Ellen Ray 83b; Robin Betz and Nathan Rees 360; Rajbir Athwal and Nathan Rees 73t. Class was dismissed.

Elective: Readings and Reflections: An Hour with Buell Cobb 10:45 a.m

Teacher—Buell Cobb. Buell began by reading the obituary for Ezra Hall, Escambia County, in south Alabama. Hubert Nall related a story of D.D. Nall (Uncle Dozier), who died during a Sacred Harp singing in 1942. Mr. Nall was carried out and laid in a pick-up truck, covered, and the people continued the singing because Uncle Dozier would have wanted that. Buell then read from a chapter in his book on Ms. Ruth Denson and T.J. Denson that included excerpts from interviews with the Decatur Daily in Morgan County, Alabama, in 1926. Buell read a section of comments from Myrl Jones of Texas about Uncle Tom's teaching of how to lead, and discussed the leading techniques of the Smith sisters (Myrl Jones and Myra Palmer), Marie Aldridge, Lucy Heidorn, and others who led in the style taught by Denson. Another reading was an excerpt from an interview with Lonnie Odem published in the Daily Advocate about a ten-day convention with three meals provided per day. Odem and his wife hosted singers in their sixteen room house. Odem was also the financier of the 1936 edition of the Sacred Harp. Class was dismissed.

Elective: Moving to the IV (Chord) 10:45 a.m Teacher—Aldo Ceresa. Aldo provided a handout to class members relating the history and usage of the IV chord and composers that favored them. Aldo remarked that IV chords have gone in and out of style over the years. There are one hundred thirty-five major songs in the Sacred Harp that have at least one instance of the IV chord on an accented beat. Leaders: Aldo Ceresa 227, 31t; Zilpha Cornett 146; Calum Woods 178, 72b; Sam Sommers 438; Tarik Wareh 82t; Jeannette DePoy 496; Sasha Hsuczyk 49t, 70t; Daniel Bearden 454; Guy Bankes "Brown" (from handout). Class was dismissed.

Lesson: Singing Favorites with Sam 1:00 p.m Teacher—Samuel Sommers. Sam led 210, said a prayer, and then led 24b to begin the class. Sam told a story that when Hugh McGraw was asked "What's your favorite song?" he always answered, "The one I'm singing." Sam continued that if you sing Sacred Harp long enough, every song in the book will remind you of someone or someplace. Don't make a list of songs you don't like. It's not helpful but hurtful to speak ill of a song. That song is somebody's favorite. The following songs were led with commentary as to why each is Sam's favorite. Leaders: Jesse P. Karlsberg 417; Tarik Wareh 98; Sasha Hsuczyk 522; Jeannette DePoy 436; Sally Langendorf 312b; Sam Sommers 54; Emily Eddins

304; Calum Woods 232; Judy Caudle 444; Faiz Wareh 506. Sam closed the lesson leading 38b. Class was dismissed.

Elective: 75th Anniversary 1942 Alabama State Recording 2:10 p.m Teacher—Aldo Ceresa. Aldo welcomed the class, and led 82t. A handout was provided of reconstructed minutes from the 37th annual session of the Alabama Sacred Harp Singing Convention held at the Jefferson County courthouse in Birmingham, Alabama. The handout included a list of singers known to be in attendance (approximately fifty), Alan Lomax's field notes, photographs of the courthouse, Alan Lomax, Paine Denson, and George Pullen Jackson. The handout's cover featured a photograph of Wennett Robertson leading. This picture, published in the Birmingham News the day after the event, is the only known photograph of the convention. Aldo remarked that this year marks the seventy-fifth anniversary of one of the most valuable documents of Sacred Harp singing ever produced—Alan Lomax's landmark 1942 Library of Congress recordings; featuring over six hours of singing and speeches from the floor of the August, 1942; Alabama Sacred Harp Singing Convention, plus an hour long interview with Paine Denson. Alan Lomax loved Sacred Harp, and traveled around for sixty years making Sacred Harp recordings. In attendance with Lomax was Dr. George Pullen Jackson, a professor at Vanderbilt University noted for his pioneering academic research on Sacred Harp music, history, singing practice, and editor of the Library of Congress recordings. Aldo played segments of the recording to class members. The class listened to 112, 377, 59, 455, 422, 402, 342, 392, 445, and 346. Along with listening to the songs, Aldo played segments of speeches given by Marcus Cagle, George Pullen Jackson, Reverend C.L. Mimms, and Paine Denson. Aldo told class members that Alan Lomax's complete inventory was now downloadable from the Library of Congress. Class was dismissed.

Lesson: Leading Practice/Youth 3:30 p.m Teachers—Justin Bowen and Sasha Hsuczyk. Justin and Sasha led 460. They reviewed tips on good leading practices, and gave advice to leaders. Leaders: Eric Eddins 176b; Spencer Hegwood and Gavin Baxley 59; Trinity Cook, Tabitha Cook, and Taylor Cook 274t; Ethan Cornett 302; April Watkins 303; Gracie Davis 63; Gideon Lloyd, KayLee Mann and Karlie Mann 186; Jade Thompson and Elizabeth Betz 36b. Class was dismissed.

Lesson: Leading Workshop/Adults 3:30 p.m Teachers—Bridgett Hill Kennedy and Judy Caudle. Judy led 76t. The teachers offered assistance and feedback as class members led a song. Leaders: Zilpha Cornett 323t; Barrett Patton 273; Robin Betz 110; Jim Neal 432; Mattie Sue Prewett 318; Pattie Wareh 198; Jacob Acton 457; Emily Stutzman 72b; Brittany Thompson 40; Karis Askin 362; Holly Mixon 440; Justin Corbett 277; Jubal Schultz 78; Nicholas Thompson 91; Jeannette DePoy 532; Guy Bankes 534. Class was dismissed.

Lesson: Accent 3:30 p.m Teacher—Samuel Sommers. Sam led 318, followed by prayer. Sam played a 1942 recording of 318, and asked class members to pay close attention to the accent. Sam commented that we do not need to imitate the recording exactly, but we do need to emulate their principles of accent. Accent is stress or voice emphasis on one part of a sentence or measure more than the other. To practice, the class sang the tenor line of 31b. Accent does not change the length of the note: to illustrate, Sam showed four boxes of equal size that contained weights of varying sizes corresponding to how a 4/4 measure should be accented. He then removed one box to correspond to how triple time should be accented. For practice, the class sang 30b. Sam remarked to not over emphasize the accent to avoid choppiness. The old recordings have a bouncy feel. For practice, the class sang 207. Sam stated that there is a tendency to sing high notes the loudest even when they do not fall on the accent. The class sang 118 and 413. The third beat, which would be

the secondary accent, is often missing in 413. Samuel Williams led 375. Sam commented that you cannot emphasize silence, but silence can be its own emphasis. Katherine Eldridge led 176b and the class listened to a 1942 recording of the same song. The class looked at 170 in 2/4 time. The 2/4 time does not normally have a secondary accent unless there are four eighth notes in the measure. The class looked at 121. A slow song can have good energy if it is sung with good accent. Sam ended the lesson by leading 46. Class was dismissed.

Elective: Concorde and Discords—Major 4:45 p.m Teacher—Jesse P. Karlsberg. Jesse provided the class with a handout from B.F. White's 1844 edition. The class looked at page 22 of the 1991 edition Rudiments, and sang the notes of triads and dyads, taking notice of the difference in sound. The class practiced mollifying exercises from the handout. Jesse stated that the tonic is the home chord with submediant as the second most common chord in major, and looked at 406 as an example. The third most common chord in major is dominant with the fourth being supertonic and the fifth subdominant. Examples of songs in each of the harmonies were examined and discussed. Jesse remarked that B.F. White may have considered Tansur's adequate explanation, so he just copied it since he was selector and arranger for the book. Jesse led 48t, and the class was dismissed.

Class Singing 7:30 p.m Led by Youth Girls. Jamira Jackson and Gracie Davis called the class to order leading 274t, followed by the opening prayer. Leaders: Jade Thompson, April Watkins, Anna Hinton, and Lela Crowder 65; Eva Grace Horsley and Karis Askin 472; David Ivey, Karen Ivey, Allison Whitener, Grace Whitener, Richard Ivey, Kelsey Ivey, Everett Ivey, Stuart Ivey, Vivian Ivey, and Cheyenne Ivey 354b; Jesse P. Karlsberg, Lauren Bock, and Lucey Rose Karlsberg 492; Justin Corbett and Nicholas Thompson 436; Samuel Williams, Esther Williams, and Camp Lee Staff 426; Drew Smith, Alex Forsyth, and Camp Lee Staff 270; Justin Bowen and Tom George 187; Gideon Lloyd and Ewan Eddins 53; Aldo Ceresa and Rachel Rudi 464; Alvaro Witt Duarte and Camp Lee Staff 272; Zilpha Cornett and Paula Oliver 480; Jim Neal and Nathan Rees 84; Ellen Ray and Emily Eddins 131b; Calum Woods and Campbell Longworth 198; Evie Eddins and Katherine Eldridge 377; Eli Eddins and James Eldridge 138b; Jubal Schultz and Jacob Acton 385b; Ruby Francis, Elizabeth Brown, and Devereux Fuller 146; William Brown and Dorothy Brown 37b; Holly Mixon, Elizabeth Betz, and Anna Bowen 455; Isaac Lloyd and Samuel Sommers 184; Tullaia Powell, Sierra Saylor, and Annaliza Cull 361; Tabitha Cook, Taylor Cook, Trinity Cook, and Cora Wareh 117; Beth Anne Clay and Rebekah Lauren Clay 542; Pam Nunn and Judy Caudle 220; Lainey Martin and Mary Francis Clay 178; Tarik Wareh, Patti Wareh, Faiz Wareh, and Cora Wareh 277; Sasha Hsuczyk and Ainslie Allen 196; Ethan Cornett and Gavin Baxley 59; Rene Greene and Pam Nunn 183. Jamira Jackson and Gracie Davis led 569b as the closing song, followed by prayer and the evening devotion. Class was dismissed.

Thursday, July 6

Lesson: Rudiments III/Youth I 9:00 a.m Teachers—Lauren Bock and Tom George. Tom George played the scales and intervals on guitar and campers sang along. The modes of time were reviewed as class members pieced together notes and rests into measures on a felt board. The class sang each mini-composition to be sure no beats were missing. Types of rests were reviewed along with accidentals. The remainder of the lesson included practicing songs. Jamira Jackson led 455, and the class was dismissed.

Lesson: Rudiments III/Youth II 9:00 a.m Teachers—Stuart Ivey and Sasha Hsuczyk. Sasha began the lesson by reviewing accent. Sasha stated that the time signature of a song defines what the accent will be and sometimes the poetry can dictate the accent. Accent is what gives a song life. The class looked at 45t and read

the poetry. Sasha remarked that reading the poetry gives you an idea of its rhythm. The modes of time and accent were reviewed on page 16 of the Rudiments. Class members practiced beating time while speaking the accent. Sasha Hsuczyk and William Brown led 153 paying attention to the time change. Sasha played a recording of 411 for the class to listen to that demonstrated excellent accent. Stuart used the word per-Fect in 328 to demonstrate the accent of a word. The major and minor scales were reviewed, and the class participated in interval exercises. Class was dismissed.

Lesson: Rudiments III/Adults 9:00 a.m Teacher—Nathan Rees. Scales and interval exercises were sung from the scale board that was displayed. For additional interval practice, the class sang 49t backwards. Nathan stated that 49t was a great option for learning intervals and to practice at home. Nathan used 313t to demonstrate how to effectively begin and end a song, and how to communicate with the front bench to change the speed of a song. Leaders: Evie Eddins 104; Samuel Williams 312b; Emily Eddins 32t; Ellen Ray 52b; Brittany Thompson and Nathan Rees 240. Nathan remarked how coming to camp helps us sing better, and have fellowship with people who sing all over the world.

Elective: Dinner on the Ground 10:45 a.m Teacher—Nicholas Thompson. Nicholas presented to campers the dishes and recipes to be prepared. The dishes were coleslaw, pear salad, key lime pie, grape salad, and Texas caviar. Nicholas shared the practice and history of dinner on the ground at Sacred Harp singings. Nicholas stated that it is the local host's responsibility to provide most of the food at a singing or convention. It is essential that there be communication between the local cooks to ensure that all the staples are represented, and to prepare what you can the day before the singing. The remainder of class was spent making the dishes, sharing memories, recipes, and tips. Class was dismissed.

Elective: ConCORDS and DISCORDS—Minor 10:45 a.m Teacher—Jesse P. Karlsberg. The class was provided a handout. Jesse remarked that concords and discords in minor is really about the dyads, a combination of two notes not related, and triads, a combination of three notes, the root note plus the third and fifth scale degrees above it. The class looked at 278t, and sang the notes, and then just the half notes. On page 22 of the Rudiments, scales were discussed in number and in note. There are seven triads of the minor scale; Tonic, Supertonic, Mediant, Subdominant, Dominant, Submediant and Subtonic. For examples of the most common chords in minor, the class examined the various chords represented in each of the following songs: 74b, 68t, 32b, and 267. The class reviewed 67, a song that has concordant intervals with mollifying discord. The remainder of the lesson was used singing the notes of songs included in the handout. Class was dismissed.

Lesson: Memorial Lesson & Learning Songs/Youth 1:00 p.m Teachers—Richard Ivey and Kelsey Ivey. Richard and Kelsey led 129. The tradition and practice of the memorial lesson in Sacred Harp was explained and discussed. Campers spent the remaining time leading songs that were new to them. Leaders: Richard Ivey, Jade Thompson, and Trinity Cook 389; Richard Ivey, Ezra Lloyd, and William Brown 425; Richard Ivey, Eric Eddins, and Taylor Cook 176t; Richard Ivey, Ethan Cornett, and Ewan Eddins 556; Richard Ivey, Jacob Acton, and Tullaia Powell 39b; Kelsey Ivey, Edith Eddins, and Holly Mixon 403; Elizabeth Betz 354b; Richard Ivey, Drew Smith, and Jubal Schultz 235; Justin Bowen 111b; Kelsey Ivey, Anna Bowen, and Mattie Sue Prewett 318. Class was dismissed.

Lesson: The Memorial Lesson 1:00 p.m Teachers—Scott DePoy and Jeannette DePoy. Scott welcomed the class, and explained that Jeannette was not feeling well and would not be in class. Scott DePoy explained the reason we do memorial lessons at Sacred Harp singings. Memorial lessons are a tradition that began in the late

1800s. Officers select a memorial committee and the committee decides who will speak, and collects the list of names of the sick and shut-ins and the deceased. Sometimes a person may know ahead of time to participate in the memorial lesson and sometimes it is last minute. Songs are selected that remind us of people from the community or the words may have relevant meaning. There is generally some talking, there is no set text to read: the memorial can include scripture, poems, or words from a song. The names of the sick and shut-ins are read, usually first, but not always, and then the names of the deceased are read followed by a song and most often a prayer. Most memorials include words about the deceased and how they will be remembered. It is a time to share the grief with each other and share the burden of the difficulty of the experience. The beauty of the songs and prayer in a memorial lesson is that it lifts us up. Sacred Harp is a community that faces death in song. The way we confront death helps to deal with grief. Scott shared Jeannette's letter referring to the sick and shut-ins, in which she shared her diagnosis. The support she felt from the community helped her deal with the time of sickness. Scott shared that the Sacred Harp community is like a blanket you can wrap up in to feel safe, loved, and comforted. It is a blessing and a hand to hold on to in a time of darkness. The class concluded and entered in to a memorial lesson.

The memorial lesson began with Sally Langendorf leading 285 and Campbell Longworth leading 347. Zilpha Cornett shared her experience from past memorial lessons. Ellen Ray spoke, and dedicated the lesson to the people who are unable to attend singings. She shared going to Betty Shepherd's home after a singing in Henagar, and playing a video of the singing, and how much encouragement it had brought. Jared Pope read the following names of the sick and shut-ins: Velton Chafin, Johnnie Chafin, Eugene Forbes, Ottis Sides, Susan Harcrow, Eloise Wootten, Karen Rollins, Concetta Branson, Everett Daily, Daniel Davis, Chris Holley, and Henry Schuman. Ellen Ray led 70t in honor of the sick and shut-ins. Barrett Patton spoke about the many interpretations and perspectives of death from songs in the Sacred Harp, such as 419 and 111b. He shared that the impact of death is grief, but for the ones who have crossed over it is a joyful time! He read the text of 122, and spoke of how restorative and cleansing the words are. Barrett shared what a privilege it is to hear the Master's voice and what a thought to think of that reunion with other singers. Robin Betz read the following names of the deceased: Kenneth Fannin, Toney Smith, Lavoy Smith, Gary Smith, Levon Wootten, Edna Ruth Phillips, Hester Edwards, S.T. Reed, Gravis Ballinger, Kermit Adams, Steve Adams, and Elsie Moon—Alabama; Joe Nall—Florida; B.M. Smith, Geneva Prichard, Johnny Lee, Delorese Lee, and Hugh McGraw—Georgia; Janelle Davis and Les Sontag—Illinois; Ruth Hooke—Massachusetts; Bill Mates—New Jersey; John Bayer—Ohio; Skip Trout and Oliver Kindig-Stokes—Pennsylvania; Erin Harris—Tennessee; Ruth Steggle—United Kingdom. Barrett Patton led 338 in memory of the deceased. Sam Sommers closed the memorial service with prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Elective: Singing and Remembering Jeff and Shelbie 2:10 p.m Teachers—Rene Green and Pam Nunn. Memories were shared by class members and songs were led. Keepsakes of Jeff's and Shelbie's were given to those who led. Nathan Rees led 316 and Pattie Wareh led 474. Pam shared a story of her mom telling her that she wanted the biggest shirt they have. Pam gave her a smaller shirt to which Shelbie replied, "every year there is a shirt smaller than the others." Sally Langendorf led 297. Bill Windom shared a story of driving through Houston, Texas. Jeff told him to "get in that express lane" and when the express lane ran out they could not figure out how to get back over. The police ended up escorting them out of Houston. Faiz Wareh led 218. Barrett Patton led 196. Rene shared that she and Pam were called to sing

together and Shelbie wanted them to lead 222. Shelbie knew there was an ongoing feud between the girls over the pronunciation of gaping. Rene called Jeff one time to tell him she was lost in the Scottsboro area and all he told her was “follow the river”. Laurie Dempsey led 192. Laurie shared the story of being in Shelbie’s leading class, and Laurie was snoring. Shelbie dispatched Pam to kick her. Aldo Ceresa led 442. Aldo recalled being in Shelbie’s leading class in 2006. He was going to be the smart guy, and lead a complicated song. Shelbie proceeded to make him lead it three or four more times. After that she would smile and tell people he was a most improved leader. Guy Bankes recalled getting ready to lead at Holly Springs, and asked Jeff to key his song and he did. Guy asked Jeff could he key it a little higher and Jeff told him to do it himself. Since then Guy said he always tries to key his own songs. Class was dismissed.

Elective: Old Minutes—What They Tell Us & What They Don’t 2:10 p.m

Teacher—Buell Cobb. Buell explored early minutes from the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Buell showed that while old minutes contained boiler plate language, even the conventional documentation of preceding conventions can reveal unique qualities about individual singings and the period or regional cultures in general. Class was dismissed.

Lesson: Lemonade Making and Snacks 3:15 p.m Teacher—Rodney Ivey. All campers gathered on the lawn to learn about making homemade lemonade for singings. Campers participated in preparing the lemons, adding the sugar and mixing it all together from a recipe to serve a large crowd. This camp tradition began with Bud and Sammie Oliver and continues in their memory. In addition to the refreshing homemade lemonade campers enjoyed slices of watermelon. Class was dismissed.

Elective: Team Tunsmith II—Composium 4:00 p.m Teacher—Aldo Ceresa. Tunsmiths presented their new compositions from the past two days. Campers sung through each composition with a time of questions, comments, and discussion following. Class was dismissed.

Elective: What I Learned From My Sacred Harp Elders 4:00 p.m Teacher—Kathy Williams. Kathy told stories of learning to sing from her grandparents, and at singing schools which lasted for two weeks. Kathy led 108t as her first song at ten years of age. At singing schools they learned to sing tenor first before trying other parts. When she sings, she fills her niche in the timeline of singers who have come before and who will come after. She rode to singings with the Ayers and Jim helped her to learn and practice songs. She learned to sing alto from Charlene Wallace and Joyce Walton. Kathy led 77b. She also attended singing schools by the McGraws, and learned from Jeff Sheppard that there is always something to learn about Sacred Harp. Jeff being a prankster, showed her how much fun it can be to make friends at camp and learn about them in a different way. Kathy led 186 in memory of Jeff. Kathy described singing with Jeff, Shelbie and Toney Smith in a hotel room and they how they learned songs better by singing the shapes four times, trading each time so each person sang every part. She recounted stories of Aunt Ruth and learned to have patience when traveling. She reflected on Lonnie Rogers’s grace and commitment to family. Hugh McGraw taught her to be flexible during a trip to New England. Kathy offered her advice and wisdom: when on the front bench, watch the leader and beat time; have your song ready and a back-up; give the keyer space to find their note; be aware of the flow of the singing; even longtime singers make mistakes; find your singing elders who have helped you and let them know you appreciate them; when someone is terminally ill, have the courage to say goodbye, it can be an enriching experience. Kathy invited other members of the class to share stories of their elders to conclude the session. Class was dismissed.

Community Singing 7:00 p.m Led by Young Adults. Ellen Ray and Rob Bahler

called the class to order leading 33b. Barrett Patton offered the opening prayer. Leaders: Emily Stutzman, Campbell Longworth, Samuel Williams, Esther Williams, Paula Oliver, and Evie Eddins 120; Jade Thompson, Chastity Broome, and Jamira Jackson 77t; Ewan Eddins, Emily Eddins, Evie Eddins, Eli Eddins, Ethan Eddins, and Kevin Eddins 288; Gracie Davis, Ainslie Allen, and Annaliza Cull 448t; Grant Fuller and Alex Forsyth 354b; Lauren Bock, Jesse P. Karlsberg, and Lucey Rose Karlsberg 343; Virginia Eldridge, Katherine Eldridge, and James Eldridge 207; Barrett Patton and Nicholas Thompson 269; Philip Denney, Karis Askin, and Eva Grace Horsley 284; Rebecca Fuller and Joanne Fuller 496; Karalina Mann, KayLee Mann, and Gavin Baxley 186; Jacob Acton, Justin Corbett, and Jared Pope 168; Sierra Saylor, Tullaia Powell, and Holly Mixon 349; Lisa Bennett and David Smead 428; Nevaeh Broome, Cheyenne Ivey, and Mason Ivey 457; Ruby Francis and Devereux Fuller 196; Robin Betz, Idy Kiser, Laurie Dempsey, and Sally Langendorf 345b; Elam Eddins, Eric Eddins, Ezra Eddins, and Dana Eddins 304; Olivia Prevost, Katherine Prevost, and Tarik Wareh 170; Pattie Wareh, Cora Wareh, and Faiz Wareh 506; Isaac Green and Hayden Arp 411; Lainey Martin, Elizabeth Brown, and April Watkins 129; Daniel Bearden, Lela Crowder, and Sasha Hsuczyk 272; Rodney Ivey, Richard Ivey, Kelsey Ivey, Everett Ivey, Karen Ivey, and David Ivey 556; Ezra Lloyd, Isaac Lloyd, and Gideon Lloyd 89; David Brodeur and Andy Ditzler 541; Dorothy Brown, Tabitha Cook, and Taylor Cook 270; Beth Anne Clay and Rebekah Lauren Clay 476; Ellen Culpepper, Mattie Sue Prewett, Elizabeth Betz, and Anna Bowen 318.

RECESS

Ellen Ray and Rob Bahler called the class back to order leading 274t. Leaders: Tom George, Calum Woods, and Jubal Schultz 229; Jim Neal, Jonathon Smith, and Drew Smith 303; Jerusha Wheeler, Susan Cheronas, and Guy Bankes 228; Michele Cull and Erica Hinton 353; Sam Sommers and Aldo Ceresa 475; Reba Windom and Darrell Swarens 182; William Brown and Alvaro Witt Duarte 142; Sheila Wootten, Karlie Mann, Kathy Lee, Madelyn Baxley, and Rachel Baxley 87; Nathan Rees and Rachel Rudi 181; Zilpha Cornett and Jack Nelson 143; Bobby Watkins and Taylor Watkins 388; Pam Nunn and Terry Wootten 42; Bridgett Hill Kennedy and Rajbir Athwal 110; Teresa Saylor and David Saylor 300; Brittany Thompson and Justin Bowen 335; Ethan Cornett and Spencer Hegwood 302; Judy Caudle and Angela Myers 345b; Rene Green and Pam Nunn 216. Ellen Ray and Rob Bahler led 347 as the closing song. Calum Woods dismissed the class with prayer.

Friday, July 7

After breakfast, everyone met in The Ark with Camp Director David Ivey for closing remarks and farewells. The group sang 62, and took the parting hand. Samuel Sommers offered the closing prayer, and camp was dismissed. SHMHA President and Camp Director—David Ivey

QUEBEC SACRED HARP CONVENTION

Bishop's College School Chapel, Sherbrooke

Quebec and Way's Mills Community Center, Barnston, Quebec

July 7-8, 2017

Friday, July 7

The 23rd annual Quebec Sacred Harp Convention met at Bishop's College School Chapel on Friday evening.

Ruth Doerfler brought the class to order leading 84, and then offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Meredith Browne 448b; Ron Trial 46; George Dymont 47t; Scott

Luscombe 28t; George Sigut 47b; Kerry Cullinan 34b; Janet Ross Snyder 86; Alex Ingliz 63; Ruth Doerfler 71; Meredith Browne 99; Ron Trial 112; George Dymont 209; Scott Luscombe 228; George Sigut 111b; Kerry Cullinan 117; Janet Ross Snyder 551; Alex Ingliz 59; Christopher Wesolowski.

RECESS

Isabelle Gervais Chapman called the class back to order by leading 335. Leaders: Virginia Neville 65; Chuck Neville 68b; Howard Katz 299; Annie Lou Chester 38b; Mary Skidmore 432; Isabelle Gervais Chapman 270; Ruth Doerfler 448t; Meredith Browne 163b; Ron Trial 276; George Dymont 168; Scott Luscombe 472; George Sigut 72b; Kerry Cullinan 454; Janet Ross Snyder 547; Alex Ingliz 122; Christopher Wesolowski 143; Chuck Neville 49b. Chuck Neville offered the closing prayer.

Saturday, July 8

On Saturday morning at Way's Mills, Ines Luttgen brought the class to order leading 145t. Ruth Doerfler offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: George Sigut 117; Kerry Cullinan 34b; Robert Stoddard 77b; David Rosenberg 276; Scott Luscombe 318; Judy Contempasis 81t; Elizabeth Stoddard 39t; George Dymont 47b; Mary Skidmore 171; Christopher Wesolowski 107; Janet Ross Snyder 455; Ron Trial 46; Anna Mays 328; Ruth Doerfler 53; Judy Carpenter 209; Ian Smiley 114.

RECESS

Ines Luttgen called the class back together by leading 31t. Leaders: Troad Richmond 95; Sunny Doyle 457; Elka Schumann 203; David Rosenberg 99; Philippe Doyle-Gosselin 297; Mali Dray 40; Chelsea Smiley 440; Greg Creech 33b; Brian Harris 296; Philippa Stoddard 35; Erik-Dardan Ymeraga 142; Em Ekelund 84; Rachel Stevens 361; Ezra Halleck 547; L.H. Spencer 216.

Ruth Doerfler conducted the memorial lesson with a reading from Rebbe Nachman. She read the following names of the sick and shut-ins: Chris Holley, Jesse Vear, Edith Owen, Curtis Owen, Genevieve Yeullaz, Jane Yaple, and Wanda Poulin.

She read the following names of the deceased: Lois Hord and Gunter Klessinger—Germany; Robert Copenwrat; Sandra Watson; Elsa Houde Pichette; Hugh McGraw—Georgia; Jane Goforth—Texas; Jane Ostrander—Vermont; William Zion Brown—British Columbia; David Berg and JoAnna Berg—Arizona; Jim Keefer—Maine; Eric Lougee—New Hampshire; and Paul Gavin—Vermont. Ruth led 71.

Leaders: Annie Lou Chester 410t; Sadhbh O'Flynn 204; Julius Pasay 335; Chuck Neville 68b. Chuck Neville asked a blessing on the noon meal.

LUNCH

Ines Luttgen led 270 to bring the class back together. Leaders: Robert Stoddard 148; Isabelle Gervais Chapman 72b; Virginia Neville 73t; Scott Luscombe "Hyde Park" (an original composition); Kevin Shaw 47t; Masti Mayrand 82t; Mary Neville 532; George Sigut 217; Kerry Cullinan 313t; Robert Stoddard 319; Jean Rosenberg 254; Judy Contempasis 106; David Rosenberg 145b; Elizabeth Stoddard 500; George Dymont 444; Mary Skidmore 424; Isabelle Gervais Chapman 111b; Christopher Wesolowski 178; Janet Ross Snyder 504; Ron Trial 63; Anna Mays 454; Sue Dwelle 503; Sarah Maika 198; Ruth Doerfler 65; Judy Carpenter 299; Ian Smiley 442.

RECESS

Sunny Doyle called the class together by leading 215. Leaders: Elka Schumann 267; Philippe Doyle-Gosselin 120; Mali Dray 163t; Chelsea Smiley 159; Greg Creech 86; Brian Harris 183; Virginia Neville 48t; Philippa Stoddard 157; Masti Mayrand 515; Erik-Dardan Ymeraga 298; Em Ekelund 569t; Rachel Stevens 300; Ezra Halleck 430; L.H. Spencer 260; Annie Lou Chester 535; Sadhbh O'Flynn 394; Julius Pasay 77t; Chuck Neville 569b; Ines Luttgen 197; Isabelle Gervais Chapman 448b; Virginia Neville 288; Scott Luscombe 548; Mary Neville 528.

In a business meeting, it was reported that expenses had been met, and announcements were made, including the all-day singing in Montreal the following day.

Ines Luttgén, Masti Mayrand, and Troad Richmond led 62 as the closing song. Chuck Neville offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairperson—Troad Richmond; Secretaries—Sue Dwelle, Susan Smiley, Jean Rosenberg, Scott Luscombe, and Judy Carpenter

FLAT SHOALS PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH SINGING

Flat Shoals Primitive Baptist Church, Stockbridge, Georgia

Saturday, July 8, 2017

The 11th annual session of the Flat Shoals Primitive Baptist Church Singing was called to order by Jessica Altman leading 47t. Elder Jesse Roberts offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Jesse Karlsberg 31t, 493; Ashley Thompson 49t, 144; Phillip Langley 453, 166; Faiz Wareh 214, 197; David Brodeur 105, 113; Faye Hollis 276, 373; Micah Roberts 390, 159; Pattie Wareh 30t, 474; Helen Bryson 522, 328; Leon Carnell 47b, 86; Cora Wareh 452, 218.

RECESS

Jesse Roberts brought the class together leading 101t. Leaders: Lela Crowder 353, 61; Oscar McGuire 573, 441.

In a business session, the following officers were elected or appointed to serve:

Chairman—Jessica Altman; Vice Chairman—Jesse Karlsberg; Secretary—Ashley Thompson.

Leaders: Frances Carnell 518, 383; Julia Carter and Haven Carter 45t, 354b; Henry Johnson 138b, 231; Timothy Altman 155, 40; Andy Ditzler 458, 74b; Robert Kelley 289, 301; Louis Hughes 512; Samuel Williams 504, 126; John Plunkett 143, 409; Lottie Hinton 47t; Tarik Wareh 104, 271b. The lunch blessing was offered by James Collins.

LUNCH

Jesse Roberts brought the class back together by leading 436 and 352. Leaders: Andy Morse 497, 442; Malinda Snow 57, 96; Leanne Carter 32t, 229; Riley, Lee 70b, 114; Sarah Beth Carnell 236, 282; Eric Carnell 163t, 332; Richard DeLong 36t, 116; Steven Taylor 95, 117.

RECESS

Jesse Karlsberg brought the class back together leading 421. Leaders: Cody Burnette and Samuel Williams 517; Chris Carnell 430, 224; Matt Hinton and Lottie Hinton 312t, 31b; David Smead 367, 280; Erica Hinton 138t, 492; Lisa Bennett 129, 128; Anna Hinton 455, 196; Sandra Wilkinson 300, 168; Esther Carnell and sister, Bethany 107, 133; Stephen Latimer 192.

Following announcements, Jessica Altman and Jesse Karlsberg led 62 as the closing song. Eric Carnell offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Jessica Altman; Vice Chairman—Jesse Karlsberg; Secretary—Ashley Thompson

MOUNTAIN VIEW SINGING

Old Mountain View High School, Mountain View, Arkansas

Saturday, July 8, 2017

The 3rd annual session of the Mountain View Singing was called to order by Dan Brittain leading 48t. Gaylon Powell offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Dan Brittain 31b; Gaylon Powell 130 (MH), 271t; Andrew Albers 223, 517;

Charlie Sandage 73b, 217; Anthony Graham 312b, 40; Lisa Matt 282, 46; David Johnson 268, 159; Cory Winters 479, 13 (MH); Kristie Powell 78 (MH), 500; Dan Brittain 353 (in memory of Hugh McGraw); Linda Funderburk 143, 47b; Charles Wood 283, 77t.

RECESS

Dan Brittain brought the class back together leading 95 (CH). Leaders: Gaylon Powell 206 (CH), 205 (CH); Andrew Albers 9 (CH), 292 (CH); Charlie Sandage 221b (CH), 126 (CH); Anthony Graham 8 (CH), 56b; Lisa Matt 117 (CH), 281t (CH); David Johnson 78b (CH), 346 (CH); Cory Winters 193 (CH), 259b (CH); Kristie Powell 138 (CH), 258 (CH); Linda Funderburk 341 (CH), 58b (CH); Charles Wood 40b (CH), 293 (CH).

LUNCH

Dan Brittain brought the class back together leading 113 (MH) and 70 (MH). Leaders: Gaylon Powell 157 (MH), 16 (MH); Andrew Albers 156 (MH) (in memory of John Bayer), 178 (MH); Charlie Sandage 73t, 460; Lisa Matt 277, 63; Cory Winters 344, 112; Kristie Powell 108 (MH), 109 (MH); Linda Funderburk 108t, 85; Charles Wood 313b, 203; Gaylon Powell 235; Andrew Albers 428; Lisa Matt 146.

RECESS

Dan Brittain brought the class back together leading 244t (CH). Leaders: Charlie Sandage 245 (CH), 67b (CH); Cory Winters 309 (CH), 77 (CH); Kristie Powell 361 (CH), 339 (CH); Linda Funderburk 284 (CH), 53 (CH); Charles Wood 546b (CH), 35b (CH); Gaylon Powell 493t (CH), 264 (CH); Andrew Albers 398b (CH), 133 (CH); Lisa Matt 171 (CH), 207t (CH); Charlie Sandage 22t (CH); Cory Winters 52 (CH); Kristie Powell 548 (CH).

Announcements were made. Dan Brittain led 276 as the closing song. Gaylon Powell dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Dan Brittain; Secretary—Gaylon Powell

CULLMAN COUNTY SACRED HARP CONVENTION

Cullman County Courthouse, Cullman, Alabama

July 8-9, 2017

Saturday, July 8

The 125th session of the Cullman County Sacred Harp Convention was held at the Cullman County Courthouse on the second Sunday and Saturday before in July. The class was called to order by Henry Guthery leading 59. James (Butch) White offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Richard Mauldin 36b; Bea Aaron 456; Carolyn Thompson 442; Lisa Geist 304; Reba Windom 216; Danny Creel 222; Christopher Mann 168; Delone Cobbs 40; Ann Jett 498; Jillian Parris 159; Robert Chambless 225t; Mike Hankins 527; Geraldine Sharpton 318; Sasha Hsuczyk 176b; Samuel Sommers 548; Charles McCravy 213t; Alvaro Witt Duarte 350; Cindy Mann 274t; Jim Aaron 47b.

RECESS

The class was brought together by Carolyn Thompson and Linda Thomas leading 42. Leaders: David Carlton 362; Henry Guthery 49t; Tom George and Tonya Edmundson 99; Justin Bowen 121; Nicholas Thompson 434; Glenn Keeton 349; Judy Chambless 390; Susan Allred 387; Marlin Beasley 406; Rachel Pirkey 504; Tom George 85; Bill Price 479; Theresa Westmoreland 276; Chris Parris and Jillian Parris 206; Mark Davis 534; Judy Caudle 500.

RECESS

Henry Guthery led 76b to bring the class to order. A business meeting was held and the following officers and committee members were elected or appointed to serve:

Chairman—Henry Guthery; Vice Chairman—Richard Mauldin; Secretary—Nicholas Thompson; Arranging Officer—Carolyn Thompson; Finance Officer—Bea Aaron; Chaplains—Jim Aaron and Butch White.

Leaders: Hazel Heinze and Linda Bailey 63; Greg Allred 452; Nancy Phillips 117; Dick Nail 454; Chris Green and Nedra Green 335; Earl Ballinger 530; Hubert Nall 186; Christina Holcombe and Anna Grace Sipe 196; Chris Ballinger 145t; Don Keeton 489; Alex Forsyth 380; Nancy Price 441; Aldo Ceresa 392; Eugene Forbes 203. Jim Aaron asked a blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Henry Guthery leading 151. Leaders: Monica Robledo and family 45t; Calum Woods 189; Rob Bahler 181; Beth Anne Clay and Garrett Sipe 542; Nancy Thompson and Brittany Thompson 345b; David Saylor and Teresa Saylor 215; Sierra Saylor and Gus Carter 388; Mark Davis 236; Jennifer Lee 142; Gail Doss 148; Buell Cobb 77b; Beth Branson 426b; Jubal Schultz 426t; Larry Ballinger 528; Richard Mauldin 446; Wanda Capps 546; Sonya Sipe and Christopher Mann 31b; Justin Bowen 371; Billy See and Vickie See 480; David Carlton 496; Sasha Hsuczyk 560; Gus Carter and Sierra Saylor 30b; Aldo Ceresa 182; Samuel Sommers 368; Nancy Price 120; David Saylor and Teresa Saylor 332; Rob Bahler 481; Alvaro Witt Duarte 327; Alex Forsyth 462; Gail Doss 547; Jubal Schultz 482; Craig Mann 282; J.C. Rutledge 568; Justin Bowen 522; Mark Davis 211; Bill Price 133; Loretta Whitman 372; Richard Mauldin and Chris Parris 358. Announcements were made. Henry Guthery led 521 as the closing song. Jim Aaron offered the closing prayer.

Sunday, July 9

The Sunday session of the Cullman County Sacred Harp Convention began with Henry Guthery leading 31b. Butch White offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Henry Guthery 101t; Richard Mauldin 100; Bea Aaron 475; Butch White 278t; Carolyn Thompson 455; Nancy Price 146; Delone Cobbs 354t; Nicholas Thompson 200; Amber Davis 142; Sadie Bailey 277; Alvaro Witt Duarte 377; Susan Allred 384; Winfred Kerr 500; Linda Sides 564; Vickie See and Billy See 33b; Geraldine Sharpton 542; Samuel Sommers 524; Riley Lee 203; Marlin Beasley 270; Sonya Sipe and Anna Grace Sipe 32t.

RECESS

Aldo Ceresa led 82t to bring the class together. Leaders: Bill Price 139; Rebekah Gilmore 168; Buell Cobb 467; Aldo Ceresa 466; Philip Gilmore and Grace Gilmore 282; Gail Doss and Janie Guthery 35; Tom Booth 287; Hazel Heinze 43; Elene Stovall 558 (in memory of Preston Crider); Theresa Westmoreland 192; Linda Booth 163b; Jubal Schultz 318; Jennifer Lee 383; Susan Cheronos 300; Chris Parris and Jillian Parris 421; Dick Nail 53.

RECESS

The class was brought to order by Henry Guthery leading 97. The memorial lesson was conducted by Lisa Geist and Jennifer Allred. Jennifer spoke and read the following list of names of the sick and shut-ins: Karen Rollins, Velton Chafin, Johnnie Chafin, Ottis Sides, Anne Chalker, Margaret Thacker, Chris Holley, Eloise Wootten, Louise Holland, and Martha Moody. She led 285t.

Lisa Geist spoke in memory of the deceased and read the following list of names: Gary Smith, Bill Davis, Levon Wootten, Toney Smith, Lavoy Smith, Johnnie Parker, Kenneth Fannin, Margie Lee, and Gravis Ballinger—Alabama; Hugh McGraw and B.M. Smith—Georgia; Janelle Davis—Illinois; Erin Harris—Tennessee; John Bayer and Loraine Bayer—Ohio. Lisa led 472 in memory of the deceased. Butch White closed the memorial service with prayer.

Leaders: Jamey Wootten 39t; Beth Ann Clay 448t; Justin Bowen 422; Kathy

Williams 448b; Mary Holcombe 65; Jared Wootten 89; Juanita Beasley 61; Terry Wootten 34t. Butch White asked a blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Henry Guthery led 273 to begin the afternoon session. Leaders: Ethan McNerny and Carolyn Thompson 324; the Brock family and Alvaro Witt Duarte 45t; Bridgett Hill Kennedy 276; Nicholas Thompson and Leigh Ann Courington 408; Nancy Price 105; Christopher Mann 178; Samuel Sommers 180; Riley Lee 182; Bill Price 569b; Aldo Ceresa 411; Jared Wootten, Jamey Wootten, and Terry Wootten 441; Jubal Schultz 131b; Vickie See and Billy See 503; Justin Bowen 129; Alvaro Witt Duarte 171; Winfred Kerr 36b; Gail Doss 222; Sarah Trumbore 217; Kathy Williams 151; Susan Cheronos 564; Beth Anne Clay 344; Hazel Heinze 68b; Elene Stovall 436; Chris Parris 268; Rebekah Gilmore 426b; Dick Nail 430; Philip Gilmore and Grace Gilmore 47b; Buell Cobb 128; Bridgett Hill Kennedy 391; Theresa Westmoreland 432; Larry Ballinger and Rita Birdsong 119; Jennifer Lee 183; Tom Booth 309.

Henry Guthery and Richard Mauldin led 323t as the closing song. Butch White offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Henry Guthery; Vice Chairman—Richard Mauldin; Secretary—Nicholas Thompson

MONTREAL SINGING

Santropol Roulant, Montréal, Quebec, Canada

Sunday, July 9, 2017

The first session of the Montreal All-Day Singing was called to order by Philippe Doyle Gosselin leading 144. Patrick Dedauw offered the morning prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Philippe Doyle-Gosselin; Co-chairman—Esther Wade; Secretary—Meredith Browne; Arranging Committee—Isabelle Gervais Chapman and Elizabeth Stoddard; Finance Committee—Michelle Briand. All songs were from the 1991 edition of *The Sacred Harp*.

Leaders: Tova Houpt 29t; Meredith Browne 448b; Isabelle Gervais Chapman 318; Patrick Dedauw 114; Sunny Doyle 50t; Étienne Mangonau 178; Michelle Briand 457; David Bainbridge 99; Emily Ekelund 455; Nicole Collins 217; George Sigut 341; Elizabeth Stoddard 181; Kathleen McDonnell 155.

RECESS

Sunny Doyle called the class back to order leading 277. Leaders: Kerry Cullinan 378t; Annie Lou Chester 479; Frank Grace 260; Dara Weiss 276; Ian Smiley 421; Rachel Stevens 94; Julius Pasay 406; Kevin Shaw 410t; Kaitlyn Urquhart 37b; Brian Harris 182; Anna Mays 505; Jan May 504; Dan Coppock 224; Ines Lüttgen 334.

RECESS

Patrick Dedauw called the class back to order leading 113. Leaders: Erik Dardan Ymeraga 538; Robert Stoddard 283; Sadhbh Ni Fhloinn 234; Jean Rosenberg 162; Chelsea Smiley 315; Philippe Doyle-Gosselin 30t; Sara Lott 444; Philippa Stoddard 411; Mali Dray 112; Mary Skidmore 564; Michelle Briand 105; George Sigut 163b; Sunny Doyle 324; David Rosenberg 474; Nicole Collins 40; Kathleen McDonnell 209.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Michelle Briand leading 39t. Leaders: Annie Lou Chester 47b; Anna Mays 477; Erik Dardan Ymeraga 475; Ian Smiley 157; Andrew Louis 268; Philippa Stoddard 419; Dan Coppock 220; Sadhbh Ni Fhloinn 330b; Ron Trial 168; Chelsea Smiley 71; Elizabeth Stoddard 422; Julius Pasay 384; Mary Skidmore 250; Leonard Spencer 245; Robert Stoddard 456; Sara Lott 528; Brian

Harris 214; Ines Lüttgen 176b; Rachel Stevens 160b; Frank Grace 74b; Mali Dray 191; Jan May 344; Ann Flight 551; Kerry Cullinan and David Rosenberg 34b (happy birthday to George Sigut, Frank Grace, Emily Ekelund, and Ron).

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Isabelle Gervais Chapman leading 86. Leaders: Dara Weiss 378b; Jean Rosenberg 59; Masti Denis Mayrand 133; Andrew Louis 82t; Virginia Neville 31t; Patrick Dedauw 100; Emily Ekelund 335; Ron Trial 46; Tova Houpt 299; Trode 448t; Annie Lou Chester 401.

The Treasurer thanked the class for their generosity, stating that the expenses have been met. The Secretary reported that forty-one leaders from Canada, the United States, and Ireland led seventy-one songs.

Philippe Doyle-Gosselin led 146 as the closing song. Patrick Dedauw offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Philippe Doyle-Gosselin; Co-chairman—Esther Wade; Secretary—Meredith Browne

GWEHELOG SINGING

Gwehelog Methodist Church, Near Usk, Wales, United Kingdom Saturday, July 15, 2017

The annual Gwehelog Sacred Harp singing was called to order by Steve Brett and Ella Cumber leading 100. Kate Kirwan offered the morning prayer.

The following officers were appointed: Co-Chairpersons—Steve Brett and Ella Cumber; Secretary—Sarah West; Arranging Committee—Crispin Walker and Kate Kirwan.

Leaders: Sarah West 30t; Matthew Parkinson 31b; Leila Gamaz 32t; Christian Liberati 278t; Leilai Immel 303; Kate Kirwan 72t; Alec Williams 111b; Bridget McVennon 88b; Ian West 85; Teresa Maguire 67; Hannah Land 313t; Judy Whiting 540; Ted Brown 73b; Karen Turner 473; Helen Brown 399b; Michael Walker 63; Marcos Sullivan 388; Cassie Allen 326; Chris Brown 542.

RECESS

Crispin Walker called the class to order leading 77t. Leaders: Leilai Immel 290; Margaret Gillanders 460; Barry Parsons 206; Werner Ullah 30b; Steve Brett 513; Ian West 29t; Matthew Parkinson 74b; Cassie Allen 434; Michael Walker 475; Teresa Maguire 102; Helen Brown 392.

Alec Williams conducted the sick and housebound lesson, leading 340 for the following: Curtis Owen, Edith Owen, Melanie Hauff, Sophie McDougal, Nigel Cumber, Toby Boyes, Kit Yip, Kathleen Liberati, and Daniel Oldham.

Leila Gamaz conducted the memorial lesson and read the following list of names of the deceased: Chris Holloway, Jimmie Foreman, Johnny Lee, Delorese Lee, Don Grimshaw, Ros Taylor, Gordon Hoyland, Norman Johnson, Winifred Elliott, Gravis Ballinger, Hugh McGraw, Caleb Allred, Jean MacDonald, Ruth Steggles, Catherine Harkin, Robert Peel, and B.M. Smith. Leila Gamaz led 348b in their memory. Hannah Land closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Sarah West 318; Ella Cumber 541; Judy Whiting 171; Bridget McVennon 323t; Ted Brown 445; Marcos Sullivan 547; Chris Brown 546; Karen Turner 195.

Teresa Maguire offered the blessing for the midday meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Barry Parsons leading 103. Leaders: Werner Ullah 37b; Christian Liberati 535; Nigel Bowley 325; Joss Tait and Amy Cutts 105; Harry Campbell 74t; Chloe Somers 277; Hannah Land 454; Kate Kirwan 517; Cassie Allen 160b; Margaret Gillanders 480; Karen Turner 280; Helen Brown 217; Marcos Sullivan 377; Michael Walker 522; Judy Whiting 187; Teresa Maguire

506; Ella Cumber 123b; Ted Brown 426t; Ian West 500; Leilai Immel 312b; Chris Brown 329; Alec Williams 80b; Chloe Somers 159t.

RECESS

Leila Gamaz called the class to order leading 168. Leaders: Sarah West 531; Kate Kirwan 114; Crispin Walker 344; Matthew Parkinson 343; Nigel Bowley 330t; Hannah Land 222; Chloe Somers 209; Helen Brown 227; Margaret Gillanders 466; Cassie Allen 485; Werner Ullah 86; Judy Whiting 208; Barry Parsons 197; Ted Brown 523; Leila Gamaz 448b; Joss Tait and Amy Cutts 313b; Teresa Maguire 72b; Bridget McVennon 81t; Chris Brown 274b.

Steve Brett led 378t as the closing song. Leilai Immel offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Co-Chairpersons—Steve Brett and Ella Cumber; Secretary—Sarah West

MICHIANA SINGING

Southwest Bible Church, Goshen, Indiana

Saturday, July 15, 2017

The 30th annual Michiana Singing was called to order by Matthew Lind leading 34b. Michael Miller offered the morning prayer.

The following officers were appointed: Chairman—Matthew Lind; Treasurer—James Nelson Gingerich; Arranging Officer—Henry Schuman; Secretary—Samuel Sommers.

Leaders: James Nelson Gingerich 107; Samuel Sommers 492; Randy Neufeld 171; Catherine Brown 350; Calum Woods 182; Marian Mitchell 112; Brooks Chupp 101t; Shannon Tibbs 313b; Brian How 146; Rochelle Lodder 313t; Bess Fitzgerald 76b; Jim Helke 271t; Ann Miczulski 84; Steve Warner 47b.

RECESS

James Nelson Gingerich called the class to order leading 29t. Leaders: Susan Geil 31t; Bill Beverly 191; Anne Weaver 178; Michael Miller 474; Claudia Dean 453; David Brodeur 111b; Nancy Britton 475; Nathan Zweig 471; Barb VanderJagt 496; John David Thacker 344; Syble Adams 472; Andy Ditzler 217; Karen Bahler 551; Dean Knuth 566; Lori Graber 180; John Hoerr 102.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Sam Sommers leading 85. Leaders: Suzanne Flandreau and Karin Thompson 163t; Chris Nicholson 473; Deanna Beth Chupp 105; John Wiens 118; Christine Guth 42; Steve Martin 361; Deanna Robbins 39t; David Stowe 126; Holly Austin and Ananias Austin 207.

John David Thacker and Syble Adams conducted the memorial lesson. Syble led 278t for the sick and shut-ins: Eloise Wootten, Karen Rollins, Michael Appert, Melanie Hauff, Marlen Rust, Chris Holley, John Brazitil, Eric Brennehan, Deb Holland, Mary Ellen Schrock, Dawn Ruth Nelson, Paul Nelson, Johanna Fabke, and Julie Veal.

John David led 30b in memory of the following deceased: Gravis Ballinger, Gary Smith, Toney Smith, Lavoy Smith, and Levon Wootten—Alabama; Carolyn Yost—Arizona; Johnny Lee, Delorese Lee, Loyd Landrum, Hugh McGraw, B.M. Smith, and Edna Vickers—Georgia; Darrell Fasching—Florida; Janelle Davis, Rick Foss, Steven Craig Miller, and Les Sontag—Illinois; Alan Kreider—Indiana; Michael Sharp—Kansas; Collette Miller and Charles Wells—Minnesota; Lila Mitchell—New York; John Bayer and Annabel Clark—Ohio; Roy Brubaker—Pennsylvania; Derek Petch—Washington; Esther Homme—Ontario; Ruth Steggle—United Kingdom.

LUNCH

Matthew Lind called the class to order leading 145b. Leaders: Peter Trumbore 480; Cathryn Bearov 564; Jan May 532; Anne Missavage 383; Warren Steel 444; Anne

Heider 192; Henry Schuman 32t; Karen Swenson 538; John Bealle 224; Anne Steel 65; Brad Bahler 168; Martha Beverly 504; Gerry Hoffman 272; Jan Kettle 216; Will Fitzgerald 495; Eloise Clark 227; Cecelia Kramer and Daniel Ervin 300.

RECESS

Christine Guth called the class to order leading 35. Leaders: Jo Dell Albi 260; Beth Todd 284; Darrell Swarens 198; Beth Garfinkel 91; Brenda Carroll 384; John Seaton 47t; Ginny Landgraf 214; Gillian Inksetter 349; Jamie Yeats 268; Henry Schuman and Linda Hellerich 318; Jan May and Gillian Inksetter 228; Chris Nicholson 477; Calum Woods 72b; Syble Adams and Brenda Carroll 448t; David Brodeur and Andy Ditzler 114; Nancy Britton 74t.

Announcements were made. Matthew Lind led 62 as the closing song. Michael Miller dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Matthew Lind; Secretary—Samuel Sommers

SPIVEY HALL SINGING

Morrow, Georgia

Saturday, July 15, 2017

The 15th annual Sacred Harp singing at Spivey Hall was held on Saturday before the third Sunday in July. Malinda Snow called the class to order leading 49t. Jesse Roberts offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Malinda Snow 59; Andy Morse 73b; Lisa Bennett 72b; Tony Hammock 229; John Plunkett 81t; David Smead 549; Jesse Roberts 48b; Jerusha Wheeler 40; Oscar McGuire 171; Eric Tweedy 287; Earl McLendon 127; Richard DeLong 135; Bert Collins, Glenda Collins, and Mindy Crosby 101t; Chris Tweedy 156.

RECESS

The class was called together by Malinda Snow leading 146. Leaders: Malinda Snow and Mindy Crosby 196; Barbara Zellner 333; Andy Morse 31t; Virginia Dyer 405; Lisa Bennett 340; Fallon Cook 216; Norma Buckley 45t; Tony Hammock 204; John Plunkett 49b; David Smead and Jennie Casaday 381; Maxine Childs and Lisa Bennett 63; Dalton Lewis 70b.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Andy Morse leading 501. The class entered into a business session and elected the following officers: Chairman—Malinda Snow; Vice Chairman—Andy Morse; Secretary—Lisa Bennett.

Leaders: Jesse Roberts 178; Jerusha Wheeler 299; Oscar McGuire 515; Richard DeLong 406; Bert Collins and Glenda Collins 335; Andy Morse 353; Barbara Zellner 452; Lisa Bennett 472 (for Concetta Branson and Chris Holley); Fallon Cook 222; Malinda Snow 540; Jesse Roberts 192; Tony Hammock 275b (in memory of his brother); Oscar McGuire 163b; Andy Morse 442; Malinda Snow 547; John Plunkett 312b; Richard DeLong 428; Lisa Bennett 276; David Smead 386; Barbara Zellner 57 (in memory of her husband); Jerusha Wheeler 87; Fallon Cook 217.

Announcements were made. Malinda Snow led 62 as the closing song. John Plunkett dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Malinda Snow; Vice Chairman—Andy Morse; Secretary—Lisa Bennett

VICTORIA SACRED HARP SINGING

Victoria, Australia

Saturday, July 15, 2017

The 5th annual Victorian All-Day Singing was held at the Bluestone Hall of Brunswick Uniting Church, Brunswick, Victoria, Australia. Shawn Whelan led 49t.

The opening prayer was offered by Sr. Thérèse Power.

Angharad Davis taught an introductory singing school to refresh singers understanding of the unique nature of Sacred Harp singing, characterized by its architecture, its fostering of community, its tradition of learning, and its double tradition of being both a print culture and an oral culture. Angharad led the group in exploring the constellation of shape note singing: pitch, meter, tempo, beat, accent and pulse.

The outgoing Chairman, Shawn Whelan, welcomed everyone, especially those who had travelled long distances. A business session was held and the following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Natalie Sims; Secretary—Lauren Reader; Chaplain—Sr Thérèse Power; Memorial Lesson—Peter Rayner; Treasurer—Morag Logan, assisted by Daniel Whelan; Arranging Committee—Ruth McNamara and Melanie Albrecht; Resolutions—Shawn Whelan; Housing—Ruth McNamara.

Leaders: Natalie Sims 77b; Melanie Albrecht 163b; Ruth McNamara 34b; Lauren Reader 466; Myfanwy Godfrey 40; Morag Logan 107; Thérèse Power 117; Elaena Gardner 38b.

RECESS

Daniel Whelan led 300 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Bill Thomson 457; Angharad Davis 76b; Margo Lanagan 323b; Shawn Whelan 481; Meg Quinlisk 101b; Jesse Mazur 448b; Natalie Sims 171; Melanie Albrecht 535; Ruth McNamara 143; Lauren Reader 67; Myfanwy Godfrey 288; Morag Logan 63; Thérèse Power 155; Elaena Gardner 148; Daniel Whelan 472; Peter Rayner 452; Bill Thomson 268; Angharad Davis 201; Margo Lanagan 242. Sr. Thérèse Power and Melanie Albrecht led a sung grace before the meal.

LUNCH

Shawn Whelan led 344 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Meg Quinlisk 454; Jesse Mazur 49b; Natalie Sims 112; Melanie Albrecht 142; Ruth McNamara 274t; Lauren Reader 354t; Myfanwy Godfrey 277; Morag Logan 276; Elaena Gardner 388; Thérèse Power 269; Daniel Whelan 313b; Peter Rayner 496; Angharad Davis 189; Margo Lanagan 173.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Peter Rayner. The following deceased were remembered and honored: Hugh McGraw, Tim Booth, James Bridges, Mrs. Cid de Fels, Jack Lanagan, Guinness Price, Moira Logan, Barry Henry, Roly Hewson, and Muriel Moulton. Natalie Sims led 72b.

The following sick and shut-ins were named: Steve Blundell, Tricia Entwhistle, Joe Gardner, Robyn Gardner, and Alistair Macrae. Shawn Whelan led 46.

Leaders: Shawn Whelan 168; Meg Quinlisk 272; Jesse Mazur and Lauren Reader 282; Natalie Sims 348t; Melanie Albrecht 455; Ruth McNamara 540; Lauren Reader 287; Myfanwy Godfrey 146.

RECESS

Morag Logan led 312b to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Elaena Gardner 224; Helen Rowe 86; Daniel Whelan 467; Peter Rayner 178; Steph Payne 414; Angharad Davis 573; Shawn Whelan 59; Meg Quinlisk 200; Jesse Mazur and Shawn Whelan 445; Elaena Gardner, Meg Quinlisk, and Dilini Jayakody 437; Angharad Davis 436.

The Resolutions Committee thanked those who worked hard to make the All-Day Singing happen, including officers, committee members, the singing school teacher, and all those who brought food. The Arranging Committee reported that at least twenty-five singers had sung sixty-seven songs led by nineteen leaders. The Treasurer reported that donations were yet to be tallied, but would be directed towards the use of the hall. A resolution on the date for the Victorian All-Day Singing for 2018 was deferred. Announcements were made, and thanks were given, especially to the visiting singers. Natalie Sims led 340 as the closing song. Sr. Thérèse Power and Lauren Reader offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.
Chairman—Natalie Sims; Secretary—Lauren Reader

WALKER COUNTY CONVENTION
Boldo United Methodist Church, Boldo, Alabama
Saturday, July 15, 2017

The 103rd session of the Walker County Sacred Harp Singing Convention was called to order by Glenn Keeton leading 31b. Jim Aaron offered the morning prayer. The class organized by electing or appointing the following officers: Chairman—Glenn Keeton; Honorary Vice Chairman—Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman—Brenda Chafin; Secretary—Lisa Geist; Arranging Officer—Amber Davis; Chaplain—Jim Aaron; Memorial Lesson—Nicholas Thompson.

Leaders: Glenn Keeton 59; Lisa Geist 187 (remembering Greg and Susan Allred), 273; Amber Davis 454 (for Willodean Barton), 192; Jim Aaron 47b, 231; Nicholas Thompson 387 (in memory of Caleb Allred), 327; Mike Hankins 143, 480; Ronald Gilmore and Hazel Gilmore 111b, 348b; Richard Mauldin 388 (for his sister, Anne Chalker), 126; Lauren Allen 323b, 208; Earl Ballinger 209, 200.

RECESS

Glenn Keeton led 144 to call the class back to order. Leaders: Beth Branscome 31t, 228; Brenda Chafin 225t (for her dad, Velton Chafin), 277; Danny Creel 89, 503; Linda Booth 489 (for the Allred family); Don Keeton 354t, 127; Bea Aaron 568, 175; Larry Ballinger 164, 162; Linda Sides 276, 530 (for her dad, Ottis Sides).

RECESS

The class was brought together by Brenda Chafin leading 30t. The memorial lesson was conducted by Nicholas Thompson leading 404 for those the following sick and shut-ins: Lena Keeton, Ottis Sides, Velton Chafin, Johnnie Chafin, Henry Guthery, Hubert Nall, Lorene Gray, Emily Jones, Anne Chalker, Eloise Wootten, Verlon Stiefel, Betty Shepherd, Karen Rollins, Charlene Wallace, and Chris Holley. Nicholas Thompson then led 30b in memory of the following deceased: Caleb Allred, Gravis Ballinger, Toney Smith, Lavoy Smith, Kenneth Fannin, Levon Wootten—Alabama; B.M. Smith and Hugh McGraw—Georgia. The memorial lesson was closed with prayer.

Leaders: Nancy Phillips 146, 117; Hayden Arp 140, 181; Brittany Thompson 77t, 72b; Tom Booth 147t, 68b. The Chaplain returned thanks before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Glenn Keeton leading 385b. Leaders: Daniel Bearden 88b, 308; Marlin Beasley 217, 460; Angela Myers 500, 498; Wanda Capps 216; Wanda Capps and Brenda Chafin 203; Juanita Beasley 61, 63; Lisa Geist 527; Amber Davis 78 (in memory of Gravis Ballinger); Jim Aaron 163b; Nicholas Thompson 189; Brenda Chafin 336; Hayden Arp 434; Lauren Allen 171; Earl Ballinger 403; Bea Aaron 475; Don Keeton 512; Beth Branscome 196; Daniel Bearden 465; Nancy Phillips 79; Mike Hankins 155; Marlin Beasley 40; Danny Creel 170; Tom Booth 501; Richard Mauldin 551; Nicholas Thompson 569b (for Louise Yeager).

After announcements, Glenn Keeton and Brenda Chafin led 267 as the closing song. Jim Aaron dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Glenn Keeton; Vice Chairman—Brenda Chafin; Secretary—Lisa Geist

WALLOWA VALLEY SINGING **Hurricane Creek Grange, Joseph, Oregon** **Saturday, July 15, 2017**

The Wallowa Valley All-Day Singing was brought to order by Jen Rymut and Ana Tighe leading 448b. Steve Cackley offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Betsy Jeronen 494; Ana Tighe 284; Kevin Barrans 285t; Kate Coxon 138t; Peter Schinske 348t; Kate Fine 77b; Erik Schwab 40; Nancy Novotny 466; Lyle Lindsey 49t; Sophia Schinske 422; Nell Whitman 344; Bradley Knoke 270; Stephanie Fida 145t; Laura McMurray 512; Thom Fahrbach 383; Bob Schinske 97; Linda Berkemeier 499; Steve Cackley 498; Reed Schilbach 171; Anne Huckins 47t.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Marie Brandis leading 72b. Leaders: Bob Schinske 189; Jen Rymut 560; Ana Tighe 142; Lyle Lindsey 34b; Jennifer Jones 504; Kate Coxon 133; Sophia Schinske 228; Nell Whitman 203; John Berendzen 411; Anne Huckins 474; Bradley Knoke 315; Betsy Jeronen 548; Peter Schinske 234; Stephanie Fida 214; Reed Schilbach 61; Erik Schwab 327; Nancy Novotny 85; Laura McMurray 348b; Kevin Barrans 271b; Thom Fahrbach 534.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Marie Brandis leading 278t. Leaders: Kate Fine 480; Pat Coghlan 492; Linda Berkemeier 335; Steve Cackley 502; Clarissa Fetrow 481; Jennifer Jones 106; John Berendzen 500; Lyle Lindsey 39t; Jen Rymut 138b; Reed Schilbach 312b; Nell Whitman 324; Anne Huckins 159; Betsy Jeronen 426t. The noon blessing was offered by Steve Cackley.

LUNCH

The class was called back to order by Thom Fahrbach leading 144. Leaders: Kate Coxon 430; Erik Schwab 446; Peter Schinske 424; Stephanie Fida 409 (for Tom McTighe); Ben Skubi 301; Kevin Barrans 112; Ana Tighe 215; Bob Schinske 337; John Berendzen 396; Clarissa Fetrow 547; Bradley Knoke 220; Marie Brandis 347 (for Concetta Branson); Pat Coghlan 187; Jen Rymut 573; Nancy Novotny 299; Anne Huckins 99; Sophia Schinske 542; Kate Fine 309.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Ana Tighe leading 168. Leaders: Steve Cackley 321; Laura McMurray 73t; Jennifer Jones 527; Peter Schinske 334; Betsy Jeronen 177; Ben Skubi 52b; Bob Schinske 467; Clarissa Fetrow 280; Kate Coxon 378t; Erik Schwab 30b; Sophia Schinske 217; Kevin Barrans 511; Thom Fahrbach 181; Jen Rymut 402.

Jen Rymut thanked everyone who helped with all the jobs that need to be done throughout the day of singing. There were fifty-one attendees and ninety-one songs led by twenty-seven leaders.

Jen Rymut led 36b as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Steve Cackley, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Jen Rymut; Secretary—Betsy Jeronen

BERLIN SHENANDOAH HARMONY SINGING
Chapel of the Kaiser-Wilhelm-Gedächtniskirche, Berlin, Germany
July 15-16, 2017

Saturday, July 15

The 1st Berlin *Shenandoah Harmony* All-Day Singing was held in the chapel of the Kaiser-Wilhelm-Gedächtniskirche in Berlin, Germany. Song selections were from the *Shenandoah Harmony* (ShH). Christopher Schuller called the class together by leading 218t (ShH). He welcomed the class, and introduced John delRe, Kelly Macklin, Graham DeZarn, and Mary Helen Dupree, who together taught a singing school. John delRe began by leading 452 (ShH). They spoke about the history of the songs in the *Shenandoah Harmony* and about the experience of publishing the book. During the singing school they led “Heavenly Treasure”; 15 (ShH); 227 (ShH); 321b (ShH); 431 (ShH); 137 (ShH); and 35 (ShH). James Schuller offered the opening prayer.

RECESS

Christopher Schuller called the class together by leading 413 (ShH). Leaders: Caro Stamm-Reusch 79 (ShH); Marco Wessnigk 446t (ShH); Cherylyn Neilson 309 (ShH); Johannes Sauer 203 (ShH) (for Miriam); Evelyn Saylor 7t (ShH); Eva Striebeck 326t (ShH); Miriam Delerium 104b (ShH); Hans Gnendinger 60b (ShH); Emma Rock 218b (ShH); Mary Helen Dupree 127 (ShH); James Schuller Viii (ShH); Ann Blake 88 (ShH); Jessica Slighter 243 (ShH);

RECESS

The class was called together by Monique Mathieu leading 326b (ShH). Leaders: Ellen Kennedy 152 (ShH); Saara Pakarinen 83b (ShH); John delRe 80 (ShH); Joanna Bennett 260t (ShH); Ted Mercer 198 (ShH); Magdalena Osthaus 253 (ShH); Francis Gaskin 363 (ShH); Melanie Tönnies 95 (ShH); Christopher Schuller 200 (ShH); Emily Collins and Ellen Kennedy 404t (ShH); Graham DeZarn 63 (ShH); Kelly Macklin 374b (ShH); Nina Riegler 89b (ShH); Robert Stoddard 254 (ShH); Hans Gnendinger 297 (ShH). A blessing was given by James Schuller before the meal.

LUNCH

Caro Stamm-Reusch called the class together by leading 434t (ShH). Leaders: Evelyn Saylor 45 (ShH); Marco Wessnigk 130 (ShH); Cherylyn Neilson 105 (ShH); Jessica Slighter 142 (ShH); Eva Striebeck 140b (ShH); John delRe 157 (ShH); Ted Mercer 6b (ShH); Ann Blake 12b (ShH); Kelly Macklin 171 (ShH); Christopher Schuller 453 (ShH); Graham DeZarn 133 (ShH); Robert Stoddard 108 (ShH); Emma Rock 132 (ShH); Johannes Sauer 324 (ShH); Mary Helen Dupree 207 (ShH); Joanna Bennett 428 (ShH); Francis Gaskin 112 (ShH); Ulrike Tietjen and Harald Grundner 270 (ShH); James Schuller 364b (ShH).

RECESS

The class was called together by Melanie Tönnies leading 76t (ShH). Leaders: Ellen Kennedy 120t (ShH); Robert Stoddard 414b (ShH); Nina Riegler 48 (ShH); Hans Gnendinger 248t (ShH); Saara Pakarinen 87 (ShH); Francis Gaskin 41 (ShH); Kelly Macklin 86 (ShH); Miriam Delerium and Donna Stolz 381 (ShH); Ted Mercer 236t (ShH); Caro Stamm-Reusch 310 (ShH); Joanna Bennett 264b (ShH); John delRe 29 (ShH); Evelyn Saylor 140t (ShH); Monique Mathieu 22b (ShH); Mary Helen Dupree 220 (ShH); Jessica Slighter 319 (ShH); Graham DeZarn 322 (ShH).

Christopher Schuller thanked Richard Schmeidler and the Sacred Harp singers of Poland for the donation of *Shenandoah Harmony* books, as well as the travelers, singing school teachers, and organizers. The Secretary reported thirty leaders had led seventy-one songs. Announcements were made.

Christopher Schuller led 114 (ShH) as the closing song. James Schuller offered the

closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Berlin Sacred Harp Singing

Sunday, July 16

The Berlin *Shenandoah Harmony* All-Day singing was followed on the next day by a Sacred Harp singing. Christopher Schuller called the class together by leading 31t, and then offered the opening prayer. Evelyn Saylor taught a brief singing school for beginners.

RECESS

The class was called together by Jessica Sligter leading 72b. Leaders: Marco Wessnigk 33t; Caro Stamm-Reusch 65; Silke Kunow-Koch 122; Hyke Sakaras 452; Johannes Sauer 155; Hans Gnendinger 178; Ellen Kennedy 70b; Christopher Schuller 134; Emily Collins 472; Cherilyn Neilson 67; Bianca Geburek 146; Emma Rock 378b; Francis Gaskin 271t; Joanna Bennett 430; Eckehard Neugebauer 68t; Mary Helen Dupree 133; Cäcilia Mann 442.

RECESS

Saara Pakarinen called the class together leading 312b. Leaders: Nina Riegler 29t; Ann Blake 547; Eva Striebeck 270; Miriam Delerium 290; Robert Stoddard 501; Cherilyn Neilson and Donna Stolz 282; Kelly Macklin 473; John delRe 123b; Monique Mathieu 111b; Ted Mercer 504; Joanna Bennett 505; Francis Gaskin 263; Jessica Sligter 214; Eckehard Neugebauer 369; Eva Striebeck 411; Magdalena Osthaus 388.

RECESS

The class was called together by Bianca Geburek leading 40. Leaders: Marco Wessnigk 222; Ted Mercer 217; Kelly Macklin 468; Evelyn Saylor 522; John delRe 486; Saara Pakarinen 138t; Monique Mathieu 58; Robert Stoddard 458; Magdalena Osthaus 432; Emma Rock 216; Caro Stamm-Reusch 47b; Mary Helen Dupree 296; Nina Riegler 287; Cäcilia Mann 198; Silke Kunow-Koch and Caro Stamm-Reusch 33b; Ellen Kennedy 89; Emily Collins and Evelyn Saylor 48b; Hans Gnendinger 455; Cherilyn Neilson 129; Bianca Geburek 288.

Announcements were made. Christopher Schuller led 86 as the closing song, and offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Christopher Schuller; Secretary—Evelyn Saylor

CHAFIN, HARBINSON, AND HOLLIS MEMORIAL

New Prospect Church, Cullman County, Alabama

Sunday, July 16, 2017

The 145th session of the Chafin, Harbinson, and Hollis Memorial Sacred Harp singing was held on the third Sunday in July. The class was called to order by Brenda Chafin leading 76b. The opening prayer was offered by Danny Creel, and then he led 56t.

A business meeting was held and the following officers were retained or appointed: Chairman—Danny Creel; Secretary—Ann Jett; Arranging Officer—Judy Caudle. Leaders: Danny Creel 84; Judy Caudle 85, 74t; Richard Mauldin 43, 411; Nancy Phillips 274t, 282; Isaac Green 545, 419; Dick Nail 61, 319; Linda Booth 222, 344; Wanda Capps 299, 36b; Nicholas Thompson 383, 472; Glenn Keeton 349, 278t; Betty Baccus 436, 406.

RECESS

The class was brought together by Danny Creel leading 176b. Leaders: Larry Ballinger 91, 97; David Jackson 32t, 122; Oleta Drummond 100, 313t; Tom George and Tonya Edmondson 168, 270; Ainslie Allen 132, 196; Stanley Smith 546, 528; Buell Cobb 67, 65, 131 (by request); Cindy Tanner 220, 155 (for Lucy Heidorn); Hayden Arp 177 (for Ozella Blackmon), 543; Lisa Geist 391, 224; Marlin Beasley

137, 336; Ann Jett 269, 327; Amber Davis 215 (in memory of Gravis Ballinger), 142; Ken Tate 229, 544; Juanita Beasley and Marlin Beasley 31b, 34t.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Danny Creel leading 405. Leaders: Dorothea Maynard 442, 421; Sarah Trumbore 328, 440; Tom Booth 309, 515; Brenda Chafin 426t, 434; Tonya Edmondson 300; Isaac Green 548; Stanley Smith 403; Ken Tate 399b; Dick Nail 430; Nicholas Thompson 542; Lisa Geist 304; Tom George 463; Ann Jett 143 (in memory of Charlotte McCarn); Ann Jett, Wanda Capps, Danny Creel, and Cindy Tanner 342; Larry Ballinger 540; David Jackson 37b; Hayden Arp 485; Amber Davis and Isaac Green 380; Glenn Keeton 178; Nancy Phillips 268; Richard Mauldin 446; Marlin Beasley 285t.

Announcements were made. Danny Creel led 111b as the closing song. Marlin Beasley offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Danny Creel; Secretary—Ann Jett

KALAMAZOO SINGING

Wesley Foundation, Kalamazoo, Michigan

Sunday, July 16, 2017

The 19th annual Kalamazoo Singing was held on the third Sunday in July. Will Fitzgerald brought the class to order leading 59. David Fetcho offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Will Fitzgerald 32t; Martha Beverly 283; Ann Miczulski 40; Beth Garfinkel 117; Dean Knuth 173; Jan Wright 346; David Fetcho 293; Nancy Britton 421; John David Thacker 122; Elisabeth Pixley-Fink 163b; Chris Nicholson 490; Jan Ketelle 549.

RECESS

Jan May called the class to order leading 39t. Leaders: Catherine Brown 66; John Seaton 99; Marian Mitchell 189; Brandon Buxton 285t; Claudia Dean 375; Jim Helke and Darrell Swarens 507, 128; Carolyn Deacy 430; John Fink 515; Cecelia Kramer 38b; Bill Beverly 304; Molly McBride 56b; Len VanderJagt 82t.

RECESS

Carolyn Deacy called the class to order leading 29t. Leaders: David Brodeur 108b; Brenda Carroll 299; Terry Cunningham 148; Peter Trumbore 76b; Susan Fetcho 472; Andy Ditzler 536; Syble Adams 63; Steve Warner 86; Rochelle Lodder 344; Martha Beverly 340; John Wiens 101b; Shannon Tibbs 282; David Woolf 335; Linda Heemskerk 497; Lori Graber 548; Idy Kiser 172; Will Fitzgerald and Bess Fitzgerald 447.

LUNCH

Will Fitzgerald called the class to order leading 105. Leaders: Barb VanderJagt 155; Anne Missavage 454; James Nelson Gingerich 455; Cathryn Bearov 274t; Samuel Sommers 301; Matthew Lind 36t; Karen Swenson 112; Gerry Hoffman 83t; Ginny Landgraf 197; Gillian Inksetter 552; Brian How 547; Beth Todd 89; Jan May 276; Henry Schuman 426b; David Fetcho 550; Claudia Dean 64; Chris Nicholson 480; Nancy Britton 540; Gillian Inksetter and Jan May 362; Carolyn Deacy 383; Andy Ditzler and David Brodeur 505; Susan Fetcho 332; Syble Adams and Brenda Carroll 515; Henry Schuman 318.

Announcements were made. Will Fitzgerald and Martha Beverly led 46 as the closing song. Susan Fetcho dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Will Fitzgerald; Secretary—Henry Schuman

CAPITOL CITY SHAPE NOTE SINGING
Loeb Reception Center, Montgomery, Alabama
Thursday, July 20, 2017

The 31st annual Capitol City Shape Note Singing was held on the third Thursday in July. Bill Hogan called the class to order at 9:30 a.m. by leading 59 (CB). Steve Grauberger welcomed the singers on behalf of the Alabama Center for Traditional Culture. Bill led 36b (CB). Tim Taylor offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Leaders: Edith Eddins 77t (CB); Robert Chambless 283 (CB) (dedicated to Christine Keeble); Ewan Eddins 53 (CB); Hubert Nall 84 (CB); Dana Eddins 68t (CB); Dorothea Maynard 229 (CB); Buell Cobb 150 (CB); Nancy Hogan 464 (CB); Eric Eddins 29t (CB); Judy Chambless 109 (CH); Jim Carnes 63t (CH); Mary Amelia Taylor 64 (CH); Kaitlyn Bailey 268 (CH); Evie Eddins 133 (CH); Henry Guthrie 547 (CH) (in memory of John Merritt); Calum Woods 172 (CH); Sam Wright 292 (CH); Zilpha Cornett 86t (CH).

RECESS

This session included selections from *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition* and *The Colored Sacred Harp*. Leaders: Gary Padgett 442; Amber Davis 391; Jim Aaron 47b; Jack Nelson 180; Elam Eddins 297; Chita Blakeley 430; Marlin Beasley 318; Ava Bohannon 143 (in memory of Ercyl Vidrine); John Plunkett 109; Chris Parris 454; Richard Mauldin 358; Dorothea Maynard 361; Taylor Kennedy 457; Judy Chambless 165; Ewan Eddins 107; Jim Carnes 171; Eric Eddins 178; Kaitlyn Bailey 490; Billy See and Vickie See 480; Bill Hogan 4 (CSH); Buell Cobb 92 (CSH); Richard Mauldin 29t (CSH); Steve Grauberger 18 (CSH); Sam Wright 89 (CSH); John Plunkett 12 (CSH); Stanley Smith, Bill Hogan, and Nancy Hogan "Lord, Give Me Just A Little More Time". Richard Mauldin asked the blessing before the meal.

LUNCH

Kaitlyn Bailey brought the class to order leading 98 (CB). Leaders: Eli Eddins 47t (CB); Tim Taylor 414 (CB); Ezra Eddins 63 (CB); Chita Blakeley 465 (CB); Steve Grauberger 572 (CB); Zilpha Cornett 122 (CB) (in memory of her father); Ethan Eddins 274b (CB); Evie Eddins 38t (CB); Hubert Nall 507b (CB); Amber Davis 511b (CB); Jillian Parris and Jasmine Parris 159 (CB); Jack Nelson and Bill Hogan 117 (CH); Mary Amelia Taylor 336t (CH); Henry Guthrie 131 (CH); Calum Woods 54 (CH); Karen Clark 189 (CH); Nancy Hogan 166 (CH); Bill Hogan 50 (CH); Tim Taylor 322 (CH); Kaitlyn Bailey 111b (CH); Chris Parris 68 (CH); Robert Chambless 225t; Marlin Beasley 285t; Waylon Blakeley 560; Billy See and Vickie See 312b; Linda Thomas 217; Jim Aaron 503; Calum Woods 28b; Karen Clark 234; Stanley Smith 24 (CSH), 59b, (CSH) and 87 (CSH).

After announcements, the Eddins family (on their 5th singing anniversary), Calum Woods, Stanley Smith, and Bill Hogan led 91t (CSH) as the closing song. Hubert Nall offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Bill Hogan; Vice Chairman—Stanley Smith; Secretary—Nancy Hogan

COTACO CONVENTION

Gum Pond Primitive Baptist Church, Morgan County, Alabama
Saturday, July 22, 2017

The 129th session of the Cotaco Convention was held at Gum Pond Church on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in July. The class was called to order by Nicholas Thompson leading 129. The opening prayer was offered by Elder J.L. Hopper.

Leaders: Judy Caudle 282 (in memory of Caleb Allred); J.L. Hopper 446; Henry Guthrie 76b; Brandon Thompson 39b; Linda Booth 361; Anna Grace Sipe 178; Bea Aaron 438; Kaitlyn Bailey 452; Stephen Huffman 155; Tom George 103; Daniel Lee

411; Larry Ballinger 410t; Calum Woods 204; Sonya Sipe 36b (in memory of Margie Lee); Justin Bowen 170; Lisa Geist 377 (in memory of Gravis Ballinger); Dennis George 486; Carol Newman 68b; Amber Davis 436 (for Ozella Blackmon); Buell Cobb 278b; Angela Myers 71.

RECESS

Justin Bowen led 145t to bring the class back together. Leaders: Loyd Ivey and Linda Thomas 318 (for Eloise Wootten); Linda Thomas 123t; Susan Holmes 441; Craig Holmes 276; Nathan Stewart 217; Zilpha Cornett and Emily Cornett 89; Beth Anne Clay 430; Mary Huffman 272; Lomax Ballinger 144; Bob Watkins 426b; Delone Cobbs 354t; Nancy Thompson and Brittany Thompson 40; John Huffman 492; Jim Aaron 47b; Sarah Trumbore 419; Richard Ivey, Kelsey Ivey, and Everett Ivey 317, 192; Reba Windom 546. Elder J.L. Hopper asked a blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Nicholas Thompson and Lisa Geist leading 120 (in memory of Gravis Ballinger). Leaders: Susan Cheronas 349; April Watkins 53; Daniel Hopper 450; Emily Stutzman 496; Taylor Watkins 445; Chris Ballinger 344; Daniel Bearden 429; Lilly Underwood 348b; Hubert Nall 176b; Tom Booth 123b; Nancy Phillips 500; Lisa Geist and Nicholas Thompson 304; Mary Huffman 297; Daniel Lee 28b; Nathan Stewart 316; Stephen Huffman 556; Tom George and Sarah Trumbore 498; John Huffman 163b; Justin Bowen and Beth Anne Clay 396; Calum Woods 296; Kaitlyn Bailey 378b; Reba Windom 542; Larry Ballinger, Chris Ballinger, and Lisa Geist 528; Zilpha Cornett 480; Henry Guthery 269; Brittany Thompson 112; Dennis George 280; Susan Cheronas 300; J.L. Hopper 242; Amber Davis 215 (in memory of Gravis Ballinger).

Nicholas Thompson and J.L. Hopper led 521 as the closing song. Loyd Ivey dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Nicholas Thompson; Secretary—Judy Caudle

MAINE SINGING

Old Town House, Union, Maine

Saturday, July 22, 2017

The 15th session of the Maine All-Day Singing took place on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in July. Pleasance Crawford called the class to order leading 77b.

Corrone Bryant offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Rachel Taylor 40; Anna Kellar 48t; Elizabeth Stoddard 32t; Scott Harriman 36b; Sara Sandberg 144; Jesse Flynn 37b; Peter Golden 56t; Jesse Vear 511; Corrone Bryant 569b; Andy Alter 160b; Robert Stoddard 52b; Eric Sandberg 564; Isabelle Gervais Chapman 270; Chris Noren 282; Liz Cantrell 475; Scott Luscombe 528; Kathe Pilobosian 422; Chuck Micciche 424; Mary Jean McCarthy 373; John Travers 150.

RECESS

Robert Stoddard called the class back together by leading 73t. Leaders: Sara Lott 399b; Jennie Brown 286; Porter James 334; Bill Holt 340; Sara Sandberg and Eric Sandberg 68b; Alice Beattie 187; Mary Skidmore 538; George Sigut 56b; Zoe Madonna 426b; John Hughes 501.

Pat Callahan conducted the memorial lesson and led 50b for the following sick and shut-ins: Ina Ames, Ron Bornick, Margaret Bornick, Dorothy Connor, Pat Hi, Barbara Kowolski, Joseph Lewis, Curtis Owen, Edith Owen, Roz Payne, Mike Ramsey, Betty Shea, Cindy Wasson, Ron Woodson, and Jane Yaple.

She then led 454 in memory of the following deceased: John Bayer, Loraine Bayer, Beth Drummond, and Ervine Frankel—Ohio; Pat Colterahn—Vermont; Ruth Hooke, John Dane, Virginia Linehan, and Bob Storry—Massachusetts; Rebecca

Gibbs—Missouri; Jane Goforth—Texas; Jean Comfort Hallowell—Pennsylvania; Igor Konrska—Prague, Czech Republic; Johnny Lee and Delores Lee—Georgia; Barry Redlich—New York; Willow Schwartz—Maine; Michael Sensor—Florida; Evelyn Tornabane—Iowa; Charles Wells—Minnesota. Dick Sanner closed the memorial service with prayer.

Leaders: Philippa Stoddard 418; Alexa Gilmore 400; Charles Biada 411; Patrick Friesen 103. Liz Cantrell asked a blessing before the midday meal.

LUNCH

Ethan McNerney called the class back together by leading 324. Leaders: Keillor Mose 380; Ruth Wampler 548; Erik-Dardan Ymeraga 34t; Kevin Barrans 131t; Allison Steel 384; Mike Richards 543; Kevin Shaw 124; Emma Rose Brown 546; Joel Bassett 197; Terry Ryan 532; Laura Hodges 436; Chris Nicholson 477; Joanne Fuller 129; Leonard Spencer 245; Aldo Ceresa 500; MB Gowins 396; Philippe Doyle-Gosselin 228; Jon Giles 298.

RECESS

Peter Golden called the class back together by leading 145b. Leaders: James Baumgartner 272; Christina Wallin 106; Leon Pulsinelle 212; Ina Shea 342; Solon Gordon 141; Celia Divine 70b; Chris Holley 441; Emily Hancock 288; Donna Carlson 378t; Jonathan Spencer 365; Emma Swartz 186; Annie Nixon 312b; Doron Henkin 434; Joan Frankel 414; Elizabeth Stoddard and Corrone Bryant 235; Ben Bath 512; Bobbie Goodell 174; Kerry Cullinan 163b; Debby Bliss 472; David Bliss 474.

During a short business meeting, reports were heard from the Resolutions Committee, the Treasurers, and the Secretary. There were 105 singers registered from twelve states and three Canadian provinces and seventy-seven songs had been sung. Jesse Vear was acclaimed chairman of the 2018 Maine All-Day Singing. Pleasance Crawford and the other officers led 62 as the closing song. Joanne Fuller offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Pleasance Crawford; Secretary—Rachel Taylor

MT. ZION MEMORIAL SINGING

Mt. Zion, Georgia

July 22-23, 2017

Saturday, July 22

The 125th session of the Mt. Zion Memorial Sacred Harp singing was held at Mt. Zion Methodist Church on the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in July. Charles Woods and Jason Stanford called the class together by leading 284. Henry Johnson offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Jason Stanford 460; Judy Chambless 478; Lela Crowder 32t; Charles Woods 283; Donna Bell 33b; Winfred Kerr 500; Samuel Williams 547; Helen Bryson 175; Bill Hollingsworth 354t; Glenda Collins and Bert Collins 100; Gary Davis and Karen Flagg 565; Judy Henry 225t; Steve Daniel 178; Karen Rollins 153; Richard DeLong 109; Mike Hieber 276; Jeannette DePoy 87; Virginia Dyer 217, 61; Faye Hollis 340.

A motion was made to go into a business session. The following officers and committee members were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Richard DeLong; Vice Chairman—Gary Davis; Secretary—Lela Crowder; Arranging Officer—Judy Chambless; Memorial Committee—Rebecca Over and Donna Bell; Chaplains—Daniel Williams and John Plunkett. There was a motion made to change the Mt. Zion Memorial Singing from a two-day singing to one-day singing. The class decided to resume the discussion on Sunday.

RECESS

Gary Davis brought the class back together leading 426t. Leaders: Jack Nelson 399b; Fallon Cook 146; Robert Chambless 68b; Rebecca Over gave a short talk to remember the charter members and led 271t; Daniel Williams 201; John Hollingsworth 220; Isaac Green 494; Henry Johnson 539; John Plunkett 544; Oscar McGuire 336; Dalton Lewis 40; Chance Cook 192.

LUNCH

Richard DeLong brought the class back to order by leading 406. Leaders: Tony Hammock 83; Donna Duke and Gene Duke 114; Gary Davis and Karen Flagg 99; Fallon Cook 155; Mike Hieber 37b; Lela Crowder 138t; Jeannette DePoy 339; Jason Stanford 323t; Rebecca Over 386; Steve Daniel 282; John Plunkett 325; Bill Hollingsworth 495; Charles Woods 149; Oscar McGuire 163b; Isaac Green and Richard DeLong 541; Daniel Williams 48t; Donna Bell 300; Glenda Collins and Bert Collins 45t; Henry Johnson 164; Faye Hollis 318; Jack Nelson 269; Samuel Williams 230; Winfred Kerr 36b; Robert Chambless 84; Dalton Lewis 354b; Tony Hammock 111b; Donna Duke and Gene Duke 312b.

Announcements were made. Richard DeLong led 75 as the closing song. Daniel Williams offered the closing prayer.

Sunday, July 23

Richard DeLong called the Sunday session of the Mt. Zion Memorial Sacred Harp singing to order by leading 81t. John Plunkett offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Richard DeLong 60; Gary Davis 35; Lela Crowder 171; John Plunkett 52t; Taylor Watkins 388; Cecil Roberts 48t; Malinda Snow 544; Scott DePoy 65; April Watkins 53; Michael Thompson 32t; Susan Cheronos 564; Winfred Kerr 516; Nicholas Thompson 392; Pam Nunn 280; Oscar McGuire 556; Amber Davis 391; Jenna Frey 358; Rebecca Over 353.

A motion was made to go into a business session. The class resumed the discussion of making the Mt. Zion Memorial singing a one-day singing. The class agreed in favor of this motion, and decided that the singing should occur on the fourth Sunday in July. The next session of the Mt. Zion Memorial singing will be held on the fourth Sunday in July, 2018.

RECESS

Gary Davis brought the class back together leading 335. Leaders: Judy Henry 117; Donna Bell 489; Bobby Watkins 512.

John Plunkett presented a plaque to the family of Earlis McGraw on behalf of the Sacred Harp Publishing Company. Judy Henry and Ricky McGraw received the plaque in memory of Earlis McGraw's tireless work and dedication to Sacred Harp singing and to the Sacred Harp Publishing Company.

Leaders: Karen Rollins 446; Calum Woods 212; Reba Windom 72b (in memory of B.M. Smith); Robert Chambless 73b; Faye Hollis 299; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg and Lucey Rose Karlsberg 298; Sheri Taylor 78; Jeannette DePoy 187; Bryan Black 495; Lisa Bennett 295; Rene Greene 47t.

Rebecca Over and Donna Bell conducted the memorial lesson. Rebecca reminded the class that, while we pause to recognize the sick and shut-in singers, there may be singers among us who are also unwell. She spoke of the importance of the encouragement that people get through emails, phone calls, and visits when they are unable to attend a singing. Rebecca and Donna led 70t in honor of the following sick and shut-ins: Eugene Forbes, Eloise Wootten, Tommy McGraw, Agnes Roberts, Susan Roberts, Chris Holley, and Concetta Branson.

Rebecca spoke about the singers who passed away in the previous year, and talked about how they continue to be special to someone today. Notably, Hugh McGraw was a singer special to the Mt. Zion singing community. She spoke about how Mt.

Zion was his first Sacred Harp singing in 1952, his contribution as long-time chairman to the singing, and his charisma as a leader, teacher, mentor, father, grandfather, and friend. Rebecca and Donna led 549 to honor the deceased who included Caleb Allred, Gravis Ballinger, Calvin Phillips, Gary Smith—Alabama; Harold DeLong, James Hughes, Gail Jackson, Elder Larry Keeton, Lynn Swafford Key, Hugh McGraw, Geneva Prichard, B.M. Smith, and Glenda Yancey—Georgia. Cecil Roberts closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Michael Spencer 420; David Smead 395.

LUNCH

Richard DeLong brought the class back to order leading 399b. Leaders: Isaac Green 419; Karen Flagg and Gary Davis 348b; Laura Frey 87; Kathy Williams 107; Jason Stanford 225t; Rebecca Over 197 (for Wawena Entrekin Miles); Calum Woods 234; Amber Davis 454 (for Willodean Barton); Pam Nunn and Rene Greene 528; Reba Windom and Nicholas Thompson 216; Bobby Watkins, April Watkins, and Taylor Watkins 146; Jeannette DePoy, Scott DePoy, and Margaret Black 274t; Oscar McGuire and Karen Rollins 327; Lisa Bennett and Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 558; David Smead and Bryan Black 500; Michael Spencer and Michael Thompson 196; Susan Cheronos, Isaac Green, and Cecil Roberts 349; Faye Hollis, Donna Bell, and Malinda Snow 276; Lela Crowder, Kathy Williams, and Judy Henry 472; Winfred Kerr and Jason Stanford 318; Richard DeLong and John Plunkett 155 (in memory of Carlene Griffin); Rebecca Over 548; Calum Woods 36t; Judy Chambless and Robert Chambless 475 (in memory of Earlis McGraw, B.M. Smith, Hugh McGraw, and Ronald Chambless).

Announcements were made. Richard DeLong, Gary Davis, and Lela Crowder led 62 as the closing song. John Plunkett offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Richard DeLong; Vice Chairman—Gary Davis; Secretary—Lela Crowder

D.H. MANSFIELD AMERICAN VOCALIST SINGING

Old Town House, Union, Maine

Sunday, July 23, 2017

The class was called to order by Aldo Ceresa leading 63. Corrone Bryant offered the opening prayer. Aldo welcomed the class to the eighth annual all-day singing from D.H. Mansfield's *The American Vocalist*, and made some brief introductory remarks.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Aldo Ceresa; Vice Chairman—Chris Holley; Secretary—Philippe Doyle-Gosselin.

All page numbers refer to *The American Vocalist*, 2010 Compendium Edition.

Leaders: Peter Golden 85; Robert Stoddard 28; Pleasance Crawford 103; Corrone Bryant 44; Jesse Vear 79b; Rachel Taylor 42; Bobbie Goodell 32; Elizabeth Stoddard 27; Scott Harriman 46; Jonathan Spencer 75t; Patrick Friesen 84; Zoe Madonna 144; Chris Noren 75b; Leonard Spencer 34; Jon Giles 45b; Pat Callahan 3; Mary Skidmore 111; Doron Henkin 128b; Allison Steel 81b. Joanne Fuller offered the grace before the midday meal.

LUNCH

The class was called back to order by Ben Bath leading 26t. Leaders: Chris Holley 53; Kerry Cullinan 152; John Hughes 57t; George Sigut 121t; Philippe Doyle-Gosselin 13; Ben Bath 70t; Robert Stoddard 58b; David Deacon and Aldo Ceresa 101t; Chris Nicholson 18; Joan Frankel 102b; Emma Swartz 15; Terry Ryan 130; Scott Luscombe 171b; Keillor Mose 125t; Pleasance Crawford 129; Allison Steel 57b.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Jesse Vear leading 52t. Leaders: Pat Callahan 132t; Elizabeth Stoddard 54; Aldo Ceresa 17b; Scott Harriman 100t; Patrick Friesen 102t; Peter Golden 39t; Chris Nicholson 141b; George Sigut 116t; Rachel Taylor 12; Doron Henkin 80b; Mary Skidmore 161t; Scott Luscombe 159; Philippe Doyle-Gosselin 110; Terry Ryan 138t. Aldo Ceresa led 52b as the closing song. Joanne Fuller offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Aldo Ceresa; Vice Chairman—Chris Holley; Secretary—Jesse Vear

CHICAGO COOPER BOOK SINGING

Wilson Abbey, Uptown, Chicago, Illinois

Saturday, July 29, 2017

The 2nd annual Chicago *Cooper Book* Singing was held at Wilson Abbey, Chicago, Illinois, on Saturday before the fifth Sunday in July. The class was called to order at 12:00 p.m. by Jim Helke and Ann Sleeva leading 133. Jim Swanson offered the opening prayer. Song selections were from the *B.F. White Sacred Harp, Revised Cooper Edition*, 2012.

Leaders: Jim Helke 507t; Mary Rogel 587 (in honor of Amrit Singh); Hannah McConnell 183; Erica Detemmerman 492; Michael Mosley 179; Ginny Landgraf 375; Jerry Gripshover 340; Matthew Siefert 168; Jim Swanson 392; Nick Pasqual 87; Chuck Stoffle 503; Mary Rogel 486; Hannah McConnell 254; Jerry Gripshover 218. A business session was held to elect the following officers: Chairman—Lyda Jackson; Vice Chairman—Ginny Landgraf; Secretary—Erica Detemmerman.

Leaders: Lyda Jackson 505; Erica Detemmerman 65; Michael Mosley 96; Randy Neufeld 279; Ginny Landgraf 38t; Jim Helke 580; Lyda Jackson 278t; Ushuaia Miltsu 47b; Chuck Stoffle 575; Jacob Lee 500; Matthew Seifert 511t; Jim Swanson 140; Nick Pasqual 273.

RECESS

Terry Hogg brought the class back together leading 393. Leaders: Cathy Stoffle 45t; Susan Geil 45b; Mary Rogel 526; Erica Detemmerman 288; Michael Mosley 78; Randy Neufeld and Susan Geil 268t (in honor of their thirty-sixth wedding anniversary); Ginny Landgraf 504b; Jim Helke 41 (in memory of Johnny Lee); Lyda Jackson 489; Jerry Gripshover 239; Ann Sleeva 289; Chuck Stoffle 276; Jacob Lee 502; Jim Swanson 499.

Jim Swanson asked a blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Mary Rogel spoke on behalf of the finance committee, and led 195. Leaders: Nick Pasqual 457; Susan Geil 137; Mary Rogel 540; Michael Mosley 559; Randy Neufeld 63; Ginny Landgraf 83t; Jim Helke 55; Lyda Jackson 467; Jerry Gripshover 28b; Ann Sleeva 314.

RECESS

Leaders: Jim Swanson 269; Susan Geil 553; Mary Rogel 483; Michael Mosley 411; Ginny Landgraf 38b; Erica Detemmerman 447t; Lyda Jackson 421; Jerry Gripshover 98; Jim Swanson 229; Ann Sleeva 590.

Lyda Jackson thanked each of the organizers and all of the singers in attendance. Announcements were made. Mary Rogel, speaking on the behalf of the Finance committee, reported that expenses had been met. The Secretary reported that sixty-nine songs were led by sixteen leaders from two states.

Lyda Jackson and Ginny Landgraf led 62 as the closing song. Jim Swanson offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Lyda Jackson; Vice Chairman—Ginny Landgraf; Secretary—Erica Detemmerman

SWANNANOVA GATHERING SHAPE NOTE SINGING

Warren Wilson College, Asheville, North Carolina

Saturday, July 29, 2017

The 11th Swannanoa Gathering Shape Note Singing was held in Morris Pavilion, Warren Wilson College, in conjunction with Old Time Music and Dance Week. The class was greeted by Sarah Kehrberg, who led 155 from *The Sacred Harp*. Ron Pen expressed appreciation to Jane Cannon for starting this annual singing and to the college for hosting it. He led 146.

The following lessons were from *The Sacred Harp*. Leaders: Chris Wilhelm 50b; Diane Eskenasy 181; Kevin Kehrberg 373; Mary Baumeister 450; Libby Barker 34b; David Wilson 276; Eli Snyder 428; Robert Kelley 429; Leslie Booher 331; Michael Spencer 354t; Patty Judson 187; Jonathan Wood 282; Mike Richards 61; Jane Cannon 182; Tom Dillon 446.

RECESS

The class then led selections from *The Christian Harmony*, 2010 Edition. Leaders: Sarah Kehrberg 393b (CH); Ron Pen 117 (CH); Chris Wilhelm 276 (CH); Diane Eskenasy 51 (CH); Kevin Kehrberg 248 (CH); Mary Baumeister 472b (CH); Stephen Houseworth 207t (CH); David Wilson 109 (CH); Eli Snyder 43 (CH); Robert Kelley 447 (CH); Leslie Booher 180 (CH); Michael Spencer 510t (CH); Patty Judson 493b (CH); Jonathan Wood 419t (CH); Mike Richards 362 (CH); John Plunkett 453t (CH); Tom Dillon and Gaea Singer 339 (CH); Jane Cannon 54 (CH). Ron Pen returned thanks for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The class then chose lessons from the *Southern Harmony*. Leaders: Sarah Kehrberg 109 (SoH); Ron Pen 133 (SoH); Chris Wilhelm 173b (SoH); John Plunkett 56 (SoH); Jonathan Wood 13t (SoH); Mike Richards 30 (SoH); Jane Cannon 31b (SoH); Mary Baumeister 33 (SoH); Kevin Kehrberg 125 (SoH); Eli Snyder 131 (SoH); Robert Kelley 95 (SoH); Leslie Booher 181t (SoH); Michael Spencer 41 (SoH).

Following announcements, the class re-elected its current officers.

RECESS

Leaders: Patty Judson and Jane Cannon 64 (CH); Tom Dillon 569b; John Plunkett 267b (SoH); Eli Snyder 112 (SoH); Robert Kelley 91 (SoH); Leslie Booher 544 (CH); David Wilson 67b (CH); Stephen Houseworth 507b (CH); Libby Barker 350; Jonathan Wood, Erica Asaro, and Angie Pentecost 503; Mike Richards 455b (CH); Chris Berg 299 (CH); Mary Baumeister 121 ((SoH); Kevin Kehrberg 294; Michael Spencer 397b (CH); Sarah Kehrberg and Martha Kehrberg 129 (CH); Ron Pen 455; Patty Judson 178; Sarah Kehrberg 481; Christie Slingluff 551. The officers led 267 as the closing song.

Chairman—Sarah Kehrberg; Vice Chairman—Ron Pen; Secretary—Chris Wilhelm

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SINGING

Denver, Colorado

Saturday, July 29, 2017

The 37th annual Young People's Sacred Harp Singing Association met in Denver, Colorado, on Saturday before the fifth Sunday in July. The class was called to order by Amanda Jokerst leading 531. Catie Van Duzer offered the morning prayer.

A business meeting was held to elect the following officers: Chairperson—Amandeep Boyer; Treasurer—Ryan Lewis; Secretary—Amanda Jokerst.

Leaders: Amandeep Boyer 59; Corrie Van Duzer 171; Catie Van Duzer 47t; Alfred Saussothe 208; Bonnie Dolan 501; Erik Mason 39t; Mike Chaffin 77t; Paul Lindholm 187; Ryan Lewis 196; Daniel Declan and Stephanie Fida 159; Steve Kick 475;

Melissa Musick Nussbaum 503; David Schmitt 56t; Julia Zaffarano 312b; Claire Singleton 30t; Cathy Van Blerkom 504; Sharon Strong 502; Kirk Boyer 448b.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Joel Igli leading 198. Leaders: Evelyn Lamb 292; Luke Sivertson 565; William Gilman 480; Sharon Kermiet 56b; Jerry Schreiber 473; Wren Hyde 101t; Ryan Lewis 122; Mark Godfrey and Leon Godfrey 37b; Abbie Sorg 344; David Wright 492; Kate Fine 318; JR Hardman 290; Alec Jenkins-White 383; Sophia Schinske 426b; India Genack 48b.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Stephanie Fida leading 445. Leaders: Tom Ivey 528; Ellen Ray 319; Angie Payne 421; Jeff Begley and Arieta Santinelli 485; Chris Nicholson 34b; Pat Coghlan 391; Betsy Jeronen 347 (for Concetta Branson); Joel Igli 236; Erik Schwab 405; Linda Selph 430; John Wiens 500; Eamonn O'Neill 442; Ana Tighe 201; Melissa Kelley 123b; Joel Menk 26; Rebecca Edwards 148; Jennifer Jones 527; Amanda Jokerst 416; Arwen Declan 47b.

LUNCH

The class was called back to order by Amandeep Boyer leading 48t. Leaders: Corrie Van Duzer 300; Bob Schinske 216; Alexa Copeland 326; Thom Fahrback 423; Rodman Campbell 495; Eva Striebeck 320; Marie Brandis 280; Steve Luttinen 440; Gillian Inksetter 456; Kate Coxon 396; Ben Copenhaver 125; Adrian Eldridge and Stephanie Fida 273; Leigh Cooper 411; Joel Chan and Jonathan Kaufman Scher 340; Kitty Kagay 180; Anita Landess 354b (in memory of the son of Kathryn Eastburn); Mia Alvarado 569b; Amandeep Boyer and Rajbir Athwal 535.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Corrie Van Duzer leading 32t. Leaders: JR Hardman 72b; Wren Hyde 99; Abbie Sorg 417; Arwen Declan 268; Judy Van Duzer 299; Jeff Begley and his family 330b; Tom Ivey, Kitty Kagay, and Sharon Strong 569t; Joel Menk, Ben Copenhaver, Stephanie Copenhaver, Hanna Brolander, Steve Luttinen, Eamonn O'Neill, and Angie Payne 228; Gillian Inksetter and Eva Striebeck 142; Thom Fahrback, Marie Brandis, Betsy Jeronen, Ana Tighe, Jennifer Jones, and Kate Fine 212; Chris Nicholson and Ellen Ray 172; Kate Coxon, Bob Schinske, Erik Schwab, David Wright, and Rodman Campbell 76b; John Wiens and Adrian Eldridge 426t; Mark Godfrey, Wren Hyde, Julia Zaffarano, Linda Selph, Jeff Begley, Arieta Santinelli, Pat Coghlan, Joel Chan, Jerry Schreiber, Rebecca Edwards, India Genack, Leigh Cooper, Cecil Godfrey, and Leon Godfrey 146; Evelyn Lamb, Sophia Schinske, Logan Thomas, Claire Singleton, Kim Lewis, Abbie Sorg, Sonja Launspach, and Price L. Worrell 215.

The business meeting was reopened. The Treasurer reported the day's expenses were met. The Secretary reported ninety-two registered attendees, sixty-nine leaders, and ninety songs sung.

Amandeep Boyer led 499 as the closing song. Catie Van Duzer offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Amandeep Boyer; Secretary—Amanda Jokerst

COLORADO COOPER BOOK SINGING **Highland Recreation Center, Denver, Colorado** **Sunday, July 30, 2017**

The Colorado *Cooper Book* Singing was held on the fifth Sunday in July at the Highland Recreation Center in Denver, Colorado. Stephanie Fida brought the class to order leading 171. The opening prayer was offered by Corrie Van Duzer.

The following officers were appointed: Chairman—Stephanie Fida; Treasurer—Ryan Lewis; Secretary—Lizzy Van Blerkom.

Leaders: Bonnie Dolan 54t; Sharon Kermiet 98; David Schmitt 48t; Cathy Van Blerkom 184b; Ryan Lewis 49t; Erik Mason 511t; Thom Fahrbach 497; Luke Sivertson 302; Mike Chaffin 68t; Mary Brandis 567; Amandeep Boyer 105b; Corrie Van Duzer 277; Catie Van Duzer 588; Tom Ivey 494; Judy Van Duzer and Corrie Van Duzer 571; Kirk Boyer 59; Paul Lindholm 273.

RECESS

Joel Igli called the class back to order leading 276. Leaders: Amanda Jokerst 324; Marie Adams and Sharon Kermiet 393; Julia Zaffarano and Megan Kent 45t; Ben Copenhaver 468; Bob Schinske 512; Kate Fine 559; Ryan Lewis 560; Jerry Schreiber 505; Steve Luttinen 318; JR Hardman 55; Alec Jenkins-White 503; Rebecca Edwards 464; Kate Coxon 269; Wren Hyde 144; David Wright 594.

RECESS

Ben Copenhaver called the class back to order leading 511b. Leaders: Ana Tighe 524; Linda Selph 411; Betsy Jeronen 46; Leigh Cooper 210.

The memorial lesson was held at this time. Tom Ivey led 444t for the following sick and shut-ins: Mark Dallas, Concetta Branson, Elaine Zidek, Marianne Davis, Chris Holley, Melanie Hauff, Curtis Owen, Edith Owen, Paul Wilson, and Agnes Roberts. Erik Mason led 86 in memory of the following deceased: Teddy Eastburn and David Muniz—Colorado; Charles Wells, Louise Gervais, Collette Miller, and Bob Tuma—Minnesota; Gordon Lassahn—Idaho; Elizabeth Nussbaum and Jane Goforth—Texas; Gerhart Schwab—Ohio; Jack McCulloh—South Dakota; Pandora Wright—California; Hugh McGraw, B.M. Smith, Earlis McGraw, Johnny Lee, and Dolores Lee—Georgia; Katie Jenks—Washington; Meredith Matlack and Trevor Matuszak—New Mexico; Toney Smith—Alabama; Don Fahrbach—Michigan; and Les Sontag—Illinois.

Leaders: Sophia Schinske and Jonathan Kaufman Scher 565; Erik Schwab 589; Claire Singleton 68b; Adrian Eldridge 133; Evelyn Lamb 514; India Genack 132; Chris Nicholson 264t; Jeff Begley 156; Eva Striebeck 482; Joel Menk 539. Catie Van Duzer offered the prayer before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Thom Fahrbach called the class back to order leading 507t. Leaders: John Wiens 361; William Gilman 401; Rodman Campbell 422t; Sharon Strong 229; Abbie Sorg 47b; Katelyn Krygowski and Corrie Van Duzer 297; Gillian Inksetter 575; Angie Payne and David Wright 581; Jennifer Jones 381t; Ellen Ray 392; Alexa Copeland 140; India Genack 422b; Tom Ivey 380t; JR Hardman 408.

RECESS

Eric Schwab called the class back to order leading 572. Leaders: Chris Nicholson 95t; Kate Fine 541; Eva Striebeck 449; Jerry Schreiber 39; Linda Selph 397; Rebecca Edwards 443; Marie Brandis 38t; Ben Copenhaver and Stephanie Copenhaver 404; Bob Schinske 587; Adrian Eldridge and Stephanie Fida 573; Evelyn Lamb 41.

A business meeting was held to hear committee reports. The Resolutions Committee thanked the officers and all those involved in making the singing possible.

Stephanie Fida made final remarks, and led 62 as the closing song. Catie Van Duzer offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Stephanie Fida; Secretary—Lizzy Van Blerkom

JOHN AND LORAIN BAYER MEMORIAL SINGING

Old German Baptist Brethren Meeting House, New Lebanon, Ohio

Sunday, July 30, 2017

The singing was called to order by Ray Rechenberg leading 40. A business meeting was held and the following officers and committees were acknowledged: Chairman—Ray Rechenberg; Secretaries—Sheila Patterson and Grace Patterson; Treasurer—Vic

Whisman; Chaplain—Jim Herr; Arranging Committee—John Bealle and Michele Cull; Registration—Bonnie Spitzkeit; Memorial Lesson—John delRe. The morning prayer was offered by Jim Herr. Song selections were from *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*, and a book of John Bayer's compositions, *The Dayton Harmonist* (noted as DH).

Leaders: David Casenhiser 354t; Bertha Buttner 65; Shannon Tibbs 106; Jason Mohler 38b; Vic Whisman 84; Greg Creech 33b; Beth Garfinkel 188; Paul Dickerson 236; Rich Overturf 100; Erin Fulton 14 (DH); Sue Duff 276; Karen Roberts 159; Karen Arnett 543; Presley Barker and Barbara Chopin 505; Julie Vea 218.

RECESS

Ben Fink brought the class back to order by leading 29t. Leaders: Sheila Patterson 70b; Earlene Cunningham 282; Debbie Hall 284; Clara Herr 564; Naomi Frick 350; Kris Paprocki 172; Michael Domino 235; Ben Fink 198; Ally Talbot 480; Dan Coppock 214; Dick Patterson 5 (DH); Jo Dell Albi 372; Darrell Swarens 208; Greg Howard 547; Annaliza Cull 155; Judy Hauff 13 (DH); Jan May 21b (DH).

RECESS

Sheila Patterson brought the class back to order by leading 157. Leaders: Nate Zweig 19b (DH); Michele Cull 86.

At this time, John delRe asked for those who wished, to share memories and thoughts of how John and Loraine had influenced them and the Sacred Harp community. After singers shared their memories, John delRe led 32t, and "Vain Prosperity" from *The Dayton Harmonist* in honor of John and Loraine. Ray Rechenberg then led 30b, and "Surp" from *The Dayton Harmonist* as the blessing before dinner.

LUNCH

Ruth Wampler called the class back to order by leading 125. Leaders: Linda Coppock 377; Randy Webber "Bayer"; John Hoerr 189; Jubal Bayer 27 (DH); Rachel Hall 25 (DH); Jim Herr 546; Kelly Macklin 19 (DH); Regina Frick and Bill Angle 21 (DH); Joan Aldridge 269; Sasha Maslanka 38t; Marian Mitchell 71; Cecelia Kramer 311; Hans Bayer 15 (DH); Bill Shetter 178.

RECESS

John Bealle brought the class back to order by leading 75. Leaders: Shawn Fenton 475; Fern Howard 348t; Dave Ressler 536; Ruth Wampler 279; Eddie Mash 285t; Barb Patterson 61; Abby Beavin 58; Beverley Rose Enright 504; Brad Oglesby 339; Jamie Yeats 503; Michael Darby 195; Lori Graber 107; John Seaton 47t; Grace Patterson 278t; Roger Crabtree and Jackson Pietrzak 448t; Eloise Clark 49b; Ann Holzer 146; Susan Zurcher 535; Josh Walton 145t; Tom Kochan 496; Bonnie Spitzkeit 551.

Committee reports were given and announcements were made. The class sang 347 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Jim Herr.

There were seventy-four leaders from fifteen states (Alabama, Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Wisconsin, West Virginia, Virginia, and Vermont) and 1 province (Ontario). There were seventy-seven songs led, and an estimated 132 people in attendance.

Chairman—Ray Rechenberg; Secretaries—Sheila Patterson and Grace Patterson

LACY MEMORIAL **Fuller Cemetery, Ider, Alabama** **Sunday, July 30, 2017**

The annual Lacy Memorial Sacred Harp singing was held on the first fifth Sunday following the fourth of July at Fuller Cemetery, Ider, Alabama. The class was called

to order by Reba Windom and Betty Shepherd leading 59. The opening prayer was offered by Ed Thacker.

Leaders: Reba Windom and Betty Shepherd 101t; Shelby Castillo and Cheyenne Ivey 76b; Michael Thompson 32t; Nathan Rees 56t; Judy Caudle 61; Tom George 48t; Jeannette DePoy 339 (in memory of Ann Weathers); Robert Chambless 163b; Susan Cheronas 300; Chris Ballinger 350; Amber Davis 224; Jackie Tanner 208 (in memory of Aunt Woody); David Ivey 95 (in memory of Margie Lacy); Nate Green and Norma Green 157; Winfred Kerr 548 (in memory of Hugh McGraw); Linda Booth 489 (in memory of Caleb Allred); Aaron Wootten 31t; Angela Myers 131b; Larry Brasher 47t (in memory of Julietta Haynes); Karen Rollins 430 (in memory of B.M. Smith); Larry Ballinger 217; Karen Ivey and Betty Shepherd 216; David Smead 195; Kelsey Ivey 392; Andy Ditzler 403; Lela Crowder 353; Ed Thacker 316 (in memory of Gravis Ballinger); Joyce Walton 325.

RECESS

The class was called back together by Reba Windom and Betty Shepherd leading 270. Leaders: Nicholas Thompson 436; Alex Forsyth 120; Isaac Green 419; Lottie Hinton 32t; Isaac Lloyd 285t; Calum Woods 406; Malachi Lloyd and Gideon Lloyd 277; Alex Makris 119; Eli Hinton 99; Garrett Morton 373; Sarah Trumbore 220; Will Allred and David Ivey 503 (in memory of Caleb Allred); Ezra Lloyd 282; Nathan Stewart 304; Phillip Langley 546; Justin Bowen 181; Reba Windom, Betty Shepherd, Shelby Castillo, Casey Castillo, Garrett Morton, Deborah Morton, Kathy James, Chris Shepherd, Daniel Morton, Dot Crowe, and Avare Gass 157; Hayden Arp 530; Chris Ryan 434; Sasha Huczycyk 197; Lisa Geist 269; Peter Trumbore 480; Judy Chambless 464; Stuart Ivey 498; Susan Harcrow and Sarah Jenkins 454 (for Eloise Wootten); Rodney Ivey 39b; Lisa Bennett 112; Allison Whitener and Grace Whitener 354b; Sharon DuPriest 137; Shane Wootten 222 (for Eloise Wootten); Loyd Ivey 318; Rene Greene 440; Henry Johnson 213b. Henry Johnson asked a blessing before the noon meal at the table.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Reba Windom and Betty Shepherd leading 57 and 172. Leaders: Cindy Tanner 177 (for Johnnie Chafin); David Brodeur 214; Elene Stovall 500; Cecil Roberts 284; Pam Nunn 189; Hubert Nall 192; Lauren Bock 275b; Tom Booth 123t; Rebecca Over 283 (in memory of Earlis McGraw and Hugh McGraw); Buell Cobb 324; David Killingsworth 268; Bridgett Hill Kennedy 319; Jim Neal 477; Richard Ivey 298; Jonathon Smith 200 (in memory of Danny Arms); Richard DeLong 411; Gary Davis and Karen Flagg 565; Elyssa Lloyd 139; Dennis George 232; Emily Stutzman 146; David Jackson 147t; Judy Mincey 301; Jesse P. Karlsberg 88t; Bob Watkins, Reba Windom, and Betty Shepherd 455; John Plunkett 150; Elizabeth Gentry 458; Betty Shepherd, Deborah Morton, and Garrett Morton 274b; Deborah Morton, Rodney Ivey, Garrett Morton, and Betty Shepherd 299; Matt Hinton 151; Reba Windom and Shelby Castillo 542; Reba Windom and Rodney Ivey 30b; Betty Shepherd and Loyd Ivey 511b (CB); Coy Ivey 465 (CB), 384. Reba Windom and Betty Shepherd led 62 as the closing song. Shane Wootten offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Reba Windom; Chairman—Betty Shepherd; Secretaries—Shelby Castillo and Cheyenne Ivey

EUGENE SINGING

Central Lutheran Church, Eugene, Oregon

Saturday, August 5, 2017

The 20th annual Eugene Singing was held in the fellowship hall of the Central Lutheran Church on the first Saturday in August. Jean Murphy called the class to

order at 9:30 a. m. leading 171. Sally Diehm offered the invocation.

The following officers and committee members were elected or appointed to serve: Secretary/Treasurer—Carolyn Flatley-Gilkey; Arranging Committee—Carolyn Flatley-Gilkey, Rachel Foster, Dave Tobin, Suzanne Denker; Memorial Committee—Jean Murphy and Carolyn Flatley-Gilkey.

Leaders: Karen Stingle 203; Kathy Vlach 472; Melissa Stephenson 479; Jane Grant 373; Reed Schilbach 39t; David Landazuri 228; Rodman Campbell 495; Jim Brock 350; Anne Huckins 48t; Nina Hoffman 448b; Jack Lofton 335; Dave Tobin 268; Linda Berkemeier 48b; Carol Barnard 344; Nancy Novotny 421; Rachel Foster 84; Ben Brown 217; Cornelia Stanton 565; Steve Helwig 77b; Martha Sherwood 47b
RECESS

Mark Miller brought the class back to order by leading 77t. Leaders: Carolyn Flatley-Gilkey 142; Pat Coghlan 391; Karen Stingle 503; Suzanne Denker 180; Kathy Vlach 212; Sara Michener 107; Melissa Stephenson 179; Jane Grant 361; Reed Schilbach 297; David Landazuri 148; Rodman Campbell and Jim Brock 66.

Carolyn Flatley-Gilkey conducted the memorial lesson. Jean Murphy led 318 in honor of the following sick and shut-ins: Gene Moore, Gene Organ, Clare Hafner, Concetta Branson, Clare Paris, Ellen Walton, and Laurie Granger.

Carolyn Flatley-Gilkey then led 163b in memory of the following deceased: Lucas Murphy—Oregon; Tom Madden, David Zehra, Mary Rothwell, Adeline Romoser, Bob Karabinus—Texas; Louis Sarno—Central African Republic; Jack Turner, Sally Campbell, Jane Grimaldi, Will Marcotte, Gail B's mom, Steve Lebow; Hugh McGraw—Georgia; Bob Lucke—Montana.

Leaders: Anne Huckins 383; Dave Tobin 410t; Jack Lofton 528; Nina Hoffman 385b; Linda Berkemeier 567; Nancy Novotny 430; Rachel Foster 178; Mark Miller 91. Sally Diehm asked a blessing on the food.

LUNCH

Jean Murphy brought the afternoon session to order leading 312b. Leaders: Cornelia Stanton 87; Audrey Karabinus 496; Ben Brown 86; Steve Helwig 37b; Vicki Morgan 474; Martha Sherwood 65; Karen Stingle 236; Suzanne Denker 189; Pat Coghlan 492; Kathy Vlach 549; Sara Michener 81t; Marci Cutler 31t; Melissa Stephenson 454; Jane Grant 480; David Landazuri 254; Reed Schilbach 501.

RECESS

Anne Huckins brought the class back together leading 551. Leaders: Dave Tobin 198; Rodman Campbell 277; Jack Lofton 443; Nina Hoffman 117; Linda Berkemeier 176t; Nancy Novotny 425; Rachel Foster 532; Cornelia Stanton 99; Audrey Karabinus 146; Vickie Morgan 377; Ben Brown 196; Steve Helwig 213t; Martha Sherwood 53; Karen Stingle 182.

Jean Murphy called for reports from committees. Rachel Foster announced that forty-two people were registered for the singing, and seventy-three songs were sung. She also reported that the expenses of the singing were met. Jean Murphy thanked everyone who made the singing a success. Paula Rogers was thanked for arranging the Friday night social, and Jim Brock was thanked for arranging the Saturday night party.

Dave Tobin offered the closing prayer. Karen Stingle led 155 as the closing song, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Jean Murphy; Secretary—Carolyn Flatley-Gilkey

LUNSFORD AND JOLLY MEMORIAL SINGING **Pacific Beach, California** **Saturday, August 5, 2017**

The 21st annual Lunsford and Jolly Memorial Singing (renamed in 2014) was held at

Christ Lutheran Church in Pacific Beach, California. The class was called to order at 10:10 a.m. by Mairye Bates leading 479. Midge Harder offered the opening prayer. A business meeting was held, and the following officers and committee members were elected or appointed: Chairperson—Mairye Bates; Vice Chairperson—India Genack; Secretaries—Judy Getrich and Mimi Wright; Arranging Committee—Judy Getrich and Mimi Wright; Resolutions—Laura Boyd Russell and Carla Smith. Leaders: India Genack 276; Judy Getrich 228; Mimi Wright 39t; Midge Harder 50b; Jerry Schreiber 474; Kate Mullinger 142; Inga Huebner 313b; Mary Rose O’Leary 312b; Rick Russell 99; Laura Boyd Russell 270; Alison Fisher 128.

RECESS

India Genack led 171 to bring the class back together. Leaders: Kathy Sawada 497; Jeff Begley 111b; Marilyn Murata 423; David Olson 102; Peter Stenshoel 163t; Karen Mathews 147b; Carla Smith 163b; Midge Harder 224; Inga Huebner 361; Jerry Schreiber 362; Mary Rose O’Leary 113; Kate Mullinger 296; Rick Russell 297.

RECESS

India Genack led 31b to bring the class back together. Leaders: Laura Boyd Russell 335; Larry Arnstein 347; Elisabeth Poss and Jeff Begley 277; Sean Francis Conway 426t; Alison Fisher 112; Mimi Wright 31t; Kathy Sawada 83t; Carla Smith 82t; Jeff Begley 134; Marilyn Murata 200; David Olson 318; Karen Mathews 28t.

LUNCH

India Genack brought the class back together leading 135. Leaders: Peter Stenshoel 530; Midge Harder 159; Randy Ritter 178; Inga Huebner 56b; Mary Rose O’Leary 215; Mairye Bates 236; Rick Russell 183; Kate Mullinger 42; Laura Boyd Russell 319; Sean Francis Conway 33b; Larry Arnstein 198; Mimi Wright 532; Alison Fisher 410t; Carla Smith 411; Kathy Sawada 547.

RECESS

Judy Getrich led 350 to bring the class back together. Leaders: Mairye Bates 59; India Genack 84; Jeff Begley 477; Duane Gruber and Susan Willis-Powers 189; David Olson 340; Marilyn Murata 176t; Midge Harder 288; Peter Stenshoel 480; Sean Francis Conway 294; Larry Arnstein 473; Inga Huebner 323b; Susan Willis-Powers 556; India Genack 274t.

Mairye Bates led a session of remembrance, during which singers shared memories and stories about Carroll Lunsford and Don and Marilou Jolly. Jerry Schreiber talked movingly about the legacy of Hugh McGraw. Singers also made short comments of remembrance as they led songs throughout the singing. Laura Boyd Russell and Carla Smith offered a resolutions poem in long meter, which everyone enjoyed. Following committee reports and announcements, Jerry Schreiber led 365.

Mairye Bates led 62 as the closing song. Midge Harder offered a prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Mairye Bates; Vice Chairman—India Genack; Secretaries—Judy Getrich and Mimi Wright

CHATTAHOOCHEE CONVENTION

Wilson’s Chapel, Carrollton, Georgia

August 5-6, 2017

Saturday, August 5

The 165th session of the Chattahoochee Convention was held on the first Sunday and Saturday before in August, at Wilson’s Chapel, Cross Plains, Georgia. Sheri Taylor called the class to order by leading 56b. Jeannette DePoy offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Laura Frey 47b; Donna Duke 159; Robert Kelley 165; Judy Chambless 464;

John Plunkett 405; Jeannette DePoy 37b; David Brodeur 127; Joyce Walton 39b; Aldo Ceresa 132; Helen Bryson 492; Fred Eady 192; Andy Morse 377; Henry Johnson 289; Lela Crowder 124; Winfred Kerr 59; Andy Ditzler 64; Samuel Williams 272; Faye Hollis 99; Robert Chambless 494; Dan Brittain 309.

RECESS

Jenna Frey called the class to order by leading 358. Leaders: Mike Richards 36b; Jerusha Wheeler 300; Bill Hollingsworth 180; Lisa Bennett 266; Leanne Carter 63; Rebecca Over 397; Charles Woods 197; David Smead 567; Ben Shirley 232; John Hollingsworth 36; Justin Bowen 179; Johnathon Kelso 285b; Philip Denney and Gayle Denney 129; Michael Thompson 198; Eva Striebeck 213t; Lydia Lewallen 379; Don Keeton 489; Brenda Dunlap 61; Isaac Green 411.

RECESS

The convention was called into a business session. The following were elected officers for the 2017 session: Chairman—Sheri Taylor; Vice Chairmen—Laura Frey and Lisa Webb; Secretary—Donna Duke; Chaplains—Jeannette DePoy and Johnathon Kelso; Arranging Committee—Robert Kelley and Jenna Frey; Finance Committee—Lori Goode and Joyce Heath; Resolutions Committee—Aldo Ceresa and John Plunkett; Memorial Committee—Richard DeLong and Rebecca Over. Leaders: Simon Filbrum 503; Oscar McGuire 573; Joyce Heath 107; Tony Hammock 267; Lori Goode 176b; Don Bowen 510; Jonathon Smith 428; Lauren Bock 349; Susan Cheronos 564; Michael Spencer 166; Brittany Thompson 282; Nathan Rees 449; Judy Mincey 571; Karen Rollins 222.

LUNCH

Sheri Taylor and Laura Frey brought the class to order leading 178. Leaders: Jesse Karlsberg 189; Kathy Williams 291; Matt Hinton 217; Jesse Roberts 240; Erica Hinton 372; Richard DeLong 419; Anna Hinton 455; Gene Duke and Michele Morgan 111t; Eli Hinton 82t; Gary Davis and Karen Flagg 480; Amy Marsee Callahan 106; Sadie Bagley 146; Lydia Lewallen 406; Mike Richards 389; Lisa Webb 361; Eva Striebeck 465; Ben Shirley 113; Rebecca Over and Dan Brittain 353; Dan Brittain 472; Brenda Dunlap 103; Jonathon Smith 102; Lauren Bock and Isaac Green 434; Henry Johnson 288; Aldo Ceresa 475.

RECESS

Leaders: Robert Kelley 501; Susan Cheronos 481; Brittany Thompson 112; Winfred Kerr 500; Christian Webb 294; Johnathon Kelso 284; Fred Eady 236; Andy Morse 542; Simon Filbrum 245; Don Bowen and Lisa Bennett 549; Aldo Ceresa and Michael Thompson 322. Sheri Taylor led 340 for Lovie Boyd, who will be 100 years old in September. Ms. Boyd has been attending the convention for at least seventy years.

Sheri Taylor, Lisa Webb, Laura Frey, and Christian Webb led 323t as the closing song. Johnathon Kelso dismissed the class with prayer.

Sunday, August 6

The Sunday session of the Chattahoochee Convention was brought to order by Sheri Taylor leading 142. Jeannette DePoy offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Laura Frey 178; Donna Duke 503; David Brodeur 119; Karen Rollins 95; Robert Chambless 225t; Cecil Roberts 138b; Daniel Williams 196; Judy Chambless 549; Andy Ditzler 301; Gary Davis and Karen Flagg 565; Jim Neal 81t; Aldo Ceresa 175; David Smead 154; Michael Spencer 393; Jeannette DePoy 111b; Samuel Williams 123t.

RECESS

Leaders: Lisa Webb 421; Lisa Bennett 419; Winfred Kerr 516; Darlene Moak 278t; Kathy Williams 336; Oscar McGuire and Lisa Bennett 485; Brenda Dunlap 538; Amy Wells 354b; Bryan Black 505; Michael Thompson 385b; Eva Striebeck 138t;

Dan Brittain 302; Chris Parris 358.

RECESS

Leaders: Jenna Frey 408; John Plunkett 467; Lori Goode 146; Richard DeLong 428; Ben Fink 387; Lydia Lewallen 568.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Rebecca Over and Richard DeLong.

Rebecca read the following: Now we come to the time when we pause to think about those who are sick and unable to be with us today. We also think of those who are caring for them. Many of us have experienced the joy that cards, phone calls, emails, and visits from singers can bring when we have been stuck at home unwell, unable to do the one thing (singing) that would make us feel better. We may also have gone to visit a fellow singer to cheer them up and come away much uplifted ourselves when we least expected it. Another thing we do is to put people's names on the list of sick and shut-ins, or housebound as we say in the U.K., and we read these names at conventions and singings. We take time to think of these people, and their names are recorded in the minutes. This tradition transcends the boundaries of countries and continents. Back in 2012, when I had to cancel the first ever trip to sing in Georgia due to severe laryngitis, I was greatly comforted by the fact that someone put my name on the sick and shut-ins list at the Georgia State Convention, all the more so because most of the singers there had never even met me. Earlis McGraw was delighted with a card sent from the Irish Convention, signed by singers from all over the world. By including people's names on the list we very likely bring them more comfort and consolation than we will ever know. The people who we hold in our hearts today are Eloise Wootten, Mike Taylor, Larry Smith, Agnes Roberts, Robby Rivers, Louise Holland, Pat Kierbow, Tim Morse, Chris Holley, Jen Heath, Concetta Branson, and Julie Vea. Rebecca led 330b in their honor.

Richard DeLong read the following list of names of the deceased: Gravis Ballinger—Alabama; Bob Bonnell—Florida; Hugh McGraw, Geneva Prichard, Johnny Lee, Delorese Lee, B.M. Smith, Glenda Yancey, Harold DeLong, Elder Larry Keaton, Gail Jackson, and Lynn Key—Georgia; John Lewallen—North Carolina; Erin Harris and Daniel Summerlin—Tennessee. Richard led songs 381 and 153 in memory of the deceased. Samuel Williams closed the memorial session with prayer.

Leaders: Erica Hinton 131b; Dan Edwards 30b; Ben Shirley 313b; Anna Hinton 383.

LUNCH

Laura Frey and Jenna Frey began the afternoon session by leading 163b. Leaders: Matt Hinton 114; Mike Richards 328; Johnathon Kelso 203; Anders Wells 99; Rebecca Over 527; Mark Puckett, Leighanna Beatenbough, and Haley Beatenbough 35; Rosemarie Yntema 269; Lottie Hinton 32t; Eli Hinton 65; Robert Kelley 536; Gene Duke 569b; Aldo Ceresa 548; Bryan Black, David Brodeur, and Andy Ditzler 344; Michael Thompson 89; Brenda Dunlap 433; Eva Striebeck 215; Christian Webb 156; Chris Parris and Bryan Black 282; Ben Shirley 191; Dan Edwards 73t; Lydia Lewallen and Mike Richards 100; Lisa Webb 168; Ben Fink 49b.

RECESS

Sheri Taylor led 528. The convention went into a business session. Committee reports were read as follows: Lori Goode reported for the Finance Committee, thanking the class for their contributions and generosity. May the Lord bless you for a giving heart.

Aldo Ceresa and John Plunkett, Resolutions Committee, gave the following resolution: On behalf of the 165th session of the Chattahoochee Sacred Harp Musical Convention, we thank: God, for the gift of music and in particular for the gift of the Sacred Harp tradition; the Wilson family for all that they do in preparation for this convention and for maintaining the property throughout the year; all of the officers for ensuring that we have a smooth running convention; all

those who have supported the convention by bringing food for our lunch and for those who have donated other resources to aid in the success of the convention; the people that keyed for the convention and for the singers who have traveled from near and far to attend and sing and have made this convention a great success. We do hereby resolve that we will make every effort to return for the 166th session, to be held on the first Sunday and Saturday before in August, 2018. Respectfully submitted, Aldo Ceresa and John Plunkett. Motion was made and carried that the reports be accepted, and added to the convention's minutes.

Leaders: Michael Spencer 205; John Plunkett 167; Kathy Williams 208; Winfred Kerr 314; Daniel Williams 74t; Lisa Bennett 391; Jeannette DePoy 460; Jim Neal 389; Rebecca Over 176t; Samuel Williams 171; Richard DeLong 399b; David Smead 228; Gary Davis and Karen Flag 426t.

Announcements were made. Sheri Taylor, Laura Frey and Lisa Webb, Jenna Frey, and Riley Webb led 62 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer offered by Johnathon Kelso.

Chairman—Sheri Taylor; Vice Chairmen—Laura Frey and Lisa Webb; Secretary—Donna Duke

FAYETTE COUNTY CONVENTION **Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church, Fayette, Alabama** **Sunday, August 6, 2017**

The 118th session of the Fayette County Sacred Harp Singing Convention was held at Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church near Fayette, Alabama, on the first Sunday in August. Chris Ballinger called the class to order by leading 56t. Earl Ballinger offered the opening prayer.

Following welcoming comments, the class organized by electing or appointing the following officers to serve: Chairman—Chris Ballinger; Vice Chairman—Lisa Geist, Secretary—Amanda Hardiman; Arranging Officer—Amber Davis.

Leaders: Chris Ballinger 215 (in memory of Gravis Ballinger); Lisa Geist 112, 492; Amanda Hardiman 454, 84; Amber Davis 78 (in memory of Gravis Ballinger), 192; Eddie Mash 28b, 455; Lilly Underwood 29t, 445; Mike Hankins 168, 546; Zilpha Cornett 480; Nathan Stewart 212; Paula Picton 384; Albert Humber 313t; Cheyenne Ivey and Loyd Ivey 222 (for Eloise Wootten); Glenn Keeton 475; Lauren Bock 477; Jared Wootten and Loyd Ivey 318; Lomax Ballinger 268; Linda Sides 182.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Larry Ballinger leading 101t. Leaders: Richard Mauldin 446; Juanita Beasley and Marlin Beasley 61; Jonathon Smith 165; Anna Grace Sipe 47b; Isaac Green 419 (for Ozella Blackmon); Earl Ballinger 217; Ann Jett 141; Jack Pate 75; Kelsey Ivey 314; Nathan Rees 371; Linton Ballinger 299; Marty Wootten 276; Shelby Castillo 500; Justin Bowen 123t; Sonya Sipe 32t; Buddy Ballinger 354b; Nicholas Thompson and Lisa Geist 304.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Jesse Karlsberg leading 377. Leaders: Betty Baccus 387; Jimmy Ballinger 565; Rodney Ivey 234; Beth Wallace 560 (for Artie Ballinger); Henry McGuire 92; Richard Ivey 399b; Delone Cobbs 33b; Reba Windom 436; David Ballinger 340; Loyd Ivey 424; Hubert Nall 186; Jill Porter and Ella Porter 45t. Buddy Ballinger asked a blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Chris Ballinger leading 120. Leaders: Buell Cobb 325; Elene Stovall 142; David Ivey 456; Nicholas Holmes 47t; Julie Poston 34b; Yancey Jett and Ann Jett 440; Marlece Ray and Larry Ballinger 426b; Wayne Baines 155; Teresa Westmoreland 220; David Jackson 108t; Bridgett Hill Kennedy 181;

Marlin Beasley 77t; Louise Jager 569b; Larry Ballinger 551, 528; Lauren Bock and Jesse P. Karlsberg 362; Eddie Mash and Linton Ballinger 86; Justin Bowen 442; Henry McGuire 327; Isaac Green 170; Nathan Stewart 316; Nathan Rees and Jonathon Smith 228; Cheyenne Ivey and Rodney Ivey 348b; Loyd Ivey and Lilly Underwood 512; David Ivey, Richard Ivey, Kelsey Ivey, and Everett Ivey 425; Shelby Castillo and Reba Windom 196; Paula Picton 300.

After announcements, Chris Ballinger led 46 as the closing song. Richard Mauldin offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Chris Ballinger; Vice Chairman—Lisa Geist, Secretary—Amanda Hardiman

CALHOUN COUNTY MUSICAL ASSOCIATION **Bethel Primitive Baptist Church, Bruce, Mississippi** **Saturday, August 12, 2017**

The 140th annual session of the Calhoun County Musical Association was convened at Bethel Primitive Baptist Church on Saturday before the second Sunday in August. The class was called to order by Drew McGuire leading 31b and 34b. Earl Ballinger offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Nathan Stewart 33b, 171; Lisa Geist 527, 472; Mike Hawkins 72b, 111b; Earl Ballinger 112, 120 (both in memory of Gravis Ballinger); Nicholas Thompson 269, 200; Bentley Rose 282, 354b; Chris Ballinger 270, 512; Sarah Trumbore 349, 224; Andy Davis 196, 198; Warren Steel 205, 419; John Van Horn 410t, 172; Amber Davis 215, 300 (both in memory of Gravis Ballinger); Darlene Reynolds and Henry McGuire 486t (WB), 511 (WB) (in memory of Hugh Bill McGuire).

RECESS

Henry McGuire called the class together leading 434 (WB). Leaders: Tom George 44, 406; Dorothea Maynard 383, 442; Robert Earl Alexander 124, 75; Larry Ballinger 78, 97; Will McGuire 40, 181; Shelby Castillo and Nicholas Thompson 216 (for Eloise Wootten), 436.

RECESS

Drew McGuire called the class together leading 222. Leaders: Theresa Westmoreland 455, 126; Arlon Gardner 481, 285t (in memory of his parents); Henry McGuire 492 (WB), 544 (WB); Mark Davis 204, 428; Wilma Mitchell 39t, 480; Drew McGuire 53 (for Fred Hawkins).

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Drew McGuire leading 423. Leaders: Nathan Stewart 234 (for Eloise Wootten); Lisa Geist 528; Mike Hawkins 168; Arlon Gardner 454; Earl Ballinger 439; Theresa Westmoreland 170; Nicholas Thompson 189; Andy Davis 142; Henry McGuire 362; Shelby Castillo 430; Amber Davis 391; Darlene Reynolds 212; Tom George 217, 502; Sarah Trumbore 348b, 208; Mark Davis 327; Warren Steel 355; Nicholas Thompson and Shelby Castillo 426b (for Eloise); Theresa Westmoreland and Amber Davis 192; Tom George and Sarah Trumbore 422; Mel Maynard and Dorothea Maynard 47b; Drew McGuire 63 (for Fred Hawkins).

In a brief business session, Drew McGuire was reelected as chairman. He appointed Arlon Gardner and Nathan Stewart as delegates to the State Convention. After the business session, announcements were made.

Drew McGuire led 46 as the closing song. Earl Ballinger offered the closing prayer. Chairman—Drew McGuire; Secretary—Nathan Stewart

EAST KENTUCKY SINGING
Calvary Campus, Letcher, Kentucky
Saturday, August 12, 2017

The first East Kentucky All-Day Singing at Calvary Campus was held on the second Saturday in August. Paul Adams called the class to order leading a lined-out version of “Precious Memories”. The morning prayer was offered by Joseph Crouse.

The following officers were elected: Chairman—Ben Fink; Vice Chairpersons—Zelma Forbes and Gwen Johnson; Arranging Committee—AuCo Lai and Laura Densmore; Secretary/Treasurer—Stephanie Devine; Chaplain—Joseph Crouse. Leaders: Ben Fink 128; Gwen Johnson 159; Zelma Forbes 45t; Ray Turner 300; Dolores Holbrook 457; Ron Pen 146; Aaron Jones 29b; Linda Coppal 142; Eddie Mash 365; Greta Combs 148; Jim Coppock 147t; Donna Kwon 497; Evan Druce 480.

RECESS

Tim Morton called the class back to order. Leaders: Aaron Jones 68b; Mary Brinkman 313b; Zachary Davis 334; Leslie Booher 274b; Greg Creech 33b; Barbara Hoenstein 504; Curtis Cook 350; Janell Draper 74b; John Plunkett 492; Laura Densmore 315; David Carlton 183; Bev Carlile 133; Kevin Bullock 562; Stephanie Devine 155; Ben Fink and Stephanie Devine 299.

RECESS

John Hoerr called the class back to order leading 186. Leaders: Erin Fulton 33t; JR Hardman 512; John Hoerr 162; Tim Morton 548; Donna Kwon 47b; Ron Pen 455; Delores Holbrook 282; Ben Fink 254; Greta Combs 454; Paul Adams 268; AuCo Lai and Keith Sansoni 270.

LUNCH

Delores Holbrook, Brandon Fleming, Zelma Forbes, and Ben Fink called the class back to order leading “Marching to Zion”. Leaders: Chris Wilhelm 474; Brandon Fleming 34b; Ray Turner 523; Leslie Booher 163b; Greg Creech 86; Kevin Bullock 448t; Laura Densmore 542; John Plunkett 53; Barbara Hoenstein 515; Eddie Mash 556; JR Hardman 456; David Carlton 272; Curtis Cook 178; Janell Draper 228; Evan Druce 312b; Linda Coppell 114; Beth Garfinkel 188; Aaron Jones 209.

RECESS

The officers of the singing called the class back to order leading “Sweet Beulah Land”. Leaders: Zachary Davis 56b; AuCo Lai 82t; Barbara Hoenstein 444; Zelma Forbes 36t; Chris Wilhelm 500; Laura Densmore 201; Kevin Bullock 344; JR Hardman 112; Eddie Mash 383; John Plunkett 446.

Leslie Booher led 473 as the closing song. Joseph Crouse offered the closing prayer. Chairman—Ben Fink; Vice Chairpersons—Zelma Forbes and Gwen Johnson; Secretary—Stephanie Devine

EAST TEXAS SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION
(COOPER BOOK)

Henderson Civic Center, Henderson, Texas

August 12-13, 2017

Saturday, August 12

The 162nd session of The East Texas Sacred Harp Convention met at the Henderson Civic Center in Henderson, Texas, on the second Sunday and Saturday before in August. The class was called to order by Sam Craig leading 32t. The opening prayer was offered by Elder Robert Vaughn.

Leaders: John Morris 186; Ryan Ross 172; Craig Averill 268t; Linda Booker 38t; Vivian Rogan 559; Alex Forsyth 98; Winfred Kerr 36b; Kathy Williams 395t;

Priscilla Wiggins 365; Seth Pedersen 505; Findley Ross 40; Catherine Rogan 192; Gaylon Powell 137; Rebecca Over 344; Gary Rogan 276; Lisa Matt 61; Troxel Ballou 148; Owen Ross 383; Leland Ross and Larkin Ross 277; Janie Short 140; Bridgett Hill Kennedy 536; Leon Ballinger 280; Clydene Pekrul 328; Jerry Ryan 274t; Bob McLemore 282; Aubrey Barfield 86. Mayor Pat Brack gave the singers a warm welcome from the city before recess.

RECESS

Sam Craig led 100 to bring class back to order. Leaders: Ellen Ray 39; Robert Chambless 508; Syd Caldwell 384; Brody Ross 183; Judy Chambless 165; Stanley Smith 380t; Sonny Erwin and Rodney Ivey 464; Judy Caudle 477; Ainsley Ross 59; Carter Cook 203; Karen Rollins 387; Evelyn Lamb 182; Michele Curran 416b; Rodney Ivey 133; Cory Winters 414; Vicki Cook 132; Sarah Huckaby 522; Scott Curran 269; Angela Myers 319; Silas Huckaby 217; Hoss Curran 60; Ellee Curran 367. Rev. Owen Ross asked a blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Sam Craig led 57 to bring class back to order. Leaders: Cheryl Foreman 108b; Lloyd Wright 288; Sonya Kirkham 54t; Margaret Wright 53; Peggy S. Ray 571; Rick Foreman 50t; Chris Nicholson 293b; Joan Smith 395b; David Rousseau 159; Ron Bernucho 463; Kris Wiggins 30b; Robert Vaughn 343; Kristie Powell 514; Diane Ross 434; Jim Lazenby 361; Donald Ross 419.

RECESS

Sam Craig led 75 to bring class back to order. Leaders: Dennis George 392; Rodney Ivey 465; Karen Rollins 168; Evelyn Lamb 273; Cheyenne Ivey 511b; Bridgett Hill Kennedy 450; Donald Ross 28b; Judy Caudle 356; Rebecca Over 516; Stanley Smith 404; Chris Nicholson 264t; Diane Ross 95b; Kris Wiggins 163t; Angela Myers 220; Ron Bernucho 239; Cheryl Foreman 478; Alex Forsyth 138t; Janie Short 142; Rick Foreman 543. Sam Craig led 285t as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Rev. Charles Nunnally.

Saturday night, August 12

Approximately 25 singers enjoyed a meal of homemade TexMex food at the Civic Center. After the meal they sang two new compositions, “Starry Skies” (by Robert Vaughn) and “Sweet Fields” (by Cory Winters), as well as song selections from *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*. The evening was enjoyed by all in attendance.

Sunday, August 13

The Sunday session of the East Texas Sacred Harp Convention was called to order by Sam Craig leading 49t. The opening prayer was offered by Stanley Smith. Leaders: Robert Vaughn 288; Alex Forsyth 416t; Clydene Pekrul 587; Crystal Meadows 99; Darlene Reynolds and Bentley Rose 282; Janie Short 230; Rodney Ivey 567; Corinne Ducey 30b; Karen Rollins 136; Linda Booker 107; Henry McGuire 540; Vicki Cook 155; Carter Cook 132; Drew McGuire 552; Judy Chambless 574; Brody Ross 53; Leon Ballinger 297; Robert Chambless 72; Porter James 286b; Ryan Ross 196; Kathy Williams 222.

RECESS

Sam Craig led 553 to bring class back to order. Leaders: Aubrey Barfield 594; Rebecca Short 159; Findley Ross 67; Dennis George 520; Winfred Kerr 146; Cheyenne Ivey 573; Linda Booker 393; Cory Winters 112; Syd Caldwell, Stanley Smith, and Bonnie Brunner Wood 575; Craig Averill 47b; Angela Myers 272; Rebecca Over 210; Judy Caudle 268b; Bridgett Hill Kennedy 31t; Evelyn Lamb 468; Cheryl Foreman and Abby Huckaby 392.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Gary Rogan, Gaylon Powell, and Donald Ross. Gaylon Powell read the poem “The Christian’s Hope”. Gary Rogan read the names of the following sick and shut-ins: Tammy Powell, Dale Redmon, Jr., Adelaide

Vaughn, Curtis Owen, Edith Owen, Myrl Jones, Jo Redmon Miller, Frank Price, Dorothy Price, Chris Holley, Daphene Causey, Azalea Barnett, Tommie Spurlock, Nate Green, Norma Green, Marion Rousseau Grant, and Ron and Suzann Bernucho's son. He led 45t in their honor.

Donald Ross read the following list of names of the deceased: Ruth Redmon, Jane Goforth, Ron Ryan, Casey Polk, and F.E. (Ab) Abernethy—Texas; Hugh McGraw, Johnny Lee, Delorese Lee, and B.M. Smith—Georgia; Gravis Ballinger, Eloise Wootten, and Caleb Allred—Alabama; John Bayer—Ohio; Lois Graney and Madean Lunsford—Arkansas; Bob Bonnell—Florida. He led 512 in their memory. Gaylon Powell closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Chris Nicholson 96; Rick Foreman 45b. Robert Vaughn asked a blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Sam Craig brought class back to order leading 528b. Leaders: Ellen Ray 278b; Ainsley Ross 145t; Michele Curran 215; Henry McGuire 563; Diane Ross 299; Corinne Ducey 524; Crystal Meadows 142; Porter James 332; Sarah Huckaby 442t; Kristie Powell 131t; Drew McGuire 131b; Silas Huckaby 189; Scott Curran 64; Sonny Erwin 569; Gaylon Powell 370; Gary Rogan 558; Hoss Curran 274t; Ellee Curran 146; Lisa Matt 449; Vivian Rogan 508; Catherine Rogan 182; Donald Ross 507b; John Morris 463; Joan Smith 341; David Rousseau 447t; Sonya Kirkham 70b; Peggy S. Ray 199; Robert Vaughn 436b; Cory Winters 269; Craig Averill 276; Henry McGuire 171; Crystal Meadows 168; Evelyn Lamb 482; Drew McGuire 380t; Porter James 590; Corinne Ducey 271b; Sarah Huckaby and Silas Huckaby 216.

There were 282 people in attendance from thirteen states and one other country (England). During the convention, seventy-five leaders led 172 songs.

Sam Craig led 440b as the closing song. Syd Caldwell offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Sam Craig; Vice Chairman—Robert Vaughn; Secretary—Carole Watts

INDIANA STATE FAIR SINGING

Pioneer Village at the Fairgrounds, Indianapolis, Indiana

Sunday, August 13, 2017

The 14th annual Indiana State Fair Singing was called to order by Brad Bahler and Darrell Swarens leading 335. Leaders: John Hoerr 33b; Karen Bahler 155; James Eldridge 99; Hollan Potts 117; Rob Bahler 56b; Virginia Eldridge 445; Samuel Sommers 165; Beth Garfinkel 201; John Bahler 84; Barb Lund 178; Kathrine Eldridge 100; Nate Zweig 318; Cindy Beale 203; Brad Bahler 192; Julia Hess and Darrell Swarens 148; Cindy Brubaker 276; Darrell Swarens 128; John Bahler and Deborah Koons 47b; Darrell Swarens and Bill Bailey 236; Kathrine Eldridge and Darrell Swarens 45t.

The singing continued with Adrian Eldridge and Samuel Sommers leading 334. Leaders: John Bahler 212; Cindy Beale 217; Daren Bahler and Jude Odell 159; Beth Garfinkel 284; Rob Bahler 345b; John Bahler 448t; Virginia Eldridge 472; Cindy Beale 40; Darrell Swarens 208; Brad Bahler 550; James Eldridge 419; Cindy Brubaker 268; Nate Zweig 146; Samuel Sommers 386; Katherine Eldridge and Darrell Swarens 77t; Brad Bahler and John Bahler 168; Adrian Eldridge and James Eldridge 332. Brad Bahler thanked all, including Bill Bailey with the Pioneer Village at the Indiana State Fair. Brad Bahler and Darrell Swarens led 62 as the class took the parting hand. Adrian Eldridge closed the singing with prayer.

Chairman—Brad Bahler; Co-Chairman—John Hoerr; Secretary—Samuel Sommers

B.M. SMITH MEMORIAL SINGING
Midway Primitive Baptist Church, Armuchee, Georgia
Saturday, August 19, 2017

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at Midway Primitive Baptist Church on Saturday before the third Sunday in August was called to order by Hayden Arp leading 101t. Elder Jesse Roberts offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Hayden Arp 32t; Isaac Green 545; Don Bowen 475 (in memory of B.M. Smith); Karen Rollins 297; Micah Roberts 34t; Nicholas Thompson 318 (in memory of B.M. Smith); Helen Bryson 546; Andy Ditzler 177; Elizabeth Gentry 270; Jesse Roberts 472; Rebecca Over 383 (for Syd Caldwell); Henry Johnson 147b; Rodney Ivey 222; Reba Windom 176b; Michael Thompson 204; Philip Denney 535; Nancy Novotny 392; John Plunkett 205; Cecil Roberts 284; Shane Burris 282; Eschol Hughes 316.

A business meeting was held and the following officers and committee members were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Hayden Arp; Vice Chairman—Isaac Green; Secretary—Cindy Tanner; Arranging Committee—Isaac Green and Cindy Tanner. A motion was made and carried to change the name of the singing to the B.M. Smith Memorial Singing. Also, the starting time for the singing will be 10:00 a.m. The meeting was closed.

RECESS

Hayden Arp led 322 to bring the class back together. Leaders: April Watkins 53; Nate Green and Norma Green 347 (in memory of Betty and Willard Wright); Ed Thacker 498 (in memory of Hugh McGraw and B.M. Smith); Judy Mincey 176t; David Brodeur 413 (in memory of B.M. Smith); Susan Cheronos 564 (in memory of Eloise Wootten); Bob Watkins 454 (in memory of Eloise Wootten and B.M. Smith); Kathy Williams 464; Cindy Tanner 217; Tom George 102; Karis Askin 448b; Tonya Edmundson and Tom George 40; Shane Wootten 317; Wanda Capps 298; Taylor Watkins 146; Jeannette DePoy 99; Loyd Ivey 97; Ann Jett 269; Justin Bowen 291; Shelby Castillo 299; Jason Stanford 568.

At this time, members of the Sacred Harp Publishing Company presented a plaque of appreciation to Margie Smith, honoring B.M. Smith for his contributions to the preservation and promotion of Sacred Harp singing. Margie Smith and Rodney Ivey led 225t in memory of B.M. Smith.

Leaders: Isaac Green 340; Micah Roberts 138b; Karis Askin 186; Karen Rollins and Rodney Ivey 365; Eschol Hughes 100; Wanda Capps 187. Elder Jesse Roberts asked a blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Isaac Green leading 123t. Leaders: Henry Johnson 109; David Brodeur 137; Nancy Novotny 428; Nate Green and Norma Green 418; Susan Cheronos 349; Andy Ditzler 441; Taylor Watkins 445; John Plunkett 94; Nicholas Thompson 128; Pam Nunn 283 (for Daphene Causey); Jesse Roberts 189.

Karen Rollins conducted the memorial lesson. She talked about the importance of the time set aside to honor those who cannot be present. She read the following list of names of the deceased: B.M. Smith, Hugh McGraw, Mike Taylor, Eloise Wootten, Johnny Lee, Delorese Lee, George Snyder, Toney Smith, Lavoy Smith, and Gravis Ballinger. Karen then read the following list of names of the sick and shut-ins: Concetta Branson, Michael Appert, Evan Maynor, Sarah Wilson, Betty Wilson, Velton Chafin, Johnnie Chafin, Chris Holley, and Agnes Roberts. She led 70t. Elder Jesse Roberts closed the memorial service with prayer.

Leaders: Rebecca Over 381; Justin Bowen 410b; April Watkins and Cindy Tanner 155; Michael Thompson and Shane Wootten 70b; Reba Windom 208; Tonya

Edmundson and Tom George 68b; Bob Watkins 480; Philip Denney and Nicholas Thompson 120; Ann Jett, Wanda Capps, and Cindy Tanner 327; Jason Stanford and Joanna Ward 268; Elizabeth Gentry 338; Ed Thacker 532; Cecil Roberts 42; Judy Mincey 149 (in memory of George Snyder); Shane Burris 163b; Don Bowen 39b; Hayden Arp 290 (requested by Margaret Thacker).

Announcements were made. Hayden Arp and Isaac Green led 323t as the closing song. Elder Jesse Roberts dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Hayden Arp; Vice Chairman—Isaac Green; Secretary—Cindy Tanner

CENTRAL NEW JERSEY SINGING

Reformed Church of Highland Park, Highland Park, New Jersey

Saturday, August 19, 2017

The 5th annual Central New Jersey Singing was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Nancy Mandel leading 204 (ShH). Guy Bankes offered the opening prayer.

Leaders selected songs from *The Shenandoah Harmony* during the morning sessions and songs from *The Sacred Harp* (1991) during the afternoon sessions. Leaders: Leon Pulsinelle 57 (ShH); Rachel Speer 385 (ShH); Guy Bankes 43t (ShH); Dean Jens 236t (ShH); Myles Dakan 105 (ShH); Ben Hartland 96t (ShH); Molly Dektar 170 (ShH); Lamar Matthew 119t (ShH); Evelyn Saylor 333 (ShH); Joshua Wright 264b (ShH); Kelly Macklin 182 (ShH); Harry Scott 276b (ShH); Jessica Keyes 129t (ShH); Stefani Priskos 146 (ShH).

RECESS

Kelly Macklin called the class back together by leading 34 (ShH). Leaders: Jesse Krikorian 15 (ShH); Ben Sachs-Hamilton 6 (ShH); Leyland delRe 38 (ShH); Chris Cotter 3b (ShH); John delRe 7t (ShH); Nancy Mandel 7 (ShH); Nora Miller 122 (ShH); Krista Guerrieri 113 (ShH); Kevin Griffin Moreno 112 (ShH); Katy Hunter 381 (ShH); Lamar Matthew 260t (ShH); Molly Dektar 140 (ShH); Kelly Macklin 154 (ShH); Joshua Wright 408b (ShH).

RECESS

Nora Miller led 418t (ShH) to bring the class back together. Leaders: Leon Pulsinelle 89b (ShH); Rachel Speer 143 (ShH); Guy Bankes 76t (ShH); Stefani Priskos 403b (ShH); Jesse Krikorian 78 (ShH); Dan Hunter 32 (ShH); Evelyn Saylor 158t (ShH); Ben Hartland 411 (ShH); Ben Sachs-Hamilton 114 (ShH); Chris Cotter 196 (ShH); Nora Miller 330b (ShH); Kevin Griffin Moreno 266 (ShH); Krista Guerrieri 218b (ShH); John delRe 49 (ShH). Kelly Macklin asked a blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session included song selections from *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*.

Dan Hunter called the class to order by leading 343. Leaders: Jesse Krikorian 564; Dean Jens 565; Leyland delRe 71; Joshua Wright 68b; Leon Pulsinelle and Marilyn Riley 112; Katy Hunter 573; Kevin Griffin Moreno 326; Evelyn Saylor 505; Claire Simon 547; Ben Hartland 114; Nora Miller 271t; Harry Scott 542; Nancy Mandel 440; Stefani Priskos 29t; Guy Bankes 28t; Myles Dakan 362; Krista Guerrieri 532; Chris Cotter 368; John delRe 230.

RECESS

Lamar Matthew called the class back together by leading 156. Leaders: Claire Simon 228; Rachel Speer 56t; Jessica Keyes 227; Kelly Macklin 510; Dan Hunter 423; Harry Scott 422; Leyland delRe 215; Molly Dektar 410b; John delRe 123b; Ben Sachs-Hamilton 113; Lamar Matthew 154; Evelyn Saylor 455; Kevin Griffin Moreno 82t; Jesse Krikorian 213t; Nora Miller 392; Joshua Wright 40.

Jesse Krikorian led 62 as the closing song. John delRe offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Jesse Krikorian; Secretary—Rachel Speer

MOUNT RAINIER SINGING (COOPER BOOK)

Buckley Hall, Buckley, Washington

Saturday, August 19, 2017

The 9th annual Mount Rainier Singing held on Saturday before the third Sunday in August was called to order by Kathy Vlach and Karen Willard leading 49t. Rodman Campbell offered the opening prayer.

The singing was organized with the following officers: Co-Chairpersons—Kathy Vlach and Karen Willard; Secretary—David Wright; Arranging Officer—Kate Coxon.

Leaders: Kathy Vlach 54t; Karen Willard 48t; Darlene Simpson-Brown 195; Bob Schinske 33; Laura McMurray 411; Destiny Woods 96; Greg Saue 505; Marla Elliott 463; Erik Schwab 243b; Nancy Price and Peter Lange 515; Rodman Campbell 315; Nell Whitman 176t; Bruce Rowland 208; Desirae Fendel 514; Erika Wilson 364; Lucinda Larsen Saue 571.

RECESS

Karen Willard called the class to order leading 31b. Leaders: Peter Schinske 580; Clarissa Fetrow 224; William Price and William Lange 500; Cornelia Stanton 559; Ethan Hardy 38t; Steve Helwig 380b; Inga Huebner 331b; Bruce Rowland 572; Laura McMurray 30b; Lucinda Larsen Saue 393; Erik Schwab 269; Nell Whitman 148; Greg Saue 563; Darlene Simpson-Brown 581; Erika Wilson 416t; Bob Schinske 355; Rodman Campbell 421; Kathy Vlach and Luke Winslow 508; Marla Elliott 239; Nancy Price and Peter Lange 63; Destiny Woods 594. Rodman Campbell asked a blessing on the noon meal.

LUNCH

Karen Willard opened the afternoon session leading 95b. Leaders: Kate Coxon 464; Cornelia Stanton 573; Ethan Hardy 328; Inga Huebner and Clarissa Fetrow 297; Steve Helwig 29b (for Pat Coghlan); William Price 268t; Karen Willard 570; Nell Whitman and Janet Shelstad 31b; Erika Wilson 567; Desirae Fendel 392; Marla Elliott 587; Bob Schinske 478; Lucinda Larsen Saue 31t; Nancy Price 229; Kathy Vlach 30t; Peter Schinske 501; Greg Saue 133.

RECESS

Kathy Vlach brought the class back to order by leading 504t. Leaders: Rodman Campbell 38b; Bruce Rowland 282; Inga Huebner 201; Erik Schwab 486; Steve Helwig 189; Cornelia Stanton 449; Janet Shelstad 338; Destiny Woods 192; William Price 107; Peter Schinske 541; Laura McMurray 89; Darlene Simpson-Brown 336t; Ethan Hardy 511b; Clarissa Fetrow 383.

Karen Willard and Kathy Vlach led 147 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer offered by Rodman Campbell.

Co-Chairpersons—Kathy Vlach and Karen Willard; Secretary—David Wright

SCOTLAND SINGING

St. Silas Scottish Episcopal Church, Glasgow, Scotland

Saturday, August 19, 2017

The Scotland All-Day Singing was held at St. Silas Scottish Episcopal Church in Glasgow, Scotland. Jan Geerts called the class to order leading 354t. Tom Gordon offered words of welcome, and then led 159.

Leaders: Maureen Uney 49b; Sandy Semeonoff 70t; Joan Gordon and Sula O'Duffy 178; Karen Turner 76b; Cath Ingham and Martin Rodger 63; Harry Campbell 66; Ruth Holman 84; Sula O'Duffy 87; Gordon Kennedy 503; Claire Welford 163t; Chris Lyons 504; Leopoldine Guillaume 276; Joel Wallenberg 330t; Tom Greig 48t.

RECESS

Margaret Bradshaw brought the class back to order leading 105. Leaders: Lin James and Anne Altringham 448b; Viv Imrie O'Duffy 147t; Calum Parker and Sandy Semeonoff 106; Werner Ullah 49t; Deedee Cuddihy and Benny Ross 86; Kate Ahern 117 (for Ewan Paterson, who could not be with us today); Derek Buckland 287; Florent Decherf 73t; Jacoba Bruneel 29b; Alexia Yver 146; Jan Geerts 495 (for his cousin's wedding); Gordon Kennedy 547; Ruth Holman 350; Cath Ingham 155; Benny Ross 40; Tom Gordon 452; Karen Turner 344.

RECESS

Harry Campbell brought the class back to order leading 479. Leaders: Joel Wallenberg 379; Viv Imrie O'Duffy 445; Tom Greig 426b; Sandy Semeonoff and Ruth Holman 496; Claire Welford 384; Derek Buckland 77t; Leopoldine Guillaume 112.

Chris Lyons conducted the sick and housebound lesson for the following people: Toby Boyes, Kit Yip, Ela Luto, Yvonne, Paula Wardlaw, and Mark Wardlaw.

Sula O'Duffy conducted the memorial lesson, leading 38b in memory of the following deceased: Donald Gillis—Florida, USA; Francesco Nazzini and Aunty Vera—London; Catherine Harkin—Edinburgh; Alasdair Neilson—Leeds; Joan Howrie—Kendal; and Jacek D—Poland.

Leaders: Lin James 278t; Jacoba Bruneel 312b; Kate Ahern 189; Florent Decherf 475; Werner Ullah 535; Alexia Yver 47b; Chris Lyons 282. Joan Gordon offered the Selkirk Grace to introduce the lunch break.

LUNCH

Margaret Bradshaw brought the class back to order leading 274t. Leaders: Gordon Kennedy 133; Benny Ross 53; Sula O'Duffy 300; Tom Greig 30b; Leopoldine Guillaume 480; Karen Turner 556; Joel Wallenberg 569t; Jacoba Bruneel 148; Claire Welford 362; Florent Decherf 500; Sandy Semeonoff 32t; Kate Ahern 532; Lin James 540; Alexia Yver 268; Chris Lyons 56b; Derek Buckland 65; Werner Ullah 501.

RECESS

Sandy Semeonoff brought the class back to order leading 99. Leaders: Joel Wallenberg, Rochelle Bright, Caitlin Skinner, and Kitan Petkowski 455; Cath Ingham 299; Tom Gordon 569b; Harry Campbell 59; Claire Welford, Benny Ross, Lin James, and Joel Wallenberg 566; Ruth Holman 143; Werner Ullah, Derek Buckland, Tom Greig, Jacoba Bruneel, and Joss Tait 313b; Jan Geerts 474; Leopoldine Guillaume, Florent Decherf, and Alexia Yver 277; Kate Ahern and Chris Lyons 436; Jan Geerts 270.

Tom Gordon offered closing thoughts, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Jan Geerts; Secretaries—Cath Ingham and Margaret Bradshaw

BELTON AND EMMA BEASLEY AND PHILLIP LEE III MEMORIAL SINGING

Concord Primitive Baptist Church, Winfield, Alabama Sunday, August 20, 2017

The 50th annual Belton and Emma Beasley and Phillip Lee III Memorial Singing was called to order by Marlin Beasley leading 31b. The opening prayer was offered by Ricky Beasley.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Marlin Beasley; Vice Chairman—Rickey Beasley; Secretary—Dorothea Maynard; Arranging Officer—Lisa Geist.

Leaders: Marlin Beasley 336; Ricky Beasley 75, 30b; Dorothea Maynard 383, 442; Lisa Geist 546, 120 (in memory of Gravis Ballinger); Glenn Keeton 378b, 349; Drew

McGuire 215, 475; Brenda Pena 474, 480; Cora Sweatt 111b (in memory of her husband, Kirby Sweatt), 159; Isaac Green 160b, 567; Will McGuire 45t, 181; Linda Sides 225t (for Velton and Johnnie Chafin), 270; Mike Hankins 68b, 72b; Isabella Keeton 282, 235.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Marlin Beasley leading 61. Leaders: Richard Mauldin 43 (in memory of Josie Hyde), 388; Paula Springfield 391, 389; Sarah Beasley 129, 340; Loretta Whitman 124, 277; Earl Ballinger 212, 179; Shelby Castillo 228, 224; Don Keeton 335, 491; Nicholas Thompson 137, 216; Henry Guthery 511, 517; Betty Baccus 517 (WB); Amber Davis 192, 380. Earl Ballinger asked a blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The class was called back to order by Ricky Beasley leading 39b. Leaders: Henry McGuire 535, 550; Larry Ballinger 76b; Becky Briggs 318, 460; Lisa Geist and Glenn Keeton “Joshua”, “Ashley”; David Beasley 317, 348b; Corissa Sweatt and Hailey Beasley 445, 344 (in memory of Gary Smith); Lance Phillips 146, 406; Alvin (Bunk) Beasley and Hailey Beasley 81t; John Beasley 480, 144; Isaac Green 411; Brenda Pena 341; Paula Springfield 297; Shelby Castillo 456; Henry McGuire 360; Drew McGuire 189; Lance Phillips 101t; Lisa Geist and Nicholas Thompson 304; Nicholas Thompson 522; Dorothea Maynard 196; Seth Holloway 294, 236; Corissa Sweatt 565.

Announcements were made. Marlin Beasley and Ricky Beasley led 521 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Marlin Beasley.

Chairman—Marlin Beasley; Vice Chairman—Ricky Beasley; Secretary—Dorothea Maynard

CEDAR CREEK SINGING

Sylvester, Georgia

Sunday, August 20, 2017

The Sacred Harp Singing held annually at Cedar Creek Primitive Baptist Church on the third Sunday in August was moved to Mount Pisgah Primitive Baptist Church. The class was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Lamar Robinson leading 27. Trent Peachy offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Lamar Robinson 32t; Oscar McGuire 34b, 31b; Bonnie Rewis 59, 58; Trent Peachy 317, 335; Bob Meeks 73b, 235; David Grant 421, 565; Myrtice Meeks 129, 491; John Robinson 452, 569b; Kay Robinson 231, 46; John Plunkett 354t, 540; Steven Taylor 37b, 36b; Georgia Ann Corbin 144, 100; Ellen Fournier 49t, 49b; Bob Corbin 323b, 341.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Lamar Robinson leading 61. Leaders: Lamar Robinson 358; Oscar McGuire 155, 171; Bonnie Rewis 143, 294; Trent Peachy 318, 268; Bob Meeks 48b, 72b; David Grant 166, 145b; Myrtice Meeks 206, 282; John Robinson 45t, 47t; Kay Robinson 87, 154; John Plunkett 312b, 83t; Steven Taylor 65, 56b; Georgia Ann Corbin 127, 340; Ellen Fournier 207, 39b; Tim Meeks 542, 383.

Announcements were made. It was also announced that this annual sing formerly held at Cedar Creek Primitive Baptist Church will be held at Mount Pisgah Primitive Baptist Church until a new location can be determined.

Lamar Robinson thanked everyone for their attendance and participation. He led 34t as the closing song. Bob Meeks offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Lamar Robinson; Secretary—Tim Meeks

CLEBURNE COUNTY SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION

Edwardsville Baptist Church, Edwardsville, Alabama

Sunday, August 20, 2017

The Cleburne County Sacred Harp Singing Convention assembled for the 128th session at Edwardsville Baptist Church, Cleburne County, Alabama, on the third Sunday in August. Cecil Roberts welcomed the singers and visitors, then called the class to order by leading 56t using a 1936 edition of *The Sacred Harp*. The book was donated to the convention by Midge and Al Huester in 1942 in memory of J.W. (Uncle Will) Laminack. The book was given with explicit instructions that the only time it can be used is for the introductory lesson of this convention. Jack Nelson offered the opening prayer. Cecil Roberts led 278t.

Leaders: Rene Greene 120, 63; Donna Bell 485, 343 (in memory of Bud Oliver). Cecil Roberts told the class that this convention was organized on September 28, 1889 at St. Michael Lutheran Church, and was designated the Cleburne County Sacred Harp Singing Convention. He read an excerpt from the minutes written in August, 2011, "We, the class of singers of the 121st session of the Cleburne County Sacred Harp Singing Convention voted to move this convention to Edwardsville Baptist Church on August 21, 2010, under the leadership of our chairman William Stanly Edwards. May his soul rest in peace and his memory always remain in our hearts and mind forever." Cecil told the class that the original minutes of the convention were available for viewing for anyone wishing to do so.

Leaders: Judy Chambless 319, 413 (in memory of Hugh McGraw); Glenda Collins and Bert Collins 35, 40; Robert Chambless 303 (in memory of Jeff Sheppard), 225t; Jack Nelson 32t, 524; Samuel Williams 326; Gary Davis 565, 426t; Ed Thacker 77t, 313t; Virginia Dyer 122 (in memory of Harold DeLong), 155 (for Charlene Wallace).

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Rene Greene leading 171. Leaders: Winfred Kerr 500, 318 (in memory of Lonnie Rogers); Henry Johnson 52t, 55; Karen Rollins 350 (in memory of B.M. Smith), 227; Rebecca Over 77b, 283 (both songs for Charlene Wallace); Nancy Novotny 201, 278b; David Brodeur 160t, 160b; Tony Hammock 313b, 314; Richard DeLong 224, 365 (in honor of Charlene Wallace); Fallon Cook 481, 146; Andy Ditzler 381; Andy Ditzler and Rebecca Over 476; Ann Simpson 388, 445.

Karen Rollins conducted the memorial lesson. She told the class that a fellow singer passed away the previous evening and the family had gathered to sing her home: just like singing at a funeral. Karen stated that singing to someone as they are dying is a beautiful image to me. As a group we are blessed that we sing. People who go to church and sing don't get the joy that we do. Karen continued by saying that we are blessed that singing is such an important part of our lives, as it was to these people we're thinking about. The sick and shut-ins honored were Chris Holley, Concetta Branson, Charlene Wallace, and Robby Rivers. The deceased remembered were Hugh McGraw, B.M. Smith, Eloise Wootten, Bernice Cook, Gail Jackson, Edith Owen, Geneva Prichard, Lynn Swafford Key, Harold DeLong, Mike Taylor, and Edna Ruth Phillips. Karen led 46. Henry Johnson closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Rebecca Over 285t; Nancy Novotny 299. Judy Chambless thanked the church for welcoming the singers twice a year. Richard DeLong led 358. The blessing of the noon meal was offered by Brother L.B. Yates.

LUNCH

Cecil Roberts brought the class back to order by leading 477. Leaders: Jason

Stanford 159, 475; Chance Cook 192; Glenda Collins and Bert Collins 340; Gary Davis 335; Rene Greene 436; Ed Thacker 75; Ann Simpson 47t; Samuel Williams 336; Fallon Cook 333; David Brodeur 483; Henry Johnson 515; Jack Nelson 560; Rebecca Over 411; Andy Ditzler 119; Nancy Novotny 135; Tony Hammock 148; Winfred Kerr 36b; Jason Stanford 285b; Donna Bell 137 (for Ruth Daniel).

A business session was held, and the following officers were retained for next year: Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Vice Chairman—Rene Greene; Secretary—Donna Bell; Arranging Officer—Judy Chambless.

Announcements were made, and Cecil Roberts thanked everyone for coming. Cecil Roberts, Rene Greene, and Donna Bell led 323t as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Cecil Roberts, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Vice Chairman—Rene Greene; Secretary—Donna Bell

WILLARD BIRTHDAY SINGING (COOPER BOOK)

Buckley Hall, Buckley, Washington

Sunday, August 20, 2017

The 8th annual Willard Birthday Singing held on the third Sunday in August, using the *Cooper Book* and a Hymnary of Willard family favorites, was called to order by Karen Willard and Kathy Vlach leading “How Cheering Is The Christian’s Hope”.

Greg Saue offered the opening prayer.

The singing was organized with the following officers: Co-Chairpersons—Karen Willard and Kathy Vlach; Secretary—David Wright; Treasurer—Jinx McGuire; Arranging Officer—Bob Schinske.

Leaders: Bob Schinske 101t; Shannon McGuire 184b; Rodman Campbell 422t; Nell Whitman 53; Laura McMurray 54t; Erik Schwab “Abide With Me”; Kate Coxon “Sweet Hour of Prayer”; Kathy Vlach “Ellacombe”; Greg Saue “At the Cross”; Nancy Price “Count Your Blessings”; Darlene Simpson-Brown “Fairest Lord Jesus”; Destiny Woods 594.

RECESS

Ken Hallock brought the class to order leading 52t. Leaders: Roylan Messinger 96; Cornelia Stanton 559; Lucinda Larsen Saue “Leoni”; William Price “Revive Us Again”; Erika Wilson 55; Jinx McGuire 30t; Steve Helwig 112; Inga Huebner 361; Karen Willard “Ebenezer”; Kate Coxon 332; Laura McMurray 48t; David Wright 41 (in memory of Johnny and Delorese Lee); Destiny Woods 127; Nell Whitman 156; Erik Schwab 590; Anne Huckins 38t; Nancy Price 47b.

RECESS

Destiny Woods brought the class to order leading 47t. Bob Schinske “When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder”; Jinx McGuire 486; Kathy Vlach “Tallis’ Canon”; Lucinda Larsen Saue “The Lord Bless You and Keep You”; Rodman Campbell “Sine Nomine”; Darlene Simpson-Brown 511t; Shannon McGuire 505; Roylan Messinger “Nearer, Still Nearer”; Inga Huebner 323b; Greg Saue 507b; Cornelia Stanton 449; Karen Willard and Dudley Willard “Willard” (by Robert Vaughn). Karen Willard, Greg Saue, and the class sang birthday wishes for all singers with August birthdays. Greg Saue offered prayer before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Kathy Vlach called the class back to order leading 145b. Leaders: Erika Wilson “Brighten the Corner Where You Are”; Wing Mui 269; Steve Helwig “Homeward Bound”; Rebecca Allen and Adam Berey 72; William Price 583; Erik Schwab 51; Cornelia Stanton 573; Darlene Simpson-Brown “Where We’ll Never Grow Old”; David Wright 46; Inga Huebner 294; Roylan Messinger 229; Nell Whitman 142.

RECESS

Darlene Simpson-Brown opened the last session leading 380t. Leaders: Bob Schinske

39; Greg Saue 500; Destiny Woods 220; Anne Huckins 371; Wing Mui 155; Nancy Price 384; Lucinda Larsen Saue “Now the Day Is Over”; Kathy Vlach 478; Rodman Campbell 277; Shannon McGuire 484; Laura McMurray 115. Following announcements, Karen Willard and Kathy Vlach led “God Be With You”. Greg Saue closed the singing with prayer. Co-Chairpersons—Karen Willard and Kathy Vlach; Secretary—David Wright

CENTRAL ONTARIO SINGING
Detweiler Meetinghouse, North Dumfries, Ontario
Saturday, August 26, 2017

The 14th annual Central Ontario All-Day Singing was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Jan May leading 34b. Will Fitzgerald offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were appointed to serve: Chairman—Jan May; Secretary and Arranging Officer—Gillian Inksetter; Treasurer—Chuck Crawford. Leaders: Jay May 171; Gillian Inksetter 73t; Naomi Duguid 268; Nicole Collins 547; Chuck Crawford 287, 288; Kim Kendrick 159, 146; Gerry Hoffman 477, 522; Frances Miller 168, 351; Andrew Louis 147t, 68b.

RECESS

Hanna Caruso and Ellen Torrie brought the class back to order by leading 64. Leaders: Martha Beverly 532, 271t; Anne Evers 573; Rochelle Lodder 313t, 335; Nicoletta Rogers 501, 270; Bess Fitzgerald 32t, 131b; Marian Mitchell 387, 564; Frank Griggs 67, 442; Mary Grahame Hunter 30b, 45t; Sara Sandberg 81t, 144.

RECESS

Steve Rogers brought the class back to order by leading 47t. Leaders: Kathleen McDonnell 65, 299; Chuck Crawford 59; Inga Huebner 56b, 323b; Ellen Torrie and Hanna Caruso 178; Lyn Caswell and Elizabeth Barlow 546; Lyn Caswell 122. Pleasance Crawford conducted the memorial lesson. She spoke and led 50b in honor of the following individuals who were unable to be with us: Chris Holley, Tiana Marquez, Benjamin Landrus, Mary S, and Mike Ramsey. She spoke and led 163b to remember the deceased: Eloise Wootten, Gravis Ballinger, and Caleb Allred—Alabama; Hugh McGraw, B.M. Smith, Loyd Landrum, Johnny Lee, Delorese Lee, and Edna Vickers—Georgia; Cynthia Mason—Pennsylvania; Lila Mitchell—New York; John Bayer—Ohio; Collette Miller and Charles Wells—Minnesota; Les Sontag—Illinois; Edith Owen—Texas; Pat Colterahn—Vermont; Savannah Jasime Ross and Esther Homme—Ontario; Catherine Ministed; D. Cullen; and Gail St. George. Gillian Inksetter led the class in the Lutheran Table Grace to the tune of 49t as a sung blessing before dinner.

LUNCH

Tom Evers brought the class back to order leading 105. Leaders: Greg Jenkins and Angela Jenkins 472; Eric Sandberg 37b, 228; Tom Ivey 254; Giles Simmer and Alexander Simmer 82t; Anne Evers 236; Kerry Cullinan 486, 280; Ted Mercer 431, 275t; Samuel Sommers 115, 500; Sharon Strong 304; Will Fitzgerald 245 (in memory Joni Lynn Fitzgerald); Brian How 503, 183; Catherine Brown and Naomi Andre 66, 29t.

RECESS

Frances Miller called the class back to order leading 40. Leaders: Steve Rogers and Nicoletta Rogers 96 (HS); Idy Kiser 338, 385b; Margaret Hahn 52t, 148; Gary Roth and Gillian Inksetter 250; Ann Miczulski 474, 569b; Anne Missavage 430, 212; Bill Beverly 191, 106; Cecelia Kramer 180, 157; John Seaton 48t, 49b; Jamie Yeats 496, 47b; Dean Knuth 566, 479; Lloy Cook 276; Tom Evers 86; Pleasance Crawford 389; Elizabeth Barlow 384. Jan May thanked all who helped make the singing a success. The Treasurer reported that all expenses had been met. The Secretary reported that

seventy singers from six states, the District of Columbia, two Canadian provinces, and Germany sang ninety-one songs led by forty-eight leaders. Following announcements, Jan May led 347 as the closing song. Will Fitzgerald offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed. Chairman—Jan May; Secretary—Gillian Inksetter

CORK SINGING

St. Fin Barre's Cathedral Hall, Cork, Ireland

Saturday, August 26, 2017

The 7th annual Cork All-Day Singing was called to order at St. Fin Barre's Cathedral Hall, Dean Street, Cork, Ireland, by Kevin Kennedy leading 72b. Christopher Lyons offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Katie Ahern 47t; Rob Wedgbury 56b; Sinéad Hanrahan 48t; Colleen Jones 29b; Ewan Paterson 49b; Ailish McMahon 39t; Bryan Seale 138t; Michael Walker 297; Chris Brown 296; Kate Kirwan 88b; Elisabeth Schallwig 545; Derek Buckland 74b; Áine Uí Cheallaigh 428; Sadhbh O'Flynn 50t; Caro Stamm-Reusch 123b; Christopher Lyons 77t; Sarah West 110; Dorothy Robinson 500; Teresa Maguire 176b; Paul Kolenbrander 567; Ellen Kennedy 312b.

RECESS

Joanna Bennett called the class to order leading 168. Leaders: Iain Paxon 535; Alison Brown and Alberto Corral Novelle 481; Ross Harbison 546; Ted Brown 100; Dara Desmond 486; Lisa O'Grady 436; Calum Woods and Rosalind Woods 113; Werner Ullah 501; Nigel Bowley 458; Helen Brown 430; Jacoba Bruneel 457; Jan Geerts 135; Judy Whiting 441 (in memory of Edith Owen); Geoff Grainger 503; Michael Walker 103, Áine Uí Cheallaigh and Brenda Harvey 159; Eleanor Callaghan 29t; Caro Stamm-Reusch 42; Ailish McMahon 111b; Sarah West 192; Derek Buckland 201; Sinéad Hanrahan 283; Chris Brown 329; Teresa Maguire 57; Dorothy Robinson 71; Rob Wedgbury 460 (for Mary Wedgbury); Kate Kirwan 90. Christopher Lyons said grace.

LUNCH

Bryan Seale called the afternoon session to order by leading 270. Leaders: Calum Woods 405; Jan Geerts 475; Katie Ahern 189; Ted Brown 426b; Kevin Kennedy 188; Joanna Bennett 384; Eleanor Callaghan 67; Colleen Jones 272; Helen Brown 542; Nigel Bowley 279; Judy Whiting 208; Jacoba Bruneel 133; Ross Harbison 377; Elisabeth Schallwig 348t; Lisa O'Grady 349; Sarah West 114; Christopher Lyons 228; Sadhbh O'Flynn 556; Michael Walker 187; Alison Brown and Alberto Corral Novelle 84; Áine Uí Cheallaigh 196; Ellen Kennedy 319; Chris Brown 392; Caro Stamm-Reusch 454; Rosalind Woods and Lisa O'Grady 350; Kate Kirwan 513; Teresa Maguire 278b; Paul Kolenbrander 504.

RECESS

Dara Desmond led 179 to bring the class together. Leaders: Jan Geerts 410t; Werner Ullah 278t; Iain Paxon 209; Elisabeth Schallwig 210; Brenda Harvey and Helen Brown 49t; Calum Woods 271b; Ted Brown 565; Eleanor Callaghan 86; Joss Tait and Amy Cutts 65; Joanna Bennett 181; Judy Whiting 318; Jacoba Bruneel 335; Derek Buckland 102; Niamh Madigan 32t; Geoff Grainger 163b; Ellen Kennedy 148; Alison Brown and Alberto Corral Novelle 108b; Nigel Bowley 55; Helen Brown 373; Ailish McMahon 82t; Katie Ahern 112.

Kevin Kennedy made closing announcements, during which he thanked all those involved in organizing the day, and gave special thanks to the singers who had travelled for the singing. Rob Wedgbury gave the Secretary's report and stated 102 songs had been sung by fifty-eight registered singers and forty-four leaders. Nine countries were represented (Belgium, England, Germany, Ireland, The Netherlands,

Norway, Scotland, Spain, and the U.S. A.). Dara Desmond gave the Treasurer's report, stating that all expenses had been met.

Christopher Lyons offered the closing prayer for the day. Kevin Kennedy led 472 as the closing song, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Kevin Kennedy; Vice Chairman—Katie Ahern; Secretary—Rob Wedgbury

PALO ALTO SINGING

Unitarian Universalist Church, Palo Alto, California

Saturday, August 26, 2017

The 6th annual Palo Alto All-Day Singing was held at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Palo Alto, Palo Alto, California, on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in August. The class was called to order by Leah Coffin leading 59.

A business meeting was held and the following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Terry Moore; Vice Chairman—Jeannette Ralston; Secretary—Sue Lindner; Arranging Committee—Dan Harper and Jeannette Ralston; Treasurer—Peter Ross; Chaplain—Terry Moore; Resolutions Committee—Mark Godfrey. Terry Moore offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Terry Moore 34b; Jeannette Ralston 448b; Sue Lindner 278b; Dan Harper 29t; Erika Wilson 171; Carolyn Deacy 300; Mark Godfrey 278t; Yuka Oiwa 165; Leigh Cooper 203; Pat Coghlan 542; Steve Helwig 228; Edward Rice 454; Janet Herman 378b; Lena Strayhorn 144; Erica Martinez 148; Mary O'Brien 282; Phil Jensen 200; Linda Selph 81t (for Linda Domholt); Greg Freed 89; Dave Barber 99.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Steve Helwig leading 129. Leaders: Bob Brylawski 122; Rebecca Edwards 400; Paul Kostka 198; Sarah Kostka 344; Peter Ross 475; Jeff Begley 67; Ruth McGurk 532; Arnold Zwicky 474; Inder Khalsa 142; Wren Hyde 315; Joel Chan 82t; Alex Cotton 350; Don Brenneis 178; Peter Ross 66.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Phil Jensen leading 47t. Leaders: Chris Thorman 120; Janet Herman 546; Erica Martinez 42; Jeff Begley 417; Erika Wilson 391 (for Tamara Harris); Edward Rice 183; Steve Helwig 531; Linda Selph 456; Carolyn Deacy 421; Yuka Oiwa 76b; Rebecca Edwards 349; Mark Godfrey 299.

LUNCH

The class was called back to order by Jeannette Ralston leading 383. Leaders: Leigh Cooper 396; Chris Thorman 184; Jeff Begley 376; Arieta Santinelli 224; Steve Helwig 34t; Yuka Oiwa 216; Leah Coffin 197; Marsha Genensky 33b; Erica Martinez 504; Alex Cotton 332; Pat Coghlan 351; Wren Hyde 70b; Inder Khalsa 312b; Dave Barber 333; Phil Jensen 503; Lena Strayhorn 318; Peter Ross 163b (in memory of Marian Bush); Paul Kostka 86; Arnold Zwicky 146.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Mark Godfrey leading 101t. Leaders: Bob Brylawski 210; Anne Caswell 540; Mary O'Brien 271t; Terry Moore 112; Dan Harper 159 (in memory of Bob Harper); Sue Lindner 217; Leah Coffin and Erika Wilson 214; Leigh Cooper, Mark Godfrey, Cecil Godfrey, and Leon Godfrey 472; Janet Herman and Edward Rice 485; Inder Khalsa and Rebecca Edwards 133; Paul Kostka and Lorraine Kostka 49b; Erica Martinez and Yuka Oiwa 189; Steve Helwig and Jeff Begley 83b; Chris Thorman and Phil Jensen 515; Dave Barber and Wren Hyde 102; Alex Cotton and Peter Ross 84; Sue Lindner and Lena Strayhorn 65; Terry Moore and Arnold Zwicky 72b; Don Brenneis and Marsha Genensky 40.

A business meeting was held. The Treasurer reported that expenses were met. The Secretary and Arranging Committee reported that at least fifty-five singers attended

(from California, Oregon, Louisiana, and Vermont), and ninety songs were led by thirty-eight leaders. The Resolutions Committee offered thanks to all who made the singing possible, and resolved to convene again next year. Announcements were made.

Terry Moore led 347 as the closing song, and then offered the closing prayer. Chairman—Terry Moore; Vice Chairman—Jeannette Ralston; Secretary—Sue Lindner

LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN CONVENTION

Pine Grove Church, Collinsville, Alabama

August 26-27, 2017

Saturday, August 26

The 114th session of the Lookout Mountain Sacred Harp Singing Convention was held at Pine Grove Church on the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in August. The class was called to order by Scot Oliver leading 82t. Donnie Reed offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Rodney Ivey 129; Judy Caudle 65; Alanna Blanks 405; Donnie Reed 146; Henry Johnson 489; Cindy Tanner 139 (in memory of Johnnie Chafin); Angela Myers 436; Eugene Forbes 384; Janice Paulk 441; Robert Chambless 163b (in memory of his aunt); Mairye Bates 148; Jim Aaron 47b; Lisa Bennett and Joe Cronley 217; Philip Denney 31b (for Gayle); Elizabeth Gentry 76b; Hubert Nall 186; Jerusha Wheeler 192; Karen Rollins 402; Mary Wright 135; Bea Aaron 456.
RECESS

Scot Oliver and Eric Blanks led 496 to bring the class together. A business meeting was held and the following officers and committee members were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Scot Oliver; Vice Chairman—Rodney Ivey; Secretary—Judy Caudle; Finance Committee—Rodney Ivey and Eric Blanks; Memorial Committee—Linda Thomas and Adrian Eldridge.

Leaders: David Ivey 332; Judy Chambless 36; Nate Green and Norma Green 472; David Smead 442; Hayden Arp 434; Nancy Novotny 373; Christopher Schuller 133; Lilly Underwood and Loyd Ivey 454; Rebecca Over 422; Mike Richards 432; Wayne Reed 108b (in memory of S.T. and Lessie Dean Reed); Nathan Rees 187.
RECESS

Rodney Ivey led 345b to bring the class to order. Leaders: John Plunkett 268 (by request); Reba Windom 546; Darrell Swarens 341; Kevin Beirne 203; Richard Mauldin 43; Emma Rose Brown 336; Anna Hinton 455; Ed Thacker 421 (in memory of Bud Oliver); Judy Mincey 543; Justin Bowen 269; Bridgett Hill Kennedy 189; Max Berueffy and Karin Covi 155; Theresa Westmoreland 200; Doug Conn 67; Winfred Kerr 418; Shane Wootten 111b.
LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Scot Oliver leading 100. Leaders: Daniel Lee 411; Dennis George 57; David Gooch and Todd Hefner 128; Pat Temple and Nathan Rees 173; Paula Oliver 168; James Schuller 30b; Margie Smith 225; Isaac Green 548 (in memory of Hugh McGraw); April Watkins 53; Adrian Eldridge 58 (for Boyd Scott); Beth Anne Clay 377; Matt Hinton 302; Jesse C. Polhemus 121; Tom George 506; Sasha Hsuczyk 272; Bob Watkins 440; Erica Hinton 141; Shawn Whelan 142; Alex Forsyth 419; Susan Cheronos 349; Jackson Fleder 55; Elene Stovall 216 (for Paula Picton, Charlotte Ehrman, and Mary Ruth Stiefel).
RECESS

Richard Ivey led 343 to bring the class back together. Leaders: Buell Cobb and Myra Dalton 125; Taylor Watkins 445; Kelsey Ivey 276; Emily Stutzman 89; Marie Brandis

212; Daniel Bearden 463; Gail Doss 291; Larry Brasher and Louise Brasher 513; Cheyenne Ivey 172; Carol Went and John Went 569b; Liora O'Donnell Goldensher 475; Eric Blanks 480; Linda Thomas and April Watkins 73t; Andy Ditzler 90; Pam Nunn 528; Cornelia Stanton 473.

Scot Oliver, Rodney Ivey, and Donnie Reed led 521 as the closing song. Donnie Reed dismissed the class with prayer.

Sunday, August 27

The Sunday session of the Lookout Mountain Sacred Harp Singing Convention was called to order by Scot Oliver leading 32t. The opening prayer was offered by Donnie Reed.

Leaders: Rodney Ivey 283; Judy Caudle 97; Alanna Blanks 143; Linda Thomas 85; Adrian Eldridge 389; David Brodeur 362; Emily Stutzman 49b; Shelby Castillo 318; Anita Landess 379; Chris Ballinger 84; David Light 436; Jeannette DePoy 48t (in memory of Ann Weathers); Cindy Tanner 198; Louis Hughes 512; Drew Smith 513; Linton Ballinger 314; David Carlton 538; Delone Cobbs 49t.

RECESS

Rodney Ivey led 111t to bring the class back together. Leaders: Jamey Wootten 475; Ann Jett 317; Larry Ballinger 50b; Sarah Trumbore 204; Jackie Tanner 298; Chris Cotter 57; Thomas Smith 535; Isaac Lloyd 95; David Hufstetler 277; Cassie Allen 419; Gavin Blakeley 196; Havilah Lloyd and Elyssa Lloyd 448b; Christopher Schuller 361; Marie Brandis 328; Jesse C. Polhemus 488; Winfred Kerr 516; Emma Rose Brown 145t.

RECESS

Cindy Tanner brought the class together by leading 123t. Leaders: Joel Bassett 200; Ainslie Allen 29t; Rebecca Over 380; Darrell Swarens 507.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Linda Thomas and Adrian Eldridge. Adrian spoke on behalf of the sick and shut-ins. Linda read the following list of names: Boyd Scott, Concetta Branson, Charlotte Ehrman, Lance Phillips, Velton Chafin, Anne Chalker, Verlon Stiefel, Mary Ruth Stiefel, Jewel Wootten, Charlene Wallace, Greg Allred, Susan Allred, Michael Appert, and Chris Holley.

Adrian spoke about the first time he witnessed a memorial lesson, and related some of his experiences in subsequent lessons. Linda read the following list of names of the deceased: Eloise Wootten, Gravis Ballinger, Kenneth Fannin, Caleb Allred, Johnnie Chafin, Levon Wootten, Calvin Phillips, and Edna Ruth Phillips—Alabama; Hugh McGraw, B.M. Smith, and George Snyder—Georgia; Don Fahrback—Michigan; Michael Sensor—Florida; Edith Owen—Texas; John Bayer—Ohio. Adrian Eldridge closed the memorial service with prayer.

Leaders: Mike Richards 134; Erica Hinton 105; Shawn Whelan 481; Jack Nelson 399b; Jackson Fleder 400; Liora O'Donnell Goldensher 396; Chris Ryan 515; Susan Cherones 564.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Scot Oliver leading 68b. Leaders: Lottie Hinton 32t; Amelia Jett 132; Taylor Watkins 335; Ezra Lloyd 472; Emma Blanks and Eric Blanks 388; April Watkins 53; Malachi Lloyd 47b; Anna Hinton 383; Arleigh Beard and Alanna Blanks 405; Gideon Lloyd 421; Coy Ivey 465 (CB), 384; Kevin Beirne 208; Mark Carroll 299; James Schuller 77t; Pat Temple 59; Nathan Rees 193; Sasha Hsuczyk 348b (in memory of Oliver Kindig-Stokes); Nancy Novotny 542; Cornelia Stanton 87; Alex Forsyth 522; Daniel Lee 28b; Justin Bowen 426b; Mary Wright 477; Matt Hinton 460; Nate Green and Norma Green 479; Andy Ditzler 340; Scott Ivey and Isaac Green 56t (in memory of Barrett Ashley).

RECESS

Rodney Ivey and Jackson Fleder led 101t to bring the class together. Leaders:

Hayden Arp 181; Henry Johnson 230; Bridgett Hill Kennedy 304; Lilly Underwood and Loyd Ivey 426t; Tom George and Dennis George 182; Shane Wootten, David Ivey, and Jackie Tanner 47t; Elizabeth Gentry and Shawn Whelan 338; Paula Oliver 430; Beth Anne Clay 270; David Gooch and Richard Ivey 567; Elene Stovall and Rodney Ivey 411 (for Barrett Patton); Ed Thacker and Larry Ballinger 112 (in memory of Gravis Ballinger); Bob Watkins 546.

Announcements were made. The Secretary reported that 132 leaders representing twelve states and five countries registered and led 189 songs during the convention. Scot Oliver, Rodney Ivey, and Donnie Reed led 146 as the closing song. Donnie Reed offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Scot Oliver; Vice Chairman—Rodney Ivey; Secretary—Judy Caudle

MISSISSIPPI STATE CONVENTION

Antioch Primitive Baptist Church, Forest, Mississippi

August 26-27, 2017

Saturday, August 26

The 88th session of the Mississippi State Sacred Harp Singing Convention was called to order by Mark Davis leading 36b. Arlon Gardner offered the opening prayer.

Mark Davis welcomed everyone, and thanked Alfred Bailey and Antioch Primitive Baptist Church for hosting the convention.

Leaders: Mark Davis 209; Nathan Stewart 110, 203; Darlene Reynolds 484 (CB), 188 (CH); Arlon Gardner 278t, 481; Dennis Cranford 129, 107; Jane Armstrong 84, 314; Sister Susan Dickey 507b (CB), 383 (CH); Regina Derstine and Todd Derstine 390, 35; Jimira Jackson 168, 455; Will McGuire 181, 338.

RECESS

Mark Davis called the class back to order leading 340. Leaders: Amy Wells 212, 546; Amber Davis 300, 440; Warren Steel 203 (CH), 442; Hugh McGuire 196 (for John Hollingsworth), 201; Nicholas Thompson 439, 336; Henry McGuire 64 (CH), 168b (CH); Mike McNeil and Cheryl McElhenney 204t (CH), 117 (CH); Lisa Geist 273, 528; Chris Nicholson 34b, 473. Drew McGuire offered the prayer to bless the food.

LUNCH

Mark Davis appointed Hugh McGuire, Drew McGuire, and Henry McGuire to the Business and Credentials Committee, and named Jane Armstrong and Amy Wells to serve as the Memorial Committee.

Leaders: Nathan Stewart 222; Drew McGuire 327, 216; Bentley Rose 354b, 282; Cheryl McElhenney and Mike McNeil 145b, 172 (CH); Nicholas Thompson 404; Henry McGuire and Hugh McGuire 511 (WB); Arlon Gardner 372 (CH); Amy Wells 411; Lisa Geist 269; Drew McGuire 515 (CB); Warren Steel 379; Sister Susan Dickie 392 (CB); Regina Derstine 57; Mike McNeil 522 (CB); Chris Nicholson 264t (CB); Jane Armstrong 72b.

A business meeting was held to elect the following officers. President—Mark Davis; Vice President—John Van Horn; Secretary—Darlene Reynolds; Chaplain—Arlon Gardner.

Leaders: Mark Davis 240; Jimira Jackson 109 (CH); Darlene Reynolds and Nicholas Thompson 131 (CH); Cheryl McNeil and Mike McNeil 143 (CB); Bobby Caldwell and Mark Davis 82 (CB); Arlon Gardner 159 (CB).

Announcements were made. Hugh McGuire, Henry McGuire, and Mark Davis led the Drone as the closing song. Arlon Gardner offered prayer to dismiss the class.

Sunday, August 27

The Sunday session of the Mississippi State Convention was called to order by Mark Davis welcoming everyone back. Mark led 74b and 432. Arlon Gardner offered the

opening prayer.

Leaders: Darlene Reynolds and Nicholas Thompson 480, 176; Arlon Gardner 313b, 454; Regina Derstine and Todd Derstine 58, 123b; Jane Armstrong 452, 361; Nicholas Thompson 217, 542; Chris Nicholson 558 (CB), 95t (CB); Hugh McGuire 111b (CH), 155; Amber Davis 187, 391.

RECESS

Mark Davis brought the class back together by leading 97. Leaders: Drew McGuire 281b (CH), 486; Natalie Davis 572 (CB), 273; Will McGuire 188 (CH), 281t (CH); Amy Wells 222, 112; Regina Derstine 267, 193 (CH).

RECESS

Mark Davis led 448b. Leaders: Henry McGuire 567 (CB), 515 (CB); Lisa Geist 228, 527; Chris Nicholson 96 (CB), 95b (CB); Nicholas Thompson 137 (CB), 540 (CB); Stephen McLeod and Anne McLeod 59, 131b. Drew McGuire asked a blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Henry McGuire called the class back to order by leading 512. Leaders: Hugh McGuire 491t (WB), 448b (WB); Jane Armstrong and Carey Armstrong 500 (CB), 457; Amber Davis 430, 500; Amy Wells 215, 383.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Jane Armstrong and Amy Wells. The following sick and shut-ins were remembered: Eva Maynor, Velton Chafin, Ozella Blackmon, Betty Shepherd, Ester Mann, Alice McGuire, Roy Davis, John Van Horn, George Gardner, Catherine Gardner, Pace Guthrie, Helen Guthrie, Ms. Asa Putnum, and Curtis Owen. They led 540 (WB).

Jane and Amy led 285 in memory of the following deceased: Billie Margaret Gardner and Stites Gardner—Mississippi; Hugh McGraw and Johnny Lee—Georgia; Gravis Ballinger, Eloise Wootten, and Johnnie Chafin—Alabama; Edith Owen and Jane Goforth—Texas; Peewee Rogers.

In a business meeting, the Business and Credentials Committee gave the financial report. The collections and disbursements were itemized and approved. The business meeting was closed.

Leaders: Natalie Davis 200, 318; Drew McGuire 145t, 102; Arlon Gardner 67, 76b; Henry McGuire 10 (CH), 196 (WB); Regina Derstine, Anne McLeod, and Stephen McLeod 280 (CH), 81t (CH); Lisa Geist 472.

Announcements were made. Mark Davis, Henry McGuire, and Hugh McGuire led The Drone. The closing prayer was offered by Arlon Gardner.

President—Mark Davis; Vice President—John Van Horn; Secretary—Darlene Reynolds

MAIDENCREEK SINGING

Leesport, Pennsylvania

Saturday, September 2, 2017

The 22nd annual Maiden Creek All-Day Singing was held on Saturday before Labor Day at the Maiden Creek Friends Meeting House. Alex Forsyth called the class to order by leading 303. Don Jantzi offered the opening prayer.

A business meeting was conducted and the following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Sasha Hsuczky; Vice Chairman—Peter Frank; Treasurer—Dan Miksiewicz; Secretary—Ruth Wampler.

Sasha Hsuczky welcomed everyone and made opening remarks, after which she led 60. Leaders: Ruth Wampler 119; Joel Bassett 492; Theresa Rodriguez 454; Elizabeth Patton 458; Ina Shea 326; Nancy Tkacs 81t; Dann Pell 439; Lamar Matthew 388; Krista Guerrieri 162; Dale McCarthy 117; Jeff Shenk 460; Francesca Farris 503; Thomas Ward 100; Guy Bankes 120; Tom Stokes 275b; Leon Pulsinelle 387.

RECESS

Jackson Fleder called the class back to order by leading 42. Rachel Hall led the German lesson, with remarks about “Vee Varts So Harrlich Sei”. Roland Hutchinson reviewed the pronunciation prior to the class singing the song.

Leaders: Dan Hunter 453; Rebecca Rohrer 270; Brian How 183; Katie Kellert 547; Buck Wanner 89; Katie White 504; Will Fesperman 217; Cora Wareh 367; Terry Ryan 532; Dan Miksiewicz 216; Roland Hutchinson 250; Gerry Hoffman 376.

RECESS

Sasha Hsuczyk led 345b to call the class back to order. Leaders: Doron Henkin 71; Corinne Ducey 176t; Gary Ryan 34t; Molly Dektar 129; Ben Sachs-Hamilton 40; Gwen Gethner 548; Al McCready 227.

Leon Pulsinelle led 56b in honor of the following sick and shut-ins: Chris Holley, Judy Clum, Gregory Smith, Julie Veal, Ron Bornick, Margaret Bornick, Katrina Miodek, Paula Picton, and Stephanie Hemmelings.

Gedney Barclay conducted the memorial lesson, and led 337 in memory of the following deceased: Skip Trout, Michael Sensor, Cynthia Mason, Jean Comfort, Robert Germany—Pennsylvania; Eloise Wootten—Alabama; Bill Horvitz and Peter Abraham—California; B.M. Smith and Hugh McGraw—Georgia; Toby Strout—Indiana; Mark Mayweather—Massachusetts; Charles Wells, Collette Miller, and Edward Swetman—Minnesota; Albert Whittaker—New Hampshire; Bill Mates—New Jersey; Barbara Bell—New York; John Bayer—Ohio; Ann Sayvetz—Washington; Michael Rowe. Joel Bassett closed the memorial lesson with prayer. Leaders: Tarik Wareh 370; Emma Rose Brown 30t; Charles Biada 278t; Liora O'Donnell Goldensher 475; Joshua Barnett 472; Nancy Mandel 410b; Sam Kleinman 302. Hollie Long asked the blessing over the food before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The class was called to order by Ted Stokes, who led 121. Leaders: Hal Kunkel 187; Carol Huang 228; Laura Hodges 377; Ian Quinn 500; Becky Wright 456; Aldo Ceresa 528; Barbara Swetman 224; Kevin Beirne 434; Pattie Wareh 299; Jackson Fleder 296; Cheri Haire 215; Micah John Walter and Anna Rose Walter 99; Judy Contompasis 335; Faiz Wareh 573; Angharad Davis 304; Patrick Friesen 225b; Robin Banerji 436; Stefani Priskos 440; Mike Richards 166; Jason Steidl 498.

RECESS

Aaron Weiss called the class to order by leading 145b. Leaders: Laura Densmore 384; Nicholas Tuff 313b; Sharon Strong 567; Peter Pate 269; Alice Beattie 411; Julius Pasay 312b; Jasmine Mendoza 35; Tom Ivey 31t; Gina Balestracci 315; G.C. Waldrep 419; Chris Geissler 168; Kass Urban-Mead 159; Maria Cramer 38b; Dennis Leopold 300; Jim Glaser 569t; Sonia Chin and Cecil Cook 47b; L.J. Brubaker 277; Myles Louis Dakan 435; Lorah Hopkins 455; Katy Hunter 108b.

Resolutions were given by Jackson Fleder and Emma Rose Brown, followed by announcements. The Secretary reported that ninety-one leaders from thirteen states, British Columbia, and Washington, D.C. led ninety-one songs and 123 people were registered.

Sasha Hsuczyk, Peter Frank, Ruth Wampler, and Dan Miksiewicz led 62 as the closing song. Ted Stokes offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed. Chairman—Sasha Hsuczyk; Vice Chairman—Peter Frank; Secretary—Ruth Wampler

NEW PROVIDENCE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH SINGING

Ringgold, Louisiana

Saturday, September 2, 2017

The 11th annual Sacred Harp singing convened at New Providence Primitive Baptist

Church, Ringgold, Louisiana, on Saturday before the first Sunday in September. The class was called to order by Robert Vaughn leading 59 (CB). The opening prayer was offered by Bruce Ray.

Leaders: Robert Vaughn 58 (CB); Gaylon Powell 198 (CB), 536 (CB); Sonya Kirkham 99 (CB), 54t (CB); Chris Nicholson 293b (CB), 95t (CB); Lisa Matt 268t (CB), 38t (CB); Henry McGuire 269 (CB), 78 (CB); Kristi Powell 268b (CB), 210 (CB); Peggy Ray 507b (CB), 64 (CB).

RECESS

Robert Vaughn called the class back to order leading 104 (CB). Leaders: Carole Watts 573 (CB), 572 (CB); David Kirkham 348t (CB); Mark Davis 336t (CB), 497 (CB); Joan Smith 442t (CB), 47b (CB); Gaylon Powell 372 (CB); Chris Nicholson 96 (CB); Lisa Matt 146 (CB); Henry McGuire 508 (CB); Kristi Powell 514 (CB); Mark Davis 147 (CB); Joan Smith 100 (CB).

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Robert Vaughn leading 417. Leaders: Sonya Kirkham 235, 124; Peggy Ray 569b, 143; Carole Watts 40, 490; Joan Smith 341, 34t; Gaylon Powell 429, 95; Chris Nicholson 108b, 477; Lisa Matt 38b, 61; Henry McGuire 60, 511.

RECESS

Robert Vaughn called the class back to order leading 142. Leaders: Kristi Powell 272, 271t; Mark Davis 48b, 481. Announcements were made.

Robert Vaughn led 62 as the closing song. He offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Robert Vaughn; Secretary—Sonya Kirkham

THE GEORGIAN HARMONY SINGING **Roberta Civic Center, Roberta, Georgia** **Saturday, September 2, 2017**

The 7th annual session of *The Georgian Harmony* singing was held on Saturday before the first Sunday in September at the Roberta Civic Center. (Of note, this singing was not held in 2016 due to death of singer B.M. Smith and most of the singers were singing at his funeral). Bill Hollingsworth called the class to order leading 1. John Hollingsworth offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Bill Hollingsworth 9; Oscar McGuire 49; Andy Morse 51, 65; Helen Bryson 50; Harry Eskew 90; Mary Brownlee 95; John Plunkett 92; Martha Harrell 54; Rebecca Over 70, 154 (in memory of Raymond Hamrick and Hugh McGraw); Rosemund Watson 25.

RECESS

Bill Hollingsworth brought the class to order leading 13. Leaders: Jesse Roberts 12, 224; Chris Robinson 10; John Hollingsworth 126; Winfred Kerr 63; Oscar McGuire 26; Andy Morse 46; Helen Bryson 42.

LUNCH

Bill Hollingsworth called the class to order leading 204. Leaders: Harry Eskew 225; Mary Brownlee 94; Mary Brownlee and Lois Robinson 33; John Plunkett 91; Rebecca Over 19, 176; Martha Harrell 107; Rosemund Watson 109; Jesse Roberts 51, 99; Chris Robinson 177; John Hollingsworth 122; Winfred Kerr 105, 22; Oscar McGuire and Martha Harrell 152; Andy Morse 18; Mary Brownlee 16; Rebecca Over 140.

Announcements were made. Rosemund Watson led 259 as the closing song. Harry Eskew offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Bill Hollingsworth; Secretary—Helen Bryson

CLEAR CREEK WEST AND MULBERRY RIVER CONVENTION
Old County Line Church, Jefferson County, Alabama
Sunday, September 3, 2017

The 130th session of the Clear Creek West Convention and the 113th session of the Mulberry River Convention met at Old County Line Church in Jefferson County, Alabama, on the first Sunday in September. The class was called to order by Danny Creel leading 47t. Richard Mauldin offered the opening prayer.

The class was organized by electing or appointing the following officers to serve: Chairman—Danny Creel; Vice Chairman—Ken Tate; Secretary—Ann Jett; Arranging Officer—Lisa Geist.

Leaders: Danny Creel 48t; Ken Tate 147t, 147b; Lauren Allen 323b, 59; Earl Ballinger 64, 171; Eugene Forbes 70b, 168; Yancey Jett 440, 172; SuNell Ellis 155, 475; Linda Sides 276, 328; Ainslie Allen 132, 196; Isaac Green 85, 419; Betty Baccus 446, 166.

RECESS

The class was brought together by Ken Tate leading 176t. Leaders: David Brodeur 102, 106; Richard Mauldin 388, 43; Christie Allen 432, 527; Cassie Allen 72t, 120; Faye Donaldson 78, 270; Jackie Tanner 56t, 89; Loretta Whitman 343, 277; Andy Ditzler 360, 377; Emma Calvert 29t, 76b.

RECESS

Danny Creel led 222 to bring the class together. Leaders: Emily Brown 73t, 234; Lucy Heidorn 99, 192; Marlin Beasley 460, 318; Linda Booth and Cornelia Van den Doel 344, 148; Larry Ballinger 151, 133; Elene Stovall 298, 182; Nicholas Thompson 272, 273.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Danny Creel leading 170. Leaders: Beth Branscome 150, 213t; Susan Allred 384; David Heidorn and Lucy Heidorn 30t, 87; Cindy Tanner 348b, 512; Greg Allred 36b; Wanda Capps 203, 215; Amber Davis 216 (for Ozella Blackmon and Betty Shepherd), 500; Hubert Nall 448b, 421; Nancy Phillips 117, 274t; Ann Jett 327, 269; Lisa Geist 391, 472; Cassie Allen 88t (for Eugene Forbes); Isaac Green 411; Cornelia Van den Doel 37b; David Brodeur 214; Nicholas Thompson 530 (for Ottis Sides); Andy Ditzler 301; Margaret Keeton, Christie Allen, Lauren Allen, and Kylie Bell 566; Emily Brown 228.

Announcements were made. Danny Creel and Ken Tate led 111b as the closing song. Marlin Beasley dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Danny Creel; Vice Chairman—Ken Tate; Secretary—Ann Jett

HAYNES CREEK SINGING
Haynes Creek Primitive Baptist Church, Loganville, Georgia
Sunday, September 3, 2017

The annual singing held at Haynes Creek Primitive Baptist Church was called to order by John Plunkett leading 49t. Bill Hollingsworth offered the morning prayer. Leaders: John Plunkett 49b; Helen Bryson 70t, 100; Robert Kelley 68b, 54; Mary Brownlee 47b, 84; Martha Harrell 38b, 452; Sandra Wilkinson 175, 82t; Rosemund Watson 75, 282.

RECESS

John Plunkett and visitor, Caitlin Mee called the class to order leading 81t. Leaders: Oscar McGuire 129, 473; John Hollingsworth 361; Bill Hollingsworth 74t, 77t; Wayne Watson 63; Malinda Snow 36b, 313t; Tom Hanson 515, 101t; Russ Hanson 384, 460; Carol Hanson 168, 47t; Susan Pierson 354b, 143.

LUNCH

John Plunkett called the class to order leading 155. Leaders: Helen Bryson 178; Robert Kelley 328; Eric Tweedy 479, 112; Malinda Snow 466; Wesley Haley 45t; Rita Haley 268; Tom Hanson 299; Anne Grosse 503, 354t; Susan Pierson 323b; Mary Brownlee, Martha Harrell, and Rosemund Watson 94; Russ Hanson 441; Debora Grosse 448b, 551; Carol Hanson 40; Chris Tweedy 107, 535; Martha Harrell 542; Sandra Wilkinson 311; Oscar McGuire 163b; Bill Hollingsworth 91.

Announcements were made. Rosemund Watson led 347 as the closing song. Malinda Snow offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—John Plunkett; Vice Chairman—Oscar McGuire; Secretary/Treasurer—Helen Bryson

SHILOH-LITTLEVINE SINGING

Shiloh Primitive Baptist Church, Tallapoosa, Georgia

Sunday, September 3, 2017

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Shiloh Primitive Baptist Church was held on the first Sunday in September. The class was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Cecil Roberts leading 28b and 33b. The opening prayer was offered by Samuel Williams. Nathan Rees led 52b and 40.

Since the Secretary was absent, Karen Rollins was asked to serve as Secretary. The following officers were retained: Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Vice Chairman—Nathan Rees; Arranging Officer—Judy Chambless.

Leaders: Karen Rollins 36b, 405; Judy Chambless 128, 76t; Joyce Lambert 82t, 56t; Sherrell Cleino 127, 335; Winfred Kerr 540, 516; Gary Davis 565, 426t; Virginia Dyer 31b, 460; Samuel Williams 278t; Nancy Novotny 312b, 132; Bert Collins and Glenda Collins 35, 340; Robert Chambless 68b, 225t.

RECESS

Nathan Rees brought the class back to order by leading 57. Leaders: Fallon Cook 59, 294; Rebecca Over 386, 283; Chance Cook 192; Nancy Novotny 47t, 569t; Samuel Williams 487, 48t; Joyce Lambert 485, 145t; Sherrell Cleino 81t, 72b.

At this time, Karen Rollins led the memorial lesson. She talked about the different ways that singers lead their lessons, and the way that lessons have changed throughout Sacred Harp history. She said that the memorial lesson is a quieter, special lesson that has different meanings for different singers. It means more as one sings for a longer period of time. She read the list of names of the sick and shut-ins: Tommie Spurlock, Chris Holley, Donna Bell, Brenda Johnson, Sandra Johnson, Sherry Pope, and Concetta Branson. She then read the following list of names of the deceased: Hugh McGraw, Eloise Wootten, Gravis Ballinger, Harold DeLong, Lynn Swafford Key, Johnny Lee, Delorese Lee, Johnnie Chafin, Dan Summerlin, Bobby Bonds, Laverne Shealy, Marshall Patterson, and Gail Jackson. Karen led 45t. Cecil Roberts closed the memorial service with prayer. Judy Chambless led 348t, and Fallon Cook led 358.

LUNCH

Cecil Roberts welcomed the class after lunch by leading 163b. Leaders: Winfred Kerr 314; Bert Collins and Glenda Collins 63; Gary Davis 99; Amy Hicks 274t; Rebecca Over 65; Karen Rollins 399b; Robert Chambless 50b; Nathan Rees 204; Cecil Roberts 303; Fallon Cook 146; Jason Stanford 548, 29b, 155; Philip Denney 129, 142, 84; Rebecca Over 500; Nancy Novotny 32t. Announcements were made. Karen Rollins dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Vice Chairman—Nathan Rees; Secretary—Karen Rollins

LABOR DAY SINGING
Shoal Creek Church, Cleburne County, Alabama
Monday, September 4, 2017

The 97th session of the annual Labor Day Sacred Harp Singing was held at Shoal Creek Church, located in Talladega National Forest, Cleburne County, Alabama. The class was called to order by Cecil Roberts leading 56t. He welcomed the class and visitors, and then led 89. Jack Nelson offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Virginia Dyer 63, 314; Judy Caudle 101t (in memory of B.M. Smith), 222; Rene Greene 176b, 436; Isaac Green 340, 426b; Frances Jones 45t, 358; David Smead 332, 345b; David Brodeur 108t, 117; Winfred Kerr 36b, 318; Hayden Arp 329 (by request); Anna Hinton 203, 455; Pam Nunn 155 (for Charlene Wallace), 186 (in memory of Jeff Sheppard); Chance Cook 192; Eli Hinton 99; Tony Hammock 196, 267; Nancy Novotny 126, 396; Rebecca Over 208, 414; Cornelia Van den Doel 274t, 34b; Karen Rollins 327, 345t; Robert Chambless 72b; Daniel Williams 425, 43; Lisa Bennett 573, 139; Billy See and Vickie See 178, 480; Eric Tweedy 365.

Joe Jones addressed the class, and gave a short history of Shoal Creek Church. He said that the Labor Day Sacred Harp Singing was the only annually scheduled event held at the old church, but there were many weddings, family reunions, and other events held each year. Today, Les Jones, President of the Shoal Creek Preservation Society, spoke to the singers and thanked them for their support. The small donations made yearly by the singers helped make it possible for the Society to purchase and install a historic marker in the churchyard. He read a recent article published in the Anniston Star, and unveiled the marker. He made some additional remarks, and then led the observers in reciting the Lord's Prayer.

RECESS

Fallon Cook led 47b to bring the class together. Leaders: Hayden Arp 342, 140; Erica Hinton 271t, 432; Andy Ditzler 322, 389; Jack Nelson 228, 266; Jeannette DePoy 201 (for Scott's birthday). Robert Chambless asked a blessing at the lunch table.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Virginia Dyer leading 350. Leaders: Samuel Williams 84, 148; Judy Mincey 474, 220; Reba Windom 299 (for Betty Shepherd); Chris Tweedy 100, 156; Gary Davis 335, 35; Shane Brown 66, 49b; Oscar McGuire 485; Fallon Cook 383, 37b (for Virginia), 168; Matt Hinton 30t, 70t; Richard DeLong 214; Richard DeLong, Rene Greene, and Isaac Green 541; Glenda Collins and Bert Collins 40, 282; Sherrell Cleino 127, 503; Ann Simpson 388, 445; Nancy Novotny, Cornelia Van den Doel, Shane Brown, and Rebecca Over 176t; Fallon Cook, Hayden Arp, and Isaac Green 269.

Announcements were made. Cecil Roberts led 46 as the closing song. Daniel Williams offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Vice Chairman—Virginia Dyer; Secretary—Judy Caudle

CAPE MEARES SACRED HARP SINGING
Cape Meares Community Center, Cape Meares, Oregon
Saturday, September 9, 2017

The 8th annual Cape Meares All-Day Singing was called to order by Betsy Jeronen leading 448b. Bradley Knoke offered the morning prayer.

A business meeting was held to elect the following officers: Chairman—Betsy Jeronen; Treasurer—Linda Berkemeier; Secretary—Lyle Lindsey.

Leaders: Lindy Groening 374; Karen Willard 567; Linda Berkemeier 52t; Lyle Lindsey 34b; Jennifer Jones 564; Kim Lusk 104; Kathy Vlach 171; Melissa Stevenson

501; Peter Schinske 354b; Ana Tighe 230; Kate Coxon 144; Kevin Barrans 225b; John Berendzen 482; Laura McMurray 39b; Bob Schinske 375; Dan Thoma 378t; Rodman Campbell 102.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Marie Brandis leading 29t. Leaders: Carol Huang 312t; Erik Schwab 335; Kate Fine 472; Tom McTighe 372; Patrick Coghlan 228; Betsy Jeronen 177; Steve Tarr 333; Thom Fahrbach 349; Steve Cackley 429; Kelly Kennedy 150; Clarissa Fetrow 313b; Steve Helwig 133 (in memory of Edith Owen); Bradley Knoke 67; Kevin Beirne 569b; Peter Schinske 210; John Berendzen 95; Ana Tighe 560; Linda Berkemeier 354t.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Steve Cackley leading 348t. Leaders: Dan Thoma 300; Karen Willard 203; Rodman Campbell 77t; Laura McMurray 512; Jennifer Jones 506; Betsy Jeronen 392; Tom McTighe 296; Kelly Kennedy 353; Steve Tarr 500; Kate Fine 532; Clarissa Fetrow 454; Lyle Lindsey 269; Kathy Vlach 147t; Steve Helwig 396. The noon blessing was offered by Bradley Knoke.

LUNCH

The class was called back to order by Kate Fine leading 30t. Leaders: Thom Fahrbach 318; Carol Huang 528; Bradley Knoke 388; Kevin Barrans 376; Kevin Beirne 377; Kate Coxon 447; Erik Schwab 202; Lindy Groening 197; Bob Schinske 457; Steve Cackley 543; Kelly Kennedy 176b; Dan Thoma 201; Kathy Vlach 213b; Steve Helwig 138t; John Berendzen 406; Rodman Campbell 542; Ana Tighe 380; Karen Willard 195; Jennifer Jones 106 (for John Wiens); Steve Tarr 196; Pat Coghlan 299; Lyle Lindsey 178; Clarissa Fetrow 234; Betsy Jeronen 436; Linda Berkemeier 148.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Marie Brandis leading 32t. Leaders: Tom McTighe 204; Melissa Stevenson 73t; Kevin Beirne 111b; Erik Schwab 142; Jen Rymut 75; Thom Fahrbach 141; Bob Schinske 78; Carol Huang 410b; Bradley Knoke 491; Kate Coxon 175; Kevin Barrans 270; Lindy Groening 480.

The business meeting was reopened. The Treasurer reported that all expenses were met. The Registration and Arranging Committees reported at total of forty-three attendees, thirty-one leaders, and ninety-two songs sung.

Betsy Jeronen led 36b as the closing song. Bradley Knoke offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Betsy Jeronen; Secretary—Lyle Lindsey

NALL AND FLOYD MEMORIAL SINGING (COOPER BOOK)

Little Flock Primitive Baptist Church, Molino, Florida

Saturday, September 9, 2017

The 14th annual Nall and Floyd Memorial Singing was held at Little Flock Primitive Baptist Church on Saturday before the second Sunday in September. The class was called to order by Ryan Bowman leading 144 and 36b. John Kelley offered the opening prayer. Elam Eddins led 113, 383, and 304 as the introductory lesson.

Leaders: Nicole Bowman 300; Eli Eddins 50t; Jamie Kelley and Will Kelley 348t; Jamie Kelley 274t; Tim Royappa and Stanley Smith 268b; Emily Eddins 313; Gary Padgett 494; Stanley Smith 134.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Nicole Bowman leading 59. Leaders: Ken Kelley 137; Evie Eddins 40; Elizabeth Royappa 503; Jay Larson 572; Paul White 235; Sarah Blevins 47b; Tommie Spurlock 574; Ezra Eddins 140; Henry McGuire 545; Edith Eddins 132; Marion Patrick 358; Dana Eddins 293b; Georgeanna Presnell

282.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Ryan Bowman leading 54t. Leaders: Ewan Eddins 99; Hubert Nall 186; Kevin Eddins and Ethan Eddins 210; John Kelley 63; Anne Royappa 375.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Ryan Bowman. He read the following list of names of the sick and shut-ins: Wayne Jones, Lou Nall, Bob Miller, and Lexine Miller. He led 464. He then read the following list of names of the deceased: Arlie Nall, Joe Nall, Agnes Nall, and Therman Nall. He led 504. Gerald Manning offered prayer to close the memorial lesson.

Leaders: Eric Eddins 38b; Loretta Jones 516; Chip Westbrook 451; Andrew Royappa 48b; Aubrey Barfield 84; Perry Keidel 505; Lloyd Jones 45t. The class sang 369, and Kevin Eddins asked a blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with the class singing 96. Leaders: Ryan Bowman 58; Gerald Manning 398b; Brenda Kyser 344; Shane Brown 276; Edith Eddins 196; Tim Jones 36b; Nicole Bowman 112 (for Margaret Spurlock); Ryan Bowman 563; Henry McGuire 171; Elizabeth Royappa, Olivia Larson, and Emma Larson 484; Ewan Eddins 212; Ethan Eddins 211; Shane Brown 497; Aubrey Barfield 214.

Announcements were given. Ryan Bowman led 55 as the closing song. Gerald Manning offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Ryan Bowman; Secretary—Nicole Bowman

PIONEER DAY SINGING

Ora Old Fields Presbyterian Church, Culbertson Back Country Settlement, Gray Court, South Carolina Saturday, September 9, 2017

The Pioneer Day singing was called to order by Robert Kelley leading 374. The opening prayer was offered by Leon Carnell.

Leaders: Robert Kelley 39b; Leon Carnell 39t, 47b; Mary Baumeister 42, 66; Chris Wilhelm 338, 501; Jonathan Wood 30t, 30b; Victoria Eastland 99, 344; Eric Carnell 47t, 36b; Jane Cannon 33b, 121; Isaac Iverson 163b, 168; Dave Farmer 288, 128.

RECESS

Leaders: Robert Kelley 480; Deborah Evans 348b, 454; Patty Judson 178, 503; David Libbey 354t, 523; Jacob Lindler 106, 32b; Joey Wells 107, 479; Frances Carnell 282, 143; Robert Kelley 556. Eric Carnell returned thanks for the mid-day meal.

LUNCH

Robert Kelley brought the class back together leading 154. In a business session, the following officers were elected: Chairman—Robert Kelley; Vice Chairman—Leon Carnell; Secretary—Dave Farmer.

Leaders: Leon Carnell 108t, 481; Jonathan Wood 24t, 234; Victoria Eastland 277, 171; Eric Carnell 276, 142; Jane Cannon 434, 382; Isaac Iverson 148, 159; Dave Farmer 209, 324.

RECESS

Leaders: Robert Kelley 95; Deborah Evans 438, 455; David Libbey 547, 224; Jacob Lindler 417, 299; Frances Carnell 365, 192. The following lessons were led by request: Jane Cannon 269; Robert Kelley 268, 504, 569b. After announcements, Robert Kelley led 267. Leon Carnell offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Robert Kelley; Vice Chairman—Leon Carnell; Secretary—Chris Wilhelm

RIVANNA RIVER SINGING

Charlottesville Friends Meeting House, Charlottesville, Virginia Saturday, September 9, 2017

The 15th annual Rivanna River All-Day Singing was called to order by Miranda Elliott-Rader leading 74b. Elections were held and the following officers were elected: Chairman—Miranda Elliot-Rader; Vice Chairman—Ben Griffith; Treasurer—Zachary Bullock; Secretary—Beverly Yaeger. The opening prayer was offered by John Alexander.

Leaders: Ben Griffin 143; Zachary Bullock 61; Beverly Yaeger 171; John Alexander 56b; Tristan Cleveland 288; Hank Schutz 481; Judy Cahill 87; Adam Frey 455; Ateven Anderson 118; Les Updike 452; Matt Ference 70b; Kelly Macklin 433; Miles Louis Dakan 166; Emmie Strassberg 497; Chris Wolf 129; John delRe 141; Susan Green 128; Richard Green 350; Mary Helen Dupree 52t.

RECESS

The class was called back together by Ben Griffin leading 84. Leaders: Leyland delRe 68t; Kathy Manning 203; Ben Hartland 410t; Miles Louis Dakan 278t; Tristan Cleveland 472; Matt Ference 300; Adam Frey 148; Kelly Macklin 202; John Alexander 317; Emmie Strassberg 479; Chris Wolf 383; Richard Green 189; Mary Helen Dupree 85; Ateven Anderson 114; John delRe 29b; Susan Green 272; Ben Griffin 318; Hank Schutz 155; Miranda Elliot-Rader 164; Zachary Bullock 499; Beverly Yaeger 344; Les Updike 373; Judy Cahill 421.

A memorial lesson was conducted by Tristan Cleveland. Emily led 159 in memory of the following deceased: Charles Bennet, Twyla Bennet, Eric Bedhauser, Campbell Conner, Stephanie Wolf, and John Bayer, Jr. Emily led 154 in honor of the following sick and shut-ins: Tyler Magill, Star, and Will Sessoms. A prayer was offered by John Alexander.

LUNCH

The afternoon sessions included song selections from either the Sacred Harp or *Shenandoah Harmony* (ShH). The class was called back to order by John Alexander and Diane Ober leading 438 (ShH). Leaders: Graham DeZarn 105 (ShH); Chris Wolf 153 (ShH); Emmie Strassberg 117; Ben Hartland 424t (ShH); Kelly Macklin 402 (ShH); Adam Frey 241t (ShH); Mary Helen Dupree 221 (ShH); Matt Ference 260 (ShH); Kathy Manning 162 (ShH); Richard Green 424b (ShH); Ateven Anderson 225 (ShH); Myles Louis Dakan 136 (ShH); Susan Green 338 (ShH); John delRe 452 (ShH); Beverly Yaeger 310 (ShH); John Alexander 37 (ShH); Leyland delRe 36 (ShH); Zachary Bullock 124 (ShH); Miranda Elliot-Rader 429 (ShH); Les Updike 296 (ShH); Graham DeZarn 56 (ShH).

RECESS

The class was called back together by Ateven Anderson leading 163b. Leaders: Adam Frey 254 (ShH); Mary Helen Dupree 130 (ShH); Kathy Manning and Beverly Yaeger 431 (ShH); Myles Louis Dakan and Ateven Anderson 457 (ShH); Kelly Macklin and Dana Pauly 223 (ShH); Graham DeZarn and Susan Green 266 (ShH); Emmie Strassberg and Ben Griffin 242 (ShH); Ben Hartland and Chris Wolf 422 (ShH); Matt Ference and Ben Griffin 363 (ShH); Diane Ober and John Alexander 413 (ShH).

Judy Cahill offered the following resolutions, thanking Barbarie Hill and Tracy Kaminer for their work in the kitchen, John Alexander for being Chaplain, Tristan Cleveland for leading the memorial lesson, Frances Schutz for doing registration, Diane Ober and Beth Hodsdon for doing arranging, and John Alexander, John del Re, Hank Schutz and Matt Ference for pitching.

Miranda Elliott-Rader led 62 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by John Alexander.

Chairman—Miranda Elliott-Rader; Vice Chairman—Ben Griffin; Secretary—Beverly Yaeger

UPPSALA SINGING
Fjellstedtska Skolan, Uppsala, Kingdom of Sweden
Saturday, September 9, 2017

The first all-day singing in Sweden was called to order by Zack Lindahl leading 59. Hillevi Lasén offered the opening prayer. Leaders: Marielle Minutella 66; Hampus Meijer and Zack Lindahl 276; Hanna Flyckt 49t; Stina Åfeldt and Zack Lindahl 49b; Hillevi Lasén 335; Oskar Kvasnes 288; Saara Paakarinen 52t; Dominik Fraune 37b; Camilla Marie Widholm 426t; Caro Stamm-Reusch 187; Stefan Swat 171; Inga Heubner 323b; Ciske Boekelo 300; Derek Buckland 503; Geoff Grainger 339; Michael Walker 225t; Steven T. Schmidgall 473.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Theresa Hofmann leading 39t. Leaders: Saara Paakarinen 101b; Oskar Kvasnes 39b; Camilla Marie Widholm 227; Geoff Grainger 156; Marielle Minutella 361; Ciske Boekelo 178; Stefan Swat 378b; Caro Stamm-Reusch 501; Steven T. Schmidgall 270; Michael Walker 369; Dominik Fraune 404; Hillevi Lasén 207; Derek Buckland 42; Inga Heubner 56b; Hanna Flyckt 47b. Grace was offered by Hillevi Lasén.

LUNCH

The class was called back to order by Dominik Fraune leading 159. Leaders: Steven T. Schmidgall 136; Caro Stamm-Reusch 528; Michael Walker 144; Theresa Hofmann 203; Inga Heubner and Derek Buckland 313b; Zack Lindahl 296; Saara Paakarinen 375; Stefan Swat 567; Ciske Boekelo 209; Oskar Kvasnes 460; Geoff Grainger 163b; Camilla Marie Widholm 550; Marielle Minutella 268; Lennart Nyström 277; Dominik Fraune 269; Derek Buckland 30t.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Caro Stamm-Reusch leading 29t. Leaders: Ingrid Raedergård 63; Pauline Hyde 271t; Theresa Hofmann 53; Honorata Pawlicka-Zurakowska and Bradd Libby 146; Michael Walker 475; Swedish singers 425; Steven T. Schmidgall 164; Norwegian singers 447; Hillevi Lasén 448b; Stefan Swat 504; Geoff Grainger 523; Inga Heubner 515; Ciske Boekelo 183; Caro Stamm-Reusch 505; Dominik Fraune 486; Derek Buckland 350.

After announcements, and thanks to singers in attendance and those who served as officers, Zack Lindahl led 62 as the closing song. Hillevi Lasén offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Zack Lindahl; Secretary—Hanna Flyckt

THE UNITED SACRED HARP MUSICAL ASSOCIATION
Camp McDowell, Double Springs, Alabama
September 9-10, 2017

The United Convention offered three bonus sessions in which to participate. A singing from the *Christian Harmony* was held on Friday evening, September 8, directed by Cassie Allen. On Saturday afternoon, September 9, approximately forty singers, led by Ken Tate, sang on the courthouse steps at the Double Springs Inaugural City Fest. On Saturday evening, a church hymnal singing was held, directed by Danny Creel with piano accompaniment by Samuel Wright.

Saturday, September 9

The 114th session of The United Sacred Harp Musical Association met at Camp McDowell, Double Springs, Alabama, on the second Sunday and Saturday before in September. Kathy Williams called the class to order by welcoming those in attendance for the convention, guests, and visitors. Kathy led 49t. Danny Creel offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Linda Sides 328; Angela Myers 63; David Brodeur 191; Eddie Mash 326; Danny Creel 485; Rick Cunningham 112; Cindy Tanner 269; Len VanderJagt 105; Tom Booth 123t; Emily Stutzman 317; Bea Aaron 456; Daniel Lee 411; Pamela Rosser 146; Janie Short 280; Eugene Forbes 218; Mark Davis 272; Nicholas Thompson 187; Anne Steel 348b; Jerry Schreiber 66; Nathan Rees 374; Reba Windom 182.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Kathy Williams and Linda Sides leading 276. A business session was held and the following officers and committee members were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Linda Sides; Vice Chairman—Nathan Rees; Secretary—Angela Myers; Arranging Committee—Cindy Tanner and Eddie Mash; Finance Committee—Richard Ivey and Don Bowen; Memorial Committee—Bridgett Hill Kennedy and Rick Cunningham; Resolutions Committee—Darrell Swarens and Gillian Inksetter; Chaplain—Cornelia Stanton; Location Committee—David Ivey and Cheyenne Ivey.

Leaders: Brenda Chafin 434; Cornelia Stanton 171; Daphene Causey 304; Carolyn Thompson 203; Ainslie Allen 460; Gail Doss 137; Emma Calvert and Amelia Jett 388; Ann Riley 186; Robert Chambless 77b; Dennis George 527; Hazel Heinze 99; Don Bowen 494 (dedicated to Judy Mincey); Jesse P. Karlsberg 422; Judy Chambless 472 (dedicated to weather victims); Tom George 82b; Gillian Inksetter 151.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Linda Sides leading 215. Leaders: Kelsey Ivey 142; Leslie Booher 331; Cornelia van den Doel 277; Grace Whitener and Karen Ivey 354b; Jonathon Smith 426b; Dick Nail 53; Andy Ditzler 431; Bridgett Hill Kennedy 70b; Mike Hinton 475; Carla Smith 296; Cheyenne Ivey 166; Warren Steel 327; Linda Booth 198; Darrell Swarens 36b; Zilpha Cornett 535; Jim Aaron 47b.

LUNCH

Linda Sides called the class back to order leading 170. Leaders: Isaac Green 541; Samuel Wright 278t; Karen Rollins 222; Mary Wright 312t; Daniel Bearden 461; Ann Jett 546; Sharon DuPriest 189; Martha Beverly 504; Cassie Allen 444; Ken Tate 129; Richard Ivey 176b (in memory of Edith Owen); Barbara VanderJagt 155; Judy Caudle 518; Wanda Capps 216; Susie Denson 477; Theresa Westmoreland 470; Susan Cherones 564; Nancy Novotny 455; Pat Temple 232; Tammy Powell 454; Richard Mauldin 446; Allison Whitener 383; Tammy Heinsohn 178; Gary Glover and Cornelia van den Doel 335; Sandie Scott and Eddie Mash 420.

Linda Sides led 448t as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Cornelia Stanton.

Sunday, September 10

The Sunday session of the United Sacred Harp Musical Association was called to order by Linda Sides leading 335. Cornelia Stanton offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Linda Sides 319; Nathan Rees 313t; Angela Myers 110; Eddie Mash 87; Don Bowen and Richard Ivey 283; Gillian Inksetter 530; Cornelia Stanton 318; Rick Cunningham 276; Bridgett Hill Kennedy 82t; Cheyenne Ivey 106; Darrell Swarens 507 (in memory of Josie Hyde); David Ivey 517; Winfred Kerr 516; Emily Stutzman 399b; Elene Stovall 392; Buell Cobb 439; Roma Rice 162; Hubert Nall 64; David Jackson 499; Isaac Green, Sharon DuPriest, and Daphene Causey 242; Ottis Sides

530.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Nathan Rees leading 35. Leaders: Gary Glover and Cornelia van den Doel 480; Leslie Booher 163b; Karen Rollins 347; Allison Whitener and Grace Whitener 146; Ainslie Allen, Amelia Jett, and Emma Calvert 132; Kathy Williams 365; SuNell Ellis and Ken Tate 498; David Brodeur 353 (in memory of Hugh McGraw).

LUNCH

Linda Sides called the class to order leading 148. Leaders: Mike Hinton 373; Janie Short 196; Theresa Westmoreland 396; Daniel Bearden 293; Tammy Powell and Reba Windom 216; Andy Ditzler 560; Susan Cheronos 65; Carla Smith 170; Susie Denson 388; Nancy Novotny 315; Danny Creel 428; Pat Temple 33t; Jerry Schreiber 538; Martha Beverly 377; Tammy Heinsohn 155; Jonathon Smith 440; Gail Doss 547; Dick Nail 314; Judy Caudle 500; Jesse P. Karlsberg 511; Mary Wright 495; Sandie Scott 512; Eugene Forbes 299; Linda Thomas, Brenda Chafin, and Wanda Capps 546; Nicholas Thompson 528; Robert Raymond 290; Cassie Allen 506; Reba Windom 208; Cornelia van den Doel 89; Judy Chambless and Robert Chambless 549 (in memory of Hugh McGraw); Kelsey Ivey 389; Sadie Bagley and Cassie Allen 344; Daniel Lee 147t.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Rick Cunningham and Bridgett Hill Kennedy. Rick began by saying that he had been on the sick list in recent weeks from having back surgery and how much he appreciated the prayers, cards, and well wishes he had received from singers. He said he was reminded that God is faithful and He will do what He says He will do. He talked about how hard it is to see good people suffer, but we never know how much impact the smallest act of kindness may have on those dealing with sickness. Rick stated that if you notice a need, it may be that you are the one to do something. Rick encouraged singers to take the time to do a small act of kindness. Rick read the following list of names of the sick and shut-ins: Velton Chafin, Ozella Blackmon, Ottis Sides, Jewel Wootten, Julie Poston, Andy Worthington, Norma Mincey, Louise Holland, Melanie Hauff, Chris Holley, Sarah Wheatley, Concetta Branson, and Laurens Blankers.

Bridgett began saying that the older she gets, the more she thinks about childhood. She thinks about how much has changed and how much has stayed the same. She talked about her childhood paranoia that had carried on into her adult life. Her mother always told her that when someone had died in her family that they're watching you. She is thankful that scripture teaches, to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord, that those who have gone on before us are not looking back. For us, we are left with what to do in the meantime. Bridgett said that we weep, we mourn, and we move slowly on, working through our suffering and grief. Bridgett read the following list of names of the deceased: Johnnie Chafin, Caleb Allred, Eloise Wootten, Gravis Ballinger, Lavoy Smith, and Toney Smith—Alabama; Lois Grany and Steve Ludlow—Arizona; Bob Bonnell—Florida; Hugh McGraw, B.M. Smith, Loyd Landrum, Johnny Lee, Delorese Lee, and Edna Vickers—Georgia; Les Sontag—Illinois; Collette Miller and Charles Wells—Minnesota; John Bayer—Ohio; Aline Summerlin and Daniel Summerlin—Tennessee; Jane Goforth and Edith Owen—Texas; Lila Williams—Virginia. Bridgett led 119 in memory of the deceased. Cornelia Stanton offered prayer to close the memorial lesson.

Leaders: Hazel Heinze 86; Karen Ivey and Richard Ivey 567; Ann Jett 88t; Coy Ivey 384; Amber Davis 454 (in honor of Ozella Blackmon and Willodean Barton); Richard Mauldin 551; Cindy Tanner 436.

A business session was held to hear committee reports. The Secretary reported that all expenses were met. The Arranging Committee reported that there were one

hundred sixty-two leaders for both days with fourteen states and two countries represented. The Resolutions Committee offered thanks to the organizers, committees, volunteers, Camp McDowell, singers, and thanked God for the gift of amazing music and all blessings it brings to us. The Location Committee read a letter from the Sacred Harp singing classes of West Georgia and Atlanta requesting to host the 115th session of The United Sacred Harp Musical Association at Holly Springs Primitive Baptist Church in Bremen, Georgia. The recommendation of the Locating Committee was approved. All other reports were accepted, and the business session was closed.

Linda Sides and Nathan Rees led 225t as the closing song. Linda Sides offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Linda Sides; Vice Chairman—Nathan Rees; Secretary—Angela Myers

ILLINOIS STATE SACRED HARP CONVENTION

Texas Christian Church, Clinton, Illinois

Saturday, September 16, 2017

The 33rd annual Illinois Sacred Harp Convention was called to order by Ryan Hill leading 84. The opening prayer was offered by Texas Christian Church pastor, Scott Marsh. The following officers were previously elected: Chairman—Ryan Hill; Secretary—Martha Tyner; Treasurer—Mark Graber; Arranging Committee—Janet Fraembs and Martha Tyner; Chaplain—Mark Graber.

Leaders: Lori Graber 155; Darrell Swarens 36b; Mary Huffman 34b; Jim Helke 177 (MH); Ginny Landgraf 98 (MH); John Wiens and Barry Pidcock 332; John Huffman 528; Don Bardsley 56t; James Page 139 (MH); Stephen Huffman 32t; Carole Briggs 112; Barrett Patton 426b; Jan Ketelle 135; Ted Mercer 192; Judy Hauff 434; Jonathon Smith 228; Sasha Maslanka 157; Darrell Swarens 198; Alvaro Witt Duarte 272; Penny Kujawinski 440.

RECESS

Terry Hogg called the class back to order by leading 523. Leaders: Lou Kujawinski 477; Presley Barker 362; Paul Figura “St. Louis”; Barbara Chopin 474; Dave Ressler 428; Shirley Figura 299; Mary Huffman 391; Jim Helke 45 (MH); Ginny Landgraf 50 (MH); John Wiens 383; Karen Isbell 68 (MH); John Huffman 492; Don Bardsley 429; Carole Briggs 334; Stephen Huffman 365; James Page 84 (MH); Ted Mercer 148 (MH); Barrett Patton 222; Jan Ketelle 549; Judy Hauff 171 (MH); Jonathon Smith 142; Sasha Maslanka 107; Alvaro Witt Duarte 13 (MH); Martha Tyner 147t; Lou Kujawinski 131t. As grace before lunch, Ryan Hill led 164 (MH), followed by spoken grace offered by Mark Graber.

LUNCH

Ginny Landgraf called the class back to order by leading 148. Leaders: Presley Barker 89 (MH); Dave Ressler 138 (MH); Mary Huffman 37b; Penny Kujawinski 377; Jim Helke and Darrell Swarens 507; Terry Hogg 27 (MH); Paul Figura “Webster Groves”; Barbara Chopin 180 (MH); John Wiens 153; Karen Isbell 335; John Huffman 446; Shirley Figura 318 (for Eloise Webster); James Page 67 (MH); Lori Graber 180.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Mark Graber, who reminded us to reach out to those we know on the sick and shut-in list not only to think of them now but to offer our support at other times. Darrell Swarens read the following names of the sick and shut-ins: Berkley Moore, Melanie Hauff, Peggy Brayfield, Daniel Slabaugh, Karen Hojnacki, Doris Steinmetz, Julie Vea, and Johanna Fabke. Mark then encouraged us to remember not only those who are no longer alive, but those who are missing from our singing today for other reasons, and to look forward to singing with them all again one day. Dave Ressler read the following names of the deceased:

Mary Jean McGuire, Dixie McGregor, and Les Sontag—Illinois; Eloise Wootten—Alabama; Johnny Lee, Delores Lee, and Hugh McGraw—Georgia; Collette Miller—Minnesota; Edith Owen—Texas; Darrell Fasching, Richard Scheney, and John Bayer. Ryan Hill led 146. The lesson closed with prayer offered by Mark Graber.

RECESS

Ryan Hill called the class to order for the final session of the day leading 338. Leaders: Janet Fraembs 532; Ginny Landgraf 442; Stephen Huffman 448t; Ted Mercer 61 (MH); Judy Hauff 411, 384; Jan Ketelle 430; Alvaro Witt Duarte 542; Barrett Patton 368; Carole Briggs 87; Sasha Maslanka 77t; Lou Kujawinski 300. The Chairman thanked all who contributed to the success of the day, in particular the Texas Christian Church and Pastor Marsh, all who brought food, and the various committees and officers for their service. The Treasurer reported that all expenses had been met.

Following announcements, the class sang 347 while taking the parting hand. John Huffman offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Ryan Hill; Secretary—Martha Tyner

LEE ROGERS MEMORIAL SINGING (CHRISTIAN HARMONY)

Home of John and Elsie Hollingsworth, Ila, Georgia

Saturday, September 16, 2017

The 9th annual Lee Rogers Memorial Singing was held on Saturday before the third Sunday in September.

All song selections were from the *Christian Harmony*, 2010 Edition. Judy Mincey welcomed the class, and led 61t. John Hollingsworth offered prayer.

Leaders: Judy Mincey 61b; John Plunkett 479, 460t; Christy Sinksen 361, 167t; Robert Kelley 146b, 146t; Jacob Lindler 323, 290; Mary Baumeister 398b, 400b; Mildred Chandler 293, 131; Shannon Primm 80, 421b; Helen Bryson 67b, 189.

RECESS

John Hollingsworth called the class back together leading 1 and 136. Leaders: Terry Chandler 171, 126; Billy Hollingsworth 14 (in memory of Hugh McGraw), 459t (in memory of Raymond Hamrick); Michael Spencer 41b, 401b; Dave Farmer 236t, 107; Terry Chandler 372 (at the request of Angela Benton); Chris Wilhelm 110, 410t; Jane Cannon 418b, 54; Debora Grosse 142, 143; Jack Chandler, Jr. 140, 369.

LUNCH

A business meeting was held and re-elected the same officers by acclamation. Judy Mincey led 62t to begin the afternoon session. Leaders: Justin Bowen 362, 43; Lauren Bock 120, 316; Jesse Karlsberg 354, 74; John Plunkett 104; Christy Sinksen 55b; Robert Kelley 212; Jacob Lindler 541, 105b; Mary Baumeister 305; Shannon Primm 374; Jesse Karlsberg 38; Justin Bowen 223; Billy Hollingsworth 516; Michael Spencer 402t; John Hollingsworth 548, 546b; Dave Farmer 294; Chris Wilhelm 250t; Jane Cannon 378; Lauren Bock 332; Jesse Karlsberg 64.

After announcements, Judy Mincey led 432b (in memory of Lee Rogers and Sharon Kellam). John Hollingsworth offered a benedictory prayer.

Chairman—Judy Mincey; Vice Chairman—Michael Spencer; Secretary—Helen Bryson

NEW YORK CITY SINGING

First Presbyterian Church of Brooklyn, Brooklyn, New York

Saturday, September 16, 2017

The New York City All-Day Singing was held at the First Presbyterian Church of

Brooklyn on Saturday before the third Sunday in September. Gwen Gethner called the class to order leading 84. Molly Dektar offered the morning prayer.

A business session was held during which the following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Jason Steidl; Vice Chairman—Sam Kleinman; Secretary—Jasmine Mendoza; Treasurer—Mary Jane Wilkie.

Leaders: Jason Steidl 32t; Sam Kleinman 47t; Jasmine Mendoza 82t; Emma Rose Brown 36b; Nancy Mandel 42; Douglas Fower 38b; Molly Dektar 448b; Terry Ryan 362; Rebecca Rohrer 215; Lucas Husted 460; Alice Beattie 284; Eli Hetko 48b; Merv Horst 87; Charles Biada 203; Gary Ryan 34t; Rebecca Blumenthal 25.

RECESS

Carol Huang called the class to order leading 67. Leaders: Myles Louis Dakan 133; Cat Walsh 69t; Al McCready 153; Krista Guerrieri 384; Mary Jane Wilkie 56b; Ernest Chamberlain 142; Liora O'Donnell Goldensher 216; Mary Skidmore 91; Joel Bassett 405; Richard Schmeidler 268; Angharad Davis 564; Robin Banerji 445; Tristan Gordon 189; Sharon Strong 121; Sue Peters 178; John Klaess 92; Nancy Tkacs 299.

RECESS

Gedney Barclay brought the class to order leading 81t. Leaders: Guy Bankes 534; Ivy Hauser 272; Micah John Walter 430; Tara Mulder 328.

Buck Wanner led 340 for the following sick and shut-ins: Charlotte Ehrman, Robin Faine, Paula Picton, Christine Stevens, Ed Stevens, Concetta Branson, Eugene Horst, Phyllis Kinley, and Herb Eriksson.

Katie FitzGerald conducted the memorial lesson, and led 33t in honor of the following deceased: John Lewallen—North Carolina; Joan Dektar—California; Michael Sensor, Jean Comfort Hallowell, and Skip Trout—Pennsylvania; Charles Wells and Collette Miller—Minnesota; Barbara Bell, William Berger, Vincent Titone, and Brigid Turadek—New York; John Bayer—Ohio; Bill Mates—New Jersey; Hugh McGraw, Johnny Lee, and Delorese Lee—Georgia; Edith Owen—Texas; Diane Torr—Scotland. Nancy Mandel closed the memorial lesson with prayer. Leaders: Chris Cotter 134; Rachel Hall 177; John Hughes 339; MB Gowins 548; Dean Jens 383; Liz Patton 454; Ian Quinn 89; Sasha Hsuczyk 419; Tom Ivey 562; Leon Pulsinelle 542; Liz Cantrell 434; Ruth Wampler 517. Molly Dektar offered a blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Kevin Beirne called the class to order leading 73t. Leaders: Lisa Bennett 500; Laura Hodges 202; Chris Holley 348b; Lu Zeng 505; Lynne deBenedette 456; Matt Wells 300; Jennie Brown 411; Cory Noel 269; Mike Richards 426b; Brenda Dunlap 102; Lindsay Kruse 432; David Smead 193; Daniel Hunter and Katy Hunter 441; Joanne Fuller 192; Alex Forsyth 476; Lydia Lewallen 568; Rachel Speer 123b; Stina Soderling 236; Sara Lott 444; Elsa Phemayotin 29b.

RECESS

Aldo Ceresa called the class back to order leading 106. Leaders: Thomas Ward 35; Rachel Stevens 361; Jesse Beller 448t; Jeff Gauthier 319; Jon Giles 546; Erik-Dardan Ymeraga 82b; Alanna Goodman 277; Norman von Holtzendorff 28b; Stefani Priskos 114; Leah Libresco Sergeant and Alexi Sargeant 76b; Bronwyn Bishop 65; Solon Gordon 400; Aldo Ceresa, Gwen Gethner, Jon Giles, Carol Huang, Nancy Mandel, Al McCready, and Rachel Speer 112; Chris Holley and Ruth Wampler 347.

Announcements were made. Jason Steidl, Sam Kleinman, Jasmine Mendoza, and Mary Jane Wilkie led 62 as the closing song, while the class took the parting hand. Stefani Priskos offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Jason Steidl; Vice Chairman—Sam Kleinman; Secretary—Jasmine Mendoza

SANTA CRUZ SINGING

Garfield Park Community Church, Santa Cruz, California

Saturday, September 16, 2017

The 4th annual Santa Cruz All-Day Singing was held at Garfield Park Community Church in Santa Cruz, California. Janet Herman called the class together leading 171. Dan Harper offered the opening prayer.

In a business meeting, the following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Shelley Phillips; Arranging Committee—Janet Herman; Secretary—Dan Harper; Treasurer—Ruth McGurk.

Leaders: Terry Moore 34b; Rebecca Edwards 48t; Erika Wilson 32t; Steve Helwig 120; Edward Rice 45b; Linda Selph 68b; Lindy Groening 36b; Wren Hyde 89; Pat Coghlan 351; Gerardo Flores 573; Dan Harper 300; Jeremy Donaldson 348t; Janet Herman 191; Ruth McGurk 270; Terry Moore 142; Rebecca Edwards 440; Erika Wilson 29t; Steve Helwig 311.

RECESS

Song selections in this session were from *The Shenandoah Harmony* (ShH). Jeremy Donaldson brought the class together leading 12 (ShH). Leaders: Edward Rice 288t (ShH); Linda Selph 41 (ShH); Joel Chan 296 (ShH); Lindy Groening 186 (ShH); Wren Hyde 243 (ShH); Shelley Phillips 113 (ShH); Shelley Phillips and Ruth McGurk 114 (ShH); Dan Harper 27 (ShH); Janet Herman 310 (ShH); Jeremy Donaldson 202 (ShH); Terry Moore 258 (ShH); Rebecca Edwards 260t (ShH); Erika Wilson 418t (ShH); Edward Rice 404t (ShH); Linda Selph 226 (ShH); Joel Chan 140b (ShH); Lindy Groening 180 (ShH); Ruth McGurk 242 (ShH); Dan Harper 132 (ShH). Dan Harper offered the prayer before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Shelley Phillips brought the class together leading 124. Leaders: Steve Helwig 276; Wren Hyde 76b; Peter Ross 122 (in memory of Caroline Bonnet); Janet Herman 546; Jeremy Donaldson 481; Pat Coghlan 272; Terry Moore 304; Rebecca Edwards 302; Erika Wilson 564; Edward Rice 547 (in memory of Jim Kyne); Linda Selph 430 (for Linda Domholt and Concetta Branson); Joel Chan 203 (for the victims of Hurricane Irma); Lindy Groening 234; Shelley Phillips 448t; Steve Helwig 240; Dan Harper 56b; Ruth McGurk 299.

RECESS

Terry Moore brought the class together leading 178. Leaders: Wren Hyde 385t; Peter Ross 146; Jeremy Donaldson 210; Pat Coghlan 542; Terry Moore 117; Rebecca Edwards 442; Erika Wilson 26; Linda Selph 217; Joel Chan 32b; Steve Helwig 68t; Dan Harper 159; Janet Herman 318; Edward Rice 454; Shelley Phillips 455.

In a business meeting, the Treasurer reported expenses had been met, and the Secretary reported twenty-six singers sang seventy-three songs led by seventeen leaders. The chairman thanked all those who made the singing possible. She informed the class that Garfield Park Community Church is being sold, and expressed sadness that next year's singing must be held at another venue. The class unanimously approved the resolution to meet again on Saturday before the third Sunday in September, 2018.

Edward Rice and Shelley Phillips led 157 (ShH) as the closing song. Dan Harper offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Shelley Phillips; Secretary—Dan Harper

UNITED KINGDOM SACRED HARP CONVENTION
Lomas Hall, Stannington, Sheffield, United Kingdom
September 16-17, 2017

Saturday, September 16

The 22nd session of the United Kingdom Sacred Harp Convention was called to order by Vicki Elliott leading 77b. Joe Vickers offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Catherine Roberts 276; Judy Whiting 472; Eimear O'Donovan 56t; Sam Carter 171; Emily Verrier 480; Fred Langridge 159; Chris Brown 113; Myfanwy Reynolds 312b; Ian West 32t; Teresa McGuire 48t; Colin Monson 107; Richard Mayers 29t; Cath Ingham 30t; Werner Ullah 37b; Karen Turner 496; Francis Gaskin 179; Claire Welford 50t; Alec Williams 75; Ian Lamb 147b; Sophie Sawicka-Sykes 99; Phil Hogg 102; Rachel Jordan 353; Crispin Walker 53; Rachel Adelstein 327; Jan Geerts 91.

RECESS

Rosalind Oldham called the class to order leading 457. Leaders: Leilai Immel-Parkinson 131b; Tom Greig 89; Lizzie Dye 523; Joe Vickers 74b; Ella Cumber 434; Edwin Macadam 280; April Watkins 155; Steve Brett 360; Helen Brown 475; Calum Woods 283; Gerben Vos 203; Amanda Parkes 222; David Brodeur 187; Barry Parsons 64; Dorothy Robinson 180; Michael Walker 319; Sheila Girling Macadam 500; Matthew Parkinson 181. Helen Brown gave thanks for the midday meal.

LUNCH

Hannah Land called the class back to order by leading 28t. Leaders: Katie Ahern 426b; Margaret Bradshaw 300; Bryan Seale 522; Andy Ditzler 542; Carolyn Deacy 485; Megan Holm 504; Natalie Sims 344; Seth Dickens 505; Bobby Watkins 460; Phil Tyler 157; William Cleary 135; Cath Saunt 228; Ted Brown 546; Vicki Elliott 377; Kevin Kennedy 572; Eva Striebeck 391; Taylor Watkins 445; Cath Tyler 367; Nick Hall 455; Crispin Walker 383; Mick Verrier 217; Grace Scrimgeour 547; Derek Buckland 72b; David Brodeur 538; Sula O'Duffy 117.

RECESS

Sarah West led 67 to bring the class to order. Leaders: Eimear O'Donovan 278t; Alec Williams 146; Joe Vickers 348b; Rachel Adelstein 268; Helen Brown 430; Steve Brett 558; Kerry Cullinan 378t; Sheila Girling Macadam 215; Hannah Land 442; Calum Woods and Rosalind Woods 350; Teresa McGuire 148; Claire Welford 372; Catherine Roberts 65; Rachel Jordan 540; Karen Turner 556.

Vicki Elliott led 69t as the closing song. Cath Tyler offered the closing prayer.

Sunday, September 17

The Sunday session of the United Kingdom Sacred Harp Convention was called to order by Vicki Elliott leading 314. Michael Walker offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Catherine Roberts 286; Chris Brown 82t; Fred Langridge 313b; Francis Gaskin 317; Myfanwy Reynolds 162; Jacoba Bruneel 73b; Ted Brown 425; Lottie Sumner and Connie Baldini 146; Judy Whiting 492; Sam Carter 270; Emily Verrier 227; Mark Wardlaw 420; Erin Johnson-Williams 475; Jan Geerts 391; Ella Cumber 491.

RECESS

Ian West called the class back together by leading 105. Leaders: Leilai Immel-Parkinson 34t; Ed Johnson-Williams 201; Gerben Vos 272; Taylor Watkins 388; Dorothy Robinson 312t; Michael Walker 212; Amanda Parkes 530; Sarah West 389; Kevin Kennedy 232; Sula O'Duffy 274t; Andy Ditzler 304; Natalie Sims 112; Matthew Parkinson 400.

David Brodeur spoke for the sick and housebound, and read the following list of names: Curtis Owen, Melanie Hauff, Joe McPartland, Sophie McDougall, Nate

Green, Norma Green, Lesley Goodwin, Diane Heywood, David Elliott, Concetta Branson, Linda Domholt, Alison Saville, Toby Boyes, Kit Yip, Julie Buckingham, Nigel Cumber, David Gasi, Paula Mogenson, Inga Hübner, Kathryn Golding, John Ahern, Dot Green, Alf Green, Darrell Jenkins, Mary Parkes, Mike Ramsey, and Chris Holley. David led 516.

Margaret Bradshaw conducted the memorial lesson, and read the following list of names of the deceased: Francisco Nazzini and Michael Siefert—London; Chris Holloway—Germany; Don Grimshaw—Southampton; Ros Taylor—St John's Chapel; Alex Elliott and Gordon Hoyland—Sheffield; Norman Johnson—Blaydon on Tyne; Winifred Elliott—Bolton; Robert Peel and P.J. O'Grady—Ireland; Mark Girling—Spain; June Eames—Cubbington; Catherine Monson—Gateshead; Jean McDonald and Donald McDonald—Derby; Kathleen Rowell—Lewes; Frank Parkinson—Enniskillen; Heather Gates—Maldon; Margaret Walton—Newcastle; Johnny Lee, Dolores Lee, and Hugh McGraw—Georgia, USA; Gravis Ballinger—Alabama, USA; Edith Owen—Texas, USA; Donald Gillis—Florida, USA; and Pat Colteryhan—Vermont, USA. Margaret led 128. Ted Brown offered a prayer to close the memorial service.

Leaders: Cath Tyler 47t; Bryan Seale 76b; Carolyn Deacy 328; Bobby Watkins 340; Megan Holm 31t; Phil Hogg and Matthew Parkinson 117; Katie Ahern 189; Eva Striebeck 411. Bobby Watkins gave thanks for the midday meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Tom Greig leading 35. Leaders: Cath Saunt 384; April Watkins 45t; Barry Parsons 522; Edwin Macadam 444; Kerry Cullinan 466; Julie Russell 178; Mick Verrier and Emily Verrier 142; Rachel Adelstein 250; Natalie Sims 348t; Calum Woods 138b; Ed Johnson-Williams 196; Andy Ditzler and David Brodeur 342; Bryan Seale 532; Megan Holm 335; Seth Dickens 38t; Michael Walker 182; Nick Hall 214; Bobby Watkins, April Watkins, and Taylor Watkins 436; Eva Striebeck 506; Sheila Girling Macadam 302; Amanda Parkes 548; William Cleary 170; Derek Buckland 106; Maria Wallace 504.

RECESS

Eimear O'Donovan brought the class back to order by leading 477. Leaders: Josh Lant, Mike Upton, and Andy Ditzler 277; Jon Frant 122; Piers Cawley 47b; Emma Warren and Crispin Walker 202; Mark Wardlaw 69t; Jacoba Bruneel 410t; Erin Johnson-Williams 100; Grace Scrimgeour 216; Cath Ingham 87; Phil Tyler 456; Ian Lamb 481; Werner Ullah 278t; Lizzy Dye 339; Helen Brown 349; Leilai Immel-Parkinson and Matthew Parkinson 111b.

Vicki Elliott led 347 as the closing song. Seth Dickens offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Vicki Elliott; Vice Chairman—Catherine Roberts; Secretary—Judy Whiting

CORNELIUS BENJAMIN KEETON AND TRAVIS KEETON MEMORIAL SINGING

**Shady Grove (Keeton Cemetery), Walker County, Alabama
Sunday, September 17, 2017**

The 46th annual Keeton Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was held on the third Sunday in September. Glenn Keeton called the class to order, and welcomed everyone. He led 59. The opening prayer was offered by Richard Mauldin.

The class was organized by electing or appointing the following officers: Chairman—Glenn Keeton; Secretary and Arranging Officer—Lena Keeton.

Leaders: Glenn Keeton 77t (for Ozella Blackmon, who is in hospital); Cheyenne Ivey

432, 430; Earl Ballinger 426t, 402; Betty Baccus 76b, 387; Buell Cobb 410b, 271t; Larry Ballinger 270, 282; Marlin Beasley 406, 40; Henry Guthery 420, 140 (for Velton Chafin and Ozella Blackmon); Roma Rice 104, 460 (in memory of her mother and father); Joshua Keeton 111b; Joshua Keeton and Glenn Keeton 108t; Joshua Keeton, Glenn Keeton, and Lena Keeton 30b; Lena Keeton 475; Julia Poston 108b, 166.

RECESS

Glenn Keeton led 334 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Chris Ballinger 477, 512; Isaac Green and Buell Cobb 69b; Isaac Green 419 (for Ozella Blackmon); Linda Booth 148, 137; Mike Hankins 299, 168 (in memory of Gravis Ballinger); Richard Mauldin 43, 551; Sarah Beasley 354b, 100; Amber Davis 328; Amber Davis and Nicholas Thompson 192 (for Ozella Blackmon); Lisa Geist 228, 269; Tom Booth 131b, 31b; Becky Briggs 179, 373 (in memory of her uncle, Bennie Keeton); Nicholas Thompson 216; Nicholas Thompson and Lisa Geist 304; Glenn Keeton 159 (for Bernice Wakefield). Tom Booth asked a blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Glenn Keeton and Donna Hopson brought the class back together leading 300. Leaders: Margaret Keeton 403, 213t; Jack Pate 503, 335; Nancy Phillips 146, 117; Juanita Beasley and Marlin Beasley 61, 63; Seth Holloway 274t, 236; Alvin (Bunk) Beasley and Linda Beasley 72b, 81t; Joey Clingan and Gwen Cornelius 341, 421; Henry Guthery 431, 527, 464 (CB); Freddie Briggs 388, 235; Isaac Green, Nicholas Thompson, and Cheyenne Ivey 215; Loretta Whitman 82t, 78; Cheyenne Ivey, Nicholas Thompson, and Isaac Green 542; Glenn Keeton and Lisa Geist “Joshua”, “Ashley”; Glenn Keeton 454 (for Willodean Barton).

Announcements were made. Glenn Keeton led 267 as the closing song. Marlin Beasley offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.
Chairman—Glenn Keeton; Secretary—Lena Keeton

SMYRNA SACRED HARP SINGING

Smyrna Primitive Baptist Church, Goodwater, Alabama Sunday, September 17, 2017

The annual Sacred Harp Singing at Smyrna Church was held on the third Sunday in September. Jack Nelson brought the class together leading 480 and 32t. Elder Ken Milner offered the opening prayer.

The class agreed to retain the following officers: Chairman—Jack Nelson; Co-Chairman—William Futral; Secretary—Virginia Futral.

Leaders: Eugene Forbes 112, 203; Winfred Kerr 500, 314; Robert Chambless 122, 34b; Taylor Kennedy 27, 235; Nathan Rees 127, 36b; Hayden Arp 58, 75; Nancy Novotny 389, 229; Cecil Roberts 48t, 383; Ed Thacker 213t, 421.

RECESS

Jack Nelson, Mona Nelson, Sidney Burlison, and Michele Burlison brought the class back together leading 59 and 77t. Leaders: Denice Burlison 358, 196; Myrlene Redmond 147t, 569b; Wendy Anderson 300, 98; Philip Denney 313t, 120; Richard DeLong 168, 214; Roy Nelson 39b, 44; Ken Milner 45t. Elder Louis Culver asked a blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Jack Nelson brought the class back together leading 228. Leaders: Judy Chambless 165; Fallon Cook 186, 146; Chance Cook 192; Eugene Forbes 328; Winfred Kerr 89; Robert Chambless 225t; Taylor Kennedy 167; Nathan Rees 30t; Hayden Arp 460; Nancy Novotny 332; Cecil Roberts 76b; Ed Thacker 341; Denice Burleson 269; Myrlene Redmond 108t; Wendy Anderson 340; Philip Denney 142; Richard DeLong 322; Roy Nelson 390; Judy Chambless 565; Fallon Cook 176t; Denice Burleson 25. Jack Nelson led “What A Day That Will Be” (by request) and “God Bless America” (by request). Elder Ken Milner dismissed the class with prayer. Chairman—Jack Nelson; Co-Chairman—William Futral; Secretary—Virginia Futral

THE ORIGINAL B.F. WHITE SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION (1911 J.L. WHITE REVISION)

**Hardeman Primitive Baptist Church, Decatur, Georgia
Sunday, September 17, 2017**

The Original B.F. White Sacred Harp Singing Convention (1911 J.L. White Revision) was held at Hardeman Primitive Baptist Church, Decatur, Georgia, on the third Sunday in September. The class was called to order by John Plunkett, who welcomed everyone, and then led 73b. Henry Johnson offered the opening prayer. Leaders: John Plunkett 77b; Russell Hanson 61, 72b; Sandra Wilkinson 316, 70b; Kelly Morris and Bill Levisay 49b, 159; Henry Johnson 32b, 88t; John Whittemore 48b, 99; Malinda Snow 138b, 547t; Helen Bryson 498t (for Carol Martin and in memory of Jetha Brooks); Oscar McGuire 276, 155.

RECESS

Russell Hanson brought the class together leading 358. Leaders: Carol Hanson 513, 395b; Tom Hanson 512, 36b; Mary Brownlee 47b, 287; Jerusha Wheeler 482b; Jerusha Wheeler and Malinda Snow 304; Leslie Hanson 540, 137.

A business session was held for the purpose of electing officers, and any other business brought before the class. A motion was made and seconded to retain the same officers for another year. The business session was closed in order.

Leaders: John Plunkett 55t; Russell Hanson 491b; Sandra Wilkinson 95b; Kelly Morris 37b; Henry Johnson 495. Tom Hanson offered the prayer at the lunch table.

LUNCH

John Plunkett reconvened the singing class by leading 154b. Leaders: John Whittemore 40; Malinda Snow 96; Helen Bryson 549b; Oscar McGuire 171; Sharon Hamrick 297; Carol Hanson 389t; Kelly Morris 38b; Tom Hanson 299; Jesse Roberts 490b, 34b; Micah Roberts 29b, 27; Judy Mincey 279, 396b; Debra Grosse 492, 511; Leslie Hanson 487t.

Sandra Wilkinson conducted the memorial lesson. Judy Mincey led 501b in memory of the deceased and in honor of the sick and shut-ins. The deceased included Hugh McGraw, B.M. Smith, Bobby Mabry, Betty Barton, and Elder Ed Smith—Georgia; and Eloise Wootten—Alabama. The sick and shut-ins included Andy Anderson, Martha Ann Stegar, and Bessie Prince. The memorial prayer was offered by Henry Johnson.

Leaders: Mary Brownlee 496b; Jerusha Wheeler 284t; Sandra Wilkinson 507; Micah Roberts 29t; Jesse Roberts 74b; Henry Johnson 488b; Judy Mincey 487b; Tom Hanson 483t, 317b.

Following announcements, Russell Hanson led R26 as the closing song. Elder Jesse Roberts offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—John Plunkett; Vice Chairman—Russell Hanson; Secretary—Sandra Wilkinson

GUM POND PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH SINGING
Gum Pond Primitive Baptist Church, Morgan County, Alabama
Saturday, September 23, 2017

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at Gum Pond Primitive Baptist Church on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in September was called to order by Nicholas Thompson leading 31b. The opening prayer was offered by Elder J.L. Hopper. The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Nicholas Thompson; Vice Chairman—Daniel Hopper; Secretary—Judy Caudle; Arranging Officer—Nicholas Thompson.

Leaders: Judy Caudle 97; Isaac Green 56t (for Betty Shepherd); Linda Booth 31t; Delone Cobbs 354t; Winfred Kerr 500 (for Rebecca Over and in memory of Hugh McGraw); Lisa Geist 120; Daniel Lee 411; Judy Chambless 501; Nancy Thompson 123t; Theresa Westmoreland 470; Angela Myers 325; Ed Thacker 565; Daniel Hopper 98; Beth Anne Clay 106; Bea Aaron 475; Darrell Swarens 36b; Emily Stutzman 59; Earl Ballinger 208; Cheyenne Ivey 182; Cindy Mann 354b; Lauren Allen 323b.

RECESS

Nicholas Thompson led 170 to bring the class back together. Leaders: Justin Bowen 189; Loyd Ivey 89; Susan Cheronas 349; Robert Chambless 163b; Larry Ballinger 119; Bridgett Hill Kennedy 454; Darlene Reynolds 145t; Jim Aaron 47b; Brittany Thompson 112; Bentley Rose 282; Brandon Thompson 340; Hazel Heinze 45t; J.L. Hopper 348t; Lomax Ballinger 53. Elder J.L. Hopper asked a blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Daniel Hopper leading 301. Leaders: Susan Allred 76b; Elene Stovall 440; Lilly Underwood and Loyd Ivey 424; Nancy Novotny 328; Oscar McGuire 485; Skylar Thompson and Nicholas Thompson 61; Tom Booth 523; Eugene Forbes 155; Milford Cobbs 405; Nancy Phillips 146; Nicholas Thompson and Randy Robbins 63; Nancy Novotny 290; Darrell Swarens and Linda Booth 198; Emily Stutzman 49b; Robert Chambless and Judy Chambless 77b (for Charlene Wallace); Darlene Reynolds and Bentley Rose 569b; Justin Bowen and Beth Anne Clay 546; Larry Ballinger, Lisa Geist, and Earl Ballinger 528; Loyd Ivey and Lilly Underwood 318 (in memory of Eloise Wootten); Oscar McGuire 229; Isaac Green, Lauren Allen, and Nicholas Thompson 192 (for Christie Allen); Judy Caudle 419 (by request for Ozella Blackmon), 276 (for Glenda Hopper and Margaret Keeton); J.L. Hopper 149 (by request).

Announcements were made. Nicholas Thompson and J.L. Hopper led 62 as the closing song. Elder Daniel Hopper offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Nicholas Thompson; Vice Chairman—Daniel Hopper; Secretary—Judy Caudle

ALABAMA STATE CHRISTIAN HARMONY CONVENTION
Union Missionary Baptist Church, Jefferson County, Alabama
September 23-24, 2017

Saturday, September 23

The annual meeting of the Alabama State *Christian Harmony* Convention convened at Union Missionary Baptist Church, Jefferson County, Alabama, on the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in September. Danny Creel led 31t to bring the class to order, offered the morning prayer, and then led 1. Leaders: Emily Brown 120, 54, 64, 255; Anita Landess 208b, 258; Michael Spencer 493t, 310t, 397t; SuNell Ellis 316,

131, 109; Yancey Jett 281b, 93, 326; Nancy Hogan 362, 245.

RECESS

Danny Creel called the class back together by leading 338b. Leaders: Shannon Primm 300, 511, 288; Wanda Capps and Mary Self 264, 142, 170; Gary Glover 346, 232t, 70t; Joan Aldridge 168b, 19; Henry Johnson 274, 467b, 11; Linda Sides 91, 117, 372; Sam Wright 191, 292, 184.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Danny Creel leading 172. Leaders: Daniel Bearden 279, 237, 50; Hayden Arp 4, 308, 51; Brenda Dunlap 339, 330, 515; Jane Cannon 193, 455t, 378; Bill Hogan 336t, 203, 133; Cassie Allen 492b, 332 (for Velton Chafin), 354; Cindy Tanner 180 (in memory of Earnie Jett), 322, 342; Ken Tate 534, 432t, 490; Ann Jett 110, 149, 96.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Danny Creel; Vice Chairman—Ken Tate; Secretary—Emily Brown; Arranging Committee—Ann Jett. Announcements were made. Danny Creel led 23b, and offered the closing prayer.

Sunday, September 24

The Sunday session of the Alabama State *Christian Harmony* Convention began with Danny Creel leading 204t. Ken Tate offered the morning prayer. Leaders: Danny Creel 82b, 186; Ken Tate 67b, 121t, 120; Emily Brown 14, 63t, 81t; Ed Thacker 64, 255, 19; Shannon Primm 532, 15; Jeff James 50, 51, 250t; Yancey Jett and Cassie Allen 238, 43, 287; Jane Cannon 312, 329, 6.

RECESS

Ken Tate called the class back together by leading 258. Leaders: Judy Caudle 462t, 138, 176; Darrell Swarens 117, 341; Nancy Hogan 166, 486t, 468b; Ann Jett 256t, 85, 342; John Plunkett 418t, 415b, 246.

LUNCH

Danny Creel began the afternoon session by leading 544. Leaders: Billy Thompson 178, 179; Cindy Tanner 234, 543, 97; Henry Johnson 108, 281t, 281b; Brenda Dunlap 235, 44b, 86b; Michael Spencer 510b, 401b, 163b; SuNell Ellis and Ken Tate 194, 89, 60; Ainslie Allen 23b, 136, 93; Eugene Forbes 142, 216b, 253; Emma Calvert 91, 40b, 131; Gary Glover 88, 215, 432t; Cassie Allen 548, 214, 182; Eddie Pierce 171, 188, 117; Bill Hogan 135, 59b, 101; Jane Cannon 172 (by request); John Plunkett 546b (by request).

A business session was held to announce that the 2018 session will be held at Union again. The business session was closed, and announcements were made. Danny Creel led 204b as the closing song, and dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Danny Creel; Vice Chairman—Ken Tate; Secretary—Emily Brown

MINNESOTA STATE SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION Olivet Congregational Church, St. Paul, Minnesota and The Landing, Shakopee, Minnesota September 23-24, 2017

Saturday, September 23

The 28th annual session of the Minnesota State Sacred Harp Singing Convention was called to order by Christine Stevens and Erik McDonald leading 36b. Barb Patterson offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Paul Wyatt and Alec Jenkins-White 105; Steven T. Schmidgall and Janell Draper 441; Stacy Berkheimer 479; Angie Payne 28b; Hans Guttman 37b; Francis Gurtz 209; Hanna Brolander and Joel Menk 504; Richard Popp 145b; Nancy Koester 569b; Stephanie Fida 30t; Julius Pasay 335; Megan Holm 312b; Jeanette

Nelson 269; Evelyn Lamb 292; Nathan Berry 399b; Martha Henderson 64; Kit Canright 34t; Mary Ellen Shaw 87; Joel Setterholm 481.

RECESS

Anna Pfau called the class together by leading 77t. Leaders: Claudia Egelhoff 564; Mary Lyons and AnnaLeigh Smith 59; Carol Buche 178; Val Stoehr 532; Alec Jenkins-White 210; Kat Kohorst 290; Annie Choate 86; Matthew Knight 117; Séan Breathnach and Miriam Delirium 271t; Tamara Harris 37t; Keri Lundgren 454; Betsy Jeronen 436; Karen Edwards 442.

RECESS

Megan Holm and Tivey called the class back together by leading 99. Leaders: Leslie Williamson-White 122; Rodman Campbell 542; Peter Stenshoel 348t (for Rev. Robert W. Johnson); Cecelia Kramer 444; Steven Levine 200; Leon Pulsinelle 163b; Michael Moore 460; Dan Edwards 426t; Ben Copenhaver 88t. Michael Moore offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Steve Luttinen recalled the class by leading 277. Leaders: Myles Alexander 426b; James Page 505; Rochelle Lodder 344; Eamonn O'Neill 500; Lydia Lewallen 419; Alex Dixon 228; Carol Crawford 144; John Wiens 145t; Lisa Grayson 528; Shelley Robbins 299; Sarah West 189; Laura Densmore 349; Sadhbh O'Flynn 428; Ted Mercer 202; Darlene Dalton 376; AnnaLeigh Smith 102; Cathy Lutz 31t; Steven T. Schmidgall 120; Jim Pfau 474; Noelle Copeland 507; Michael Shewmaker and baby, Louise 84.

RECESS

Paul Wyatt brought the class back together by leading 313t. Leaders: Denise Kania 208; Joel Menk 222; Anna Pfau 502; Ray Cott-Meissel 503; Kevin Bullock 35; Eleanor Haase 384; Jacob Kiakahi 515; Steve Luttinen 399t; Kim Bahmer 385b; Paul Landskroener 71; Dick Patterson 492; Val Eng 280; Bryant Kumlin 276; Matt Wells 183; Elise DelMas 562; Barb Patterson 101t; Paul Wyatt 53; Erik McDonald 448t. Darlene Dalton offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, September 24

Erik McDonald called the Sunday session to order by leading 32t. Myles Alexander offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Stacy Berkheimer 77b; Ray Cott-Meissel 99; Hans Guttman 480; Jacob Kiakahi 114; Barb Patterson 46; Jeanette Nelson 155; Jacob Carrigan 455; Kim Bahmer 159; Alec Jenkins-White 447; Tom McTighe 475; Sarah West 133; Val Stoehr 176b; Sarah Maika and Nicandra Galper 344; Miriam Delirium and Séan Breathnach 163t; Megan Holm 76b; Jeff Bell 388 (in memory of Charles Wells, Johnny Lee, and Jeff's father); Joel Menk 401.

RECESS

Paul Wyatt brought the class back together by leading 40. Leaders: Claudia Egelhoff 556; Meg Parsons 203; Julius Pasay 378b; Emily Hale-Sills 131b; Sadhbh O'Flynn "Departure" (her original composition); Betsy Jeronen 440; Hanna Peterson and James Peterson 38b; Peter Stenshoel 229; Gwen Gethner 546; Carol Crawford 70t; Rodman Campbell 567.

RECESS

Ben Copenhaver recalled the class by leading 113. Leaders: Leon Pulsinelle 377; Rochelle Lodder and Evelyn Lamb 236 (at the request of Michael Appert); Myles Alexander 538; Sarah Maika 129.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Eleanor Haase and Paul Landskroener. Eleanor Haase led 340 for the sick and shut-ins, especially Christine Stevens, Elouise Jerome, Paul Wilson, Joanne Spears, Loren Anderson, Melanie Spears, Donald Fox, Concetta Branson, Julie Veal, Johanna Fabke, Chris Holley, Charlotte Ehrman, Sile

O'Flynn, Kathryn Moore, Laurel Tannenbaum, Jack Kagay, Berkley Moore, Michael Appert, Melanie Hauff, Philomena Henderson, Clarke Lee, and Margarite Mckenna. Paul Landskroener led 548 in memory of the following deceased: Skip Trout and Jean Comfort Hallowell—Pennsylvania; Collette Miller, Charles Wells, Joie Heaton Willette, John Kenna Henderson, Ricky Nolan, Will Schlotec, Dave Romm, and Gerald Modjeski—Minnesota; Hugh McGraw, Johnny Lee, and Dolores Lee—Georgia; Robert W. Jenson and Rhoda Ann Wildey—New Jersey; Mary Lyons, Allan Luttinen, and Carol Sherbeck—Wisconsin; Barbara Berry and Marget Breckner Lippincott—Missouri; Jane Goforth, Edith Owen, and Ron Ryan—Texas, Shea Johnson—Massachusetts; Don Fahrback—Michigan; Eloise Wootten—Alabama; Diana Zweig—South Dakota; John Bayer—Ohio; Les Sontag, Robert Smith, and Meghan Jones—Illinois; Michel Lemason—British Columbia, Canada; Arne Ljunghaeg—Colorado; Niall Henderson—Dublin, Ireland; Dorothea Dombroff—New York; Islam Pilpani—Svaneti, Republic of Georgia. Jim Pfau closed the memorial lesson with a prayer, and led 146. Barb Patterson offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Martha Henderson recalled the class by leading 85. Leaders: Eamonn O'Neill 411; Thom Fahrback 536; Laura Densmore 456; Jan Ketelle 542; Ted Mercer 216 (for Julie Vea); Darlene Dalton 454; Lydia Lewallen 293; Lisa Grayson 192; Richard Popp 300; Sarah West 334; John Wiens 553; Stephanie Fida 302; Matthew Knight 142; Cecelia Kramer 311; Michael Moore and Janet Crosby 218 (in memory of John Bailey); Evelyn Lamb 506; Jim Crawford 313t; James Page 272; Tamara Harris, Michael Shewmaker, and baby, Louise 383.

RECESS

Steven T. Schmidgall recalled the class by leading 496. Leaders: Kevin Bullock and Janell Draper 168; Tom McTighe 296; Sadhbh O'Flynn 315; Gwen Gethner 71; Paul Landskroener 66; Carol Buche 335; Jim Parsons 191; AnnaLeigh Smith 65; Ben Copenhaver 398; Scott Schroeder 503; Dick Patterson 138t (with thanks to the Cork singers); Steven Levine 47b; Noelle Copeland 425; Steve Luttinen 235; Elise delMas 445; Cathy Lutz 282; Denise Kania 217; Stacy Berkheimer 182; Ray Cott-Meissel 63; Kit Canright 82t; Anna Pfau and Matt Wells 112.

Erik McDonald led 62 as the closing song. Barb Patterson offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Co-chairmen—Erik McDonald and Christine Stevens; Secretary—Janell Draper

POLAND SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION

Dominican Monastery, Freta, Warsaw, Poland

September 23-24, 2017

Saturday, September 23

The 6th Poland Sacred Harp Convention was held on the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in September in the Dominican Monastery—Freta in Warsaw, Poland. The class was called to order by Kuba Choinski and Justyna Orlikowska leading 49t. The opening prayer was offered by Magdalena Gryszko-Szánto. Justyna Orlikowska and Kuba Choinski welcomed the guests.

Leaders: Agata Grzybowska and Kama Dembińska 47t; Olgierd Orlikowski 101t; Jacek Borkowicz 49b; Magdalena Gryszko-Szánto 171; Justyna Orlikowska 30t; Katrin Malack 210; Deborah Mann 84; Marco Wessnigk 30b; Jasmina Graf 203; Caro Stamm-Reusch 276; Rachel Jordan 29t; Cheri Neilson 172; Werner Ullah 28b; Evelyn Saylor 31t; Edwin Macadam 180; Ellen Kennedy 290; Ulrike Tietjen 375; Cäcilia Mann 523.

RECESS

Sheila Girling Macadam called the class back to order leading 39t. Leaders: Anna Spruch 65; Kuba Choinski 270; Geoff Grainger 339; Honorata Pawlicka-Żurakowska, Magdalena Gryszko-Szánto, and Matylda Małecka 45t; Nick Hall 352; Gosia Perycz 168; Sheila Girling Macadam 569t; Jasmina Graf 448t; Deborah Mann 117; Werner Ullah 503; Katrin Malack 58; Marco Wessnigk 215; Jacek Borkowicz 70b; Caro Stamm-Reusch 440; Rachel Jordan 441; Edwin Macadam 318; Ulrike Tietjen 312t; Cäcilia Mann 344; Ellen Kennedy 445; Magdalena Gryszko-Szánto 176t; Cheri Neilson 101b; Olgierd Orlikowski 102; Evelyn Saylor 472. A blessing before the midday meal was offered by Magdalena Gryszko-Szánto.

LUNCH

Magdalena Gryszko-Szánto called the class back to order leading 76b. Leaders: Gosia Perycz 112; Nick Hall 454; Anna Spruch 142; Caro Stamm-Reusch 505; Eva Striebeck 189; Sheila Girling Macadam 269; Justyna Orlikowska 542; Cheri Neilson 319; Rachel Jordan 522; Jacek Borkowicz 288; Marco Wessnigk 216; Edwin Macadam 183; Ulrike Tietjen 411; Olgierd Orlikowski 421; Geoff Grainger 313b; Evelyn Saylor 377; Deborah Mann 282; Werner Ullah 448b; Ellen Kennedy 114; Jasmina Graf 278t; Cäcilia Mann 477; Katrin Malack 47b.

RECESS

Jacek Borkowicz called the class back to order leading 401. Leaders: Justyna Orlikowska 457; Geoff Grainger 163b; Anna Spruch 159; Cäcilia Mann 573; Marco Wessnigk 63; Magdalena Gryszko-Szánto 328; Eva Striebeck 501; Nick Hall 455; Olgierd Orlikowski 108b; Caro Stamm-Reusch 410t; Sheila Girling Macadam 277; Cheri Neilson 372; Ulrike Tietjen 321; Gosia Perycz 48b; Evelyn Saylor 67; Edwin Macadam 209; Rachel Jordan 474; Ellen Kennedy 83t; Werner Ullah 531; Kama Dembińska 504; Katrin Malack 122; Deborah Mann 274t; Jasmina Graf 385b. Announcements were made. Kuba Choinski led 34b as the closing song. Cheri Neilson offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, September 24

The Sunday session of the 6th Poland Sacred Harp Convention was held in the Dominican Monastery—Freta in Warsaw, Poland. The class was called to order by Kuba Choinski and Justyna Orlikowska leading 101t. The opening prayer was offered by Magdalena Gryszko-Szánto.

Leaders: Kama Dembińska 37b, 34t; Magdalena Gryszko-Szánto 63, 480; Justyna Orlikowska 48t, 28t; Anna Spruch 294, 133; Ellen Kennedy 42, 100; Evelyn Saylor 131b, 134; Marco Wessnigk 313t, 77t.

RECESS

Kuba Choinski called the class back to order leading 38t. Leaders: Cäcilia Mann 287, 481; Nick Hall 444, 515; Katrin Malack 412, 285t; Jasmina Graf 29b, 399t; Geoff Grainger 156, 143; András Gryszko-Szánto and Magdalena Gryszko-Szánto 105, 425; Cheri Neilson 179, 96.

Gosia Perycz and Sheila Girling Macadam conducted the memorial lesson. Gosia Perycz spoke on behalf of the sick and shut-ins, and read their names as follows: Kerryn Neilson, Błażej Matusiak, Paula Mogensen, Alma Molędyś, Inga Hübner, Concetta Branson, Jola Czezczo, and Ola Czezczo. Gosia Perycz led 58.

Sheila Girling Macadam spoke in memory of the deceased, and read their names as follows: Lyndsey Cockwell—Germany/United Kingdom; Mark Girling—Spain; June Eames, Kathleen Rowell, Michael Siefert—United Kingdom; Francesco Nazzini—Italy/United Kingdom; Janusz Borkowicz, Jerzy Grzybowski, Natalia Sosnowska, Jadwiga Zarzycka, Bohdan Matusiak, Łukasz Kondracki, and Emilia Borys—Poland; Marianne Kessel and Klaus Eichelmann—Germany; Jeanine Ulyette—USA. Sheila

Girling Macadam led 340.

A blessing before the midday meal was offered by Rachel Jordan.

LUNCH

Kama Dembińska called the class back to order leading 378t. Leaders: Werner Ullah 503, 278t; Caro Stamm-Reusch 500, 528; Ulrike Tietjen 383, 309; Sheila Girling Macadam 564; Sheila Girling Macadam and Arkadiusz Szymczak 299; Eva Striebeck 280, 236; Rachel Jordan 536, 546; Edwin Macadam 538, 198; Gosia Perycz 208, 436; Olgierd Orlikowski 277, 29t; Kuba Choinski 47t.

RECESS

Gosia Perycz called the class back to order leading 330t. Leaders: Sharon Spicher and Anna Spruch 344; Edwin Macadam 200; Marta Kaczorowska 274t; Werner Ullah 501; Katrin Malack 324; Kama Dembińska 181; Nick Hall 569b; Magdalena Gryszko-Szánto 107; Marco Wessnigk 336; Cäcilia Mann 567; Justyna Orlikowska 69b; Rachel Jordan 475; Cheri Neilson 497; Jasmina Graf 332; Evelyn Saylor 186; Geoff Grainger 68b; Sheila Girling Macadam 128; Eva Striebeck 145t; Caro Stamm-Reusch 73b; Ulrike Tietjen 348b; Anna Spruch 35.

A business meeting was held for the purpose of hearing reports. The Finance Committee reported expenses for the convention were met. The Secretary reported that over the two days of singing 165 songs had been sung, led by thirty leaders from six countries (Poland, Germany, United Kingdom, Hungary, Norway, and USA). Kuba Choinski and Justyna Orlikowska thanked all the visiting singers (old friends, new friends, from far and near), committees and individuals, who helped make the convention two days of wonderful singing and friendship. Announcements were made.

Kuba Choinski and Justyna Orlikowska led 146 as the closing song. Magdalena Gryszko-Szánto offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Co-Chairmen—Kuba Choinski and Justyna Orlikowska; Secretary—Agata Grzybowska

POPLAR SPRINGS PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

North of Bowdon, Carroll County, Georgia

Sunday, September 24, 2017

Poplar Springs Primitive Baptist Church, north of Bowdon, Carroll County, Georgia, hosted its first Sacred Harp singing since the 1980 Chattahoochee Convention on the fourth Sunday in September. The class was called to order by Cecil Roberts leading 35. Judy Chambless offered the opening prayer. Cecil Roberts welcomed everyone to the revival of this singing, and then led 37b.

Leaders: Rene Greene 36b, 84; Donna Bell 81t, 336; Jack Nelson 76b (for Cecil Roberts), 73t; Oscar McGuire 34b, 171; Richard DeLong 100, 103.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed:

Chairman—Richard DeLong; Co-Vice Chairmen—Samuel Williams and Cecil Roberts; Secretary—Donna Bell; Arranging Officer—Judy Chambless.

Leaders: Samuel Williams 123t, 99; Lisa Bennett 98, 572; Winfred Kerr 500 (for Rebecca Over, who was unable to attend, and asked that it be sung in memory of Hugh McGraw), 314; Glenda Collins and Bert Collins 63, 340; Karen Rollins 389, 225t (in memory of Earlis McGraw and B.M. Smith); Robert Chambless, Mary Robinson, Pat Tiller, and Landon Hendrix 480; Robert Chambless and Mary Robinson 72b.

RECESS

Samuel Williams brought the class back to order leading 180. Leaders: Andy Ditzler 127, 79; Virginia Dyer 31t, 32t; Karen Flagg 47b; Karen Flagg and David Brodeur

353; Kathy Williams 299, 186; David Smead 213t, 410b; Esther Williams 421, 148; Philip Denney 129, 448t; Chance Cook 192.

Richard DeLong conducted the memorial lesson. He spoke, and then led 400 in honor of the following sick and shut-ins: Barbara Hughes, Robby Rivers, all the victims of the recent hurricanes and earthquakes, Chris Holley, Concetta Branson, Daniel Williams, and Ruth Daniel.

Richard led 403 for the following deceased: Hugh McGraw, Harold DeLong, Talmadge Horsley, Margaret Cole, Gail Jackson, Sandra Johnson, Alene Harris, Mike Taylor, Lynn Swafford Key, Elder Larry Keaton, Eloise Wootten, and Gravis Ballinger. Cecil Roberts closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Cecil Roberts thanked the class for their generous donations. Due to this singing being held in the later part of the year, the class opted for the minutes to be printed in the minutes book, and forgo ordering them. The church will be given the remaining funds.

Samuel Williams led 29t. The blessing of the noon meal was offered by Cecil Roberts at the table.

LUNCH

The class convened with David Brodeur leading 141. Leaders: Gary Davis 338, 335; Sherrell Cleino 294 (for Mildred Patterson), 445; David Brodeur 122, 235; Fallon Cook 358, 146; Jason Stanford 544, 114; Judy Chambless 348t, 82t; Lisa Bennett 573; Rene Greene 120; Cecil Roberts 229 (for Oscar McGuire); Oscar McGuire 515; Jack Nelson 125; Samuel Williams 168; Glenda Collins and Bert Collins 40; Robert Chambless 49t; Jennifer Pyland and Charlotte Kiker 72b (in memory of Joe (Little Joe) Warren and Edsel Warren); Kathy Williams and Andy Ditzler 108t; David Smead 161; Gary Davis and Karen Flagg 354b; Winfred Kerr 318; Esther Williams 75; Sherrell Cleino 378t; Fallon Cook 176t; David Brodeur 131t; Jason Stanford 568. The class voted to have the singing next year on the fourth Sunday in September. Richard DeLong stated that Poplar Springs Primitive Baptist Church was established in 1841, and that it was built in 1906 or 1909. This is the third church built on this site.

Following announcements, Richard DeLong, Samuel Williams, and Cecil Roberts led 46 as the closing song, while those who wished took the parting hand. Cecil Roberts offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Richard DeLong; Co-Vice Chairmen—Samuel Williams and Cecil Roberts; Secretary—Donna Bell

WINSTON COUNTY CONVENTION

Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Double Springs, Alabama Sunday, September 24, 2017

The Winston County Convention was held at Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church in Double Springs, Alabama, on the fourth Sunday in September. Don Keeton called the class to order by leading 145t. He offered the opening prayer, and then led 145b.

The class was organized by electing or appointing the following officers to serve: Chairman—Richard Mauldin; Vice Chairman—Glenn Keeton; Secretary—Roma Rice; Arranging Committee—Margaret Keeton; Finance Committee—Nicholas Thompson; Memorial Committee—Buell Cobb.

Leaders: Richard Mauldin 35, 146; Nicholas Thompson 217, 200; Nancy Phillips 500, 388; Cheyenne Ivey 384, 172; Christy Allen 186, 276; Roma Rice 299, 273 (for Jayne Fulmer); Mike Hankins 168, 527; Loretta Whitman 81t, 176b; Peter Crockett 126, 45t; Theresa Westmoreland 351, 220.

RECESS

Glenn Keeton brought the class back to order leading 270 and 278t (for Julie Poston). Leaders: Lauren Allen 323b, 213t; Linda sides 215, 530; Earl Ballinger 177, 176t; Emily Stutzman 275b, 399b; Henry Guthery 465, 511; Amber Davis 499 (in memory of Gladys Bonds), 436 (for Ozella Blackmon); David Jackson 408, 480, 63. The memorial lesson was held at this time. Buell Cobb spoke, and read the following list of names of the sick and shut-ins: Ozella Blackmon, Veltan Chafin, Betty Shepherd, Anne Chalker, Shirley Tidwell, Willodean Barton, Julie Poston, and Charlene Wallace.

Buell read the following list of names of the deceased: Gravis Ballinger, Caleb Allred, Hugh McGraw, Johnnie Chafin, and Eloise Wootten. He led 339, and closed the memorial service.

Leaders: Isaac Green 541, 419; Tom Booth 31b, 131b.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Richard Mauldin leading 288. Leaders: Lisa Geist 472, 546; Faye Donaldson 430, 124; Larry Ballinger 151, 477; Linda Booth 222; Linda Booth and Amy Dodd 159; Susan Allred 385b, 182; Betty Baccus 166 (for Julie Poston), 72b; Elene Stovall 564, 411; Greg Allred 452; Hazel Heinze 86, 99; Sara Berry 59, 388; Buell Cobb 116; Margaret Keeton, Christy Allen, and Lauren Allen 39b; Amber Davis 192.

Richard Mauldin led 521 as the closing song. Greg Allred offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Richard Mauldin; Vice Chairman—Glenn Keeton; Secretary—Roma Rice

MOUNTAIN HERITAGE DAY SINGING **Western Carolina University, Cullowhee** **Jackson County, North Carolina** **Saturday, September 30, 2017**

The Mountain Heritage Day Singing was held at Western Carolina University on the last Saturday in September. The morning session included song selections from *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*. Mike Nichols welcomed the singers. Steve Walker offered the opening prayer. Mike Nichols led 228. Judy Mincey gave a brief history of *The Sacred Harp*.

Leaders: Judy Mincey 52t; Dan Huger 49b; Will Peebles 48b; Bill Hogan 72b; Nancy Hogan 171; Mary Baumeister 50b; Chris Wilhelm 131b; Ann Denson 373; Diane Eskenasy 155; Steve Walker 31b; Brian Smith, 47b; Mike Spencer 354t; Cody Graham 282; Cliff Hall 277; Mike Nichols 128; Judy Mincey 313t; Phil Perrin 354b; Will Peebles 59; Bill Hogan 36b; Nancy Hogan 49t; Dan Huger 86; Mary Baumeister 309; Chris Wilhelm 137; Ann Denson 164; Diane Eskenasy 200; Steve Walker 569b; Brian Smith 268; Mike Spencer 420; Cody Graham 45t; Phil Perrin 127. Announcements of upcoming singings were made. Thanks to the University for providing an excellent lunch.

LUNCH

The afternoon session included song selections from *The Christian Harmony, 2010 Edition*. Mike Nichols welcomed the singers to the afternoon session, and led 117 (CH) (in memory of Eva Adcock). Leaders: George Reynolds 129 (CH); Diane Eskenasy 51 (CH); Judy Mincey 133 (CH); Dan Huger 208b (CH); Steve Walker 131 (CH); Nancy Hogan 432b (CH); Bill Hogan 214 (CH); Mary Baumeister 86b (CH); Chris Wilhelm 396b (CH); Ann Denson 93 (CH); Brian Smith 355 (CH); Phil Perrin 143 (CH); Mike Spencer 493b (CH); Matt Winter 165 (CH); Will Peebles 88 (CH); Mike Nichols 255 (CH); George Reynolds 55b (CH); Diane Eskenasy 339

(CH); Judy Mincey 397b (CH); Dan Huger 76b (CH); Steve Walker 167t (CH); Nancy Hogan 166 (CH); Bill Hogan 264 (CH); Mary Baumeister 130b (CH); Chris Wilhelm 204t (CH) (in memory of Ed Smith); Ann Denson 369 (CH); Brian Smith 287 (CH); Phil Perrin 184 (CH); Alan Brackett 172 (CH); Mike Spencer 193 (CH), 248 (CH). Announcements were made.

Mike Nichols led 200 (CH) as the closing song, and then offered the closing prayer. Chairman—Mike Nichols; Vice Chairman—Judy Mincey; Secretary—Mary Baumeister

MUNICH SACRED HARP SINGING AND WORKSHOP
St. Martin Spirituelles Zentrum, Munich, Germany
Saturday, September 30, 2017

The 3rd all-day singing in Munich, Germany, was held on the last Saturday in September at St. Martin Spirituelles Zentrum in the Glockenbach neighborhood of Munich. Peter Kocher welcomed singers.

Eva Striebeck from Bremen taught a singing school/workshop; introducing shapes to beginning singers. Eva Striebeck used and led the following songs: 47t, 52t, 30t, 45t, 74b, and 107.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairpersons—Peter Kocher and Naomi Kaye Honova; Secretary—Hinrich Kruger; Arranging Committee—Amelie Kruger and Naomi Kaye Honova; Treasurer—Sabina Heinzelmänn.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Naomi Kaye Honova leading 63. Leaders: Elisabeth Schallwig 39t; Christopher Schuller 59; Gideon Dresdner 131t; Caro Stamm-Reusch 171; Eva Striebeck 73t; Joanna Bennett 129; Sabina Heinzelmänn 155; Ursula Diderich 566; Heather Thompson 178; Tobias Kanngießer 504; Cooper Thompson 159; Tina Cramer 344; Sonja Spörhase 84; Stefan Swat 481; Peter Kocher 133; Daniel Wippermann 49b; Benita Berger 276; Naomi Kaye Honova 564; Christopher Schuller 472; Gideon Dresdner 201.

LUNCH

The class was called back to order by Joanna Bennett leading 192. Leaders: Walburga Ruhl 334; Caro Stamm-Reusch 168; Eva Striebeck 112; Ursula Diderich 523; Elisabeth Schallwig 131t; Hanka Faerber 102; Heather Thompson 31t; Tobias Kanngießer 457; Tina Cramer 444; Sonja Spörhase 77t; Joanna Bennett 411; Amelie Krüger 29t; Stefan Swat 567; Peter Kocher 142; Benita Berger 106; Cooper Thompson 268; Christopher Schuller 181; Gideon Dresdner 208.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Naomi Kaye Honova leading 410t. Leaders: Jan Hon 29b; Eva Striebeck 348t; Walburga Ruhl 300; Amelie Krüger 111b; Swiss singers 89; Cologne singers 209; Munich singers 282; Bremen singers 547; Berlin singers 505; Frankfurt/ Hamburg/ Bonn singers 285t; Peter Kocher 203 and 347. Announcements were made. There were people in attendance from five countries (Germany, Switzerland, USA, United Kingdom and Czech Republic). Chairpersons—Peter Kocher and Naomi Kaye Honova; Secretary—Hinrich Kruger

SHADY GROVE CHURCH (COOPER BOOK)
Dutton, Alabama

Saturday, September 30, 2017

The annual Sacred Harp singing was held at Shady Grove Church near Dutton, Alabama, on Saturday before the first Sunday in October. The class was called to

order by Syble Adams leading 293b. Tollie Lee offered the opening prayer. Leaders: Michael Adams and Mark Brown 99; Shane Wootten 286b; Henry Johnson 289; Rob Bahler 102; Darlene Dalton and Sheila Bradshaw 505, 518; Daniel Lee 38t; Ethan Eddins and Kevin Eddins 203; Jim Aaron 47b; Eric Eddins 594; Mary Huffman 96; Edith Eddins 132; Rick Foreman 273; Emily Eddins 588; Hubert Nall 344; Eli Eddins 138b; Sonny Erwin 569.

RECESS

Shane Wootten led 388 to bring the class back together. Leaders: Tom George and Sarah Trumbore 559; Bruce Coates 264b; Riley Lee 503; Evie Eddins 210; Tollie Lee 330t; Elam Eddins 304; Brad Bahler 546; Ewan Eddins 313; Tommie Spurlock 63; Bea Aaron 453b; David Killingsworth 574; Joanne Fuller 511; Nate Green, Norma Green, and Alex Makris 488; Pam Wilkerson, Ronda Arnold, Bill Adams, Syble Adams, Michael Adams, and Jeff Adcock "When All of God's Singers Get Home"; David Bahler 587.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Mark Brown leading 421. Samuel Sommers led 520.

The memorial lesson was held at this time. Jeff Adcock read verses of scripture. Karen Clark led 380b in honor of the following sick and shut-ins: Charlotte Heard, Kathe Pilobosian, Wayne Jones, Julie Vea, Floy Wilder, Timothy Lind, Helen, and Sarah.

Jeff Adcock spoke in memory of the following deceased: Johnny Lee, Delorese Lee, Thomas Lee, Eloise Wootten, Edith Owen, Levon Wootten, Skip Trout, Hugh McGraw, and Jim Sisson. Sonny Huckaby led 450. Sonny Huckaby, Syble Adams, and Jeff Adcock led 563. The memorial service was closed with prayer offered by Elder Sonny Huckaby.

Syble Adams and her family led 410. Shane Wootten asked a blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Rodney Ivey leading 478. Leaders: John Huffman 575; Gillian Inksetter 567; Phillip Reeves 463; Laura Densmore and Chris Holley 101b; Ray Rechenberg 133; Judy Caudle 515 (in memory of Eloise Wootten); Tom Owen 138t; Terry Wootten 116; Elizabeth Stoddard and Chris Holley 165; Stephen Huffman 31t; David Ivey and Rodney Ivey 416t; Matthew Lind and Syble Adams 511t; Brenda Dunlap and Anita Landess 422t; David Lee 288; James Nelson Gingrich 107; Robert Stoddard 451; Keillor Mose 345t; Kevin Eddins 97; Jan May 38t; Beverly Coates 591.

RECESS

Mark Brown led 572 to bring the class together. Leaders: John Hughes 287; Brian Harris 214; Chris Nicholson 95b; Anna Pfau 573; David Saylor, Theresa Saylor, Sierra Saylor, Gus Carter, and Shane Wootten 376; Sharon Kermiet 457; Steven Schmidgall 391; Anne Miczulski 449; Terry Herrin 328; Jeff Adcock 465 (for Coy Ivey and in memory of Edith Owen); Jim Carnes 54t; Isaac Lloyd, Gideon Lloyd, Malachi Lloyd, and Ezra Lloyd 239; Susan Cheronos 300; Havilah Lloyd, Elyssa Lloyd, and Jael Lloyd 393; Rex Wilks and Joan Wilks 29t; Will Fitzgerald 336t; Stanley Smith "Indiana"; Reba Windom 559.

Michael Adams and Mark Brown led 146 as the closing song. David Lee offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Michael Adams; Secretary—Judy Caudle

NEW ENGLAND SACRED HARP CONVENTION

Burlington, Vermont

September 30 - October 1, 2017

Saturday, September 30

The class was called to order by Anna Mays leading 72b. The opening prayer was offered by Joseph Pensak.

Leaders: Anya Skibbie and Peggy Kadima-Mazela 171; Carly Goss and Rachel Rudi 30t; Judy Contompasis 81t; Scott Luscombe 548; Sinead O'Mahoney 299; Traci Naylor 542; Joseph Pensak 547; Sara Sandberg 47t; Dan Coppock 42; Chris Frantz-Dale 319; Nora Sabo 84; Liz Patton 34t; Bill Schults 163b; Nicandra Galper 315; Kerry Cullinan 378t.

RECESS

The class was called to back order by Ian Smiley and Chelsea Smiley leading 421.

Leaders: Philippe Doyle Gosselin 534; Nathan Aldrich 94; Lynette Combs 30b; Dan Hertzler 99; Jeremy Galvagni 300; Corrone Bryant 73b; Annie-Lou Chester 479; Liz Cantrell 500; David Rosenberg and Jean Rosenberg 34b; Erik Dardan-Ymeraga 569t; Emma Swartz 101t; Isabelle Gervais Chapman 318; Jonathan Spencer 365; Ann Pearce 86; Rachel Taylor 344.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Emily Hale Sills leading 312b. Leaders: Ben Sachs-Hamilton 168; Mary Skidmore 270; Elka Schumann 65; Scott Harriman 422; Cora Wareh 438; Em Ekelund 442; Katy Hunter 330b; Chris Bracken 102; Faiz Wareh 296; Christine McDow 178; Leonard Spencer 250; Jesse Vear 385t; Frank Griggs 477; Tova Houpt 143; Allison Steel 162; Nathan Rees 371.

LUNCH

The class was called back to order by Ethan McNerney, Carly Goss, and Joanna Wiley leading 105. Leaders: Lynne deBenedette 182; Holly Laws 215; Mary Hay 159; Jonathon Smith 272; Becky Wright 434; Ina Shea 312t; Deidra Montgomery 196; Linda Shea 475; Buell Cobb 423; Corinne Ducey 474; Patrick Friesen 151; Christine Andrews 274t; Philippa Stoddard 498; James Baumgartner 419; Ruth Wampler 279; Mike Hinton 426b; Tarik Wareh 158; Jim Goetz 47b; Sally Langendorf 314; Ateven Sndersen 266; Mike Richards 392; Pattie Wareh 228; Michael Nord 200.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Deidra Montgomery and Rachel Rudi leading 56t. Leaders: Myles Louis Dakan 179; Bill Holt 224; Marilyn Murata 195; Laura Hodges 181; Jonathan Surrency 213t; Wendy Sibbison 36b; Peter Irvine 426t; Susan Jaster 485; Nancy Tkacs 569b; Tristan Gordon 112; Anne Kazlauskas 118; Barbara Swetman 313b; Emily Hancock 430; Stina Soderling 146.

Anna Mays led 347 as the closing song, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, October 1

The Sunday session of the New England Convention was brought to order by Anna Mays leading 52t. Ruth Wampler offered the opening prayer. Leaders: Peggy Kadima-Mazela 147t; Anya Skibbie and Carly Goss 82t; Rachel Rudi 283; Kerry Cullinan 466; Sue Dwell 503; Dan Coppock 207; Nicandra Galper 448b; Peter Irvine 460; Troad 448t; Jeremy Galvagni 479; Joan Frankel 414; Emily Hancock 111b; Debby Moody 306; Eric Sandberg 229; Jesse Vear 286.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Sinead O'Mahoney leading 189. Leaders: Michael Nord 332; Masti Mayrand 133; Nic Tuff 49b; Anne Kazlauskas 218; Deirdre Browne 151; Bob Mills 160b; Cat Walsh 89; Ateven Sndersen 155; Jean Rosenberg

254; Christine Andrews 399b; Wendy Sibbison 497; Jim Goetz 282; Deborah Marsh, Donna Carlson, and Shannon Green 294; Lilly Israel 106; Sue Peters 32t.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Judy Contompasis leading 46. Leaders: Becky Wright 119; Jonathan Surrency and Ben Fink 236; Ina Shea 432; George Sigut 209. Deidra Montgomery and Peter Irvine conducted the memorial lesson. Deidra Montgomery spoke and led 556 in memory of the following deceased: Eloise Wootten, Johnnie Chafin, Susie Denson, and Gravis Ballinger—Alabama; David Berg and JoAnna Berg—Arizona; David Abrahams—California; Martha Hayes—Colorado; Bob Bonnell—Florida; Johnny Lee, Delorese Lee, Hugh McGraw, and B.M. Smith—Georgia; Connie Birkenmeier and Jim Keefer—Maine; Robert Hancock—Maryland; Jon Sullivan, Lowell Kingsley, and Henry Sparrow—Massachusetts; Charles Wells, Colette Gurtz, and Edward Swetman—Minnesota; Eric Lougee—New Hampshire; Bill Mates—New Jersey; Barry Redlich, Brendan Rush, Mary Bryan, and Francis Collins—New York; Barbara Cole—North Carolina; Christopher Warrenburg, John Bayer, and Loraine Bayer—Ohio; Michael Sensor, Tony Farris, and Skip Trout—Pennsylvania; Maurice Trial and Edith Owen—Texas; Bill O'Neill, David Ellerson, Martha McIntyne, Jane Ostrander, Pat Colteryahn, Ruth Hooke, Carol Fox, Robert Hall, Peter Diamondstone, and David Gay—Vermont; Anne Coulter—West Virginia; Tom Paley—England; Reb Sholom Brodt—Israel; Uncle Ree-Ree—France; John Scott—Quebec.

Peter Irvine spoke and led 67 for the following sick and shut-ins: Melanie Hauff, Chris Holley, Bobbie Goodell, Marran White, Consuelo Branson, Merv Horst, Kathe Pilibosian, Chloe Rombach, Dorothy Leachman, Linda Brazeau, Cheri Haire, Jared Richmond, Jean Seiler, Ron Bornick, Margaret Bornick, Mary Jean McCarthy, Marnie Evans, Jean Coppola, Ben Pirie, Michael Kaye, Tom Wells, Linda Wells, Howard Verman, CC McKeegney, Wanda Powlin, Nancy Castle, Mike Ramsey, Bob Noyer, and Sarah Scott. Dan Hertzler closed the memorial lesson with prayer. Leaders: Daniel Hunter 116; Linda Coppock 504; Ishmael Stefanov-Wagner 273; Ron Trial 452; Sally Langendorf 401.

LUNCH

The class was called back to order by Cora Wareh and Emma Swartz leading 499. Leaders: Linda Shea 168; Jim Coppock 269; Nathan Rees and Jonathon Smith 436 (in memory of Susie Denson); Laura Hodges 387; Buell Cobb 83t; Myles Louis Dakan and Kimberly Dakan 227; Mike Hinton 340; Barbara Swetman 383; Jean Rosenberg and David Rosenberg 49t; Tristan Gordon 399t; Nancy Tkacs 108b; Mary Skidmore 198; Tarik Wareh and Pattie Wareh 564; Emily Hale Sills 388; Gerald Clark 138b; Frank Griggs 260; Bill Holt 550; Mike Richards and Faiz Wareh 484; Stina Soderling 40; Moira Smiley and Ian Smiley 454; Philippa Stoddard 373.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Dan Hertzler leading 131b. Leaders: Corinne Ducey and Patrick Friesen 123t; Marilyn Murata 492; Isabelle Gervais Chapman 378b; Traci Naylor 192; James Baumgartner 157; Susan Jaster 174; Ruth Wampler 268 (for Chris Holley); Annie-Lou Chester 163b; Scott Harriman 341; Chris Frantz-Dale 417; Ben Fink 267; Rachel Taylor 48t; Ben Sachs-Hamilton 148.

Announcements were made.

Anna Mays, Anya Skibbie, Peggy Kadima-Mazela, and Rachel Rudi led 62 as the closing song.

Chairman—Anna Mays; Vice Chairmen—Anya Skibbie and Peggy Kadima-Mazela; Secretary—Rachel Rudi

**ALEXANDER, HULLETT, LOWE, BROTHERS, HYATT,
PUTMAN, AND WOOTTEN MEMORIAL**
Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church, Oneonta, Alabama
Sunday, October 1, 2017

The 51st session of the Alexander, Hullett, Lowe, Brothers, Hyatt, Putman, and Wootten Memorial singing was held at Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church in Oneonta, Alabama, on the first Sunday in October. Terry Hullett called the class to order by leading 129. Doyle Alexander offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Terry Hullett 81t; Doyle Alexander 68b, 36b; Rebekah Gilmore 101t, 276; Nate Green and Norma Green 105, 141; Will Fitzgerald 330t, 56b; Karen Rollins 227, 327; Ray Rechenberg 277, 203; Kathy Williams 273, 297; Philip Denney 100, 120; Daniel Lee 411, 410t; Danny Creel 385t, 385b; Douglas Conn 61, 74b; Earl Ballinger 162, 80b; Ed Thacker 176b, 213t.

RECESS

The class was brought back together by Philip Gilmore leading 300. Leaders: Philip Gilmore 67; Judy Caudle 448b, 432; Samuel Sommers 437, 422; Susan Cheronas 460; Susan Cheronas and Keillor Mose 349; Sonny Erwin 489, 480; John Hughes 171, 481; Cheryl Foreman 187, 32t; Chris Nicholson 34b, 72b; Beverly Coates 133 (in memory of Edith Owen), 499; Rick Foreman 169, 285t; Brian Harris 37b, 383; Bruce Coates 503, 515; Keillor Mose 426t (in memory of Evelyn Tornabane), 222.

LUNCH

The class was brought back together by Terry Hullett leading 189. Leaders: Rodney Ivey 382; Donna Wootten 512; Larry Ballinger 400 (in memory of his daughter, Ashley); Reba Windom 192; David Ivey 200; Elene Stovall 436; Ann Jett 546; Cheyenne Ivey 76b; Wanda Capps and Linda Thomas 430; Vella Dailey 84, 452; Coy Ivey 384; Amber Davis 224; Emily Brown 434; Paula Gilmore and Philip Gilmore 47t; Gillian Inksetter 302; Linda Thomas and Shane Wootten 571 (CB) (for Jewel Wootten); Shane Wootten 318 (in memory of Eloise Wootten, B.M. Smith, and Leona Smith), 465 (CB).

Terry Hullett and Philip Gilmore led 146 as the closing song. Elder Philip Gilmore dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Terry Hullett; Vice Chairman—Nate Green; Secretaries—Paula Gilmore and Rebekah Gilmore

SOUTH GEORGIA SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION
Liberty Hill Community House, Barnesville, Georgia
Sunday, October 1, 2017

The 98th session of the South Georgia Sacred Harp Singing Convention was held on the first Sunday in October. President John Plunkett called the class to order leading 52t. John Hollingsworth offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: John Plunkett 129 (for Myrtice Meeks); Oscar McGuire 59, 34b; Justin Bowen 324, 228; Helen Bryson 131b, 522 (for Carol Martin); Mike Spencer 289, 370; Judy Chambless 36t; David Smead 506, 530; Winfred Kerr 36b, 225t; Anna Hinton 203, 142; Matt Hinton 385b, 419. The President announced that John Hollingsworth and Wesley Haley would serve as the Nominating Committee, and that Justin Bowen would serve as Acting Secretary.

RECESS

John Plunkett and Alpha Watson called the class back to order leading 277. Leaders: David Brodeur 313t, 311; Rosemund Watson 503, 94; John Hollingsworth 466, 230; Shannon Primm 200, 201; Greta Edwards 282; Dan Edwards 73t, 30b; Martha Harrell 99, 77t.

A motion carried to enter into a business session wherein the class accepted the Nominating Committee's recommendation to retain the following officers: President—John Plunkett; Vice President—Oscar McGuire; Secretary—Lauren Bock; Treasurer—Helen Bryson; Chaplain—Matt Hinton. Helen Bryson presented the Treasurer's report for 2016-2017, which the class approved. Jesse P. Karlsberg made a motion that the Treasurer be delegated the responsibility of submitting payment on behalf of South Georgia Convention singings for their minutes to be included in the *Minutes and Directory of Sacred Harp Singings*. The motion carried. The class reviewed and accepted a list of singings to be printed in the convention's directory. The business session was closed. Wayne Watson offered grace.

LUNCH

John Plunkett opened the afternoon session by leading 416. Leaders: Erica Hinton 39t, 492; Mary Brownlee 501, 348b; Robert Chambless 452, 84; Rita Haley 137, 268. Lisa Bennett conducted the memorial service, leading 212 for the following sick and shut-ins: Myrtice Meeks, Agnes Roberts, Charlene Wallace, and Chris Holley. Lisa Bennett then led 353 in memory of the following deceased: Hugh McGraw—Georgia; Eloise Wootten and Susie Denson—Alabama; and Edith Owen—Texas. Chaplain Matt Hinton offered prayer to close the memorial service. Leaders: Sandra Wilkinson 46, 30t; Jesse P. Karlsberg 489, 556; Elizabeth Stoddard 399t, 181; Lisa Bennett 213b, 227 (for Karen Rollins); Robert Stoddard 224, 421; Robert Kelley 78, 446; Wesley Haley 128, 45t; Lottie Hinton 32t; Oscar McGuire 485; Justin Bowen 500; Dan Edwards 448b; Jesse P. Karlsberg and Lucey Rose Karlsberg 378t; Winfred Kerr 314; Elizabeth Stoddard and Robert Stoddard 423. After announcements, Mary Brownlee, Rosemund Watson, and Martha Harrell led 347 as the closing song. Matt Hinton offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

President—John Plunkett; Vice President—Oscar McGuire; Secretary—Lauren Bock; Acting Secretary—Justin Bowen

BALTIMORE/WASHINGTON SHENANDOAH HARMONY SINGING

Arlington, Virginia
Saturday, October 7, 2017

The 5th annual Baltimore/Washington *Shenandoah Harmony* All-Day Singing was called to order at 10:00 a.m. at the Women's Club of Arlington by Josh Barnett, who welcomed the singers and led 17. All song selections are from *The Shenandoah Harmony*. Matt Roberts led 1b, and then offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Kelly Macklin 8; Les Updike 224; Brenda Dunlap 417; John delRe 9b; Nora Miller 77; Jim Strube 300b; Karen Strong 16; Sandra Cryder 3b; Joni Seidenstein 358.

RECESS

Abigail Beavin called the class back together leading 18t. Leaders: Jim Glaser 258; Ulrike Brauneis 201; Abigail Beavin 266; Adrian Mariano 423; Kristen Christy 41; Josh Barnett 422; Clare Chapin 7b; Dann Pell 119t; Miranda Elliott-Rader 305; Mary Ann Daly 186; Liz Meitzler 385; Dean Jens 57; Bev Yaeger 424b; Miriam Delirium 65t; Steve Cackley 404b; Emmie Strassburg 22b; Lucas Husted 114.

RECESS

The singing resumed with Miranda Elliot-Rader leading 129b and 129t. Leaders: Tophar Lawton 177; Joel Menk 130; Eli Snyder and Patty Berry 136; Graham DeZarn 286; Rachel Speer 120t; Rachel Hall 274; Ateven Snderson 200; Chris Wolf 195; Ben Hartland 51; Brenda Dunlap 158t; Nora Miller 87; Jim Glaser 273; Kathy

Manning 457; Matt Roberts 105; Sharon Strong 290; Les Updike 296. Matt Roberts asked a blessing before dinner.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Liz Meitzler leading 444t and 10. Leaders: Thomas Smith 78; Dann Pell 174; Rachel Speer 101; Joel Menk 206; Lucas Husted 76t; Miriam Delirium 288t; Steve Cackley 264b; Mary Ann Daly 456; Emmie Strassburg 6t; Dean Jens 364b; Kristen Christy 161; Clare Chapin 80; Adrian Mariano 171; Sandra Cryder 12b; Joel Miller 253; Rachel Hall 152; Ateven Snderson 312.

RECESS

The day's final session was called to order. Leaders: Patty Berry 158b; Graham DeZarn 236b; Kelly Macklin 376 (in memory of Eli Snyder's cousin); Ulrike Brauneis 192; Chris Wolf 179; Abigail Beavin 413; John delRe 70t; Miranda Elliott-Rader 210; Topher Lawton 340b; Jim Strube 431; Joni Seidenstein 254; Thomas Smith 140b; Liz Meitzler 270; Matt Roberts 309.

Matt Roberts made closing remarks, and announcements were made. Graham DeZarn offered a resolution of thanks and gratitude for the day. He led 309 as the closing song, and then dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Matt Roberts; Vice Chairman—Graham DeZarn; Secretaries—Sandra Cryder and Les Updike

COLUMBIA SINGING

Dripping Springs Christian Church, Columbia, Missouri

Saturday, October 7, 2017

The 23rd annual Columbia Singing was held at Dripping Springs Christian Church on Saturday before the second Sunday in October. Tim Von Engeln called the class to order leading 13 (MH). Meg Stauffer offered an opening prayer.

Leaders: Wendy Hofmann 71; Cindy Stone 87; Sandy Falloon 178; Ellen Rees 72b; Pattie Doss 183 (dedicated to Gary Gronau); Meg Stauffer 547; Lou Kujawinski 548; Cherry Hinderberger 159; Karen Isbell 175 (MH); Julie Thompson 63; Dayle Dryer 135 (MH); Carla Bermudez 332; Barb Onofrio and John Markovitz 313b; Carole Briggs 112; Cindy Burlison 312b; Jan Ketelle 86 (in honor of Julie Vea and Johanna Fabke); Penny Kujawinski 39b (for Annie Grieshop and Caite Palmer).

RECESS

Sandy Falloon and Madeline Kleveter called the class back to order leading 40.

Leaders: Barbara Chopin 131 (MH); Spencer Arrowwood 481; Katie Dohman 'Mont Blanc' (handout); Joan Aldridge 362; Jairus Schultz 504; Lori Graber 46 (MH); Melody Kleinsorge 163b; Dan Brittain 77 (MH); Evan Jorn 282; Tommy Schultz 163t; Dave Ressler 542; Paul Figura 73t. Tim Von Engeln and Penny Kujawinski led 164 (MH) as the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Pattie Doss leading 271t. Leaders: Shirley Figura 318; Mary Huffman 272; James Page 139 (MH); Joshua Kleveter and John Huffman 569b; Anna Dohman 556; Jeff Burlison 268; Dayle Dryer 138 (MH); Karen Isbell 75 (MH); Jan Ketelle 89 (MH); Dan Brittain 34 (MH); Barbara Chopin 180 (MH); Carole Briggs 334; Evan Jorn 335; Lori Graber 27 (MH); Lou Kujawinski 551.

RECESS

Wendy Hofmann called the class back to order leading 109 (MH). Leaders: John Huffman 492; Dave Ressler 159 (MH) (in memory of John Bayer); Julie Thompson 330b; James Page 45 (MH); Anna Dohman 503; Shirley Figura 187; Mary Huffman 186; Paul Figura 122 (MH); Carla Bermudez 132 (MH); Katie Dohman 143; Wendy Hofmann 172 (MH); John Markovitz 22 (MH); Cindy Stone 209; Pattie Doss and

Penny Kujawinski 327; Joan Aldridge 46.

Following announcements, Tim Von Engeln led 347 as the closing song. Lou Kujawinski offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Meg Stauffer; Secretaries—Carla Bermudez and Sandy Falloon

NORTHWEST PENNSYLVANIA SACRED HARP SINGING **First Universalist Church of Girard, Girard, Pennsylvania** **Saturday, October 7, 2017**

The annual Northwest Pennsylvania All-Day Sacred Harp Singing held at the First Universalist Church, Girard, Pennsylvania, was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Gerry Hoffman leading 34b. The morning prayer was offered by Katie White.

The class was organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Gerry Hoffman; Vice Chairman—Brian How; Secretary—Elisabeth Joyce; Chaplain—Katie White.

Leaders: Katie White 171, 335; Lisa McDivitt 84, 72b; Dave Witter 122, 56b; Elisabeth Joyce 40, 282; Peter Clancy 492, 540; Brian How 48b, 334; Clarissa Caruthers 288, 114; Guy Bankes 534, 543; Beth Todd 501, 89.

RECESS

Gerry Hoffman called the class back to order leading 30t. Leaders: Penny Anderson 312b, 163b (for Richard Anderson); Susan Turnquist 81t, 479; Jan May 313b, 228; Susan Loucks 497, 474; Katie White 225t (in memory of Hugh McGraw); Lisa McDivitt 102; Dave Witter 323b; Elisabeth Joyce 276; Peter Clancy 353; Clarissa Caruthers 372; Guy Bankes 549; Beth Todd 475; Penny Anderson 299; Susan Turnquist 65.

RECESS

Penny Anderson called the class back to order leading 49t. Leaders: Brian How 245; Jan May 78; Ben Grubb 146; Susan Loucks 454; Gerry Hoffman 274t (for Judy Clum); Katie White 547 (for those sick, shut-in, trapped in Puerto Rico, those grieving in Las Vegas, and those rebuilding in Houston and Florida); Lisa McDivitt 277; Dave Witter 300.

LUNCH

Beth Todd called the class back to order leading 52t. Leaders: Elisabeth Joyce 112; Nick Stocks 455; Peter Clancy 202; Guy Bankes 28t; Clarissa Caruthers 203; Beth Todd 284; Susan Turnquist 31t; Jan May 351; Ben Grubb 178; Susan Loucks 448t; Gerry Hoffman “Walpole” (by request of Marita Straffin); Katie White 36b; Lisa McDivitt 117; Dave Witter 183; Elisabeth Joyce 186; Nick Stocks 410t; Penny Anderson 344.

RECESS

Katie White called the class back to order leading 39t. Leaders: Peter Clancy 556; Guy Bankes 120; Clarissa Caruthers 535; Beth Todd 70b; Brian How 107; Susan Turnquist 515; Jan May 362; Ben Grubb 33b; Susan Loucks 384; Lisa McDivitt 87; Katie White 318.

Following announcements, Gerry Hoffman led 347 as the closing song. Katie White offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Gerry Hoffman; Secretary—Elisabeth Joyce

SYDNEY SINGING **Dickson St. Space, Sydney, Australia** **Saturday, October 7, 2017**

The 6th annual Sydney Sacred Harp singing was held in the Dickson St. Space on Saturday before the second Sunday in October. Margo Lanagan led 492 to open the

session, and thanked singers for attending, in particular out-of-town and interstate visitors. Elaena Gardner offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were appointed to serve: Chairman—Margo Lanagan; Secretary—Meg Quinlisk; Chaplain and Treasurer—Elaena Gardner; Arranging Committee—Kathryn Heyman.

Leaders: Margo Lanagan 284; Ruby Foster 135; Elaena Gardner 457; Ruth McNamara 49t; Shawn Whelan 276; Daniel Whelan 110; Natalie Sims 77b; Thomas MacDonald 178; Tricia Entwistle 126; Margo Lanagan 551; Ruby Foster 128; Elaena Gardner 495; Ruth McNamara 34b; Shawn Whelan 138t; Daniel Whelan 171; Natalie Sims 354t; Thomas MacDonald 148; Tricia Entwistle 163b; Margo Lanagan 454.

RECESS

Margo Lanagan led 501 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Ruby Foster 206; Elaena Gardner 472; Meg Quinlisk 385b; Ruth McNamara 47t; Shawn Whelan 172; Daniel Whelan 445; Natalie Sims 182; Thomas MacDonald 112; Tricia Entwistle 273.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Elaena Gardner, who led 340 in remembrance of the deceased and for those who are sick or shut-in. Margo Lanagan led 180. Elaena Gardner gave the blessing of the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Ruby Foster leading 198. Leaders: Meg Quinlisk 515; Elaena Gardner 142; Ruth McNamara 29t; Shawn Whelan 297; Daniel Whelan 39t; Natalie Sims 367; Thomas MacDonald 183; Tricia Entwistle 200; Margo Lanagan 236; Ruby Foster 254; Meg Quinlisk 430; Elaena Gardner 344; Ruth McNamara 77t; Margo Lanagan 86; Shawn Whelan 270; Daniel Whelan 299; Natalie Sims 224; Thomas MacDonald 222; Tricia Entwistle 474; Ruby Foster 145t; Thomas MacDonald 268; Meg Quinlisk 410t; Elaena Gardner 455; Ruth McNamara 481; Margo Lanagan 280; Shawn Whelan 217; Daniel Whelan 312b; Natalie Sims 460; Tricia Entwistle 117; Ruby Foster 318; Thomas MacDonald 250.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Margo Lanagan leading 114. Leaders: Meg Quinlisk 546; Elaena Gardner 504; Ruth McNamara 475; Margo Lanagan 168; Shawn Whelan 319; Natalie Sims 564; Tricia Entwistle 476; Ruby Foster 300; Thomas MacDonald 452; Meg Quinlisk 45t; Elaena Gardner 497; Ruth McNamara 448b; Margo Lanagan 26; Shawn Whelan 540; Natalie Sims 140; Tricia Entwistle 107; Ruby Foster 478; Thomas MacDonald 186. The Secretary reported that ten leaders led eighty-two songs.

Margo Lanagan thanked the class, and led 347 as the closing song. Elaena Gardner offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Margo Lanagan; Secretary—Meg Quinlisk

TALLAHASSEE SINGING (COOPER BOOK)

Tallahassee Museum, Tallahassee, Florida

Saturday, October 7, 2017

The 24th annual Tallahassee Singing was called to order by Morgan Bunch, who led 293b, and welcomed the class. Les Singleton offered the opening prayer.

Morgan Bunch led 36b. Aubrey Barfield led 30b, 171, and 186 as the introductory lesson. Leaders: Ann Blake 192; Ellen Gwynn 295; Jeffrey Forbes 108b; Shannan McKenzie 454; Steve McDowell 239; Fay Beard 324; Ken Sundberg 128.

RECESS

Jonathan Skeet Surrency brought the class back together leading 282. Leaders: Alice Sundberg 139; Tor Bejnar 414; Nancy Agnew 146; Jose Camacho 196; Beverly

Dayton 276; Mitchell Stecher 277; Anna Strickland 393; Les Singleton 63; Basil Blake 489; Chris Parris 559; Ellen Fournier 49t; Steve Talbert 478; Molly Bagley 331b; Vik Slen 48b.

RECESS

Steven Taylor called the class back to order leading 31b. Leaders: Michael Palmer 268t; Sue Bunch 54t; Tommie Spurlock 99; Jonathan Skeet Surrency 132; Stanley Smith 112; Steven Taylor 113; Aubrey Barfield 497; Eliza Green and Ann Blake 210; Morgan Bunch 369. Aubrey Barfield offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Shannan McKenzie brought the class back to order leading 96. Leaders: Jeffrey Forbes 31t; Shannan McKenzie 154t; Fay Beard 38t; Ken Sundberg 124t; Jonathan Skeet Surrency 183; Basil Blake, Beverly Dayton, and Tor Bejnar 486; Nancy Agnew 274t; Jose Camacho 427; Mitchell Stecher 203; Anna Strickland 68t; Les Singleton 447t; Chris Parris 358; Steve Talbert 392; Tim Roop 49b; Molly Bagley 422b; Michael Palmer 47b; Tommie Spurlock 553; Stanley Smith 335; Steven Taylor 155; Marty Pytel and Steven Taylor 45t; Sue Bunch 516; Sadie Bagley 107; Jose Camacho 235; Shannan McKenzie and Aubrey Barfield 163t.

Following announcements, Morgan Bunch led 95b. Mitchell Stecher offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Morgan Bunch; Secretaries—Sue Bunch and Ellen Gwynn

TAYLOR SINGING

Taylor United Methodist Church, Lafayette County, Mississippi

Saturday, October 7, 2017

The 30th annual Sacred Harp singing at Taylor United Methodist Church (formerly held at Pilgrim's Rest Primitive Baptist Church) was called to order by Warren Steel leading 313t and 203. Jerry Henson offered the morning prayer. Leaders: Warren Steel 144; Nathan Stewart 220, 546, 112; Anne Steel 268, 171, 39t; Scotty Polston 129, 128, 162; Jeff Corbett 326, 143, 31t; Bobby Neyman 40, 479, 347.

RECESS

Warren Steel reassembled the class leading 142. Leaders: Vicki Neyman 282, 146, 178; Amber Davis 179, 208, 436; Henry McGuire 426t, 60, 110; Lorraine Cotton 45t; Chris Cotton 457; Katy Cotton 59; Warren Steel 36b (for Lee Uhlhorn).

LUNCH

Nathan Stewart called the class together leading 327 and 138t. Leaders: Warren Steel 141, 280; Henry McGuire 382, 138b, 475. A memorial lesson was held in memory of the following deceased: Willadean Brunette, Stites Gardner, Billie Margaret Gardner, Gravis Ballinger, Johnnie Chafin, Yaeko Takada, and Anne Percy. Amber Davis led 348b and Warren Steel led 285t.

Leaders: Amber Davis 391, 192, 66; Kim Funderburk 119, 63 (for T.J. Funderburk); Vicki Neyman 163b, 504; Bobby Neyman 276, 117; Jeff Corbett 106, 99; Scotty Polston 535, 335; Nathan Stewart 222, 217, 532; Lee Uhlhorn 74b, 75; Anne Steel 472, 318.

Following announcements, Warren Steel led 288 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer offered by Rex Brunt.

Chairman—Warren Steel; Vice Chairman—Nathan Stewart; Secretary—Anne Steel

ALBRIGHT, CATES, BROWN, AND SHEPPARD MEMORIAL

Muscadine Church, Muscadine, Alabama

Sunday, October 8, 2017

The annual Albright, Cates, Brown, and Sheppard Memorial Singing was called to

order by Rene Greene leading 47t. The opening prayer was offered by Isaac Green. Leaders: Pam Nunn 186, 40; Isaac Green 494, 287 (in memory of Earlis McGraw); Cecil Roberts 285t, 229; Donna Bell 66; Winfred Kerr 225t, 89.

A business session was held and the following officers were re-elected: Chairman—Rene Greene; Vice Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Secretary—Pam Nunn. The business session was closed.

Leaders: Bert Collins and Glenda Collins 35, 100; Samuel Williams 78, 215; Tony Hammock 72b (in memory of George Garner), 430 (in memory of Jeff Sheppard); Gary Davis 338, 335.

RECESS

Rene Greene called the class back to order leading 59. Leaders: Karen Rollins 170, 171 (in memory of B.M. Smith and Sandra); Nicholas Thompson 187, 192 (for Ozella Blackmon); Amber Davis 440, 142; Oscar McGuire 155, 441; Hayden Arp 204, 409; Jeannette DePoy 201 (in memory of Jeannette's and Scott's fathers), 457 (in memory of their mothers); Nathan Rees 358 (in honor of Boyd Scott), 195 (in memory of Shelbie Sheppard); Judy Mincey 473, 528; Daniel Williams 530, 74t; Karen Flagg and Gary Davis 49t; Virginia Dyer 340, 454. The lunch prayer was offered by Cecil Roberts.

LUNCH

Cecil Roberts called the class back to order leading 76b. Leaders: Fallon Cook 196, 146; the Albright family 269; Hayden Arp, Fallon Cook, and Isaac Green 426b; Amber Davis 391; Nicholas Thompson 216; Jeannette DePoy 475 (in memory of B.M. Smith); Oscar McGuire 276; Judy Mincey 367; Nathan Rees 359; Daniel Williams 277; Gary Davis and Karen Flagg 354b; Tony Hammock 42; Samuel Williams 562; Winfred Kerr 516; Bert Collins and Glenda Collins 101t; Isaac Green, Fallon Cook, and Hayden Arp 434; Fallon Cook 47b; Rene Greene and Pam Nunn 318.

Cecil Roberts and Rene Greene led 46 as the closing song. Cecil Roberts offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Rene Greene; Vice Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Secretary—Pam Nunn

MURRELL HOUSE SINGING

Park Hill, Oklahoma

Sunday, October 8, 2017

The 2nd annual Murrell House Singing was brought to order by Dan Brittain leading 13 (MH), 113 (MH), and 45t. Bill Caldwell offered the opening prayer. Leaders: Syd Caldwell 72b, 300; Bill Caldwell 183, 49b; Katy Black 276, 142; Syd Caldwell 306; Andrew Albers 566, 125; Cory Winters 479, 178; Darryl Criss 282, 117; Anthony Hertzler 277, 148; Syd Caldwell 359, 97.

RECESS

Dan Brittain brought the class to order leading 51 (MH) and 70 (MH). Leaders: Andrew Albers 179 (MH), 107 (MH); Cory Winters 19 (MH), 127 (MH); Bill Caldwell 135 (MH), 62 (MH); Syd Caldwell 153 (MH), 500 (in memory of Hugh McGraw), 150; Katy Black 89 (MH), 160 (MH).

RECESS

Dan Brittain brought the class back to order leading 142 (MH). Leaders: Darryl Criss 138 (MH); Syd Caldwell and Darryl Criss 436; Katy Black 217, 99; Cory Winters 112, 312b, 513; Bill Caldwell 212, 497; Andrew Albers 410t, 410b; Dan Brittain 347. Announcements were made. Bill Caldwell dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Dan Brittain; Vice Chairman—Syd Caldwell; Secretary—Katy Black

TENNESSEE STATE SACRED HARP SINGING
Arlington United Methodist Church, Nashville, Tennessee
Saturday, October 14, 2017

The Tennessee State Sacred Harp Singing was held at Arlington United Methodist Church in Nashville, Tennessee. The class was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Barrett Patton leading 108t. Ron Harper offered the morning prayer.

The class organized by appointing the following officers to serve: Chairman—Barrett Patton; Vice Chairman—Emily Stutzman; Arranging Committee—Justin Bowen; Secretary—Janie Harper.

Leaders: Emily Stutzman 49t; Justin Bowen 60; Ron Harper 396; David Carlton 134; Sandie Scott 472; Vickie See and Billy See 480; Caleb Dillehay 402; Larry Brown 99; Bob Simmons 569b; Nancy Posey and Emily Stutzman 146; Marilyn Burchett 29t; Nicholas Thompson 82t; Eddie Mash 413; Sarah Trumbore 430; Seth Gregory 86; John Huffman 198.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Barrett Patton leading 123t. Leaders: Daniel Nore and Justin Bowen 117; Darrell Swarens 208; Stephen Huffman 155; Daniel Lee 411; Rachel Rogers 108b; Brent Devore 72b; Gideon Lloyd 67; Beth Anne Clay 448t; Isaac Green 170; Angela Myers 154; Andy Ditzler 128; Ezra Lloyd 107; Elizabeth Gentry 76b; Roy Turrentine 35; Drew McGuire 486; Havilah Lloyd, Malachi Lloyd, Jael Lloyd, and Elyssa Lloyd 288.

RECESS

Emily Stutzman brought the class together leading 47t. Leaders: Jonathon Vest and Barrett Patton 282; Shelby Castillo 112; Hayden Arp 384; Cheyenne Ivey 182; David Brodeur 136; Bridgett Hill Kennedy 340; Isaac Lloyd 228; Jackson Fleder 204; Mary Huffman and Rachel Hall 178; Tim Morton 147t; Gail Doss 162; Alex Forsyth 383; Judy Caudle 428; Ray Rechenberg 203; Malik McCutcheon and Justin Bowen 39t; Reba Windom 196. Barrett Patton led prayer before the lunch break.

LUNCH

The class resumed singing with Ron Harper and Alex Harper leading 440. Leaders: David Gooch 312b; Nathan Rees 352; Regina Derstine 102; Tom Morton 209; Jonathon Smith 197; Seth Gregory 454; Hayden Arp 283 (in memory of Hugh McGraw and Earlis McGraw); Reba Windom and Shelby Castillo 436; Andy Ditzler, David Brodeur, and Peg Dunn 518; Tammy Heinsohn 159; Ray Rechenberg 40; Nicholas Thompson 434; Mary Huffman 63; Darrell Swarens 507; Drew McGuire 532; Angela Myers, Bridgett Hill Kennedy, and Judy Caudle 542; Alex Forsyth 181 (in memory of Oliver Kindig-Stokes); Elizabeth Gentry 388; Tim Morton and Tom Morton 268; John Huffman, Stephen Huffman, Whitefield Hall, Lydia Hall, Betsie Hall, Abrial Hall, and Kay Huffman 236; Jonathon Smith and Nathan Rees 353; Isaac Green 426b; Isaac Lloyd, Gideon Lloyd, Ezra Lloyd, and Malachi Lloyd 410t; Jackson Fleder 294; Rachel Rogers and Libba Miller 81t.

Following announcements, Barrett Patton and Emily Stutzman led 323t as the closing song. Gary Huffman offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed. Chairman—Barrett Patton; Vice Chairman—Emily Stutzman; Secretary—Janie Harper

NEW YORK STATE SACRED HARP CONVENTION

Burton Hall, Easton, New York

October 14-15, 2017

Saturday, October 14

The 29th annual New York State Sacred Harp Convention was called to order by

Ginny Huszagh leading 276. The opening prayer was offered by Rachel Speer. During a brief business meeting, the following officers were elected to serve: Chairman—Tarik Wareh; Vice Chairman—Joanne Fuller; Secretary—Ellen Foster. Leaders: Tarik Wareh 399b; Joanne Fuller 32t; Pattie Wareh 72b; Mary Skidmore 107; Jean Seiler 106; Thom Metzger 131t; George Sigut 84; Nina Zanetti 122; Dennis Leipold 406; Wendy Sibbison 477; Eileen Metzger 108b; Bill Holt 121; Nancy Mandel 385t; Jeremy Galvagni 144; Liz Patton 373; Terry Ryan 344; Scott Luscombe 376; John Klaess 421; Becky Wright 73t; Sally Langendorf 394.

RECESS

Patrick Friesen and Judy Contompasis led 35 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Al McCready 472; Linda Shea 429; Nathan Aldrich 404; Alice Stock 47t; Pat Geritz 503; Gerald Clark 55; Jean Seiler 31t; Micah John Walter 522; Laura Densmore 456; Faiz Wareh 372; Barbara Swetman 415; Leonard Spencer 250; Brian Harris 327; Rachel Fox von Swearingen 178; Shavon Lloyd 47b; Leon Pulsinelle 532.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Corinne Ducey and Gerald Clark leading 105. Leaders: Philippa Stoddard 411; Mary Ann Morrison 547; Kitty Kagay 162; Kerry Cullinan 538; Vicki Hayes 546; Jonathan Spencer 70b; Joan Frankel and Bill Holt 414; Jonathan Mildner 183; Rachel Speer 182; Jacob Arduino 29b; Sue Peters 82b; Alice Forster 209; Jeffrey Francom 59; Judy Contompasis 30b. The blessing for the midday meal was offered by Corinne Ducey.

LUNCH

The class was called back to order by Stephen Sombor leading 117. Leaders: Gwen Gethner 123b; Jan May 454; Elizabeth Stoddard 430; Ian Quinn 172; Dev Crasta 148; Allison Steel 542; Dan Hertzler 505; Angharad Davis 500; Erik-Darden Ymeraga 340; Jerusha Wheeler 212; Karl Dise 320; Corinne Ducey 132; Charles Biada 197; Sue Hengelsberg 504; Linda Shea 448b; Patrick Friesen 134; Nancy Mandel 487; Becky Wright 167; Rebeka Radna-Crasta 290; Gerald Clark 499; Scott Luscombe 560; Laura Densmore 311; Dean Jens 312b; Sr. Ann Christi Brink, Sr. Linda Neil, and Tarik Wareh 45t.

RECESS

Brian Harris called the class back together leading 448t. Leaders: Liz Patton and Micah John Walker 348t; Rebecca Hawkins 335; Terry Ryan 240; Eileen Metzger and Thom Metzger 383; Wendy Sibbison 36b; Ben Wetherbee 89; Ginny Huszagh and Dennis Leipold 228; Jeremy Galvagni 29t; Al McCready 412; Sally Langendorf 229; Bill Holt 159; Jacob Anduino 425; Jonathan Mildner 323b; Elizabeth Stoddard, Vicki Hayes, and Ian Quinn 165; Nathan Aldrich 112; Rachel Fox von Swearingen 277; John Klaess 92; Rebeka Radna-Crasta and Dev Crasta 86; Shavon Lloyd 282; Becky Wright 325.

Tarik Wareh led 69b. Angharad Davis offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed until tomorrow.

Sunday, October 15

The Sunday session of the New York State Sacred Harp Convention began with Chairman Tarik Wareh leading 39t. The opening prayer was given by Dan Hertzler. Leaders: Tarik Wareh 435; Pattie Wareh 99; George Sigut 335; Leon Pulsinelle 48t; Kerry Cullinan 34b; Barbara Swetman 315; Joanne Fuller 145b; Ginny Huszagh 66; Margaret Youngberg and Crispin Youngberg 217; Rebeka Radna-Crasta 38b; Rachel Speer 506; Angharad Davis and Gwen Gethner 270; Jerusha Wheeler 498; Sue Hengelsberg 306; Jan May 540; Jeffrey Francom 457.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Vicki Hayes leading 111t. Leaders: Jesse P. Karlsberg

and Jean Seiler 318; Corinne Ducey 527; Jonathan Spencer 379; Philippa Stoddard 85; Sue Peters 32t; Charles Biada 570; Joan Frankel 284; Nic Tuff 33b; Dean Jens 441; Jean Seiler 87; Faiz Wareh 328; Leonard Spencer 245; Laura Densmore 549; Erik-Darden Ymeraga 95.

RECESS

Eileen Raab led 40 to bring the class to order. Leaders: Judy Contompasis 63; Dev Crasta 274t; Tara Mulder 288; Allison Steele 507; Cora Wareh 480.

Barbara Swetman spoke on behalf of persons who are sick and shut-in today, and led 330b. Those remembered included Mary Jean McCarthy, Audrey Kennedy, Jim Govola, Michael Kaye, William Knoedel, Ron Bornick, Margaret Bornick, Merv Horst, Herb Erikssen, Pam Regan, Cheri Haire, Larry Wootten, Claudine Townson, Neely Bruce, Camilla McClave, Julie Veal, Chris Holley, Gina Balestracci, Ben Pirie, Eli Snyder, and Sarah Scott.

Nicholas Tuff spoke on behalf of the following deceased: Barbara Bell, Sue Mihalyi, Kathy Jornov, Lenni Evans, Brendan Rush, Dr. Rebecca Reames, Doris Mercer, Deannie Eaton, Barbara McGuire, Barry Redich, and Thomas Gallagher-New York; Johnny Lee, Delores Lee, and Hugh McGraw-Georgia; Jean Comfort Hallowell, Michael Sensor, and Skip Trout-Pennsylvania; Collette Miller, Edward Swetman, and Charles Wells-Minnesota; David Abrahams, and Katie Evans (cousin of Eli Snyder)—California; Barbara Huszagh—Illinois; Eloise Wootten—Alabama; John Bayer—Ohio; Carol Sherbeck—Wisconsin; Pat Colter-Yahn—Vermont; Toby Strout—Indiana; Bruce Carter Pratt—Massachusetts; Charlotte Quimby—New Hampshire; Ruth Hooke—Vermont/Massachusetts; Dr. Heather Everly—Canada/New York. Dan Hertzler led 547 in memory of the deceased, and prayer was offered by Jesse P. Karlsberg.

Leaders: Jean Seiler and Dan Hertzler 146; Shavon Lloyd 455; Margaret Youngberg 302; Ian Quinn 369. Grace for the midday meal was offered by Dean Jens.

LUNCH

Sue Peters, Joan Frankel, and Sue Hengelsberg led 551 to bring the class to order.

Leaders: Jesse P. Karlsberg 454; Philippa Stoddard 189; Rachel Speer 573; Brian Harris 378b; Mary Skidmore 142; Crispin Youngberg 513; Patrick Friesen 426t; Elizabeth Stoddard 124; Leon Pulsinelle 410b; Jerusha Wheeler 107; Angharad Davis 300; Jonathan Spencer 360; Charles Biada 397; Erik-Darden Ymeraga 422; Gwen Gethner 203; Tarik Wareh, Mary Skidmore, Ginny Huszagh, Barbara Swetman, Laura Densmore, and Jesse P. Karlsberg (chairman and previous chairs of NYS Conventions) 192.

RECESS

Jesse P. Karlsberg, Ian Quinn, and Allison Steel led 114 to begin the last session of singing today. Leaders: Dean Jens 349; Jan May 78; Eileen Raab 268; Faiz Wareh and Leonard Spencer 260; Judy Contompasis 319; Joanne Fuller and Peter Brown 186; Kerry Cullinan 163b; Patrick Friesen and Tara Mulder 380; Sue Hengelsberg and Elizabeth Stoddard 175; Jeffrey Francom, Shavon Lloyd, Emily Wright, and Diana Minerva 159.

A business meeting was convened to accept reports from the officers. The Secretary reported that 127 people from eleven states and Canada attended the convention this weekend. A total of 171 songs were led by 79 leaders. The Resolutions Committee thanked all who helped to make this singing a success, and resolved to hold the 30th New York State Convention in October, 2018, in Rochester, New York.

Announcements were made.

Tarik Wareh, Pattie Wareh, Joanne Fuller, Mary Skidmore, Ellen Foster, Jean Seiler, and Irene Arnold led 62 as the closing song. Joanne Fuller offered the final blessing. Chairman—Tarik Wareh; Vice Chairman—Joanne Fuller; Secretary—Ellen Foster

**PACIFIC NORTHWEST
SACRED HARP CONVENTION, OREGON
Laurelhurst Club, Portland Oregon
October 14-15, 2017**

Saturday, October 14

The 26th annual Oregon session of the Pacific Northwest Sacred Harp Singing Convention was held at the Laurelhurst Club, Portland, Oregon, on the third Sunday and Saturday before in October. Kate Fine and Linda Berkemeier called the class to order leading 448b. Lyle Lindsey offered the morning prayer. A business meeting was held and the following officers were elected: Chairman—Linda Berkemeier; Rising Chairman—Thom Fahrbach; Treasurer—Dan Thoma; Secretary—Betsy Jeronen.

Leaders: Betsy Jeronen 77b; Dan Thoma 176b; Steve Helwig 150 (in memory of Edith Owen); Ana Tighe 111b; Lyle Lindsey 49t; Nancy Novotny 441; Tom McTighe 475; Steve Cackley 278t; Dorothy Robinson 510; Bradley Knoke 160b; Sam Thomas 282; Jennifer Jones 527; Ruth Linehan 91; Bob Schinske 486; Clarissa Fetrow 466; Scott Kennedy 163b; Anne Huckins 315; Steve Tarr 271t.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Thom Fahrbach leading 225t. Leaders: Susan Helf 34b; Ethan Hardy 86; Melissa Stevenson 179; Mike Hinton 534; Greg Saue 147t; Pat Coghlan 218; Carolyn Deacy 421 (for singers impacted by the Santa Rosa fires); Ben Brown 155; Kate Fortin 299; Harlan Walker Young 70b; Lucinda Larsen Saue 178; Martha Sherwood 65; Carolyn Gilkey 474; Eric Holt 228.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by John Wiens leading 133. Leaders: Nell Whitman 146; Linnea Sablosky 112; Yuka Oiwa 344; Laura McMurray 398; Clair Moore-Cantwell 180; Bruce Coates 503; Linda Booth 273; Rodman Campbell 142; Wren Hyde 148; Edward Rice 562; Bill Huot 59; Corinne Serfass 163t; Rene de Vos 28b; Jack Lofton 196; Stephanie Fida 98; Julius Pasay 406; Karen Willard 524; Beverly Coates 472. Lyle Lindsey offered the noon prayer.

LUNCH

The class was called back to order by Lindy Groening leading 111t. Leaders: John Wiens 318; Marie Brandis 212; Dave Barber 456; Adrian Eldridge 564; Gillian Inksetter 222; Linda Selph 480 (in memory of Janelle Davis); Evelyn Lamb 286; Michael Walker 304 (in memory of Danny Arms); Sadhbh O'Flynn 320; Eva Striebeck 500; Erik Schwab 545; Tom Booth 523; Erika Wilson 424; Kate Coxon 217; Kevin Beirne 336; Cornelia Stanton 192; David Wright 95; Dan Thoma 528; Kevin Barrans 39b; Gary Plouff 567; Kate Fine 454.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Thom Fahrbach leading 32t. Leaders: Karen Willard 444; John Berendzen 214; Beverly Coates 229; Carolyn Gilkey 347; Gillian Inksetter 572; Wren Hyde 455; Michael Walker 275t; Edward Rice 546; Eva Striebeck 541; Julius Pasay 67; Scott Kennedy 569b; Mike Hinton 373; Evelyn Lamb 367; Jack Lofton 335; Rodman Campbell 197; Harlan Walker Young 210; Clarissa Fetrow 227 (for Karen Rollins); Linda Booth 31t; Dave Barber 105; Erika Wilson 382; Kate Coxon 512; Martha Sherwood 114; Linda Selph 384. Lyle Lindsey offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, October 15

The Sunday session of the Pacific Northwest Sacred Harp Convention was brought to order by Linda Berkemeier leading 479. The morning prayer was offered by Steve Tarr. Leaders: Steve Tarr and Linda Booth 236; Steve Helwig 351; Lucinda Larsen

Saue 313b; Yosef Trachtenberg 47t; David Wright 119; Ruth Linehan 123t; Kevin Beirne 410b; Anne Huckins 501; Linnea Sablosky 81t; Ben MacSpadden 148; Greg Saue 198; Laura McMurray 138b; Clarissa Fetrow 101b; Sam Thomas 128; Marla Elliott 149.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Dan Thoma leading 157. Leaders: Kate Fortin 217 (for Susan Fortin); Ben Brown 551; Beverly Coates 481; Melissa Stephenson 375; Pat Coghlan 260; Jim Friedrich 347; Susan Helf 86; Corinne Serfass 106; Ana Tighe 383; Bradley Knoke 76b; Bruce Coates 49b; Betsy Jeronen 436; Eric Holt 220; Nancy Novotny 272.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Adrian Eldridge leading 35. Leaders: Tom McTighe 522; Bob Schinske 411; Suzanne Denker 461; Jennifer Jones 506; Nell Whitman 350; Dorothy Robinson 80t.

Cornelia Stanton and Charles Tyndall led 402 for the following sick and shut-ins: Linda Domholt, Hannah Mae Blair, Joanne Cone, Gail O'Day, Curtis Owen, Melanie Hauff, Sharon Waterman, Lorin Vlach, Kathy Vlach, Reed Schilbach, Karen Rollins, and Loren Tennenbaum.

They led 541 in memory of the following deceased: Mary Metzger—Wisconsin; Gerhart Schwab and John Bayer—Ohio; Henry Deeson—Utah; Ron Ryan, Jane Goforth, Edith Owen, and Bob Karavinus—Texas; Charles Wells—Minnesota; Rex Barrans, Bill Fisher, and Laura Gregg—Washington; Candace Collins-Hill—Maine; Caleb Allred, Johnnie Chafin; Eloise Wootten, Gravis Ballinger, Lavoy Smith, Susie Denson, and Toney Smith—Alabama; Johnny Lee, Hugh McGraw, B.M. Smith, and George Snyder—Georgia; Kenneth Sage Glenn, Robert Thoma, Will Marcotte, Larry Nicholson, and Frankie Joan Bailey—Oregon; Bob Fowler—Montana; Larry Young—Colorado; and Katy Jenks. Steve Tarr closed the memorial service with prayer.

Leaders: Marie Brandis 445; Erik Schwab 488; Jean Murphy 186; Bill Huot 46; Carolyn Deacy 224; Caroline Helmecci 440; Yuka Oiwa 129. Steve Tarr offered the noon blessing.

LUNCH

The class was called back to order by Steve Cackley leading 145t. Leaders: Kevin Barrans 434; Eva Striebeck 377; Adrian Eldridge and Gillian Inksetter 550; Michael Walker 306; Stephanie Fida 273 (for Amandeep Boyer and baby, Naveen Thomas Boyer); John Wiens 145b; Wren Hyde 460; Lindy Groening 430; Mike Hinton 548; Sadhbh O'Flynn 532; Kate Coxon 396; Jack Lofton 542; Gillian Inksetter 428; Karen Willard 426t; Dave Barber 361; Lyle Lindsey 178; Erika Wilson 201; Dan Thoma 68b; Linda Selph 172; Edward Rice 39t; Jean Squires 147t; Harlan Walker Young 48t; Evelyn Lamb 353; Kate Fine 573.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Kate Fortin leading 312t. Leaders: Wing Mui 300; Rodman Campbell 209; Jane Grant 142; Concetta Branson and Betsy Jeronen 330b; Corinne Serfass 504; Kelly Kennedy 475; Mary Chaffin and Thom Fahrback 30b; Jim Friedrich 163b; Caroline Helmecci 32b; Yuka Oiwa 270.

A business meeting was held to hear committee reports. The Arranging Committee reported 141 people registered from nine states and three countries, 83 leaders, and 183 songs sung. The Treasurer reported achieving the goal set toward meeting expenses. The Resolutions Committee thanked everyone who led or assisted in a smooth running convention. Announcements were made.

Linda Berkemeier and Thom Fahrbach led 36b as the closing song. Steve Tarr offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Linda Berkemeier; Vice Chairman—Thom Fahrbach; Secretary—Betsy Jeronen

ANDREWS CHAPEL SCHOOL SINGING

The Rock, Georgia

Sunday, October 15, 2017

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at Andrew's Schoolhouse on the third Sunday in October was called to order by John Plunkett leading 59. The opening prayer was offered by John Hollingsworth. John Plunkett led 210 for Lena Mae Kelso and the Kelso family.

Leaders: Bentley McGuire 56b, 56t; Oscar McGuire 34b, 129 (for Myrtice Meeks); Bill Hollingsworth 132, 489; David Smead 569b, 544; Wayne Watson 225t, 480; Mott Harrell 68b, 47b; Robert Chambless 39b, 145t; Trent Peachey 317, 162; Anna Hinton 203, 455.

RECESS

Bentley McGuire called the class back together by leading 47t. Leaders: Malinda Snow 101t, 290; Winfred Kerr 500 (for Rebecca Over), 36b; Mary Brownlee 287, 66; Rosemund Watson 503; John Hollingsworth 35, 400; Glenda Collins and Bert Collins 40, 282; Judy Chambless 38t; Lisa Bennett 72t, 121. Wayne Watson offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Leaders: Matt Hinton 187, 270; Judy Mincey 501, 564; Beth Hagues 324, 268; David Grant 153 (for his father, W.R. Grant), 166; Eli Hinton 99; Erica Hinton 83t, 228; Oscar McGuire 485; Bill Hollingsworth 236; David Smead 572; Wayne Watson 112; Mott Harrell 542; Trent Peachey 318; Anna Hinton 142; Lottie Hinton and Erica Hinton 77t; Malinda Snow 523; Winfred Kerr 45t; Mary Brownlee, Mott Harrell, and Rosemund Watson 94; Lisa Bennett 436; Judy Mincey 95; David Grant 421. Announcements were made.

Rosemund Watson led 347 as the closing song. John Hollingsworth offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Bentley McGuire; Secretary—John Plunkett

REID MEMORIAL

County Line Church, Corner, Alabama

Sunday, October 15, 2017

The 98th session of the Reid Memorial Singing was called to order by Danny Creel leading 30t. Shane Wootten offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Ken Tate 314; Eugene Forbes 196, 203; David Jackson 452, 290; SuNell Ellis 299, 475; Richard Mauldin 446, 43 (in memory of Josie Hyde); Andy Ditzler 333; Emily Stutzman 275b; Yancey Jett 440; Reba Windom 142; Bob Watkins 460; Isaac Green 419 (for Ozella Blackmon); Louise Yeager 569b; David Brodeur 444; Lisa Geist 377; Henry Johnson 206.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Danny Creel leading 472. Leaders: Larry Ballinger 157; April Watkins and Taylor Watkins 445; Jamey Wootten and Jared Wootten 441; Ann Jett 269; Jackson Fleder 271b; Shelby Castillo 430; Earl Ballinger 439; Emily Brown 454; Buell Cobb 85; Kathy Williams 506; Jim Carnes 73t; Loretta Whitman 77t; Marty Wootten 76b; Alex Forsyth 411; Beth Anne Clay 208; Amber Davis 380; Justin Bowen 342; Brenda Chafin 376.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Danny Creel leading 512. Leaders: David Heidorn 63; Hayden Arp 470; Isaac Lloyd 180; Nicholas Thompson 442; Elyssa Lloyd 139; Julianna Jett 222; Linda Thomas 373; Ezra Lloyd 65; Richard Ivey 396; Drew McGuire 138t; Elene Stovall and Reba Windom 542; Darrell Swarens 36b; Sharon DuPriest 189. The blessing before the noon meal was offered by Ken Tate.

LUNCH

The class was called to order by Ken Tate leading 135. Leaders: Lucy Heidorn 200; David Ivey 507; Cassie Allen 384; Shane Wootten 182; Cheyenne Ivey 166; Brett King and Ken Tate 162; Cindy Tanner 436; Ainslie Allen 186; Wanda Capps 187; Jackie Tanner 298; Shelley Calvert 159; Darrell Swarens 111b; Alex Forsyth 386; Justin Bowen 550; Emily Stutzman 317; Jackson Fleder 392; Kathy Williams 151; Andy Ditzler 423; Reba Windom and Marty Wootten 546; David Brodeur 431; Isaac Lloyd 287; April Watkins 53; Drew McGuire 328; Taylor Watkins 388; Ezra Lloyd 168; Emily Brown 428; Yancey Jett and Cassie Allen 89; Yancey Jett, Emily Brown, Shelley Calvert, Cassie Allen, David Heidorn, and Julianna Jett 498.

After announcements Danny Creel, Ken Tate, and Lucy Heidorn led 46 as the closing song. Danny Creel offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed. Chairman—Danny Creel; Honorary Vice Chairperson—Kathleen Robbins; Acting Vice Chairman—Ken Tate; Secretary—Lucy Heidorn

ALASKA SACRED HARP CONVENTION

Sitka Lutheran Church, Sitka, Alaska

October 20-21, 2017

Friday, October 20

The 10th annual Alaska Sacred Harp Convention was held at the Sitka Lutheran Church in Sitka, Alaska, on Friday evening and Saturday before the fourth Sunday in October. Beverly Owen Coates taught a singing school with an overview of the Sacred Harp tradition, and guidance on tempo and leading. She shared the heritage of her family and songs that have significant meaning.

Saturday, October 21

Campbell Longworth called the class to order Saturday morning at 9:30 a.m. by leading 171. Gordon Blue offered the morning prayer. In a business meeting, Campbell Longworth transferred chairmanship to Kari Lundgren. Leaders: Kari Lundgren 162, 276; Denise Klinger 107; Joe Linden 99, 47b; Mari Frances Fujioka, Alexandra Fujioka, and Sara Beaber-Fujioka 82t, 388; Steve Helwig 133 (for the Owen family), 126; Adrian Eldridge 225t, 235; Nathan Baring and Stephanie Fida 39b, 198; Lynn Basham 501, 479; Karen Willard and Galen Flint 45t. RECESS

Cornelia Stanton called the class back to order leading 32t. Leaders: Dan Harper and Carol Steinfeld 34b, 49t; Tom Crane 86, 155; Maria D'Agnostino and Campbell Longworth 300 (dedicated to Robert Sullivan); Mary Barrett and Charley Basham 24t, 148; Julia Smith and Campbell Longworth 159, 63; Clarissa Fetrow 67, 440; Bruce Coates 176b, 503; Pat Coghlan and Linda Janacek 492; Kate Fortin 196, 203; Beverly Coates 33t, 53; Cornelia Stanton and Jeanette Smith 565, 87.

RECESS

Adrian Eldridge called the class back to order leading 70b. Leaders: Campbell Longworth 254; Karen Willard 81b, 200; Stephanie Fida 398, 399t; Lynn Basham 288, 523.

Charley Basham spoke for those who are sick and shut-in, and led 472 for Robert Sullivan, Bill Davis, Concetta Branson, and Curtis Owen. She spoke for the

deceased, and led 181 in memory of the following: Collette Miller—Minnesota; Julie Veal—Wisconsin; Edith Owen—Texas; John Bayer—Ohio. Gordon Blue closed the memorial lesson with a prayer.

Leaders: Sylvia Friske and Beverly Coates 176t; Beverly Coates 475.

LUNCH

Kari Lundgren called the class back to order leading 448b and 454. Leaders: Brian Hullfish 268; Dan Harper 236, 38t; Joe Linden 38b, 282; Jeanette Warner and Pat Coghlan 391; Bruce Coates 34t; Clarissa Fetrow 302, 349; Adrian Eldridge 441, 279; Steve Helwig 455, 456; Beverly Coates 299, 347; Stephanie Fida 419, 275t; Cornelia Stanton 66, 217; Karen Willard 401 (dedicated to Johnny Lee), 128.

RECESS

Kate Fortin called the class back to order leading 48t and 119. Leaders: Pat Coghlan 542; Campbell Longworth and Nathan Baring 218, 242; Lynn Basham 173, 142; Galen Flint and Maria D'Agostino 209; Charley Basham 163b (for Terry Barrett); Denise Klinger and Kari Lundgren 354b (for Iris); Tom Crane 146, 147t; Sara Beaber-Fujioka 157, 474; Sylvia Friske and Maria D'Agostino 178, 40; Julia Smith and Kari Lundgren 59, 502; Mary Barrett and Kari Lundgren 277; Clarissa Fetrow and Adrian Eldridge 312t.

Kari Lundgren, Karen Willard, and Steve Helwig led 122 as the closing song. Gordon Blue offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Kari Lundgren; Secretaries—Joe Linden and Sara Beaber-Fujioka

BLOOMINGTON SINGING

Fairview United Methodist Church, Bloomington, Indiana Saturday, October 21, 2017

The 14th annual Bloomington, Indiana, all-day singing was held at the Fairview United Methodist Church on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in October. Curtis Cook brought the class together by leading 59. Pastor George Hertzeg offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were previously elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Curtis Cook; Arranging Committee—Darrell Swarens. Leaders: Darrell Swarens 40; Beth Garfinkel 201; John Hoerr 171; Steve Pollitt 77t; Shannon Tibbs 128; Janice Harrell 198; Aaron Jones 181; Christopher Goodbeer 528; Randy West 147t; Tim Morton 147b; Michael Mosley 129; Fred Hoerr 29b; Tom Morton 209; Carol Ann Munro 502; Cynthia Brubaker 203; Cindy Beaulé 47b; Virginia Eldridge 432; Karen Bahler 117.

RECESS

Darrell Swarens called the class back together leading 36b. Leaders: Brad Bahler 192; Katherine Eldridge 330b; Tim Gregg 228; Marty Hoerr and John Hoerr 178; James Eldridge 422; Elizabeth Laws and Aaron Laws 38b; Aaron Laws 115; Ben Fink 456; Christopher James 81t; Robert Bolyard 107; Marlen Rust 58; Nancy Allerhand and James Eldridge 146; Annaliza Cull 155; Joan Aldridge 454.

RECESS

John Hoerr led 32b to bring the class together. Leaders: Curtis Cook 163b; Jenny Jensen 353; William Ellis and Christopher Goodbeer 276; Jason Hosfield 63; Curtis Cook 49t. Brad Bahler offered grace for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The singing resumed for the afternoon session with Aaron Jones leading 108b. Leaders: Michael Hass 61; Beth Garfinkel "Leverett"; Christian James 30b; John Hoerr, Fred Hoerr, and Marty Hoerr 480; Randy West 535; Carol Ann Munro 550; Tim Morton and Tom Morton 556; Steve Pollitt and Aaron Jones 271b; Shannon Tibbs 42; Janice Harrell 56b; Karen Bahler and Brad Bahler 551; Michael Mosley

564; Cynthia Brubaker 268; James Eldridge 419; Tim Gregg 30t; Annaliza Cull and Michele Cull 504; Ben Fink 183; Jenny Jensen 446; Jason Hosfield 299; Joan Aldridge and Virginia Eldridge 474; Darrell Swarens and Katherine Eldridge 335; Cynthia Brubaker 448t; Laurel Cornell 277; Carol Ann Munro and Michael Mosley 269; Virginia Eldridge, James Eldridge, Katherine Eldridge, and Darrell Swarens 124.

Announcements were made. Curtis Cook led 62 as the closing song, and the class took the parting hand. The closing prayer was offered by Brad Bahler.

Chairman—Curtis Cook; Secretary—Darrell Swarens

LES SONTAG MEMORIAL SINGING

Farley's Music Hall, Elsah, Illinois

Saturday, October 21, 2017

Patti Sontag called the class to order leading 313b. Roberta Strauss offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were appointed to serve: Chairman—Patti Sontag; Arranging Officer and Secretary—Mary Huffman.

Leaders: Mary Huffman 39t; Presley Barker 171; Roberta Strauss 176t; John Huffman 66; Anne Drexler and Sharon Duncan 84; Paul Figura 51 (MH); Barbara Uhlemann 63; Lou Kujawinski 569b; Shirley Figura 36b; Lisa Bulawsky 534; John Uhlemann 228; Barbara Chopin 135 (MH); Dave Ressler 186; Cindy Burlison 335; Terry Hogg 145 (MH); Penny Kujawinski 421; Roberta Strauss 67; John Huffman 122; Anne Drexler and Sharon Duncan 87; Presley Barker, Randy Duncan, and Sandra Stack 313t.

RECESS

Patti Sontag brought the class back together leading 127 (MH). Leaders: Paul Figura and Gary Huffman 268; Barbara Chopin 86; Shirley Figura 318; Lou Kujawinski 373; Bernardine Sommer and Sharon Palas 180 (MH); Barbara Uhlemann 147 (MH); Dave Ressler 142 (MH); Becky Browne 203; John Uhlemann 564; Lisa Bulawsky 440; Mary Huffman 163b; Penny Kujawinski 212; Terry Hogg 27 (MH); Cindy Burlison and Sharon Palas 178; Prisca Rice 209; Anne Drexler, Randy Duncan, and Sharon Duncan 146; John Huffman 46 (MH); Roberta Strauss 436; Presley Barker 362; Barbara Uhlemann 350; Paul Figura 77t; Barbara Chopin 496; John Uhlemann 29t; Penny Kujawinski 172 (MH); Patti Sontag 164. Gary Huffman offered prayer before the meal.

LUNCH

Patti Sontag brought the class back together leading 63. Leaders: Lisa Bulawsky 38b; Lou Kujawinski 372; Paul Figura 337; Bernardine Sommer 31t; Terry Hogg 162; Prisca Rice 68t; Dave Ressler 48t; Cindy Burlison 551; Shirley Figura 213t; Becky Browne 142; Mary Huffman 327; Barbara Chopin 474; Jenny Whitman 455; Anne Drexler and Sharon Duncan 454; Barbara Uhlemann 299; Presley Barker 505; Roberta Strauss and Patti Sontag 236.

RECESS

Patti Sontag brought the class back together leading 47b. Leaders: Penny Kujawinski 181; Terry Hogg 535; Cindy Burlison and Sharon Palas 106; John Uhlemann 522; Lou Kujawinski 272; Prisca Rice 68t; Dave Ressler 428; Mort Whitman 452; Lisa Bulawsky 468; John Huffman 149; Shirley Figura 28b; Mary Huffman 276.

Announcements were made. Patti Sontag led 347 as the closing song. Roberta Strauss offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Patti Sontag; Secretary—Mary Huffman

NORTHWEST ARKANSAS SHILOH SINGING, FALL SESSION
Northwest Technical Institute, Springdale, Arkansas
Saturday, October 21, 2017

The Northwest Arkansas Shiloh Singing, Fall Session, was called to order following a brief singing school led by Dan Brittain. Chris Nicholson began the singing session by leading 34b and 72b. William Price offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Andrew Albers 31b, 49t; Cory Winters 38b, 112; William Price 39t, 442; Chris Nicholson 63, 473; Dan Brittain 13 (MH), 34 (MH); Andrew Albers 96, 343; Nancy Price 367 (CB), 571 (CB); Deborah Kukal 268; Cory Winters 294, 496; William Price 312b, 142; Dan Brittain 123t, 121; Chris Nicholson 120, 65; Nancy Price 96 (CB).

Andrew Albers conducted the memorial lesson for the following deceased: Hugh McGraw—Georgia; Les Sontag—Illinois; John Bayer, Jr.—Ohio; Jane Goforth and Edith Owen—Texas; and Julie Veal—Wisconsin. He led 128 in their memory. Chris Nicholson led 95 to encourage the sick and shut-ins, which included Gail Cowart, Mr. Kickline, Melanie Hauff, Mary Ellen Wilkinson, and Curtis Owen. Andrew Albers led 164 (MH) as grace for lunch.

LUNCH

Cory Winters brought the class back together leading 312t and 266. Leaders: Deborah Kukal 178, 179; Alexis Walker 282; William Price 196, 569b; Chris Nicholson 45 (MH), 157 (MH); Nancy Price 203, 107 (MH), 138 (MH); Andrew Albers 314 (CB), 368b (CB); Cory Winters 268b (CB), 414 (CB); Andrew Albers 374 (CB); William Price 162 (CB), 444t (CB); Chris Nicholson 264t (CB); Cory Winters 424; Nancy Price 159; Andrew Albers 496t (CB); Deborah Kukal 146; Cory Winters 182; William Price 559 (CB); Chris Nicholson 477.

Announcements were made. The class sang 267, and was dismissed.

Chairman—Andrew Albers; Vice Chairman—Cory Winters; Secretary—Alexis Walker

PUTNAM, LIGHT, AND KING MEMORIAL
Mt. Oak Methodist Church, Arab, Alabama
Saturday, October 21, 2017

The annual Putnam, Light, and King Memorial Sacred Harp singing was held on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in October. The class was called to order by David Light leading 30t. Henry Guthery offered the opening prayer.

The class was organized by electing or appointing the following officers: Chairman—David Light; Vice Chairman—Nicholas Thompson; Secretary—Lisa Geist.

Leaders: David Light 274t; Nicholas Thompson 31b, 138t; Lisa Geist 171, 269; Linda Booth 300, 273; Winfred Kerr 36b, 225t; Henry Guthery 472, 511; Alex Forsyth 101t, 439; Shelby Castillo 67, 215; Bea Aaron 568, 456; Larry Ballinger 56t, 57; Jackson Fleder 321, 212.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by David Light leading 340 in memory of Coy Putnam, Marcus Light, and Hershel King. Leaders: David Jackson 146, 75; Nancy Phillips 79, 354b; Jim Aaron 47b, 231; Cheyenne Ivey 77t, 111b; Tom Booth 39b, 480; Randy Robbins 63; Shelby Castillo 454. Henry Guthery asked a blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with David Light leading 200. Leaders: Linda Booth 489; Jackson Fleder 460; Henry Guthery 527; Bea Aaron 205; Winfred Kerr 282; Cheyenne Ivey 182; Alex Forsyth 422; Lisa Geist 228; Jim Aaron 68b; Larry

Ballinger 97; Tom Booth 441; Nicholas Thompson 564; David Jackson 348b; Alex Forsyth 318; Jackson Fleder 144; David Light 436; Nicholas Thompson 137, 457 (by request).

David Light and Nicholas Thompson led 62 as the closing song. Jim Aaron offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—David Light; Vice Chairman—Nicholas Thompson; Secretary—Lisa Geist

SADSBURY COOPER BOOK SINGING

Sadsbury Friends Meeting House, Christiana, Pennsylvania

Saturday, October 21, 2017

The 10th session of the Sadsbury *Cooper Book* Singing was held at the Sadsbury Friends Meeting House in Christiana, Pennsylvania. Connie Webster brought the class to order leading 30t. Susan Scott offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Barb Hohenstein 50t; Laura Densmore 54t; Susan Scott 148; Lamar Matthew 504t; Ruth Wampler 411; Harry Scott 42; Elizabeth Patton 31t; Guy Banks 311; Nancy Tkacs 149; Ted Stokes 450; Jacob Stebly 67; Terry Ryan 422t; Rachel Hall 66; Dale McCarthy 319; Joel Bassett 503; Stacey Berkheimer 191; Scott Robinson 276.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Ruth Wampler leading 461. Leaders: Doron Henkin 138t; Kimberly Haas 60; Dann Pell 210; Connie Webster 392; Guy Banks 494; Nancy Tkacs 314; Barb Hohenstein 505; Jacob Stebly 300; Laura Densmore 552; Ted Stokes 522; Evan Druce 270; Susan Scott 449; Doron Henkin 486; Ruth Wampler 444t; Lamar Matthew 485; Elizabeth Patton 79; Harry Scott 495; Terry Ryan 268b; Sasha Hsuczyk 133; Scott Robinson 277. Susan Scott offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Laura Densmore called the afternoon session to order leading 106. Leaders: Dale McCarthy 168; Leon Pulsinelle 463; Rachel Hall 559; Joel Bassett 478; Sasha Hsuczyk 480; Dann Pell 471; Stacey Berkheimer and Stephanie Lewis 171; Doron Henkin 511t; Barb Hohenstein 416t; Evan Druce 81; Jacob Stebly 543; Lamar Matthew 571; Nancy Tkacs 107; Anna Bowen 348t; Connie Webster 573; Scott Robinson 484; Guy Banks 448; Terry Ryan 563; Ruth Wampler 518; Elizabeth Patton 560; Harry Scott 142; Laura Densmore, Melanie Ryan, and K.C. Woodring 336t.

RECESS

Connie Webster called the class to order leading 47b. Leaders: Jacob Stebly 122; Sasha Hsuczyk 464; Nancy Tkacs 553; Terry Ryan 524; Scott Robinson 38b; Evan Druce 182; Stacey Berkheimer 574; Leon Pulsinelle 77t; Dann Pell 500; Joel Bassett 38t; Rachel Hall 98; Doron Henkin 41.

Laura Densmore, Connie Webster, Doron Henkin, and Barb Hohenstein led 527 as the closing song. Lamar Matthew offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Connie Webster; Secretary—Barb Hohenstein

SEED AND FEED SACRED HARP SINGING

Hardeman Primitive Baptist Church, Decatur, Georgia

Saturday, October 21, 2017

The 41st annual Seed and Feed Singing could not be held at its usual location, Emory Presbyterian Church, but will return next year. We all appreciated the hospitality of Hardeman Primitive Baptist Church, which hosted the singing. The

class was called to order by David Brodeur leading 59. The opening prayer was offered by Judy Chambless. Leaders: David Brodeur 56b; Laura Akerman 85, 84; John Plunkett 73b, 321; Debora Gross 378t, 189; Kelly Morris 147t, 114; Lisa Bennett 65, 28t; Judy Chambless 472 (in memory of Hugh McGraw), 527; Andy Ditzler 27, 53; Joan Durdin 29t, 155; Tony Hammock 191 (for Virginia Dyer), 131t; Marianne “Peaches” Sansom 254, 236.

RECESS

The class returned with David Smead leading 30t. A business session was held and the following officers were elected: Chairman—Sandra Wilkinson; Vice Chairman—David Smead; Secretary—Laura Akerman.

Leaders: Jerusha Wheeler 350, 351; Eric Tweedy 292, 270; Judy Mincey 26, 534; Michael Walker 225t, 475; Karen Morris 273, 454; John Whitemore 40, 38b; Malinda Snow 512, 96.

A memorial lesson was held. Judy Mincey spoke and led 70t for the sick and shut-ins, including Virginia Futral, Virginia Dyer, Concetta Branson, Ron Bornick, and Chris Holley. Judy also spoke and led 327 in memory of the deceased, including Hugh McGraw, Julie Veal, George Snyder, and Charles Wells. The lesson was closed with prayer offered by John Plunkett.

Leaders: Sandra Wilkinson 168, 148; Robert Chambless 354t (in memory of Hugh McGraw), 34b.

LUNCH

Sandra Wilkinson brought the class back together by leading 300. Leaders: David Smead 291, 416 (noting the alto part contributed by Hugh McGraw); Amy Armstrong Wells 272, 411; Samuel Williams 322, 440; Andy Morse 353, 377; Matt Hinton 331, 330b; Anders Wells 71, 110; Henry Slack 47b, 181; David Brodeur 467; Laura Akerman 362; Kelly Morris and Bill Levisay 49b; Jerusha Wheeler 333; Lisa Bennett 196; Andy Ditzler 160b; Tony Hammock 112; Eric Tweedy 442; Judy Mincey 489; Michael Walker 380.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with David Smead leading 398. Leaders: John Whitemore 107; Sandra Wilkinson 388; Amy Armstrong Wells 546; Samuel Williams 278b; Andy Morse 77t; Henry Slack 535; John Plunkett 198 (for Martha Ann Stegar).

Sandra Wilkinson led 46 as the closing song. Andy Morse dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Sandra Wilkinson; Vice Chairman—David Smead; Secretary—Laura Akerman

SHEFFIELD SACRED HARP SINGING **Worrall Memorial Hall, Worrall, United Kingdom** **Saturday, October 21, 2017**

The annual Sheffield All-Day Sacred Harp Singing was held at Worrall Memorial Hall, in the United Kingdom, on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in October. Eimear O’Donovan began the day by leading 59. Ted Brown offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Eimear O’Donovan 56t; Vicki Elliott 34b, 88b; Chris Brown 34t, 28t; Emily Verrier 47t, 127; Richard Mayers 31t, 39t; Judy Whiting 150, 72b; Ted Brown 75, 74b; Cath Ingham 155, 48t; Joe Vickers 52t, 36b; Claire Welford 37b, 274t.

RECESS

Phil Tyler called the class to order by leading 480. Leaders: Phil Tyler 428; Helen Brown 349, 142; Myfanwy Reynolds 133, 148; Josh Lant 159; Margaret Gillanders 314; Derek Buckland 547, 278t; Paul Wilson 144, 86; Eimear O’Donovan 410b, 154.

Joe Vickers spoke for the deceased and the sick and housebound. He read the following memorial list of the deceased: Gordon Hoyland and Alex Elliott—Sheffield; Ros Taylor—St John's Chapel; Norman Johnson—Blaydon; Winifred Elliott—Bolton; Don Grimshaw—Southampton; Jean McDonald and Donald McDonald—Derby; Julie Selvey—Doncaster; Robert Peele—Dublin; Edith Owen—Texas, USA; Gravis Ballinger and Eloise Wootten—Alabama, USA; Julie Veal—Wisconsin, USA; Hugh McGraw and Daniel Benton-Evans—Georgia, USA; and Billy McClean—Grimsby.

He read the following list of names of the sick and housebound: Curtis Owen, Melanie Hauff, Joe McPartland, Nate Green, Norma Green, Toby Boyes, Kit Yip, David Gasi, Christine Stephens, and Kathryn Golding. He led 425, and said a prayer. Leaders: Emily Verrier 162, 448b; Vicki Elliott and Mike Upton 313b, 277; Ted Brown 535. Richard Mayers gave thanks for the meal.

LUNCH

Chris Brown called the class back to order by leading 82t and 291. Leaders: Cath Tyler 270, 430; Richard Mayers 99, 299; Julie Russell 178, 347; Calum Woods 373, 225t; Cath Ingham 35, 63; Paul Wilson 565, 390; Claire Welford 114, 474; Josh Lant 548; Helen Brown 436, 30b; Phil Tyler 505, 477; Rosalind Woods 319; Rosalind Woods and Calum Woods 345b; Vicki Elliott 564, 187.

RECESS

Myfanwy Reynolds called the class to order leading 49t and 48b. Leaders: Joe Vickers 296, 500; Cath Tyler 419, 531; Derek Buckland 87, 213t; Mike Upton and Richard Mayers 268, 481; Calum Woods 387, 348b; Emily Verrier 318, 101b; Vicki Elliott 378b, 472.

Eimear O'Donovan led 62 as the closing song. Calum Woods offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Eimear O'Donovan; Secretary—Judy Whiting

COWETA COUNTY COURTHOUSE SINGING

Newnan, Georgia

Sunday, October 22, 2017

The 4th annual Coweta County Courthouse Singing was held on the fourth Sunday in October at the Coweta County Courthouse in Newnan, Georgia. Mark Puckett called the class to order leading 59. Phil Meyers offered the morning prayer. Mark Puckett welcomed all of the singers, made several announcements, and led 75.

Leaders: John Plunkett 49b, 111t; Lela Crowder 32t, 33b; Philip Denney 73t, 47t; Andy Ditzler 409, 417; Lisa Bennett 321, 182; Gary Davis and Karen Flagg 565, 354b; Winfred Kerr 388, 389; Karen Clark 174, 354t; Phillip Langley 171, 317.

RECESS

John Plunkett called the class back together leading 77t. Leaders: Jeannette DePoy 48t (in memory of her cousin, Daniel Evans), 68b; Jack Nelson 300, 47b; Faye Hollis 283, 340; Michael Walker 383, 567; Glenda Collins and Bert Collins 45t, 35; Richard DeLong 74t.

The class paused for a memorial lesson conducted by Karen Rollins. Karen spoke about the memorial lesson being the heart of the singing. Karen expressed that while Sacred Harp singers may be scattered, we are still a close-knit group. We remember one another in prayer and love at the time of the memorial lesson. Karen read the names of the deceased who included Hugh McGraw, Lorraine LaRue, Gail Jackson, Eloise Wootten, Julie Veal, Johnny Lee, Delores Lee, Daniel Evans, Sandra Johnson, Harold DeLong, Thompson Micha, and Gravis Ballinger. She also read the names of the sick and shut-ins who included Chris Holley, Concetta Branson, Kate Evans, Benton Evans, Virginia Dyer, Floy Wilder, and Virginia Futral. She led 348b.

Michael Walker closed the lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Debra Langley and Phillip Langley 299, 120.

LUNCH

Mark Puckett brought the class back to order leading 530. Leaders: David Smead 418, 83b; Nathan Rees 385b, 423; David Brodeur 132, 123t; Karen Rollins and Carolyn Walz 336, 327; Lori Goode and Mary Goode 358, 175; Sheri Taylor 39t, 114; Lela Crowder and Kathy Meyers 274t; Lisa Bennett and Joanie Jackson 522; Philip Denney 448t; Karen Clark 234; Glenda Collins and Bert Collins 63; Richard DeLong 39b; Michael Walker 298; Gary Davis and Karen Flagge 480; Nathan Rees 434; Jack Nelson 560; Faye Hollis 276; Phillip Langley 217; Andy Ditzler, Glenda Gamblin, and Nonnie Christopher 197; David Smead 419; Winfred Kerr 500; David Brodeur 457 (for Judy Mincey and her mother); Debra Langley 273; Lori Goode 146; Sheri Taylor 147t; John Plunkett 156; Mark Puckett and Allen Lambert 341; Leighanna Beatenbough and Laley Beatenbough 408.

Announcements were made. Mark Puckett led 46 as the closing song. John Plunkett offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Mark Puckett; Vice Chairman—John Plunkett; Secretary—Lela Crowder

JOHNNY LEE AND KELLY DAY MEMORIAL COOPER BOOK SINGING

**Community and Senior Citizens Center, Flora, Indiana
Saturday, October 28, 2017**

The 10th annual session of the Kelly Day Memorial *Cooper Book* Singing (additionally dedicated this year to Johnny Lee) was called to order by Brad Bahler leading 575. Ray Rechenberg offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed: Chairman—Brad Bahler; Vice Chairman—David Bahler; Secretary—Robert Bahler.

Leaders: David Bahler 563; Bess Fitzgerald 38t; Will Fitzgerald 514; Curtis Cook 38b; Darrell Swarens 49b; Josh Walton 571; Ray Rechenberg 572; Samuel Sommers 382; Rob Bahler 324; Darlene Dalton 505; Syble Adams and David Lee 264b; Sonya Lee 323b; David Lee 502; John Hoerr 212; Jim Helke 41; Karen Bahler 463.

RECESS

David Bahler called the class back together leading 68b. Leaders: John Bahler 567; Kathy Lee 42; Susan Holsinger 515; Jan May 336t; Nate Zweig 54t; Holly Austin 270.

Brad Bahler led 546 for the sick and shut-ins, and the names for the memorial were also announced at this time. This was followed by a dedication to Johnny Lee, who was responsible for starting this singing. David Lee and Sonya Lee led 95b for the memorial lesson, with further reflections about Johnny and Delores Lee, and their connection with our singing community. Ed Walton closed the memorial service with prayer.

Leaders: Will Fitzgerald 98; Rob Bahler 102; Bess Fitzgerald 313; Samuel Sommers 121; Darrell Swarens 511t. The prayer before the noon meal was offered by Will Fitzgerald.

LUNCH

Leaders: David Bahler 457; Josh Walton 146; Darlene Dalton 587; Curtis Cook 333; Ray Rechenberg 140; Syble Adams 543; John Hoerr 40; David Lee 201; Karen Bahler 155; Sonya Lee 69; Susan Holsinger 449; Jim Helke 486; Kathy Lee 374; Nate Zweig 373; Jan May 344; Darrell Swarens and Darlene Dalton 393; Will Fitzgerald 39; Samuel Sommers 520.

RECESS

David Bahler called the class back to order leading 331b. Leaders: Bess Fitzgerald and Syble Adams 133; Ray Rechenberg 203; Curtis Cook 58; Rob Bahler 77; Darlene Dalton 511b; Syble Adams 478; David Lee 207b; John Hoerr 189; Sonya Lee and Syble Adams 527; Susan Holsinger 500; Nate Zweig 117; Jan May 430; Jim Helke 507b; Brad Bahler 343. The class was dismissed with prayer offered by David Lee.

Chairman—Brad Bahler; Vice Chairman—David Bahler; Secretary—Robert Bahler

LONDON SINGING

Highgate United Reformed Church Chapel, London, United Kingdom Saturday, October 28, 2017

The 9th annual London All-Day singing was held at Highgate URC Chapel, Pond Square, London, and was called to order by Andrew Clark leading 34b. Marjorie Brown offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were appointed to serve: Chairman—Andrew Clark; Treasurer—Machna Novak; Chaplain—Rev. Marjorie Brown; Secretary—Amy Cutts.

Leaders: Kate Kirwan 52t; Ed Johnson-Williams 68b; Marjorie Brown 171; Francis Gaskin 76b; Joss Tait 106; Steve Brett 41; Machna Novak 313b; Derek Buckland 324; Teresa Maguire 77t; Pete Eiseman-Renyard 186; Jan Lawrence 31b; George Simms 230; Caro Stamm-Reusch 96; Tom Greig 30t; Diane Chittock 228; Matthew Parkinson 52b; Cath Saunt 272.

RECESS

Rachel Wemyss brought the class back to order leading 72b. Leaders: Erin Johnson-Williams 290; Joe Jones 350; William Cleary 492; Emily Spademan 40; Sam Carter 314; Stacy Hackner and Machna Novak 268; Alec Williams 133; Inga Hübner 361; Arthur Swindells 404; Florine Vieilly-Eymard 501; Colin Monson 86; Camilla Marie Widholm 550; Oskar Kvasnes 176b; Nina Riegler 127; Barry Parsons 568.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Joe Jones leading 354b. Leaders: Sam Carter 292; Ian Lamb 339; Andrew Clark 31t; Alexander Cotton 481; Sara Sandberg 47t; Greg Carson and Joe Jones 49t.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Jacoba Bruneel, leading 499 in memory of the following deceased: Tom Paley, Jan North, Bert Draycott, Chris Dudley, Jeff Stote, Hugh McGraw, Catherine Monson, and Natalie Herold. Amy Cutts gave the sick and housebound lesson, and led 452 for the following people: Geoffrey Rendle, Sigrid Trotman, Caroline Vennard, Sheila Roach, Ken Roach, Helen Bushell, Rob Burbea, and Denise Mansi.

Leaders: Ed Johnson-Williams 273; Rachel Wemyss 61; Gwendal Geleoc 65; Ailish McMahon 500; Caro Stamm-Reusch 528; Florine Vieilly-Eymard 276; Tom Greig 138b. Joss Tait gave thanks before dinner on the grounds.

LUNCH

Francis Gaskin brought the class back to order leading 111b. Leaders: Amy Cutts 300; Matthew Parkinson 564; Cath Saunt 203; Oskar Kvasnes 145b; Erin Johnson-Williams 207; Steve Brett 527; Camilla Marie Widholm 110; Ian Lamb 547; Teresa Maguire 383; Barry Parsons 351; Ailish McMahon 89; Sam Carter 512; Marjorie Brown 474; Alexander Cotton 344; Sara Sandberg 39t; William Cleary 70b; Nina Riegler 126; Gwendal Geleoc 159.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Emily Spademan leading 282. Leaders: Char Hayward 105; Beth Atkinson 162; Daniel Ardern and Ian Lamb 386; Kathryn Rose

95; Arthur Swindells 448t; Joanna Lewis 113; Alec Williams 477; Sheila Miller and Arthur Swindells 532; Inga Hübner 56b; Duane Nasis 548; Colin Monson 457; Derek Buckland 277; Kate Kirwan 201; Greg Carson and Francis Gaskin 296; Jacoba Bruneel 168; Sara Sandberg 144; George Simms 70t.

The Secretary reported that sixty-seven singers had registered, with representation from six countries: UK, France, Germany, Ireland, Norway, and USA. There were forty-nine leaders and eighty-seven songs were sung.

After announcements, Andrew Clark gave thanks to everyone who had helped make the day a success. He led 347 as the closing song. Amy Cutts offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Andrew Clark; Secretary—Amy Cutts

NORUMBEGA HARMONY SINGING

Church of The Redeemer, Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts

Saturday, October 28, 2017

The 3rd annual singing from *The Norumbega Harmony* (NbH) and *The Sacred Harp* was called to order by Sylvia Martin leading 140 (NbH), followed by welcome and introduction. Robert Dove gave the invocation.

Leaders: Bill Holt 52t; Robert Dove 473; Dennis O'Brien 116 (NbH); Lyra O'Brien 244 (NbH); Jessica Holland 269; Bob Parr 136 (NbH); Susan Jaster 94 (NbH); Eric Hildebrant 362; Kerry Cullinan 569b; Christopher Kain 565; Anne Kazlauskas 73t; John Travers 50 (NbH); Sylvia Martin 194 (NbH).

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Ron Trial leading 46. Leaders: Glen Wright 224 (NbH); Susan Mampre 212 (NbH); John Martin 23 (NbH); Bill Holt 84 (NbH); Robert Dove 242 (NbH); Dennis O'Brien 258 (NbH); Ishmael Stefanov-Wagner 166 (NbH); Lyra O'Brien 186 (NbH); Jessica Holland 120 (NbH); Bob Parr 214 (NbH); Susan Jaster 90 (NbH); Jim Harper 56b; Eric Hildebrant 106; Kerry Cullinan 122; Christopher Kain 282; Anne Kazlauskas 205 (NbH); Glen Wright 122 (NbH); John Travers 150 (NbH); Stephen Marini 34 (NbH).

RECESS

Leaders: Ron Trial 44 (NbH); Susan Mampre 236 (NbH); John Martin 134 (NbH); Bill Holt 112 (NbH); Robert Dove 8 (NbH); Dennis O'Brien 218 (NbH); Ishmael Stefanov-Wagner 83 (NbH); Lyra O'Brien 98 (NbH); Jessica Holland 132 (NbH); Stephen Marini 102 (NbH); Bob Parr 78 (NbH); Susan Jaster 17 (NbH); Eric Hildebrant 551; Kerry Cullinan 538. Sylvia Martin led 31t as the grace.

LUNCH

Leaders: Stephen Marini 250 (NbH); Glen Wright "Rutland"; Anne Kazlauskas 266 (NbH); Christopher Kain 195 (NbH); John Travers 142 (NbH); Ron Trial 100 (NbH); Susan Mampre 273; John Martin 2 (NbH); Sylvia Martin 104 (NbH); Nancy Reid and Bill Holt 108 (NbH); Robert Dove 160 (NbH); Dennis O'Brien 28 (NbH); Ishmael Stefanov-Wagner 69 (NbH); Lyra O'Brien 184 (NbH); Bob Parr 3 (NbH); Susan Jaster 124 (NbH).

RECESS

Leaders: Bill Holt 148; Kerry Cullinan 280; Stephen Marini 270 (NbH); Glen Wright "West Boylston"; Anne Kazlauskas 206 (NbH); Christopher Kain 330b; John Travers and Lyra O'Brien 174 (NbH); Ron Trial 177 (NbH); Susan Mampre 372; John Martin 163b.

Announcements were made. The Committee led 146 as the final song. Stephen Marini offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Sylvia Martin; Secretary—Ishmael Stefanov-Wagner

SOUTHWEST TEXAS SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION, FALL SESSION, COOPER BOOK

Jarrell, Texas

October 28-29, 2017

Saturday, October 28

The Southwest Texas Sacred Harp Singing Convention, Fall Session, was held on the fifth Sunday and Saturday before in October in Jarrell, Texas. The class was called to order by Scott Curran leading 101t. After Scott's welcoming remarks, Tom Owen offered the opening prayer. Leaders: Scott Curran 98; Kristie Powell 201; Bruce Coates 31b; Beverly Coates 504t; Linda Booker 229; Kevin Powell 47b; Abby Huckaby and Lauren Owen 146; Kyle Hearn 68t; Hoss Curran 60; Ellen Ray 331t; Jackson Owen 53; Mike Hinton 567; Ellee Curran 367; Liz Owen 383; Silas Huckaby 470; Scott McCown 558; Riley Owen 171; Vickie Cook and Jim Wetzell 365; Reed Coates and Abel Coates 82; Tammy Powell 217; Al Rogers 575; Sarah Huckaby 142; Robert Vaughn 215.

RECESS

Scott Curran called the class together leading 553. Leaders: Gaylon Powell 552; Michele Curran 331b; Matt Bell 428; Amy Peveto 78; Jeb Owen 514; Catherine Rogan 384; Sonny Huckaby 168; Clydene Pekrul 587; Josh Rogan 54t; Janie Short 430; Tom Owen 434; Vivian Rogan 392; Bill Bailey 121; Leon Ballinger 120; Priscilla Wiggins 444t; Gary Rogan 313; Kris Wiggins 99; Ellee Curran 348t; Kyle Hearn 300; Lauren Owen and Abby Huckaby 274t; Scott McCown 122; Hoss Curran 388; Catherine Rogan 39; Silas Huckaby 404; Michele Curran 196; Jackson Owen 186; Vickie Cook 72. Robert Vaughn asked the blessing for the food.

LUNCH

Kristie Powell led 65 to start the afternoon session. Leaders: Al Rogers 563; Liz Owen, Lauren Owen, and Abby Huckaby 408; Reed Coates and Abel Coates 422b; Riley Owen 31t; Amy Peveto 500; Jacob Rogan and Josh Rogan 463; Linda Booker 38t; Robert Vaughn 203; Sarah Huckaby 416t; Bill Bailey 416b; Beverly Coates 520; Jeb Owen 380t; Ellen Ray 381t; Bruce Coates 484; Olivia Powell and Kris Wiggins 235; Matt Bell 150; Clydene Pekrul 411; Sonny Huckaby 395b.

RECESS

Scott Curran led 76b to open the session. Leaders: Janie Short, Claire Steinman, Anna, and Josie Blackburn 511t; Kit Alderson and Doug Steinman 427; Priscilla Wiggins 485; Mike Hinton 544; Alex Hawk 546; Vivian Rogan 282; Kris Wiggins 58; Kevin Powell 47t; Tom Owen 287; Tammy Powell 137; Gary Rogan 418; Leon Ballinger 405; Gaylon Powell 543.

Scott Curran led 323t as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Elder Sonny Huckaby.

Sunday, October 29

The Sunday session of the Southwest Texas Sacred Harp Singing Convention, Fall Session, was called to order by Scott Curran leading 32t. Kevin Powell offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Scott Curran 464; Kristie Powell 536; Bruce Coates 35; Beverly Coates 269; Gary Rogan 48t; Sarah Huckaby 421; Kevin Powell 300; Linda Booker 107; Jackson Owen 514; Mike Hinton 478; Ellee Curran 146; Abby Huckaby and Lauren Owen 159; Janie Short 505; Silas Huckaby 183; Tom Owen 320; Hoss Curran 388; Catherine Rogan 140; Riley Owen 142; Josh Rogan and Jacob Rogan 45t; Olivia Powell 148; Kris Wiggins 210; Vickie Cook 38b.

RECESS

Kristie Powell led 133 to bring the class together. The memorial lesson was held at

this time. Mike Hinton read the following names of the sick and homebound: Curtis Owen, Myrl Jones, Azalea Barnett, Amy Denison, Dorothy Price, Crystal Meadows, Susan Bernucho, Doug Webb, Chloe Webb, Bill Price, Nancy Price, Melanie Hauff, and Cassie Allen. He led 293b to remember them, and asked for prayers for all of them.

Vivian Rogan read the following list of names of the deceased: Edith Owen, Frank Price, Julia Welch, Jane Goforth, and Ron Ryan—Texas; Hugh McGraw, Johnny Lee, and Delorese Lee—Georgia; Julie Vea—Wisconsin; Farrell Blevins—Iowa; Eloise Wootten, Gravis Ballinger, and Johnnie Chaffin—Alabama. She offered remarks on the legacy of Edith Owen, who, with her welcoming and helpful manner, taught many altos who were new to the tradition. Vivian led 410 in the memory of those who have passed away. The memorial lesson was closed with prayer by Gary Rogan.

Leaders: Tammy Powell 95b; Leon Ballinger 507b; Michele Curran 356; Gaylon Powell 460; Addison Bowles and Greg Bowles 573; Vivian Rogan and Jacob Rogan 559; Greg Bowles 440b; Priscilla Wiggins 87; Josh Rogan 230; Gary Rogan 155; Sarah Huckaby 138t; Kevin Powell 132; Linda Booker 444t; Jackson Owen 53; Mike Hinton 400; Ellee Curran 500; Tom Owen 507t; Silas Huckaby 450; Catherine Rogan 217; Amanda Bowles 186; Kris Wiggins 82; Riley Owen 268t; Priscilla Wiggins 365. Prayer for the blessing of the lunch was offered by Kris Wiggins.

LUNCH

Scott Curran began the afternoon session by leading 489. Gaylon Powell gave the financial report. Leaders: Bruce Coates 451; Abby Huckaby and Lauren Owen 40; Beverly Coates and Tom Owen 442t (for Curtis Owen); Jackson Owen 408; Kris Wiggins 240; Sarah Huckaby 110; Gary Rogan 108b; Janie Short 571; Silas Huckaby 106; Greg Bowles 81; Vivian Rogan 96; Alex Hawk 27; Vickie Cook 393; Riley Owen 47b; Priscilla Wiggins 70t; Tom Owen 49b; Olivia Powell 36b; Mike Hinton 149; Amanda Bowles 285t; Michele Curran 222; Catherine Rogan and Vivian Rogan 522 (for the Smith sisters); Kevin Powell 36t; Linda Booker 199; Tammy Powell 216; Ellen Ray 417; Gaylon Powell 406; Alex Hawk 120. Announcements were made. Scott Curran led 62 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Mike Hinton.

Chairman—Scott Curran; Vice Chairman—Kristie Powell; Co-secretaries—Bruce Coates and Beverly Coates

UNION MUSICAL SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION

Sweetwater Chapel, Lawrenceville, Georgia

October 28-29, 2017

Saturday, October 28

The 149th session of the Union Musical Sacred Harp Singing Convention was hosted by Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church, Alpharetta, Georgia, on the fifth Sunday and Saturday before in October. The class was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Rachel Carlisle leading 63. John Plunkett offered the morning prayer. Helen Brown directed the introductory lesson leading songs on pages 569t (in memory of Raymond Hamrick), 309, 142, 225t (in memory of Hugh McGraw and Lonnie Rogers), 531, 370, 26, and 234.

Leaders: Helen Bryson 81b; Jeannette DePoy 213t; Andy Ditzler 191; Lisa Bennett 212 (for friend, Joni); David Brodeur 304; David Smead 204; Robert Chambless 343; Faye Holbrook 494; Philip Denney 300; Janice Paulk 136; Samuel Williams 512.

RECESS

Rachel Carlisle called the class to order leading 145t. A business session was held

with the following officers and committee members elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Faye Holbrook; Vice Chairman—Jeannette DePoy; Secretary/Treasurer—Helen Bryson; Resolutions Committee—Lisa Bennett and Judy Mincey; Memorial Committee—Ted Brown and Helen Brown; Arranging Committee—David Brodeur and Andy Ditzler; Chaplain—Michael Walker.

Leaders: Jerusha Wheeler 155; Judy Chambless 29t; Daniel Lee 411; John Plunkett 465; Karen Rollins 446; Tony Hammock 39b; Susan Cheronos 56b; Ted Brown 119; Debora Grosse 49t; Jesse Roberts 193; Judy Mincey 434; Michael Spencer 420; Daniel Williams 203; Michael Walker 202; Phillip Langley 475.

RECESS

Jeannette DePoy called the class to order leading 36b. Leaders: Rosemarie Yntema 228; Karen Rollins 365; Sandra Wilkinson 297; Lisa Bennett 296; Philip Denney 168; Debora Grosse 81t; Daniel Lee 28b; Susan Cheronos 564; Daniel Edwards and his father 501; Andy Ditzler 572; Helen Bryson 492; Jerusha Wheeler 200. Ted Brown asked a blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Faye Holbrook called the class to order leading 542. Leaders: Janice Paulk 518; Jesse Roberts 208; David Smead 478; Ted Brown 378t; Rosemarie Yntema 183; Helen Brown 436; Michael Walker 207; Michael Spencer 521; Daniel Williams 505; Judy Mincey 485; Tony Hammock 383; David Brodeur 360; Judy Chambless 209; Samuel Williams 498; Robert Chambless 77b; John Plunkett 459; Sandra Wilkinson 144; Ted Brown, Helen Brown, and Michael Walker 187; Faye Holbrook 455.

Announcements were made. Jeannette DePoy and Faye Holbrook led 46 as the closing song. Jesse Roberts offered the closing prayer.

Sunday, October 29

The Sunday session of the Union Musical Sacred Harp Singing Convention began with Faye Holbrook, who called the class to order leading 49t and 67. Michael Walker offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Jeannette DePoy 129, 421; Helen Bryson 91, 176t; Andy Ditzler 116, 76t; David Brodeur 124, 135; Nathan Rees 104, 374; Lisa Bennett 29b, 70b; Ted Brown 73b, 303; David Smead 48b, 385t; Scott DePoy 48t (for Daniel Evans).

RECESS

Daniel Williams called the class to order leading 400 and 384 (in memory of Horace DeLong). Leaders: Isaac Green 541, 422; Lauren Bock 292, 227.

Ted Brown and Helen Brown conducted the memorial lesson. Helen read from 2 Corinthians 1:3-4: "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in our troubles, so that we may be able to comfort those in any trouble, with the comfort we ourselves receive from God". This epitomizes the Sacred Harp Community. We are supporting and comforting all those in need, whether they be sick in mind or body, by thinking of them and singing for them. As important as it is to name them, we need to carry this through into contacting our sick and shut-ins to let them know they are in our thoughts. Many people have been touched, comforted, upheld and strengthened by knowing that they have been named on this list. It can mean so much to receive a card or a phone call to say "we sang this for you today". Let's never underestimate the amount of compassion and comfort which we can supply, by the grace of God. One day our own names may be on the list and I certainly would hope that someone will sing for me. The deceased we sing for this year are as follows: Jean Macdonald, Donald Macdonald, and Julie Selvey—United Kingdom; Hugh McGraw, Harold DeLong, Michael Thompson's father, Daniel Evans, Mike Taylor, George Snyder, Johnny Lee, Delorese Lee, and Bill Posey—Georgia; Eloise Wootten and Caleb Allred—Alabama; Charles Wells—Minnesota; Julie Veal—

Wisconsin; and Janelle Davis—Illinois. Helen led 70t in memory of the deceased. Ted Brown reminded us that death leaves a void in our heart. He offered suggestions that we may adopt to assist the sick and shut-ins and those who have lost a loved one: offer to run errands, cook and deliver meals, encourage folks to ask for help, send cards and flowers, not just in the immediate period following a death, but later. Ted led 566 for the following sick and shut-Ins: Kate Evans, Benton Evans, Agnes Roberts, Virginia Dyer, Andy Anderson, Charlene Wallace, Richard DeLong, Jack Paulk, Virginia Futral, Cassie Allen, Chris Holley, Concetta Branson, Don Walker, Charlotte Walker, and Rosalie Romero. Michael Walker closed the memorial lesson with prayer. Judy Mincey led 27 and 71.

RECESS

David Brodeur called the class to order leading 223. Leaders: Samuel Williams 302, 562; Matt Hinton 320, 312t; Phillip Langley 385t, 460; Anna Hinton 142, 455; John Plunkett 467, 150. Matt Hinton offered the lunch prayer.

LUNCH

Faye Holbrook called the class to order leading 376. Leaders: Jesse Karlsberg 503 (in memory of Junie Wooten), 189 (in memory of Violet Thomason); Erica Hinton 69t, 534; Amber Davis 110, 300 (in memory of Gravis Ballinger); Michael Walker 35, 517; Laura Akerman 28t, 383; Helen Brown 217, 456; Isaac Green 522; Lottie Hinton 32t; Lauren Bock 528; Helen Bryson 546; Ted Brown 373; Lisa Bennett 372; Daniel Williams 448b; David Smead 527; Phillip Langley 224; Samuel Williams 378b; Matt Hinton 375; Helen Brown 349; Michael Walker 230; Nathan Rees 200; Amber Davis 276.

The convention entered into a business session for the purpose of hearing reports. Judy Mincey and Lisa Bennett of the Resolutions Committee reported the following: We give thanks to the Almighty for the opportunity to lift our voices in song together, to share this rich fellowship and to enjoy the hospitality of Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church. We thank Big Creek for the use of this historic and beautiful facility. We thank all the cooks and providers of the wonderful meals we have enjoyed both days. We are grateful to the officers and committee members whose work makes this convention operate so smoothly it seems to run itself, including those who work quietly behind the scenes arranging the room and cleaning up. We hereby resolve to meet at the City of Alpharetta Municipal Building on September 29 and 30, 2018, for the 150th session of the Union Musical Sacred Harp Singing Convention. The Treasurer reported that convention expenses were met. The reports were approved and the business session was closed. Announcements were made.

Faye Holbrook and Jeannette DePoy led 146 as the closing song. Michael Walker offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Faye Holbrook; Vice Chairman—Jeannette DePoy; Secretary/
Treasurer—Helen Bryson

DENNEY MEMORIAL

Emmaus Primitive Baptist Church, Carrollton, Georgia Saturday, November 4, 2017

The Denney Memorial was held on Saturday before the first Sunday in November. The class was called to order by Tony Hammock and Philip Denney leading 73b. Steven Riddle offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Tony Hammock 60; Judy Chambless 527; Winfred Kerr 36b; Karen Rollins and Denney Rogers 153; Robert Chambless 569t; Wyatt Denney 500; Henry Johnson 489; Daniel Williams 38b; Gary Davis 282; Susan Cheronos 349; Andy Ditzler 296; Reba Windom 270; Oscar McGuire 276; Joyce Walton 428; Curtis

Spivey 45t; Helen Bryson 172; Nate Green and Norma Green 81t; Michael Thompson 47t (in memory of Eloise Wootten).

RECESS

Tony Hammock brought the class back to order leading 166. Leaders: Nancy Novotny 302; Hayden Arp 322; Virginia Dyer 511; Brenda Dunlap 82b; John Huffman 492; Rodney Ivey and Amy Wootten 348b.

During the business meeting the following officers were elected: Chairman—Tony Hammock; Vice Chairman—Philip Denney; Arranging Officer/Secretary—Judy Chambless.

Leaders: Denney family and Rogers family 340; Rebecca Over 460; Michael Walker 216; Lottie Hinton and Eli Hinton 32t; Mary Huffman 391; Lauren Bock 392; Eli Hinton 159; Sarah Trumbore 204; Jack Nelson 131t (for Sara Nelson); Faye Hollis 283; Pam Nunn 454.

LUNCH

Tony Hammock brought the class back to order leading 426t. Leaders: Jim Neal 389; Jesse Karlsberg 486; David Smead 263 (in memory of Hugh McGraw); Isaac Green 541; Shannon Primm 101t (in memory of Evelyn Harris and B.M. Smith); David Brodeur 286; Fallon Cook 215; Ed Thacker 275b (in memory of Earlis McGraw); Daniel Lee 411; Tom George 298; Cheyenne Ivey and Rodney Ivey 222; Nathan Rees 99; Samuel Williams 551; Michael Spencer 393; Bert Collins and Glenda Collins 35; Matt Hinton 138t (in memory of Juanita Neal); John Plunkett 232; Jason Stanford 63 (in honor of Charlene Wallace); Lisa Bennett 195; Philip Denney and Eris Muse 340 (for Ms. Boyd); Stephen Huffman 365; Greta Edwards 77t; Daniel Edwards 39t; Rebecca Over 505 (in memory of Earlis McGraw); Nancy Novotny 440; Brenda Dunlap 65; Sarah Trumbore and Tom George 383; Michael Walker 67; John Huffman, Mary Huffman, and Stephen Huffman 528.

After announcements, Tony Hammock and Philip Denney led 45b as the closing song. John Huffman offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Tony Hammock; Vice Chairman—Philip Denney; Secretary—Judy Chambless

GRACELAND CHRISTIAN CHURCH SINGING **Graceland Christian Church, Southaven, Mississippi** **Saturday, November 4, 2017**

A singing was held in Desoto County, Mississippi, at Graceland Christian Church. All song selections were from *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*.

The session was called to order by Robert D. Neyman, Jr., who led 479. The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Robert D. Neyman, Jr.; Vice Chairman—Michael Brower; Secretary—Vicky Neyman.

Leaders: Bobby Neyman 309, 59, 36b; Vicky Neyman 39b, 47t, 47b, 268, 269; Mike Brower 178, 146, 388; Anne Steel 155, 49b, 303, 70t, 399b; Warren Steel 277, 276, 101t, 400, 300, 285t; Tom Harrison 347, 68b, 61. A prayer of thanksgiving was offered by Vicky Neyman.

LUNCH

Bobby Neyman brought the class together by leading 117 and 133. Leaders: Vicky Neyman 457, 63; Mike Brower 65; Anne Steel 270; Warren Steel 179; Tom Harrison 341, 340.

Vicky Neyman led 62 as the closing song, and then offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Robert D. Neyman, Jr.; Vice Chairman—Michael Brower; Secretary—Vicky Neyman

HYDE PARK/UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO SINGING
57th Street Meeting of Friends, Hyde Park, Chicago, Illinois
Saturday, November 4, 2017

The 19th annual Hyde Park All-Day Singing was held on Saturday before the first Sunday in November. The class was called to order by Mary Rogel leading 49t (in memory of her father, John Rogel, who would have been 100 years old today). Rochelle Lodder offered the opening prayer. Leaders: Virginia Landgraf 7 (MH) (in memory of Michael Bush); Eileen Ferguson 112; Doug Stapleton 276; Jim Helke 177 (MH); Anne Heider 155; John Wiens 87; Nick Pasqual 333; Michael Mosley 392; Susan Geil 344; Steve Warner 34b.

In a business meeting, the following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Jerry Gripshover; Vice Chairman—Jim Helke; Secretary—Cathryn Bearov.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Jim Swanson leading 29t. Leaders: John Seaton 30b; Randy Neufeld 102; Rochelle Lodder 135 (MH); Jerry Gripshover 89 (MH); Jo Dell Albi 83t; Ted Mercer 74 (MH); Jacob Lee 128; Xaris Martinez 328; Mary Rogel 534; Jim Swanson 171 (MH); Virginia Landgraf 73 (MH); Eileen Ferguson 180 (MH); Doug Stapleton 178; Jim Helke 142 (MH); Anne Heider 532; John Wiens 124; Nick Pasqual 58; Michael Mosley 29b.

RECESS

Cathryn Bearov called the class back together by leading 270. Leaders: Susan Geil 369; Steve Warner 131 (MH); John Seaton 92; Jo Dell Albi 122; David Barford 332; Randy Neufeld 151 (MH); Rochelle Lodder 167 (MH); Jerry Gripshover 138 (MH); Ann Sleeva 62 (MH); Cathryn Bearov 284 (in memory of Julie Veal); Ted Mercer 299; Jacob Lee 567; Xaris Martinez 528. Rochelle Lodder led 164 (MH) for grace before lunch.

LUNCH

Jerry Gripshover began the afternoon session leading 49b. Leaders: Mary Rogel 475; Jim Swanson 419 (in memory of Julie Veal); Virginia Landgraf 6 (MH); Eileen Ferguson 84; Jim Helke 124 (MH) (in memory of Johnny Lee); Matthew Siefert 361; Anne Heider 236; Nick Pasqual 116; John Wiens 406; Terry Cunningham 114; Mark Dawson 143; John Seaton 26; Michael Moseley 383; Susan Geil 28 (MH); Ann Sleeva 107; Ted Mercer 80 (MH); Steve Warner 86; Jo Dell Albi 75 (MH); David Barford 37b; Randy Neufeld 300; Terry Cunningham 45 (MH); Rochelle Lodder 169 (MH).

RECESS

Mary Rogel led 556. Leaders: Michael Siefert 39 (MH); Dan Nickel 34t; Cathryn Bearov 127 (MH); John Dawson 99; Jacob Lee 117; Ann Sleeva 497; David Barford 428; Terry Cunningham 277; John Wiens 500; Dan Nickel 193 (in honor of Day of Struggle Against Global Arrogance); Jo Dell Albi 77 (MH); Matthew Siefert 135; Anne Heider 273; Mark Dawson 377; Ted Mercer 147 (MH); Dan Nickel 376.

Jerry Gripshover thanked all who helped to make the day a success, including Kris Richardson and her Supplies Committee. Following announcements, the parting hand was taken as the class sang 347. Rochelle Lodder offered the closing prayer. Chairman—Jerry Gripshover; Vice Chairman—Jim Helke; Secretary—Cathryn Bearov

HOLLY SPRINGS PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

South of Bremen, Georgia

Sunday, November 5, 2017

The annual Sacred Harp singing was held at Holly Springs Primitive Baptist Church on the first Sunday in November. Cecil Roberts brought the class to order leading 32t. Cecil Roberts offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Cecil Roberts 31t; Judy Chambless 146; Gary Davis and Karen Flagg 565; Isaac Green 483; Lisa Bennett 404; Winfred Kerr 548; Joyce Walton 500; Ed Thacker 225t; David Brodeur 213t; Lela Crowder 440; Wyatt Denney 162; John Plunkett 285t (in honor of Jeannette DePoy and her aunt, Kate Evans); Reba Windom 318; Emma Dean Williams 326; Hubert Nall 186; Judy Caudle 306; Samuel Williams 441; Elene Stovall 558; Helen Bryson 436; Virginia Dyer 217.

RECESS

Cecil Roberts brought the class back to order leading 319. A business meeting was held and the following officers were elected: Life-time Chairman—Charlene Wallace; Co-Chairman—Judy Henry; Vice Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Arranging Officer/Secretary—Judy Chambless.

Leaders: Marty Wootten 166; Anna Hinton 383; Nathan Rees 101t; Judy Mincey 44; Eli Hinton 99; Greta Edwards 282; Lottie Hinton and Matt Hinton 32t; Rebecca Over 353 (in memory of Hugh McGraw and Earlis McGraw); Brenda Dunlap 382; Amber Davis 454; Ryan Konopka, Jack Thomson, and Taylor Strickland 63; Nancy Novotny 456; Chance Cook 192; Daphene Causey 304; Cheyenne Ivey 432; Hayden Arp 386; Karen Rollins 119; Matt Hinton 131b; Andy Ditzler 284; Esther Williams 230; Michael Thompson 434; Michael Spencer 420; Michael Walker 426b; Billy Hollingsworth 173; Jesse Karlsberg 79; Donna Bell 328; Sharon DuPriest and Pam Nunn 556; Don Bowen 283 (in memory of his dad and Hugh McGraw); Louis Hughes 34t; Richard DeLong 399b; Matt DeLong 288; Robert Chambless 494.

LUNCH

Cecil Roberts brought the class back to order leading 89. Leaders: David Smead 342; John Hollingsworth and Billy Hollingsworth 236; Rodney Ivey and Amy Wootten 278t; Erica Hinton 65 (in memory of Juanita Neal); Fallon Cook 112; Jack Nelson 408; Daniel Williams 562; Malinda Snow 138t; Jared Wootten and Jamey Wootten 187; Kathy Williams 234; Oscar McGuire 336; Sheri Taylor 142; Nate Green and Norma Green 109; Buell Cobb 111b; Jerusha Wheeler 155; Ellen Johnson 312b; Jason Stanford 203; Shannon Primm 484 (in memory of Carlene and Nick Griffin, Hugh McGraw, Earlis McGraw, and George Garner); Sandra Wilkinson 515; Daniel Edwards 497; Judy Henry 276; Rene Greene 183; Rebecca Over 85; Brenda Dunlap 379; Michael Walker 69t; Nancy Novotny 327.

After announcements, Charlene Wallace, Judy Henry, and Cecil Roberts led 138b as the closing song. Marty Wootten offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Charlene Wallace; Co-Chairman—Judy Henry; Vice Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Secretary—Judy Chambless

MT. EBON MEMORIAL SINGING

New Hope Baptist Church, near Double Springs, Alabama

Sunday, November 5, 2017

The 111th session of the Mt. Ebron Memorial Sacred Harp singing was held on the first Sunday in November. The class was called to order by Lisa Geist leading 31b. Earl Ballinger offered the opening prayer. Lisa Geist led 47t.

In a business session the following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Nicholas Thompson; Vice Chairman—Henry Guthery; Arranging

Committee—Lisa Geist; Secretary—Theresa Westmoreland.

Leaders: Nicholas Thompson 82t, 89; Theresa Westmoreland 30t, 39b; Betty Backus, Steve Wakefield, and Patsy Wakefield 46, 411; Linton Ballinger 67, 141; Emily Stutzman 72b, 73b; Roma Rice 31t, 166; Earl Ballinger 148, 80b; Jayne Fulmer 142, 143; Seth Poston 275b, 108b; David Jackson 101t, 87.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Henry Guthery leading 189 and 434. Leaders: Faye Donaldson 78, 430; Loretta Whitman 77t, 81t; Larry Ballinger 98, 540; Nina Godsey, Melinda Bell, Nicholas Blancas III, Kameika Poole, Betty Backus, and Pete Hampton 59, 45t; Nicholas Thompson 373, 294; Bernice Wakefield 159, 282; Margaret Keeton 402, 422; Louise Yeager 480, 569b. Prayer before the noon meal was offered by Henry Guthery.

LUNCH

The class was called to order by Nicholas Thompson leading 97 and 120. Leaders: Julie Poston 34b, 495; Jerry Kitchens 421, 58; Henry Guthery 558, 543; Theresa Westmoreland 276; Linton Ballinger 314; Roma Rice 338; Earl Ballinger 439; Seth Poston 358; David Jackson 339; Jayne Fulmer 428, 273 (for her family); Loretta Whitman 490; Jayne Fulmer 210 (in memory of her father); Lisa Geist 528; Lisa Geist and Nicholas Thompson 304; Bernice Wakefield 447; Nicholas Thompson 137.

Nicholas Thompson led 323t as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Earl Ballinger, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Nicholas Thompson; Vice Chairman—Henry Guthery; Secretary—Theresa Westmoreland

BERKSHIRE FOOTHILLS SINGING **Old Meeting House, Granville, Massachusetts** **Saturday, November 11, 2017**

The 11th annual Berkshire Foothills All-Day singing was brought to order by Nathan Aldrich leading 47t. The opening prayer was offered by Lindsay Popper. Leaders: Lilly Israel 157; Ivy Hauser 36b; Sheila Kelley 475; John Holbrook and Wendy Sibbison 477; Andrew Forsthoefel 448b; Nick Maione 456; Laura Clampitt 460; Jeremy Galvagni 155; Laura Timmerman 81t; Christopher Kain 565; Cat Walsh 187; Bob Parr 208; Sally Langendorf 176b; Jesse Beller 378b; Holly Laws, Serena Laws, and Abby Drumm 82t; John Hughes 276; Laura Clawson 186; Brian Harris 42; Chris Frantz-Dale 455.

RECESS

Wendy Sibbison called the class to order by leading 162. Leaders: Matthew Leger-Small 377; Rachel Adelstein 218; Christina Wallin 280; Ron Woodland 479; Jeremy Galvagni 64; Pat Callahan 548; Becca Hawkins 230; Philippa Stoddard 57; Jonathan Spencer 453; Stina Soderling 39t; Sue Peters 82b; Micah Walter and Laurie Tupper 201; Liz Patton 70b; Tarik Wareh 129; Liz Cantrell 391; Laura Borrelli 385b.

RECESS

Gerald Clark called the class to order by leading 511. Leaders: Linda Shea 318; Mary Skidmore 383; Liz Oakley 547; George Sigut 178; Jennie Brown 192; Rachel Taylor 480.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Janet Sponberg and Allison Steel. Janet read the following list of names of sick and shut-ins before leading 68b in their honor: Katherine Glatter, Cheri Haire, Chris Holley, Kathe Pilobosian, Sarah Scott, Hannah Lee, Mary Jean McCarthy, Curtis Owen, Danny Englestein, Michael Kaye, and Chloe Rombach.

Allison Steel read the following list of names of the deceased before leading 348b in

their memory: Herbert Eriksson, Edward Swetman, Barry Redlich, and Jean Coppola—New York; Donnie Aldrich—Rhode Island; Ruth Hooke and Carol Ackerman—Massachusetts; David Gay and Pat Colteryahn—Vermont; Julie Vea—Wisconsin; Michael Sensor—Pennsylvania; John Bayer—Ohio; Hugh McGraw, Johnny Lee, and Delorese Lee—Georgia; Charles Wells—Minnesota; Edith Owen—Texas; Robert Peele—New Hampshire; Albert Whittaker—New Hampshire; Janet Hogan—Ontario; John Dixon—England; Mary Lynch and Aaron Brockelbank—Maine; James Oakley—Connecticut.

Leaders: Tristan Gordon 410b; Dan Hertzler 159; Gwen Gethner 196. Lindsay Popper asked a blessing for the meal.

LUNCH

Sheila Kelley called the class to order by leading 299. Leaders: Vicki Hayes 126; Maura Burns 179; Jesse Polhemus 398; Liora O'Donnell Goldensher 320; Corinne Ducey 300; Ian Quinn 156; Claire Hogan 114; Sam Kleinman 189; Evelyn Lamb 372; Emma Rose Brown 422; Jean Seiler 200; Philippe Doyle-Gosselin 83t; Deidra Montgomery 216; Kerry Cullinan 38t; MB Gowins 411; Elizabeth Stoddard 564; Vale Cofer-Shabica 210; Leonard Spencer 260; Jesse Vear 454; Patrick Friesen 406.

RECESS

Matthew Leger-Small called the class back to order by leading 328. Leaders: Pattie Wareh 425; Charles Biada 165; Robert Stoddard 217; Joan Frankel and Bill Holt 414; Ryan Nash and Brian Harris 110; Maggie Shar 112; Barbara Swetman 542; Laura Hodges 50t; Scott Harriman 498; Nicholas Tuff 32b; Eileen Roab 183; Chris Noren 268; Erik-Dardan Ymeraga 531; Faiz Wareh 39b; Becky Wright and Gerald Clark 166; Robert Taylor 144; Tim Eriksen 236; Bill Holt 203; Mike Richards 73t; Allison Steel 345b.

Committee reports were given and announcements were made. Nathan Aldrich, Lilly Israel, and Ivy Hauser led 62 as the closing song. Lindsay Popper offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Nathan Aldrich; Vice Chairman—Lilly Israel; Secretary—Ivy Hauser

BOILING SPRINGS CONVENTION

Mt. Zion Primitive Baptist Church, Ashland, Alabama

Saturday, November 11, 2017

The 151st session of the Boiling Springs Sacred Harp Convention was held at Mt. Zion Primitive Baptist Church near Ashland, Alabama, on Saturday before the second Sunday in November. As singers were gathering, the class sang 300, 340, 188 (in memory of M.B. Forbes), and 75 (LD). Eugene Forbes led 75. The opening prayer was offered by Hubert Nall.

The officers for the day were as follows: Chairman—Eugene Forbes; Vice Chairman—Jack Nelson; Secretary—Lori Forbes Hinesley; Arranging—Judy Chambless.

Leaders: Eugene Forbes 101t; Myrline Redmon 108t, 569b; Lori Hinesley 148, 172; Jacob Acton 268, 282; Emma Dean Williams 276, 326; Jack Nelson 303 (in memory of Jeff Shephard), 30b (for Sara Nelson); Ann Riley 186, 142; Tom Booth 31b, 31t; Danny Creel 428, 170; Esther Williams 270, 277; Andy Ditzler 497, 510; Jeannette DePoy 72b, 448b.

RECESS

Jack Nelson brought the class back together by leading 318. Leaders: Oscar McGuire 155, 171; Linda Booth 166, 222; Robert Chambless 163b, 145t; Cheyenne Ivey 95, 111b; David Brodeur 115, 210; Rebecca Over 388, 456. The class sang “My Country ‘tis of Thee” in honor of past and present veterans (several in attendance). The class then said *The Pledge of Allegiance* to a flag, held by Jacob Acton.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Jeannette DePoy and Nathan Rees. The following names were on the sick and shut-ins list: Richard Mauldin, Wendy Futral Anderson, Floy Wilder, Ozella Blackmon, and Concetta Branson. Jeannette and Nathan both spoke, and the following names of the deceased were read: Edna Ruth Phillips, Hugh McGraw, Eloise Wootten, Johnnie Chafin, John Bayer, Caleb Allred, Martha Moody, Gail Jackson, and Daniel Evans. They led 48t and 230. The memorial lesson was closed with prayer offered by Hubert Nall. Leaders: Hubert Nall 421, 168; Daniel Williams 432, 74t.

LUNCH

Jack Nelson brought class back together leading 480. Leaders: Theresa Westmoreland 183, 564; Samuel Williams 191, 286; Kathryn Elkins 59, 87; Butch White 535, 74b; Stephen Huffman 446, 354t; Nathan Rees 108b, 181; Winfred Kerr 36b, 225t; Canaan Elkins 417, 47b; Karen Clark 167, 501; Shirley Berrey 189, 373; Bert Collins and Glenda Collins 45t, 340; Rebecca Over 82t; Judy Chambless 475, 549 (dedicated to Margaret Ray); Nathan Rees 236 (in memory of Edna Ruth Phillips).

Announcements were made. Eugene Forbes and Jack Nelson led 46 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer offered by Jack Nelson.

Chairman—Eugene Forbes; Vice Chairman—Jack Nelson; Secretary—Lori Forbes Hinesley

DALLAS COUNTY SINGING

Cochran Chapel United Methodist Church, Dallas, Texas

Saturday, November 11, 2017

The annual Dallas County Sacred Harp Singing was held at the Cochran Chapel United Methodist Church on Saturday before the second Sunday in November. The class was called to order by Sonny Erwin leading 31t and 480. Owen Ross offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Michael McBride 107; Owen Ross 228; Rick Foreman 65; Diane Ross 300; Donn Howard 163b; Janie Short 280; Rick Cunningham 112; Barbara Smith 547; Jerry Ryan 235; Leland Ross and Larkin Ross 319; Ellen Ray 270; Michele Curran 269; Ellee Curran “Oh How I Love Jesus”; Hoss Curran 388; Josh Rogan 129; Alex Forsyth 318; Deb Kukal 38b; Jackson Fleder 176b; Robbie Hooper and Tiffany Hooper 565.

RECESS

Sonny Erwin called the class back to order. Leaders: Michael McBride 155; Tammy Powell 454; Elijah Blevins 58; Vivian Rogan 84; Jacob Rogan 551; Mike Hinton 534. Cheryl Foreman and Beverly Coates conducted the memorial lesson. Cheryl Foreman read the following names of the sick and housebound: Bill Caldwell, Curtis Owen, Susan Bernucho, Don Huckaby, Melanie Hauff, Dorothy Price, William Price, Myrl Jones, and Azalee Barnett. She led 129.

Beverly Coates read the following names of the deceased: Edith Owen, Marion Grant, B.M. Smith, Hugh McGraw, Eloise Wootten, Levon Wootten, Jane Goforth, Ron Ryan, Frank Price, Julie Vea, Dolores Lee, Johnny Lee, Gravis Ballinger, and Julia Welch. She led 513. Owen Ross closed the memorial lesson with a prayer.

Leaders: Chris Blevins 163t; Nancy Price 276; Priscilla Wiggins 344; Bruce Coates 535; Lori Rodgers 56b. Owen Ross offered a prayer before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Sonny Erwin called the class back to order by leading 489. Leaders: Gary Rogan 33b; Beverly Coates 208; Gaylon Powel 500; Abigail Blevins 159; Kris Wiggins 86; Chris Nicholson 34b; Sarah Huckaby 503; Scott Curran 532; Avon Miller 411; Nat Ng 47b; Alex Forsyth 30b; Cheryl Foreman 475; Deb Kukal 268; Jackson Fleder 43;

Chris Nicholson 473; Janie Short 543; Mike Hinton 527; Lori Rodgers 139; Priscilla Wiggins 472

RECESS

Sonny Erwin called the class back to order. Leaders: Kris Wiggins 481; Ellen Ray 455; Robbie Hooper and Tiffany Hooper 146; Nancy Price 178; Scott Curran 203; Michele Curran 196; Bruce Coates and Beverly Coates 313b; Vivian Rogan and Gary Rogan 384; Tammy Powell and Gaylon Powell 542; Jerry Ryan 345t; Donn Howard 49b; Rick Cunningham 89; Owen Ross, Diane Ross, and Donald Ross 350; Barbara Smith 387; Michael McBride 39t; Avon Miller 516.

Sonny Erwin led 347 as the closing song. Owen Ross dismissed the class with prayer. Chairman—Sonny Erwin; Secretary—Megan Smith

HARVEST FESTIVAL SINGING

Agricultural and Forestry Museum, Jackson, Mississippi Saturday, November 11, 2017

The Harvest Festival Singing was held in the former Episcopal Church of the Epiphany on the campus of the Mississippi Agricultural and Forestry Museum. Henry McGuire welcomed everyone, and called the class to order leading 39t and 298. Mark Davis offered the morning prayer, and then led 112 and 203.

Leaders: Darlene Reynolds 480, 490; Amber Davis 440, 110; Bentley Rose 282, 354b; Will McGuire 181, 111b; Jamira Jackson 455, 361; Robert Vaughn 47b, 142; Jane Armstrong 117, 148; Isaac Green 80b, 516.

RECESS

Henry McGuire called the class together leading 113. Leaders: Larry Ballinger 528, 540; Anne Steel 89, 328; Andy Davis 196, 198; Lisa Geist 273, 546; Arlon Gardner 481, 454; Shelby Castillo 426t, 226; Warren Steel 434, 320; Regina Derstine 341, 208; Drew McGuire 119, 37b. Arlon Gardner asked a blessing before the meal.

LUNCH

Henry McGuire brought the class back to order by leading 410t and 269. Leaders: Mark Davis 569b; Lisa Davis 99, 200; Darlene Reynolds and Drew McGuire 329; Amber Davis 224, 436; Todd Derstine and Regina Derstine 229; Robert Vaughn 448b, 387; Lisa Geist 228, 527; Isaac Green 483, 422; Larry Ballinger 402, 403; Shelby Castillo 456, 340; Andy Davis 383; Anne Steel 278b; Regina Derstine and Todd Derstine 114, 349; Drew McGuire 63; Warren Steel 542; Arlon Gardner 65; Jamira Jackson 85.

Announcements were made. Mark Davis and Henry McGuire led 62 as the closing song. Robert Vaughn offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Henry McGuire; Vice Chairman—Mark Davis; Secretary—Darlene Reynolds

IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH

Nashville, Tennessee

Saturday, November 11, 2017

The 33rd annual Sacred Harp singing at Immanuel Baptist Church was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Tim Reynolds leading 59. Larry Brown offered the morning prayer. Tim Reynolds led 171.

The following officers were appointed: Chairman—Tim Reynolds; Secretary—Sandie Scott.

Leaders: John Wendt 229, 178; Billy See and Vickie See 438, 276; Gail Doss 137, 344; Marilyn Burchett 34b, 49t; Caleb Dillehay 48t, 37b.

RECESS

Rick Fretter brought the class back together leading 294 and 388. Leaders: Sandie Scott 472, 225t; Brent DeBoard 146, 282; Emily Stutzman 49b; Emily Stutzman and Brandan Kahman 275b; Larry Brown 63, 84; Carol Wendt 455, 569b; Darrell Swarens 36b, 72b.

RECESS

Michele Cull called the class back together leading 128 and 209. Leaders: Annaliza Cull 155, 504; Chris Elliott 162, 129; Tim Reynolds 66, 200; John Wendt 312b, 96.

LUNCH

Tim Reynolds brought the class back together leading 148. Leaders: Caleb Dillehay 448b; Carol Wendt 431; Carol Wendt and John Wendt 133; John Wendt 338; Larry Brown 350; Darrell Swarens 198; Rick Fretter 346; Vickie See and Billy See 480, 30b; Emily Stutzman 477; Michele Cull and Darrell Swarens 236; Gail Doss 547; Annaliza Cull 448t; Chris Elliott 457; Annaliza Cull and Darrell Swarens 268; Brenda Waters and Darrell Swarens 535, 68b.

After announcements, Tim Reynolds led 82t as the closing song. Gail Doss dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Tim Reynolds; Secretary—Sandie Scott

JAMES RIVER CONVENTION **Historic St. John's Church, Richmond, Virginia** **Saturday, November 11, 2017**

The 26th annual James River Convention was held on Saturday before the second Sunday in November in the parish hall of St. John's Church in Richmond, Virginia. The class was welcomed by Matt Ference leading 31t. The opening prayer was offered by Les Updike.

A business session was held, and the following officers were elected or appointed: Chairman—Adrienne Robertson; Vice Chairman—Bridget Camden; Treasurer—Jeremy Wacksman; Secretary—Mary Wright; Arranging Committee—Stephen McMaster.

Leaders: Adrienne Robertson 59; Bridget Camden 191; Les Updike 503; Mary Wright 35; Pat Temple 232; Chris Wolf 48b; Jim Strube 49b; Leyland delRe 266; Sharon Strong 111b; Derek Lane 48t; Kathy Manning 189; Mary Helen Dupree 58.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Ateven Snderson leading 162. Leaders: Mary DeNys 163t; John Fedderson 513; Tom Ivey 472; John delRe 436; Lynda Hambourger 448t; Kelly Macklin 473; Richard Green 29t; Miranda Elliot Rader 495.

The memorial lesson was directed by John Alexander and Diane Ober, who led 566 and 38b for the following sick and shut-ins: Tyler Magill, Patty Schott, Hilda Collins, Elaine Fedderson, and Alina Hedberg.

The following deceased were remembered: Herb Watson, Wayne Moss, and Polly Ward—Virginia; Charles D. Calhoun—Mexico; Charles Bennett—Missouri; Twyla Arnett—Arkansas; Elaine Fields—Texas; Alan Peterson and Hugh McGraw—Georgia; Francis Duncan and Stephanie Wolf—Maryland; John Bayer, Jr.—Ohio. The class resumed singing with Miranda Elliot Rader leading 207. Leaders: Hank Schutz 86; Chloe Somers 117; Robin Betz 335; Ashton Rodgers 139; Fay Hughes 148; Clare Chapin 486; Susan Green 171; Tristan Cleveland 274t; John Alexander 317; Chris Wolf and Suzanne Sanford 383; Jim Strube 198; Lynda Hambourger 200; Leyland delRe and Ben Hartland 118; Elizabeth Betz 354b. Les Updike offered a blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The class resumed singing with Chris Wolf leading 432 (ShH). Leaders: Bridget Camden 60b (ShH); Les Updike 296 (ShH); Mary Wright 158b (ShH); Pat Temple

146 (ShH); Matt Ference 200 (ShH); Adrienne Robertson 169 (ShH); Ateven Snderson 288b (ShH); Ben Hartland 137 (ShH); Chris Wolf 364t (ShH); Jim Strube 254 (ShH); Sharon Strong 114 (ShH); Derek Lane 246b (ShH); Kathy Manning 431 (ShH); Mary Helen Dupree 266 (ShH); Leyland delRe 191 (ShH); Mary DeNys 152 (ShH); John Fedderson 201 (ShH); Tom Ivey 417 (ShH); John delRe 354t (ShH); Lynda Hambourger 243 (ShH); Kelly Macklin 350 (ShH); Richard Green and Susan Green 363 (ShH).

RECESS

The class resumed singing with John Alexander and Diane Ober leading 438t (ShH). Leaders: Miranda Elliot Rader 1b (ShH); Clare Chapin 235 (ShH); John Alexander 22b (ShH); John delRe 408b (ShH); Bridget Camden 120 (ShH); Les Updike 124 (ShH); Mary Wright 11 (ShH); Pat Temple 27 (ShH); Chris Wolf 416 (ShH); Derek Lane 264b (ShH); Lynda Hambourger 265 (ShH); John Feddersen 307 (ShH). Adrienne Robertson thanked all who had a part in putting on the convention, and all those who participated. The James River Convention will meet next year on Saturday before the second Sunday in November (November 10, 2018). Adrienne Robertson led 157b (ShH) as the closing song. A prayer of dismissal was offered by Les Updike, which concluded the convention.

Chairman—Adrienne Robertson; Vice Chairman—Bridget Camden; Secretary—Mary Wright

SALLY COGHLAN MEMORIAL **International House, Davis, California** **Saturday, November 11, 2017**

The 2nd Sally Coghlan Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was held at International House in Davis, California. Pat Coghlan called the class together leading 52t. Linda Selph offered the opening prayer.

In a business meeting, the following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Steve Helwig; Arranging Committee—Karen Willard and Erika Wilson; Secretary—Dan Harper; Treasurer—Matthew Lawson.

David Wright of Seattle, Washington, taught a singing school. He taught some of the rudiments of music for the many new singers in the class. He led the class in singing 230.

RECESS

Steve Helwig brought the class together leading 144. Leaders: Karen Willard 73b; Dan Harper 84; Matthew Lawson 335; Jeremy Donaldson 266; Mary Ann Ciavonne 106; Leon Godfrey 40; Jeff Begley 385t; Wren Hyde 72b; Clarissa Fetrow 87; Andy Alexis 128 (in honor of Veterans Day); Cornelia Stanton 318; Dave Barber 112; Mary O'Brien 37b; Esteban Veliz 235; Linda Berkemeier 452; Edward Rice 227; David Wright 516; Inder Khalsa 272; Betsy Jeronen 440.

Linda Berkemeier led 143 for the following sick and shut-in singers: Linda Domholt, Melanie Hauff, and Elinore Reede. Linda Berkemeier led 565 in memory of the following deceased: Julie Vea, Gerhart Schwab, Desiree Cooper, Ted Schade, Paul Bishop, and Hugh McGraw. She closed the lesson with a prayer.

Leaders: Bob Schinske 454; Rebecca Edwards 395; David Fetcho 340; Kate Coxon 228; Mark Godfrey 570; Yuka Oiwa 396; Dave Davidson-Methot 299; Gail Aagaard 155; Erika Wilson 560; Lindy Groening 300. Linda Selph offered the prayer for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Steve Helwig brought the class together leading 39t. Leaders: Stu Pettygrove 65; Melissa Stephenson 361; Linda Selph 430; Kate Fine 532; Greg Freed 436; Irene Gilb 347; David Wright 146; Leigh Cooper 358; Bob Schinske 500; Carolyn Deacy

91; Betsy Jeronen 392; Jack Ziegler 569b; Kate Coxon 383; Leah Coffin 367; Karen Willard 464; Joel Chan 445; Cornelia Stanton 480; Susan Fetcho 564; David H. Wright 479; Jeff Begley 397; Rodman Campbell 344; Clarissa Fetrow 114.
RECESS

Steve Helwig brought the class together leading 462. Leaders: Dave Barber 460; Pat Coghlan 142; Barbara Ruhmann 288; Matthew Lawson 59; Inder Khalsa 131t; Edward Rice 36b; Rebecca Edwards 153; Esteban Veliz 245; Kate Fine 278t; Jeremy Donaldson 110; Linda Selph 475; Irene Gilb 504; Mark Godfrey 456; Leah Coffin 453; Rodman Campbell 542; Gail Aagaard 503; Lindy Groening 148; Leon Godfrey 32t.

The chairman thanked all those who made the singing possible. Pat Coghlan thanked Matthew Lawson for introducing Sacred Harp singing in Davis four years ago, and wished Matthew well as he moves to Europe. The Treasurer reported expenses had been met. The Secretary reported ninety-one singers sang seventy-seven songs led by forty-seven leaders.

Steve Helwig led 62 as the closing song. Linda Selph offered the closing prayer. Chairman—Steve Helwig; Secretary—Dan Harper

SOUTHERN WISCONSIN SINGING

Bethany United Methodist Church, Madison, Wisconsin Saturday, November 11, 2017

The 31st annual Southern Wisconsin All-Day Singing was held at Bethany United Methodist Church on Saturday before the second Sunday in November. Nancy Parsons called the class to order leading 274t. David Hoffelt offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Carl Houtman 171; Thad Walker 228; Marjorie Matthews 198; David Hoffelt 169; Dick Patterson 474; Debbie Barford 112; Carol Crawford 49t; Eileen Ferguson 36b; Presley Barker 505; Anna Pfau 168; Barb Patterson 573; Laura Densmore 315 (in memory of Julie Veal); Annaleigh Smith 272; Bruce Western 85; Noelle Copeland 160b; James Page and family 216; Kate Wallenstein 268; Erica Detemmerman 312b.

The following officers or committee members were elected to serve: Chairman—Jim Crawford; Arranging Committee—James Page; Finance Committee—Marjorie Matthews; Memorial Committee—Sarah Reed, Terese Hoffelt and David Hoffelt; Chaplain—David Hoffelt; Secretary—Carole Briggs.

RECESS

Ginny Landgraf called the class to order leading 70b. Leaders: Barbara Chopin 178; David Barford 56b; Ari Pollack 547; Penny Kujawinski 284 (in memory of Julie Veal); Sam Singleton-Freeman 497; Jeanette Nelson 384; Michael Moore 460; Lori Graber 389.

Sarah Reed, Terese Hoffelt, and David Hoffelt conducted the memorial lesson. Sarah led 84 for the following sick and shut-ins: Dick Dunagan, Val Dunagan, Berkley Moore, Frank Fraembs, Janet Fraembs, Peggy Brayfield, Melanie Hauff, Christine Stevens, Marion Trost, Michael Appert, and Daniel Stabaugh.

David and Terese Hoffelt read Shakespeare's Sonnet 15 in memory of the following deceased: Colette Miller and Charles Wells—Minnesota; Julie Veal, Donald Trost, Nancy Becknell, and Peter Canright—Wisconsin; Jack Armstrong—Rhode Island; Hanna Parsons—New York; Michael Levine—New Jersey; Kathryn Moore—Iowa; Zara Spence Ellison—Illinois and United Kingdom; Lenore Levin Wollbarsht—Massachusetts; Hugh McGraw, Johnny Lee, and Delorese Lee—Georgia; Les Sontag and John Meeks—Illinois; John Bayer—Ohio; Michael Bush—Kentucky; Darrell Fasching and Connie Canright—Florida. The Chaplain closed the memorial service

with prayer.

Leaders: Francis Gurtz 436; Hans Guttman 480; Joel Menk 406; Myles Alexander 538; Jim Pfau 318; Wendy Popp 472; Jacob Kiakahi 441; Judy Hauff 218. The Chaplain offered prayer before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Jim Crawford called the class to order leading 87. Leaders: Eleanor Haase 352; Lou Kujawinski 515; Daniel Braithwaite 531; Terry Hogg 549; Scott Schroeder 155; Kit Canright 99; Kathy Kaiser 142; Karen Swenson 556; Cathy Lutz 282; Stacey Berkheimer 528; Marjorie Matthews 369; Rochelle Lodder 313b; Paul Wyatt 330b; Ginny Landgraf 433; Denise Kania 456; Ben Copenhaver 431.

The Chairman thanked everyone who made the singing a success. Announcements were made. The Chaplain offered the closing prayer.

RECESS

The class held a memorial singing for Julie Vea. Speakers: Ted Mercer, Lisa Grayson, Laura Densmore, Johanna Fabke, Scott Schroeder, Noelle Copeland, and Anna Pfau.

Leaders: Jim Crawford and Carol Crawford 106; Laura Densmore 549; Lisa Grayson 419; John Seaton 47; Johanna Fabke 83; Jan Ketelle 368; Paul Landskroener 340; Jim Crawford and Carol Crawford 105; Myles Alexander 148; Debbie Barford 137; Noelle Copeland 290; Jim Pfau 146; Anna Pfau 216. Andria Blattner thanked all who came. Jim Crawford and Carol Crawford led 347 as the closing song.

Chairman—Jim Crawford; Secretary—Carole Briggs

STAPLEFORD SACRED HARP SINGING

St. Luke's Church, Stapleford, Nottingham, United Kingdom

Saturday, November 11, 2017

The 19th annual Stapleford All-Day Sacred Harp Singing was called to order by Helen Brown leading 52t. Hannah Land offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Helen Brown; Vice Chairman—Ted Brown; Secretary—Margaret Gillanders; Arranging Committee—Judy Whiting and Chris Brown.

Leaders: Joe Vickers 336t (CB); Chris Brown 30t (CB); Vicki Elliott 77t; Ted Brown 105; Hannah Land 171; Rosalind Oldham 313; Ian West 312b; Calum Woods 138t (CB); Michael Walker 368t (CB); Kathy Williams 472; Sam Carter 129.

At 11:00 a.m., a two minute silence was observed (Armistice Day).

Leaders: Aldo Ceresa 176b; Karen Turner 143; Inga Huebner and Calum Woods 98 (CB); Rob Mahoney 107; Derek Buckland 82; Rosalind Oldham and Daniel Oldham 573 (CB); Chris Brown 298.

RECESS

Helen Brown reconvened the class leading 111b. Leaders: Vicki Elliott 505 (CB); Joe Vickers 563 (CB); Kathy Williams 140 (CB); Ted Brown 97; Johannes Sauer 37 (CB); Sam Carter 292b (CB); Hannah Land 463 (CB).

The memorial lesson was conducted by Michael Walker, during which the following sick and housebound were named: Charlene Wallace, Curtis Owen, Melanie Hauff, Joe McPartland, Carolyn Pritchett, David Elliott, Dianne McLaren, Helmut Fessen, Wolfgang Sauer, Eimear O'Donovan, Don Walker, Charlotte Walker, Ella Cumber, and Sally Sumner.

The following deceased were remembered and honored: Daniel Evans, Jean MacDonald, Donald MacDonald, Hugh McGraw, Don Grimshaw, Ros Taylor, Gordon Hoyland, Norman Johnson, Winifred Elliott, Edith Owen, Gravis Ballinger, Terry Bolger, Dave Mann, Gisela Sakaras, Tilo Jeske, Jana Rosenstein, and Jimmy Balfour. Michael led 380t (CB) for the all the above named, and the memorial service was closed with prayer offered by Kathy Williams.

Leaders: Rob Mahoney 178; Ian West 500; Karen Turner 501; Inga Huebner 303; Aldo Ceresa 182; Derek Buckland 29b; Michael Walker 225t. Grace for the midday meal was offered by Jonathan Stanyon.

LUNCH

The class was reconvened by Calum Woods leading 45b (CB). Leaders: Rosalind Oldham 575 (CB); Johannes Sauer 516 (CB); Joe Vickers 268b (CB); Hannah Land 137 (CB); Ted Brown 511t (CB); Karen Turner 474; Rob Mahoney 159; Inga Huebner 56b; Ian West 515 (CB); Derek Buckland 101t; Helen Brown 392 (for Ella Cumber); Michael Walker 559 (CB); Vicki Elliott 327; Aldo Ceresa 506; Kathy Williams 209; Sam Carter 411 (CB); Calum Woods 215 (CB); Johannes Sauer 205 (CB); Chris Brown 498.

RECESS

The class was reconvened by Hannah Land leading 54t (CB). Leaders: Ian West 392 (CB); Inga Huebner 313b; Joe Vickers 138b; Kathy Williams 217; Rob Mahoney 84; Aldo Ceresa 326; Vicki Elliott 186; Derek Buckland 271t; Helen Brown and Vicki Elliott 268 (for David Elliott and Sally Summer); Johannes Sauer 228; Michael Walker 42 (CB); Calum Woods 567 (CB); Karen Turner 36b; Sam Carter 207t (CB); Ted Brown 113 (CB); Chris Brown 28b; Hannah Land 410 (CB); Aldo Ceresa 68t; Kathy Williams 208; Joe Vickers 499.

Helen Brown led 56t as the closing song. Joe Vickers dismissed the class with prayer. Chairman—Helen Brown; Vice Chairman—Ted Brown; Secretary—Margaret Gillanders

OAK HILL SINGING AND CALHOUN COUNTY CONVENTION

Oak Hill Baptist Church, Oxford, Alabama

Sunday, November 12, 2017

The annual Oak Hill Sacred Harp Singing and the Calhoun County Convention was held on the second Sunday in November at Oak Hill Baptist Church. Cecil Roberts called the class to order leading 490. Judy Chambless offered the morning prayer. Leaders: Cecil Roberts 34b; David Brodeur 147t, 147b; Judy Chambless 38t, 39b; Pearl Guier 32t, 448b; Robert Chambless 347, 303; Jack Nelson 524, 228; Winfred Kerr 146, 318; Virginia Dyer 472; Hayden Arp 59, 58; Philip Denney 313t, 168; Andy Ditzler 531, 43; Rebecca Over 540, 461.

RECESS

David Brodeur brought the class back to order leading 129. Leaders: Karen Rollins 371, 361; Oscar McGuire 336, 515; Elene Stovall 172, 436; Ateven Snderson 313b 122 (in memory of Ruth Brown); Rene Greene 464; Rene Greene and Philip Denney 142; Daniel Williams 417, 455; Cheyenne Ivey 213t, 56t; Donna Bell 282, 392; Ann Simpson 388, 445.

The following officers were elected: Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Vice Chairman—David Brodeur; Arranging Officer/Secretary—Judy Chambless. Leaders: Cecil Roberts 163b; David Brodeur 271b; Pearl Guier 127; Robert Chambless 225t; Jack Nelson 180; Winfred Kerr 89.

LUNCH

Andy Ditzler brought the class back to order leading 489. Leaders: Philip Denney 120; Andy Ditzler 165; Rebecca Over 517; Karen Rollins 213b; Oscar McGuire 276; Elene Stovall 155 (in memory of Evelyn Harris); Ateven Snderson 114; Rene Greene 171; Daniel Williams 288; Cheyenne Ivey 422; Donna Bell 426b; Ann Simpson 47t. After the announcements Cecil Roberts, Judy Chambless, and David Brodeur led 46 as the closing song. Karen Rollins offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Vice Chairman—David Brodeur; Secretary—Judy Chambless

CROSSROADS CHURCH MEMORIAL SINGING

Crossroads Baptist Church, Buchanan, Georgia

Saturday night, November 18, 2017

The Crossroads Church Memorial Singing was held on Saturday evening before the third Sunday in November. The class was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Hayden Arp leading 33b. Cecil Roberts offered the invocation prayer. Hayden Arp delivered a welcome greeting, then led 75.

Leaders: Cecil Roberts 378b, 35; Donna Bell 113 (in memory of her father), 565 (for Sandra Johnson); Glenda Collins and Bert Collins 335, 282.

A business session was held. A letter from the host church was read aloud, informing the class that the July singing must be moved. The class voted to cancel further singings at Crossroads Baptist Church, and to establish the following annual singings beginning in 2018: the November singing will be moved to Saturday evening before the third Sunday in November, 7:00 p.m., at Holly Springs Church in Bremen, Georgia; the July singing will be moved to the third Sunday in July, 9:30 a.m., at Muscadine Methodist Church in Muscadine, Alabama. A motion was accepted to lower the temperature on the thermostat, as the room was too warm. The class voted to keep the same officers. The business session was closed.

Leaders: Richard DeLong 60, 49b; Daniel Williams 42, 74t; Tony Hammock 131t, 267. A collection was received with sufficient funds to submit the minutes for publication, and the remainder will be offered to the host church.

RECESS

Canaan Elkins and Kathryn Elkins called the class back to order by leading 63 and 455. Leaders: Fallon Cook 176t; Rene Greene 186 (in memory of her father, Jeff Sheppard); Rebecca Over 348b (in memory of George Garner); Eschol Hughes 456; Philip Denney 100; Samuel Williams 88t; Winfred Kerr 89; Jason Stanford 47b; Eddie Mash 421; Andy Ditzler 161; David Brodeur 285b; Virginia Dyer 388; Daniel Williams 77b (at the request of his mother, Emma Dean Williams); Hayden Arp 68b (by request, in memory of C.W. Garner), 108t (for Sarah Roberts).

After announcements, Hayden Arp, Canaan Elkins, and Kathryn Elkins led 317 as the closing song. Cecil Roberts offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Hayden Arp; Vice Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Secretary—Donna Bell

FLOYD COUNTY SINGING

Savitz's Barn, Floyd, Virginia

Saturday, November 18, 2017

The 1st Floyd County All-Day Singing was held at Savitz's Barn, Floyd, Virginia. The class was called to order by Chris Wolf leading 12b (ShH). Kelly Macklin offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Kelly Macklin 241b (ShH); Nora Miller 43t (ShH); John delRe 43b (ShH); Eli Snyder 90 (ShH); David Wilson 276; Les Updike 373; Leslie Booher 163b; Krista Guerrieri 15 (ShH); Lydia Lewallen 136 (ShH); Xaris Martinez 392.

RECESS

Chris Wolf called the class back together leading 313b. Leaders: Matt Winter 312b; Derik Lane 264b (ShH); Tim Gregg 228; Thomas Mann 178; Bev Yeager 424b (ShH); Miriam Delirium 424t (ShH); Sue Osborne 181 (ShH); Jenny Finn and Roxanne Greenberg 34b; Kelly Macklin 86 (ShH); Hannah Mann 107; Eli Snyder 106; Richard Greene 163t; Nora Miller 120t (ShH); Krista Guerrieri 414b (ShH).

RECESS

Chris Wolf called the class back together leading 445. Leaders: David Wilson 86; Les

Updike 72b; John delRe 80 (ShH); Xaris Martinez 242 (ShH); Lydia Lewallen 270 (ShH).

The memorial lesson was conducted by Jenny Finn. She led 363 (ShH) for the following sick and shut-ins: Hilda Hancock Collins, Don Osborne, Christine Gallow, Chris Holley, and Ephraim Rubenstein. She led 282 in memory of the following deceased: John Bayer, Jr.—Ohio; Stephanie Wolf—Maryland; Charles Bennett—Missouri; Twyla Arnett—Arkansas; Elaine Fields—Texas; Rhoda Anne Wildey—New Jersey; Jerry Hunt—Georgia; and Rosie—Virginia. John delRe closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Leslie Booher 140b (ShH); Derek Lane 167 (ShH); Matt Winter 99; Tim Gregg 496; Thomas Mann 155; Bev Yeager 192. Kelly Macklin asked a blessing before the meal.

LUNCH

Chris Wolf called the class back together leading 403b (ShH). Leaders: Richard Greene 364b (ShH); Nora Miller 180 (ShH); Kelly Macklin 350 (ShH); Hannah Mann and Chris Wolf 142; Eli Snyder 39 (ShH); Miriam Delerium 76t (ShH); Lydia Lewallen 406; Krista Guerrieri 454; John delRe 322 (ShH); Xaris Martinez 105; Sue Osborne 30t; David Wilson 40; Derek Lane 48t; Les Updike 124 (ShH); Jenny Finn 260; Tim Gregg 122; Matt Winter 542; Bev Yeager 310 (ShH); Thomas Mann and John Graham 503; Dan Jaasma and Chris Wolf 535; Zoe Plaughter 136 (ShH).

RECESS

Chris Wolf called the class back together leading 157b (ShH). Leaders: Mary Houston 288; Nora Miller 319; Rebecca Wenstrom 326b (ShH); Lydia Lewallen and Kelly Macklin 154 (ShH); Thomas Mann and Hannah Mann 318; Tim Gregg and David Wilson 146; Jenny Finn, Matt Winter, and Dan Jaasma 455; Richard Greene and John DelRe 366 (ShH); Miriam Delirium and Krista Guerrieri 113 (ShH); Eli Snyder and Xaris Martinez 356t (ShH); singers of Floyd County 277.

Announcements were made. Chris Wolf led 82t, and John delRe offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Chris Wolf; Vice Chairman—Roxanne Greenberg; Secretaries—Christine Stinson and Eli Snyder

TOKYO SINGING

Ikebukuro Anglican Church, Tokyo, Japan

Saturday, November 18, 2017

The first Tokyo All-Day Sacred Harp Singing was called to order by Tim Cook leading 33b. The opening prayer was offered by Peter Evan. Tim Cook gave an introduction to the Rudiments, and led 73b and 49t.

Leaders: Peter Evan 40; Jan Geerts 31b; Elaena Gardner 178; Geoff Grainger 143; Noriko Akiyama 277; Lisa Bennett 276; David Smead 77b (for Charlene Wallace); Mako Cook 503; Thom Fahrbach 105; Tim Cook 147t. The prayer before the noon meal was offered by Peter Evan.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Tim Cook leading 99. Leaders: Peter Evan 344; Jan Geerts 300; Tim Cook 350; Elaena Gardner 142; Geoff Grainger 535; Noriko Akiyama 86; Lisa Bennett 501; David Smead 500; Thom Fahrbach 564; Mako Cook 515; Phil Hogg 274t; Sonoko Abe 457; Peter Evan 183; Jan Geerts 365; Yukari Suzuki 49b; Tim Cook, Yume Sekikawa, Yuna Abe, and Shoya Iitsuka 479; Elaena Gardner 504; Geoff Grainger 523; Noriko Akiyama 47b; Lisa Bennett 505 (in memory of Earlis McGraw); David Smead 283.

RECESS

Leaders: Thom Fahrbach 472 (for Concetta Branson); Mako Cook 569b; Phil Hogg 428; Sonoko Abe 287; Tim Cook 234; Peter Evan 228; Jan Geerts 68b; Yukari Suzuki 146; Elaena Gardner 268; Geoff Grainger 313b; Noriko Akiyama 163b; Lisa Bennett 224 (for Jerusha Wheeler); David Smead 522; Thom Fahrbach 460; Mako Cook 225t; Phil Hogg 267; Sonoko Abe 63; Thom Fahrbach 176b. Peter Evan made closing announcements. Jan Geerts led 38t. Thom Fahrbach and Peter Evan led 347 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Tim Cook, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman and Secretary—Peter Evan

TRI-COUNTY SACRED HARP SINGING
First Presbyterian Church, Wetumpka, Alabama
Saturday, November 18, 2017

The 10th annual Tri-County Sacred Harp Singing was held on Saturday before the third Sunday in November, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Note lessons followed by (CB) were sung from *The Sacred Harp, Cooper Edition*. Others were sung from *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*.

Bill Hogan called the class to order by leading 61 and 36b, followed by welcoming remarks. Hubert Nall offered the morning prayer. Gary Padgett led 480, 442, and 503 (CB) as the opening lesson.

Leaders: Jamie Kelley 140 (CB), 146 (CB); Chris Parris 52t, 153; Richard Mauldin 43, 168, 363; Stephen Huffman and Mary Huffman 575 (CB), 563 (CB), 163b; Julie White 571 (CB); Nancy Hogan 392 (CB), 505 (CB).

RECESS

Bill Hogan called the class back together leading 567 (CB). Leaders: Ann Riley 276, 440; Chip Westbrook 513 (CB), 451 (CB); Ken Kelley 108t (CB), 517 (CB); Judy Chambless 161, 186; Ken Sundberg 275t (CB), 274t (CB); Jack Nelson 514 (CB), 461; Barbara Jones 171 (CB), 461 (CB); Robert Chambless 99 (CB), 122 (CB).

RECESS

Richard Mauldin brought the class together leading 551. Leaders: Hubert Nall 264b (CB), 268t (CB); Wynette Smith 507b (CB), 145b (CB); Wayne Jones 187 (CB), 464 (CB); Steve Grauberger 410 (CB), 411 (CB). The class sang 369, and Gary Padgett asked God's blessings for our noon meal.

LUNCH

Bill Hogan brought the class together for the afternoon session leading 465 (for William Holley). Leaders: Aubrey Barfield 306 (CB), 283 (CB); Alice Sundberg 293t (CB), 196 (CB); Jamie Kelley 571 (CB); Hubert Nall 84 (CB); Jack Nelson and Ken Milner 393 (CB); Wynette Smith 63 (CB); Richard Mauldin 504t (CB); Linda Westbrook and Will 348t (CB); Ken Kelley 404 (CB); Chris Parris 155 (CB); Gary Padgett 98 (CB); Ken Sundberg 154b (CB); Judy Chambless 574 (CB); Robert Chambless 96 (CB); Barbara Jones 558 (CB); Wayne Jones 553; Ann Riley 142; Steve Grauberger 559 (CB); Aubrey Barfield 594 (CB), 497 (CB).

Announcements were made. Aubrey Barfield, Bill Hogan, and Nancy Hogan led 138b (CB) as the closing song. Bill Hogan offered the closing prayer.

Co-Chairpersons—Bill Hogan and Nancy Hogan; Secretary—Aubrey Barfield

WEST YORKSHIRE SACRED HARP DAY
Haworth Methodist Church
Haworth, West Yorkshire, United Kingdom
Saturday, November 18, 2017

The 15th annual West Yorkshire Sacred Harp Day was held at Haworth Methodist

Church, in the United Kingdom, on Saturday before the third Sunday in November. Chris Brown began the day by leading 47t. John Hopkinson said an opening prayer. Leaders: Chris Brown 31b; Phil Tyler 89; Karen Turner 34b; Calum Woods 36b; Vicki Elliott 29t; Joe Vickers 32t; Helen Brown 421; Claire Welford 114; Emily Verrier 142; Richard Mayers 102; Cath Ingham 30t; Michael Walker 225t; Kathy Williams 37b; Myfanwy Reynolds 448t; Fynn Titford-Mock 121; Lin James 448b; Aldo Ceresa 214; Fred Langridge 63; George Simms 551; Liz Lawson 503; Ali Wilcox 99.

RECESS

Calum Woods called the class to order leading 81t. Leaders: Derek Buckland 48t; Joy Spreadborough 178; Mike Upton 31t; Carmen Gordon 440; Helen Brown 61; Josh Land 383; Anna Baldini 86; Chris Brown 447; Di Elliott 313b; Fynn Titford-Mock 229.

Helen Brown conducted the memorial lesson and read the following names of the deceased: Jimmy Balfour—Glenrothes; Don Grimshaw—Southampton; Ros Taylor—St John's Chapel; Norman Johnson—Blaydon; Gordon Hoyland—Sheffield; Winifred Elliott—Bolton; Jean MacDonald and Donald MacDonald—Derby; Jimmie Steele—Newcastle; Mandy Spry and Bob Deacon—Hebden Bridge; Chris Wilcocks—Ripon; Gravis Ballinger—Alabama, USA; Edith Owen—Texas, USA; Hugh McGraw—Georgia, USA; Daniel Evans—Colorado, USA.

Helen also spoke for the following sick and housebound: Curtis Owen, Melanie Hauff, Joe McPartland, Rev. Michael Pain, Ted Brown, Hannah Land, Toby Boyes, Kit Yip, Sister Pippa, Betty James, John Sewell, and Dave Elliott. Kathy Williams then spoke about Hugh McGraw and his work for the Sacred Harp Community in America and Europe. Kathy and Helen led 500. The memorial service was closed with prayer.

Leaders: Vicki Elliott 69t; Emily Verrier 340; Richard Mayers 300; Claire Welford 270. Karen Turner gave thanks for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Joe Vickers called the class back to order by leading 101t. Leaders: Karen Turner 217; George Simms 68b; Liz Lawson 66; Aldo Ceresa and Margaret Gillanders 475; Lin James 474; Fred Langridge 155; Ali Wilcox 344; Phil Tyler 442; Myfanwy Reynolds 168; Kathy Williams 517; Michael Walker 306; Cath Ingham 277; Joe Vickers 460; Derek Buckland 35; Carmen Gordon 183; Fynn Titford-Mock 278b; Colin Higgins 296; Joy Spreadborough 496; Emily Verrier and Amy 159; Calum Woods 428; Claire Welford 212; Richard Mayers 117; Helen Brown 436; Aldo Ceresa and Matt 216; Kathy Williams 273; Michael Walker 207.

RECESS

Phil Tyler called the class to order leading 186. Leaders: Karen Turner 354t; Nigel Bowley 47b; Joy Spreadborough 452; Michael Walker 406; Mike Upton 268; Joe Vickers 378b; Ali Wilcox 497; Fynn Titford-Mock 565; Calum Woods 348b; Aldo Ceresa 399b; Kathy Williams 472. Chris Brown reminded the class about the opportunities available at Camp Fasola Europe in 2018, and urged people to attend. Chris Brown and Judy Whiting led 323t as the closing song. Calum Woods offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Chris Brown; Vice Chairman—Judy Whiting; Secretary—Margaret Gillanders

ELDER AND MRS. JASON DAVIS MEMORIAL SINGING **Historic Sugar Valley Baptist Church, Sugar Valley, Georgia** **Sunday, November 19, 2017**

The annual Elder and Mrs. Jason Davis Memorial Singing was held at the Historic

Sugar Valley Baptist Church in Sugar Valley, Georgia, on the third Sunday in November. The class was called to order by Judy Mincey leading 59. John Plunkett offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Judy Mincey 31t; John Plunkett 325, 35; Rebecca Over 197 (in honor of Charles Woods), 500 (in memory of Hugh McGraw); Brent DeBoard 282 (in memory of his mother), 146; Andy Ditzler 410t (in memory of Crawford Barton), 61; Winfred Kerr 45b, 516; Michael Thompson 57, 30b; David Brodeur 211, 312b; Eddie Mash 106, 67; Gary Davis 335, 338.

RECESS

Leaders: Karen Flagg 286 (in memory of Bob Crawford), 47b; Coy Coggins 108t, 354b; Hayden Arp 204, 284 (in memory of Earlis McGraw); Judy Mincey 327 (in memory of Julie Veal), 124 (in memory of Hugh McGraw); John Plunkett 344 (in honor of Bill Caldwell), 130; Rebecca Over 29b (in memory of Earlis McGraw), 159 (in memory of Ida Bertha McGraw); Brent DeBoard 72b, 318; Andy Ditzler 278t (in memory of Robert Peel, son of Dermot and Marie), 83t; Winfred Kerr 144, 317. Eddie Mash offered grace before lunch.

LUNCH

Judy Mincey called the class to order leading 77t. Leaders: Sandra Wilkinson 40, 63 (both in memory of Elder Ed and Sister Jean Smith); Michael Thompson 87; David Brodeur 435, 489; Eddie Mash 332, 413 (in memory of Hugh McGraw); Gary Davis and Karen Flagg 565 (in memory of Daniel Thomas), 480; Coy Coggins 100, 274t; Hayden Arp 275b, 336; Karen Rollins 168, 162; Judy Mincey 112 (in honor of Lisa Bennett, David Smead, and the Tokyo All-Day Singing); John Plunkett 308; Rebecca Over 122; Brent DeBoard 128; Andy Ditzler 145t (in memory of Jack Smith), 55; Winfred Kerr 45t; Michael Thompson 207; David Brodeur 296, 312t; Eddie Mash 343; Gary Davis 99; Coy Coggins 321; Hayden Arp 225b; Sandra Wilkinson 213b; Karen Rollins 297.

A business session retained the same officers by acclamation as follows: Chairman—Judy Mincey; Vice Chairman—Coy Coggins; Secretary—Judy Mincey.

After announcements, Judy Mincey led 347 as the closing song, and the class was dismissed after a benediction offered by John Plunkett.

Chairman—Judy Mincey; Vice Chairman—Coy Coggins; Secretary—Judy Mincey

TOKYO CHRISTIAN HARMONY SINGING

Nezu Church, Tokyo, Japan

Sunday, November 19, 2017

The first half-day Tokyo *Christian Harmony* Singing was called to order by Tim Cook, who began by leading the “Happy Birthday” song in four parts to show newcomers how shape notes work. He then led the Japanese version of “Tallis’ Canon” as a round.

Leaders: Tim Cook 171, 421b; Mako Cook 70b, 67b; Thom Fahrback 81t; Thomas Smith 91; Lisa Bennett 117.

RECESS

Leaders: Tim Cook “Umi Wa Hiroi Na”; David Smead 82b; Jan Geerts 179; Phil Hogg “Hard Times Come Again No More”; Geoff Grainger and Tim Cook 109; Tim Cook, Shoya Iitsuka, Tomomi Kanai, and Mao Shirakawa 490; Tim Cook “Gratitude,” “Ryoshuu.” Announcements were made. Tim Cook led 432b as the closing song.

Chairman—Tim Cook; Secretary—Peter Evan

WAKEFIELD MEMORIAL
King Schoolhouse, Mt. Vernon Baptist Church
Natural Bridge, Alabama
Sunday, November 19, 2017

The 47th session of the annual Sacred Harp singing in memory of Ganus Wakefield, Wilford Wakefield, Clifford Wakefield, Gene Wakefield, Cecil Wakefield, and Wendell Wakefield was called to order by Glenn Keeton leading 32t. Richard Mauldin offered the opening prayer.

The class was organized by electing the following officers to serve: Chairman—Glenn Keeton; Vice Chairman—Henry Guthery; Secretary—Debbie Hall; Arranging Committee—Faye Donaldson and Betty Baccus.

Leaders: Glenn Keeton 163t; Henry Guthery 460, 348b; Nicholas Thompson 318, 564; Richard Mauldin 43 (in memory of Josie Hyde), 446; Don Keeton 373, 278t; Jeanette Tidwell 290, 438; Linda Sides 276, 225t; Chris Ballinger 546, 76b; Jerry Kitchens 33b; Roma Rice 297, 299; Earl Ballinger 300, 313t; Mike Hankins 72b, 168; Nancy Phillips 500, 274t; Wayne Baines 100, 155.

RECESS

Glenn Keeton called the class back to order by leading 270. Leaders: Larry Ballinger 291, 528; Lisa Geist 182, 120; Amber Davis 206, 192; Loretta Whitman 75, 399b; Seth Poston 129, 108b; Debbie Hall 208, 432; Martha McMillan, Lisa Ingle, Tammy Wakefield, Jeff Baccus, Kathy Buchanan, Debbie Hall, Logan Donaldson, Elle Donaldson, Julie Koonon, Joseph Ingle, and Seth Poston (grandchildren and great-grandchildren of Simeon and Catherine Wakefield) 143, 59; Clara Stults, Julie Poston, Wayne Wakefield, Faye Donaldson, Betty Baccus, and Larry Wakefield (children of Simeon and Catherine Wakefield) 333, 339 (in memory of Ganus and Hazel Wakefield), 159 (in memory of Cecil Wakefield).

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Henry Guthery leading 507. Leaders: Ernestine Parker 569b, 47b; Nicholas Thompson 436; Earl Ballinger 283; Wayne Baines 340; Chris Ballinger 477; Nancy Phillips 268, 354b; Don Keeton 317; Mike Hankins 527; Lisa Geist 492; Richard Mauldin 101t; Amber Davis 542; Roma Rice 109; Larry Ballinger 540; Glenn Keeton and Lena Keeton 475, “Joshua”; Larry Ballinger 551; Seth Poston 275b, 294; Faye Donaldson 78, 371; Nicholas Thompson 434; Glenn Keeton and Lisa Geist “Ashley”. Announcements were made.

Glenn Keeton and Henry Guthery led 267 as the closing song. Richard Mauldin offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Glenn Keeton; Vice Chairman—Henry Guthery; Secretary—Debbie Hall

SACRED HARP MUSICAL HERITAGE ASSOCIATION

Annual Meeting

Saturday, November 25, 2017

The annual meeting of the Sacred Harp Musical Heritage Association (SHMHA) was held at Jefferson State Community College on Saturday, November 25, 2017. Approximately 43 association members were present. David Ivey, President, called the meeting to order at 1:55 p.m. David welcomed the assembly and introduced the other Board members present: Judy Caudle—Minutes Secretary; Pam Nunn—Treasurer; Jeannette DePoy—Secretary; Sam Sommers. The board members not present were Henry Johnson—Vice President, Lauren Bock, and Terry Wootten. David thanked the board members for their service this year.

David Ivey presented a general overview of SHMHA and its purpose. He provided

and reviewed an information sheet that summarized 2017 activities and the 2016 financial summary. He stated that SHMHA, as a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization, files an IRS Form 990 report annually. A full financial summary for 2017 will be available in February, 2018. David reported that SHMHA received grant funding in 2017 from the Alabama State Council on the Arts for the fourteenth year. He expressed gratitude to the Sacred Harp Publishing Company for its continued financial support in the amount of \$6,000 for Camp Fasola scholarships in 2017, and recognized the Publishing Company board members who were present. The Sacred Harp Publishing Company has provided grants to Camp Fasola annually since 2005. David stated that SHMHA now supports financial management for the National Convention, United Convention, State Line singing, Alabama State Convention, and Young People's Convention.

Judy Caudle provided a report for the "*Directory and Minutes of Sacred Harp Singings*" (Minutes Book) project. The estimated expenses for the project, including printing and shipping in 2017, were \$7,169.95. Judy stated that 276 singing events had submitted minutes as of November 20, 2017. This includes 231 one-day singings, 42 two-day conventions, two sessions of Camp Fasola, and one three-day convention. One hundred five singings have requested not to receive Minutes Books next year. For those singings that do request Minutes Books, the cost of the books will remain the same at \$30 per singing day for 2018. There was discussion and input from members regarding possible future options for the printed Minutes Book. Judy praised the team who assists her with the Minutes Book publication: Angela Myers, Sam Sommers, Chris Thorman, and Carolyn Deacy. David thanked Judy and the entire Minutes Book team for the contribution of many hours of work to produce a high quality publication that is greatly valued by the Sacred Harp community. David Ivey reported that SHMHA completed its fifteenth year of Camp Fasola operation in 2017. Twenty-eight camps have been held since 2003. SHMHA has offered both Youth and Adult Camps for the past ten years. Three sessions of Camp Fasola Europe have been held: 2012, 2014, and 2016. There will be another Camp Europe Session in 2018. Flyers are already available for Camp Europe. This year there was a good balance of participation in the two U.S. camps. Adult Camp had 100 participants and Youth Camp had 125. There was more encouragement to attend Adult Camp and more promotion on Facebook this year which seemed to help this balance. David discussed the plan for recruiting more participants for Camp Europe this year. Camp Europe is being announced at singings abroad regularly. The camp dates for 2018 were announced: Adult Camp—June 10-14; Youth Camp—July 2-6, and Camp Europe—September 17-21. Camp fees were increased in 2017 because of rising camp facility costs, but the fees are projected to remain level for 2018. Jeannette DePoy, scholarship committee member, stated that a total of 35 scholarships totaling \$8,770 were awarded in 2017: 28 for Youth Camp (\$6, 570) and 7 for Adult Camp (\$2, 200). All but three of those scholarships were to campers age 29 and under. Campers wrote brief narratives about their camp experiences. Jeannette, as Camp Registrar, reported that 89% of the campers rated the classes as "Excellent", 94% rated the teachers as "Excellent", and 95% rated their overall camp experience as "Excellent". David expressed his gratitude for all of camp's teachers, counselors, and workers. Members were encouraged to contribute to the Camp Fasola scholarship fund. It was also explained how members can encourage prospective campers to apply for scholarship support. Jeannette stated that ideas from the evaluations have been extremely helpful in making improvements to camp. The members were given additional opportunity to provide input on SHMHA's programs and operations. There being no further business brought before the members, David Ivey adjourned

the meeting at 2:40 p.m. The meeting was dismissed with prayer by Sam Sommers. HMHA is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) organization, incorporated in Alabama, whose purpose is the perpetuation and preservation of Sacred Harp singing and its traditions. SHMHA produces the Directory and Minutes of Sacred Harp Singing, operates Camp Fasola, and sponsors the FaSoLa.org website, and supports Sacred Harp conventions and singings and other activities related to Sacred Harp music. President—David Ivey; Vice President—Henry Johnson; Secretary—Jeannette DePoy

THANKSGIVING SACRED HARP SINGING

**Jordans Village Hall, Jordans, Buckinghamshire, United Kingdom
Saturday, November 25, 2017**

The 9th Thanksgiving Singing Day was held in the Village Hall of Jordans, the Quaker Village, and burial place of William Penn. The class was called to order by Sheila Girling Macadam leading 34b. Edwin Macadam offered the opening prayer. Leaders: Edwin Macadam 52t; Brenda Harvey 49t; Werner Ullah 49b; Rachel Jordan 63; Nick Hall 317; Jan Lawrence 82t; Aldo Ceresa 83t; Elspeth Hannen 504; Nigel Bowley 52b; Sarah West 376; Steve Brett 394; Steve Fletcher 99; Toby Goss 107; Kate Kirwan 128; Derek Buckland 479; Teresa Maguire 56b; George Simms 66; Machna Nowak 300; Pete Eiseman-Renyard 84; Jacoba Bruneel 42; Victoria Timberlake 277; Werner Ullah 73b; Sheila Girling Macadam 377; Aldo Ceresa 145t. The following officers and committee members served for the day: Chairman—Sheila Girling Macadam; Vice Chairman and Treasurer—Edwin Macadam; Secretary—Sofi Mogensen; Pitchers—Rachel Jordan, Aldo Ceresa and Steve Brett; Arranging Committee—Werner Ullah; Chaplains—Edwin Macadam, Aldo Ceresa, Andrew Clark, and Julie Fox.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Sarah West leading 73t. Leaders: Nigel Bowley 458; Brenda Harvey 29t; Arthur Swindells 344; Rachel Jordan 353; Derek Buckland 448b; Teresa Maguire 440; Victoria Timberlake 100; Steve Brett 116; Jan Lawrence 461; Toby Goss 287; Jacoba Bruneel 480; Nick Hall 410t.

Aldo Ceresa conducted a combined memorial and sick and housebound lesson, prefacing the lesson with a brief history of Thanksgiving. He led 34t for the following sick and housebound: Geoffrey Rendle, Melanie Thaw, Jean Mitchell, Paula Mogensen, Keith Mendes, David Chantler, Vonnice Chantler, Anne MacIntyre, Kate Hockley, Steve Welch, and Mary Welch.

Aldo led 475 in memory of the following: Tom Paley, Jackie Saunders, Kathleen Evelyn Rowell, Frank Pigott, Cemlyn Jones, Bill Cashmore, Chris Bowness, John Featherstone, and Major Michael Keith Hilier O'Kelly—UK; Antonia Stampfel and Hugh McGraw—USA; Mark Girling—Spain; and Jennifer Bennett—Canada.

Andrew Clark closed the memorial service with prayer.

Leaders: Andrew Clark 68b; Edwin Macadam 538; Steve Fletcher 196; Pete Eiseman-Renyard 186; Machna Nowak 535; George Simms 70t; Kate Kirwan 517; Derek Buckland 59; Victoria Timberlake 275t; Brenda Harvey 159; Pete Eiseman-Renyard 117; Jan Lawrence 314. Julie Fox offered thanks for the midday meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session commenced with Arthur Swindells leading 189. Leaders: Steve Brett 530; Rachel Jordan 500; Andrew Clark 162; Sheila Girling Macadam 114; Nick Hall 455; Sarah West 454; Edwin Macadam 236; Steve Fletcher 192; Kate Kirwan 411; Nigel Bowley 123b; Toby Goss 313b; Aldo Ceresa 548; Teresa Maguire 383; Andrew Clark 270; Jacoba Bruneel 168; George Simms 350; Arthur Swindells 456; Machna Nowak 224; Amy Cutts 133.

RECESS

The class was reconvened for the final session by Kate Kirwan leading 75. Leaders: Werner Ullah 278t; Victoria Timberlake 48t; Derek Buckland 335; Sarah West 124; Brenda Harvey 47t; Steve Brett 160b; Steve Fletcher 268; Andrew Clark 163b; Jan Lawrence 318; Arthur Swindells 327; Amy Cutts 481; Toby Goss 547; George Simms 36b; Rachel Jordan 373; Nigel Bowley 565; Teresa Maguire 512; Nick Hall 183; Jacoba Bruneel 348t; Andrew Clark 141.

Thanks were given to all those who had helped in any way to make the day's singing a success. Announcements were made. The Secretary reported 21 leaders had led 93 songs. After expenses had been met, the surplus from the day's donations would again be passed to the Quakers for their use.

Sheila Girling Macadam and Edwin Macadam led 347 as the closing song. Andrew Clark offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Sheila Girling Macadam; Vice Chairman—Edwin Macadam; Secretary—Sofi Mogensen

ALABAMA SACRED HARP MUSICAL CONVENTION

Jefferson State College, Birmingham, Alabama

November 25-26, 2017

Saturday, November 25

The 118th session of the Alabama Sacred Harp Musical Convention met at Jefferson State College on the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in November. The class was called to order by Rodney Ivey leading 144. The opening prayer was offered by Alvaro Witt Duarte.

Leaders: Judy Caudle 111t; Elene Stovall 186; Linda Thomas 217; Tom George 206; Nicholas Thompson 530; Cheyenne Ivey 371; Cindy Tanner 137; Eugene Forbes 299; Virginia Eldridge 41; Rebecca Over 306; Hubert Nall 313t; Eva Grace Horsley 72b; Louis Hughes 403; Linda Sides 182; Daniel Williams 428; Adrian Eldridge 429; Ann Riley 282; Robert Chambless 317; Sandie Scott 408; Geraldine Sharpton 542; Delone Cobbs 354t.

RECESS

Rodney Ivey led 145t to bring the class back to order. A business meeting was held at this time and the following officers and committee members were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Judy Caudle; Vice Chairman—Tom George; Secretaries—Linda Thomas, Elene Stovall, and Cheyenne Ivey; Chaplain—Alvaro Witt Duarte; Arranging Committee—Cindy Tanner and Sharon DuPriest; Locating Committee—Linda Thomas and David Ivey; Resolutions Committee—Justin Bowen and Beth Anne Clay; Memorial Committee—Samuel Sommers and Richard Ivey; Finance Committee—Alex Forsyth, Nicholas Thompson, and Rodney Ivey. The business session was closed.

Leaders: Alex Forsyth 391; Kelsey Ivey and Everett Ivey 314; James Eldridge 303; Stuart Ivey 528; Jenny Acton 340; Emily Brown 456; Jonathon Smith 302; Canaan Elkins and Kathryn Elkins 277; Eric Conrad 300; David Brodeur 464; Laura Hodges 423; Samuel Williams 378b; Holly Mixon 183; Winfred Kerr 318; Hazel Heinze 347; Christopher Mann 146; Daniel Bearden 80t; Karis Askin 224; Jim Aaron 47b; Karen Rollins 275b; Anna Hinton 383.

RECESS

The class was brought together by Tom George leading 129. Leaders: David Ivey 272; Larry Brasher 385b; Darrell Swarens 36b; Emily Stutzman 178; Alvaro Witt Duarte 540; Nathan Rees 200; Samuel Sommers 502; Dan McSavage 432; Jack Nelson 461; Jeannette DePoy and Lynn Allen 87; Jacob Acton 457; Ann Jett 43;

Richard Ivey 134; Dennis George 225b; Erica Hinton 201; Justin Bowen 165; Shirley Figura 213t; Bea Aaron 426b; Marilyn Burchett 268; Ruth Wampler 490; Stanley Smith 434; Daniel Lee 411; Susan Cheronos 349; Andy Ditzler 412; Judy Chambless 161; Matt Hinton 195; Paul Figura 497; Mike Richards 172; Philip Denney and Gayle Denney 440. Alvaro Witt Duarte asked a blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Judy Caudle leading 421. Leaders: Judy Mincey 173; AnnaLiza Cull 155; Gail Doss 566; Katherine Eldridge 89; Jackson Fleder 460; Sasha Hsuczyk 293; Bridgett Hill Kennedy 486; Beth Anne Clay 377; Pam Nunn 283 (for Daphene Causey); Reba Windom 196; Anne Gilliland 143; Richard Mauldin 446; Molly Bagley 162; Michele Cull 273; Robert Walker 350.

Judy Caudle led 323t as the closing song. Alvaro Witt Duarte dismissed the class with prayer.

Sunday, November 26

The Sunday session of the Alabama Sacred Harp Musical Convention was called to order by Judy Caudle leading 167. The opening prayer was offered by Alvaro Witt Duarte.

Leaders: Tom George 131b; Elene Stovall 99 (for Don Bowen); Cheyenne Ivey 430; Alvaro Witt Duarte 315; Rodney Ivey 419; Samuel Sommers 506; Richard Ivey 202; Cindy Tanner 530 (for Ottis Sides); David Ivey 48t; Nicholas Thompson 216; Karen Rollins 298; Earl Ballinger 283; Nate Green and Norma Green 540; Buell Cobb 462; Mary Amelia Taylor 313b; Louis Hughes 348b; Shane Wootten 29t; John Plunkett 473; Henry Johnson 338; Katlyn Bailey 178; Ed Thacker 532; Larry Ballinger 528; Sadie Bagley 47b; Ainslie Allen 186; Brandon Acton 168.

RECESS

Tom George led 80b to bring the class together. Leaders: Justin Bowen and Beth Anne Clay 329; Alex Forsyth 138b; Sharon DuPriest 269; Linda Thomas 81b; Danny Creel 498; Loyd Ivey 68b; Sarah Trumbore 179; Gavin Blakeley 142; Robert Raymond 217; Judy Chambless and Robert Chambless 527 (in memory of Hugh McGraw); Drew McGuire 536; David Jackson 39b; Rene Greene 454; Waylon Blakeley 81t; Allison Whitener 482; Jonathon Smith 95; Shelby Castillo 422; J.C. Rutledge 294; Cassie Allen 159 (by request of Cecil and Tammy Calvert); Chita Blakeley 428; Katherine Eldridge 123b; Anne Gilliland 515; Emily Stutzman 496; Gail Doss 547; Karis Askin 504; James Eldridge 492; Eva Grace Horsley 445.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Richard Ivey and Samuel Sommers. Richard spoke and led 83t for the following sick and shut-ins: Chris Holley, Bill Caldwell, Margie Smith, Ottis Sides, Jewel Wootten, Pat Ditzler, Tommie Spurlock, Charlene Wallace, Velton Chafin, and Daphene Causey.

Samuel Sommers spoke in memory of the deceased and read the following list of names: Edna Ruth Phillips, Caleb Allred, Martha Moody, Gravis Ballinger, Eloise Wootten, Johnnie Chafin, Sherrie Brothers Tanner, and Joycie Wootten—Alabama; Hugh McGraw, George Snyder, Juanita Neal, and Daniel Evans—Georgia; John Bayer, Loraine Bayer, Maxine Cope, and Cora Davis—Ohio; Linda Domholt—California; Colette Miller—Minnesota; Les Sontag—Illinois; Bob Bonnell—Florida; Julie Vea—Wisconsin; Joseph O'Neill—Virginia. Samuel led 285t. Alvaro Witt Duarte closed the memorial service with prayer.

Leaders: Nathan Rees 227; Liora O'Donnell Goldensher 505; Jacob Acton 388; Holly Mixon 475; Jackson Fleder 153; Kelsey Ivey 57 (for her dad); Philip Denney and Gayle Denney 120; Sasha Hsuczyk 208; Dan McSavage 212; Ruth Wampler 181; Laura Hodges 187; Molly Bagley 448b; David Brodeur 214. Alvaro Witt Duarte asked a blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Judy Caudle led 270 to bring the class together. Leaders: Paul Figura 278t; Jeannette DePoy 328; Anna Hinton 455; Eugene Forbes and Cassie Allen 218; Reba Windom 546; Rebecca Over 486; AnnaLiza Cull 448t; Stanley Smith 121; Pam Nunn and Reba Windom 192; Eric Conrad 209; Darrell Swares 507; Susan Cherones 300; Marilyn Burchett 438; Adrian Eldridge 183; Judy Mincey 94; Mike Richards 316; Andy Ditzler 304 (for Daphene Causey); Erica Hinton and Matt Hinton 112; Shirley Figura 31t; Richard Mauldin 133; Sandie Scott 472; Virginia Eldridge 386; Michele Cull 405; Winfred Kerr 516; Bea Aaron 568; Hubert Nall 40; Ann Jett 327; Bridgett Hill Kennedy and Meme Ferry 177; Dennis George 466; Jack Nelson 560; Allison Davis 440.

A business session was held for the purpose of hearing reports. The Locating Committee recommended that the convention return to Jefferson State College for the 119th session in 2018.

The Resolutions Committee report was given by Justin Bowen as follows: We, the Resolution Committee for the 118th session of the Alabama Sacred Harp Musical Convention resolve to thank our God for allowing us to meet and sing His praises another year. We would like to thank Jefferson State College for the use of the facilities, as well as those who helped prepare our meals. We thank the officers of the convention for their work in making the weekend a success. We also thank everyone who contributed their voice, time, and money to support the convention. We are grateful for this community as we travel through this world. We cherish the memories of those who have gone before, and are thankful to have added to those memories this weekend. Finally, Lord willing, we resolve to meet again next year on the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in November for the 119th session of the Alabama Sacred Harp Musical Convention.

Linda Thomas reported that expenses were met. Elene Stovall reported that over the two days there were 200 songs led by 204 leaders representing fifteen US states and two countries. All reports were accepted, and the business meeting was closed. Announcements were made.

Judy Caudle and Tom George led 62 as the closing song, and those who wished took the parting hand. Alvaro Witt Duarte offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Judy Caudle; Vice Chairman—Tom George; Secretaries—Elene Stovall, Linda Thomas, and Cheyenne Ivey

HOUSTON SACRED HARP SINGING **Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church, Houston, Texas** **Saturday, December 2, 2017**

The 14th annual session of the Houston Sacred Harp Singing was held at Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church, Houston, Texas, on Saturday before the first Sunday in December. Donna Bing called the class to order at 10:00 a.m. by leading 84, and then offered the opening prayer. Song selections were from *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*, and *The Sacred Harp, 2012 Cooper Edition*.

Leaders: Linda Siemers 159; Fred Todt 299; Seth Pedersen 505 (CB); Beverly Coates 504t (CB); Kristie Powell 210 (CB); Jackson Fleder 38t (CB); Abby Huckaby 99 (CB); Cecelia Hall 239 (CB); Alex Forsyth 450 (CB); Bruce Coates 133 (CB); Phillip Pardue 274t; Silas Huckaby 416b (CB); Becca Pedersen 436; Ron Bernucho 571 (CB).

RECESS

Donna Bing called the class back to order leading 63. She appointed Gaylon and Kristie Powell to serve as the memorial committee. Leaders: Kris Wiggins 522; Howard O'Maley 178; Michael Cheng 47b; Beverly Coates 591 (CB) (by request

from Julie White); Sarah Huckaby 163t (CB); Priscilla Wiggins 416t (CB); Charles Whitmer 218 (CB); Gaylon Powell 223 (CB); Jeff Laub 339; Fred Todt 217; Seth Pedersen 81 (CB); Beverly Coates 439 (CB); Kristie Powell 489 (CB); Jackson Fleder 98 (CB); Gaylon Powell 245 (CB) (by request from Zachary Bealmear). A prayer of thanksgiving was offered by Linda Siemers.

LUNCH

Donna Bing called the class back to order leading 452. Leaders: Alex Forsyth 464 (CB); Bruce Coates 507b (CB); Silas Huckaby 460; Becca Pedersen 142; Ron Bernucho 518 (CB); Kris Wiggins 198; Crystal Meadows 273; Howard O'Maley 147t.

The memorial lesson was held at this time. Kristie Powell read the following list of names of the sick and shut-ins: Suzan Bernucho, Curtis Owen, Myrl Jones, Azalea Barnett, Dorothy Price, and Amy Denison. She led 129 for them.

Gaylon Powell read the following list of names of the deceased: Edith Owen, Ron Ryan, Frank Price, Billy McClean, Julie Vea, Julia Welch, Hugh McGraw, Eloise Wootten, and Jane Goforth. He led 340 in their memory. The memorial lesson closed with prayer offered by Kris Wiggins.

Leaders: Michael Cheng 335; Sarah Huckaby 428; Priscilla Wiggins 186; Charles Whitmer 320; Gaylon Powell 225b; Fred Todt 361; Beverly Coates 461; Kristie Powell 318.

RECESS

Donna Bing called the class back to order leading 146 (CB). Leaders: Jackson Fleder 511t (CB); Jeff Laub 345b; Alex Forsyth 511b (CB); Bruce Coates 503; Silas Huckaby 475; Kris Wiggins 58; Crystal Meadows and Abby Huckaby 392 (CB); Howard O'Maley 277 (CB); Sarah Huckaby 543 (CB); Priscilla Wiggins 344; Charles Whitmer 569b; Gaylon Powell 95b (CB); Jeff Laub 483; Jackson Fleder 321; Alex Forsyth 48t; Silas Huckaby 455.

Donna Bing made announcements, thanked the church for the use of the facilities, and the singers for the food that was graciously provided for lunch. The 15th annual singing will be held at Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church on Saturday before the first Sunday in December, 2018 (December 1).

Donna Bing and Kristie Powell led 547 as the closing song. Linda Siemers offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Donna Bing; Vice Chairman—Linda Siemers; Secretary—Gaylon Powell

LEHIGH VALLEY SINGING (SHENANDOAH HARMONY)

Unitarian Universalist Church of The Lehigh Valley

Bethlehem, Pennsylvania

Saturday, December 2, 2017

The 5th annual Lehigh Valley All-Day Singing was held on the first Saturday in December at the Unitarian Universalist Church of the Lehigh Valley. All song selections were from *The Shenandoah Harmony*. Katy Hunter called the class to order leading 77. Ben Sachs-Hamilton offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Nancy Mandel 108; Sasha Hsuczuk 264t; Ina Shea 103; Dan Hunter 163; Theresa Rodriguez 28t; Elizabeth Patton 183; Guy Bankes 40; Sonia Chin 381; Ruth Wampler 226; Doron Henkin 147; Joel Bassett 114; Miriam Delirium 115b; Forrest Quay 303; Krista Guerrieri 264b.

RECESS

Steve Luttinen called the class to order leading 112. Leaders: Dann Pell 145; Nancy Tkacs 79; Dean Jens 101; Rachel Hall 336; Leon Pulsinelle 431; Nora Miller 69;

Thom Metzger 222; John Seaton 22b; Presley Barker and Barbara Chopin 197; Gwen Gethner 332; Eileen Metzger 239; Rachel Speer 300b; Patrick Friesen 348t; Ben Sachs-Hamilton 408b; Alice Beattie 403b; Jim Glaser 99; Mary Skidmore 245.
RECESS

Lydia Lewallen called the class to order leading 157. Leaders: Ted Stokes 236t; Carol Huang 66; Graham DeZarn 15; Charles Biada 78; Chris Cotter 81; Angharad Davis 243; Joanne Fuller 146; Jan May 266; Claire Hogan 120t; Paul Wyatt 416; Myles Dakan 203; Ian Quinn 404t; Hanna Brolander 218t; Dick Patterson 449; Stefani Priskos 3b; Jesse Bellor 133; Claudia Egelhoff 364b. Ben Sachs-Hamilton offered the noon blessing.

LUNCH

Dean Jens and Rachel Speer called the class to order leading 31. Leaders: Chris Wolf 3t; Sonia Chin 292; John delRe 137; Kevin Beirne 422; Liz Cantrell 242; Kelly Macklin 350; Eileen Ferguson 140t; Barb Patterson 186; Joel Menk 290; Lydia Lewallen 107; Steve Luttinen 366; Ted Mercer 384; Megan Holm 338; Leyland delRe 386; Alec Jenkins-White 171; Jeff Begley 61; Dev Crasta 418b; Ben Hartland 432t.

RECESS

Leon Pulsinelle called the class to order leading 132. Leaders: Claire Hogan 326b; Presley Barker 418t; Nancy Mandel 174; Tara Mulder 270; Paul Wyatt 173; Ben Sachs-Hamilton, Myles Dakan, and Kimberly Dakan 200; Charlie Krugger and Rachel Hall 140b; Jan May 310; Dick Patterson and Barb Patterson 448; Claudia Egelhoff 417; Jeff Begley 41; Carol Huang and Kevin Beirne 104t; Ted Mercer 428; Joel Menk 153; Alec Jenkins-White 27; Eileen Ferguson 413; Lydia Lewallen and Ted Stokes 1b; John delRe, Kelly Macklin, and Leyland delRe 452.

Announcements were made. Katy Hunter, Sasha Hsuczyk, Dean Jens, and Rachel Speer led 234 as the closing song. Ben Sachs-Hamilton dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Katy Hunter; Secretaries—Rachel Speer and Dean Jens

FLORIDA STATE CONVENTION (COOPER BOOK)

Holiday Inn, Panama City, Florida

December 2-3, 2017

Saturday, December 2

The 50th session of the Florida State Sacred Harp Convention was called to order by Wynette Smith leading 475. The opening prayer was offered by Russ Scholz.

Leaders: Ryan Bowman 54t; Kevin Eddins 288; Victoria Aplin 63; Lauren Allen 464; Ezra Eddins 31b; Evie Eddins 499; Russ Scholz 87; Judy Chambless 108t; Winfred Kerr 146; Chris Nicholson 96; Edith Eddins 36b; Oscar McGuire 276; Wayne Jones 156; Eli Eddins 283; Rebecca Over 416t. Mary Whitehurst and Nancy Hogan were appointed as the memorial committee.

RECESS

The singing continued with Ryan Bowman leading 319. Leaders: Eric Eddins 207b; Robert Chambless 72; Sue Bunch 444t; Ethan Eddins 594; Alice Sundberg 504t; Aubrey Barfield 224; Jose R. Camacho 112; Nancy Hogan 84; Gary Padgett 505; Nicole Bowman 127; Elam Eddins 383; Tommie Spurlock 574; Annabel Tanner 148.

RECESS

The singing continued with Kevin Eddins leading 29b. Leaders: Ken Sundberg 214; Mary Whitehurst 497; Bill Hogan 230; Jewell Rowland 340; Lelon Phillips 573; Dana Eddins 133; Morgan Bunch 98; Chip Westbrook 398b; Loretta Jones 516; Lloyd Jones 571. The class sang 369, and grace was offered by Shane Brown.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Ryan Bowman leading 101t. Leaders: Wynette Smith 358; Stanley Smith 235; Nate Green and Norma Green 451; Ewan Eddins 168; Shane Brown 36t; Ralph Ward 553; David Strickland 49b; Anna Strickland 87; Jay Larson and Lars Larson 348t; Olivia Larson and Emma Larson 573; Aubrey Barfield and Karla Berlioz 392; Lauren Allen 559; Jose R. Camacho 272; Annabel Tanner 81; Ken Sundberg 393; Shane Brown 48t; Alice Sundberg 268b; Rebecca Over 140; Chris Nicholson 108b; Oscar McGuire 47b; Winfred Kerr 45t; Bill Hogan and Nancy Hogan 520; Sue Bunch 585; the Barfield family (Margaret, Aubrey, Victoria, and Jewell).

Announcements were made. The class sang 331t as the closing song, and was dismissed with prayer offered by Kevin Eddins.

Sunday, December 3

The Sunday session of the Florida State Convention was called to order by Wynette Smith leading 49t. The opening prayer was offered by Bill Hogan. Bill read scripture from Isaiah, chapter 43.

Leaders: Wynette Smith 36b; Ryan Bowman 186; Kevin Eddins 324; Victoria Aplin 76b; Aubrey Barfield 306; Morgan Bunch 175; Ezra Eddins 277; Ken Kelley 470; Evie Eddins 482; Russ Scholz 283; Edith Eddins 132; Wayne Jones 47t; Eli Eddins 50t; Tim Jones 447b; Eric Eddins 98; Mike Jones 553; Ethan Eddins 384.

RECESS

The class was brought back together by Ryan Bowman leading 87. Leaders: Robert Chambless 474; Gary Padgett 193; Judy Chambless 29t; Michael Jones 290; Nicole Bowman 68t.

At this time, Mary Whitehurst and Nancy Hogan conducted the memorial lesson. Mary Whitehurst read the list of the sick and shut-ins, and then led 58 in their honor.

Nancy Hogan read the following list of names of the deceased: Bob Bonnell and Rev. Larry Broome—Florida; Hugh McGraw—Georgia; Jane Goforth and Edith Owens—Texas; J.D. Jones, Eloise Wootten, and Floy Wilder—Alabama. They led 380t in memory of the deceased. Gary Padgett closed the memorial session with prayer.

Leaders: Elam Eddins 304; Tommie Spurlock 264b; Ralph Ward 199; Mary Whitehurst 524; Jewell Rowland 341; David Strickland 291; Barbara Jones 140. The class sang 369, and Wayne Jones asked a blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Kevin Eddins leading 96 and 273.

Leaders: Ewan Eddins 99; Autumn Miller 81; Nate Green and Norma Green 244; Dana Eddins 203; Stanley Smith 522; Rebecca Over 587; Chris Nicholson 264t; Laura Allen 54t; Winfred Kerr 89; Anna Strickland 323t; Oscar McGuire 293b; Nancy Hogan 543; Sue Bunch 514; Bill Hogan, Nancy Hogan, and Mary Whitehurst 591; Geoffrey Brooks 277; Jamie Kelley 146; Aubrey Barfield 404; Tommie Spurlock 183; the Eddins family 122.

In a business meeting, Tommie Spurlock gave the financial, report and announced that we collections were sufficient to cover all expenses. He announced the officers for next year as follows: Chairman—Ryan Bowman; 1st Vice Chairman—Kevin Eddins; 2nd Vice Chairman—Oscar McGuire. He expressed thanks to everyone for their contributions to help make this singing a success.

Ryan Bowman, Kevin Eddins, and Oscar McGuire led 95b as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Russ Scholz, and the class was dismissed. Secretary—Aubrey Barfield

GEORGIA CHRISTIAN HARMONY CONVENTION
Shiloh Primitive Baptist Church, Tallapoosa, Georgia
December 2-3, 2017
Saturday, December 2

The 8th annual Georgia *Christian Harmony* Convention was held on the first Sunday and Saturday before in December at Shiloh Primitive Baptist Church in Tallapoosa, Georgia. The class was called to order by John Plunkett leading 30t. Danny Creel offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: John Plunkett 62t; Michael Spencer 493b, 402t; Jane Cannon 465t, 418t; Billy Hollingsworth 127, 152b; Andy Ditzler 154, 212; Shannon Primm 72b, 15; Sam Wright 372, 292; Eddie Mash 204t, 263; Vale Cofer-Shabica 336t, 91.

RECESS

Michael Spencer led 163t to bring the class back together. Leaders: David Brodeur 281b, 280; Jared Mooney 64, 253; John Hollingsworth 158, 250t; Cassie Allen 548, 332; Henry Johnson 67t, 281t; Brenda Dunlap 329, 145b; Judy Mincey 304, 546b; Robert Kelley 423t, 423b; Ann Jett 264, 342. Grace was offered by Danny Creel.

LUNCH

The class was reconvened with John Plunkett leading 535. Leaders: Jesse Karlsberg 322, 320; Cindy Tanner 168b, 180; Danny Creel 166, 326; Lauren Bock 50, 54; Katlyn Bailey 268, 432b; Yancey Jett and Cassie Allen 354; Yancey Jett 287; Mike Richards 1, 74; Michael Spencer 495; Jane Cannon 492b; Billy Hollingsworth 428 (for Elsie Hollingsworth); Andy Ditzler 69; Sam Wright 361; Vale Cofer-Shabica 261t; Shannon Primm 43; Cassie Allen 176; Henry Johnson 256t; John Hollingsworth 486t; Brenda Dunlap 146b; Eddie Mash 237; Ann Jett 149; Robert Kelley 511; Danny Creel 338b; Cindy Tanner 51; Jesse Karlsberg 544; Yancey Jett 307; Mike Richards 131; Katlyn Bailey 171; Lauren Bock 258; Judy Mincey 16.

A business meeting was held and the class elected the following officers: President—Michael Spencer; Vice President—Shannon Primm; Secretary—Judy Mincey; Treasurer—Shannon Primm. The following committees were appointed: Memorial Committee—Andy Ditzler; Resolutions Committee—David Brodeur; Locating Committee—Billy Hollingsworth and John Plunkett.

After brief announcements, John Plunkett and Michael Spencer led 111b. Eddie Mash dismissed the class with prayer.

Sunday, December 3

The Sunday session of the Georgia *Christian Harmony* Convention began with John Plunkett leading 21. Eddie Mash offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: John Plunkett 67t; Michael Spencer 163t, 163b; Judy Mincey 133, 397b; Eddie Mash 300, 6; Vale Cofer-Shabica 402b, 142; Brenda Dunlap 543, 448t; Mike Richards 61b, 63t; Jane Cannon 292, 205; Mary Amelia Taylor 282, 462t; Andy Ditzler 198, 3.

RECESS

Michael Spencer recalled the class leading 120. Leaders: Helen Bryson 137, 131; Hayden Arp 93, 168b; John Hollingsworth 136, 261b; John Plunkett 78b (request of Mildred Patterson); Katlyn Bailey 372, 58b; Karen Clark 189, 81t (in memory of Floy Wilder).

A memorial lesson was presented by Andy Ditzler, who led 71 for the following sick and shut-ins: Daphene Causey, Charlene Wallace, Ottis Sides, Elder Kirby Patterson, and Wanda Capps. He led 37 for the following deceased: Hugh McGraw, Ed Smith, Edith Owen, Floy Wilder, Earlis McGraw, Eloise Wootten, and Edna Robinson. Billy Hollingsworth closed the memorial with prayer.

John Hollingsworth offered thanks before the noon meal.

LUNCH

John Plunkett reconvened the class leading 509b. Leaders: Henry Johnson 467b, 274; David Brodeur 101, 313; Billy Hollingsworth 86b, 369; Shannon Primm 191, 172; Robert Kelley 125t, 5b; Judy Mincey 493b; Vale Cofer-Shabica 235; Brenda Dunlap 480; Mike Richardson 13; Eddie Mash 138; Karen Clark 253; Mary Amelia Taylor 9; Jane Cannon 316; Hayden Arp 4; Katlyn Bailey 119; Henry Johnson 105b; Robert Kelley 231.

The class moved to go into a business session. David Brodeur presented a resolution full of thanks and gratitude to the singers and to Shiloh Primitive Baptist Church.

The Treasurer's report was read, and the class agreed to fund a scholarship to Camp DoReMi. The Locating Committee was granted 60 days to report on a location for the 2018 convention. Reports were approved, and the business session was closed.

After announcements, the class closed the day by singing the Drone. Eddie Mash dismissed the class with prayer.

President—Michael Spencer; Vice President—Shannon Primm; Secretary—Judy Mincey

JOE BEASLEY MEMORIAL SINGING **Concord Primitive Baptist Church, Winfield, Alabama** **December 9-10, 2017**

Saturday, December 9

The 23rd annual session of the Joe Beasley Memorial Singing was called to order by Richard Schmeidler leading 66. Marlin Beasley offered the opening prayer.

In a business meeting, the following officers were elected or appointed to serve:

Chairman—John Beasley; Vice Chairman—Richard Schmeidler; Secretary—Becky Briggs; Arranging—Margaret Keeton.

Leaders: Richard Schmeidler 474; Marlin Beasley 32t, 40; Mary Huffman 31t, 47t; Don Keeton 134, 317; Ricky Beasley 566, 49b; Juanita Beasley 61, 30t; John Beasley 335, 480.

RECESS

Richard Schmeidler led 84 to bring the class back together. Leaders: Stephen Huffman 99, 354t; Jerry Kitchens 33b; Brenda Chafin 123t, 76b; Brenda Pena 145b, 186; Bunk Beasley 45t, 81t; Louise Yeager 569b, 143. Ricky Beasley asked a blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The class was called to order by John Beasley leading 445 and 144. Leaders: Brenda Pena 325, 225t; Becky Briggs 5 (LD); Freddie Briggs 333 (LD), 388; Brenda Chafin 274t, 76t, 89; Mary Huffman 2 (LD); Ricky Beasley 334 (LD); John Beasley 411 (LD); Stephen Huffman 139 (LD); Marlin Beasley 141 (LD), 571 (CB); Stephen Huffman 572 (CB), 393.

Richard Schmeidler led 323t as the closing song. Marlin Beasley dismissed the class with prayer.

Sunday, December 10

The Sunday session of the Joe Beasley Memorial Singing began with Marlin Beasley leading 36b. The opening prayer was offered by Danny Creel.

Leaders: Richard Schmeidler 38t, 475; Seth Poston 275b, 358; Betty Baccus 273, 390; Nicholas Holmes 37b, 47t; Mike Hankins 168, 299; John Beasley 290, 480; Warren Steel 223, 211; Cora Sweatt 312b, 59; Tina Marquez 40, 30t; Brenda Pena 228, 229; Drew McGuire 416, 512; Henry McGuire 513, 93; Henry Guthery 240, 511.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Marlin Beasley leading 146. Leaders: Becky Briggs 460, 336; Amber Davis 440, 216; Judy Caudle 313t, 314; Danny Creel 269 (in memory of Daphene Causey), 182; Bella Keeton 282, 235; Earl Ballinger 389, 403; David Jackson 61, 39b.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Lisa Geist and Amber Davis. Amber spoke for the sick and shut-ins, and read the following list of names: Sarah Beasley, Ozella Blackmon, Eugene Forbes, Anne Mauldin Chalker, Velton Chafin, Bea Aaron, Chug Beasley, Ruth Nix, Willodean Barton, and Clark Beasley. She led 129 in their honor. Lisa Geist spoke in memory of the deceased, referring to Psalm 96:1 and Psalm 108:1. She read the following list of names of the deceased: Johnnie Chafin, Gravis Ballinger, Kirby Sweatt, Sr., Daphene Causey, Hugh McGraw, Caleb Allred, Kenneth Fannin, Toney Smith, Lavoy Smith, and Libby Hankins. She led 549 in their memory. Drew McGuire closed the memorial lesson with prayer. Marlin Beasley made remarks about the people who have passed away in the last year. Henry McGuire offered prayer before the midday meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Marlin Beasley leading 317. Leaders: Isaac Green 419, 411; Ricky Beasley 348b, 33b; Corissa Sweatt 445, 145b; Richard Mauldin 43, 446; Julie Poston 166, 100; Ken Tate 280, 547; Juanita Beasley 63, 45t; Larry Ballinger 120, 151; Glenn Keeton 365, 507; Bunk Beasley 354b, 72b; Freddie Briggs 388, 343; Lisa Geist 304 (in memory of Daphene Causey), 472; Marlin Beasley 318; Marlin Beasley and Jonathan Marquez 294.

Announcements were made. Marlin Beasley led 323t as the closing song. Ricky Beasley offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—John Beasley; Vice Chairman—Richard Schmeidler; Secretary—Becky Briggs

SACRED HARP SINGERS HISTORICAL MEMORIAL PROJECT

This is an ongoing project to document the names of prominent, lifelong Sacred Harp singers and supporters with their dates of birth and death and location of burial. Please send your contributions to minutes@fasola.org. Please note that this historical project is not extended to family members and friends who are not Sacred Harp singers and supporters. Also note that all entries in this year's book are new. Please see the earlier books for all names submitted prior to this year.

Elder Judy J. Aderhold

b. August 23, 1904
d. January 2, 2001
Cold Springs Church
Cemetery
Douglas County, Georgia

Grady Aderhold

b. January 13, 1903
d. February 12, 1980
Cold Springs Church
Cemetery
Douglas County, Georgia

Newman Grady Albright

b. August 17, 1916
d. November 17, 1994
Muscadine Memory Garden
Cleburne County, Alabama

James T. Barnett

b. 1911-08-10
d. 1985-12-27
Senior City Cemetery
Coweta County, Georgia

James Harold DeLong

b. 1943-11-14
d. 2016-12-01
Flint Hill Methodist Church
Hiram, Georgia

John Marion Dryden

b. November 15, 1885
d. 1960-11-19
Lebanon Church
Cleburne County, Alabama

Sarah Ophelia (wife of J.M.) Dryden

b. February 3, 1894
d. 1990-01-08
Lebanon Church
Cleburne County, Alabama

Thomas J. (Tom) Entrekin

b. October 6, 1879
d. 1974-11-22
Oak Ridge Cemetery
Tifton, Georgia

Tonnie L. (wife of T.J.) Entrekin

b. August 23, 1891
d. 1976-11-18
Oak Ridge Cemetery
Tifton, Georgia

Dessie B. (wife of J.T.) Fields

b. March 10, 1898
d. 1987-09-07
Lower Cane Creek PBC
near Heflin, Alabama

James Thomas Fields

b. November 23, 1887
d. 1959-12-17
Lower Cane Creek PBC
near Heflin, Alabama

Charles Seaborn (Seab) Hardin

b. 1908-10-25
d. 1980-07-05
Lebanon PBC
near Arabi, Georgia

Emmie Johnson (wife of Z.L.) Hardin

b. 1912-09-09
d. 1981-07-30
Lebanon PBC
near Arabi, Georgia

Jasper Clewis Hardin

b. 1913-10-25
d. 1986-03-26
Lebanon PBC
near Arabi, Georgia

Susye Ingram (wife of C.S.) Hardin

b. 1908-10-05
d. 1993-02-24
Lebanon PBC
near Arabi, Georgia

Zackie Lewis Hardin

b. 1913-10-25
d. 1977-02-27
Lebanon PBC
near Arabi, Georgia

Van Buren Hembree

b. June 19, 1867
d. 1951-03-29
Cold Springs Church
Cemetery
Douglas County, Georgia

Dana Jackson

b. 1904-05-21
d. 1994-03-14
Carrollton City Cemetery
Carroll County, Georgia

Eunice Jackson Jordan

b. 1912-08-18
d. 1995-01-22
Bethesda Baptist Church
Carroll County, Georgia

Mildred McGraw Landers

b. 1917-10-14
d. 1955-12-24
Arlington Memorial Park
Sandy Springs, Georgia

John Thomas Matthews

b. March 28, 1858
d. 1931-07-21
Wesley Chapel UMC
Carroll County, Georgia

William Burl (Bill) Matthews
 b. 1891.0
 d. 1979.0
 Concord Baptist Church
 Paulding County, Georgia

William G. Matthews
 b. February 1, 1860
 d. 1930-03-20
 Concord Baptist Church
 Paulding County, Georgia

E.A. Merrell
 b. March 17, 1865
 d. 1930-12-23
 Carrollton City Cemetery
 Carroll County, Georgia

Joseph J. Merrell
 b. 1914-01-07
 d. 1989-05-14
 Whooping Creek PBC
 Carroll County, Georgia

Rufus C. Merrell
 b. May 3, 1878
 d. 1945-10-21
 Tallapoosa PBC
 Carroll County, Georgia

Elige E. Newborn
 b. October 8, 1876
 d. 1954-03-11
 Crossroads Baptist Church
 Cleburne County, Alabama

Cicero C. Richards
 b. January 6, 1884
 d. 1949-10-29
 Whitesburg City Cemetery
 Georgia

John P. Richards
 b. March 15, 1880
 d. 1949-01-22
 Whitesburg City Cemetery
 Georgia

Arnold E. Robinson
 b. 1915-03-09
 d. 1966-02-04
 Pleasant Hill Baptist Church
 Carroll County, Georgia

2017 DEATHS

Names submitted from Memorial Lessons in 2017 minutes.

Listed by Date

12-14-16	Steven Craig Miller	Illinois
01-28-17	Edna Vickers	Georgia
02-15-17	Les Sontag	Illinois
03-11-17	J. D. Jones	Alabama
03-21-17	Gravis Ballinger	Alabama
04-16-17	Michael Sensor	Pennsylvania
05-22-17	Ola Deason Meadows	Alabama
05-28-17	Hugh Winfred McGraw	Georgia
06-17-17	Charles F. Wells	Minnesota
07-09-17	Caleb James Allred	Alabama
08-07-17	Eloise Ivey Wootten	Alabama
08-19-17	Edith Owen	Texas
08-23-17	Johnnie L. Chafin	Alabama
09-25-17	Susie Denson	Alabama
10-20-17	Julie Veal	Wisconsin
11-11-17	Linda Domholt	California
11-27-17	Floy Wilder	Alabama
12-04-17	Daphene Causey	Alabama

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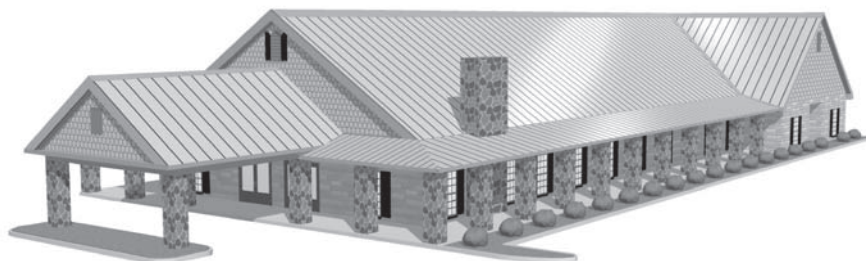
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