**Membership Report for Board Meeting August 17, 2022**

This month we said goodbye to a real **Barbershopper, Shelley Herman**. Shelley joins his fellow singers in the great chorus in heaven. Shelley joined the society when he was 19. He was a member for 71 years. Shelley’s wife Rochelle is now living with their daughter in NV. Shelley and Rochelle will be dearly missed.

**What a month!** Everything that the chorus has been working on since we went on Zoom in 2021 was postponed due to the Covid sub variant virus. Unfortunately, our show manager came down with the virus, and had to drop out of the show. The show was then postponed due to other members coming down with it. All of us had been working so hard to entertain our family members, neighbors and friends. Fortunately, ONEgeneration has agreed to give us a full refund because of unforeseeable circumstances.

 We’ve been holding our rehearsal meetings on Zoom this month. We’re still getting between 16-19 members per meeting.

**Meetup:** The latest person to join our Meetup is Corey. Corey joined on August 13, 2022. He lives in L.A. Corey has sung Baritone/Bass in a chorus. Corey has the desire to join a chorus. I’ve been messaging back and forth with Corey. I tried to get him on our Zoom meeting, but to no avail.

He said he would rather meet us in-person. I explained to him all our covid first meeting in-person procedures.

**A Big Thanks** to Toni for handling Shelley Herman’s estate sale. Also, to Toni and Kathie for allowing the chorus to store our riser trailer on their lot. Mark Wolf was a big help in moving the trailer.

It’s also good to have Jeffery Bunch back with us on Zoom. Jeffery hasn’t lost his touch. Hopefully he’ll join us in-person at the church on Monday August 22, 2022. Tom and the music team have done a great job in keeping the chorus together in Jeffery’s absents.

Hopefully we can now get back to as normal as possible in the coming weeks.

Thanks to Dave Kirby for getting the chorus the grants. That was a life saver.

Now it’s time to start reinforcing the chorus with new younger members. The risers are too heavy for us older seniors. It’s everyone’s responsibility to help recruit new members. **Let’s get started today.**

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