**Membership Report for October 20,2022 VHS Board Meeting**

 I was deeply saddened by the recent news of Gloria Rosales passing on Sunday October 16,2022; as I know all of us were. Gloria was such a gentle soul, who loved singing with us. Our deepest sympathy goes out to her sister Alice and family. Gloria will be dearly missed at our Fall and Holiday show.

I sent Gloria’s name to the Barbershop Harmony Society Customer Service Department to be entered into The Harmonizer, Chapter Eternal page.

Recently Gloria’s sister Alice paid her sisters dues. At the request of our director Tom Raffety, I asked Kelli at customer service to refund Gloria’s dues to go toward her funeral. Tom also suggested that her dues go into a fund to help members who are not able to afford their dues. I will give an update as soon as they reply to my e-mail.

***Vacation Time:*** This has been the vacation season for several of our members. First Mark and Debbie, then Bob and Beth, then Mark and Debbie again, followed by Dave and Kirk. We were still able to get some quality rehearsals in despite all of these absentees. Our weekly attendance average has gone down because of this.

***Guests:*** We recently had a former member; Arron Burleson and his friend Larry visit us in-person.

Jonathan Burns, has also been attending our rehearsals recently. Jonathan is still working at night and is attending Pierce College during the day.

On Monday October 10th we celebrated Tom’s 80th Birthday with a delicious chocolate and custered cake Toni Wilson brought. Tom was surprised by several members of Kathie Edwards family showing up for the celebration. Everyone enjoyed Tom’s Birthday celebration.

***Meetup:*** Only Phil, Warren, and former member Bruce Pohelman have been attending our meetup rehearsals on Zoom. A few people have inquired, but have not followed through on Zoom.

***Upcoming Events****:* On Saturday October 22nd we will be joining the Santa Monica Oceanires at Veterans Memorial Park in Culver City, CA. for a fun filled singing Barbershop Bonanza. It will be nice to get together with some of our former members. Quartets will represent each chorus. Laura Pallas will be directing Santa Monica.

We’re all working hard polishing up our songs for our upcoming show, “Surfs Up” at the Hall of Liberty on November 19th. Tom and Jeffery are doing a fine job preparing us for the show. This will be our first major show since 2019. I know everyone is looking forward to perform in front of family, friends, our supporters in the beautiful newly renovated Hall of Liberty.

Stay well, and safe.

***Ben Marder, Membership VP. Valley Harmony Singers. 10-19-22***