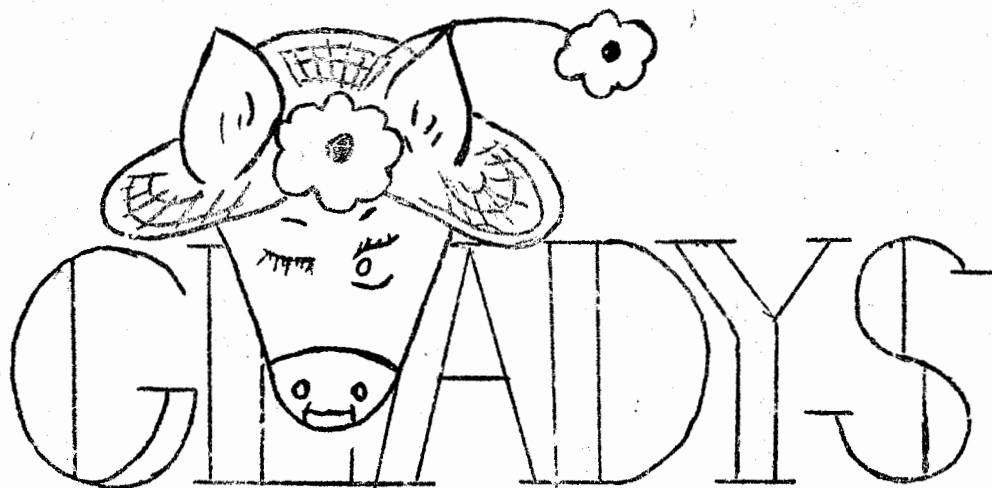


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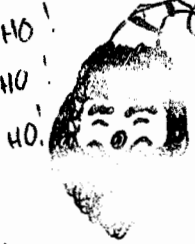
PERFORMANCES

Dec 7th.	7:30	Kensington School, St. Hubert
10	Evening	Douglas Hospital (tentative)
15	8:30am	United Aircraft Xmas Party
23	Evening	Christmas Caroling
24	Evening	(tentative performances) St. F. & St. J.
27	Aftern.	Rotary Club (tentative)

This year we seem to have more requests for performances in December, many of which are undecided at the present. For a final answer on times, dress, and place, please see Dave or Tom.



A Letter to Santa Claus



Dear Santa,

It's getting close to Christmas and we thought that maybe you would like to know what some of your friends in the "Hear and Now" would like as gifts. We couldn't fit all our names in this letter but there are a few people who just had to tell you their special wishes.

First of all, Ray has been having trouble with his car and has not been going places at all. He was hoping that it might be possible to put a down-payment on one of those 1974 Customized Reindeers. If that isn't possible, he is willing to accept one of the original eight, as long as it runs... You probably have heard that Richard Friend has a new wife and he is really lost for something to do in his spare time. He was hoping that you could give him a part-time job, working with the Elves in the toy factory. Arni has an even bigger problem. He has something to do but nothing to do it on. He would appreciate having an "ORGAN" to play on, so he can become extremely nimble with his fingers. Wendy Gilbert has only one wish this Christmas - A M.A.N. (what else is new?) Kip also has only one wish - more HAIR (one case of "Hair Trigger"??) Tom Billard would like a copy of "Robert's Rules of Order", with Introduction by Richard Nixon and Epilogue by René Levesque. Pam Blackstock would like Santa to supply David with some "Vigero" to help his moustache grow. Debbie Palmer has requested her own set of wings so as she can join her "Feathered Friends" in the sky. Tony Lawrence was hoping for some new ideas for "extra-curricular activities" as he needs an interesting pass-time. Barbara is hoping for at least 1 more "Friend", and Liz Luce wants a Little Black Book to keep her "Friends" in order.

More Suggestions Are:

- Eric - a 12-String guitar to give him more to handle.
- Marc - a Salt-water swimming pool.
- Christine - the latest edition of Newfie jokes.
- Janice - a book on how to become the first female Prime Ministress.
- Rodney - a course in the dos and don'ts of Bar-tending.
- Tim - a "Spkked" Cup of Water.
- Ian - Suspenders or a 1-piece jumpsuit,
- Dean - an alarm clock to get him on time for performances.
- The Hear and Now - a course in Chinese Constitution writing -
(requested by Philip)

We hope that you will be able to fill these requests Santa, and that you will be able to come to some of our Christmas Shows this year. We are sorry to inform you that we will not be able to keep our promised trip to the North Pole, because it's just too far to go for a week-end. We hope you and Mrs. Claus understand and we are all looking forward to seeing you on Christmas Eve.

Love,

"The Hear and Now"

BIRTHDAYS



It's a quiet month this time, but Happy Birthday goes out to

Jan	Dec 1	18 years (big girl now)
Sheila	Dec 29	19 years

MUSICAL COMMITTEE REPORT

We've had our first meeting! It was actually quite a while ago, about the start of October if I remember, but since then, a few things have happened.

The committee was originally picked as: Glen Collins, Alan Blackstock, Kathy Mayer, Joanne Strathdee, Ellen Jacques, Rick Pagé and Bob Mitchell. But Alan, Rick and Bob couldn't come to our first meeting, so all we tried to do was decide what our job is supposed to be. Since then, the constitution has been worked on, so we're waiting for the group to decide just what our job is, then we'll get going on it. Also, since that meeting, Rick has moved to Toronto or some other place somewhere, and Joanne has had to quit to make time for school work. Because of that, we need another bass and soprano to round out the committee, so, I'm accepting applications for the next few weeks for the positions. If you can write music well, even better.

The way I see it, if Bob doesn't decide to do something else, we should start a few of the songs we picked out last June after the Christmas rush is over, like: Reach out and Get Together, All Kinds of People, Amazing Grace, California Dreaming, Talk About Love, Come Saturday Morning, Heed the Call and Singa Song. I've also got a few favourites of my own I'd like to see done: The Loving Sound, The Morning After and The Song of Love. If you have any suggestions, give them to me anytime - but please have them written down with your name on the paper in case I need someone to tell us how the song goes or where we can get a copy of it.

Whatever our job ~~is~~ maybe, it's sure to have something to do with picking new songs.

(signed) Glen Collins

Wendy Lockwood Gilbert



This smiley Soprano was born a Gemini on June 16 , 1951. She is and has always been a St. Lambert resident. Wendy attended Margaret Pendulbury and St. Lambert Elementary Schools and finally graduated from Chambly County High School in grade 11. In high school she was in a play called The Three Bears and played the part of the Baby Bear. ~~When~~ she appeared on stage she was dressed in diapers and her picture was in all the school papers.

The Gilbert family is a large one. Her fathers side of the family is related to the famous Sir Humphrey Gilbert and Sir Walter Raleigh , and her mothers family dates back to the Pilgrimage on the Mayflower. Wendy has 2 brothers and 3 sisters and 1 neice and nephew.

As we all know , Wendy's favorite hobby is singing and the reason being that she can take it where-ever she goes. She also loves Art, the Theatre , and MEN. Wendy loves people but definitely dislikes men shorter than her. One thing that she realizes about this problem is that when you are lying down it doesn't really matter as you are both the same length and everything fits into place! She also wants D.W. to know that she loves her new Afro Comb!

Wendy met the "Hear and Now" one Saturday afternoon in the Summer of 1971. She was passing by the Baptist Church one day and some people told her that we were going camping. They asked her to come and she has been with us ever since. Wendy's favorite songs are Soolaimon , Day By Day , As Tears Go By , and Teach Your Children , (she likes the meaning to it) . Her favorite shows are the Open Door Society for Multi-Racial Children and all Church Services in which we have the entire time to sing. Wendy feels that the group has too much dependance on each other and she would like to see every one pull more weight.

This Soprano has been musical since the age of 2 , when she used to sing herself to sleep at night. Her Mother knew that some day a Star would emerge... She has been in many shows such as , My Fair Lady , Hello Dolly , The Gondaliers , and also spent 14 years in the Junior Choir of St. Barnabas Church, for which she received the Head Chorister's Medal. She is currently rehearsing for McGill University in the Mikado , to be presented in March 1974.

Besides being the Lead Soprano, Wendy is also our Treasurer and a Standing Member Representative from the Executive on the Auditioning Committee . She is presently employed at Champlain Regional College as a Steno Secretary.

Wendy loves nature and hoped some day to travel and see the world. She also wants to do alot more Theatre and singing . Wendy is happy-go-lucky and tries to live life to the fullest without letting things and people influence her. She realizes that life is too short to complicate it with trivial matters. We wish her all the luck in the future and we know that she will succeed in whatever she does . (including getting married and being a mother !!!)

oooooh,
MY DIAPHRAM
IS KILLING
ME!



Brian MacMillan Pond - " Arni "



Arni , our favorite piano player , was born under the sign of Libra on September 23 , 1956 . He has lived in St. Lambert since the age of 5 , and attended Margaret Pendulbury and St. Lambert Elementary Schools . Before Arni was in school he used to spend his time dressed up in his sisters clothes and playing house. When he was 10 , he lived in Barbados for 8 Months and remembers getting the " Cane " for the first time . He attended Chambly County High School and in grade 9 was the only person to get over 90% in a music exam .

Arni's family is a mixture of English and Scottish background. He has 3 sisters and is the only living Pond in Canada to carry on the Family Name . Arni has one pet : his PIANO

Arni has many interests besides music . He loves sports of all kinds and has been a coach of all of them including soccer in which he was a Referee . He also is interested in stamps , coins , women and anything that has to do with his hands.

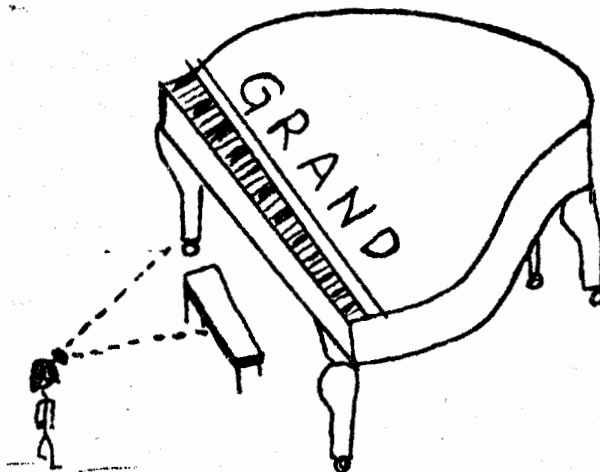
When Arni was in grade 7 , Bob asked him to join the "Hear and Now" , and he has stayed with us since then . His favorite songs are Carol of the Bells , Holly Holy , Brother Love and the piano part in A Simple Song of Freedom , but he likes them all . His favorite shows are the Morning Church Services because he feels they are special , But again he enjoys them all . Arni feels that the Auditions should be judged on how the person can add or improve the group , and in other words on a musical value not a mental or social value. He also feels that everyone should act like themselves and not a Star when on stage .

Arni is very musical as we all know . Besides being our pianist , he sings Tenor and also plays the organ . He has taken 8 Years of Classical piano lessons and also sang in a Junior Church Choir for 2 years . He has played guitar and saxophone. Arni loves Grand Pianos and Classical music and one day hopes to teach music and own a Music Store.

Arni describes himself as a fun-loving human being who tries to get along and please everyone as much as he can. I would like to quote something that Arni said during this interview that I feel expresses him the best : " Human relationships and Music all alone are just solos ; When together they harmonize into a filling of Love and Understanding . "

We want to wish Arni all the luck in the future and hope he continues to be as devoted a Musician as he is now .

Wishful
Thinking
of a
Pianist!



NOTES

CHRISTMAS
CAROLING

This year our Christmas Caroling will take place on Sunday Night the 23rd of December. It has not been decided where to meet or where we will end up later, but we'll find a place! Please dress warmly, and bring candles, lanterns or a flashlight if possible. Also your own music. (Hark, how the bells--Christmas is here.....etc....)

Flash****

Late word received from Suzie Snowflake informing us that she will be a little late this year!

OPEN HOUSE

"I am having an Open House on Christmas Night, December 25th, 9:00 pm-on." "If you have an hour to spare then come on over." "Guitars are welcome" 101 De Languedoc, Preville, 672-3459. "For directions, please don't hesitate to ask or call." "Hope to see you then."— Suzanne.

CRESTS

Any new member who does not have a crest, they are available from Wendy, 2 for \$3.50. This is a set price in order to cover the cost for the amount ordered.

Flash****

"Did you hear that Santa will only have 7 reingdeer this year? Comet has to stay home to clean the sink!!

FURNITURE

Eric still needs furniture. If anyone has anything not in use, it would be greatly appreciated. 932-5707 Evenings.

Flash*****

Santa's reindeer are horny!!

INFO

Information concerning times, dates and places of meeting should be directed to TONY. And please, if you know of a performance you are not able to attend, please let Tony know as soon as possible.

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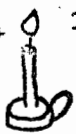
Extra copies of "GLADYS" from last year and this, are available from Debbie. Also "We sing Harder" buttons, for those who didn't receive one.

WANTED

Debbie Purdie would like her own private reindeer for Xmas, as she has a tendency to visit Scotland, and return, and visit, and return, to visit again, so she can return once more. This becomes quite expensive by plane!

"Important news for Wendy"***** Santa Claus is a male! However Wendy you might have a bit of trouble since he is married!

FROM THE "GLADYS" STAFF TO EVERYONE- MERRY MERRY CHRISTMAS "



REMEMBER WHEN...



December 1971

- Hear and Now went Xmas caroling for first Christmas.
- brisk, cold, moonlight evening. ooh!
- stopped at Merediths house as she was sick.
- back to Palmer's for "food"

December 1972

- Hear and Now went Christmas caroling for second Xmas.
- met at Marc's house, candles and all.
- this year, toured mostly the "other" side of St. Lambert
- rested at Nancy's place for a "few" minutes.
- made our way over to Tim's where we sang and sang and sang and laughed and laughed and sang till the wee hours of the morning!

also on December 8th. was our first recording session ever, till this very day! 6 songs from 8-1:30am. not bad, A new experience for us all.

There was also the United Aircraft Christmas Party in which half of us never showed up for the first singing session due to the snowstorm the night before. We'll be doing it again this year so start practising "Jingle Bells, Frosty the Snowman, We wish you a Merry Christmas etc.

Another performance was our small service on Christmas Eve for St. Francis, a rather "moving" service as said, by many.

We also did Old Folks of St. Lambert, Royal Charles School, (another snow storm one, only this time the audience couldn't make it) and St. Lambert United Church.

MUSICAL NOTES



The following are a list of Christmas songs we have so far in our repertoire:

- Hark how the Bells
- The Virgin Mary (West Indian Carol)
- The Huron Carol
- Do you hear what I hear?
- O Come all Ye faithful
- While Shepherds Watched
- We 3 kings & Green Sleeves

We have also attempted a few others such as Carol of the Drum, yes, the sopranos and altos did well on this one!!

EXECUTIVE REPORT



This is your friendly neighbourhood Executive Committee saying Hello! and Merry Christmas!

Here is a list of motions still in effect:

- Andrea Smith be appointed as Secretary
- Chairman, Vice Chairman and Treasurer be the ~~sing~~ signing officers
- a rotating clean-up committee be formed of five people to clean up after all practices
- Janice Palmer be appointed as Choreographer
- workshops be established in the group to supplement practices. These workshops or parts practices are to be held at the home of one of the singing members of that section
- Kip Palmer be appointed Personnel Manager and Public Relations Manager
- people asked to drive between 15 and 50 miles should receive \$2.00 for the trip and 5¢ per mile. People asked to drive over 50 miles should receive \$5.00 for the trip and 5¢ per mile, plus any tolls involved in the trip.
- Tim Dolla be appointed Chief Returning Officer
- Debbie Palmer be appointed Historian
- Richard Friend be appointed Legal Representative
- Wendy Gilbert and Alan Blackstock be appointed as the Executive members for the Auditions Committee.
- Glen Collins be appointed as musically talented member of the Auditions Committee
- no equipment shall be bought until the use of our present equipment has been mastered and we have at least \$500.00 in the bank
- Phil be in charge of transporting equipment to practices with volunteers helping
- the group buy Rodney's conga for \$65.00

KC.

-the Executive Committee, Music Committee, and Auditions Committee publish a report in each Gladys newsletter and that the Executive Committee also make available a brief summary of minutes of each meeting to be read before practices

-a list of any recorded motions still in effect to date, should be correlated and made available to members of the group

Lately we've been looking into buying insurance for our equipment and drawing up job descriptions.

. . . congratulations to Wendy Gilbert who is the Lead Singer for the beloved sops. Other sections please take note and pick your very own lead singer when enough of you get together.

DAS AL' FOLKS!!

KC.

Once again, to all the families of all our members, may you all have a very happy Christmas, and May we all know the Light and Peace and Love of Christmas.

the
Staff

