



STAFFORD REGIONAL CHORAL SOCIETY, INC.



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## GALA BENEFIT 2016

5:00 P.M.

Sunday, April 17, 2016

Seacobeck Hall, UMW

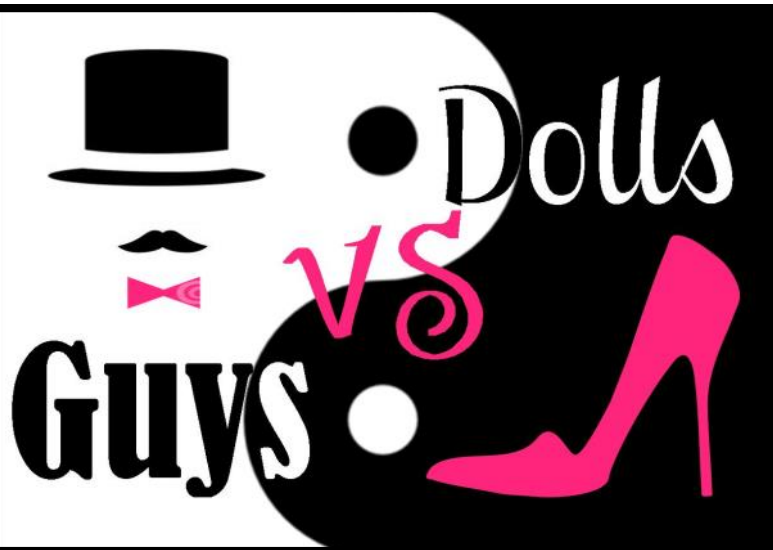
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*Who will take bragging rights - Guys or Dolls?*

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See inside for reservation information!

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\*  
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SRCS Main Chorus and Soloists with Orchestra  
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SoundCHECK  
Directed by Kevin Perry  
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St. Peter's Lutheran Church      Sunday, December 13, 2015  
1201 Courthouse Rd.              3:00 PM and  
Stafford, VA 22554                  7:00 PM  
Donations Welcome!  
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## Double-Header is Big Win!

SRCS made history again with twin performances on December 13, 2015. In response to large crowds and conflicting schedules, the Board of Directors and Artistic Director, Barbara Perry, determined to offer our audience two options for enjoying the traditional presentation of highlights from Handel's *Messiah* along with seasonal music.

The move allowed the public to opt for either an afternoon or evening performance to better accommodate busy holiday schedules, and also allowed for more seating availability at each performance. All but a few singers powered through both performances, delivering standout entertainment to large crowds. Singers relaxed in between with a potluck meal generously hosted by the St. Peter's Chancel Choir. The orchestra and accompanist Kathryn Hichborn modeled the Christmas spirit with their enthusiastic participation in the entire day and helped to create a magical experience for all.

Feedback indicates a strong possibility of repeating the double performances again in 2016, so watch for the new season announcement coming in late summer!

The informative publication for members and sponsors of the  
STAFFORD REGIONAL CHORAL SOCIETY - *The leading arts organization in Stafford County!*

# From the Chairman of the Board

*Mark Jones*

Greetings from the Big Chair! I hope this missive finds you safe and warm and awaiting the arrival of spring. This past Christmas was the first time we've performed two performances in one day – and by all accounts, it was an overwhelming success, and one we will continue. We almost doubled our audience from last year, the singers and orchestra enjoyed a nice fellowship meal between performances, and we were so lucky to have our 2015 keyboard scholarship winner, Alexander Bukovich, perform for both concerts. I'm pretty certain he must have had extra fingers to pull off his brilliant performance piece. Simply amazing! I am looking forward to being equally amazed by the performance of 2016 Instrumental Scholarship winner, trumpet player Renee McGee, who will perform at this year's gala.

Speaking of the gala, we've got two great performances coming up soon! We will be hosting our annual fundraising gala on April 17<sup>th</sup> at Seacobeck Hall with a Singing Throw-Down between the men and the woman of the choir. For any of you who have attended before, you know how much fun this event can be with intimate choral performances, 4 course meal, and silent auction (including a 4 pack of one day hopper tickets to Walt Disney World Parks).

Our next performance will be our annual summer performance on July 3rd. This performance will mark our 15<sup>th</sup> year in existence. We're pleased to be presenting this performance (aUSO-style show) at the Marine Corps Museum. Exciting times! Hope to see you soon!

*Mark Jones*



Stafford Regional Choral Society has been awarded a matching grant from the Virginia Commission for the Arts.

The grant is awarded by Stafford County with the state commission matching the county award of \$2,500 for a total of \$5,000.

This award supports and furthers the SRCS mission to bring performing arts to our communities.

*Congratulations, SRCS!*

*The Stafford Regional Choral Society  
Board of Directors meets the second Tuesday  
of each month at 7:30 P.M.  
All members are welcome to attend or to voice  
suggestions/concerns to any Board member.*

*\*Next meeting May 10, 2016*

*Paradise Diner, Rt. 17, Stafford*

## 2016 SRCS Board of Directors

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## Artistic Director

*Barbara Perry*

### Director's Notes

Hi, Everyone!

As we are coming up on our next Gala and probably our last one at Seacobek, I can't help but remember some of our great themes through the years. Some of my favorites were Love, Jazz, Opera, the Cruise and now Guys vs Dolls. I just love this fun night and have such great memories from the venue at Mary Washington. You won't want to miss our last chance here in the Ballroom of Seacobek and our friendly competition of men and women.

Coming up this summer, we begin our 15th season. Wow! Has it really been that long? To celebrate, we are headed back to our roots with a Patriotic flare. We will be putting together a Patriotic show with a USO style and we will be performing at the Marine Corps Museum. I am really excited for this new venue opportunity and hope you will come out to support us - or better yet...Sing!

See you soon!

*Barbara Perry*

## SoundCHECK Director

*Kevin Perry*

It was all love and lasagna on Valentine's Day when the St. Peter's Lutheran Church youth group hosted a Valentine's Day dinner and dance at the church. And it was SoundCheck that provided the musical romance to the evening.

"It was as much about giving something back to the church," explained SoundCheck director Kevin Perry, for the use of the church for rehearsals and performances. Both SoundCheck and the Stafford Regional Choral Society use the facilities at St. Peter's for rehearsals and performances.

While the kids served their more than 70 guests that evening, SoundCheck sang about love with songs spanning a number of periods and in a variety of styles. The group performed *Banjo Pickin' Girl* with a male percussion ensemble featuring Eugenio Bacardo making his debut on the Jew's Harp. Dennis Allwine and Dawn Abel stepped out with a Welsh duet to the audience's delight. The wow moments continued with solo performances from Carla Cox and Kim Leone.

"This is a group that never fails to deliver a strong performance," Perry said at the end of the evening. "We look forward to doing it again if they ask."

SoundCheck, the outreach group of SRCS, performs up to 12 times a year for civic organizations throughout Stafford, Fredericksburg, and Prince William. See them at the SRCS Gala *Guys vs Dolls* on April 17 and at the SRCS Summer Concert July 3 at the Marine Corps Museum in addition to dates noted below (subject to change).

For any information about SoundCHECK, please contact Kevin Perry at [kperr5vf@live.com](mailto:kperr5vf@live.com).

*Kevin Perry*

### Upcoming Sound Check Performances

Memorial Day Concert at AL Post 290 May 30, 2016  
Cardboard Regatta at Aquia Landing July 9, 2016

Welsh Festival, Fredericksburg  
Veteran's Day Concert at AL Post 290

Sept 17, 2016  
Nov 11, 2016



# Guys vs Dolls Sing-Off

Stafford Regional 2016

Choral Society Benefit

*The Ladies take on the Gents*  
in a vocal Battle of the Sexes!  
Who will take top honors in  
each category? What team will  
win it all in the high-stakes  
**Silent Auction Challenge?**  
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Perry's Women and  
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***Benefiting the Scholarship Program***

**Sunday, April 17, 2016 5:00 P.M.**

**Seacobeck Hall, UMW \$80 per person**

*Limited seating - reserve now!* [Staffordchoral.org](http://Staffordchoral.org)

**Questions welcome!**

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### Starters

**Caveman's Meat on a Stick**  
Elegant Lady's Chive Quiche

### Salad

Mixed Baby Greens, Walnuts, Red Wine Vinaigrette  
with **Bleu Cheese** and Green Grapes

### Entrées

*Select one*

*~ Chef's Choice ~*

**Sliced Flank Steak** and Dijon Chicken

with Peppercorn Sauce

Roasted Potatoes and Julienned Vegetables

**or**

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**Grilled Portabella Steak** and Vegetable Napoleon

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### Sweet Finish

**Chocolate** Vanilla Surprise!



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~ Book your reservation by April 11, 2016 ~*

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# Silent Auction Preview!

Check out this sampling of amazing items up for bid on the  
**Guys vs Dolls Silent Auction!**  
You'll have to be there to see it all, though,  
so reserve your spot now!

Disney 4 Single Day Hopper Passes (over \$600 Value)  
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# Scholarship News

*Barb LeRoy*

## SRCS 2016 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS ANNOUNCED

On Saturday, January 16<sup>th</sup> the SRCS Scholarship Committee gathered at St. Peter's Lutheran Church for the 2016 auditions for the annual SRCS Scholarship. Those helping with the scholarship competition this year included Angie Jones, Cliff Cusick, MaryAnn Bucher, Karen Rigole and Scott Bergstrom. We thank the three judges who evaluated the auditions: Angela Ammerman, Kathryn Hichborn and Tammy Burton-Strickland. We had thirteen audition applicants who completed an audition. We appreciate all the students who applied and auditioned. The caliber of these young musicians was outstanding! We announce the following recipients of \$600 scholarships:



*The 2016 SRCS Vocal Scholarship has been awarded to Soprano, Zoe Woodaman of Mountain View High School. She is the daughter of Michelle and Ronald Woodaman and resides in Stafford, Virginia. Ms. Woodaman has been accepted at the Washington National Opera Institute. She plans to major in Music.*



*The 2016 SRCS Instrumental Scholarship has been awarded to Renee McGee of Mountain View High School. She is the daughter of Ken and Angie McGee and they reside in Stafford, Virginia. Ms. McGee has played trumpet in the Senior Regional Orchestra and All Virginia Band and Orchestra for the past 3 years. Ms. McGee plans major in Music.*



*The 2016 SRCS Piano Scholarship has been awarded to Vylan Pham Tran of Riverbend High School. She is the daughter of Ha Tran and Nga Pham and resides in Fredericksburg, Virginia. She studies at Anderson Piano Studio. Ms. Tran hopes to attend University of Virginia.*

We wish our competition winners every success in their upcoming college and musical endeavors. We look forward to hearing from them and watching them grow as talented musicians.

If you are interested in more information about the SRCS Scholarships, please contact the Scholarship Committee Chairperson, Barb LeRoy, (832)398-6718.



# SUMMER 2016



Join us at the National Museum of the Marine Corps  
for a patriotic show like never before!

SUNDAY JULY 3, 2016

*Details to be announced soon!*

*Look for us in the next Rappahannock Magazine!*

## SRCS 2016 Calendar

April 17  
May 30  
July 3  
July 9  
Sept 17  
Nov 11  
Dec TBD

Guys vs Dolls  
Memorial Day Concert  
Patriotic Show  
Cardboard Regatta  
Welsh Festival  
Veteran's Day Concert  
Holiday Concert

Seacobeck Hall  
AL Post 290 \*SoundCheck only  
Museum of the Marine Corps  
Aquia Landing \*SoundCheck only  
Fredericksburg \*SoundCheck only  
AL Post 290 \*SoundCheck only  
St. Peter's Lutheran Church

# Where Are They Now?

*We are always sad to say goodbye to singers whose lives take them away from our area, and always enjoy updates on their adventures. To all those are far afield—we happily anticipate your return, be it for just a visit or for good.*



*Kevin French*

Hello from Mooresville and Davidson, North Carolina (near Charlotte)

Well, its finally happened. After 15 year of living under the roof of SRCS and for a few years in the pre-SRCS era, I have moved out and am living on my own in another state.

Candidly, I thought there would be a huge adjustment, but fate has landed me in a town that has many similarities - and some differences - with the Fredericksburg area.

For example - we have a local college, Davidson. Very small, but with a very active music department. The college supports a college-community symphony as well as a joint choral group that presents programs in Fall and Spring. This year for the first time, the college hosted a *Messiah* sing-along with a really great chamber orchestra. It's sort of a come as you are party, but we had over 125 singers and succeeded in running all the major Christmas selections without serious injury to anyone! I got to sit next to a first year student, who knew my daughter (who attends Davidson and plays field hockey) and was singing the *Messiah* for the first time in his life.

In addition, there are a few small audition groups that form for short seasons and specialize in period music from Renaissance and forward. I have not listened to them, but I understand they are quite good. For these, one needs to travel a little farther afield to Charlotte.

Both Davidson and Mooresville have very nice downtowns that are resurging with local eateries, shops and boutiques - very much like Old Towne Fredericksburg though without the huge colonial and Civil War ties. Mooresville has a gem of a facility with ball rooms and an auditorium. Something that Fredericks sadly lacks at the moment.

That old saying that says we should appreciate what we have on a daily basis comes to mind often and I'd like to remind us of the really unique aspects of the Fredericksburg scene. Here comes my quick thought in stream-of-consciousness-mode: SRCS scholarships; themed galas with music, fun and food; local pro and amateur musicians who collaborate to support the arts and present great music that's also fun; Carl's ice-cream, Olde Towne; nearly magical SRCS Christmas concerts; the awesome local musicians affiliated with the military music organizations who teach here locally and also perform here; volunteers who are willing to not only rehearse and sing, but also produce and support music events.

As I continue to settle into life in North Carolina, I will no doubt become more involved with the local music scene with my church and community. Through it all, I'll hold my SRCS memories dear and look for ways to help keep the priceless treasure of music thriving where I am living.



Kevin's daughters Kelsey, Sarah, and Morgan with friend



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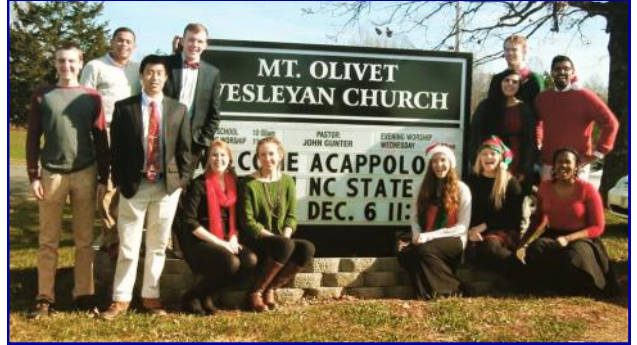


### Abby Carbone

Acappology is North Carolina State University's original co-ed a cappella group, founded in 1994. Our members have come to NC State from around the country to study a variety of majors, but we each joined the group in order to embrace a mutual love for music.

Last semester we were fortunate enough to record a single, *Deeper*, and this year we have made it our goal to record a full-length album. Unfortunately, Acappology does not receive any external funding from the university. This means that in order for our group to be able to continue to compete and record music, our members must work hard to host fundraisers, sell merchandise, and use word of mouth to raise money. If anyone would like to make a contribution you can mail it to 3001 Hillsborough St. Unit 614, Raleigh, NC 27607."

Thank you! (and go Pack!)



Acappology members at competition (top) and at a church performance.



### Barb Lucas

Hello, friends! I miss singing with you this spring but I will be loving every note from the audience this time! I will be back singing this summer. In the meantime, please join me for a special event celebrating our connection with 'the mother country' and raising funds to cover costs of hosting a visiting contingent from Stafford, England this summer. We were given Royal treatment by this group on our visit to England last year and want to show them good ol' American hospitality! See you soon!



## The Stafford Virginia Stafford England Friendship Association

Downton Abbey themed Tea and fashion show fundraiser  
Silk Mill Inn: 1707 Princess Anne Street, Historic Fredericksburg  
staffordvasefa@hotmail.com

Mail \$25 check made to: SVSEFA PO Box 93, Hartwood, VA 22471  
Please include your email address and phone number.

Wednesday May 18th, Noon to 3:00pm

# Community

## Corner

Welcome to the Community Corner! This space is dedicated to letting you know about great performances SRCS members and their families are presenting around the area. If you or yours are involved in something you think is of interest to other members, please send the particulars to [Info@staffordchoral.org](mailto:Info@staffordchoral.org). SRCS is not affiliated with any of the organizations mentioned here, please contact those organizations directly for more information.

### Coming Soon!

*Caroline Community Theater*

*Kimberly Leone*

CCT is doing *The Foreigner* by Larry Shue in April, 2016. All shows take place at Caroline Community Theatre located at 7278 Ladysmith Rd., Ruther Glen, VA 22546



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The Community Give is a 24-hour day of giving on Tuesday May 3, 2016 from 12:00 a.m. until midnight. It is a day when everyone is asked to make a donation and show support for the local nonprofit organizations that positively impact our lives every day.

Use The Community Give website ([www.TheCommunityGive.org](http://www.TheCommunityGive.org)) to donate to SRCS. Make a secure online donation in the amount of your choice. This is the day for your gift to do the most good.

The Community Foundation of the Rappahannock River Region and several of their leading sponsors have together contributed \$100,000 in cash prizes that will be awarded to participating nonprofits, maximizing your gift.

Watch your inbox for an opportunity to sign up for a time to make your donation to increase our chances of winning hourly prizes!

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