COOL TOOLS FOR BARBERSHOP – FREE TECH FOR AN EASIER CHORUS LIFE

ONLINE FILE SHARING / CLOUD CONTENT MANAGEMENT
Cost-effective (FREE) solution for organizing and sharing <u>all</u> of your chorus information in one place (sound files, music, meeting minutes, schedules/calendars, qualifying results, etc.)
- FAVORITE: *Box* (10GB storage, 250MB file upload size; logical folder organizational structure; easy for all to use)
- *Google Drive* (15GB storage, file upload size up to available storage space)
- *Microsoft OneDrive* - formerly SkyDrive (15GB, 10GB file upload size)
- *OpenDrive* (5GB storage, 100MB file upload size)
- *DropBox* (2GB storage, file upload size up to available storage space)

LIVE STREAMING
Improve efficiency/retention by recording rehearsals so absentees can catch-up before returning.
- FAVORITE: *Veetle* (No pop-up ads, send video links easily to others without additional login, no archive/storage limits
- Other: *Periscope* (24-hour archive only but can save to camera roll)

VIDEO CONFERENCING
Try a virtual coaching session!
- FAVORITE: *FaceTime* - Between any Apple products; Easy and no delay if WiFi-connected.
- Others: *Skype, Oovoo*

TELEPHONE CONFERENCING
Don't cancel that committee meeting due to weather, etc: Hold a conference call instead!
- FAVORITE: *Freeconferencecall.com* - Multi-line dial-in, free long distance.

SCHEDULING
FAVORITE: *Doodle* – No sign-up needed; easy & convenient

EVITE
Chorus shows, membership events, parties/reunions

ONLINE SIGN-UP MANAGERS
Free online tools for creating and managing group sign up lists and forms. Great for use with chorus events, PVI sign-up, etc.
- *Mysignup.com*
- *VolunteerSpot.com*
- *SignUpGenius.com*

SURVEYS
- Web-based survey creation and tabulation tools; easy enough for a survey novice; use to survey current or past member survey, visitors who did not join, event survey, etc.
- FAVORITE: *Google Forms* – Has the most functionality of all the free survey tools; limited customization
- *TypeForm* – 'Prettiest' of all the free survey tools (aesthetically pleasing); no limits on number of questions or responders
- *SurveyGizmo* – Easy to sign up for and use; no limits on number of questions or responders
- *SurveyMonkey* – Free version is limited to 10 questions & 100 responders; limited reporting capability

BARBERHSOP GEEKS
- SOFTWARE – Change key, tempo and sound file type quickly and easily with *PitchSwitch* ($39.95)
- WEBSITES
    - *BarbershopTags.com* – Sheet music, part tracks, etc.
    - *Webmetronome.com* – Set the tempo and send a link to that saved tempo
    - Interval ear training – Shows interval on piano and guitar; play interval; lists and provides YouTube clips to familiar songs with the interval. www.earmaster.com/products/free-tools/interval-song-chart-generator.html
- APPS
    - *IntervalMemo* ($0.99) – Plays intervals and provides familiar song titles containing that interval
    - *Barbershop Pitchpipe* ($0.99) – Includes ability to list repertoire songs, pitches and the first few words of the song!
    - *Piano for iPhone* (Free) – Labeled keys; ability to increase/decrease key size, record, play-back, email files.
    - *VocalizeU Lite* vocal warm-ups (Free) – Choose from six (6) individual vocaleses or a 20-minute pre-set work-out; voice or piano sound options; choose ascending or descending; keyboard function as well.

FOR FUN
Karaoke: *WUURLY* – Record yourself singing with instrumental back-up of popular songs!

WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT
- *Weebly* – A free easy way to create a website.
- *Google Apps* – A suite of Google applications that brings together services within a single, unique domain name (i.e. Gmail, Google Docs, Google Calendar, Google Talk, Google Forms, etc.)
- Choir management systems – *HarmonySite* ($250/year); *Groupanizer* (16-39 users-$372/year; 40-99 users-$588/year)