

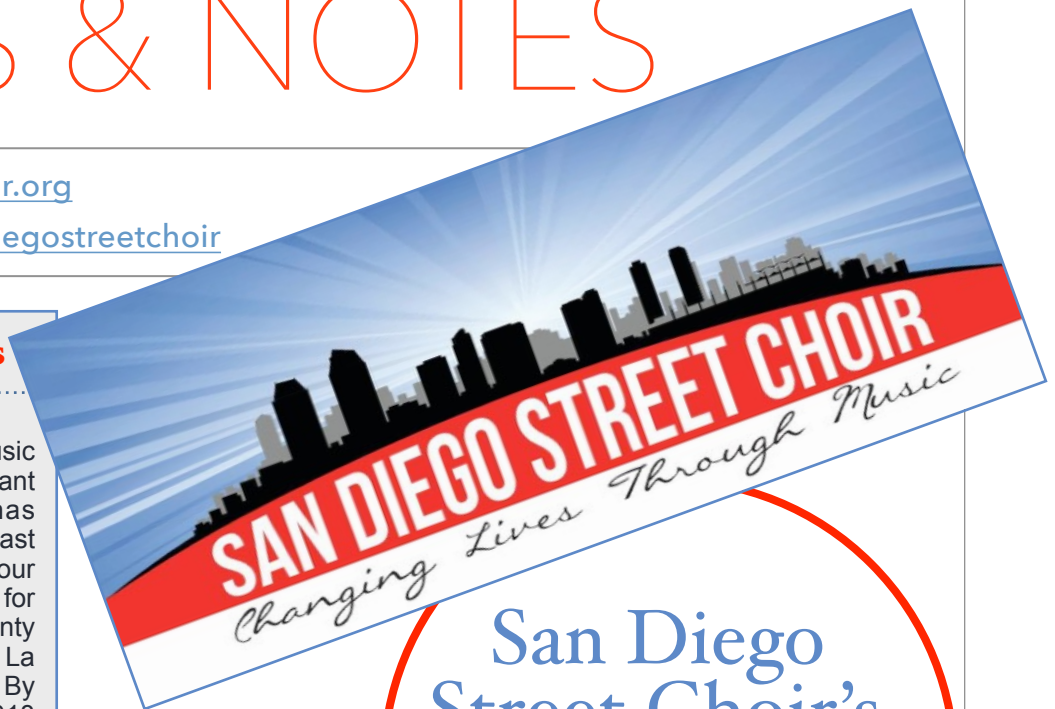
NEWS & NOTES

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Ron's Director Notes

Music heals. Music binds. Music opens doors. In this column I want to focus on how music has opened doors for us this past year. In 2018 we expanded our concert outreach and sang for folks all over San Diego County from Carlsbad to Lakeside to La Jolla to Downtown San Diego. By the end of the 4th quarter of 2018 we had sung for nearly 5000 people since the choir's first concert in December of 2016.. Our concerts have ranged from a small Senior Citizen gathering, to fundraisers supporting major homeless service providers, to concerts at two local universities. We also sang in San Diego's Symphony Hall as part of a record-setting mass choral concert. The choir has sung full length concerts in several churches and cathedrals. Recognition for the choir's annual BlesSING Benefit concert enabled us to have "San Diego Street Choir Day" declared by the Mayor of San Diego, in addition to a live interview on a local television station. More importantly, due to our two BlesSING concerts, the choir has now donated over \$10,000 to an arts program at the Monarch School, whose mission is to serve kids experiencing homelessness. Who knows what doors will be opened to those young people as a result of the gift of music, dance, and art being part of their lives? We can't wait to share with you the doors that are opening up for our choir in 2019!



San Diego Street Choir's Outreach Is Growing

Upcoming Events

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| 1/12 - Marriot Marquis, SD | 8:30 am |
| 3/23 - Spreckels Organ Pavilion | TBA |
| 7/14 - La Jolla Pres. Church | 4 pm |



Meet Raven Jones!

I grew up in New York. My family was a Navy family...very strict. We had to talk right, walk right, and everything.



In school, I liked art, gym class, and math. I did not go to college. My dream was to be a hair dresser and a model for a career. I did hair and

was a salesperson most of my working life.

I'm not married nor do I have children. I got upset with life and got in fights. Because I felt people were always bugging me, I became homeless. Now, I like to stay by myself so I can have a nice day.

I have overcome people bugging me, being homeless, and my drug addiction. Now I love life. I feel blessed today because I'm happy to be alive. I like that I'm singing for my Lord and Savior and for happiness in this world.



Ascension Lutheran Church



Wednesday Club of San Diego



USD "Uplift" Fundraiser



**Redeemer by the Sea Lutheran Church
Fundraiser Concert**



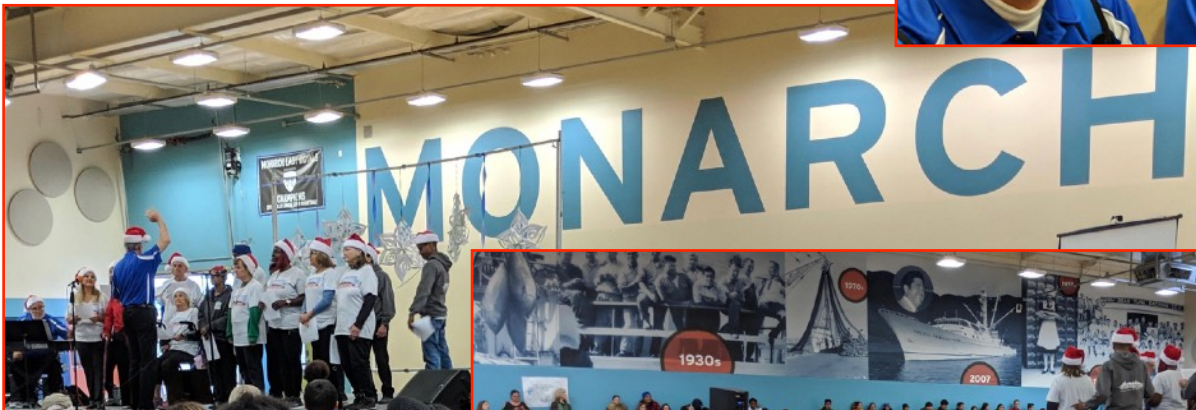
Westminster Senior Housing

Jeri Webb - Asst. Director



Third Avenue Charitable Organization

Bill Taylor - Choir Manager
Joe DeMers - Accompanist
Ron Bolles - Director/Founder



Monarch School

Thank You For:

Backpacks

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HUGS

LJPC 1st/2nd graders

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