

“I value that geography is not an obstacle; we have tools to deal with it. It is the in-person interactions which are missing on Zoom.”

Jim Phillips

“I am grateful we can be in touch from upstate New York. These months of pandemic has made me appreciate the little things that happen in our days. While in Arizona, I watched a family of quail hatch in our backyard. We saw them just as they hatched and watched the little ones grow. We never had the time before; it is nice to have time to notice the little things.”

Jean Phillips

“I have come to really value and appreciate the care we get from our children. Zoom is good. You see people around you and you feel better.”

Harshad Desai

“I like Zoom. It’s exceptional for bringing us together.” **Rick Staenberg**

Tim Comments

We are fast approaching the time of year when we reflect. We think about the challenges we have faced, the friends and family we miss. We remember those that have moved away, those that have passed. In all our lives this pandemic is a significant unexpected frightening event. I miss our concerts, our practices and our friendship.

I believe that this evil virus will be conquered and our lives will return to normal. I believe the warmth of a handshake and a hug will return. We will laugh and sing and be in wonderful harmony again. I am especially thankful for the Zoom meetings Sun Joo has arranged. I know they will bring a smile to my face and some joy into my heart. I get to share a few hours a week with wonderful singers from around the country. We even have one singer from England, Marjorie, who practices with us. There is nothing quite like Tremble Clefs Arizona. That is singularly due to the love our director shares with each and every one of us. In this regard we are indeed fortunate.

This is a time of giving. There are so many individuals and groups that are in need this year. If you find in your heart, and are especially fortunate, think about sharing with Tremble Clefs Arizona. I wish each and every one of you a sacred, safe, healthy and joyous holiday season.

**Tim Sheehan, North West Tremble Clefs
Vice President**

A letter from Sun Joo - who is a bright and shining light to people with Parkinson’s disease



Dear Tremble Clefs,

Luckily with the blessing of a technology we have been able to keep our voices healthy and strong by meeting over Zoom. I understand it is not the same as when we get together physically, but it has been helpful keeping us connected. Many thanks to the singers who are participating in our weekly Zoom sessions. **I am glad to witness there are many singers who have improved their voice during this pandemic by taking advantage of Zoom rehearsals.**

If you need any assistance to set up the Zoom application on your device, feel free to let me know. I will help you with that.

We Tremble Clefs know how to love and support each other. Working with you I know I’ve become a better person and a better music therapist.

Since March we have dealt with the passing of many dear Tremble Clefs friends. It has been a very difficult time for me and I am very saddened by this loss. I have been very grateful to be invited to spend meaningful and valuable time when my singers were in hospice care going through the last stage of their life. These experiences have led me to decide starting another journey as a hospice music therapist. I have begun a course to be certified as a hospice music therapist.

I value all singers in Tremble Clefs. I feel blessed to spend time and share my music and love with you. Bill William Doherty, a singer of WSTC who recently passed away told me this when we were under quarantine last May. I was very skeptical with everything happening in this world and complained. Then Bill listened and said, “Good days are coming! We shall see.” I say **“Tremble Clefs, good days are coming!”** Please, stay healthy and take care of yourself until we meet again.

With Love,

Sun Joo Lee

TC AZ Board Member, Music Director

What are you looking forward to doing once the pandemic is over?

“I want to visit my grandchild in Los Angeles once this pandemic is over. Zoom is pretty good, but I miss meeting in person. I still get support from the group.” **Fred Cohn**

“I look forward to being with our friends. Zoom is great! We get a lot done.” **Dave Smith**

“I look forward to seeing my grandkids play - soccer, baseball, volleyball. I look forward to seeing my brother who lives in a senior residence. It’s been six months since I’ve seen him. Zoom is just not the same as when we have real contact. We still get to say ‘hi’ though.” **Perry Heilman**

“I look forward to getting back to a more active lifestyle. I don’t like wearing a masks and being limited in what I do. Zoom is a wonderful tool for vocal lessons, however I am anxious to meet in person.” **Trish Frankland**

“When the pandemic is over, I can’t wait to start up a Tremble Clefs in Venture Out Resort in Mesa. We have funds. For now Zoom is wonderful.” **Rocky Junk**

“I want to mingle with friends. Zoom is very helpful.” **Les Glenn**

“I am looking forward to hugging my grandchildren and going to their volleyball games. I like Zoom.” **Sue LaVack**

“When this is over, I will be happy to see my son. It’s been two years; he’s in South Carolina. I’m happy with Zoom. I’m always on Zoom.” **Marjorie Riley from NW England**

“I am anxious to see my grandkids. A seventh, a new baby will be born next week. Kids grow so fast. If there wasn’t Zoom, I wouldn’t be able to see you all long distance.” **Robert Dicus from San Diego**

“I look forward to getting together and hugging friends and relatives and also going out to eat more. Zoom is good. It works well for singing in unison.” **Linda Sheehan**

“I miss seeing people the old-fashioned way.” **Helmy Mahrous**

“When they tell us Covid-19 is under control and we can resume living again, I want to be with friends and family. One of the best parts of our Zooms, is the first half hour when we get a chance to say ‘Good Morning’ and learn more about other people.” **Theresa Sylvester**

“I want to see children and grandchildren who moved to Arizona. Zoom is fun!” **Bob Nelson**

“One of the first things I’ll do is start going out to concerts and the theater again where there’s an audience. Zoom is fine. Not the same, but I’d be lost without Zoom.” **Tom Kober**

“I can’t wait until relatives and visitors can come into your home. We’d be fragmented without Zoom. We do different things. We know people differently, perhaps better. When this is over, all over the globe, people should have a Parade of Joy.” **Phil Segadelli**



Phil Segadelli illustrated his message with a happy sign. Sept. 29, 2020

Great News which should help us raise funds!

As a QCO - Qualifying Charitable Organization - Arizona residents can use donations to us for credit on their Arizona taxes.

August 6, 2020, the State of Arizona Department of Revenue stated that Tremble Clefs Arizona has met all the criteria to be considered a Qualifying Charitable Organization. Our AZ QCO Code number is 22218.

We are now eligible to be part of what is referred to as the **Arizona Tax Credit Program**. This means that Arizona residents can use donations to TC AZ for tax credit when taxes are owed to the State of Arizona. The 2020 maximum credit for an individual against Arizona taxes is \$400; for a married couple filing jointly it is \$800.

Tom Sheehan, aided by Don Dotts & Sun Joo Lee, applied to the state for TC AZ to become a QCO. For more information go to our website: TrembleClefsArizona.org & check DONATIONS.