

Meet Barb Dorr – Alto 1



Tell us about your childhood.

I had a delightful childhood. Good family and good friends. My favorite was my grandmother, who was a saint. We spent many hours singing together while doing dishes.

What song brings back childhood memories?

I remember that my mother and my aunts would sing “Beyond the Reef” back and forth to church every Sunday.



I'll never forget that song.



Did you play any musical instruments or sing in school?

I went to Catholic school where we sang with the nuns every day. I also played the trumpet in school and continued in the high school band. Unfortunately, I no longer play the horn.

What started your interest in music and singing?

I kept my love of music singing with my grandma and my friends. Most of us played the piano and we often got together to play the piano and sing.



I went on to sing with the choir at the University of Wyoming and after college became a member of the Capital Chorale in Cheyenne. I sang with them for 42 years.

When did you become involved with the WVC?

When I retired to Sun City West, I went to the West Valley Chorale's Christmas program. I enjoyed it so much that I wanted to be part of that Chorale. I auditioned for Ken, he said "You're in!" and I'm still here.

What's the most satisfying thing about singing with WVC?

I believe that the most satisfying thing about the West Valley Chorale is its director. Ken is one of the best directors I've ever had. He's lots of fun, knows his music, and takes good care of us.

Who is your favorite composer(s), and why?

When it comes to music, my favorite composer is John Williams. I get chills when I go to the movies and listen to his music.

Do you have a hobby?

My hobbies are singing and golf. It's a good thing that I sing better than I play golf.

What's the best thing you've read in the last five years?

I also love to read. There are so many wonderful books that I can't pick the best. One of my most liked is Gone with the Wind.

What is your favorite movie of all time?

***Gone with the Wind** is also my favorite movie.*

What is the best concert you have ever been to?

The best concerts that I have been to are the ones that I have been in. One of my treasured choir directors put together the Wyoming State Choir and was asked to perform at Jackson Hole, Wyoming. The orchestra was comprised of many outstanding orchestras in the United States. We had the privilege of singing the "Carmina Burana" with them. Yes, that was the best.

What would you sing at Karaoke night?

Now, here I am in my 70s. No more Karaoke or solos in the choir.

What is on your bucket list?

The only thing left on my bucket list is to golf at all the public courses in Wyoming. I'm down to three and I hope I can finish them this summer.

What are you most thankful for?

I'm thankful that I can still sing with all the first-class people in the West Valley Chorale. I'm thankful for my children and grandchildren.

And I'm most thankful for the man who has solved a crossword puzzle with me every morning for the last thirteen years.

