

# Singers celebrate spring in concert

WILLIAMSBURG – It was definitely a grand musical occasion as the Seaway Valley Singers officially returned to the live stage on Friday, June 10, after nearly two years of shut downs. The choir, under the direction of Robert Jones, with accompanist Margaret Whisselle, performed at Williamsburg Christian Re-

formed Church, presenting a very special benefit concert in support of the Ukrainian Crisis. All funds raised were earmarked for Red Cross Ukrainian missions.

With Wendy Gibb acting as Master of Ceremonies for the evening, the Singers delighted the audience with a program of music which ranged from popular Elton

John numbers to the beauty of the Spiritual 'When De Stars Begin to Fall.' Leonard Cohen's 'Hallelujah' complemented Beethoven's 250-year-old 'Hallelujah,' as the Singers demonstrated their musical versatility and range, exploring both modern and classical music styles. A highlight of the evening was the Singers' beautiful rendition of composer John Rutter's deeply moving 'A Ukrainian Prayer,' featuring Margaret Whisselle. This piece brought home, for those in attendance, the pain and loss of that on-going war. This June 10 concert was a warm 'welcome back' from the community to their Seaway Valley Singers. Gathered around the piano following the event were members of the Seaway Singers (l-r) Robert Jones, Margaret Whisselle, Mary-Jo Rosenquist, Ab Carr and Nancy Jordan.

