



The Sounds of Harmony®

"Our mission is to perpetuate the institution of Barbershop Harmony, the Barbershop Quartet, and promote and encourage vocal harmony and good fellowship among its members and the community"



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SoH Calendar 2009

January		
27-31	Tue-Sat	Midwinter Conv. In Pasadena, CA
31	Sat	Scottrade Center Showtime: 4:30 @ Jim Bostick's office
February		
13-14	Fri-Sat	Singing Valentines
24	Tues	Guest Night
March		
12	Thurs	Board Meeting Jim Bostick's office 6:00pm
April		
17-19	Fri-Sun	Spring Contest Peoria, IL
20	Sat	Christmas Show Florissant Time: 7:00pm
21	Sun	Christmas Show Lindenwood Univ. Time: 2:00pm

Rehearsals are every Tuesday, at 7:00 PM, at Parkview Church of Nazarene in Fairview Heights, unless specifically noted in this column.

IDAHA 2009

Once again, IDAH (Illinois District Academy of Harmony) is upon us. It is Saturday, February 21st at the 2nd Presbyterian Church in Bloomington, IL. If you would like to attend, please let Jim Bostick know by the 6th of February. The chorus will pay your \$75 registration fee. There will be a flyer posted with more information.

Bob Says Thanks

Gentlemen, I want to take this opportunity to thank you for the opportunity to serve as your chapter president for the past four years. Although we experienced a few challenges, we were always able to rise above them. Your dedication to our goals and objectives has put our chapter at the top of the musical and administrative leadership in the Illinois District. Believe me when I tell you that we are the envy of many of the chapters throughout the district.

I also want to thank you for presenting me with the prestigious honor of Barbershopper of the Year. As I indicated at a meeting following that presentation, I want to thank everyone who voted for me. . . and for those who didn't, I can certainly understand why you didn't. There are several members in this chapter who deserve than honor, too. One of them will definitely win next year's award.

You have elected an outstanding board to guide us through 2009. I look forward to working with them and helping wherever I can.

-Bob Cearnal

Music Books

Be sure to bring your music books with you to rehearsal. These books are provided by the chorus and they are a tool to help you learn your music to the best of your abilities. This will also help us keep our inventory of music up to par and make the job easier for our music librarians.

Guest Night

A guest night has been planned for February 24th. Please start "recruiting" for guests. Make sure to tell them not just about how much fun singing barbershop is but also emphasize that this is a brotherhood. Please be sure to wear your blue chorus polo shirts with black pants and black shoes.

New Vests

If you have not been fitted for a new vest yet, please Jim Bostick so he can measure you.

Scottrade Center

We are scheduled to work the Scottrade Center for the St. Louis Blues game on January 31st. A car pool will meet at Jim Bostick's office at 4:30. If you do not wish to car pool, show time at the arena is at 5:00. Please wear black pants, black slip-resistant shoes, and a yellow shirt. Yellow chorus t-shirts are available from Don Koch. Please see him for your size.

Chorus/Quartet photos

We are in search of any past quartet and chorus photos that anybody may have that we can add to the website. If anybody has any of these photos, please get them to Steve Martin so he can scan them and send to Hal Maples, our webmaster.



Singing Valentines

Valentines Day is just around the corner again. Thus starts another year of singing valentines. We will be providing 2 songs, a rose, candy, and a card. Price is \$50. Flyers are available on our website or from Gerry Bach. Please be sure to advertise these as much as you can. This is one of our big money makers for the year.

Gerry Bach is our chairman this year and he will be working with Ben Burk to get publicity for us, but I urge you to begin now to help with this important fund-raising program. In addition to the money-raising aspect of Singing Valentines, it is really a lot of fun to be part of a quartet that delivers them. What a thrill it is to see the reaction of the person when you start singing, often in front of their co-workers.

So, get a quartet together or tell Gerry that you want to sing, and he will help get you set up. Our Music Team will audition every quartet. Let's make this year the most successful Singing Valentine program ever.

District Photos

8 x 10 photos of the chorus from district contest are still en route to us. Jim Bostick will announce when they have arrived. Jim will also let you know of the cost as well.

Mini-COTS Feedback

Many of the board members attended a local COTS session over in Florissant, MO this past weekend and the feedback was very positive. If any of the board members would like to submit an article with that feedback, please do so by emailing it to Steve Martin.

Current Repertoire

Always
Beer Barrel Polka
Bye Bye Blues
Dear Old Girl
God Bless America
Gospel Medley
Hello Mary Lou
I'll Be Seeing You
Java Jive
(Oh Suzanna) Dust Off That Old Piano
Precious Lord
Shenandoah
We'll Meet Again
When I'm 64
What a Wonderful World
Yesterday

Vision Statement:

"To be recognized as the best singing small chorus by the Illinois District and the Community. To be active in the Illinois District and the Community for the propagation of the Barbershop Style."



The Sounds of Illinois chorus is presenting their 2009 Annual Spring Show on Feb 28, and Mar 1, 2009, and will feature the special guest quartet **Crossroads**. The show, entitled *Remember Radio*, will be at the Bloomington Center for the Performing Arts (BCPA). It is a musical celebrating old time radio with a detective serial starring Bart Holiday, Private Eye. Also featured will be performances by a number of area Barbershop Quartets. Tickets are available by calling 309-434-2777 or toll free 866-686-9541.



January 27 – February 1, 2009

Take part in what many view as the best convention of the year! Join us in beautiful Pasadena, California, woodshed with old friends, make some new ones, and enjoy an average daily temperature of 68 degrees and low humidity! Bring the family! This is the **FIRST** time an international convention has been held in Pasadena—don't miss it! **Special Announcement!!!!**

The Evergreen District, in combination with the Northwest Vocal Project chorus and Lions Mane Productions are proud to present a webcast of the 2009 International Youth Chorus Festival, live from Pasadena, California! Using a proven solution developed and used by the Evergreen District over the last four years, the webcast will launch just before the festival begins at 1:00PM PST, Saturday January 31st at a modest fee of \$10 (donations would also be accepted). Watch over 200 young men from all over the country (and outside the US!) compete in their very own chorus contest! Do you have friends or relatives competing? Watch them compete as it happens from your own computer! During the week of the Midwinter convention in Pasadena, you'll be able to go to www.evg.org and follow the link from the home page to buy your online "ticket" to watch this spectacular event on that Saturday! Want to know what it will be like? Follow this link to YouTube to watch the official Trailer: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mgFWHq-Blxk>
Experience for yourself the excitement and energy that comes from great music sung by young voices!

Quiet, please!

As a courtesy to our **Director** and fellow members, please turn off or set to silent mode, all cell phones, pagers and alarm watches during rehearsal. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

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