



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 2008

February		
10	Sun	Scottrade concession work Show Time: 230
14-15	Thurs-Fri	Singing Valentines
17	Sun	Scottrade concession work Show Time: 2:30
March		
3	Mon	Board Meeting Jim Bostick's office
9	Sun	Scottrade concession work Show Time: 2:30
22	Sat	Scottrade concession work Show Time: 2:30
April		
5	Sat	Scottrade concession work Show Time: 230
11-13	Fri-Sun	IL District Spring Conv. Peoria, IL
27	Sun	Annual Show Lindenwood auditorium Belleville, IL
May		
3	Sat	Lady of the Snows Shrine 1:30pm Showtime:TBD

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

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.”

Commitment

Commitment is most difficult and most readily proven during tough times. How someone weathers the storms most clearly demonstrates their basic beliefs. In antiquity, Epicurus stated: "...a captain earns his reputation during the storms." When your competition scores big against you, when the money dries up, or when the glamour of success wears off, this is when it is easiest to compromise your commitments. The real test comes when you can hold the line against the easy route of compromise. Fortunately, paying the price that commitment commands has payoffs worth the cost - a reputation for integrity and, even more important, the commitment of others in return. Commitment is a two-way street. You only get it if you are willing to give it.

So in conclusion, we need a commitment from each and every member of the chapter to make as many or all rehearsals as you can. It only makes this chorus that much better and helps us achieve our goals. Improvement is evident when everyone is making the effort.

Memory Alley

I am looking at collecting photographs of some of the past quartets that have sung with this chapter. The reason for this is to put them somewhere on the website for nostalgia and to help give a little history of the chorus, so if anybody has any of these kind of pictures, you can either scan them or email them to me or I can scan them.

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Scottrade Concessions

We have two Scottrade Center concession work days scheduled for March, on the 9th and 22nd. Show time is 2:30. There will be a car pool available at Jim Bostick's office at 2:00. The attire for this is either a black short-sleeve or long-sleeve shirt, black pants or jeans, and sneakers, and the blue Belleville SoH hat. If you need a hat, please see Don Koch. If you need any additional information about working this event, please contact Jim Bostick. We need at least 9 people to sufficiently man the booth.



IL District Spring Convention

The Illinois District Spring Convention will take place in Peoria, IL, April 11-13. The headquarters hotel will be the Hotel Pere Marquette. The IL District conventions are always a great way to renew old acquaintances and to make new ones. This is also our chance to renew our reign as the best small chorus in the Illinois District under the leadership of our new director. Registration and housing forms will be available shortly on the new Illinois District website at www.illinoisdistrict.org. Stay tuned for more information

Harmony Marketplace

Fellow SOH members,
The chorus will be running the Harmony Marketplace this year at the April Contest. I am looking for about 8 men and/or women who will assist in running the Marketplace. If I get enough people to help we can get down to about 2-4 hour shifts. The Marketplace will be open only during non-contest times. We will start by setting the Marketplace up around 10 am on Fri. and if we have enough people, pack up Sat. night after the contest so we will not have to work it Sun. morning. Please E-Mail me with your name and the names of the other family members or friends who will be willing to help. Thanks in advance,

Mike Dohogne
Harmony Marketplace Administrator
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TRIVIA NIGHT

Date: April 4th, 2008 (Friday)
Place: Trenton Elementary School
Gymnasium (Trenton, IL)
Time: Doors Open – 6:30 PM
First Question – 7:00 PM
Cost: \$10/person

Trivia night is your chance to get out and have some fun and lots of laughs. You do not have to be Einstein to enjoy this event.

Do you know your Biblical Times from your Nursery Rhymes? Your Oscar Stars from your Russian Czars? Then get a table together or join an existing table and come join us for trivia and a theme basket silent auction. Two non-alcoholic drinks are provided per player. Bring your own snacks and food.

For more info or to reserve your table, contact Gigi Lopresto @ 618-971-7984 or Grace Community Baptist Church 224-7555



Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner

The Gentlemen of Sound (Suburban), will present its Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner/show at the St. Ann Community Center on March 8th. For \$20 you can dine, with unlimited beverages (including beer) and see the most wonderful Vocal Spectrum quartet as the feature attraction. There are exactly 59 tickets remaining as of 1/24/08. This is probably the only venue in the St. Louis area, other than your own to see and hear V.S. Dinner begins @ 5:30 pm with the show at 7 P.M. For ticket information contact:

Dean Carlisle
636-519-9408
deanwear@aol.com

Coaching Sessions

We are scheduled for coaching sessions with Anne and Kevin Keller within the next month. Please make sure you are present for these sessions. They are vitally important in our development of our contest package. Dates and times will be posted when received.

-Be sure to bring water with you. Staying hydrated helps keep your voice strong during rehearsals

-Bring a PRD (Personal Recording Device) with you to every rehearsal. Recording your voice will help you analyze what you need to fix as far as notes and technique with each and every song

Annual Show Tidbits

-Ads for the show program will be due by April 8th.

-Tickets and flyers will be available no later than March 4th. Each member will need to do their part in ticket sales to make this show successful.

-Feature quartet will be the Brooks Brothers. Celebrate and Gateway Edition will also perform

-We are looking at bringing back previous members of the chapter from the past 60 years to join us on stage for a couple of songs. If you have any contact information, please provide that to Bob Cearnal.

-An afterglow at Fischer's Restaurant is pending. Stay tuned for more details concerning that.

Current Repertoire

Alexander's Ragtime Band
Always
America the Beautiful
Beer Barrel Polka
Black Eyed Susan Brown
Bye Bye Blues
God Bless America
Hello Mary Lou
I Believe
I'll Be Seeing You
Java Jive
Lulu's Back in Town
Meet Me Tonight in Dreamland
Oh Suzanna
Shenandoah
So Long Mother
Swing Down Chariot
We'll Meet Again
When I'm 64
Yesterday

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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