



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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- News & Notes -

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SoH Calendar 2008

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 Convention 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.

Wear Your Nametag

Nametags are provided, free of charge, to every member of our chapter to enable each of us to get to know each other. If you are not wearing yours, the purpose is being defeated. Put it with your PRD, then bring them both and wear the nametag at all rehearsals, contests, etc. If you've lost your nametag, see Jim Bostick about getting a new one.

Guest Night

We are planning a tentative guest night for sometime in early May. Stay tuned for more details and always remember that every rehearsal is a guest night so always be looking for new guys to bring and expose to the barbershop style.

Notes from the Prez

Now that I have returned from my month-long R&R vacation (I don't know why I call it Rest and Relaxation because that's all I have been doing since I retired), I realize how much work I have to do to catch up with the rest of you. I "busted my butt" trying to learn "Java Jive" in the two days I had the learning CD, and I realized when I returned to rehearsal that you guys had really been putting in a lot of overtime working on it yourselves. That's the difference between our chorus in Belleville and about 75% of the rest of the chapters in the Society, I believe. Of course, with an outstanding director like Doug in front of us, we definitely should do no less than our best to prepare for him.

Also, when I returned, I met our newest member, Earl Menchhofer, a former barbershopper from the Peoria Chapter. Wow! Will he be a great addition to our bass section! Speaking of our bass section, I am thrilled to see the progress of Ben Burk. Not only is he learning our repertoire, but he is also now singing in a quartet. Talk about gung-ho! Once we get all of our basses back on the risers, we might finally be able to balance the baritone section!

Bottom line: It's good to be "home."

Bob Cearnal
Chapter President

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.”

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 Jim Bostick. 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. Registrations will be paid for by the chapter. You will however need to take care of your hotel reservations. Be sure to take care of this ASAP as these hotels will fill up quickly.

Hotel Pere Marquette: (866) 376-8886
www.hotelperemarquette.com

Holiday Inn Peoria: (877) 531-5084
www.holidayinn.com

Harmony Marketplace / Contest Tidbits

Hi Gang,

As some of you know, I attended the Pre-Contest meeting in Peoria on the 16th of Feb. As most of you know, we are hosting the Harmony Marketplace for the Spring contest and beyond. I have everything lined up to get the show working except people to help set-up, run and put away. So far I have heard from four members, David Koch, Jim Bostick, Bob Cearnal and Willy. I need at least 8-10 people with some of them being family members to run the shop while we are getting lined up to perform. Please help me by E-Mailing me with your name and the name of family members who are willing to help. Thank you. Now, as for the meeting. Some of this you all need to know and some is for the leadership of the chorus. Take what you need.

The contest will be held in Peoria, IL on April 11-12th 2008. The chorus will be performing on Sat. afternoon and the chorus contest will start at 11am. at the Civic Center. Once we start through the loop we will start with Photos then go to Warm-up to Backstage to Onstage.

Annual Show Song Lineup

First Half

Alexanders Ragtime Band
We'll Meet Again
Bye, Bye, Blues
Swing Down Chariot
Yesterday
When I'm 64

Second Half

Beer Barrel Polka
Shenandoah
(next 2 songs with alumni)
My Wild Irish Rose
Sweet and Lovely
Always
Oh Suzanna

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

(Harmony Marketplace/Contest Tidbits cont.)

The chorus line-up will be published no later than 10 days before the contest, along with the time schedule for the various rooms. As a chorus competitor we are not allowed to carry water bottles back stage. We must leave them in the photo room and pick them up after the performance. Earlybird All-events passes are \$30.00 until March 23 then the price will go up to \$35.00. Individual event tickets will be \$15.00 at the door. Students 18 and younger will be free. Students 18 and older are free with a student ID. Online registration started on the 23rd of Feb. For the chorus presentation people, nothing can be thrown that needs to be picked up and any props for the performance must be set backstage between 1-4pm on Fri. night and can not be removed until after the Show of Champions Sat. night.

That is all I have for now. I am looking forward to hearing from you to let me know you can work with me and I will get back with those people when I am given the hours we will be open.

Thanks again,

Mike Dohogne
Harmony Marketplace Coordinator



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

-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

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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