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“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

March		
29	Sat	Mini-Retreat Parkview Church 10:00-3:00
April		
4	Fri	Trivia Night Trenton Elem. School Doors Open: 6:30
5	Sat	Scottrade concession work Show Time: 10:00
11-13	Fri-Sun	IL District Spring Convention Peoria, IL
27	Sun	Annual Show Lindenwood auditorium Belleville, IL
29	Tues	Cast Party Gerry Bach's house 7:00 p.m.
May		
3	Sat	Lady of the Snows Shrine 1:30pm Showtime: TBD
6	Tues	Guest Night Parkview Church 7:00
17	Sat	Art on the Square Belleville 12:45-1:45 Showtime: 11:30
21	Wed	National Anthem @ Gateway Grizzlies game 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.”

Notes from the Prez

What's happening this weekend, you ask? Well, it's time for another TREAT! No, not something to EAT. It's a RE-TREAT! That's right, we are having an extended coaching session this Saturday, right here at the Parkview Church, starting at 10 a.m. Doug has promised us that he will find an outstanding coach for us so that we can hone our skills on our two contest songs. The chapter will pick up the charge for some sub sandwiches and drinks for lunch, so don't worry about bringing anything from home. We'll take a break around noon or so, and then finish up around 2:30-ish. Even if you're not going to be able to join us in Peoria for the contest, you can still attend this coaching session. As a popular tenor once said, "You can't get any dumber!"

Besides our coaching session, we will also have an opportunity to vote on the Jack Goodall Award. As Packy has told you, this is an award which recognizes the work of a member who contributes "behind the scenes." Remember that the award is different from the Barbershopper of the Year.

Finally, have you ordered your long-sleeved chorus shirt yet? If not, be sure to see Jim Bostick ASAP so that he can get yours before contest weekend. Wouldn't it be nice to have them to wear in Peoria? Maybe we'll have a chance to do so when we win the Plateau Award and sing on the Show of Champions!

Bob Cearnal
Chapter President

Scottrade Concession

We have one more Scottrade Center concession work day scheduled for April 5th. Show time is 10:30. There will be a car pool available at Jim Bostick's office at 10:00. The attire for this is either a black short-sleeve or long-sleeve shirt, black pants, 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 need to take care of your spouse's registrations. You will also 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
Java Jive
(next 2 songs with alumni)
My Wild Irish Rose
God Bless America
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



Florissant Valley Annual Show

The Florissant Valley Barbershop Chorus will present its annual show at the Florissant Eagan Civic Theatre on April 25th and 26th. It will feature the Florissant Valley Chapter, quartets (including the Gateway Edition), and their feature quartet, TKO from Bowling Green, Ohio. The show begins at 7:30 P.M. each night. For ticket information contact:

John Guittar
314-839-3418

Mini-Retreat

We will be having a mini-retreat on March 29th from 10:00 – 3:00 at Parkview Church with a break for lunch. We will also be conducting the voting for the Jack Goodall Award. More details to come.

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.

Guest Night

We will be having a guest night on May 6th, so start looking for guests to bring now. More details to come.

Uniforms

Please be sure to see David Koch with your sizes for the chorus uniforms. Also, if you don't have a blue chorus polo shirt, see Jim Bostick.

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