



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

April		
4	Fri	Trivia Night Trenton Elem. School Doors Open: 6:30
5	Sat	Scottrade concession work Show Time: 10:30 Car pool: 10:30
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

Although it's called a "retreat," the forward progress we made at Saturday's rehearsal would be closer to an "advance." Thanks to the excellent coaching of handsome Dave Brooks and his handsome brother Doug, we are sounding better than ever before. Thanks, also, to the men in the chorus who gave up 5 hours on a weekend to attend this session. It is unfortunate that not all 30 men were not able to be there, whether they were going to contest or not. However, I realize that work and family obligations come first, so I'm not "throwing stones" at anyone. I can hardly wait to hear the sound that all of us put forth at the show. Wow! That's going to be awesome.

Speaking of the Show, I want to remind everyone that we are only a month away from that special event--our 60th anniversary as an organization in the Belleville area. Please take some time to review your show music, particularly "Java Jive," our newest song. It will be a great crowd-pleaser, but only if we sing it to our best potential.

Bottom line: It's great to be a barbershopper. . . in "Sounds of Harmony."

Bob Cearnal
Chapter President

Guest Night

We will be having a tentative guest night on May 6th. More information coming soon.

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

Here is a tentative schedule of our warm-up, picture, and stage times. We will be singing 5th instead of 9th since 4 choruses opted not to compete. Our pictures will be taken at 11:00 at the Civic Center. Warm-up will be in room 136 from 11:10-11:30 and we will be on stage to perform at 11:40. All times are subject to change, so be prepared. I would suggest being in place for pictures at 10:50 so that we can be ready for warm-up on time. Jim Bostick will be in charge of ordering pictures, so see him for that information. The uniform will be the red tux coat, black tux pants, black and white vest, black cross tie, and black tux shoes.

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

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.

Uniforms

We are looking at wearing 2 uniforms for the annual show this year, so please check and see what you have and what you need for these uniforms. Please be sure to see David Koch with your sizes for the chorus uniforms. I have listed both uniforms below. Also, if you don't have a blue chorus polo shirt, see Jim Bostick.

Uniform 1

Red tux coat
Black tux pants
Black/white vest
Black cross tie
Black tux shoes
Tie jewel
Black studs

Uniform 2

White tux coat
Black tux pants
Red vest
Red bow tie
Black tux pants
Black studs
Black tux shoes

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