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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		
10	Mon	Board Meeting Jim Bostick's office
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.

Notes from the Prez

What an educational, yet enjoyable, experience we are in for at tonight's rehearsal! Our coach, Kevin Keller, is one of the most highly-regarded judges in the Society, so we are truly fortunate to have him work with us. If his wife, Ann, comes along, she will add her incredible touches to our choreography package, as well.

The question is this: How much will we remember when we get on the contest stage? When I was teaching, I told my students that in one week they will forget 90% of what they learned today. . . unless they continue to practice/reinforce it throughout the week. That same principle applies to our coaching sessions tonight (and Doug's directions, too). Yes, we'll take some notes, but if we don't review our music on a daily basis, most of our new-found knowledge will be gone at our next rehearsal.

Bottom line: What are the 3 most essential ingredients of singing well? Practice, practice, practice!

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.”

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.

Scottrade Concessions

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 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 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
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



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

-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.

Guest Night

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

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