



# 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

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

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

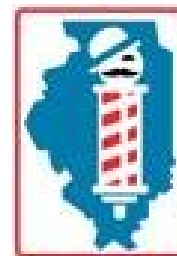
### Notes from the Prez

Was last week's coaching session incredible, or what? First of all, the turn-out was far better than usual (we even had 9 basses!). Secondly, our coaches, Kevin and Ann Keller, gave us a lot of encouragement regarding the sound we already have, and added their expertise to make that sound even better. Do you remember Kevin's new job descriptions for each part? I now know that the melody is carried by the basses; the leads are the "stars"; the baritones are "anti-stars"; and tenors are . . . uh, what did he call you guys, "enunciators" or something like that? Whatever the description, we certainly did sound better/fuller after he was finished. Although Ann did not have the time she needed to do her "magic," her contribution was no less significant. Will you remember to MOVE, as she told us to do? We're going to try to get her back again at a later date, but for now, just learn to relax and get into the mood of the music. Because Gerry is not able to go to contest with us this spring, he took some notes from Kevin and Ann's recommendations. Look for them in another article. For now, listen to Doug as he applies his special touch to our songs. We are going to Peoria with a whole new sound, one which we can truly be proud of.

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](http://www.hotelperemarquette.com)

Holiday Inn Peoria: (877) 531-5084  
[www.holidayinn.com](http://www.holidayinn.com)

### 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.”

## *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 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup>, so start looking for guests to bring now. More details to come.

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