



# 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>September</b>		
<b>20</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>Scotttrade Center</b>
<b>26-28</b>	<b>Fri-Sun</b>	<b>Illinois District Fall Contest Peoria, IL</b>
<b>October</b>		
<b>21</b>	<b>Tues</b>	<b>Guest Night Rehearsal Hall</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>Family Picnic Don Koch's farm 3:00</b>
<b>November</b>		
<b>25</b>	<b>Tues</b>	<b>Lady of the Shrine 7:00pm Showtime: 6:00pm</b>
<b>December</b>		
<b>16</b>	<b>Tues</b>	<b>Lady of the Shrine 8:00pm Showtime: TBD</b>
<b>20-21</b>	<b>Sat-Sun</b>	<b>Christmas Shows Florissant &amp; Belleville Times: 7:00pm (20th) 2:00pm (21st)</b>

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

### Guest Night

We have a guest night planned for Tuesday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, so start scouting for folks you might be interested in inviting. Friends and family are always welcome, and we will follow the same rehearsal format as the last guest night. Wear your blue chorus polo shirts with black pants and black shoes that night.

### Membership Issues

Do not call the Society headquarters directly to deal with your membership issues due to them being low manned at this time. Please bring membership issues to the attention of Packy Botula.

### Notes from the Prez

"Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of their chapter." Yep, the district convention and chorus competition will be this coming weekend. Are we ready? You bet we are! We will have 26 men representing the Belleville Chapter as the Sounds of Harmony Chorus performs its 2-song package for the audience and the judging panel.

Attendance on Tuesday evenings and at the Saturday retreat has been quite good, and the results of our coaching sessions with Rick Knight, Ann and Kevin Keller, and Brandon Guyton are reaching a peak as we approach the contest stage. I feel confident that our scores will reflect those efforts and that they will be the highest our chorus has ever achieved. Way to go, guys!

Just to be sure everyone is dressed alike, here is the outfit for the contest stage: black tux shoes and pants, black socks, new blue vest/tie/pocket puff, white tux shirt, and white tux coat. If, for some strange reason, you don't have all of the above uniform, call me. Otherwise, be prepared to receive compliments of being the best dressed chorus in the contest.

One final reminder about Brandon's 3 steps to successful singing

- (1) Use lots of air.
- (2) Sing through the goal posts.
- (3) Finish each phrase with the last air you have.

See you in Peoria.

-Bob Cearnal

### Music Books

Be sure to bring your music books with you to rehearsal. These books are provided by the chorus and they are a tool to help you learn your music to the best of your abilities. This will also help us keep our inventory of music up to par and make the job easier for our music librarians.

### Convention Registrations

Registrations for the upcoming fall contest for chorus members will be handled by the chapter. However, if you wish to register a guest, you will need to take care of this yourself. You can register a guest online using the link provided below and a valid credit card. If you submit before September 8<sup>th</sup>, it is only \$30 for the all-events pass. After that, it is \$35. In case you don't submit by September 20<sup>th</sup>, you will also be able to register in Peoria during the weekend of the contest.

<https://www.illinoisdistrict.org/registration/s/convention>

### New Vests

If you have not been fitted for a new vest yet, please Jim Bostick so he can measure you.



### SoH Family Picnic

Don Koch has generously offered to host a Family Picnic for us and our significant others at his farm on Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at his farm. He and David will provide the meat and drinks; we bring a side dish. Lots of food, fun, fellowship, and four-part harmony. Festivities will begin at 3:00. Mark your calendars. Details to follow.



## ***IL District Fall Contest Sept 26-28, 2008***

Once again Peoria will host the Illinois District Fall Contest. The chorus contest will on Saturday afternoon. Our draw position will be #5. There are 10 choruses competing in this contest. Member registrations will be paid by the chorus. Guest registrations will need to be taken care of by the members. Make sure you make your hotel reservations at your earliest convenience. The Pere Marquette will once again be the headquarters hotel and there are also rooms available at the Holiday Inn in downtown Peoria. Also be sure to check and make sure your dues are current. Registrations and more information can be found at the following link:

<https://www.illinoisdistrict.org/registrations/convention>

Hotel Pere Marquette: (866)-376-8886  
Holiday Inn Peoria City Centre:  
1-888-465-4329

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## ***Harmony Marketplace***

We are once again in charge of the Harmony Marketplace at district contest this fall. Please try to grab a shift and help work at the Harmony Marketplace. If you arrive before noon on Friday the 26<sup>th</sup>, please assist with the setup. The Marketplace will once again be in the Illinois Room at the Pere Marquette.

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## ***Current Repertoire***

**Alexander's Ragtime Band**  
**America the Beautiful**  
**Beer Barrel Polka**  
**Black Eyed Susan Brown**  
**Bye Bye Blues**  
**God Bless America**  
**Hello Mary Lou**  
**Hello My Baby**  
**I Believe**  
**I'll Be Seeing You**  
**Java Jive**  
**Lulu's Back in Town**  
**Meet Me Tonight in Dreamland**  
**Precious Lord**  
**Shenandoah**  
**Swing Down Chariot**  
**We'll Meet Again**  
**What a Wonderful World**  
**When I'm 64**  
**Yesterday**

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## ***Note from the Editor***

Hey guys. If you have any articles or information you want posted in this newsletter, please have it for me by every Monday so I can try to get it in the newsletter for rehearsal each week. I will try my best to publish one each week, but I need help from the chorus as well. Thanks guys.

Steven Martin  
Editor, News & Notes

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## ***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.”**

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## ***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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## ***District Photos***

8 x 10 photos of the chorus from district contest will be available for purchase. Costs will be either \$11 or \$12 depending on the amount of people interested. See Jim Bostick if you're interested.

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## ***Lady of the Shrine Performances***

We have 2 performances scheduled for the Christmas season at the Lady of the Shrine in Belleville on Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> and Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>. Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> will be at 7:00pm, while Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> will be at 8:00pm. We will perform our Christmas repertoire with the Florissant, MO chapter. Costume for those performances will be a festive sweater, black pants & black shoes. Scarves and santa hats are optional. For more information, see Packy Botula.

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## ***Christmas/Installation Banquet***

We will be having our Christmas banquet to install our officers for 2009 in December. The tentative dates are either the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> of December. Date, time, and location to be determined. Stay tuned for more details

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## ***District Rehearsal***

We are scheduled for a rehearsal on Saturday the 27<sup>th</sup> of September at 10:00am right before our scheduled picture time of 11:00. It will be in room 136 at the Peoria Civic Center. It is suggested to come in chorus uniform ready to rehearse so you don't have to walk back to your hotel room to change and come back and be late for our picture. The chorus uniform is the white tux coat, black tux pants, white tux shirt, new blue vest and tie, black socks, and black tux shoes.

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