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The Weekly Newsletter of the
Choo Choo Chorus

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Our Next Sing Out

On Thursday, September 23rd, we sing at Alexian Grove which is located at 100 Asbury Oak Lane, Chattanooga TN 37419. It is off I-24 at Exit 174 behind the Tennessee Highway Patrol Post west of town. We meet at 6:15PM and sing at 7:00PM. Lets wear the casual outfit of white knit chorus shirt, khaki pants and brown shoes. *Dave Rack*

Meeting Script

Tonight's script is pretty much what it was last week.

7:00 - Warmup (Chuck)

7:20 - Risers - Showboat Came to Town

7:45 - Brownian Singing (Chairs)

7:55 - Announcements/Break

8:10 - Quartets and Push-Out Singing

8:25 - Risers - Cruisin' Down the River

8:50 - Chairs - review repertoire
National Anthem
Shenandoah
River of No Return
America The Beautiful
Caroline
Hello Mary Lou
God Bless America

9:20 - Gandy Dancer/KTWWS

Summary of Last Monday's Meeting

Chuck opened the meeting with TOS, warm ups and we learned the tag to *Into My Heart*.

We went to the risers and worked on Showboat adding some nice presentation moves.

Wilbur lead announcements and thanked everyone for the work on the show. He announced we will host the Fall 2011 Dixie Convention.

Fred passed an 11 year renewal to Erby. Dave Rack reminded us of the Alexian Grove (see Calendar) and Special Olympics (Oct. 1st) sing outs. Lebron thanked Dave Rack for his work moving the riser and set for the show. Marcellus gave a preliminary ticket sales report - $3,200.

Paul lead a discussion about the Riverboat show with audience comments like "we looked like we were having fun" and "that was our best show ever." Members mentioned similar comments from the people they had sold tickets to. Paul was proud of our singing.

We returned to the riser to work on Cruising and added some great presentation moves. The chorus persuaded Dave Rack to keep the Gandy for another week for his hard work on the show. We closed with KTWWS. *Steve Wixson*

2010 CCCCC Invite

The invitation to join the 2010 Chattanooga & Cleveland Community Chorus is about ready and you should receive it next week. It is in the same format at this newsletter and will be easy for you to forward to friends, neighbors, etc. We can reach Paul's goal of 100 men on stage this year.

Best Barbershop Show Ever

We advertised our show as the best barbershop show ever in Chattanooga and so it was; thanks to the hard work and dedication of each of you.

Thank you to Barry Owens, our Program and Ad Chairman, for the great program which involved begging for and gathering ad material, chorus and guest information and pictures, assembling in proper order and printing; sending out billing statements, etc.

Thank you to Marcellus Scott for immediately stepping up to take the job of ticket chair when our fellow barbershopper and friend, Clyde Rogers, passed away.

Thank you to Bill Slack and Paul Blazek for our show script and to Steve Grubb, our master of ceremonies, who did an excellent job keeping the show moving and ad libbing when necessary - a talent for which he seems to have a special gift.

Thank you to Steve Wixson for designing our show flyer and our set. He, along with help from Gary Fisher, built the impressive set [Wilbur also did some painting]. Thanks to each of you who helped move, assemble, and unassemble the set.

Thank you to Gary Fisher for handling the financial obligations, which are many.

Thank you to all who contributed to the publicity for the show. Steve Wixson prepared and coordinated the article in the newspaper; Marcellus Scott secured a spot for a quartet on Channel 12, and those who got the guys on Channel 3, radio,etc.

Thank you to the ladies who picked up and delivered the food for our supper and took care of the tickets and doors at the venue.

Thank you to those folks who handled the production and stage for our performance which included GPS staff and two gentlemen from the "District", George Joslyn and Jack Donaldson.

Even though there was some reservation about inviting the Confederate Harmony Brigade to be a part of the show, I feel we will all agree that the group added immeasurably to our program. The guest quartets, Loose Change and The Real McCoy were a tremendous hit with our audience.

Thank you to all of you who gave your time and talent to leaning several new songs and last, but certainly not least, to our director, Paul Blazek, who devoted so much time and effort to making our performance the best.

As in all endeavors, there were some bumps in the road. But now it is time to unite as the brotherhood we are and put forth the same great effort at competition in Knoxville. *Wilbur Strickland*

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