The Weekly Newsletter of the
Choo Choo Chorus

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Contest Dress Above	October 3, 2011

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Calendar

Dixie Fall Convention, Sept. 30-Oct 2. We host. Marriott is Convention Hotel. Contests in Roland Hayes Concert Hall at UTC. Contact Wilbur to work. Assemble at 9:50 AM at top of escalator from Marriott lobby.

First CCCCC Rehearsal, Monday, Oct. 3. Dinner after that

Script for this Monday

6:45 Members arrive to help setup and greet CCCCC members.

7:00 First CCCCC rehearsal

8:30 Barbeque dinner and fellowship with CCCCC members. Several members are bringing desserts and drinks.

9:15 Gandy and Sing KTWWS and clean up

Highlights from Last Meeting

Paul led warm up and taught the tag "Cry" finishing eventually in its written key of F#. We worked on Dream and WYWUAS and went to the risers to continue WYWUAS.

Dave White led announcements. Paul thanked those who sang for the Special Olympics bowling tournament. Lebron encouraged us to invite people for the CCCCC and show up early. Wilbur went over the last minute organization for the Dixie Convention this weekend. Wilbur has name tags for all workers. On Saturday, we assemble to enter the contest pipeline at 9:50 AM at the top of the escallator

rehearsal. Members arrive at 6:45 to help setup. Wear white chorus polo shirt. Please bring your Christmas sheet music.

Veterans Day, Friday, Nov. 11, Chattanooga National Cemetary. Warm up at 10:30 and the attire wil be the patriotic outfit.

Cleveland Christmas Show, Friday, Dec. 2, Cleveland

Chattanooga Christmas Show, Saturday, Dec. 3, GPS

Creekside, Tuesday, Dec. 6, 7 PM.

Alexian Grove, Thursday, Dec. 8, 7 PM

Christmas Party, Monday, Dec. 12 (tentative)

Alexian Village, Tuesday, Dec. 13, 7 PM

Dress for Contest

As shown in the photograph above, black tux, white tux shirt with tabs, gold vest, black bow tie, black shoes and black socks. NO arm band.

Veterans Day

We will again again sing for the Veterans Day program at the Chattanooga National Cemetary on Friday, Nov. 11th at 11:00AM. The Veterans Council confirmed it Yesterday. We will sing The National Anthem at the opening and God Bless America late in the program. *Dave Rack*

from the Marriott lobby. Fred gave Marcellus his officer name tag.

After a short break, we returned to the risers. We sang WYWUAS. Paul talked through what happens on stage for members who have not sung in contest before and then worked on our contest package; WSLM (which we sang quite well) and A Dream is a Wish. We expect 27 men on stage.

Gene passed the Gandy to Wilbur for his work organizing for the Dixie Convention, and we closed with KTWWS.

Message from the President

I don't often get giddy with excitement but the coming weekend has put me in this state. A weekend of contest with two of the best songs we have ever done followed by Christmas Chorus practice with BBQ & fix ins on Monday night. With due respect to Carolina, nothing could be finer than this. Help make this Christmas Chorus the best ever by being at this, the first practice, and bring all your friends who can sing. If you don't have any friends drag people off the street but bring someone. See you Friday... and Saturday... and Monday!!!! *Lebron*

Message from the Director

This is kind of a dual-purpose newsletter - it's dated October 3 but a lot of the information is useful before then. I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the hard work preparing for contest. The singing I heard in our final run-through Monday night is the best I've heard in many years, maybe the best ever in my 24 years as director. I encourage you to stay focused on energy and emotion as we go into this "performance". Don't worry about pushing for volume - we'll have plenty - keep your voice under control and let your emotions run loose. I'm serious about opening our souls to the audience; if we can truly share the messages in these songs and move the audience, the scores will take care of themselves. Above all, enjoy the weekend! Sing a polecat with somebody you haven't met before. Remember, there will be three hundred or so of your closest friends here this weekend and I'll bet you haven't met a lot of them yet.

Then, THE FIRST MONDAY IN OCTOBER! That fateful night when we start to whip the Community Chorus into shape, when we begin to realize how much fun it's going to be this year. Show up early, where your chorus shirt, bring your friends, acquaintances, even total strangers if they can sing! Let's follow our best contest set ever with our best Community Chorus ever! Paul

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