The Weekly Newsletter of the
Choo Choo Chorus

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Calendar

Board Meeting, This Monday, Wally's, 5 PM.

Special Olympics Bowling, Monday, September 26, Holiday Bowl on Brainerd Rd, NOT TRI-STATE ON RINGGOLD RD, Assemble at 9:40 AM.

Dixie Fall Convention, Sept. 30-Oct 2. We host. Marriott is Convention Hotel. Contests in Roland Hayes Concert Hall at UTC.

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

Cleveland Christmas Show, Friday, Dec. 2, Cleveland

Chattanooga Christmas Show, Saturday, Dec. 3, GPS

Script for this Monday

The script was not ready by the time this was emailed.

Highlights from Last Meeting

There was no meeting last Monday.

Profile of Brooks Gist

Brooks Gist was born on Feb 12, 1929 in Langston, AL. His family moved to Florida for a few years, and when they returned to Alabama he completed high school in Scottsboro. He and his first wife had 2 kids, and he and Audry have been married for 30 years. He was in the National Guard and was called up to serve two years in Korea. After returning, they moved to Chattanooga where he worked for Combustion Engineering in the shop and later in drafting.

Brooks father was a Gospel singer, and as a result Brooks has been singing all of his life. He sang in his high school Glee Club. His first barbershop experience came when the chapter met on Brainerd Road, and Williard Dickerson of the Shoeshine Quartet (that won Dixie more than once) invited him to a meeting. He fell for barbershop singing immediately, but did not join as he was raising a family and working second shift. Some years later, the chorus sang at Oakwood Baptist Church, and during fellowship after the sing out, Benny Malone worked on him. In 1996 he joined the chorus.

Brooks, Lamar and Wilbur got together with tenor Jay Green and formed the 'Scenic City Sound' quarter. Later Fred Jesse replaced Jay, and for many years they sang together. Brooks is very well known for singing the lead on "Old Bones." He says, "I love barbershop - you can't beat it."

From the Director

Dixie Convention Registration Information

The registration forms are now on the Dixie District website (click HERE.) I will bring a copy to the next meeting and we can make copies. *Wilbur*

My heartfelt thanks go to the twelve guys who joined me at the Lookouts game. As usual, we were very well received, and this time the PA announcer mentioned our website! With our last 'summer' performance under our belts (except for Special Olympics, look elsewhere for details), we start to look forward to Christmas.

Be sure you have December 2nd (the show in Cleveland) and 3rd (the show here in Chattanooga) on your calendars. If you haven't already done so, invite someone to our kickoff night October 3rd. THERE WILL BE FREE FOOD! You know how much fun we have singing together and bringing the spirit of the season to our audiences - don't be selfish! Find somebody to bring (drag, if you have to) to our meeting - if he doesn't come back, at least you have tried to share. I could spout all kinds of cliché's ("it's the most fun you can have with your clothes on", "if it doesn't light your fire your wood must be wet", etc.) but you already KNOW how good it is. Music is like love - dividing it up among more people does NOT reduce it; it INCREASES it! Set your goal now - everybody (that means YOU) bring at least one guest to our Combined Chattanooga and Cleveland Chrismas Community CENTURY (100 members) Chorus. *Paul*

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