The Weekly Newsletter of the Choo Choo Chorus

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Calendar

Lookouts Baseball Game, Thursday, April 21. Arrive at 6:30PM. Dress is white polo shirt, khaki pants and brown shoes and belt.

Chuck Greene Visit. Monday, April 25. He will teach us the CACM method.

Naturalization Ceremony, April 28, sing at 10:30am and 1:30pm. Dress is Patriotic, red coat, blue pants and tie, white dress shirt and black

Plan for Monday's Meeting

Click HERE to see the description of each of the jobs mentioned below. Jobs are shown in *italics*.

6:45 – 7:00 Membership Team — greets guest(s), sign in, name tags, music folder—*Vocal Range Checker* Johnny Jackson — Chuck Greene sets up easel displays—riser/chair set-up team do your stuff

6:58 – 7:02 *Program VP* David White —gather singers, open the meeting, intro Chuck Greene to lead "Keep the Whole World Singing" new way — Chuck intro Wally Edmondson to briefly introduce guests—very short intros: each guest's name and acknowledge where they are in the room [fuller guest intros come later in meeting]; then introduce Chuck Wilson for warm-up

7:02 – 7:25 Circle Sing Warm-up—Chuck Wilson—stretches, humming, unison, range extremities, resonance matching, chording, tag gestures, segue to the first few lines of a ballad the chorus knows

7:25 – 8:05 Song Learning Sectionals—"A Dream Is a Wish Your Heart Makes"—***Section Leaders*** please remember your CD players

shoes.

Scout Flag Day, Saturday, May 28 at National Cemetery, assemble at 7:30am

Memorial Day, Monday, May 30 at National Cemetery. We will sing GBA.

Alexian Grove, June 23

Lookouts Baseball Game, July 7

Monteagle Assembly Owners Meeting, July 22, Monteagle, TN

Countdown to Our Annual Show

There are 16 rehearsals left for our Annual Show on August 27th.

Want to hear WSLM

Click HERE to watch WSLM as sung in Toy Story 2.

Special Olympics Track & Field Sing Out

The photograph above was taken at the 2011 Special Olympics Track and Field Competition held at McCallie High School. The police honor guard carrying a large American flag followed the torchbearer, first Tim Chapman's best friend and then the Special Olympic Athlete of the Year. They were followed by the athletes who took positions on the field. Then we sang the National Anthem, and singing in a circle, it was a very musical rendition. This was the first time for over half of those who sang. Paul gave us a big thank you for again supporting this event.

Fast Learning Method

Click HERE to see a copy of it.

8:05 – 8:12 Circle Sing—Paul — "A Dream Is a Wish Your Heart Makes"—sing twice, once with sheet music, once without—two weeks everyone off the page

8:12 – 8:25 Risers — Star-Spangled Banner — Paul directing—*Visual Coach* Paul with *Watcher* Cameron [see attachments].

8:25 -- 8:28 Guest Introductions for the second time; announcements

8:28 – 8:45 Teach tag — Paul — then teach it again faster with each section learning a different part, say basses learn the tenor, leads take bass, tenors take bari and baris take lead—then break with the assignment to sing at least two parts in freelance quartetting while getting water, restroom etc

8:45 – 9:05 Risers — Hello Mary Lou and River of No Return — directors/coaches Chuck Wilson and Paul — with Emcee Steve Grubb, Cast Coach Chuck Greene, Listener Tom Keegan and Watcher Dave Fleury [see attachments]

9:05 -- 9:20 Sit on risers — quartet coaching Chuck Greene, Paul Blazek—volunteer 8-stack quartet [two volunteer quartets who know the song]—"Shenandoah"

9:20 – 9:25 Risers — "Shenandoah" — director Chuck Wilson—coaches Chuck Greene and Paul -- use what was learned in the quartet coaching segment

9:25 – 9:30 Closing — Chuck Greene explains easel displays/fields questions—Gandy Dancer and KTWWS

Summary of Last Meeting

Chuck led warm up finishing with Down Our Way. Paul worked on the tag to Heigh-Ho. We spend 40 minutes on WSLM.

Paul led announcements. Lebron encouraged everyone who missed a meeting to catch up on their own. He reminded us of Chuck Greene's visit next week and hopes for a good turn out. Chuck noted that we have a lot of music to learn and challenged us to spend at least an hour a week learning the new music. Fred gave Tom his note for recruiting Wendell. Wally encourage all to invite a guest. Dave Rack reminded us of the Lookout baseball sing out this Thursday. He also talked about the Naturalization Ceremony next week. Paul passed on Lindy's thanks for singing at Special Olympics.

After the break, the quartet of Fred, Dave Fluery, Paul and Chuck sang WSLM. We went to the risers and worked on SSB, GBA, Shenandoah, HML and RONR. We've not sounded that good for a while. Marcellus passed the Gandy to Steve Wixson. We closed with KTWWS. There were 28 at the meeting and we sounded pretty good.