The Weekly Newsletter of the
Choo Choo Chorus

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First CCCCC Rehearsal	October 10, 2011

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Calendar

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

Cleveland Christmas Show, Friday, Dec.. 2, Cleveland

Chattanooga Christmas Show, Saturday, Dec.. 3, GPS

Creek side, 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

Boehm Presentation

Script for this Monday

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

7:00 CCCCC rehearsal

8:30 Break

8:40 Announcements. Choo Choo rehearsal

9:25 Gandy and Sing KTWWS

Highlights from Last Meeting

Chuck led warm up. Paul passed out red folders assembled by Gene containing Christmas music and the first learning CD. Lebron counted 54 in attendance.

We worked on *Mary Had a Baby* first listening to the learning CD. It was mingled with singing basics, and we made it thru the entire song. That was followed by listening to *I Saw Three Ships,* and working on the tag.

There was a presentation from the Boehm people (see left column and photograph above.) We finished by working briefly on *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear.* Paul discussed and encourage use of the Fast Learning Method which was included in the red folder.

We adjourned to the large room across the hall for a great BBQ dinner organized by Wally. Members brought drinks and some great desserts.

After our visitors departed, we briefly assembled to discuss the Dixie contest. More later. We confirmed the Veterans Day sing out. Fred passed a 14 year renewal to JW. We closed with KTWWS.

Hosting the Dixie Convention

After a weekend + one day of seemingly nonstop performance and work, some of us are tired and may be unsure how we feel about

We had a great rehearsal Monday night and I hope all of you were inspired with our special guests from Walter Boehm Birth Defects Center. Little William (shown in the photograph above) was racing up and down the hall on his wheelchair, popping Wallis and showing all the energy a five year old can do. He truly exemplifies the spirit of our show on December 3rd - The Children of Christmas.

As our rehearsals continue their countdown to the show date, we will be hearing more and more about tickets, programs, and all the rest of it that goes into putting on a production like this. Please consider volunteering an hour or two of your time to assisting Chuck Wilson, the program chairman. We have 790 seats to fill at the GPS auditorium and if each of us takes ten tickets and sells them we have a very serious shot at a sell-out crowd. This is a benefit concert for them, and it would be great if we could push the total given thus far to over $20,000. *Gary Fisher*

how we did and what we did. I hope you feel good about it because you deserve to. The convention was a huge success. Many had questions about the future of Dixie District after the district split last year. The spring convention in Boaz was not all that great, but the attendance and performances this past weekend were wonderful. If this is any indication, the future of our district is as bright as ever.

A significant part of this result I believe has to do with how well our chapter does as hosts. This is backed up by comments and thanks from district officers and other chapters. Larry Dieters, district president-elect said "I wish we had all our conventions here, nobody does as well hosting the event as you." The wife of one of the district officers sought me out and said she really appreciated the great job we did. A former Director of our Chapter, Shelby Roberts, who now sings with another chapter and I had never met, stopped me and said "I just want to thank the chapter for doing such a great job of running the convention, you guys really did a wonderful job."

Of course these compliments should have been directed to Strick because he is the one, as convention chairman, who deserves the most credit. I hope he heard these things too. I was happy though, to accept these sincere thanks on behalf of the chapter and I want you to know, it made me very proud to be serving as your president. I hope all of you are as proud of our accomplishments as I am. *Lebron*

Jim Sams Message to the Chapter

Hi Strick! I just had to e-mail you to thank you and the Chattanooga Chapter for their hard work and support in helping make this weekend one of the best conventions ever! It was great coming back to Chattanooga! It is probably my favorite convention site in all of Dixie! I would like to personally thank all the wives for their hard work and positive support. Please pass on my warmest regards and heart-filled thanks to all of your chapter for a job WELL done! I can hardly wait to come back! All my very best to you all, *Jim Sams* Society Board Member-At-Large Society Liaison for Dixie/Sunshine Districts Contest Administrator VP Contest & Judging-Dixie

Photos by Wally

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