The Weekly Newsletter of the

Choo Choo Chorus

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February Monthly Issue

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Calendar

February 7, 2011

Script for Monday's Meeting

7:00 Warmup - Chuck
7:15 Tag - Paul
7:20 Circle singing on My Wild Irish Rose - Vocal coach Paul, listener Fred Jesse, Visual coach Chuck, watcher Dave Fleury
7:30 The Showboat Came To Town - Paul
7:45 Cruising Down The River - Chuck
7:55 God Bless America - Paul
8:10 Announcements/Break/Quartet?
8:30 Riser Time - Paul/Chuck
National Anthem
God Bless America

Valentine's Day Fund Raiser, Monday, February 14.

Dixie District Spring Convention, March 11-13, 2011, Boaz, Alabama

Garden Plaza Sing Out, March 24

Lookouts Baseball Game, April 21

Naturalization Ceremony, April 28, sing at 10:30am and 1:30pm

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

Memorial Day, Monday, May 30 at National Cemetery. We are likely to be asked to sing.

Lookouts Baseball Game, June 23

Monteagle Assembly Owners Meeting, July 22, Monteagle, TN

Music Leadership VP

Music Team will meet Monday after chapter meeting, not at Wally's as usual. I may sound redundant, but it is very important to study the music outside the rehearsal. Because of Valentine's. we only have FOUR (4!) rehearsals before competition.

Old Chorus Photo

Shown above is an old Chorus photograph from Barry Owens. How many guys can you recognize? What year was it taken? Prizes awarded to best answers.

Birthdays

10th - Shannon Edmondson
12th - Gist Brooks
13th - Joyce Delaney
19th - Sally Wall
28th - Wally Edmondson

Anniversaries

Hello Mary Lou
The Showboat Came To Town
Cruising Down The River
9:25 Gandy Dancer/KTWWS

Last Monday's Meeting Summary

Paul led warm up with TOS, rhythm exercise with clapping, scales and five chords. Chuck went over the M I C K E Y M O U S E tag.

We broke into sectionals on Showboat for 25 minutes, and finished with all assembled. Check led God Bless America.

Dave White led announcements. Gary reported on the brief Board Meeting held just prior to the meeting. A budget for 2011 was approved, $4500 was approved for the Boehm Center, and the chapter form with receipts will be required for reimbursement this year. Marcellus gave a Singing Valentine update (see below). Dave Rack reported that we will be fed dinner at the Garden Plaza sing out. The naturalization ceremony and Scout Flag Day sign outs are on the schedule. Tom reported on his COTS experience. He was surprised at how few sing outs many chapters have, and was proud to report our schedule. Paul reported on the Mid-Winter event in Los Vegas where h1e and Steve Grubb, Johnny Jackson and Tom attended. There were 19 youth choruses (the most ever and outstanding in quality) supported by the Harmony Foundation, and he urged us to contribute to it. He is now Dixie VP for Financial Development.

We went to the risers and worked on HELTID, CDTR, Shenandoah, Caroline and RONR. Tom passed the Gandy to Beau. We closed with KTWWS.

Singing Valentine Update

The telephone is being manned, so put up those Singing Valentine Yard Signs, e-mail the Singing Valentine e-mail to everyone you can and personally sell as many as you can to get those orders rolling in (see Message from Wally below). We've decided not to offer a dozen roses and the large box of candy as upgrades.

Please let me know (423-645-9955) if you will be able to take a 1/2 day shift and which day between now and Valentines Day. My understanding is that we would want to be on call from 8:00 am to 10:00 pm daily. If you can take only part of a shift, let me know and I will try to get someone to fill in for the balance of the time. Thanks for everyone's help!
Marcellus

Message from the Treasurer

Treasurer rules: 1. You must turn in an Expense Voucher if you wish to be reimbursed for anything. A receipt must accompany the Voucher. 2. All money for any project or any thing, cash or

10th - Tom & Barbara Keegan
26th - Richard & Ann Poole

No Birthday Shown

If you have a birthday or anniversary that is not included above, please let me know. *Steve*

Secretary Message

It was mentioned last night that Society dues must be paid up before singing in contest. That is correct for those dues to be paid in the last quarter of last year. However, dues with payment by March 31, 2011, do not because the contest is earlier in the month. *Fred*

Message from the President

Good attendance and producing good sound is making our meetings fun. We continue to make good progress on contest songs and enjoy singing two of the most beautiful songs we have ever had in our repertoire, "Shenandoah" and "River of no Return". If you have been missing these meetings you should come get in on this. *Lebron*

check, is to be turned into Dave Fleury. Ask for a receipt.

Other tidbits: Our donation to the Barbershop Harmony Foundation for 2010 was $712.50. This is the money from the basket we pass every week. When you add that to the Walter Boehm donation, this chapter gave $5,212.50 to charitable organizations last year. Since we average around 30 men on the risers every week, that is about $173 per man. We owe a large part of that to the ticket sales of our Community Chorus. When I think about your generosity, it just about busts my buttons. Thank you.

Walter Boehm Birth Defects Center is to receive $4,500 from the Christmas Show. My thanks to everyone who sold a ticket or appeared in our program. *Gary Fisher*

Message from Wally

"A new and easy way to submit a Singing Valentine order is with a website I just set up for us. Visit http://wallye.dyndns.org and fill out the form. When you click the "Submit" button, the website will fill out a PDF for you and email it to Marcellus. It will email one to you, as well, so you can make sure it worked and you have one to keep as a backup in case the other is lost. So please enter your real email address when it asks for it on the website. You won't receive any spam from me. Let me know if you have any technical problems with the new form or the website. Just call me at 423.413.8681 any time. The new form is also attached to this week's newsletter. You can open the PDF file on your computer and fill it out before you print it, or you can print it as-is and fill it out by hand if you like. -Wally"