The Weekly Newsletter of the
Choo Choo Chorus

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Ev Nau Visits Chapter	September 26, 2011

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Calendar

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. Contact Wilbur to work.

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

Script for this Monday

The script is very plain this week with only five songs because of the need to get ready for contest.

Highlights from Last Meeting

Wally welcomed guests, Ev Nau from Harmony Foundation, former member Charles Abercrombie, and Danny Lewis who came to look at the chair risers that we are getting rid of.

Paul led warm up with things he learned at the last Nashville chorus rehearsal he attended. He taught the tag "Please Don't Cry, Little Girl." Chuck led Showboat and GOMM. We went to the risers and worked on Dream with Ev coaching. He worked very hard trying to get us to express the emotions of the song with our body language.

Ev made a short presentation on the successful way our previous gifts to the Harmony Foundation have been used, and then made a plea for us to contribute in various ways (see below and also described in a brochure he passed out.) Members who signed up during the meeting got a free barbershop DVD.

Dave White led announcements. Dave Rack told us about the 3 Christmas sing outs scheduled so far. He also reminded us of the Special Olympics Bowling sing out on Monday. Lebron again encouraged us to invite men for the CCCCC. Wally introduced our guests. Wilbur updated us on organization for working the Dixie convention. If you have your red Choo Choo T-shirt - wear it. He will have name tags for workers. Fred passed a 12 year renewal to Erby.

that rehearsal. Members arrive at 6:45 to help setup.

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

CCCCC Invitation Goes Out This Week

The CCCCC Invitation will be emailed this week to members, former members, former CCCCC members, etc. Please forward it to your friends and anyone you know to help us finally reach our goal of 100 men on stage for the two shows.

After a short break, we went to the risers. Guest Danny, a minister at Hickory Valley Baptist Church, took a couple of minutes to describe how they are going to use our risers for his 60 voice children's choir. We are an answer to their prayer.

We went to the risers and worked on WSLM again with Ev coaching. Wally passed the Gandy to Gene. We closed with KTWWS.

Board Votes to join Harmony Foundation Connect Program

Last night after the meeting, the Board voted to adopt the Harmony Foundation Connect Program.

Our members have always been generous in giving to our charitable causes. A large portion (sometimes all) of the profits from our Christmas shows goes to charity each year, and each week we 'pass the basket.' For many years in our early chapter history, our 'basket money' went to the Institute of Logopedics through the Harmony Foundation. Some of you might even remember the song *We Sing That They Shall Speak*, which we sang each night before Keep America Singing at the close of our meeting. The Institute changed its name to Heartspring in later years and changed the direction of its mission, leading the Society to use the Harmony Foundation to support youth outreach and other programs internal to the Society. Our weekly basket collections have continued to go to the Harmony Foundation to support these efforts and we have received benefits from these contributions at the District and chapter levels.

Since our donations are usually in the $20-50/member range, it was easy for the Board of Directors to vote to commit to a pledge of $10/member per year as part of the new Chapter Connect program. Our Chapter Connect donations are combined with individual donations by members of Presidents Council and Ambassadors of Song from our chapter to form an overall total, which is then averaged over the official number of members of our chapter (43 at the beginning of 2011). There is enough donated 'basket money' to cover the inactive members who are not at meetings and therefore are not contributing.

The Choo Choo Chorus is the performing unit of the Chattanooga Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society.
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