The Weekly Newsletter of the

Choo Choo Chorus

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January Monthly Issue

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Calendar

MLT Meeting, January 3, Wally's, dinner at 5:00pm, metting at 5:30pm. Everyone welcome to discuss spring contest songs and Annual show theme.

Board Meeting, January 10, Wally's Restaurant, 5pm dinner, 5:30 meeting

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

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

Birthdays

1st - Niles Fowler
10th - Maryilyn Fisher
20th - Gene Huelman

January 3, 2011

Script for Monday's Meeting

7:00 Warmup- Chuck
7:20 Tag - Paul
7:28 Showboat Came To Town - Paul
7:40 Shenandoah - Paul
7:50 River of No Return - Paul
8:00 Star-Spangled Banner - Chuck
8:10 God Bless America - Paul
8:20 Announcements/break
8:35 Quartet
8:40 Cruising Down The River - Paul
8:55 Riser Time - Paul/Chuck
9:25 Gandy Dancer/KTWWS

Message from the President

The beginning of a new year is a good time to reflect on why we do what we do. Last year was a very busy one for our chapter. For a small group we do a lot in our community and the Barbershop District. We do so much we sometimes find ourselves with our tongues hanging out (if I can use some animal imagery). When we look back on it though I think we can say we feel good about what we did and do not regret the effort we put out. One of the things that makes all this worthwhile is what our music has done for people in need. Not just the money raised for the birth defects center but the encouragement and comfort we gave to people at the two funerals, the gatherings at the National Cemetery, the Special Olympics, the nursing and retirement homes. What we gave to these people is something money can't buy. We were disappointed with our performance in contest this fall but when

22th - Steve Wixson
23rd - Carol Collins
23rd - Bill Slack

Anniversaries

19th - Lucien & Ellen Claiborne
24th - Clarence & Sally Wall

From the Director

Thanks again to everyone for a great 2010 - two successful shows, many performances around town with great response, participation with our brothers in Cleveland, and successful chapter activities. On a more somber note, we also had funerals where we were able to support the mourners with inspirational music. In all of our activities, I was proud whether we had 14 or 74 men present. By the way, our Christmas chorus, 74 strong, was in my opinion the best yet. Start thinking now about friends/acquaintances you can invite for next year. One of our newcomers this year was the target of unrelenting invitation (only on per month, but every month starting last January), and yet he thanked me after our last performance.

Looking forward, we have Singing Valentines, an opportunity to make women (and men) happy in a quartet setting, Spring Convention and Contest in Boaz, AL on March 11-13, our 2011 annual show (theme and date TBA), Fall Convention and Contest which we will host here in Chattanooga in October, and the 2011 Christmas chorus season. WOW!

You all have my best wishes for a Happy New Year. *Paul Blazek*

we use the talent with witch we have been blessed to benefit others, as we have this year, we are doing something far more important than winning a contest. I do hope we do better in contest this year but I hope more that we continue to touch the hearts of those who need a touch. *Lebron Brock*

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