The Weekly Newsletter of the
Choo Choo Chorus

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Calendar

Valentine Fund Raiser, Tues, February 14.

Valentines Party, Thurs, Feb 16, 6 PM, Golden Corral in Ft Oglethorpe (said to be one of the best in the US.)

Dixie Spring Convention, March 9-11, 2012, Gadsden, AL.

Naturalization Ceremonies, Wed, Apr 11, 10:30 AM & 1:30 PM, US District Court.

Gold Star Wives, Sat, Apr 21 (tentative).

Garden Plaza of Greenbriar Cove, Thurs, April 25, 7 PM.

Annual Show, *Fifty Year Parade of Harmony* (no longer titled Disney), May 18 or 19 (depending on venue scheduling)

50th Anniversary Celebration, Date to be determined

Sweet Adelines 50th Show, Oct 6.

From the Crowe's Nest - 50th Planning

The first *Fifty Year Parade Of Harmony* meeting was part of the Music Planning Meeting (see right column summary.)

The Annual Show is now titled *Fifty Year Parade of Harmony.* Tentative performance date is May 18 or 19 (a venue site has not yet been confirmed.)

Nothing is written in stone at this time, as others will be approached for their assistance to make this a successful event.

The Sweet Adelines are celebrating their Fiftieth in October. Paul is in discussion with their program coordinator who will bring up to their board the possibility of shared appearances on each other's shows.

There will also be a big party for chorus members, wives and significant others, and lots of guests (date and place to be determined.)

Remember : Nothing is impossible, the word itself says, " Im possible"

Birthdays

1 - Niles Fowler
19 - Marilyn Fisher
20 - Gene Huelman
22 - Steve Wixson
23 - Grady Rhoden
23 - Bill Slack
23 - Carol Collins

Anniversaries

23 - Clarence and Sally Wall

Script for Monday's Meeting

7:00 Paul leads warm up
7:15 Chuck - Polecat - Sweet and Lovely
7:30 Circle-sing - Paul with Ten Feet
7:50 Chuck works on GBA & SSB
8:00 Paul works on Wish Upon a Star
8:15 Dave White - Announcements & break
8:25 Quarteting
8:35 Risers - Paul WSLM
8:50 Paul - Wish Upon a Star
9:15 Paul - Dream is a Wish
9:25 Gandy and KTWWS

Summary of the Last Meeting

Chuck led warm up, and Paul led the Tag *From the First Hello.* He then worked on *Ten Feet*, Chuck worked on the Polecat *You Tell Me Your Dream*, and Paul finished the first segment with WYWUaS.

Announcements. Lebron asked for a show of hands for those singing for Singing Valentines. There were many so Marcellus wrote down their names, and asked they get organized during the break. Rich announced new sing outs to the Gold Star Wives, April 21st (still a bit tentative), and the Judge wants us back for the April 11th morning and afternoon Naturalization Ceremonies. Wilbur passed out a membership survey, and talked about chair room and riser permanent seating assignments.

After the break, the quartet of Johnny, Fred, Fleury and Marcellus sang *Heart of My Heart*. Paul worked on WSLM, Chuck worked on GBA and SSB. Paul closed with *Dream is a Wish*. Pat passed the Gandy to Wilbur. We closed with KTWWS.

Summary of the Planning Meeting

The Music Planning meeting was held Saturday, January 15, at 8:30 AM at Wally's restaurant in East Ridge. As shown in the photograph above, attending were Wilbur Strickland, Paul Blazek, Pat Crowe, Gary Fisher, Lebron Brock, Lamar Owens, Dave Fleury, Marcellus Scott, Steve Wixson, David Rack, Rich Ptacin, Niles Fowler (not shown), Steve Grubb (not shown), and Frank Delaney.

This was not a gripe session, but a planning session. Discussion topics included the upcoming Valentines Day Fund Raiser, the need for a current reertoire, the use of assigned chair and riser positions, things to make the meetings fun, etc. Wilbur had prepared a questionnaire that was reviewed by the group. This questionnaire was passed out at the meeting, and the results will be discussed in future MLT meetings.

From the Chapter Historian

Here are a few more things from the 1962 Chapter Charter show *Parade of Harmony* program. The show quartets were: Left-Over Four, Atlanta; Gay Ninety-Four, Knoxville; Orbit-Aires, Huntsville; Bama-Chords, Birmingham; and 1962 Dixie District Champions - The Dignitaries. Choruses were: Knoxville Sweet Adelines Chorus; Atlanta Peachtree Chorus; and Knoxville Smokeyland Chorus. Of course we, the Rock City Chorus, performed as well. I wonder what might have been sung on that show. Must have been a fun night. Click HERE to see the complete Charter Program. Incidently, how about a show titled *50 Year Parade of Harmony*? We can select songs from previous shows - I have programs from nearly all of them. *Fred*

Charter Program Cover