The Weekly Newsletter of the
Choo Choo Chorus

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Calendar

Planning Meeting for 2012, Saturday, January 14, Wally's at East Ridge at I-75, 8:30AM. All Members invited.

Valentine Fund Raiser, Tuesday, February 14.

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

Garden Plaza of Greenbriar Cove, April (exact date to be determined.)

Our Disney Show, May 2012

Script for Monday's Meeting

7:00 Chuck leads warm up
7:15 Paul teaches a Tag
7:25 Paul - TFOTG
7:45 Chuck - Polecat
7:55 Paul - Wish Upon a Star
8:10 Chuck - GBA and SSB
8:20 Dave White - Announcements and break
8:30 Quarteting - Scott, White, Jackson and Fleury
8:40 Risers - Paul WSLM
9:00 Chuck - GBA and SSB
9:08 Paul - Dream is a Wish
9:26 Gandy and KTWWS

Summary of the Last Meeting

Gary opened the meeting by assembling everyone on the risers for the check presentation of $5,130 to Sharree Stoker, Executive Director of the Walter Boehm Birth Defects Center.

Paul lead warm up with DOW. Chuck worked on the Tag to *Give a Little Whistle*. Paul worked on Dream, and Chuck worked on WSLM. Paul worked on Ten Feet starting with the learning CD and adding a slide at the end. Chuck worked on *When You Wish Upon a Star*.

Chuck led announcements. Gary thanked everyone for their work resulting in the largest Christmas Show donation ever. Marcellus talked about advertising for the upcoming Singing Valentines fund raiser. He passed out business sized cards with a red heart

50th Anniversary Celebration, Monday, May 16 ()

From the Crowe's Next

" A goal without a plan is just a wish " : Antoine de Saint-Exupery

As brought up last Monday, the chapter will be celebrating our 50th anniversary this year. We want to make this a real celebration by putting together a program befitting the occasion. Inviting all past and present members, directors, and maybe past visitors (if that is possible) and the public. We will be having a planning meeting, so come and help the chapter. In this "brain storming " session, we are looking for any thoughts, ideas, viewpoint, etc. Saturday morning Jan 14th. 8:30 AM at Wally's Ringgold Road @ I-75, East Ridge. If you can't be there, don't be hesitant to bring any comment or suggestion to me, as a project like this will need everyones input to be successful. This could open the door to increase membership.

Another quote: " It is amazing what you can accomplish if you do not care who gets the credit " *Pat*

From the Treasurer

The question has been asked of how much money has been given to the Walter Boehm Birth Defects Center since 2007. The answer is that the Choo Choo Chorus has helped families of children born with birth defects to the tune of $17,756.08.

Thank you to each and every one of the Chorus members and those in the Community Chorus who have participated in our Christmas programs to make this possible.

and explanation, and asked everyone to give them out as person to person advertising. Wilbur noted the Dixie convention fee is now $39 and late the late fee is $49. He took a poll of who is competing at Gadsden, and most everyone is going. We will soon have assigned riser positions for rehearsing our contest songs. He also reminded us of the Saturday planning meeting. We need a Disney show Chairman. Pat also reminded us that Saturday's meeting will include 50th anniversary planning, and expects the basic plan to be set.

Wally passed out the new 'I Sing' buttons, and asked us to wear them everywhere. Rehearse your elevator speech for when someone asks you about the button. We sang a welcome to guests Al and Dutch.

Tom talked to Dave Reynold's sister, and he is not doing well being confined to a wheel chair. Dave Rack told us that Sondra has been home for a month and is doing better.

After a short break, the quartet of Fred, Wendell, Charlie and Chuck sang *Let me Call You Sweetheart*. Chuck worked on Dream, and Paul spent the rest of the meeting on WSLM. We closed with KTWWS.

From the Music Leadership VP

If you want to see YOUR Chorus grow and improve over the next year or so, be at the meeting Saturday, at Wally's in East Ridge at 8:30 AM. We will have a good breakfast and get down to some real business. Bring your thoughts and wishes for the future of the Chorus and we will discuss them. Pat Crowe will discuss some of his thoughts on the upcoming 50th Anniversary of the Chorus and is going to need volunteers to help make this happen.

Nobody likes CHANGE but everyone can ADJUST, so we are going to make some ADJUSTMENTS to the TRAIN so we can have more fun, sing more, and still have a great sounding Chorus. *Wilbur*

From the Chapter Historian

I have a copy of the program for the charter presentation for the Rock City Chapter of the SPEBSQSA. It states there that the Society informed the Chorus on May 17, 1962, that its charter had been granted. The charter presentation show and production of "Parade Of Harmony" took place at the City of Chattanooga High School Auditorium at 8:15 PM on Saturday July 14, 1962. More about this important milestone in later items. *Fred*.

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