The Weekly Newsletter of the
Choo Choo Chorus

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Calendar

50th Planning Meeting, Mon, Feb 6, Wally's. Everyone welcome.

Valentine Fund Raiser, Tues, Feb 14.

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

Script for Monday's Meeting

7:00 Paul leads warm up
7:15 Chuck - Polecat
7:30 Circle-sing - Paul with Ten Feet
7:50 Paul - Darkness on the Delta (DOTD)
8:00 Chuck - Wish Upon a Star
8:10 Paul - Chattanooga Choo Choo (CCC)
8:20 Dave White - Announcements & break
8:30 Valentines Quartets
8:40 Risers - Paul - Dream is a Wish
9:00 Paul - When Somebody Loves Me
9:20 Paul - Craft
9:25 Gandy and KTWWS

Summary of the Last Meeting

Paul led warm up for the 30 guys who attended. Chuck in preparation for Singing Valentines led *Heart of My Heart*. He also had Brandon teach some vocal exercises done with the other group he performs with. Paul worked on *Ten Feet* in a circle sing.

Paul reintroduced an old favorite *Darkness on the Delta*. A VLQ of

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, Fri, June 1, Colonnade.

Dixie Fall Convention, Sept 28-30, Tunica, MS.

Sweet Adelines 50th Show, Oct 6.

A Prayer for Jerry

I received a message from a fellow Shriner that Jerry is not doing well, and asked for our prayers for Jerry and his family. *Pat*

From the Crowe's Nest - 50th Planning

There will be a 50th Anniversary planning meeting next Monday at 5 PM at Wally's. Items to discuss include; music, script, history, program, budget, former member searching, press relations, and more. *Pat*

old-timers gathered in the front and sang the song, and we all sang the song once. Chuck worked on WYWUaStar. Paul reintroduced *Chattanooga Choo Choo* by talking us thru the breathing spots in the song, and then we all sang it. Both went well for a first time.

Wilbur announce the 50th Party is a the Colonnade on Friday, June 1. He needs someone to handle show tickets. Wally introduced two guests. Paul announced that the fall Dixie Convention will be held in Tunica, MS on September 28-30, and hotel and contests are in the same place.

After a very short break, the quartet of Fred, Wilbur, John, and yes, Ron Weaver, sang *Heart of My Heart*. We went to the risers and worked on WSLM. Paul's craft for the night was around MWIRose noting that a perfect score is when every man sings the same vowel at the same time on the same pitch. Wilbur passed the Gandy to Chet, and we closed with KTWWS.

Homework for next Monday. Here are some things to concentrate on when reviewing your music this week: Ten Feet Off The Ground - flow in the intro, notes in the tag. When She Loved Me - proper notes in the bridge ("so the years went by..."), accuracy of melody leaps for leads ("WHEN SOME-body LOVED ME, everything was beautiful...") Wish Upon A Star - unaccented beats. *Paul*

Sell 50th Ads Now

Frank, Steve W and I designed a flier to help us all sell ads for the 50th program. It was shown at last Monday's meeting, and can be downloaded by clicking HERE. It is based on our charitable singing, and presents a powerful argument to potential ad buyers. Present this opportunity to every business where you spend your money. WE NEED THEIR SUPPORT!

We really need to jump on the bandwagon and sell ads NOW. At this time of year the advertising budgets are getting disbursed rapidly or the money is getting set aside for advertising somewhere later in the year. We need to hit up businesses while they still have money that has not been earmarked for other advertising. HIT THE STREETS RUNNING or we are going to be left out. Anyone that sells the inside front, inside back OR the very back cover needs to send out an e-mail like this one and reply to all. That way everyone knows what we have left, so that we don't sell the back cover twice. We need this money for the chapter and to put on a 50th celebration that will be remembered for the next 50 years. *Dave Fleury*

From the Chapter Historian

It is hard to see in the above photograph, but General Admission for the 1965 show was $2, and reserved $3.

I found lots of notes written by David Reynolds during his tenure as Historian. One note says, "The Rock City Chorus competed and was disqualified for using a "gimmick" on stage. In 1964, they competed in"Ghost" costumes which were attached to a drop bar overhead. The sheets were removed by pulling them up to the drop bar when the performance was over." Another note says, "Rock City Chorus was disqualified in the chorus competition because they took props (a large sheet, designed to make them look like ghosts) on the stage, but didn't carry it off (it was pulled off from offstage)." I wonder what the two songs were! Fred

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