The Weekly Newsletter of the
Choo Choo Chorus

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Calendar

50th Anniversary Party, Friday, June 1, 5:30 PM, at the Colonnade in Ringgold

50th Show Production Meeting, Monday, June 4, 6 PM, All Saints, Finalize staging of show.

Paint Work Party, Tuesday, June 5, 10 AM, All Saints. Start on mirror room.

Extra Show Rehearsal, Thursday, June 7, 7 PM.

Open House/Guest Night. Monday, June 18.

Annual Show, *Fifty Year Parade of Harmony*, Saturday, June 9, 7:30 PM at GPS

Dixie Harmony Weekend July 20-21, Huntsville, AL

Ruby Falls, July 28

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

Sweet Adelines 50th Anniversary Show, October 6.

Birthdays

2 - Gary Fisher
3 - Art Southerlin
5 - Rich Ptacin
10 -Tanya Fleury
18 - Erby Erwin
21 - Tom Keegan

Anniversaries

4 - Johnny and Sally Jackson
5 - Steve and Janet Wixson
18 - Fred and Judy Jesse
22 - Art and Debbie Southerlin
24 - Lebron and Margie Brock

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Script for Monday's Meeting

7:00 - 9:28 Show preparation as needed
9:28 Gandy and KTWWS

Last Meeting Highlights

Chuck had more timing exercises. Pat review party plans and noted that there are 92 attending. Wilbur gave a show update and noted that a show production meeting would be next Monday. Only a few members wore their costume to the meeting, so next Monday we are asked to bring on hangers whatever we are planning to wear on stage for the show. Gary noted that money has been received for only 134 tickets. We need to sell ticket so we have someone to sing to.

Message from our Director

Thanks for your hard work leading up to the show - our songs are in good shape and I'm getting excited. Having said that, it's now an issue of the work we do in the next two rehearsals to polish and raise our default level of performance that will make the biggest difference in our impact on the audience. Perform, perform, PERFORM! Energy, energy, ENERGY! I feel like the announcer at a monster truck rally, but everything that improves our habits makes it easier to do our best. Please sing every day as we get closer to the show - listen critically to yourself and fix the little mistakes that keep popping up - don't go join the Army, but make it a personal goal to "be all that you can be." *Paul*

The National Cemetery Sing Outs

The Choo Choo Chorus has sang at these events for years, and it gets a bit routine. However, particularly for the Memorial Day Sing Out, there was a freshness to it. Wilbur noted that during the reading of those who had died this past year, the geese on the lake behind us were at attention and all looking at bell ringer. And for the first time in my memory, a woman from the Army was the guest speaker and presented the history of women in the military. Then on the way out, I walked beside Mayor Littlefield and thanked him (as had Paul earlier) for our Proclamation. He noted that we always sound good, and I told him the reason - practice, practice, practice. I'm not the only one who finds this sing out worthwhile - we had 19 for Scout Flag Day and 21 for Memorial Day, and I suspect we will be there next year. *Steve Wixson*

Sell Tickets - Fill Those Seats

I have received money for 47 Anniversary show tickets to date. That is very disappointing for a Golden Anniversary show that we have put months and really years of effort preparing for. Especially after last Monday's rehearsal when you've got to admit we sounded really good and you know it's going to be a great show. Sell those Tickets - Fill those Seats.. *Gary*

Next Paint Party

The next paint party will be Tuesday, June 5th at 10 AM. *Rich*