The Weekly Newsletter of the
Choo Choo Chorus

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Wally and his Supercomputer

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Valentine Fund Raiser, Tuesday, February 14.

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

Our Disney Show, May 2012

50th Anniversary Celebration, Monday, May 16 ()

Dress Up For a Photograph

Be sure and get spiffed up for a photo opportunity Monday night. We will take a group photo of the chorus presenting a check to Sharree Stoker of the Walter Boehmn Birth Defects Center with our net proceeds from the Christmas show and sing-outs.
Gary Fisher

Script for Monday's Meeting

7:00 Paul leads Warmup
7:15 Chuck - Learn Tag
7:25 Paul - Dream is a Wish
7:35 Chuck When She Loved Me
7:45 Paul - Ten Feet Off the Ground
8:05 Chuck - Wish Upon a Star
8:25 Dave White - Announcements and Break
8:35 Quarteting with Holder, Fleury, Johnny and Fred
8:40 Paul - Polecat
9:00 Risers - Chuck - Dream is a Wish
9:15 Risers - Paul - When She Loved Me
9:25 Gandy and KTWWS
9:30 Meeting Evaluation - Wilbur

Profile of a Member
Wally Edmondson

The youngest of three children, Wally was born at Erlanger in February of 1979. He was raised in Dayton, TN, and attended Rhea County schools until he moved to Ft. Oglethorpe in 1997 to study computer science at UTC. He received his BS is 2001 and went to work in the Chattanooga area. He met his wife in the academic trivia club at UTC in 2000 and they married in 2004. He became the Systems Administrator for the SimCenter National Center for Computational Engineering and the Graduate School for Computational Engineering at UTC in 2003, a post he still holds (photo shows his supercomputer.)

Wally's best friend in high school bought the 1990 Quartet Contest CD at a music store in Chattanooga. They listened to the Acoustix sing "I'm Afraid the Masquerade is Over" and knew they had to form a quartet ASAP. The quartet they cobbled together just before Christmas of 1996 was called Three Guys and a Q-Tip because of Wally's (bass) enormous afro at the time. The tenor went on to become a professional operatic countertenor in the Portland, OR, area and the baritone is studying for his doctorate in choral conducting at UK. In his last semester at UTC, someone told Wally about the marquee at the Tivoli saying something about barbershop, so he checked it out and attended a Saturday evening show not long before the Four Voices won gold in Portland in 2002. Singing the Star-Spangled Banner with hundreds of guys was addictive, but he couldn't he couldn't visit with the Choo Choo Chorus at the time due to his commitment to the UTC trivia team on Monday nights. Later, having retired from trivia, he saw a quartet sing with the Chattanooga Symphony for a baseball-themed show. He got some info from a card in the lobby and attended his first meeting a week before the "Radio!" show in 2007. He joined as quickly as he could and sang bass for over a year, switching to lead for Christmas when leads were needed, then to tenor when he noticed poor Fred having to carry the part by himself at several singouts. In 2009, the Chattanooguys needed a new tenor and Wally jumped at the chance, rocketing that quartet to International Gold in Intheirdreams, AZ. He has held the office of VP of Chapter Development since January of 2009.