The Weekly Newsletter of the Choo Choo Chorus

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50th Open House/Guest Night | **June 25, 2012**

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MLT Meeting, Monday, June 25, 5:30 PM

Music Man Intro, Friday, June 29, Tivoli, Assemble at 6:45 PM

Music Man Intro, Saturday, June 30, Tivoli, Assemble at 6:45 PM

Music Man Intro, Sunday, July 1, Tivoli, Assemble at 1:15 PM

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.

Music Man Gig

The chorus was invited to sing the National Anthem at the Tivoli prior to the start of "The Music Man" musical presented by Closed Door Entertainment. We will sing on 6/29 and 6/30 @7:30 pm and at the 2:00 pm Sunday Matinée (7/1). The outfit will be polo shirt and khaki trousers. *Rich*

Chapter Rooms Revitalized

With 35 seconds to go, our revitalized chapter rooms welcomed our Open House/Guest Night visitors. Someone said it was a miracle as the mess that was created by painting. framing and 50th show props disappeared into the storage room by members who arrived early. Special thanks to Rich and his paint crew of Pat, Chet, Dave Rack, Fred, and Charlie, and Steve W and his picture crew of Daniel, Rich, and Marcellus. There are some finishing touches left, but all in all our facilities are outstanding.

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Script for Monday's Meeting

7:00 Chuck leads warm up plus Polecat
7:15 Paul - Georgia on My Mind
7:30 Paul - Circle - Darkness on the Delta
7:45 Paul - My Wild Irish Rose/Don Gray
8:00 Chuck - Maggie
8:20 Dave White - Announcements & break
8:30 Quarteting - If available
8:40 Risers - Paul/Chuck - When You Wish Upon a Star
9:00 Paul - How's Every Little Thing in Dixie
9:23 Paul - Craft
9:28 Gandy and KTWWS

Last Meeting Highlights

The Open House/Guest Night was a big success. We had 20 guests and 8 of those sang with us. Chuck lead warm up and introduced the 'Carolina Tag.' Visitors received a song packet and Paul took songs from that starting with Hello Mary Lou. He gave an overview of Barbershop to our visitors and we continued singing.

We broke for two large tables of refreshments and a lot of good fellowship. We reassembled on the risers, and as shown in the photo, with our guests in front. We sangs several songs as did the Chattanooguys and Four Grand. Paul gave our guests some closing thoughts. Steve Wixson passed the Gandy to Wilbur for chairing the 50th Anniversary Celebration. We closed with KTWWS, and people stayed around for quite a while.

Thanks from Wally

Big thanks to everyone who helped us pull off a great guest night! Dave White and Marcellus deserve my gratitude for meeting over breakfast one morning and hashing out the details and writing it down. Over half of the chorus volunteered to bring food or food accessories and it looked like everyone followed through on their commitments. It's always a treat to ask for volunteers and get that sort of response on the first try. I never heard "no" when I asked anyone to help out. Thanks again, *Wally*

Thanks from Paul

Thanks to lots of people - those who invited and/or brought guests, those who welcomed them and made them feel part of our organization, those who performed quite well for our guests (in particular Chattanooguys and Four Grand), and those who provided refreshments. I thought the program went very well, and I received lots of positive comments from our guests. One lady, who sings in various groups herself, commented to me on how well the chorus followed the director - I had noticed it as well and thank you guys for the effort you displayed and the entertainment you provided. Our next big events are the fall contest and the Christmas show, and the music team is already starting work on next year's show, so we'll be polishing existing repertoire and looking to add some new songs for Christmas and next year. Keep up the good work! *Paul*

50th Reflections by Rich

I thought the show was excellent. Having the quartets perform really added a lot to the show. I conclude we need to promote forming more quartets and quartet singing to add to our sing out capabilities.

The party invitees obviously enjoyed their past barbershop participation. They came, some long ways, and they eagerly sang the old songs. People don't forget good experiences.

Finally, I didn't know many of the old timers at the party but the conversations, the picture montage and the presentations gave me an appreciation of the past and how we continue the traditions today. *Rich*

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