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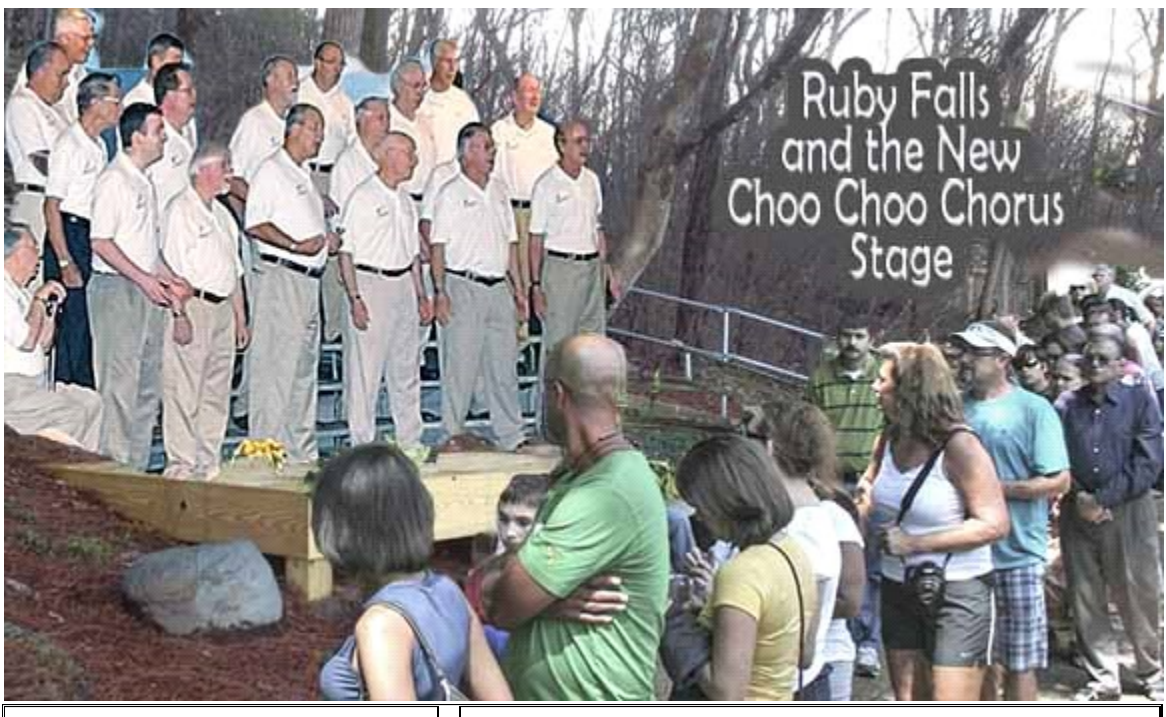

Ruby Falls has a New Stage

April 1, 2013

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Calendar

Naturalization Ceremonies, Thursday, April 4, 10:30 AM and 1:30 PM, US District Court. Arrive 10 AM and 1 PM, Meet 3rd Floor Conference room. You pass thru security screening and cell phones are not allowed. Patriotic uniform

Special Olympic Track and Field, Saturday, April 20, 9:30, McCallie

Scout Flag Day, Saturday, May 25, National Cemetery, Tentative, Patriotic uniform

Memorial Day, Monday, May 27, National Cemetery, 10:15, Patriotic uniform

Summer Cookout, June 29

Annual Show, August 17, GPS, Lunch Break is guest quartet.

Fall Contest, October 4-5, Chattanooga, we are host.

Christmas Show, Thursday, December 19, Tivoli

Christmas Party, December 15 (tentative)

Vandals Hit Chapter Rooms

Late Monday evening, Vandals hit our chapter rooms. Most significant was our sound system and new printer (not the old copy machine.) Also sheet music was strewn about. and the floor trashed. Messages were placed on our walls. A neighbor saw four young men leave the building, but didn't think anything of it at the time. Be on the lookout for this Vandals quartet of young men, as maybe we could repatriate them since we really need more young blood in the chorus. BTW, the message on the walls was April Fool. The four young men turned out to be Wally, Cameron, Josh and Jesse.

Anniversaries

4 - Wilbur and Mary Strickland
5 - Niles and Sherry Fowler
16 - Frank and Joyce Delaney
18 - John and Cynthia Johnston
19 - Wendal and Karen Whitmire
24 - Pat and Margeret Crowe

Script for Monday Meeting

7:00 Chuck leads warm up plus Polecat
7:15 Chuck - Sweet and Lovely
7:30 Paul - Celebrate Harmony
7:45 Paul - Armed Forces Medley
8:00 Paul - Sectionals on Armed Forces Medley
8:10 Circle - Paul - Armed Forces Medley
8:20 Announcements & break
8:30 Four on the Floor - Wally, Cameron, Rich, Marcellus
8:40 Risers - Don G's - My Wild Irish Rose + Georgia
9:05 Paul - Work on set for singing-faces
9:15 Paul - Repertoire Song
9:28 Gandy and KTWWS

Highlights of Last Meeting

Good turnout with 27 attending. SteveG led announcements. Cameron introduced guests Bob Hill and Calvin Crim, and we sang a welcome. Fred gave new member Josh Jones his membership certificate, and gave renewals to Daniel (9 years), Brooks (18) and Rack (8). SteveG explained that we are looking to use the Lakeside Harmony Retreat on July 19-20 as our chorus retreat, and Lunch Break is the featured quartet. He was proud of our singing etiquette tonight.

After the break, the quartet of Rich, Daniel, Cameron and Wally sang *My Wild Irish Rose.* We sang *Happy Birthday* to Beau and to DaveF in absentia. The physical Gandy was passed to Paul and then to Charlie who gave it to Wendal for his work getting our risers to Dixie convention in Gadsden. We closed with KTTWS.

Barbershop Term of the Week (BTOW)

This week's word is Affiliates. The Barbershop Harmony Society includes chapters across the USA and Canada, but the American art form of Barbershop singing is enjoyed in many other countries as well. The BHS has formal alliances with most of the barbershop harmony groups around the world and we invite their winning quartets and choruses to compete at our International Contest if they meet the score requirements, treating them very much like additional districts of the BHS. We are also friendly with several US and international women's barbershop groups. Here is a list of most of the affiliates around the world:

Men
AAMBS Australian Association of Men Barbershop Singers
BABS British Association of Barbershop Singers
BinG! Barbershop in Germany
DABS Dutch Association of Barbershop Singers
IABS Irish Association of Barbershop Singers
FABS Finnish Association of Barbershop Singers
NZABS New Zealand Association of Barbershop Singing
SABS Spanish Association of Barbershop Singers
SNOBS Society of Nordic Barbershop Singers
SPATS Southern Part of Africa Tonsorial Singers

Women
HH Holland Harmony
HI Harmony, Inc.
LABBS Ladies Association of British Barbershop Singers
SAI Sweet Adelines International

A few bits of affiliate trivia: Only the US and Canadian national anthems are sung before the quartet finals at the BHS International Convention, but affiliate quartets from the second semifinal get to sing their national anthems before the first semifinal round and vice versa. Paul Gardner, the President of the Cleveland chapter, was a member of BABS when he lived in England. You may have met him at Cleveland's Christmas show and I'm pretty sure he sang with us on our Christmas show. He's a super-nice guy so introduce yourself when you see him and ask him about BABS. Though we have had several gold-winning collegiate quartets, Ringmasters (2012) was the first affiliate quartet to win a quartet gold medal (see photograph to the left). *Wally*

Birthdays

16 - Joyce Delaney

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