The Weekly Newsletter of the
Choo Choo Chorus

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Valentines/Awards Party

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Calendar

Spring Contest, March 8-9, Gadsden, AL Dress is tux with purple accessories.

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 Theatre

Christmas Party, December 15 (tentative)

Highlights of Valentine/Awards Party

Twenty nine attended the Valentine/Awards Party hosted by Gary and Marilyn Fisher at St Alban's Episcopal Church on February 16th. The Fishers catered a great dinner with salad, brisket, chicken casserole and an amazing carrot casserole that even SteveB, who doesn't much like cooked carrots, liked, and for dessert cheesecake and red velvet cake.

SteveB was our entertaining MC. Wally gave the Presidents award to Marcellus, and the BOTY, presented with humor by Fred, went to Steve Wixson. We sang two Valentines songs to our ladies. A nice evening of food, fun and fellowship.

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Script for Monday Meeting

7:00 Chuck leads warm up plus Polecat
7:15 Chuck - Wait Til the Sunshines, Nellie
7:30 Paul - Celebrate Harmony
7:45 Paul - Armed Forces Medley
8:10 Paul - Honey Little Lize
8:20 Announcements & break
8:30 Four on the Floor - Fred, Charlie, Benny & Gary
8:40 Risers - How's Every Little Thing in Dixie
9:00 Paul - When Someone Loves Me
9:23 Paul - Craft
9:28 Gandy and KTWWS

Highlights of Last Meeting

SteveB led announcements and gave us a B+ for not talking when the Director is talking. He gave a brief summary of the Valentines/Awards Party, and encourage more to attend in the future. Wally gave a brief Board Meeting review. Wilbur announced the Christmas Show will be at the Tivoli Theatre on December 19th. Fred passed a 3 year renewal to Rich. Cameron welcomed Doug, Nathaniel, Josh and JJ and we sang them a welcome. The quartet of Wally, Tom, Beau and Erby sang Honey Little Lize. Wilbur passed the Gandy to Chet. We closed with KTWWS.

Credit Cards Accepted at Door

Anyone buying tickets at the "box office" desk at any of our concerts can now use a credit card for their purchase using a credit card swipe through my iPhone. The money automatically is deposited in our checking account. *Gary Fisher*, Treasurer

Barbershop Term of the Week (BTOW)

Let's talk about some arrangers for a bit. Dr. Val J. Hicks (1933-2004) was a 53-year member of our society (photo in left column). He was a prolific composer and arranger and helped spread barbershop singing around the globe. You will see his name on almost 800 arrangements, including the Society's standard Star-Spangled Banner. You would also recognize The Showboat Came to Town, Shine On, Harvest Moon, Ten Feet Off the Ground, and a bunch more. He was judging at the international level by age 24. He arranged music for and coached groups on major network programs like Lawrence Welk, Danny Kaye, and Andy Williams. He also helped the Osmonds get their start. A quote from Val: "Barbershop can be loud, out of tune (with certain voices grating and dominating), with corny lyrics, trite melodies and silly interpretations, or it can be beautifully crafted, wonderfully in tune and performed with exciting vocal artistry worthy of any audience in the world. It's your choice." The man was a barbershop GIANT and his influence can't be overstated. Click HERE if you would like to read stories about Val: Please send any corrections or comments to wally@epbfi.com and we can add it to next week's column. *Wally*