The Weekly Newsletter of the
Choo Choo Chorus

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Senior Class Quartet

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Calendar

Garden Plaza, Thursday, January 24, 6:15 PM. Uniform is red coat, white shirt, blue tie, navy blue pants and black shoes and socks.

Valentines Day, Thursday, February 14

Valentines Party, February 15th or 16th (tentative).

Spring Contest, March 8-9 (**this is a corrected date)**, Gadsden, AL

Summer Cookout, June 29

Annual Show, August 17 (tentative)

Fall Contest, October 4-5

Christmas Show

Christmas Party, December 15 (tentative)

Singing Valentine Order Form Attached

It's not too early to start selling Singing Valentines. The new order form is attached to this newsletter.

Featured Polecats

The MLT selected the following Polecats to bring to performance level.

Honey Lil Lize
Sweet and Lovely
My Wild Irish Rose
Wait Til the Sun Shines, Nelly
Down My Way
Let Me Call You Sweetheart

Online Archive

Script for Monday Meeting

7:00 Chuck leads warm up plus Polecat
7:15 Chuck - I Love You Truly - Prep for Val Day
7:30 Paul - Honey Lil Lize
7:45 Paul - Armed Forces Medley
8:10 Paul - Sweet and Lovely
8:20 Announcements & break
8:30 Four on the Floor - Fred, SteveW, Brooks & Lebron
8:40 Risers - Nellie
9:00 Paul - When Someone Loves Me
9:23 Paul - Craft
9:28 Gandy and KTWWS

Highlights of Last Meeting

Paul taught the tag, *Old Dominion Line* without sheet music. SteveG led announcements again requesting the chorus keep the talking down. Wally gave a quick overview of the Board meeting. We sang a welcome to visitor, Jesse. Fred passed a 10 year renewal to Lebron. Wilbur announced that Marcellus and JW will chair the Singing Valentine fund raiser, and reminded everyone of the upcoming Dixie Convention in Gadsden. SteveG announced the Valentines Party will be on February 15 or 16. Marcellus gave an overview of SV advertising and encouraged us to start selling them. Rich reminded us of the Garden Plaza sing out on Thursday, January 24.

In remembrance of James Coulter, Rock City 4 told some stories about James and sang his favorite song *Down By The Old Mill Stream*. Wally, Gene, Wendell and Marcellus sang *Heart of My Heart.* We worked on our Garden Plaza sing out songs on the risers. SteveG passed the Gandy to Gary, and we closed with Gary leading KTWWS.

Barbershop Term of the Week

This week it is James Coulter. See Fred's tribute below.

A James Coulter Tribute

Only a few members remember James when he left the Chorus in early 1996. Prior to that, he met me at the meeting room door at Brainerd Baptist Church when I arrived in October 1989. He had organized the Rock City Four quartet in 1989, and asked me in 1990 to replace the tenor who was moving to the east coast. He started the singing Valentine program with RC4 which later spread to other quartets and the Chorus. He formed the quartet, Senior Class, see photo above with from the left, Clarence Wall, Benny Malone with a beard, James Coulter and me) in 1995 to compete and win the Dixie District Senior Quartet contest, and then competed in the International senior contest in Jacksonville, FL. He was chapter President in 1991, and won Barbershopper Of The Year in 1990, 1993, and 1996. He spearheaded the purchase of the tux/purple outfits we wear for contests. He left us with a locomotive model we display proudly in our meeting room. He organized and decorated our original meeting room at All Saints including the folding chairs we still use. He started the Chapter Wall of Fame. When he returned to town to visit his parents living here, he would visit the Chorus, and always asked to sing with RC4 his favorite song, *Down By The Old Mill Stream*. He and wife June had a 50th wedding anniversary party with RC4 singing this song and also the most appropriate song for a golden anniversary, *Put On Your Old Gray Bonnet*. He had a dynamic personality that spread to the Chorus. A great and giving man. *Fred Jesse*

The Choo Choo Chorus is the performing unit of the Chattanooga Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society.
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