The Weekly Newsletter of the Choo Choo Chorus

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Boehm Check Presentation

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Calendar

Garden Plaza, Thursday, January 24, 6:15 PM

Valentines Day, Thursday, February 14

Spring Contest, March 7-8

Summer Cookout, June 29

Annual Show, August 17 (tentative)

Fall Contest, October 4-5

Christmas Show

Christmas Party, December 16 (tentative)

Thanks from Gary

Thanks to everyone that came to rehearsal on Monday to present an $11,115 check to the Boehm Center. This is enough money to purchase four wheelchairs and also aid families of children born with spina bifida and other birth defects. Director Elizabeth Myers indicated that the Choo Choo Chorus Christmas program is one of the top three fund raisers for Boehm BDC. My personal thanks to each of you that sold a ticket, sang a note or lifted a riser to make it possible.

Shown in the photograph above are front row to back, left to right; Paul Denise Wilson, Chair of Boehm Board, Elizabeth Myers, Boehm Executive Director, Wally, Second row; Brooks, Gene, Chuck, Wendell, Gary, Third row; Rich, Daniel, Beau, Pat, Fred, Fourth row; Will Rogers, Erby, Steve Grubb, Wilbur and Chet.

A Prayer for Sondra

Please pray for Sondra Rack who is in the hospital and scheduled for possible surgery followed by therapy. *Pat Crowe*

Script for Monday Meeting

7:00 Chuck leads warm up plus Polecat
7:15 Paul - Let Me Call You Sweetheart - Prep for Val Day
7:30 Paul - Ten Feet Off the Ground
7:45 Paul - Armed Forces Medley
8:00 Paul - Circle - Simple Medley
8:10 Paul - Circle - God Bless America
8:20 Announcements & break
8:30 Four on the Floor - Fred, Cameron, Chuck & Daniel
8:40 Risers - Songs for Garden Plaza sing out
Listener Brooks, Watcher Crowe
9:00 Paul - Shenandoah
Listener Chet, Watcher Wally
9:23 Paul - Craft
9:28 Gandy and KTWWS

Highlights of Last Meeting

After the check presentation (see left column) we worked on *Shenandoah, Simple Melody, Darkness on the Delta, Hello Mary Lou, and Ten Feet Tall*. Paul played the learning CD for the new *Armed Forces Medley* and we broke into sectional to start learning it. We rejoined and worked on the *Marine Hymn* section

Announcements. Wally thanked Lebron for his 4 years as President. He gave a brief overview of the Planning Meeting say quarteting is one thing he will concentrate on. Cameron said their would be three guests nights this year, and we sang a welcome to JJ and Will Rogers. Program VP, Steve G talked about not talking when Paul is directing/instructing. Fred passed a three year renewal to Cameron. Lebron passed the Gandy to Cameron. We closed with KTWWS.

Barbershop Term of the Week

The second Dixie quartet to win international gold, FRED formed in 1990 within the Big Chicken Chorus in Marietta. They competed on the international stage nine times and finally won in 1999, becoming the first primarily comedic quartet to do so. Storm Front (2010) is the only other comedic quartet to win the gold. I saw FRED sing on a Dixie Convention show in the early 2000s and I think most of our guys would agree that they their act was one of the funniest things we have ever seen in barbershop. Their ability to work jokes about the judges or specific singers into their lyrics tickled an “inside-joke” part of our funny bones that had barbershoppers listening to their every word with anticipation. The members: Tenor: Jared "Pookie" Carlson, Lead: Rick LaRosa, Bari: Clay Hine, Bass: Joe Clay. Clay Hine is now the Director of the Atlanta Vocal Project. FRED is still together and occasionally sings on chapter shows. They have produced four recordings which you can and should buy on CD.

FRED Quartet

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