The Weekly Newsletter of the
Choo Choo Chorus

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In Memory of David Collins

June 10, 2013

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Creekside, Saturday, June 8, Assemble 1:15PM. Patriotic uniform.

MLT Meeting, Monday, June 10, 5:30 PM, East Ridge Church of Christ. See details below.

Chapter Meeting, Monday, June 10, 7 PM. Because of parking problems at Bessy Street Strut, we will meet at East Ridge Church of Christ. See details below

Over 50 Club, Thursday, June 20, 5:30 PM, Alhambra Shrine

Summer Cookout, Saturday, June 29. Finally, the picnic is set at Chester Frost Park, 3 to 7 PM, at shelter # 4. Invite friends and family to join us. *SteveG*

Ruby Falls, Thursday, July 4, Arrive 11:15 AM

Lakeside Harmony Weekend, July 19-20, Huntsville, This is our chapter retreat for 2013.

Ruby Falls, Saturday, July 27, Arrive 11:15 AM

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

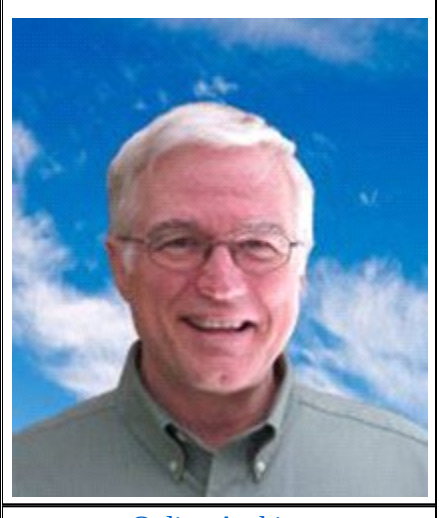
Christmas Party, December 15 (tentative)

Chapter Retreat at Lakeside Harmony Weekend Update

Please encourage Bari's and Tenor's to attend the retreat on July 19 & 20 in Huntsville, AL. We presently have 13 committed, but none are of the two parts mentioned. Need these guys to go! *SteveG*

Church of Christ Meeting Details

We will meet on Monday, June 10 at East Ridge Church of Christ, 951 McBrien Road. The fellowship room is taken, but we will meet in the Conference Classroom. Facing the building on McBrien Road, come to the back left corner of the main building to enter. The classroom is on your left. Immediately behind is the Fellowship Room. Plenty of parking on the South side of the building we will be using. *SteveG*



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Script for Monday Meeting at East Ridge Church of Christ

7:02 Chuck leads warm up
7:15 Chuck - Polecat - Down By The Old Mill Stream
7:30 Paul - Celebrate Harmony
7:50 Paul - Sweet Adeline - Show Arrangement
8:05 Paul - Focus Session on Vowels
8:20 Announcements & NO break
8:30 Four on the Floor - Fred, Wendell, Brooks, Fred
8:40 Any other Quartet that wants to sing followed by the songs we love to sing
9:00 Gandy Dancer Award and KTWWS

Highlights of Last Meeting

SteveG led announcements. Our meeting next week will be at East Ridge Church of Christ (see directions in column to the right.) Wilbur passed a sign up sheet plus registration forms for the Lakeside Harmony Weekend which is our retreat for 2013. Fall contest will be at the Tivoli. Rich reminded us of the sing-out on Saturday at Creekside. Gary noted Collins family requested donations be to Dave Fire Department and he is collecting them for the chorus. Fred passed a 4 year renewal to Charlie. Wally welcome Andrew and Alex back and we sang them a welcome. Paul thanked all who showed up for Collins funeral. Also congratulated us for both sing outs over Memorial Day weekend. Lots of thanks from attendees. Daniel passed the Gandy to Brooks and we closed with KTWWS.

Dave Collins Remembered

David Bernard Collins was born in Chattanooga on September 16, 1944 and died here on May 30, 2013. He was a hard working member of the Choo Choo Chorus though in recent years he worked hard for the Cleveland Chorus. He served on the Dixie District Board. He support our chorus when he was needed both at shows and contest, and recently he and Rock City 4 sang for us frequently after break. A remembrance video is on-line and can be viewed by clicking HERE. RC4 Fred Jesse remembers Dave this way.

"I joined the Society in Kansas City in 1985, and I guess Dave joined in the next mail because his Membership number is just 13 digits from mine. We first met when I came to Chattanooga in late 1989. He was Chapter President the year before, Barbershopper Of The Year in years 1989, 1992, 1995, 1998, and 1999. He was the bass in many quartets including Blue Plate Special, Choo Choo City Chord Committee, Just For Kicks, Mixed Blend, New Kids On The Block, Sound Decision, and Rock City Four since 1994. He was a force in obtaining the original meeting room upstairs and moving down to the present meeting location. He worked on the fix up of that room and ventilation system, and eventually obtained and added the mirrors on the meeting room wall. And, it's been my special pleasure singing with him all these years in contests, chapter shows, sing-outs, pick-up quartets, tag sessions, and practices. Yes practices, because we had to get it right."

Memorial Gifts for Collins

The Chorus is sending $100 to the Suck Creek Mountain Volunteer Fire Department in memoriam for Dave Collins. If you wish to make your own donation send to: SCMVFD C/O Glen Mercer, 375 Bluff Drive, Chattanooga, TN 37405

Memorial Day Videos

Check out these videos of our Scout Flag Day and Memorial Day sing outs. There are only short clips of the chorus, but our singing is background for one of the videos. Click HERE for Channel 3 and HERE for Channel 12. *DaveF*

Note From The Director

Congratulations on a great session Monday night! I really like the "new" Choo Choo Chorus - we're on our way to repeating Most Improved this fall! Please work on upcoming songs (you'll find them listed above) so we don't have to spend time teaching words and notes - we get a lot more done when we're in "polish" mode. Thanks for all your hard work. The results speak for themselves- even to Dave Fleury ;-} *Paul*

Barbershop Term of the Week (BTOW)

Chuck Greene (1949-2012) was a barbershopper from the Asheville area who passed away last August. He competed on the International stage four times as a bass in four different quartets, but he was better-known (at least since I have heard of him) as a coach and chapter rejuvenator. He was a Scrabble enthusiast, a co-founder of the extreme Quartetting Harmony Brigades, and attended 42 consecutive International Conventions. By all accounts, and I'm sure many of you reading this know the man and can share stories, he was a magical person who was an instant friend and eager to share four-part harmony with everyone. His "Compellingly Attractive Chapter Meetings" program was instrumental in completely rejuvenating many chapters and doubling the roles of others. We use some of the ideas from his plan every Monday night, like the "script" and singing in different formations. You should read the amazing account of how he got to go to his first International Convention. It's quite a story! http://tinyurl.com/bcnwo3a His influence will be felt for many years to come in our society. *Wally*