The Weekly Newsletter of the
Choo Choo Chorus

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

Summer Cookout, June 29,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

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)

Over 50 Club Sing Out Reminder

Over 50 Club sing out is Thursday, June 20 at the Alhambra Temple, 5:30 pm is arrival time. Patriotic uniform. *Rich*

Annual Show Afterglow Update

The caterer is set for the Afterglow. Cost will be $10 per person. Menu will include breakfast casserole, banana bread, muffins, fresh fruit, juices, decaf coffee and water. Plan now to attend and encourage your friends and family to be there as well. *SteveG*

Chattanooguys Are Looking for a Bass

With Gary's departure for sunny Florida, The Chattanooguys are looking for a replacement bass. Any member of the Choo Choo Chorus who is interested in singing bass with us is invited to let Beau Christian know at 423-837-0263. We will schedule you in to sing with us and get acquainted with us as a quartet. Thanks, *Beau*

Online Archive

Script for Monday Meeting

7:02 Chuck leads warm up
7:15 Chuck - Push out - My Wild Irish Rose
7:30 Paul - Shine on Me
7:40 Paul - Sentimental Gentleman From Georgia
8:05 Paul - Focus Session on Vowels
8:20 Announcements & break
8:30 Four on the Floor
8:40 Risers - Lulus Back in Town
8:50 Risers - Caroline
9:00 Risers - Celebrate Harmony
9:10 Risers - Nearer My God to Thee
9:20 Risers - Chattanooga Choo Choo
9:28 Gandy Dancer Award and KTWWS

Highlights of Last Meeting

SteveG led announcements. Wally noted that the chorus needs a tenor and ask if anyone wanted to give it a try. Fred passed a 2 year renewal to Neil. Cameron introduced our guest Ryan Killeen (see below) and returning guests Andres and Alex and we sang them a welcome. Rich reminded us of our sing out on Thursday. Beau noted that The Chattanooga guys will be auditioning for a bass (see left column). After the break we worked on repertory songs in preparation for Thursday's sing out. Paul, on Wendell's unknown behalf. passed the Gandy to guest Ryan in appreciation for his visit, and we closed with KTWWS.

Ryan Killeen's Harmony Foundation Presentation

Guest Ryan Killeen made a Harmony Foundation presentation. He noted that BHS is partnering with the Choral Music Society, who like us is getting smaller. He noted the success Harmony Explosion is having with youth. He presented the Ambassadors of Song program that is funding youth music education. Using a bit of today's credit card technology, several members signed up.

Chapter Retreat Update

The Chapter Retreat at Dixie Lakeside Harmony has been canceled due to lack of attendance by Bari's and Tenors! Looking to do a retreat in September as we prep to win back-to back Most Improved Chorus scores. Let's all try our best to attend should a date and location be found. *SteveG*

Barbershop Term of the Week (BTOW)

This week's word is FREE. The Society has made many arrangements available for free and I have found some arrangers that have done the same. When you are starting a new quartet, it can be fun to learn a song that we aren't singing as a chorus. We always need quartets to sing on shows and sing-outs, so knowing a song that we don't normally sing means you can sing it without risk of duplication. Now would be a great time to start learning a Christmas song for our December sing-outs. Here are some links to great free music, much of it with learning tracks:
Joe Johnson - (http://tinyurl.com/m9u2bqs) Joe has made his sacred and Christmas arrangements available for free, 54 in all. It appears that there are 4-part learning tracks for all of them, so this is a treasure trove of free, easy-to-learn sheet music. Don't be surprised if the tracks aren't up to the quality of those that the chorus provides for our music. It's just enough to learn the notes; the rest is up to you.
Free 'n Easy - (http://tinyurl.com/n75b6zg) The Society maintains a page where they list free arrangements. Right now they have 38 songs, but only some have learning tracks. My quartet learned some of these early on and still sing them today. This is the best place I know to get free non-religious arrangements.
Jon Nicholas - (http://tinyurl.com/lr4vwdx) Jon has made18 of his arrangements available on his website.
Jeremey Johnson - (http://tinyurl.com/mcknwa9) Jeremey has seven free arrangements. *Wally*