The Weekly Newsletter of the

Choo Choo Chorus

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Calendar

Board Meeting, Monday, Feb 18, 5:30 PM, All Saints

Valentines Party, February 16th. 6:00 PM, St. Alban's Episcopal Church. See note from Gary below.

Spring Contest, March 8-9, Gadsden, AL

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

Christmas Party, December 15 (tentative)

Valentine Party

Our Valentine/Awards Party is on Saturday, February 16th, 6 pm, at St. Alban's Episcopal church, Hixson Pike and catered by the Fisher family. Join us for song, good food and camaraderie as well as presentation of the President's Award and the BOTY Award. If you've already confirmed you're coming, great but I will still accept additional requests as late as Thursday, 6 PM. Tickets are $15 each.

Directions to St. Alban's Episcopal Church in Hixson: 1. Take Highway 153 North just past Northgate Mall to the up ramp of Hixson Pike (Rd 319). 2. Travel 5.3 miles on Hixson Pike towards Chester Frost Park. 3. Just past the turn off to Chester Frost, behind the abandoned gas station, turn into the driveway of St. Alban's Church. The address is 7514 Hixson Pike. *Gary Fisher* (423)847-3776, (423)838-5828 (cell)

Online Archive

Script for Monday Meeting

7:00 Chuck leads warm up plus Polecat
7:15 Chuck - My Wild Irish Rose
7:30 Paul - Honey Little Lize
7:45 Paul - Armed Forces Medley
8:10 Paul - Sweet and Lovely
8:20 Announcements & break
8:30 Four on the Floor - Wally, Tom, Beau and Erby
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. Cameron introduced visitors, Jesse, Daniel and Josh. Fred passed renewals to Gary (9 years) and Wilbur (23). Marcellus asked for help with taking orders over the telephone. Wilbur summarized the MLT meeting. Dress for contest is tux with purple accessories.

After the break the Valentines quartet of Brandon, Chuck, Erby and Wendell sang *Let Me Call You Sweetheart* and the Chattanooguys sang the same. We worked on *How's Every Little THing in Dixie.* Beau passed the Gandy to Wilbur. We closed with KTWWS.

50th Year in Review

What a grand 50th Year for the Choo Choo Chorus: Valentines Fund Drive, Valentines/Awards Banquet, redecorate rooms, 50th Party, 50th Show, Christmas show with biggest CCCC and audience, $11,115 check to Boehm Birth Defects Center, 2 Dixie competitions, Harmony Foundation donation, Christmas Party plus 20 civic and other sing outs. Congratulations to everyone for your hard work.

Barbershop Term of the Week (BTOW)

Solfège. “Do, a deer, a female deer; Re, a drop of golden sun; Mi, a name I call myself; Fa, a long, long way to run.” You probably all recognize those lyrics. It’s one of the most memorable songs from Rodgers and Hammerstein’s “The Sound of Music”, and the first and maybe only time people from my generation are exposed to the art of solfège, sometimes called solfeggio. Music majors may still learn this method, but that’s about it as far as I can find. In solfège, each note of the major scale for a piece of music’s key is assigned a syllable. Beginning at the tonic, they are do, re, mi, fa, sol, la, and ti. It is used to teach the intervals between notes and to aid in sight singing. You’ll hear Paul use it all the time when he is describing intervals between notes. In the United States, we use what’s called “movable do” solfège. We always assign “do” to the tonic of the piece. When we have a key change, we move “do” accordingly. In some countries, they use “fixed do” solfège. In that method, “do” is always the same pitch and the key signature is ignored. If you would like some helping learning solfège, you can find free software at solfege.org. Please send any corrections or comments to wally@epbfi.com and we can add it to next week’s column. *Wally*

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