The Weekly Newsletter of the
Choo Choo Chorus

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Dave Collins Farewell

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

Summer Cookout, Saturday, June 29, 3 to 7 PM.. The picnic is set at Chester Frost Park, 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, Saturday, December 14 (**New Date)**

Christmas Party, Monday, December 16 (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*

Note From Treasurer

Your esteemed treasurer will be gone for two weeks to the sunny beaches of Florida. If you have any checks that have to be written, please see Dave Fleury. *Gary*

Dave Collins Farewell Photograph and Video

Thirty current and former Chattanooga and Cleveland Chapter members directed by Chad Guyton sang at Dave Collins' funeral. Also shown in the photograph is the Red Bank Baptist Prime Time Singers and Dave also sang with them. Click HERE to see a nice video that pays tribute to the time Dave spent with the Choo Choo Chorus.

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Script for Monday Meeting

7:02 Chuck leads warm up
7:15 Chuck - Polecat - Down By The Old Mill Stream
7:30 Paul - Celebrate Harmony
7:50 Paul - Sentimental Gentlemen From Georgia
8:05 Paul - Focus Session on Vowels
8:20 Announcements & break
8:30 Four on the Floor -
8:40 Risers - Sentimental Gentleman From Georgia
8:50 Risers - Lulus Back in Town
9:00 Risers - Caroline
9:10 Risers - Celebrate Harmony
9:20 Risers - Nearer My God To Thee
9:28 Gandy Dancer Award and KTWWS

Highlights of Last Meeting

Fifteen showed up in SteveG's Sunday School room at East Ridge Church of Christ for a good rehearsal. Paul organized a breakout quartet line for *Down Our Way* and that worked so well that we will continue that for a few weeks.

Announcements. SteveG noted that we've had to cancel the Chapter Retreat at Dixie Harmony Weekend due to not having any Tenors or Baritones. There is still a week or so before the deadline so sign up if you can. He passed around the sign up sheet for bringing food items to the picnic. Rich took a count of wives attending the Over 50 sing out as it looks like they will be able to eat dinner. Wendell needs help with the risers for that Over 50 sing out - please contact him. Paul announced a date conflict such that we do not have the Tivoli for the Christmas Show. Working on the Community Theatre at Memorial on Saturday, December 14. There was no break and we sang our favorite songs until Brooks passed the Gandy to Wendell for his riser work. We closed with KTWWS.

MLT Updates Chapter Repertory

At the MLT meeting last Monday the following songs were selected for the basic Chapter Repertory; *Armed Forces Medley, Caroline, Celebrate Harmony, Darkness on the Delta, Georgia On My Mind, God Bless America, How's Every Little Thing in Dixie, National Anthem, Shenandoah, Simple Melody, Sweet Adeline, Ten Feet of the Ground, There is Love* and *When She Loved Me.* We've been working on most of these, and will soon learn *There is Love.* For funerals the team selected *Irish Blessing, Lord's Prayer, and Nearer My God to Thee. Wilbur*

Barbershop Term of the Week (BTOW)

The Dapper Dans are a barbershop group that began singing together in 1959 at Disneyland in Anaheim, CA. Today, there are three groups of Dans. One still sings in the Main St. area at Disneyland in California. One can be found mostly in and around the working barbershop in Main St. USA in the Magic Kingdom, part of Walt Disney World in Florida (since 1971). And one strolls up and down Main Street at Hong Kong Disneyland (since 2007). Each group comprises about a dozen guys so they can sing nine sets per day every day of the week. They take a break from singing now and then and play a song or two on their Deagan Chimes, hand-held novelty instruments from around 1900. Each man carries two chimes, each tuned to a different note of the C scale. They shake them like a bell choir to play songs and throw in a little soft-shoe and slapstick humor. The best thing about the Dans is singing with them. They are always happy to sing a Polecat with you, most of them being members of the Society, and they give you a little honorary membership card. It's a blast and I highly recommend doing it if you are ever at Disney. A little bit of trivia: The Dans voiced the Be Sharps, Homer's barbershop quartet in an episode of The Simpsons in 1993.

Society members have been talking about the Dans a little more than usual lately because of the Main Street quartet. Their members, all current or former Dans, have over 100 years of barbershop experience among them and have sung in International quartets like Keepsake, Max Q, Metropolis, Platinum, and Rounders. They placed fifth at the last two Internationals and have the fourth-highest qualifying score coming into Toronto. Many of us saw them qualify at the Dixie Spring Convention in 2012 (Gadsden) and they put on quite a show. The stir I mentioned is due to their tap dancing. It harkens back to the song-and-dance men from the last century, but is it barbershop? Email the editor with your opinions we'll put them in the next newsletter. *Wally*