The Weekly Newsletter of the
Choo Choo Chorus

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2013 Planning Meeting

January 7, 2013

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Calendar

Meeting, Monday, January 7th, 7 PM, All Saints

Garden Plaza, Thursday, January 24

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)

Dress Up for Boehm Check Presentation

The formal presentation of the check to the Boehm Executive Director is this Monday, so dress up in something photographable.

Birthdays

1 - Niles Fowler
19 - Marilyn Fisher
20 - Gene Huelman
22 - Steve Wixson
23 - Grady Rhoden
23 - Bill Slack
23 - Carol Collins

Anniversaries

23 - Clarence and Sally Wall

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Script for Monday Meeting

The meeting begins with the check presentation to Elizabeth Myers, Executive Director of the Boehm Center. There will be sectionals on the first song for the Annual Show. We will work on songs for the Garden Plaza sing out on Thursday, January 24th.

Planning Meeting Report

A very enthusiastic Board met for a 2013 planning meeting at Wally's house where he was chief (President), cook (waffles, bacon, fruit, OJ - see photo below. Also served was a breakfast casserole by Marilyn Fisher) and bottle washer (clean up after meeting.) Attending as shown in the photo above from the left were Cameron, Gary, Marcellus, SteveW (taking the photo), Fred, Charlie, Wilbur, Paul, Rich and Wally.

Items discussed were dates for shows and events, early planning for Spring Contest, annual show, Fall Contest, Christmas show, regular meetings, quarteting, Spring retreat, Valentines Day, and more.

Barbershop Term of the Week

I hope to write a regular newsletter column this year which defines commonly-used barbershop terms that the new guys might not recognize. I will cover quartets, arrangers, and more technical stuff. I'll begin with some important quartets. Only three Dixie quartets have won International gold (excluding college and senior). The first were The Confederates in 1956. Rocketing from 31st in 1954 to 2nd the very next year, they won it all in 1956 with a decisive average score of 99.9. Playtonics placed 2nd with a 94.0. Bill “Buz” Busby, the baritone, was the longtime director of Memphis’ Cotton Boll Chorus (1958 Intl. Champions). The Confederates began a 17-year run as an immensely popular show quartet all over the U.S. and Canada, averaging 45 shows per year. Though they were famous for wearing Confederate officer uniforms or southern “colonel” getups, two of them were yankees. All of the members have passed on, but they left a legacy of trend-setting and represented our district well. We couldn’t have asked for a better quartet from Dixie. The members: Tenor: George Evans, Lead: Dave LaBonte, Bass: Wally Singleton, Bari: Bill "Buz" Busby. *Wally Edmondson*