The Weekly Newsletter of the

Choo Choo Chorus

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Rock City 4 at Disney Show	September 15, 2014

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Board Meeting, Monday, September 15, 5:30 PM, All Saints.

First CCCC Rehearsal, Monday, October 6, 7 PM, All Saints

Judge Collier Retirement, Friday, October 10, 3 PM, Court House

Dixie Convention, October 10-12, Atlanta

Ketner Mill, Saturday, October 18, 11:15-Noon

Alexian Village, Tuesday, December 2, 7 PM

Cleveland Christmas Show, Thursday, December 4, Cleveland

Rock City, Friday, December 5, Lookout Mtn

St Peter and Paul Church, Sunday, December 7, 7:00 PM, All Saints Fellowship Hall

Military Officers Assoc, Tuesday, December 9

Alexian Village, Thursday, December 11,

Christmas Show, Saturday, December 13, GPS

Garden Plaza, Thursday, December 18.

Script For Monday's Meeting

7:02 Warm up
7:20 Coaching by Chad Guyton
8:20 SteveG - Announcements & Break
8:30 More coaching by Chad
9:25 Gandy Dancer Award and KTWWS

Highlights of the Last Meeting

SteveG led announcements. Rich reported that Blood Assurance gave us a check for $100. Paul told us about a special sing out possibility for St Peter and Paul Church (our landlord) on December 7th. He took a pole and looks like a go. He also noted that the coaching session by Chad has been postponed until next Monday. DaveF made an informal presentation about giving to the Harmony Foundation. Wendal ask that all show ticket and expense money be turned in by Monday. Wilbur passed out Dixie Registration Forms to those who wanted it (also attached to this email). He reported on the MLT meeting, and we need Chairmen for both shows. Dates for the Annual show include May 9 and May 23. Frank passed the Gandy to SteveW, and we closed with KTWWS.

Note From Webmaster

The board appointed me as the new webmaster at the August board meeting, so the first thing I did was design a new site with some features we have needed for a long time. I'd like to take time at a rehearsal to show you guys how to use the new website, but I think it would take too much time away from the reason we get together on Monday nights -- singing! So, read the next few paragraphs and explore the new site with me. If you have any questions, comments, or problems, I'm happy to help you via email any time (wally@epbfi.com). I'm sorry this is so long, but our website often creates someone's first impression of the chorus. We need one we can be proud of.

First, click this link: http://choochoochorus.org. I tried to keep it clean and simple, without a lot of distracting widgets and gizmos all over the place. All of you know how to use a regular website, so I'll focus only on the parts of the site that you need to know about as members of our chapter. Please explore it at least once because it can make the difference when you are inviting someone to visit on a Monday night. If you are talking to someone who might want to visit, just tell them to go to choochoochorus.org and click the "VISIT US!" link. That page has all the information a first-timer should need, including a clickable address that takes them to Google Maps and zooms in to a level where they can see the parking lot. That map link is also at the bottom of every single page of the site along with our clickable phone number and email address.

Dixie Contest Information

Click HERE to get the registration and housing information for the upcoming Dixie District Convention. Registration is $40 and the DAQC show is $5. *Wilbur*

Note From Business Manager

Please reserve Saturday evening 11/22 on your calendars. I'm working on a 5:00pm sing out in Lafayette, Ga. at an old Presbyterian Church. If it works out we can earn a healthy fee. Stay tuned!! *Rich*

Note From Treasurer

I am working o the 2015 budget and input is requested from whom it may concern. *Wendal*

Next, look at the bottom-right of every page, where you'll find four little icons. Those take you to (in order from left to right): our Facebook page, the Society's YouTube channel, our Flickr page, and our RSS link. Click each one to see where they go. Don't worry if you don't know what RSS means because most people don't use it, yet, but it's important that we support it. In short, it's a way to get updates from websites every time they post something by using a program or website designed to read special links found on most sites and present their content more like a magazine. I use feedly.com (free) every day to read all of my websites and it saves me a ton of time.

The next link is "EVENTS" at the top of the page, and it serves two purposes. If you click it, it takes you to our events calendar. Each event on the calendar is clickable and contains all of the information I have about it as the Business Manager or the newsletter tells me. Most events have an interactive map and a button to add it to your calendar. The other purpose of the "Events" link is for ticket sales. If you move your mouse over the "Events" link, another link appears below it called "Buy Tickets for Upcoming Events". That link takes you to our store where you or your friends can, obviously, buy tickets with PayPal. You don't need a PayPal account to buy from our store. It also lets us give out coupon codes for discounts or handle complimentary tickets for our partners. Purchasers get a very pretty emailed receipt with our logo when they buy something. We might even sell other stuff on there, someday, if that is something you guys want and would support.

The last link I want to show you is the "MEMBERS ONLY" page. It requires a password to enter. I can't put the current password in the newsletter because it is, seriously, for MEMBERS ONLY. You can email me for the password (wally@epbfi.com) and you can feel free to give it to other members of our chapter, and ONLY other members of our chapter. Once you are logged in, you can download learning tracks for songs that we have paid for if you didn't get a learning CD for your part. When we buy learning tracks, we buy enough for all of you guys plus enough for some new members, but copyright law says you are to receive each track only once. If you received a CD with your track on it, don't download the same track from the website. If you didn't get a CD, feel free to download the track for your part, but only once. The Society requires me to tell you guys this for us to offer this very handy feature, so please forgive me if you end up reading it more than you would like. Honor system, guys. You'll find some sheet music on there, too, but only stuff the Society has cleared for download. They are working on a way for us to put the rest of our music on there, but it is not yet legal. There is a link to the Singing Valentine order form from last year as a sample. The 2015 version will be up as soon as the form is complete. I also hope to digitize our bylaws and other important documents to create a central repository for every document a member could ever want and more.

I'm taking the District's Webmaster course next month, so expect the site to get even better. I'm really trying to make a site that is as useful to you guys as it is to people who want to learn more about us, visit with us, or hire us. *Wally*

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