The Weekly Newsletter of the
Choo Choo Chorus

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Calendar

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Board Meeting, MOnday april 18, 5:30 PM, All Saints

Special Olympics Track and Field Saturday, April 23, 9:45, Red Bank High School

Lookouts Baseball Game, Saturday, April 23, 6:45 PM. Uniform, white polo shirt and khaki pants.

Bass Tournament and BBQ,Saturday, June 4, 11:30 AM. Uniform, white polo

Script for Monday's Meeting

7:00 – 7:15 Chuck (WARM Up) *ARMED FORCES MELODY*
7:15 – 8:00 Paul (WHEN I'M 64)
8:00 – 8:20 (Announcements / Break)
8:20 – 8:35 Everyone sing in a Quartet (form your own and pick your song)
8:35 – 9:25 Paul (*SIMPLE MELODY / TEN FEET OFF THE GROUND*)
9:25 Gandy Dancer Award / KTWWS

Highlights From Last Meeting

After the warm up, we sang *Sweet Roses of Morn* to celebrate the birthday of BHS, and during the break had refreshments. SteveV led announcements. Paul thanked those who sang with the symphony (see his comments below). Rich presented the President's Award to Marcellus Scott. Fred passed a 41 year renewal to Paul. After the break, several made up quartets sang songs. Paul in the name of DaveF passed the Gandy to DaveR, and we closed with KTWWS.

Highlights of Symphony Event

As shown above, 18 showed up for the Symphony *Play Ball* show with Music Director Emeritus, Bob Bernhardt, conducting. We started the second half of the show singing the *National Anthem.* Later as shown below, the quartet of Benny, Paul, DaveF and Fred sang *You Gotta Have Heart*. We returned to the

shirt and khaki pants.

BHS International Convention, July 3-10, Nashville. Lots of opportunities to volunteer

Dixie Fall Convention, October 7-9, Dunwoody, GA

From a Board Member at Large

As one of three Board members at Large, it is my primary duty to have an eye on the pulse of the chapter and know the feelings of the membership. After attending the Valentine's party in April, I feel the pulse is a little stronger than I have felt it to be in the past. Good turn-out and fellowship are indicative of the brotherly spirit that has at times past waned, but appears to be righting itself lately. We need to continue to be supportive of each other whenever possible. Occasional jabs at folks and sections are expected, but building up will always yield greater fruit than tearing down. Let's pledge to be more of an encouragement to one another. As regards the second responsibility mentioned, if you as Joe Member have as issue the Board needs to be aware of, please share it with myself, Strick or Dave. We are your voice. Finally, let me plead with the membership to try and attend the full weekends of competition. There is no grander opportunity to build relations and friendships than a weekend of harmony and fun at locations that historically are not that far from the Scenic City. Thanks for letting me serve the chapter is this capacity. *SteveG*

sides of the stage for a sing along and then at the end returned to be recognized. As shown in the 1995 *Pops in the Park* photograph in the left column, it has been 21 years since our last symphony performance, also with Bob Bernhardt as its then new conductor. Maybe singing better was the reason? Paul in talking to Bob said there could be another opportunity in a year or so. The chorus and quartet photographs were graciously taken by Jo Coke.

From the Director

Once again, my heartfelt thanks to all who participated in the Symphony concert. All feedback indicates a great effort on both the chorus' and quartet's part. I could not have been prouder! Our next big performance is the "spring" show. We'll be working on getting all our songs ready and polished for performance, so try to be here every week to keep up. We will also be doing some Monday night coaching sessions to help us keep honing our skills as we move forward. Lastly, it was wonderful to see so many of you participate in quartets for National Barbershop Quartet Day last Monday - I'd like to keep it going by having two or three quartets (or more) each week. A tag is great, a song is greater; whatever you do, singing in a quartet is _MORE_ fun. See you Monday night. *Paul*

From the Program VP

We were missing a lot of members Monday night. Hope it wasn't due to sickness. We are now getting ready for our Annual Show and need as many members as possible to attend rehearsals. Please plan to attend as much as possible. Thank you and have a FUNDERFUL day. *SteveG*

Sing Like 'Most Improved' Tonight

The Choo Choo Chorus is the performing unit of the Chattanooga Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society.
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