The Weekly Newsletter of the

Choo Choo Chorus

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Special Olympics Track 2016	May 9, 2016
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Calendar

MLT Meeting, Monday, May 9, 5:30 PM, All Saints

Scout Flag Day, Saturday, May 28, arrive at 7:30 AM to sing at 8:00, Chattanooga National Cemetery, Uniform will be New blue Jacket, satin finish white dress shirt with red long tie and red pocket square, black dress shoes and black dress pants. No white vest

Memorial Day, Monday, May 30, arrive at 10:30 AM to sing at 11:00, Sponsored by The American Legion and other Veterans groups, Chattanooga National Cemetery, Uniform same as Scout Flag Day.

Bass Tournament and BBQ,Saturday, June 4, warm-up at 10:30 AM to sing at 11:00 AM. Dayton, TN Boat Docks, Uniform will be white chorus polo shirt, khaki slacks, brown belt and brown shoes.

Recognition for The Memorial Hospital Volunteers, Tuesday, June 14. The location will be Abbas House on Hixson Pike-details to follow with more specifics regarding the location.
We will sing at 7:00PM and should show up for warmup by 6:30PM.
Uniform will be the same new blue outfit we wore at The National Cemetery, except that we will add the white Vest that goes with it.

Ruby Falls, Saturday, August 6, arrive at 11:30am for warm-up. We begin singing for the people on the visitors Line starting at noon and singing intermittently until around 2:00pm. Uniform will be the same outfit that we wore at Dayton.

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

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

SteveV led announcements. Wendell has spring contest photos for $10. Chuck announced a MLT meeting for next Monday. Paul noted there will be an International Make Music event in Chattanooga and he has applied for the June 21st, Miller Plaza spot at 7 PM. More later but he encourage all of us to put it on our calendar. Four quartets sang after the break. Neal led us in KTWWS.

From the Director

Choo Choo Chorus SOUND - we did some wonderful singing last Monday and every time we concentrated on making the pure sound we were instantly rewarded with expansion and overtones. You guys are SOOOOO capable and talented; we just need to be more consistent in our vocal production. We're on the road to a marvelous, entertaining, funny show, and I'm starting to get excited. I hope you are, too. Try not to miss our warm-up/focus session - it helps us get to making the "good stuff" so much more quickly and easily! See you Monday. *Paul*

Highlights of Special Olympics Track and Field Sing Out

With an initial expected low turn out, seventeen guys showed up for a memorable Special Olympics Track and Field event. In appreciation for twenty five years of supporting this event plus the Bowling and Swimming competitions, we were the Grand Marshall leading the athletes onto the Red Bank field. Paul gave the prayer and officially open the event, and we all accepted the plaque shown below. We sang a fine rendition of the National Anthem.

Special Olympics and Harmonizer

Lindy Blazek wrote the words that were spoken as we received a plaque (see left column) recognizing the Choo Choo Chorus for singing at Special Olympics events for more than a quarter of a century. This with additional words and and 5 photographs was sent to the editor of the BHS Harmonizer magazine who liked it and will publish it in an upcoming issue. Thanks, Lindy

From the Program VP

Going back in time a little bit with our tap out song, so get out your learning CD. It's been a year or more since we sang it last . Looking forward to seeing how we do with it. Let's surprise each other.

Note from Wendell

I have Spring Contest pictures for $10 each. *Wendell*

As you can see we have a long list of songs to work on Monday night. It's time to buckle down and start getting serious about the (summer) show. Once again it seems we are not giving Paul our full attention. There is way to much talking when he is trying to make corrections. Remember when he is singing a part he should be the only one singing. You may be the one singing it wrong. If you are listening and then sing it wrong, that is forgivable, but not forgivable if you were talking or singing along when he was making the correction. I know this sounds like I'm really sucking up to Paul, but I get so tired of going over the same thing a dozen times. If the shoe fits, wear it. We can all do betterment. *SteveV*

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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