The Weekly Newsletter of the

Choo Choo Chorus

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Calendar

Extra Rehearsal, Thursday, May 23, 7:00 PM, Ponders. **There was some**

Script For Monday's Meeting

7:00 - Warm Up – Chuck Wilson
7:15 - Paul - *Mickey Mouse Song*, *When She Loved Me, Circle of Life, When You Wish Upon a Star*
8:30 – Announcements
8:40 - Quarteting
8:50 – Paul – *Welcome Song,* 2019 Show Songs
9:25 – Gandy Dancer Award/KTWWS

Annual Show Songs: **Chorus**:,*Circle of Life, When She Loved Me*, *A Dream is a Wish, Can You Feel The Love Tonight, Mickey Mouse Song.* **Quartets: Fourcasting Chords**, *Almost There, Remember Me, Kiss the Girl*, **The Histones**; *Go the Distance*,

confusion about this rehearsal. We meet on the 23 and not on Thursday the 30th before the show.

Scout Flag Day, Saturday, May 25, Arrive at 7:30 AM to sing at 8:00, National Cemetery. Uniform: Class A: no vest

Chattanooga Football Club, Saturday, May 25, Arrive at 5:30 PM to sing at 6PM, Finley Stadium. Uniform: Class B

Memorial Day, Monday, May 27, Arrive at 10:30 AM to sing at 11:00, National Cemetery, Uniform: Class A: no vest

Annual Show - Disney, Saturday, June 1, 3PM, GPS. Uniform: Class A: Without Coat.

Annual Show - Afterglow, Saturday, June 1, 6:00 PM, Ponders, With the Humdingers

Guest Night, Monday, June 3, 7 PM, Come early to help set up, start now asking people to come. Ponders

Lookouts (National Anthem), July 4 at 6:15 pm. Arrive at 5:30, Uniform: Class B.

Dixie Fall Convention, October, 4-6, Oxford, AL

From The President

Three things we need to remember across the next twelve days: 1. Minimize disruptions at practice and at GPS warm ups. 2. Be on time and allow extra time to get to to Finley Stadium (extra traffic, parking congestion). 3. At the Cemetery we honor sacrifice and dedication to those who served. Make every effort to be part of the activities. Thank you for your hard work. *RichP*

Rock City Four, *Ten Feet Off the Ground, Give a Little Whistle*, **Chattanooguys**, *A Dream is a Wish, Zippity Do Da*

Fall Contest Songs*:*

Repertory: *National Anthem, California Here I Come, Georgia on My Mind, God Bless America, Hello, Mary Lou, Old Folks at Home, Sittin' On Top of the World, Tennessee Waltz, When I'm Sixty-Four*, *When There's Love at Home*, *Let's Get Away From It All*

Highlights From Last Monday

Reminder: This is a big singing week for the chorus with four sing outs before we meet on Monday; an extra Thursday rehearsal, Scout Flag Day, Chattanooga Football Club and Memorial Day.

Chuck opened the evening with some vocal exercises then introduced Paul who started out with a tag. We practiced most of our show songs except *Circle of Life*. We worked on When Somebody Loves Me including the dramatics to be used during the show. Very touching. The following were highlights from the business meeting:

1. Wade Eckler joined the chorus and received his membership card from Fred
2. DanK received his 4 year membership renewal
3. Wilbur asked us to invite someone to Guest night on June 3
4. Last day to get tickets to Afterglow is Monday, May 27. Tickets will be available this Thursday night at our extra practice at Ponders.
5. Jack reminded the chorus of Scout Day this Saturday Morning. The chorus will be singing at Finley Stadium on Saturday evening. Monday the chorus will be singing at the National Cemetery. See calendar for details.
6. Fourcasting Chords and the Histones sang some of their show songs.

We finished the evening with the *Armed Forces Medley* and *National Anthem*. BobR will give the Gandy Dancer out at next week's rehearsal.

Jerry Wright Profile

Music and other background: H.S. band and church choir, later A Cappella choir at junior college, at University of GA sang in University chorus and Men's glee club. After first graduate degree in Rehab Counseling, and my first marriage post - Army active duty and Vietnam, sang in 2 church choirs in Decatur, GA and in the Decatur Civic chorus. I reenlisted and cross-trained into the Air National Guard while in Decatur and completed over 20 yrs total military service concurrent with my civilian jobs. When in last pre-retirement job as registrar at Valdosta State University, I sang in two church choirs and the University Symphony chorus and Valdosta choral guild. In 1999, 2 local Society members formed a quartet which performed free for area groups over 4 years before 2 members retired and relocated. I was born in Georgia and, besides Rehab Counseling with the Commission for the Blind in Texas and in Gainesville, Georgia, I worked with Metropolitan Life Insurance in Metro Atlanta prior to beginning my 30 plus year career in college counseling and later administration. As with other chorus members, in my youth, 6 varied part-time jobs from the age of 12 were valuable in learning

	responsibility and understanding of work along with others held during college and summer breaks. The first barbershop singing in Valdosta and attending performances of the Stone Mountain chorus with guest quartets built my interest in joining the Chattanooga chorus following our move to Chickamauga to be close to grandkids and learning of the Choo Choo. *Jerry Wright*
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