The Weekly Newsletter of the
Choo Choo Chorus

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October 20, 2022 | **Shawn Trivette Profile**

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Christmas Chorus, Thursday, October 20, 7 PM, Ponders. Details

Special Olympics Bowling, **Friday (Note this is a correction)**, October 21, arrive at 9:15 AM to sing at 10, Holiday Bowl, 5530 Hixson Pike. Uniform: Class B, long sleeves

Veterans Day, Friday, November 11, arrive at 10:15 AM to sing at 11. Army National Guard Armory, 1901 South Holtzclaw Ave. Uniform: Class A

Scenic City Chorus Show, Saturday, November 19, 3 PM, 315, Colonnade, 264 Carlisle Cir. Ringgold, GA 30736

Christmas Show, Saturday, December 10, arrive at 1:45 PM to sing at 4 PM, Ringgold High School Auditorium. Details

MOAA, Tuesday, December 13, Walden Club

Dixie Spring Convention, March 17-18, 2023, Alabaster, AL

For The Good Of The Chapter

Paul passed the Gandy to JJ McShan. Glad to have him back.

Shawn Trivette Profile

At the age of 5, I started taking piano lessons. Really, my mom had started taking lessons around that time, but I showed an interest and she eventually allowed me to take over her lesson slot – which I continued with all the way through 12th grade (one of the greatest decisions my parents ever made, in hindsight). In 6th grade, band class was where I learned trumpet; in high school this meant many halftime shows and competitions. Somewhere along the way I also picked up guitar. Beyond church choirs, I didn't really sing much outside of that. A sophomore year the director of university choirs heard me sing a solo and asked me to join the University Chorale. I sang in the Chorale or Madrigal choir until I graduated and continued to sing in similar choirs in the years to follow. However, I've been choir-less for the last few years, mostly due to my commitments and schedule challenges, and recently decided it was time to get back in that groove. Barbershop is a new style for me, and I'm enjoying learning its distinct elements. Mostly I'm just glad to be singing again – I've missed it more than I realized!

Script For Thursday's Meeting

7:00 PM - Meeting at Ponders - We will add *Hello, Mary Lou* this Thursday.

Jingle Bells
Christmas Season & Midnight Clear
Santa Claus Is Comin' To Town
Mary Had A Baby
We Need a Little Christmas
Joy To The World
Retired Forces Medley
God Bless America
The Star Spangled Banner

Reporter: *America the Beautiful, Armed Forces Medley, Blue Moon, Chattanooga Choo Choo, Can You Feel the Love Tonight, Darkness on the Delta, Georgia on My Mind, God Bless America, Hello Mary Lou, I'm Sittin' on Top of the World, It's the Music that Brings Us Together, Let's Get Away from It All, Old Folks at Home, Star Spangled Banner, Welcome Song, When She Loved Me, When There's Love at Home, Yesterday,* and *You Tell Me Your Dream.*

Marketing and Publicity

We have reconnected with Ringgold High School to support them for their "Mary Poppins" musical next Saturday, October 22.

- We need 4 volunteers to help with seating and handing out programs for both shows.

- Arrive at 2:15 for the 3 pm show

- Arrive at 6:15 for the 7 pm show

- Please wear Class B uniforms and your "best smiles" - just like *Johnny!*

- Not for Christmas, but there are some student singers who are interested in singing with us this January.

- Please text or call me if you would like to help Saturday - 423 310 5334. Thanks guys, *Rich*

Shawn Trivette (Continued)

A few months after I was born (Sept 1980), my parents moved us to Clinton, TN (just outside of Knoxville). They've lived in that house ever since. I spent 7 years at Tennessee Tech, first majoring in chemical engineering and then late in the game changing majors to sociology. I graduated with both degrees in 2005, toured Europe for a month, and then moved to Chattanooga to start my first "adult" job. Chattanooga is a good place to spend the next 7 years and I earned my PhD in sociology in 2012. My first job out of grad school was at Louisiana Tech, but after a few years, I knew I needed to move on. I never expected to move back to Tennessee, but a job opened up at UTC looking for an environmental sociologist ("that's me!" I said) and so in 2016 I found myself in Chattanooga. But after a few more years I decided that maybe academia wasn't for me after all. I now work remotely as a data scientist for a health care nonprofit (I'm contemplating if this is a "permanent" decision, or "retired" from teaching when my alma mater asked me to teach online) a research methods course for them. And I suppose the lesson from all of this is that you just never know where life will take you!

I was a foster parent for about 3 years, mostly to teenage boys, and most of whom had significant trauma histories. That was intense, especially for a single parent, and a little over a year ago I decided to call it quits. I now channel all that parenting energy into my sister's kids, being an uncle is probably the Best Role Ever. I currently live on Signal Mountain where my dog (Adventure) helps me keep the peace in my square footed game of life, plus a small fruit orchard. In my spare time I like to play games – I'm a board game geek, and I also enjoy the Legacy game with a couple of friends) and make interesting food. *Shawn*

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