The Weekly Newsletter of the Choo Choo Chorus

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March 16, 2023 | **Gold Medal Senior Chorus 2023**

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Chapter Meeting, Thursday, March 16, 7 PM, Ponders

Dixie Spring Convention, March 17-19, 2023. Gadsden State Community College. Details

Board Meeting, Monday, March 20, 6 PM, Ponders **[Note new date]**.

Awards Banquet, Thursday, March 30, 6:30 PM, $15 per person, Fairview United Methodist Church in Rossville, GA. Details

Senior Chorus Report

Mid Winter in Daytona Beach, Florida was a Blast! Especially when the 42 voice Sr Chorus from The Dixie District, organized and directed by our Jimmy Tompkins, sang to first place!! The Gold Medal Senior Chorus competition was a Barbershop Society International Champion! Feels Great!So a huge THANK YOU to Jimmy for all of your hard work, dedication and inspiration you provided to make it all happen!

Encouragement and suggestions from Bob and Weasel of Jimmy's Silver Ring Quartet helped the Quartets Silver Ring got us fired up for the opening of Blue Sky by encouraging us to create the mind set of a pirate before singing. We practiced screaming Argh followed by 3 pirate laughter's - Har!, Har! Har!! It Worked! And, thanks to all 42 members who put in so much time and energy weeks before, to sing so well, and earn those Gold Pins!

Quartets Silver Ring and Deep Water sang great - much better than the judge's opinion! (photographs to the right). Deep Water did earn their best score ever, and a Gold Medal Place. That was a lot of fun to see. So, Congratulations to both of our quartets!

Let us all continue to work so hard, perfecting our craft, to bring in Gold at the Spring Competition in Gadsden, Alabama!

Choo Choo Chorus members singing with the Sr Chorus: Jimmy Tompkins, Director, Paul Blazek, Dan Bullock, Jim Frank, Charley Holder, Bill Slack, Wendell Whitmire, Chuck Wilson, and Rich Wilson. *Senior Chorus photograph from David Murphree Richt!*

For the Good of the Chapter

Paul Faulkner passed the Gandy to Wendell.

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Script For Thursday's Meeting

7:00 PM - Meeting at Ponders. Updated Song List

The Old Songs
Carolina
Sittin' Pretty On Top Of The World
Blue Skies arr. by Clay Hine
Let the Rest of the World Go By
Let's Get Away From It All
When There's Love At Home
You Tell Me Your Dream
Keep The Whole World Singing

Repertory: *America the Beautiful, Armed Forces Medley, Blue Skies, Carolina, Dixie Medley, Let's Get Away From It All, Tonight Dixieland in 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*

From The Prez

Board Meeting is Monday, March 20th, 6 PM @ Ponder's. *Send me Agenda items beforehand. Steve*

Directly speaking

Hey guys, thanks again for your hard work this past week.

We'll finalize our songs for contest this week as well as several other songs we'll work on. See the song list for this week.

Dixie Contest Information

INFO ON GADSDEN:
We'll **meet at 9:15 am on Saturday, March 18th at Wallace Hall**. We get in the pattern at 9:55 am.

WEAR: Black pants, shoes, socks, white regular collar shirt, red tie and blue blazer with red pocked square. *(No vest).*

Registration will be open at 8 am, on Saturday, at the Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott Gadsden, 118 Walker Street, Gadsden, AL 35904. *If you need to purchase a registration or change your printed Eventbrite ticket then take care of this in time to get to Wallace Hall and in the building by 8:15.*

I'm looking forward to another great night this Thursday. *Jimmy*

From The Secretary

Reminder: Please make sure your dues are up-to-date for contest! *BarryO*

Quartet photographs by Rich Wilson

Awards Banquet Announcement

The annual chorus Awards/ Valentine Party will be held at Fairview United Methodist Church in Rossville, GA on Thursday, March 30. It will be catered by (who else?) the Choo Choo BBQ. It will start at 6:30. Cost is $15 a person which must be paid ahead of time. A sign up sheet and a receipt book will be at future practices to make an accurate record of those who will be attending. *Bill*

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