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Welcome to our show. For over fifty-two years the chorus has followed the traditions of Harmony, Service, Fellowship and Fun. We continue to sing for civic, church and cultural affairs. Our special venues include the Scout Flag Day, Memorial Day, Veterans Day, Naturalization Ceremonies and Special Olympics competitions. We continue that tradition with this show titled "Salute to Disney's Favorite Songs."

Disney is a major American icon. I believe almost all us have seen Disney movies as children ourselves, with our children or our grandchildren. While you may not remember many particulars about the movies, you do remember the songs from "Heigh-Ho" to "Zip-a-Dee-Do-Da", "Spoonful of Sugar" to "You've Got A Friend In Me". When you hear a Disney song good feelings bubble up inside.

Tonight we want to bubble up the same good feelings and bring a smile to your face along with a laugh or two. We barbershoppers love to sing and harmonize. Inside all of us there is an inner 'ham' that we get to express during the performance. Watch the ham come out as we move back in time to preparing for the show. So to paraphrase a famous mouse, "come along, enjoy the songs and join our jamboree" while we salute Disney's favorite songs.

Rich Ptacin, Show Chairman



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Pat Crowe	Brooks Gist	Tom Keegan
Frank Delaney	Steven Grubb	JW Kirk

ABOUT THE CHOO CHOO CHORUS

Fifty-two years ago (May 17, 1962) the Chattanooga (Rock City) Chapter became a charter member of what is now the Barbershop Harmony Society.

The Rock City Chorus performed their first show on July 14, 1962 at the new Chattanooga High School auditorium. The Knoxville Smokyland Chorus and Knoxville Sweet Adeline Chorus and the Atlanta Peachtree Chorus along with four quartets, including Dixie District Champions, The Dignitaries, also performed that day.

CHORUS MEMBERS

Benny Malone	Daniel Randolph	Chet Tschetter
J. J. McShan	Neal Robinson	Steve Vipond
Brandon Middlebrooks	Marcellus Scott	David White
Rich Ptacin	Bill Slack	Wendell Whitmire
David Rack	Wilbur Strickland	Chuck Wilson
	Jesse Trigg	Steve Wixson

In 1975 the chorus name was changed to The Mountain City Chorus and in 1982 the name was changed finally to The Choo Choo Chorus. The Chorus has had as many as 62 members in 1963 and as few as 12 members in 1970 and currently has 43 members.

Of ten different musical directors beginning with Dick Clem, our current director, Paul Blazek, has been director for the longest time (27 years). Thirty-two chapter quartets have competed for Dixie District honors over the years but only one quartet, the Chattanooga Shoe Shine Boys, has ever won a Dixie District Quartet Championship (1981).

From its inception the chorus has been busy singing in the Chattanooga area. With two contests each year, an annual show, a Christmas show and singing in the community, the men get their barbershop "fix" and provide audiences with lots of entertainment opportunities. With performances ranging from entertaining at a nursing home or retirement center to singing the National Anthem at sporting events to performing with the Chattanooga Symphony to various outdoor events, even providing strolling quartets for the Riverbend Festival, the chapter provides ample chances for men to indulge the inner "ham" while making people happy. An added benefit is health improvements as the result of singing - we've had men performing with us into their 90's!

The vision for the future is continued efforts for preservation of barbershop music, entertainment of patrons, help for service projects, and continued friendship with fellow barbershoppers.

SHOW COMMITTEE

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Rock City 4 Quartet Fred Jesse, Bill Slack, Wilbur Strickland and Johnny Jackson

> Birchwood Common Quartet Wendell, Charlie Holder, Lebron and Chuck

OUR CHORUS DIRECTOR - PAUL BLAZEK

Paul Blazek celebrates 27 years as our Director. Paul was born in Chicago, Illinois. He moved to Nashville in 1965 and then to Chattanooga in 1977. He and his wife Lindy have four children, Mary Kathryn, Melissa, Megan, and Matt, and grandchildren Maddie and Caleb. Matt and son-in-law David Grass have sung with the chorus at various times.

Paul joined the Nashville chapter in 1976 and sang in his first barbershop contest at the Cow Palace in San Francisco International that same year. He also competed with Nashville at '77 Philadelphia International and '78 Cincinnati International, and has recently rejoined the Music City Chorus at International in Philadelphia '10, Kansas City '11, Portland '12 and Las Vegas '14.

He has been a member of several quartets: Round Mound of Sound (Nashville), Backstage, Stage II, Four Guys, and Honchos (Chattanooga). Paul has attended Harmony College many times, attended the first Director's College in 1990, and many Society-sponsored schools over the years. He was Director of Tullahoma, TN chapter in 1984-85, assistant director of the Chattanooga chapter in 1985-86, and director of the Chattanooga chapter since 1987. He is currently on the Dixie District Board of Directors as VP, Financial Development. In his spare time, Paul is database administrator for TXI Systems, Inc.

ASSOCIATE CHORUS DIRECTOR - CHUCK WILSON

Chuck Wilson, a native Tennessean, moved to Chattanooga in 1968. He sang in choruses and quartets, and joined our chapter some 21 years later. He was the baritone for Classic Harmony Quartet. He attended Director's School and is a certified BHS Director.

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National Anthem (Chorus)

Heigh Ho (Chorus) 1938 - Snow White

Fortuosity (Birchwood Common) 1967 – The Happiest Millionaire

Give a Little Whistle (Chorus) 1940 – Pinocchio

With A Smile And A Song (Chattanooguys) 1938 - Snow White

When You Wish Upon a Star (Chorus) 1940 – Pinocchio

Spoonful of Sugar (Rock City 4) 1964 – Mary Poppins

When She Loved Me (Chorus) 1999 - Toy Story 2

Zip-A-Dee-Do-Da (Chattanooguys) 1946 - Song of the South

A Dream Is A Wish (Chorus) 1950 – Cinderella

Jolly Holiday (Rock City 4) 1964 – Mary Poppins

Ten Feet Off The Ground (Chorus) 1968 - The One and Only, Genuine, Original Family Band Can You Feel The Love (Chorus) 1994 – Lion King

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God Bless America (Chorus)

Keep The Whole World Singing (Chorus and Boardwalk)

MESSAGE FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT OF MUSIC AND PERFORMANCE

We are sure you will enjoy our presentation of some classic Disney songs which will generate fond memories for many of you and might be new for some of our younger folks. We have taken the liberty of presenting our songs with some light humor. Our guest quartet tonight is Boardwalk and they are certainly one of the best. The Choo Choo Chorus is always searching for new singers. If you enjoy what you hear, come visit us on Monday nights at 7 p.m. at All Saints Academy, 310 East 8th Street. It is our pleasure to teach you the unique barbershop style of singing. All men who love to sing are invited to become a part of our Chattanooga Community Chorus for our Christmas show; rehearsals begin October 6. We look forward to seeing you. Wilbur Strickland



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The phrase "This is not your father's quartet" does not apply to Boardwalk. Coming from a long lineage of 2nd generation singers, each one of our father's had a heavy influence on, not only our singing in general, but specifically forming this quartet! We attempt to re-create songs that combine great barbershop harmony with folk music all with the addition of some instrumentation.

The inspiration... music and fashion of the 1920's.

Our tenor, **Brad Hine**, is most notable for his hair. It is thick, natural and not even the slightest hint of grey. To our knowledge, Brad has never had to use any creams or thickening agents to



maintain his full head of hair. For this reason, he is truly our hero.

Singing lead is **Mark Schlinkert**. When Mark isn't singing, he works diligently as an accomplished yoga instructor and also teaches Lamaze classes 3 times a week. During quartet rehearsals, he will often yell out "push, push" for no apparent reason.

Jared "Pookie" Carlson attempts to sing bass. He does so at the behest of the other 3 members of the quartet. Other than this, he has very few other talents and really none that can be mentioned in this biography.

A fine baritone and the youngest member of Boardwalk is **Ken Delaney**. Ken is a gifted singer and spends quite a bit of his time angry about the fact that it is necessary for him to fill in the notes that the other three voices simply cannot hit.



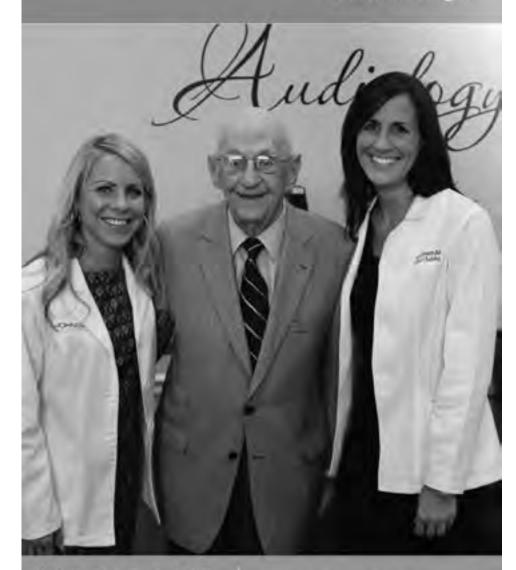
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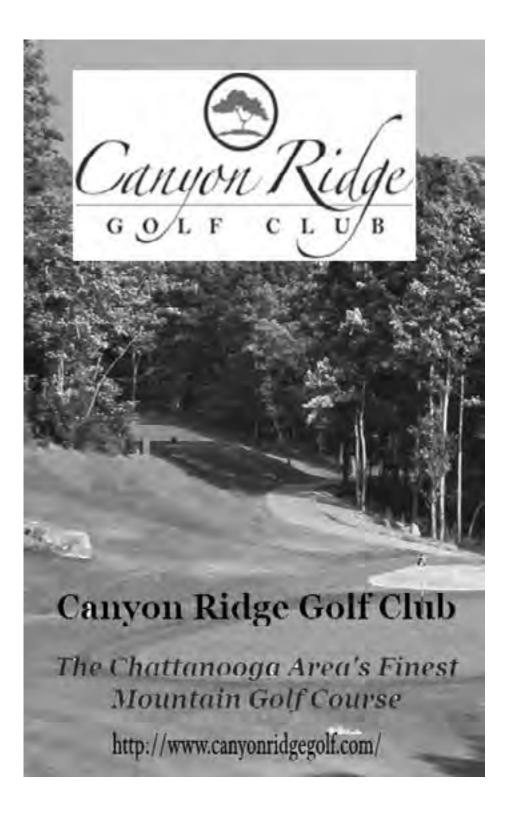
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