

The Choo Choo Chorus

60 Years of Harmony

Then



Now



Special Guest: Chattanooga Community Orchestra



Chorus



Orchestra

Saturday, August 12, 2023 4 PM
Colonnade, 264 Catoosa, Ringgold, GA

BACK IN THE DAY NEWS OF 1962

THE NEWS OF

1962

as it happened

IN THE NEWS

THE FIRST WALMART
discount store opened in Bentonville, Arkansas by Sam Walton.

The Space needle, an observation tower in Seattle, Washington is completed in time for the 1962 World's Fair.

In February, John Glenn became the first American to orbit the Earth.

Marilyn Monroe sang 'Happy Birthday' to President Kennedy at Madison Square Garden.

Nick Holonyak developed the first LED while working at General Electric.

Leonardo da Vinci's *Mona Lisa* is assessed to be worth \$100 million before touring the United States.

The Beatles make their debut, broadcasting on BBC radio.

Andy Warhol's Campbell Soup Can paintings were shown at the Feras Gallery, Los Angeles.

STOP PRESS ... Spiderman. Marvel's new Superhero makes his first appearance in a comic.

NEWS JUST IN ... As Telstar relays the first live trans-atlantic television signal, the figures show that by the end of 1962 90% of American households own a Television set.



US President:
John F. Kennedy



UK Prime Minister:
Harold Macmillan



World Population:
3.136 Billion



US. Population:
196.5 Million

AVERAGE COST

House	\$12,500
Avg yearly income	\$5,500
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Gallon of gas	\$0.28
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Quart of milk	\$0.12
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Washing machine	\$188.00
Camera-35mm	\$135.00

Most popular Baby Names

MICHAEL & LISA

SPORTING HIGHLIGHTS

NBA CHAMPIONS: Boston Celtics

MLB WORLD SERIES:

New York Yankees

NFL CHAMPIONS: Green Bay Packers

STANLEY CUP WINNERS:

Toronto Maple Leafs

KENTUCKY DERBY: Decidedly

• **ARNOLD PALMER** is US Masters Champion and British Open Golf Champion

• **ROD LAVER** wins the US National Tennis Championships

Wimbledon Singles Champions:

• **ROD LAVER** (Aus)

• **KAREN GUSMAN** (US)

ENTERTAINMENT



- The Longest day
- Lawrence of Arabia
- To Kill a Mockingbird • Spartacus
- West Side Story • Bon Voyage

IN THE CHARTS ...

• **Speedy Gonzales:**
Pat Boone

- Telstar: *The Tornado*
- Let's Dance: *Chis Monetz*
- Return to Sender: *Elvis Presley*
- The Loco-Motion: *Little Eva*
- Breaking up is hard to do:
Neil Sedaka



OSCARs: Maximilian Schell:
Judgement at Nuremberg
Sophia Loren : *Two Women*
Best Picture: *West Side Story*

- **US TV:** • *Candid Camera*
- *The Red Skelton Show*
- *Bonanza* • *The Lucy Show*
- *The Andy Griffith Show*



- **UK TV:** • *The Saint*
- *Z-Cars* • *Stepno and Son*
- *That Was The Week That Was*

ON THE RADIO:

- *Stranger on the Shore:* *Acker Bilk*
- *I Can't stop Loving You:*
Ray Charles
- *The Stripper:* *David Rose*

BORN THIS YEAR

- **Jim Carrey:** Actor
- **Demi Moore:** Actress
- **Jodie Foster:** Actress
- **Tom Cruise:** Actor



DEATHS

- **Marilyn Monroe:** Actress
- **Eleanor Roosevelt:**
Former First Lady
- **William Faulkner:** Writer
- **E.E. Cummings:** Poet



WELCOME

On behalf of the Choo Choo Chorus, let me welcome you to our annual show for 2023. If you are one of those people that has been counting, you know that we have missed 3 years now, thanks to the covid critter and other technical difficulties. So to say that we are excited about this show would be an understatement. Also special this year is that we are celebrating 60 years of existence as the Chattanooga Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society. (Or as it used to be titled S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A ,Inc.)

So sit back and relax as we take you on a musical journey from the present to the past and back to the present.

Before we start though, let me take a moment to thank everyone who played a part in making this event come together -the members performing on stage, especially our director, those behind the scenes, and most importantly our families that let us enjoy this wonderful hobby.

And now on with the show!

Pete Jones, Show Chairman

THIS SHOW IS DEDICATED TO BARRY OWENS

Barry Owens was born September 30, 1943 in Chattanooga, and passed away on July 26, 2023. He and his late wife, Nancy, had three daughters, Mary, Billie, and Becca, and Nancy was one of the starters of the Choo Choo Belles. Some of his jobs were U.S. Navy and Combustion Engineering for 30 years. He taught sixth-grade math for 10 years.

Barry was a card-caring member of the Salvation Army during his youth, and that's where he started singing. He was in the high school chorus his senior year. He sang in the Navy's Bluejacket Choir while in Boot Camp.

After seeing a Choo Choo Chorus Show at the Tivoli in 1985, he came to a meeting the next Monday, and was a member ever since, except for a few years when he was a [Charter] member of the Cleveland Chorus. He was Board Member at Large within a year, and served as Program VP, Show Chair, Publicity, Program and Printing with wife Nancy, Bulletin Editor and recently as Secretary.



He had been to Harmony College several times and many International Conventions. He sung in several quartets including Classic Harmony shown in the photograph above (Barry Owens, the late Dave Abercrombie, members Clarence and Chuck). Barry Owens will be missed and remembered fondly.

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Barry Arp	Chris Elsey	Charlie Holder
Paul Blazek	Paul Faulkner	Johnny Jackson
Dan Bruns	David Fleury	Fred Jesse
Dan Bullock	Jim Frank	Pete Jones
Jack Cook	Steven Grubb	Benny Malone
Wally Edmondson	Bob Hill	Mark McKeel

ABOUT THE CHOO CHOO CHORUS

Sixty one 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.

In 1975 the chorus name was changed to The Mountain City Chorus and in 1982



CHORUS

JJ McShan	Ron Satterfield	Mel White
John Moselage	Bill Slack	Wendell Whitmire
David Murphree	Wilbur Strickland	Chuck Wilson
Bernard Peek	Hobby Thomas	Rich Wilson
Daniel Randolph	Clarence Wall	Steve Wixson
Bob Robbins	Ron Weaver	Jerry Wright

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 38 members.

Of eleven different musical directors beginning with Dick Clem, Paul Blazek, was director for the longest time (32 years). Thirty-two chapter quartets have competed for Dixie District honors over the years and one quartet, the Chattanooga Shoe Shine Boys, won a Dixie District Quartet Championship (1981). This year we scored our highest ever at the District Competition.

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 opportunities to entertain.

With performances ranging from entertaining at a nursing home or retirement center to singing the National Anthem at sporting events, Memorial and Veterans Day ceremonies at the National Cemetery, several Special Olympics events, to performing with the Chattanooga Symphony, the chapter provides ample chances for men to indulge their 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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OUR CHORUS DIRECTOR - Jimmy Tompkins

Jimmy Tompkins became the director of the Choo Choo Chorus in April 2020, just as the pandemic started!



He began singing barbershop in high school in the late 1970s. After graduating from high school in 1981 he continued to sing with a barbershop quartet in college. He participated in a production of “The Music Man” at Jacksonville State University in the early 1980s.

He moved to Niceville, Florida in 1990 and realized he was close to a barbershop chapter in Ft. Walton Beach. He began visiting them in 1991 and soon after he joined their director retired and became their director. The chorus showed consistent improvement over the next three years.

He sang with the Big Chicken chorus after moving to north Georgia in the mid-90s. He sang in several quartets and district events and shows with them over the next two years. He was also able to sing on the international stage with them in Miami in 1995.

After serving several churches he moved to Clanton, AL in 2007. He was then able to participate again in the Birmingham chorus. After singing with them for a while their director left and he became their director and directed them until his family moved to Chattanooga in 2012, where he has served Morris Hill Baptist Church as Worship Pastor since.

The Chattanooga Community Orchestra

Our new conductor, Paul Faulkner leads this ensemble in performances throughout the Chattanooga metropolitan and north Georgia area. The Orchestra rehearses on Monday mornings. Membership is open to musicians of all ages with some previous instrumental experience and capability of performing the repertoire selected by the musical director. Performances include seasonal concerts, as well as programs for area schools, churches and civic organizations to bring an orchestral experience to community members who may not be able to attend concerts downtown. [In other words, if you can't come to us...we'll come to you!] Programs include a wide variety of musical styles: from classical to sacred to popular.



ORCHESTRA MEMBERS

Paul Faulkner - Conductor

Violin 1

Pat Roberts - Concertmistress

Patricia Nagle - Asst. CM

Carmen Williams

Sally Chandler

Joyce Jones

Mary Polcari

Nancy Christy

Violin 2

Karin Downs

Joyce Hardin

Meredith Heinemeier

Ruthann Hunnicutt

Julie Ratliff

Connie Ward

Renee Snyder

Viola

Steve Campbell

Cello

Marian Rosenvinge

David Diercks

Diana Peterson

Walt Lacey

Sarah Jones

String Bass

Jerry Geer
Dane Ward

Flute

Carolyn Insler
Loretta Gould
Ariel Epstein
Cheryl Jacoby
Laura Clarkson

Oboe

Jean Hudgins

Clarinet

Pam Smith
Charlie Kinamon
Larry Nagle
Cindy McCashin
Jim Pennington
Cheryl Byrd

Bassoon

Marty Smith

Trumpets

Clair Christy
Dan Hanson
Bob Schmidt
Donna Holcomb
Tom Cordell

F-Horns

Steve Wright
Willene Pardue
Mike Steakley
Peter Faulkner
Phil Evaul
Janet Geerlings

Trombones

Cleatus Rodgers
John Austin
Terry Irish
Walter Rogers
Bill Scott

Baritones

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PROGRAM

Tonight's program consists of performances by the Choo Choo Chorus, local quartets, Deep Water, Rock City 4, Four Fellers, and Silver Ring, and our Special Guest, the Chattanooga Community Orchestra.

Choo Choo Chorus

Blue Skies - Chorus

1960s

The Old Songs - Chorus

Down Our Way - Chorus

Shine on Me - Chorus

Sweet Adeline - Chorus

1970s

Minstrel Montage - Three Guys with a Hobby and Chorus

Dear Hearts and Gentle People - Deep Water

1980s

Chattanooga Choo Choo - Rock City 4

Wait 'til the Sun Shines Nellie - Chorus

Hello My Baby - Four Fellers

Driving' Me Crazy - Four Fellers

1990s

Radio - Rock City 4

My Wild Irish Rose - arr. D. Gray - Three Guys with a Hobby

2000s

Yesterday - Chorus

Darkness on the Delta - Chorus - Paul Blazek, Directing

2010s

When She Loved Me - Chorus

They're Off - Deep Water

2020s

Fun in Just One Lifetime - Chorus and Deep Water

Hello Mary Lou - Chorus

INTERMISSION

Chattanooga Community Orchestra

The Sound of Music - arr. Bennett

The Pink Panther - Henry Mancini, arr. Custer

Ashokan Farewell - arr. by Bob Cerulli

Violin solo - Patricia Roberts

A Trumpeter's Lullaby - Leroy Anderson

Trumpet Duet - Clair Christy, Dan Hanson

Tennessee Salute - arr. Jay Dawson, Dan Hanson

Silver Ring

Let the Rest of the World - Chorus

God Bless America - Chorus

Keep the Whole World Singing - Chorus

QUARTETS

(Tenor, Lead, Bass, and Baritone)

Deep Water

Dan Bullock, Jim Franks, Paul Blazek, and Chuck Wilson

Four Fellers

David Murphree, Koty Swanson, Joshua Pawlik, and Mike Brunson

Rock City 4

Fred Jesse, Bill Slack, Wilbur Strickland, and Benny Malone

Three Guys With a Hobby

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Silver Ring

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Harmony

We are male voices (Lead, Tenor, Bass and Baritone) singing 4-part unaccompanied music. When done correctly, the voices blend in harmony to produce audible, beautiful overtones not being sung by anyone. This is a grand experience and makes our style of music unique. Receiving music is not a requirement but having a good ear does help.

We seek a Balance of Harmony, Fun, Fellowship, and Service



Fun and Fellowship

Each week we enjoy seeing friends then working together to improve our singing of songs old and new. We share friendships and get together for meals and activities throughout the year. Traditionally, we put on an Annual Show, a Christmas Show and Singing Valentines. Performing and entertaining audiences always leaves a smile on our faces.



Service

We perform at nursing homes and assisted living and retirement centers which is an important part of our service to our community. We honor our military by performing at Memorial Day and Veterans Day ceremonies usually at the National Cemetery. We have sung at Nationalization Ceremonies for new citizens and sing "The National Anthem" at sporting events including Special Olympics. Christmas Show proceeds are donated to a local charity.



The Choo Choo Chorus

We have been around since 1962 performing throughout the Chattanooga area. Our Director, Jimmy Lempkins, does a great job teaching and motivating us and is always entertaining during rehearsals. We compete twice a year at conventions sponsored by the Dixie District of the Barbershop Harmony Society. We recently achieved our highest score ever and placed second in the 2022 Spring Competition!



Meet Our Director

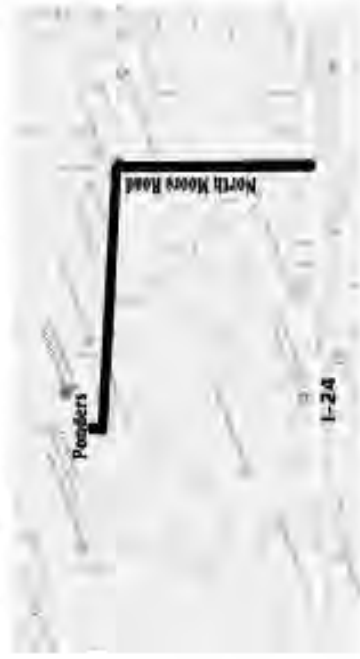
Jimmy's first barbershop singing was in high school where he came to love this style of singing. He has sung with many choruses and quartets over the years. He was Director of two choruses before becoming Director of The Choo Choo Chorus in 2020. He is Worship Pastor at Morris Hill Baptist Church. In 2019, Jimmy organized and led a Senior Chorus to win a Gold Pin at Midwinter in Nashville!

Come Sing With Us

Guys, if you like to sing, you may LOVE singing with The Choo Choo Chorus!

- We meet Thursdays at 7 pm, Ponders, 4203 Brainerd Road, Chattanooga, TN.
- If you want to come sing, please contact us first and plan to arrive by 6:45. Drive around back and look for the Barbershop Pole!
- If you want to sing just for our Christmas Season, rehearsals begin the first Thursday in October. We have audio learning tracks for everyone.

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