

"Har-Mo-Notes"

**Kokomo, IN, Men of Note Weekly Electronic Bulletin
Meeting Night Program for July 26, 2010**



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The mission of the Kokomo Chapter is to promote, encourage, preserve and sing the barbershop style of music; and lead the cause of supporting and encouraging vocal music in our schools and community. (Adopted 5/08/06)

Attendance for July 19, 2010: 22 singers: 2 tenors, 8 leads, 4 baritones, 8 basses. Steve Bachmann and Al Bowen, actors, were also there. A note of interest: Al Bowen is a nephew of former Indiana Governor, Otis Bowen.

Those Wonderful Church Bulletins: "Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days."

"Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones." Ray

Program

(Remember to bring your folder to every meeting.)

7:00 Warm-up, "Old Songs Medley", "Nellie"

7:15 "They Wrote 'Em In the Good Old Days"

7:19 "Sea Medley"

7:45 "Heaven Can Wait" show run through

8:30 Break and Business

8:45 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

9:00 "The Lord's Prayer"

9:15 Tags and quartetting

9:30 KTWWS



Picnic Anyone?

Labor Day Weekend could be a date for a picnic and Christmas show planning party at Steve Bachmann's home on Vaile Ave. Please check your calendars and see if there is an evening during that weekend that you and your family could set aside for a party. (Note that Steve is a Grill Master!) Colin



Quartets! Come develop your skills and compete in the "Bush League"!

The Cardinal District is promoting quartetting by offering a one-day event featuring coaching, craft development, presentation techniques, and friendly competition to participating quartets.

The program perpetuates the fun and informal environment of a non-sanctioned competition while allowing quartets to tune their skills for their individual performances and/or in preparation for fall District Convention and Contest.

Information and a registration form has been mailed to each registered quartet in the District, but the Bush League is also open to non-registered quartets, as well as make-up quartets.

For additional information and to register online, you can go to <http://cardinalbushleague.eventbrite.com> or call Duane Henry, the District Director for Quartet Development, at (317) 432-2401

General Information:

\$100 per quartet (Includes Dinner)

August 28, 2010 (1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.)

Christ Lutheran Church 345 N. Kitley Indianapolis, IN 46219



Bring a guest to barbershop this week!

Business Calendar

August 2- Monday – Music Committee meeting @ 6:00 p.m.

August 9- Monday – BOD meeting @ 6:00 p.m.

September 6 – Monday – Labor Day – No *Men of Note* meeting tonight

September 13 – Monday – Music Committee meeting @ 6:00 p.m.

September 20 – Monday – BOD meeting @ 6:00 p.m.

October 4 – 1st reading of Officers Nominations for 2011

October 11 – 2nd reading of Officers Nominations for 2011

October 18 – Chapter Voting for 2011 Officers/ Annual Chapter Meeting

PERFORMANCE CALENDAR

July 28 – Wednesday – MoN singing with the Kokomo Park Band. Be there at 7:00 p.m. for warm up and to sing a couple numbers prior to the band concert. (A great opportunity to advertise our show the following week.) Casual dress.

August 4 – Wednesday – MoN summer “Concert in the Park” @ Highland Park – 8:00 p.m. The theme is "Heaven Can Wait"

August 8 – Sunday – MoN sing for church service at First Christian Church, NE corner of IN 22 (W Sycamore Road) and Malfalfa Road. Church starts at 9:30 a.m. Please be there by 9:00 a.m. - Uniform of the day is "casuals"

August 15 – Sunday - MoN sing for Church Service @ First Presbyterian Church, 2000 W Jefferson St. Uniforms and time TBA

How to Sing Tenor

Don Kahl helps you improve your tenor-singing techniques.

Submitted by Don Kahl, tenor, Rural Route 4, 1986 International Quartet Champion

Don's eight tips for better tenor singing

- Breathe to consume air, not to conserve air
- Finish phrases with a breath
- Listen harder
- Move feet to stay fresh
- There are no half-step intervals
- Duet the melody
- Rehearse until error-free -- then do it again

Joining the Chorus

This was taken from a promotional pamphlet of The Chorus of the Genesee, Rochester NY

(Editor's Note: It's interesting to look over the fence periodically and see what the other groups are doing)

Singing!

The Chorus of the Genesee is always singing. We rehearse and perform throughout the year. The Chorus also competes in District contests in the spring and fall, and often qualifies to compete at the International Contest held in July. The Chorus stages its Annual Show each spring, inviting top notch barbershop talent as guest artists. December often means caroling in local malls and in the Village of Webster. The Chorus also participates regularly in Webster's White Christmas. The Chorus has performed at the Sodus Bay Lighthouse for several years running.

Since singing is the cornerstone of our organization, we want to help new members sing well from the start. Each rehearsal includes a warm-up session designed to teach proper singing technique and bring the many voices in the chapter together into one sound. The Chorus also purchases audio learning tracks for new repertoire, eliminating the need to read music. Those wishing to sing in a quartet, considered by many to be the epitome of the barbershop style, will find plenty of opportunities to get started, including our Singing Valentines program.

New and prospective members are also encouraged to get started with the Barber Polecat songbook. The Polecat songs are easy to learn and easy to sing, especially since learning CDs are available. Since most members of the Barbershop Harmony Society know at least one part to each of the Polecat songs, an ad hoc quartet often has an instant repertoire of a dozen songs! Afterglows following conventions, shows, and even regular rehearsals are often packed with people getting together to make music.

Hale-ism: “What we're singing in THIS MOMENT is based entirely on what we sang a moment ago,
NOT the last time we sang the song!”

“Faster does not equal louder - try to make sure you don't equate them in your voice...”

Mark Hale, Director of Ambassadors of Harmony Chorus & Lead of Michigan Jake

