



HAPPY NEW YEAR!



WELCOME GUESTS!

**Kokomo Men of Note
Program –Meeting Night (1/5/09)**

1st Presbyterian Church - 2000 W. Jefferson Street

Please visit our website: <http://www.kokomomenofnote.org>

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.

December 29th Attendance: (17) 3 Tenors, 5 Leads including Raymond Schaaf, grandson of Myron Maish, 4 Baritone including guest and future dual member, Joe Grimme, 5 Basses



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! to . . . *Bob Clawson – Jan. 6th; Phil Griggs – Jan. 7th; Brian Harris – Jan. 8th*
YOU KNOW YOU'RE GETTING OLD(ER) WHEN ... It takes longer to rest than it did to get tired.

Program

- 7:00 Warm up and Polecat songs
- 7:15 Sing and work on Valentines songs
- 7:45 New music for show - De Animals A Comin', Gospel Medley, Daddy Sang Bass
- 8:30 B & B (Break and Business)
- 8:45 Contest music
- 9:10 Barberpole Cat qualifying
- 9:30 KTWWS (Keep the Whole World Singing)

List of songs for SV, Contest, and Show, to work on!

Singing Valentines music (Feb. 13th -14th): “Heart of My Heart”, “Let Me Call You Sweetheart” & parody, “Love Me Tender”, and “I Love You Truly”

Chorus contest music (April 4th): “A Wink and a Smile” & “Don't Blame Me”

Annual Show – Heaven Can Wait (May 16th): “There’s A Meetin’ Here Tonight”, “Swing Down Chariot”, “Daddy Sang Bass”, “God Bless America”, “Gospel Medley”, “De Animals A-Comin’”, “When I Lift Up My Head”, “Thank You Dear Lord For Music”, “When the Saints Go Marching In”



EXTREMES (Part 6) By Chris Hebert, the outgoing Singing Category specialist

Signs you may need to work on blending issues:

Bad: Shortly after a performance, your wife precisely identifies several passages in which your voice stuck out from the vocal fabric of the ensemble.

Worse: This, despite the fact that you sing in a chorus of 120 men ...

Worst: ... and she'd accidentally left her hearing aid at home.



Signs that your “fortissimo” has crossed the threshold into “screaming”:

Bad: This is the sixth time this year you’ve had to repaint the room where your quartet rehearses.

Worse: After your chapter show, a guy wearing a heavy metal T-shirt and a nose ring hands you his card and gushes that you’ve got the voice his band has been looking for.

Worst: Your singing in the shower is interrupted by a knock at the door by your neighbor, who asks if he could borrow your table saw when you’re done. You don’t own a table saw.



Chapter Highlights!

Congrats to Al and Sherry on their engagement!

Congrats to our 2008 BOTY, Phil Rankin

Best wishes to our newly installed BOD

Thanks to Sycamore Road repaved for outstanding entertainment Saturday!



Mark Your Calendar

Bring a guest to Barbershop Monday night!

- Jan. 5th** – Monday – Music Team meeting @ 6:00PM
- Jan. 10th** – Saturday– Cardinal District – COTS Columbus Indiana. District Champ Quartet 65-South will entertain, with internationally recognized arranger, Aaron Dale as lead.
- Jan. 12th** – Monday – BOD meeting @ 6:00PM
- Jan. 19th** – Monday – Guest night – location to be announced!
- Feb. 2nd** – Monday – Music Team meeting @ 6:00PM
- Feb. 9th** – Monday – BOD meeting @ 6:00PM
- Feb. 13th & 14th** – Friday and Saturday– Singing Valentines (get your quartet ready!)
- April 3-4-5**– Cardinal Dist. Spring Convention – Kokomo to participate in chorus contest (April 4th)
- May 16th** – Kokomo Men of Note Annual Show
- July 1st** – Sing w/ Kokomo Park Band – Patriotic Concert
- July 8th – 10th** – Harmony Explosion Camp (Do you know interested youth we can sponsor and send?)
- July 10th – 12th** – Cardinal Chord College w/ concentration on Chorus and Quartet coaching & training.



Colin and Colleen were driving to the Officer Installation Banquet Saturday evening when he was pulled over for speeding. As the officer was writing out a ticket, Colin groaned, "How come I always get a ticket and everyone else gets a warning. Is it my face?" "No sir," the officer replied, "it's your foot!"

In actuality, Colin was given a warning and safely made to the banquet. Thanks for a great year! You are also to be commended for providing a super, impromptu installation program! Amazing! Great job!

Singing Better

Article by Jon Wagner, Director of "Par For The Chorus", Sun City Center FL

There are a lot of issues related to ensemble that are the province of the singers. They need to have an ensemble attitude, singing with their ears attuned to the others singing their part. Each part should sound like one voice and so each singer has the responsibility to be a blended part of that voice.

It takes a lot of musicality to blend one's voice, contributing, not overpowering or hiding out. Singing word sounds the same as the others in your part is also an element of ensemble musicality.

Barbershop features many situations where two or three parts sing together with the same word sounds while another part sings something different. You have to make this work by concentration and practice.

BARBERSHOP HISTORY-GENERAL KNOWLEDGE QUIZ - #56

author: Mark Axelrod, editor of "Blue Chip Chatter," Teaneck, NJ

QUESTIONS:

- 1- In the two-decade period from the end of WWI (1918) until the establishment of SPEBSQSA (1938), barbershop was eclipsed by many other types of popular music; the decline was sudden and profound. A few stalwart quartets (there were no barbershop choruses back then) soldiered on. Name the most notable of these.
- 2- How did the quartet alluded to in question #1 make itself known to the public?

ANSWERS:

- 1- The Maple City Four from La Porte, Indiana
- 2- By singing (my source did not indicate how often but fairly regularly makes sense) on Chicago radio station WLS, and by performing as the Singing Cowboys in Gene Autry and Roy Rodgers movies. If you've ever heard the Singing Cowboys in those old movies, you'll know that their harmony, although close, was not barbershop.

\$\$\$\$\$\$ WHAT A DEAL! \$\$\$\$\$\$

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