



Kokomo Men of Note

Program – Meeting Night (1/12/09)

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.

January 5th Attendance: (22) 3 Tenors, 8 Leads, 4 Baritones, 7 Basses (Welcome back Chuck Couch!)



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Larry Farris– Jan.16th



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY! Tom &

Barbara Pulley – Jan.11th; Cameron & Marcia Lambert– Jan.16th

Program

- 7:00 Warm up and Polecat songs
 - 7:15 Sing and work on Valentines songs
 - 7:45 New music for show - There's A Meetin' Here Tonight, De Animals A Comin', Gospel Medley, Daddy Sang Bass
 - 8:30 B & B (Break and Business)
 - 8:45 Contest music - Don't Blame Me and A Wink and a Smile
 - 9:10 Barberpole Cat qualifying
 - 9:30 KTWWS (Keep the Whole World Singing)
- Charlie challenges you to be "off the notes" by Monday, January 26th!

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", "I Love You Truly", "You Are My Sunshine" (Memorized NOW or ASAP)

Chorus contest music (April 4th): "A Wink and a Smile" & "Don't Blame Me" (Memorized by 1/26/09)

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"



..... **HI-LITES** from Al

Is your quartet ready? . . . music memorized??

Now the easy part . . get out and promote Singing Valentines! See Ray for business cards or make your own and distribute @ churches, clubs, civic & community organizations, restaurants, hospitals, health care facilities. Have cards with you at all times and distribute at super markets, shops and offices; pass out to: Wives, Husbands, Fiancés, Moms, Dads, Grandmothers, other associates and friends.

What is a Singing Valentine? . . . it sounds cool, neat, spiffy!

A barbershop quartet arrives at a specified location, sings two songs to an often red-faced, sometimes tearful, recipient; presents a flower, card, fuzzy bear or box of chocolates to the person, perhaps a photo is taken, and the quartet exits, heading out to repeat the process at yet another location. Total elapsed time, perhaps 10 minutes. Cost . . \$45.00, memories for a lifetime! Contact person: Al Temby – 455-3275



The Singing Fish!



Lead: Hey, Charlie! How's your new pet fish doing? You told me he was really something special.

Tenor: To tell you the truth, I'm really disappointed in him. The guy who sold him to me said I could teach him to sing like a bird.

Baritone: You bought a fish because you thought you could teach him to sing like a bird? I can't believe it!

Tenor: Well, yeah. After all, he's a parrot fish.

Bass: I hate to tell you this, Charlie, but while you might be able to teach a parrot bird to sing, you're never going to get anywhere with a parrot fish.

Tenor: That's what you think! He can sing all right. The thing is, he keeps singing off-key. It's driving me crazy. Do you know how hard it is to **TUNA FISH?**



Mark Your Calendar

Bring a guest to Barbershop Monday night!

Jan. 12th – Monday – BOD meeting @ 6:00PM

Jan. 19th – Monday – Guest night @ Harvey Hinklemeyers @ 7:00PM Spouses always welcome!

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!)

March 2nd – Monday – Music Team meeting @ 6:00PM

March 9th – Monday – BOD meeting @ 6:00PM

March 27 -28 - 29 – Cardinal Dist.Spring Convention – Kokomo to participate in chorus contest (Mar. 28th)

May 16th – Kokomo Men of Note Annual Show – 2:00pm Matinee; 6:30PM meal/7:30PM 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.



Since we are having an influx of new members and a new show we need to know how many members are going to be in the spring show. If you haven't been to practice since "Moments to Remember," and you won't be able to participate in our new show, "Heaven Can Wait," we need to have your tux back for the new members. Please contact Bill Doyel @ 765-461-0808. Hope you can participate it's going to be a great show. Thanks, *Bill*

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

Get your tux cleaned at Davis Cleaners for \$9.00 . . . a \$15.00 value.

Present your BHS membership card for the discount!

FIVE EASY STEPS TO GOOD VOCAL TECHNIQUE

By Bill Biffle - Courtesy of Albuquerque Chapter

To recap the steps to good singing and a healthy attitude:

- I. Stand up straight. Keep the chest up and expanded with the shoulders down and relaxed.
- II. Expand the area around the belt line, NOT the chest as you inhale.
- III. As you inhale, expand and extend the vocal cavity (the mouth and throat) by dropping the jaw, opening the throat, raising the soft palate, placing the tip of the tongue on the inside of the front teeth and extending the lips off the teeth.
- IV. As you exhale, keeping the chest elevated and the vocal tract open, support the tone with the lower muscles of the abdomen WITHOUT undue tension.

Now for the LAST STEP. If you've been diligently practicing these techniques, they have become habitual with you and you're enjoying singing as you never have before!

Keep the face as involved in the act of singing as is the rest of the body! You must raise the cheeks slightly (SLIGHTLY) and express the emotion of the song in your face. We call this the "active" face and it is not only essential to your stage presence, it really affects your sound in a positive way, too. I repeat, the facial expression you have is as much a part of vocal technique as is good posture, breathing, or anything else we have discussed. This is the "UP" face :-) as opposed to the "DOWN" face :- ("UP" is better! (Remember to keep the lips off the teeth and shape the mouth in a more "vertical" rather than "horizontal" way. Keep the corners tucked in slightly for all vowels.)

Spend five minutes a day in front of a mirror, singing your part. If you look like a singer, you'll be a better singer. It's really that simple. Watch your posture, your inhalation and exhalation techniques, your mouth shape, and YOUR FACE! If we would all spend just FIVE minutes each day for few weeks doing this simple task, the chorus's contest scores (and audience appeal) would SKYROCKET - I MEAN SKYROCKET! Let's really dedicate ourselves to being the best chorus member we can be.

