



Kokomo Men of Note

Program – Meeting Night (1/19/09)

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 12th Attendance: (23) 1 Tenor, 10 Leads (Including Dave Hawkins and Cam Lambert - glad to see these guys back on stage), 4 Baritones (Including Chuck Couch, back again - super!), 8 Basses (Including Mark Williams and Skip Holston - back again –tremendous!)

23 singing with us last Monday night WOW! . . . Do you remember Fibber McGee and Molly? That was back when we only had radio to "watch" at night. Molly would say, "Tain't punny, McGee!"

Pun of the week: "The roundest knight at King Arthur's round table was Sir Cumference. He acquired his size from too much Pi." Ray



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Joyce Lantz-- Jan.22nd

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**7:00** Warm up and Polecat songs

**7:15** Show music - There's A Meetin' Here Tonight, De Animals A Comin', Gospel Medley

**8:15** Valentines songs - Let Me Call You..., Heart of My Heart, I Love You Truly, Love Me Tender

**8:30** B & B (Break and Business) Practice Valentines songs in quartets during break.

**8:45** Contest music - Don't Blame Me and A Wink and a Smile (Memorized - on risers)

**9:10** Barberpole Cat qualifying

**9:30** KTWWS (Keep the Whole World Singing)

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Colin's corner



Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

1. A big "Thanks" to Bob Whitacre, Dave Hawkins and John Tarkington for spending many hours over the past week to help the chorus learn their show music. Also an extra "Thanks" to Bob for all of his computer work that we will benefit from as we get ready for the spring show!
2. Thanks to the membership for their perseverance and dedication to The Kokomo Men of Note. We are becoming a vibrant chapter once again, and the joy of singing quality Barbershop Harmony makes all of the hard work worth the time and effort we put forth.
3. I want to thank the chapter for their rehearsal manners and respect for Charlie's directing. When we stay focused and listen to him when we are not singing, our progress is simply amazing. *Colin*

It's time to put in some extra effort:

The Kokomo Chapter has a lot of successes at its fingertips and we need everyone's help to get us over the finish line. The board has been working hard to bring the resources we need into position to allow great things to happen, and here are a few critical items that we need some extra effort:

Guest Night: We need everyone to encourage good singers to come meet us at Harvey Hinklemyers on January 26th

Singing Valentines: We need an advertising Blitz with drivers and poster hangers to meet at the church on January 31st at 9:00 AM

Spring Contest: Learn your words and notes ASAP. The contest stage is where we can transform ourselves into a chorus that brings the audience to their feet with our presentation. To reach that goal, we have to spend the next 10 weeks wisely. The rewards of a great delivery on stage will be something you will never forget.

Spring Show: We need everyone to learn their words and notes ASAP. Think of all the possibilities Charlie and the music team can have to improve our presentations if they are not fighting our missed words and notes. Once you experience this type performance success, you'll be glad you worked hard early.



Mark Your Calendar

Bring a guest to Harvey's next Monday night!

- Jan. 26th – Monday – Guest night @ Harvey Hinklemeyers @ 7:00PM Spouses always welcome!
- Jan. 31st – Saturday – Singing Valentine info “Poster blitz” distribution – see Colin or Al for details!
- Feb. 2nd – Monday – Music Team meeting @ 6:00PM
- Feb. 9th – Monday – BOD meeting @ 6:00PM
- Feb. 13th & 14th – Singing Valentines; get your quartet ready! Pick up business cards from Colin!
- 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.

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**Join us for the Kokomo Men of Note Pizza Guest Night**

@ Harvey Hinklemeyer Restaurant,  
1554 S. Dixon Road, 1 1/2 mile South of Jefferson on Dixon Rd  
Monday, January 26, 2009, @ 7:00 PM

Just a reminder! Bring a guest next Monday (singer or non-singer) to share our evening of fellowship, singing, and pizza. Bring family members. (Wives are family members); bring family member's friends. (son brings girlfriend - cheap date with entertainment; daughter brings boyfriend - boyfriend gets hooked)

Our purpose is to encourage our friends, relatives, neighbors or co-workers to appreciate our music and fellowship. Perhaps we can find a singer or a patron for our next community performance. Last year we had a total of fourteen guests at our two pizza guest nights. We gained six new members from YOUR efforts, and what a positive effect their voices and talents have made in our chorus. Can we do it again this year? OF COURSE WE CAN. Imagine how we would sound with six new members this year.

**BRING A GUEST - BRING A GUEST - BRING A GUEST**

I know each of you understands how important maintaining our membership numbers is to the future of our chapter. It begins with you bringing a guest next Monday. Members and wives are \$6 each. Guests eat free. You are welcome to pay a stipend for your guests. Last October it cost the chapter \$56.00 for our pizza night. Remember to wear your new shirt with dark pants.

For those who take their song books home -- bring them. "Polecat" song books are especially important. We will be singing "Polecat Songs" and inviting our guests to join in song.

WE HAVE SO MUCH TO OFFER OUR COMMUNITY. BY INVITING GUESTS .WE EXPAND OUR BASE OF FRIENDS AND FOLLOWERS. I HAVE BEEN A BARBERSHOPPER ALL MY ADULT LIFE AND I HAVE NEVER MET A PERSON THAT DOES NOT ENJOY OUR PERFORMANCES. YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE APOLOGETIC ABOUT INVITING FRIENDS OR BUSINESS ASSOCIATES TO ENJOY WITH YOU. AS YOU KNOW, THE REAL JOY IS SINGING FOUR PART HARMONY WITH A UNIQUE GROUP OF MEN. SHARE THIS JOY. *Don Silvey*, VP Chapter Development

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Five good reasons to warm-up:

- Mental focus – to get everyone concentrating on the task at hand and ready to learn.
- Matching voices/blending – to make the group have a unified sound, singing as a single voice, within the chorus and within the section.
- Matching pitches, tuning chords – to sing in tune and making the chords ring; to make subtle pitch adjustments based on hearing the other parts.
- Good singing mechanics – breathing, posture (body alignment), total body involvement, etc.
- Extending your range – both up and down to be able to sing higher and lower comfortably and with proper use of the voice.