



## **Kokomo Men of Note**

### **Program – Meeting Night (4/06/09)**

1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church - 2000 W. Jefferson Street

Please visit our website: <http://www.kokomo-men-of-note.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.*

**March 30<sup>th</sup> Attendance:** 26 singers! 4 Tenors, 10 Leads, 3 Baritones, 9 Basses  
including guests Mark Williams & Skip Holston

*Christian one liner - A lot of church members singing "Standing on the Promises"  
are just sitting on the premises. Ray*



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!** *Carolyn Rankin – April 7<sup>th</sup>, Tony Jones – April 8<sup>th</sup>*

#### ~~~~~ Agenda ~~~~~

**7:00** Warm up - Ted

**7:15** Off-the-Music Songs - God Bless America, Swing Low and Thank You Dear Lord For Music - On stage and on risers

**7:45** Sectional Rehearsal - Gospel Medley and When I Lift Up My Head

**8:20** Full Chorus on above two numbers

**8:30** Break and Business

**8:45** More show music - Dem Bones and Daddy Sang Bass

**9:15** Quartetting on Show Songs - purely voluntary

**9:30** KTWWS

**What O.C. Cash forgot to tell us** by *Bill Gibbons* "Tired of giving your annual show audience the same old uniform look? Consider this. Get your local church choir to trade their robes for your uniforms for one weekend. It will give you a brand new look for your Saturday night show and sure as hell increase the attendance at the following morning's services."

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### **Principles of Good Singing (con't)**

*By Ann Howard Jones, Professor and Director of Choral Activities, Boston University*

Here is the 5<sup>th</sup> of 6 principles of good singing that may help those interested in vocal development.

**5. RADICAL VOWELS** - The following words describe a radical vowel for me: focused, centered, accurate (i.e., not modified too much or too soon). Remember that the **vowels carry the tone**. In the chorus, vowels are first of all correct and then unified. Vowel unification and color can be dramatically affected by the placement of the singers in the chorus. Experiment to see if you can find an optimum arrangement for the singers' sounds....or give them so much space around themselves that they are singing like a soloist! For me as a singer, the worst thing that can happen to me is to have another singer breathing right down my neck. I feel as if I can't sing my own sound. Vowels can have varying colors depending on the text or the mood or the dynamic. Modification is needed to create more space to accommodate the vowel in the extreme of the range. Too many singers modify too soon and too much without realizing it so the vowel loses its definition, its shape, and its "radicalness".

**O.C. Cash:** *"Singing barbershop is the illusion of perfection. I delude myself regularly."*

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### **Simple steps to grow your chapter**

What you can personally do to make your chapter more attractive to potential members

*By Byron Meyers, Sr. Chairman, Society Membership Committee*

*Happiness is when what you think, what you say, and what you do are in harmony. – Mahatma Gandhi*

Do you think that growth in your chapter will lead to happiness? Do you say that growth in your chapter will lead to success? Do you do that which will cause growth in your chapter, thus leading to happiness?

Sounds great, but I think we will all agree, the shortest word is the biggest challenge: Do. What can each of us do to help cause growth in our chapters? Here are some ideas:

- Keep a positive attitude about your chapter. Look for the things that are unique to your chapter and then tell others about them.
- Take pride in what your chapter can offer a prospective member. Regardless of the type of chapter you may have, there are things unique to it that are positive in the eyes of a prospect.
- Think about what your chapter can offer folks in your community that no other group can. Start talking that up to guys you meet.
- Make up your mind that you will work hard at singing better, so the guest next to you will want to join. Gaining a new member is better done by creating a desire to join before asking the question, "Want to join?"



#### Mark Your Calendar

April 6<sup>th</sup> – Monday – Music Team meeting @ 6:00PM  
April 13<sup>th</sup> – Monday – BOD meeting @ 6:00PM  
May 3<sup>rd</sup> – Sunday – Sharpsville United Methodist Church Mother-Daughter Reception 3:00PM(approx)  
May 4<sup>th</sup> – Monday – Music Team meeting @ 6:00PM  
May 11<sup>th</sup> – Monday – BOD meeting @ 6:00PM  
May 16<sup>th</sup> – Kokomo Men of Note Annual Show – 2:00pm Matinee; 6:30PM meal/7:30PM Show  
June 17<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday – KMoN w/ the KPB – "Nothing Like a Dame" for Broadway/Hollywood night  
June 19<sup>th</sup> – 6 - 9PM (core times) Harmony International regional Convention @ old Ramada, Kokomo  
June 20<sup>th</sup> – 11 AM – 3:00 PM (core times) Harmony International regional Convention  
July 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> – Harmony Explosion Camp (Do you know interested youth we can sponsor and send?)  
July 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> – Cardinal Chord College w/ concentration on Chorus and Quartet coaching & training.  
July 29<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday – KMoN in concert with the KPB – medley about the theme "See The U.S.A."  
August 5<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday – KMoN Concert in the Park – Time TBA

### **Dapper Dans of Disneyland to be Honored with Lifetime Achievement Award at the Anaheim Convention**



The Dapper Dans barbershop quartet has been performing at Disneyland in Anaheim, California since 1959. That makes this year their 50th Anniversary in show business. To help commemorate this milestone, and because the Dans have touched so many lives for so many years, the Barbershop Harmony Society will be presenting the Dans with a Lifetime Achievement Award on Saturday night July 4, in front of a packed house at Anaheim's Honda Center. Members of the Dapper Dans from around the world will be invited on stage to share in the celebration. The presentation will conclude with a special performance by the Anaheim Dappers. Several of the Dapper Dans are members of the Barbershop Harmony Society. Adding a unique touch to their performances, the Dapper Dans use Deagan Organ Chimes as part of their act. Each of the eight chimes has three octaves of a single note, comprising a C scale. The Organ Chimes were made by the J.C. Deagan Company in Chicago, IL around 1901.



### **BARBERSHOP HISTORY-GENERAL KNOWLEDGE QUIZ - #60**

*author: Mark Axelrod, editor of "Blue Chip Chatter," Teaneck, NJ (Quiz to be continued)*

#### QUESTIONS:

- 1- Of the 69 quartets that have been crowned as international champions since 1939, how many are still together and performing?
- 2- Of the currently active quartet champs, which one was the first to win the gold and in what year did it triumph?

#### ANSWERS:

- 1- Twelve
- 2- Happiness Emporium in 1975

*O.C. Cash says: "The older you get, the better your voice used to be."*

