



Kokomo Men of Note

Program – Meeting Night (6/1/09)

1st 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.

May 18th “Guest night” attendance: 25 members: 3 Tenors, 11 Leads, 4 Baritones, 7 Basses; 5 male guests: John Bagby, Carl Hynds, Tom Helms, Ernie Kelly and Mark Moss; Wives & female friends: Barbara Pulley, Elda Briggs, Clarissa Clawson, Wanda Kelly, Cheryl Clawson, Karen Podell, Mary Rhodenbaugh, Sherry Temby, Sandy Roe, Judy Gillam, Debbie Burke, Joan Wheeler, Alice Maish

“The man who survived mustard gas and pepper spray is now a seasoned veteran!” Ray



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY! Larry & Ada Johnson – June 5th

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- 7:00 The Old Songs and vocal warm up
- 7:15 A few Polecat songs
- 7:45 **New music - Western songs**
- 8:30 Break and Business - guest orientation
- 8:45 Repertoire review or more new music
- 9:15 Quartetting on Polecat tunes
- 9:30 KTWWS



Welcome! Welcome!

Welcome to the 4 guests at Pizza Party! We ask that the following individuals serve as sponsors of those guests who attend. **Prospect: Tom Helms/** Suggested Host: Bob Clawson; **John Bagby/** Ray Briggs; **Carl Hynds/** Chuck Couch; **Ernie Kelly/** Tim Farkas

(Below are thoughts from a report given at a “Membership Summit” in Nashville, TN)

One of the things I keep hearing is the statement that “we need to have more fun” in our weekly meetings. When asked what they mean by more fun, the answer comes back something like “we did a lot of (fill in the blank) when I joined.” What ever it is, it goes back to when they joined.

Don’t get me wrong, I’m not saying we should be against having fun. However, what was fun XX years ago doesn’t necessarily hold true to today’s member. If what Kevin Keller has found that 33 percent of our Society have been members for less than ten years, and that nearly 60 percent have been members since 1990 is correct, and I have no doubt as to the correctness, then what I found fun 33 years ago is not necessarily fun by today’s standards. What is fun for me is not the same as the “fun zone” is for my 14-year-old, who I love singing with in a quartet. *John Elving, Mt. Rushmore Chapter, Black Hawk SD*



Mark Your Calendar

June 1st – Monday – Music Team meeting @ 6:00PM

June 8th – Monday – BOD meeting @ 6:00PM

June 8th – Monday – sing immediately after the board meeting at Northwoods Village across the street from the church.

June 17th – Wednesday – KMoN w/ the KPB – “Nothing Like a Dame” for Broadway/Hollywood night

June 19th – 6-9PM Harmony International (Ladies Chorus) regional Convention @ Courtyard Marriott

June 20th – 11 AM – 3:00 PM (core times) Harmony International regional Convention

July 6th – Monday – Music Team meeting @ 6:00PM

July 13th – Monday – BOD meeting @ 6:00PM

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.

(Check your calendar and indicate availability on sign up sheet-we would like to take the Kokomo Chorus)

July 29th – Wednesday – KMoN in concert with the KPB – medley about the theme “See The U.S.A.”

August 5th – Wednesday – KMoN Concert in the Park – Time TBA

“American Harmony”

The documentary “**American Harmony**” will be airing at the **Keystone Art Cinema at Keystone at the Crossing** from Friday June 5 through Thursday June 11. Show times are 2:30, 5:00, 7:15 & 9:30PM daily.

A number of quartets will be scheduled to sing in the lobby of the theater and the common areas of the Mall for as many performances as possible. If your quartet would be available for the matinee or evening shows during the week please contact: Randy Freeman, rfreeman66@sbcglobal.net , Phone 317-507-5024 Individual or group tickets are on sale now and may be purchased through the Indy chapter or directly from the theater. Ticket prices are as follows: Matinees (anything starting before 6pm) - \$6.50, Adults - \$9.50, Seniors (62+) - \$6.50 all the time, Kids (11 & under) - \$6.50 all the time.

Indy is excited to have the movie here and I hope to capitalize on it by having as many barbershoppers as possible attend over the week-end of the 6th & 7th. Can you please put the word out to your guys and see if you can get a group to make the trek to Indy? We would appreciate it so much! The theater has informed me that if the ticket sales are good over the week-end that they will extend the run. That would be fantastic for us and for the Society. I think that we may be able to get the attention of the media if we can make enough noise.

I can arrange for your whole chorus to sing if you have enough of them there. I would love to see you guys either on Saturday or Sunday for one/or both of the matinee performances. *Randy*

Heaven Can Wait!



2009 Annual Barbershop Harmony Show – Post Show Report

The 2009 Shows are now history...this report is a summation of our results and observations to consider for future years.

Patron List...

- Needs to be scrubbed. We would suggest taking time to compare names on list to telephone book. If not there, remove them from patron list. Also suggest assigning a page to certain members to research.
- Additional names should be added...
- Typical results of mass mailings are 20-30% response. This year we had approx. 50% response...granted some may have been the result of advertising or word of mouth.

Program Book....

- Pictures of Chorus, Quartets
- Picture of scholarship winners and story of each...all so what is harmony explosion
- Advertisers in the back
- Critique page stating what audience liked/didn't like. Drop in a box when they leave
- Make program a source of income . . . a fund raiser

Involvement....

- Maintain total membership involvement by assigning jobs w/job descriptions and regular follow up

Tickets....

- Ticket Sales Instruction sheet
- Number ticket and stub
- Results this year approx. 250 tickets sold for net sales of approx. \$1500 to 1800

Length of Show....

- Received a few comments, patrons liked the shorter show

Promotion....

- We need to decide if we want to attract local patrons or barbershoppers throughout the District
- It was suggested we invite Harmony Brigade to perform
- Consider pulling together media people and marketers to get advice on best way to promote the show. Do this well in advance of the show
- Utilization of the new web sight
- Include scholarship winners in promotion...newspaper, program books etc

Ted & Tom

“You'll find the best advice for going into a contest on the label of a mayo jar; keep cool, but don't freeze.”

“Beware the 'gambler' barbershopper who believes he'll get even on the next song, two at the most.”

“Why is it that 95% of all barroom tags you'll ever hear will be done
at one-half the speed of the original quartet.” *O.C. Cash*

