



Kokomo Men of Note

Program – Meeting Night (6/22/09)

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.

Monday, June 15th: 21 members: 1 Tenor, 10 Leads, 3 Baritones, 4 Basses; 1 visitor - John Bagby (lead)

Tuesday, June 16th (Rehearsal w/ Park Band) 17 members: 1 Tenor, 8 Leads, 3 Baritones, 5 Basses

Wednesday, June 16th (Concert before Band Concert and with the Park Band)) 15 members: 1 Tenor, 7 Leads, 3 Baritones, 4 Basses

Definition for the day: *Mosquito: An insect that makes you like flies better!* Ray

Program

7:00 Warm-up and Polecat tunes

7:15 Repertoire review - sacred and secular

8:30 Break and Business

8:45 Repertoire review or new music

9:15 Quartetting on Polecat tunes

9:30 KTWWS

Congratulations! Great job Wednesday night at the Kokomo Park Band concert, men. We were one of the highlights of the concert. ***Special*** thanks to the guys who stepped up to cover solos for those who couldn't be there and also special thanks to whoever brought the props; they added a lot to the presentation. *Charlie*



Cardinal Chord College!



The 2009 Cardinal Chord College is coming soon and will only cost \$ 30.00 for a commuter to attend an incredible event. 2004 International Champions, Nightlife plus Dr. Ben Ayling will be there to guide your Barbershopping career another step forward. Two nights of overnight accommodations plus all the perks of the camp are available for only \$ 75.00 If Kokomo could bring enough men to supply a chorus on Saturday, we could be coached as a group, plus gain training in individual development.

Please sign up this week!!!

Colin

Get Well Cards

Do you know a chorus member or someone in their family who needs thoughts and prayers? If so, please notify Amos Blakeslee, our Chapter Sunshine Chairman (453-4131).



Mark Your Calendar Bring a guest to the next meeting night!

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 21st – Tuesday – Sing Out @ Century Villa(Ice Cream Social), Greentown WU 2:30PM;Sing 3:00PM

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

August 3rd – Monday – Music Team meeting @ 6:00PM

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

August 10th – Monday – BOD meeting @ 6:00PM

Kokomo Men of Note assist Harmony, Inc. Regional Contest

Another "first" for Kokomo - having a women's barbershop contest in town! Colin Craig and Bob Whitacre had the biggest job this weekend - moving our risers on and off of the stage at KHS. They worked both the Friday evening contest and the Saturday afternoon contest, as well. Dave Hawkins sold tickets at both contests. Don Silvey, Mark Williams, Charlie Rose and Myron and Alice Maish worked the evening show and Ken Grohman and Ray Briggs worked the afternoon show. Compared to our contests, this one

was very small - seven quartets and six choruses. Bob Whitacre had two daughters and one granddaughter in one of the choruses!

I mentioned to one of the ladies who was helping move the choruses around in the halls and to the stage that, "Ken and I were enjoying ordering a bunch of ladies around and getting away with it." She replied, "Enjoy it - it won't last!" *Raman Briggs*

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**Joyce Cook**

Our friend Joyce Cook passed over to her Heavenly Father's care Tuesday, June 16<sup>th</sup> at 12:05 PM.

I know the gift of music that the chorus presented to her was a special time for her and for everyone who was able to attend.

It is times like this that Dr. Jim Henry's 2007 Harmony University Keynote comments are worthy of another reading:

"Don't take a halfhearted effort to audiences and proclaim "this is barbershop." Don't just sing as if it were a hobby, sing as if it were your life. Sing with the fullest measure of your intelligence and spirit. For, you see, it isn't just a hobby; it is a ministry. You might not consider it a Christian ministry, but it is a ministry nonetheless. You are making a positive difference in people's lives; and your own. You're bringing beauty and art to the world. Don't value barbershop over God or your family as many have done, but don't minimize it either. And don't you dare be ashamed of it." *CC*

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Strategies to Thrive

By Chuck Greene

What Strategies Have to Change? To thrive, Barbershop Harmony Society chapters need to provide what today's men value in their discretionary time—and provide it at a compellingly high level. Through research, sociologists have identified 13 Attractive Value Characteristics people consider when deciding whether to join or renew membership with a non-profit, chapter-structured organization like the Society. All thirteen are important, but for the Society, seven are so pivotal they are considered **Deal-Makers****.

➤ **In this organization members are:**

1. **Appreciated/sought for their talents****
2. Approached about their needs
3. **Given a high efficient return on their investment of time, energy, resources****
4. Welcoming to diversity in membership

➤ **This organization gives all members opportunities for:**

5. **Creativity—participation in "imagineering" new/improved results****
6. **Participative leadership—power to influence the pace, content and direction of the organization's life****
7. **Skill, talent and knowledge growth****
8. Social circle

➤ **This organization has:**

9. **Astute and trustworthy managers & leaders with succession****
10. **Upbeat ambiance—interwoven fun, humor and positive attitudes****
11. **Value-driven Mission—the opportunity to transform society**
12. Variety
13. Visual appeal

To attract today's men, chapters need to adjust what they do in chapter meetings, performances, administrative processes and outreaches to deliver the Attractive Value Characteristics—especially the Deal-Makers—in spades. When chapters do this, they become compellingly attractive.

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*If you took all the tenors in the world and laid them end to end ... it would be a good idea.*

*Why are Barbershop show intermissions limited to twenty minutes? So they don't have to retrain the bass section.*

*I asked our director if I could sing a solo while the chorus hummed in the background. He asked what my other two wishes were. *O.C. Cash**