



## Kokomo Men of Note

### Program –Meeting Night (9/14/09)

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.*

**August 31<sup>st</sup> Attendance:** 22 singers: 3 tenors, 10 leads inc. John Bowers,  
3 baritones, and 6 basses inc. Mark Williams

Oxymorons: Taped live; Clearly misunderstood; Extinct life; Computer jock; Plastic glasses. Ray

 **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!** Dave Hawkins–September 15<sup>th</sup>; Judy Gillam–September 20<sup>th</sup>  **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!** Brian & Joyce Harris– September 17<sup>th</sup>

~~~~~ **Program** ~~~~~

- 7:00 Warm-up and Polecat tunes
- 7:15 Christmas music
- 8:00 Praise and Thanksgiving Music
- 8:30 Break and Business
- 8:45 Western music
- 9:15 Quartetting on Polecat tunes or Show Tunes
- 9:30 KTWWS

~~~~~ **Five Quartet Singing Talents . . . Intelligence**

By Lou Perry (continued from 8-17-09)

We are called upon to weigh, balance, and make judgments in split seconds; to create ideas on the spur of the moment in order to keep a song alive; and to maintain the various tools we use under stricter discipline than in any other form of singing. We need to use our brains, gentlemen, every minute we are singing.

Singing without thought is mere sound, and even though generating sound is one of the most distinctive characteristics of our musical form, it is meaningless unless it is applied with conscious mental effort to the end of developing the idea of a song and making that idea great enough to share with an audience.



### Membership Corner!

#### Results of exploratory efforts regarding Successful Chapters

**SUCCESSFUL CHAPTERS** audition prospective members prior to acceptance to assure they can sing in a singing organization. The new members are evaluated for their vocal abilities and placed in the appropriate section of the chorus. They are closely monitored and assisted by a designated “buddy.” Any difficulties that become apparent are reported to the Music VP and/or the chorus director for further evaluation. Note: Quartet ONLY chapters whose membership are comprised primarily of dual members do not adhere to this criteria because those who join have already auditioned at another chapter.

**SUCCESSFUL CHAPTERS** keep the singing parts of the meetings fresh by introducing new techniques or refreshing old ones. They also add new songs to the repertoire at a somewhat regular pace, and retire those that have begun to lose their allure with the members. Chapter members, who believe they are learning something new at every meeting, eagerly anticipate the next meeting leading to steady or growing attendance.

*(During future installments of our bulletin we will identify aspects of SUCCESSFUL CHAPTERS and compare the Kokomo chapter to the criteria in the article)*

~~~~~ **O.C. Cash says: “The only reason our pitchpipes have 13 notes is some wise guy (usually a baritone) can "prove" that we dropped a half note.”**



**FYI: *Hi-Fidelity Quartet***, the 2008 Pan Pacific Champs, 2006 Harmony Sweepstakes Champs, 2005 FWD Champs, and 2002 Buckeye Champs, has received a special audition slot on September 19th for the NBC show "The Sing-Off!" For more information, visit ***The Sing Off*** on NBC's website.



**Bring a guest to the next meeting night!**

**September 14<sup>th</sup>** – Monday – BOD meeting @ 6:00PM

**September 28<sup>th</sup>** – 1st reading of Officers Nominations for 2010

**October 2-3-4** – Cardinal Dist. Fall Conv. @ Columbus IN (Int'l Chorus Prelims/Dist. Quartet Contest)

**October 5<sup>th</sup>** – Monday – Music Team meeting @ 6:00PM

**October 5<sup>th</sup>** – 2nd reading of Officers Nominations for 2010

**October 12<sup>th</sup>** – Monday – BOD meeting @ 6:00PM

**October 12<sup>th</sup>** – Chapter Voting for 2010 Officers/ Annual Chapter Meeting

**November 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Monday – Music Team meeting @ 6:00PM

**November 9<sup>th</sup>** – Monday – BOD meeting @ 6:00PM

**November 21<sup>st</sup>** – Saturday – Sing @ Evening of Praise & Thanksgiving @ Tipton HS Auditorium

**Cardinal District Fall Convention**

October 2-3-4 in Columbus IN



There is a great weekend planned and hope you've registered and have your rooms. If not, it's still not too late to plan on attending. Registration forms are available on line, in INKY Notes, and thru chapter officers.

Once again we will have class sessions on Saturday afternoon for those interested. Also the tag singing room is back so you can sing all the way through the weekend. There is a Hospitality area that will be open during the weekend and with a little luck...coffee. If some of you are so inclined, please feel free to bring along some cookies. Before each prelim and contest there will be an audience sing-along so come early!

Our first VLQ (Very Large Quartet) contest will be held on Saturday evening @ the Holiday Inn after the Quartet Finals. Registration for the VLQ (\$1 per singer) will start at 8:30am Saturday morning with only 10 openings so come in early! We are in need of 10 Judges for the contest. Again registration is at the same time and cost to be a Judge is \$5. All proceeds go to the Harmony Foundation. (VLQ's are made up of 5-13 singers) Hope to see you there! *Dave Robertson, M&PR Cardinal District*

**Fall 2009 Cardinal District convention schedule as it stands now. This is subject to change.**

**Friday:**

12pm ~ 6pm - Convention registration, silent auction, hospitality room.

7:15pm ~ Audience Sing-a-long - Columbus North High School

7:30pm ~ Quartet pre-lims

**Saturday:**

8:30am ~ 10am - Convention registration, "VLQ" registration (limited to the first 10) "VLQ" judge registration (limited to first 10)

10:15am ~ Audience Sing-a-long - Columbus North High School

10:30am ~ Chorus contest - Columbus North High School

1pm ~ 4pm - Tours, silent auction, other activities under development

2:45pm ~ 4pm - Chapter development forum

4pm ~ 4:45pm - Class Session One: Basic Audacity; Arranging Class

5pm ~ 5:45pm - Class Session Two: Advanced Audacity; (to be announced)

6pm ~ 7:15pm - Dinner

7:15pm ~ Audience Sing-a-long - Columbus North High School

7:30 pm ~ Quartet Finals - Columbus North High School

9:45pm? ~ "VLQ" contest at the Holiday Inn (exact time to be announced after Quartet Finals)

**Deep Thoughts:**

*Teach a child to be polite and courteous in the home and, when he grows up,  
he'll never be able to merge his car onto a freeway.*

