



Kokomo Men of Note

Program – Meeting Night (10/19/09)

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.

October 12th Attendance: 17 singers: 1 tenor, 7 leads, 3 baritones, and 5 basses

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Colleen Craig – October 24th



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY! Merrell & Rosalea Kenworthy – October 19th

Thought provoking questions: Why do we park in driveways and drive in parkways? If you throw a cat out of a car window, does it become kitty litter? How do they get deer to cross at that yellow road sign?

Program

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

Polecat Learning Series is about complete – Have you earned your pin?



FYI: Officers have been elected; the slate presented was voted in unanimously last Monday. COTS or Leadership training will be held on January 9th at the Holiday Inn in Columbus. Cardinal District Spring Convention will be in Ft. Wayne April 9-11, 2010
Charlie



Bring a guest to the next meeting night! (See page 2)

- November 2nd** – Monday – Music Team meeting @ 6:00PM
- November 7th** – Saturday – Howard Co. Sports Hall of Fame Banquet (Quartet)
- November 9th** – Monday – BOD meeting @ 6:00 PM
- November 12th** – Thursday – @ 6:30 PM Rehearsal for “We Care” at Crossroads Church
- November 20th** – Friday – Sing for “We Care” 7:00 PM Be there at 6:00 PM – Crossroads Church
- November 21st** – Saturday – Sing @ Evening of Praise & Thanksgiving @ Tipton HS Auditorium
- November 28th** – Saturday – Sing at Seiberling Mansion for Christmas
- December 3rd** – Thursday – Sing at 1st Pres. for Salvation Army Senior Citizens Luncheon - Noon
- December 7th** – Monday – Music Committee meeting @ 6:00 PM
- December 8th** – Tuesday – Sing at Friendship Haven – Be there at 6:00 – sing approx 6:30 PM
- December 14th** – Monday – BOD meeting @ 6:00 PM
- January 9th** – Saturday – COTS (Leadership Training) @ Columbus Holiday Inn
- April 9th -11th** – Cardinal District Spring Convention in Fort Wayne

Improving Your Singing – Legato singing

By Mark Hale, via Roger Motzkus in a Coaching Barbershop email

“I learned from Mark Hale who addressed legato singing and talked of when words are produced with what he called "attack and release." Where the beginning of the words were hammered on the beats (then released) under the guise that it's keeping rhythm (also stereotypical of "choppy" singing). **The smoother delivery of words with proper vowel emphasis allows for the rhythm that is inherent in the music.**” I wish I’d read this a year ago; it took me that long to figure out that our chorus was (and is) doing exactly this: singing the first letter or two of every word heavier than the rest of the letters. It does, in fact, make the song “choppy” and with no ‘lifting’ of sounds at the end of words and phrases, sound problems are compounded.



Musician joke: Vibrato: Used by singers to hide the fact that they are on the wrong pitch.

Highlights of Your Board of Directors Meeting



The following is an amendment to the Standard Chapter By Laws:

Article I, 1.01

The name of the chapter shall be the Kokomo, IN, Chapter of - - - - - (Note: The standard version has a blank where the name of the chapter should be.)

Article III, 3.01 a, Membership

Guests and newcomers are always welcome to come to our meetings and sing with the chorus without being a member of the chapter. However, if a guest wants to perform with the chorus in public, it is hoped that he intends to, and is working toward becoming, a member in good standing of the Chapter and the Society; it will require him to pay Society, District and Chapter dues. In order to sing with the chorus in a Society or District sponsored competition, he **must** be a dues-paying member in good standing with the Society, District and Chapter.

The Kokomo, IN, Chapter, at the discretion of the Board of Directors, will only provide chorus uniforms for members or those men who are actively working toward becoming a member of the Chapter, District and Society.

Raman Briggs



WHAT KIND OF "BODY" ARE YOU?

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This is a story about four people named: EVERYBODY, SOMEBODY, ANYBODY and NOBODY.

There was an important position to be filled on the board of directors and EVERYBODY was sure that SOMEBODY would do it. ANYBODY could have done it, but NOBODY did it.

SOMEBODY got angry about that, because it was EVERYBODY'S job. EVERYBODY thought ANYBODY should do it, but NOBODY realized that EVERYBODY blamed SOMEBODY, when NOBODY did what ANYBODY could have done

These men were all barbershoppers, but the attitude they all shared was a real shame. They all belonged to the same chapter, but attendance was low because no one enjoyed singing with them. EVERYBODY stayed home on meeting nights to lie around watching television or going bowling with other friends. ANYBODY really wanted to go to meetings for singing and fellowship, but he was afraid SOMEBODY would still be angry with him. So . . . NOBODY went to the meetings.

Actually, NOBODY was the most spirited barbershopper of the four. NOBODY signed up for all of the pick-up quartet gigs and NOBODY was always present for all of the chorus performances. NOBODY even sent in early registrations for the District and International Conventions without having to be asked.

One night was set aside as guest night and EVERYBODY was asked to bring a perspective barbershopper. However, EVERYBODY felt SOMEBODY should bring at least one guest. ANYBODY could have at least made the effort. You want to guess who finally did bring in a guest?

That's right . . . NOBODY!

**Don't be a NOBODY, be a SOMEBODY – bring a guest to your next meeting!!!**

*Submitted by Ray*

### ~~~~~ **100 Ways You Can Take Part in Your Chapter**

*Collected from the Harmonet by Kim Benner, Singing Buckeyes, Columbus OH*

1. Bring a guest to rehearsal once a year.
2. Show up early and make coffee or prepare snacks.
3. At the end of rehearsal, help put things away & clean coffee pot.
4. Thank the director for all of his effort & thank your chorus administration for all of their work.
5. Bring in doughnuts on your "barbershop anniversary" night - bring in a special treat for the break.

