

The ACORN Notes



Newsletter for the Visalia Mighty Oak Chorus - Member of the Barbershop Harmony Society
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Bud Case, Editor

Peden's Perspective - Music VP

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

I would like to thank all of you that came to our meeting, July 22. All of you conducted yourselves very respectfully and the meeting proved to be very productive and informative. It really helps in long range planning.

But one thing we must all remember, it takes more than an active board to make a successful Chapter. Personal involvement from every member such as: regular, faithful attendance, keeping chatter down to a minimum during rehearsal, learning music at home, volunteering to serve as an officer or assume responsibility of a committee and doing your very best to sing to the best of your ability.

I think we have a GREAT CHAPTER. We have lots of fun and enjoy being around all the members. But, SINGING IS THE NAME OF THE GAME. The better we sing, the more enjoyment is to be had.

A large number of you wanted to sing in a Quartet and would like to see coaching made available to help you learn to sing better. This is great. But you have to make the first step and volunteer and announce that you are available and want to sing in a quartet. If we are short of the part in the chorus, look around the community, church choir, friends or friend of friends. Who knows, get them singing in a quartet and the next thing they will join the Chapter and you will ALL be having the time of your life.

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Jerry Mitchell - Membership VP

Guests since May:

Mathew Jeremiah
John Wadkins
Noa Lawson
Ray Gentry
Wayne Robinson
Scott Petersdorf

Welcome new members:

Joshua Garcia
Jordan Rodriguez
Everett Christoffels

Ted Petersdorf celebrates 25 years



Baughman's Message -President

Dear Mighty Oak Barbershoppers,

I hope that you are all are having as much fun singing these great barbershop songs as I am. I'm a great believer that you get out of something what you put into it. Do you look forward to being at our practices every Tuesday evening? Or do you have to force yourself to go? I know that a lot of us come home from work or school (you retired guys just have to get up out of your easy chair) kinda dragging, not much energy left. But you know what happens when you get to practice, all of a sudden, the energy is back, and away you go, experiencing a great evening of singing and fellowship.

I want to thank several of the guys that go the extra mile for our chorus. Of course there's our Chorus Director Lynn Sedgely who does a great job every Tuesday night and then goes out the next morning and plays a great game of golf! Our Music Vice-President Bob Peden is, I believe, the glue that keeps the chorus moving forward. What a committed Babershopper Bob is (And doesn't Bob Browne's imitation of Bob Peden bring a grin to your face). Bob is always in the forefront of our chorus to help make us better. Another guy who does great amounts of work for our chorus is, of course, Lee Smith. When you give Lee a job to do, you know that it will be done and done right!

Other Mighty Oak Chorus members who have

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Directions to Aug. 11th Picnic



EXTRA! EXTRA! EXTRA! Read all about it!

July 22, 2008 The regular meeting was devoted to a strategic planning session moderated by the very capable Music VP, Bob Peden. Here are the topics and ideas put forth; what we're doing well, what we think will make us better and suggestions for achieving it.

SINGING

- 1- Want coaching
- 2- Warm-ups are good
- 3- Sectionals would help us individually
- 4- Focus on fewer songs each night

WHAT KIND OF CHAPTER DO YOU WANT TO BE?

- 1- Entertaining
- 2- Social rather than competition oriented
- 3- Show steady improvement

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAPPEN TO MAKE THE CHORUS MORE ENJOYABLE?

Baughman's Message -President Continued

stepped up to the plate are Jerry Mitchell, Landes Dung, Gary Smith, Pat Harrison, Bob Browne, Galen Grant, Jeff Hansen, Bud Case, Greg Peterson, Don Livesay, Lance Jepsen, Tank Waldrum, and Ted Petersdorf to name a few.

Like any organization you have to have people that are willing to put the time and effort in to make an organization function. I'd invite any member of the chorus to volunteer to help out in any area that they think they would like to contribute. You are always welcome to attend our monthly board meeting at Carrow's Restaurant on Mooney Blvd. on the 2nd Monday of each month at 7 p.m. Come and find out what your board of directors are doing (besides eating and listening to Galen Grant's jokes) and give us your input.

We're having a great year and I believe the rest of 2008 will be as much fun as the 1st half of the year was.

Don't forget to wear your name badge (Castle is watching for you if you don't) to the meeting and bring a friend and let them share in this great hobby that we enjoy, Barbershopping and telling Baritone jokes!

Your "humble" President
Dee

Chapter Meeting

**7:00 p.m. Tuesday at the
First Christian Church
1023 North Chinowth
Visalia, CA 93291**

1- Sing better as a Chorus

2- More Quartet opportunities

WHAT DO YOU EXPECT FROM THE CHAPTER?

1- Look for public exposure (more sing outs)

2- Make rehearsals Fun

3- Youth program

4- Retreats (for special events, i.e. show or competition prep)

WHY DID YOU JOIN?

1- Sing in a Quartet

2- Love of accapela music

3- Like to perform in public

4- Makes me feel young

These are all things to help the Chapter grow and improve. But how do you put them into practice? Would you be willing to work on a committee to help put your desires into action?

STEP UP and Say, HOW CAN I HELP.

Peden's Perspective - Music VP Continued

But the main thing is LET'S ALL HAVE FAITH IN OUR CHAPTER. Faith is the mental process The shocking thing is, faith honestly does move mountains. Don't deplore your situation: explore it—for hidden possibilities! When we move forward and assume that a way will open up to achieve the impossible, then suddenly it happens.

We discover an alternative route through what appeared to be an impenetrable mountain range.

What appears to be going nowhere on the road to success turns out to be an alternative path leading to a new belief system into the way we think, act and perform.

BELIEVE IN YOURSELF, YOUR CHAPTER AND
LET'S MAKE IT HAPPEN !!

Go to the 'Glow - after chapter meetings

Upcoming Events



August 11 7:00 P.M. Board Meeting (Carrow's Restaurant on Mooney Blvd. - 2nd Monday of each month)

August 16 - 3:00 P.M. Family Picnic - Jerry Mitchell's house -24633 Road 152 , Tulare - 688-2264

September 26-28 Youth Harmony Camp

October 9-12 Fall District Convention - Bakersfield

October 15 NorCal COTS, Delta College, Stockton

January 25-February International Mid-Winter Convention - Pasadena

March 14, 2009 Annual Show

March 19-22, 2009 Spring District Prelims Contest and Convention - Las Vegas, NV