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Notes

Newsletter for the Visalia Mighty Oak Chorus
Member of the Barbershop Harmony Society
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Chapter Meetings - Tuesdays - 7:00 - 9:30 p.m.
First Christian Church, 1023 N. Chinowth, Visalia, CA 93291

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Web Site

Mighty Oak Chorus, Visalia
<http://mocv.org>
Webmaster, Greg Peterson
Check it out!

Coming Events

January 2009

10 - Installation of Officers Dinner
25 - Feb. 1 - International Mid-Winter
Convention, Pasadena

February

13 - Singing Valentines

March

14 - MOC Annual Show
19-22 - Spring District Prelims Contest
and Convention, Las Vegas, NV
24 - Guest Night

Barbershopper of the Year 2008

Each year the Chapter awards the Barbershopper of the Year (BOTY) to one of our members that has, during the year, demonstrated leadership and dedication that promotes the goals of the Society and our local chorus. It is a distinct honor to receive it in recognition of the many hours of service one gives back to our great hobby and the men that make up the Chapter. Past recipients give the president input so those deserving a good pat on the back receive it.



Bob Browne & Jerry Mitchell

This year's BOTY was awarded to a very deserving and dedicated member of the Mighty Oak Chorus, Bob Browne, during the Installation Dinner, January 10, 2009. Last year's recipient, Jerry Mitchell, did the honors as the very surprised and humble Bob graciously accepted the accolades of his fellow barbershoppers. Bob is the consummate barbershopper as a quartet member, chorus member and Board Member at Large performing many behind the scenes acts that make for a great chapter experience for us all (thanks for the coffee, Bob).

He joined the Society 48 years ago and shares his love of singing our style of music with those of us in the lead section and anyone wise enough to listen to his words of wisdom. He learns his new music in a timely manner and helps spur the rest of the leads as the lead section leader. In other words, Bob is a Barbershopper's Barbershopper! Congratulations Bob!

Directors for the 2009 Show

We appreciate Tank, Landes, Jeff, and Lance for stepping up and taking on the task of directing music for the 2009 MOC Show. As the Board searches for a new director, the "show must go on" and they are doing a fine job of getting us ready for March 14th.

Show Music Update

Due to the shortness of time, some of the songs we were going to sing on the show have been changed for ones that the chorus already knows. Here is the latest update of songs to be sung on the show.

My Honey's Lovin' Arms
Standing on the Corner
Hard Hearted Hannah
Old Fashioned Girl
Peg O My Heart
The Moment I Saw Your Eyes

Baby Face
Dear Hearts and Gentle People
Believe
Last Night on the Back Porch
The New Ashmolean Band



Bob Peden - Music VP

As most all of you will remember, a few months ago, we held a special meeting in regards to what do you expect to receive from Visalia Chapter and what should Visalia Chapter expect from you? At the Leadership Academy, held in Stockton, our class talked about taking inventory of OUR CHAPTER. I told them of what we had done and talked about. And it all came down to this. COMMITMENT. We want to Sing Better, Have more sing-outs, Be an entertaining Chorus, Grow in Size, Etc. But until, each one of you, personally say YES, by your words and action, IT WILL NEVER GET DONE. Are ALL of you ready to step up and say, What Can I Do To Help?

Here are SOME SUGGESTIONS. Just step up and volunteer:

- Section leader, Musically and administratively
- Weekly program
- Singing with Body Language (teach)
- Chorus manager
- 2010 Show Chairman
- Set design

Let the Board know you are interested and we'll find a place for you to work. Thanks.

Bob Peden



Chapter Quartets

Some Assembly Required

Tenor	Steve Varga /
Lead	Ken McNutt
Bass	Dee Baughman
Baritone	Ed Grant



Contact: 625-1468.



Sound Projection

Tenor	Bob Peden
Lead	Bob Browne
Bass	Landes Dung
Baritone	Don Livesay

Contact: Bob Brown at 591-6720 or Bob Peden at 584-4976

Installation Dinner Memories



Christmas Caroling 2008

This year as in the past, the chorus sang Christmas Carols for many of the senior care facilities not only here in Visalia but also in Tulare and Hanford. These audiences love our style of music and showed their appreciation for the Christmas cheer we spread. This is a wonderful tradition of the Mighty Oak Chorus and a way to give back to our communities.

Here is the list and dates of where we sang and many kudos for all those of you that participated.

Nov. 25th **Visalia**

The Meadows Retirement Center
Evergreen Residence & Assisted Living

Dec. 4th **Visalia**

Chaste Tree Park & Trinity Senior Care
Oak Meadows Senior Housing
Town Meadows Retirement Residence

Dec. 9th **Visalia**

Westgate Gardens Convalescent Center
Prestige Assisted Living
Walnut Park Retirement Residence

Dec. 16th **Tulare**

Tulare Silvercrest Residence
Twin Oaks Assisted Living
Oaks Estate Mobile Park
Sierra Village Retirement (Gate code 039)

Dec. 18th **Hanford**

Valley Christian Home
Hacienda Health Care
Remington Retirement Residence

Dec. 23rd **Visalia**

Casa Grande Senior Care Home
Park Visalia
Quail Park Retirement Center

The afterglows on the 18th in Hanford and 23rd in Visalia were well attended with much music and merriment. Thanks for a job well done!

More Notes from Bob Peden, Music VP

It's YOUR Chapter!! IMAGINE. INSPIRE. INFLUENCE.

These are some thoughts taken from an article in the last issue of the "Harmonizer".

How will we bring more fun into our Chapter meeting night? First, two definitions to clarify the last question. WE, as in "You and Me and others." FUN, as in "Something you did at Chapter meeting, last night, that you can't wait to tell someone about today".

Step 1: Imagine. Put on paper what your ideal chapter meeting experience would be like. State ideas in the positive rather than the negative. This is a Wish list, not a gripe list. Give it some thought, try to develop at least 5.

Step 2. From that list, pick one item YOU could personally champion, and volunteer to do it. Some suggestions: biography of each member, weekly pictures of Chapter meeting, Chairman of Chapter uniforms, etc.

Step 3. Try step 2 for another item.

Step 4. INSPIRE. Help other chapter members do the same.

Let's develop a Chapter Culture of Wishes fulfilled (often by the wishers)

Step 5. Be open with your chapter leadership, let them know the things that are fun for you, and just as important, what you would like to do for them.

IT'S YOUR CHAPTER Don't leave it up to someone else to make it fun. Get involved, imagine what it would be like, inspire others with your visions and work together to influence the enjoyment of Barbershop.

Young Men in Harmony

Talk with Lance if you can join him at the local high schools to encourage the spreading of barbershopping to the next generation.