



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

Dear Mighty Oak Chorus

Last Tuesday night at Chapter meeting after we watched the Keynote speech by JIM HENRY, it felt like everyone was awed and passion-struck by the message, because the message really struck home. Then when we started singing it felt like everyone wanted to do the best they could to show that they understood what he was talking about. Everyone felt pride in what we do and have all been touched by those "golden" moments.

To me, it was a Great moment. I wondered, what would it take to maintain that spirit and enthusiasm?

Sometimes it can be so aggravating; music not being worked on at home so that so much time is spent in Chapter, talking with each other while other sections are (learning their part), same people doing most of the work, not committing to chorus sing-outs, not coming to rehearsal prepared, mentally, physically and musically.

I happened to come across this letter I wrote to all of you last summer after we had a Chapter meeting on WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE? I would like to have you read it again, because I feel it applies to right now where our Chapter is.

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.

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 !!

Bob Peden, Music Vice President and Performance Chairman

If any of you that were not at the meeting and have not heard the address by JIM HENRY, I highly recommend that you come to me and borrow the DVD and listen to it at home.

We have gone through some tough times and I feel we have come out doing pretty good.

I hope that we will soon have our Director problem resolved and a Show for 2010 picked so that we will have music we can start learning. I AM CONVINCED THAT LIFE IS 10% WHAT HAPPENS TO US AND 90% HOW WE REACT TO IT.

Grateful to what Barbershop has given to me.

Thanks,
Bob Peden, Music Vice President

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Web Site

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

Coming Events

June 2009

5 & 6 MOC Yard Sale at Ted's Visalia house

July

International - Anaheim

August

* Spaghetti fund raiser

September

* Picnic

October

* Golf Tournament

November

* Paid sing-out; more later

December

* Christmas Caroling

January 2010

* Installation Dinner

February

14 Singing Valentines

March

6 MOC Show!!!

* Activities and dates are being planned

Yard Sale

Ted Petersdorf has volunteered to head up a yard sale at his Visalia house. It will be Friday & Saturday, June 5-6.

Let's all pitch in by donating "STUFF" we no longer use, want or need. Call Ted at 592-4489 to arrange to drop it off ahead of time. He also needs help manning it, especially Friday. If we make enough money the tradition is that the guys that work get to take out their wives to dinner on some of the proceeds. Such a deal!

Summertime, Ain't No Time to Slack Off! Wear your badge!

Mike Testers

Thanks to the 16 men that showed up in Fresno, kicked off the contest Saturday, May 9 and made the MOC proud.

To the best of my ability to remember everybody that was there here is the list; Bob Browne, Bud Case, Rich Crain, Pat Harrison, Jeff Hansen, Shawn Hansen, Lance Jepson, Norman

Landweer, Don Livesay, Ken McNutt, Brian Morse, Bob Peden, Rod Robinson, Lee Smith, Gary Smith, and Paul Simon. If you were there and didn't get mentioned please let me know.

Thanks guys for making time in your schedules. Just think, Fresno won Division with only 29 men on stage. Something to think about ...