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**2008 Calendar**

**Monday:**

Sing a little, talk a little, eat, eat, eat.  
... Good night ladies...

**Actually:**

- 7:30 Spring show songs (Joe K and ADs)
- 9:00 Chapter discussion: Anaheim International (Clements & Bentz)
- 9:30 Chapter Celebration of 2008 Illinois District Championship

**April**

- 17 Board Meeting
- 21 Rehearsal
- 28 Rehearsal

**May**

- 5 Rehearsal
- 12 Rehearsal
- ?? Tech Rehearsal?
- 15 Board Meeting
- 17 2pm & 8pm Spring Show
- 19 Coaching rehearsal with Joe Connelly
- 26 Rehearsal

**June**

- 2 Rehearsal
- 9 Rehearsal
- 16 Rehearsal
- 19 Board Meeting
- 23 Rehearsal
- 30 Rehearsal

**June - July**

- 29 - 6 International - Nashville
- 2 Wed - First Rehearsal
- 3 Thu - Next Rehearsal
- 4 CHORUS CONTEST!

**August**

- 7 Kane County Cougars

**September**

- 20 Youth Festival
- 26 - 28 District Fall Contest

**November**

- 16 Sing Downers Grove Library

**December 12 - 13 Christmas Show**

**2009**

**January**

- 24 - Installation dinner

West Towns rehearses every Monday evening, 7:30 PM on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Moose Lodge, 1030 Warren Ave., Downers Grove, IL 60515

**DISTRICT CHAMPS!**

Congratulations! We did it!

Joe Kronos is now the director of the Illinois District Champion chorus. Thank you Joe for your time, dedication, talent and enthusiasm. Thank you to our team of assistant directors and coaches, and a special thank you to Joe Tomecek for his extra efforts with the choreography and being there early every rehearsal.

**Contest Reflections**

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Well, all I can say is...overwhelming. From my own personal experience this weekend, it was so comforting to know my family was in the audience to support me during the quartet competition. Not just my immediate family, whom I would be nothing without, but my West Towns family as well. It was so comforting to look out and view the sea of red coats cheering us on with genuine smiles and fists pumping!

Not only were the new Illinois District Chorus Champions in the audience rooting for us, but also my friends, which happen to be one in the same! I started to get a little choked up on our second song as I thought about the rousing ovation we received on our first song, so I said to myself "pull it together, you idiot!"

I think I can speak for Vocal Menu, Sound Investment, and all the chapter quartets when I say thank you... for being the best *family* in the barbershop society!

**Craig Ahlgrim**

- Tenor OFF THE RECORD
- Bass JUKEBOX
- Tenor STOLEN BASSES
- Bass WEST TOWNS CHORUS!

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I wanted to let all of you know how thrilled I was to be invited to be a part of that wonderful performance the chorus gave on Saturday. Standing in the wings as I waited for my cue to dance across the stage in my raisin costume, I was deeply moved by the warmth and beauty of your ballad. The moment I heard the very first chords of the song ring out, I knew that I was hearing a championship performance.

Congratulations for all the hard work and all the heart that you poured into your performance. My sincere thanks to all of you for letting me be a part of the West Towns family and for letting me share in this memorable experience! Have a great show in May and knock 'em dead in Nashville!

See you soon,

Skinker Paul Schulte - Raisin #2

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It is nice to be from a large chorus and have them in the audience clapping and cheering for us. As Joe Kronos says "quarteting is more funner than chorus singing". I would like to thank the Chorus members who warmly greeted, and congratulated us at the Saturday morning rehearsal. I was proud on Saturday night to be part of the group of 10 men in our chorus on stage not in red coats showing that not only do we have a darn good chorus but we have a growing number of darn good quartets as well.

John Morrison

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And did you see the Peoria Journal Star on Saturday morning? There on the front page were our very own Casey Clements and Jim Spangler singing away, and the article quoting Dave Ehst and Wayne Wright.