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2008 Calendar

Monday:

7:30 Warmup (Joe K)
7:45 Coaching with Joe Connelly
9:00 Meeting & Break
9:20 Coaching with Joe Connelly
10:30 KTWWS

May

22 Board Meeting
26 Memorial Day – Moose closed
28 Wednesday -Rehearsal

June

2 Rehearsal
5 Paid Performance – Lions Club
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 2nd floor of the Moose Lodge, 1030 Warren Ave., Downers Grove, IL 60515

2008 ILLINOIS DISTRICT CHAMPIONS!

Spring Show

Did we have fun or what? Isn't this what all those hours of rehearsal are for? Thanks Joe Kronos for your vision, talent and most especially for giving of yourself to this chorus. Go to page 2 for more on the show.

Peoria Picture Pickup

Be sure to pick up your copy of the official Peoria Contest picture from Vern Moore!

Nashville Bus

Tonight (Monday, 5/19) night we need a **final count** on those that wish to take a bus to Nashville so we can determine if we need one or two buses. Since the chapter is picking up part of the cost, it will be a much less expensive way to get to Nashville than getting there on your own. The bus would leave Downers Grove about 8:00 AM on July 1 (Tue.) and leave Nashville July 6 (Sun) about 8:00 AM. Contact Rich Carey- rclc675@sbcglobal.net

Board Meeting

Board meeting this Thursday, May 22 starts at 7:30 PM at Bob Nicodem's house.

Nashville – June 29 – July 4 Notes from Ken Keever

- Hotel - *Sheraton Music City (Airport) Hotel*, about \$144/night – contact is Ken Keever
- Contest eligibility – Everyone who is competing on stage with us must have two things:
 - 1) Convention registration
 - 2) Current Membership

We have to send in a list to the society of the members who plan to be on stage so we need to make sure everyone's membership is up-to-date. For those of you whose membership expires on June 30, you should be receiving an email soon or a little later a letter. The best way (per the society) is to go on-line to www.barbershop.org and login to the members-only section and renew on-line.

Rod Hupach 31st Annual Brat Bash

It's that time of the year again and the Joliet Blackhawk Chorus will be hosting the annual Rod Hupach Brat Bash. It will be held again at the American Legion Lockport Post 18 at 15052 S Archer Ave in Lockport. The time for the next event will be "Tuesday, June 10th from 6 PM until ? It will be \$10/person which will include brats, sides, beer, and soft drinks. There will be a cash bar for any liquor or mixed drinks. Barbershoppers, wives and guests are welcome. A portion of the evening will be devoted to registered quartets and even a chance for pick-up quartet to compete for the coveted "Outhouse" award. Past winners are encouraged to wear your medals to indicate your prior success.

In Harmony, Tony Mehok

Joliet Blackhawks / South Cook Singing Men of Note

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Spring Show – by Jon Dobosenski

Gentlemen,

You have done it again! I have heard so many wonderful things said about the performances and how exciting the shows were that I cannot help but sit here and smile!

I know I would have preferred that the Auditorium be packed full but, just before the curtain opened, many of you reminded me that we want to entertain whether to one or one thousand and that is why we really are here. When we sang our tribute to Buzz, I settled in and it reminded me that there was no other place I wanted to be. We can create all the wonder pep talks in the world but, at that moment, I knew there was an entire riser of guys who were singing with emotion and our hearts WERE in the right place (along with Joe!). The fun of an up-tune, the love of a ballad and the joy of just singing were all present on that stage and remained through the entire show. West Towns Chorus has worked hard on this show and has a wonderful director and assistant directors who really helped us “feel” the songs and, to all of you, I wish to extend a HUGE thank you from myself and for letting me play a small part in this.

Some people who need to be recognized for all their hard work are:

- Bob Wahl for his work on the stage and working all the technical details plus the script!
- Dick Riley for his work with the school and being our “inside” man!
- Rick Anthoney for working with Bob Wahl on the script (and making sure we didn’t tell any dirty jokes! – just kidding.)
- Bob Nicodem for organizing the Show Program and being my go-to guy when I didn’t know what to do (I talked to him a lot!!!)
- Tony Tumea and John Morrison for ticket sales and trying to make sure that we were covering all the bases to make this a successful show along with DVD sales.
- Nelleke and POW for all their support for ticket sales for the show and the Afterglow plus all the raffle tickets and front sales!!! Wonderful job as usual!
- Frank Connell for all the advice and pictures for the 60 year slide show.
- Diane for all her work on the Buzz Tribute and all the other extgra details she just took care of (like making sure the slide show didn’t have pictures of my family in it!)
- Casey and Jay for thinking of different ways to raise money through raffles and water and chip sales plus the wonderful between show meal!
- Joe and our Assistant Directors – without you guys, we would just be guys singing a song.
- Flora & John Kaindl – without you and your wonderful costumes, we would just be guys singing without clothes on! Absolutely wonderful and an outstanding effort! You make us look good! The tear-away was a big hit with the audience.
- The Keever make-up crew. Thanks for bringing in the 5 gallon pail and helping us look “GQ”.
- Downers Grove North High School music program – Dr. Piekarz and Charles Hiscock – DGN has a wonderful program and have been fantastic in helping us in whatever steps needed to be taken.

I am sure I messed someone and I apologize but Everyone’s part was important to giving our audience a show they expected to see and we delivered!

The biggest comment I received were that we sounded wonderful and that the audience couldn’t wait for us to get back on stage. The Oz set stole the show but our Music Man also had people sitting on the front of their seats. I received a message on Sunday from a friend that his mother attended our 8PM show and this was the first time she had seen us. She was so excited when she returned home that she was checking for when she can buy tickets for our Christmas show!!

Thanks for the effort on this weekend’s show but most of all, thanks for creating such wonderful memories for myself and our audience.

Jon “Scarecrow” Dobosenski
2008 Spring Show Chairman