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## 2008 ILLINOIS DISTRICT CHAMPIONS!

### 2008 Calendar

#### Monday:

7:00 Choreography (Joe T)  
8:00 Warm-up (Joe K)  
8:15 Contest songs (Joe K)  
9:10 Meeting & Break  
9:30 Contest songs (Joe K)  
10:30 KTWWS

#### June

10 6PM - Rod Hupach Brat Bash  
16 Rehearsal  
19 Board Meeting  
22 Sunday – Chicago Rush  
23 Rehearsal  
27 – 29 D.G. Heritage Fest  
30 Rehearsal

#### June - July

29 – 6 International – **Nashville**  
1 Tues - Bus leaves for Nashville  
2 **Wed: 4 – 6 PM** Rehearsal  
3 **Thu: 8 – 10 AM** Rehearsal  
4 **Fri: 5 PM start contest cycle!**  
7 Rehearsal/party  
14 Rehearsal  
21 Rehearsal  
28 Rehearsal

#### August

4 Rehearsal  
7 Kane County Cougars  
11 Rehearsal  
18 Rehearsal  
25 Rehearsal

#### 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

### Rehearsals

We need 100% attendance from now until Nashville – which is much sooner than you think. Please bring your Music Man costume: red jacket, band tunic, and cover-up / tear away. Notice too rehearsal starts at 7:00 PM to work on choreography – and EVERYONE needs to be there for that as well.

### Uniforms – John Kaindl

Everyone, Check your band vest and your cover jacket for length. The band vest should match the red coat in length, especially in front. The cover jacket should be a little longer. If they are not, bring them to practice Monday with a written note, indicating how much correction is needed. If your band belt needs to be lengthened, bring that also.

All corrections need to be identified **Monday, June 9th.**

This means you must try on your costume at home this week and check it out in front of a mirror. If there are any corrections, prepare a written note describing them and your name and pin it to your costume.

Time is critical, and Flora needs enough time to do all this. Any and all corrections will be done and returned to you by June 23rd. Any thing after that is your responsibility.

We need to look our best as well as sing our best, and have confidence in how we look and sing.

Those who are on the outside edge of the risers need to have their cover jackets closed in back, so the red jacket is not showing. Please bring your cover jacket to practice Monday. This includes Hill, Clover, Hornbacker, Rutan, M. Sellers, Parks, and Tomecek. We will check out the closure. If it does not close, seamstress Flora will fix it.

Care of the Cover Jacket:

Your jacket will need to be ironed by you or your significant other with a little spray starch, prior to Nashville. Please be prepared to do this.

### Performance – Bloomingdale Lions Club

I would like to thank all of the West Town's chorus for singing last night. It was wonderful. I do miss singing. I had about three or four people that said they couldn't believe the improvement in the last few years. I know I heard it and saw it! Well, for me another easy sale for this year's Christmas show and more new people would like to come. From the Bloomingdale Lions Club thanks again.

I miss all of you guys! As mentioned you might see me in early fall with another Knutson – my son Karl.

Lion Perry R. Knutson Bloomingdale Lions Club, Past President

### Chicago Rush – June 22

We will be singing the National Anthem at the Chicago Rush football game. Details later.

### Nashville – June 29 – July 4 Notes from Ken Kever

- Nashville rehearsals – see schedule on the left (subject to change as conditions change)
- 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](http://www.barbershop.org) and login to the members-only section and renew on-line.



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## Barbershop Baritone's Creed

By Earl McGhee, seen in "The Voice of Rushmore", John Elving, Editor

1. I will never forget that I am a Baritone and will never attempt to act normal, lest others forget.
2. I will sing softly, with quality, leaving the bellowing to the bass.
3. I will sing what works, even if it cannot be described on paper, for I am a Baritone.
4. I will show a little respect for the tenor, for he also sings softly, though his notes are ordinary.
5. I will sing flawlessly through the two part swipes, creating wonderful sounds, in spite of the Bass.
6. I will never attempt to match volume with the Lead, for I understand that what I must seek is the harmony that only a Baritone can produce.
7. I will, at every opportunity, practice my part alone, for I know it drives others up the wall.
8. I will occasionally tilt my head to one side and smile blissfully, so that everyone will think I'm hearing wonderful harmonies that they can only dream about.
9. I will try to understand that others do not realize that it is really the pitch pipe that is off.
10. I will remember that really high notes, very low notes and the ability to carry a tune are grossly over-rated and that only a Baritone can settle a chord.



## Nashville

The Music City Chorus continues to look for more volunteers to help host the Barbershop Harmony Society International Convention from June 29-July 6. The complete schedule of convention events is available on the Society website, [http://www.barbershop.org/web/groups/public/documents/pages/pub\\_id\\_108424.hcsp#P-7\\_0](http://www.barbershop.org/web/groups/public/documents/pages/pub_id_108424.hcsp#P-7_0) but here is what you need to do to volunteer: Go to the 2008 Convention website and fill out the volunteer form, <http://www.nashville2008.org/volunteers.html>. If any of you can work at least two, four-hour shifts, you will receive a beautiful volunteer shirt and, of course, our undying thanks! For questions, please contact Volunteer Committee Co-Chairs Ken Martin, [kenneth.r.martin@comcast.net](mailto:kenneth.r.martin@comcast.net) or Bart Franey, [bfraney1@comcast.net](mailto:bfraney1@comcast.net). You can also contact Convention Chairman Patrick Thomas, [isingbass@charter.net](mailto:isingbass@charter.net) with other questions you may have about the events.

## Nashville - continued

Hi Everyone!

Following is a link to get your name badge printed and ready for pickup at the convention center in Nashville. Go ahead and get it printed yourself. I am not planning to do a mass printing. I did a test run and it is quiet simple to do. If you know someone who doesn't have on-line service, get with them and get the name badge printed for him.

<https://ebiz.barbershop.org/badges>

Thanks,

Ken Keever

## West Towns at Heritage Fest – Tony Tumea

Please mark your calendars for **June 27, 28 and 29** when the West Towns Chorus will have a **Root Beer Float booth** in downtown Downers Grove during their Heritage Fest.

We need as many volunteers as we can get to man our booth. We are asking for a minimum time commitment of 3 hours, but more or less will be accepted. Volunteers will especially be needed Friday and Saturday night and Saturday afternoon. I will have a sign up sheet either Monday night or the following week.

This year we will be on Main Street where there will be more customers than last year. We are hoping to net \$4,000 and the board has OK'd that all the profit can go towards subsidizing the Nashville trip. Your participation will earn you points for the Nashville trip. Come help us make money and have a blast doing it. It really is a lot of fun!

## Rod Hupach 31<sup>st</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup>** 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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