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## 2008 ILLINOIS DISTRICT CHAMPIONS!

### 2008 Calendar

#### Monday:

7:00 **Choreography** (Joe T)  
7:30 **Warm-up** (Joe K)  
7:45 **Craft** (Joe K)  
8:00 **Contest set** (Joe K)  
9:00 **Meeting & Break**  
9:20 **National Anthem** (for Rush game)  
9:35 **Contest Set** (Joe K & Joe T)  
10:30 **KTWWS**

#### June

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. Notice that rehearsal starts at 7:00 PM to work on choreography – and EVERYONE needs to be there for that as well.

### Chicago Rush – June 22 – Eric Sutherland

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

I have the Rush tickets in my hands for our guests. Singers will get their tickets on game day once inside the stadium.

This Monday is the only day I will see most of you that ordered guest tickets: Jon Sutherland, Dave Shepherd, Erik Roffelson, Thomas Ritchie, Craig Landstrom, Ed Clover, Sid Peterson, Don Bradley, Art Dusenbury, Casey Clements, Bill Hasselberger, Bill Satek, Dave Svenson, Jim Williams.

If any of you will not be at rehearsal, it will be your responsibility to pick them up from me at chorus on the 16th or from my office in Lombard.

### 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!

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

- 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.

### 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.



## Contacts:

### Uniforms

Eric Sutherland  
John Kaindl

### Contest logistics (hotel/registration)

Ken Keever

### Website

Ed McDevitt  
Diane Michalek

### Music Librarian

Joe Tomecek

### Performance Bookings

Jim Ahlgrim

## Nashville - continued

The International Convention in Nashville is less than 3 weeks away and the staff here in Nashville is getting excited about the coming events. There will be over 8,000 barbershoppers here in our new home town and that is truly exciting.

### RESERVE YOUR HEADQUARTERS BUILDING TOUR

So far, less than 1,000 people have signed up for a tour of your new headquarters building. We are offering the tours at specific times each day with a limit of 50 people per tour. We are offering a tour every 15 minutes on the scheduled days. Please go to the Society's convention website ([www.barbershop.org/nashville](http://www.barbershop.org/nashville)) and then click on the button that says Headquarters Tours and sign up for a tour at your preferred day and time right now. Please don't wait until you get to Nashville to sign up for this tour. We want to make this experience as pleasant as possible but need your help by signing up now. If you wait until you get to Nashville to sign up for a tour of the building, we ask your patience as there will likely be lots of folks doing the same thing.

### SAVE TIME AT REGISTRATION – ORDER YOUR NAME BADGE

You already have your tickets... order your name badges online now:  
<https://ebiz.barbershop.org/badges>

### CONVENTION INFORMATION & UPDATES

Please visit [www.barbershop.org/nashville](http://www.barbershop.org/nashville) to get the latest convention information and updates (including shuttle bus schedules and an advanced copy of the daily bulletin). You can purchase tickets online for exciting special events such as the Ladies Breakfast.

## Sports Venues

One of our members is working on trying to get us a spot singing the National Anthem for both the Chicago White Sox and the Chicago Bears. They generally do not book much more than a month ahead of time so we won't have a lot of advance notice. So be prepared to sign up when an announcement is made.



*"To laugh often and much, to win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children, to earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends, to appreciate beauty, to find the best in others, to leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch... to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is to have succeeded!"*

Ralph Waldo Emerson

