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2008 Illinois District Champions!

2008 Calendar

Monday:

Tonight we will be working on repertoire and possibly a little "Christmas in July". Plan on sectionals on "South Rampart Street" and "Happy Together" as well.

July

28 Rehearsal

August

- 4 Rehearsal
- 7 Kane County Cougars
- 9 Big Weenie Tag Singing Contest
- 11 Rehearsal
- 18 Rehearsal
- 25 Rehearsal

September

- 1 Rehearsal
- 8 Rehearsal
- 15 Rehearsal
- 22 Rehearsal
- 20 Youth Festival
- 26 – 28 District Fall Contest
- 29 Rehearsal

October

- 6 Rehearsal
- 13 Rehearsal
- 20 Rehearsal
- 27 Rehearsal

November

- 3 Rehearsal
- 10 Rehearsal
- 16 Sing Downers Grove Library
- 17 Rehearsal
- 24 Rehearsal

December

- 1 Rehearsal
 - 8 Rehearsal
 - 11 Tech Rehearsal
 - 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

Rehearsal

Get those learning CDs and sheet music out again for "South Rampart Street Parade" and "Happy Together". We will have sectionals on those two songs and work on other repertoire and maybe some Christmas songs. Joe Krones will need to do additional voice placement for those that were not there last Monday.

Kane County Cougars



We will be singing the National Anthem for the Kane County Cougars on Thursday, August 7 at 6:30 PM. Warm-ups starts at 6:00 PM, uniform is the green shirts, black pants and black shoes.



Don Davia has tickets for \$9 each for non-singing (chorus) members. (The seats are right behind home plate and normally \$10/each.) All singers performing the National Anthem get into the game free. Please let Don know if you are singing and how many tickets you need.

Newest Barbershopper

Congratulations to Craig & Cindy Ahlgrim on the birth of their son, Bennett Michael, born Saturday, July 5 weighing in at 9 lbs, 1 oz. Oh, and congratulations to Grandpa Jim!



BQPA

The Fall gathering of the Barbershop Quartet Preservation Association (BQPA) will be held September 4-6, 2008 at the Chicago West Hotel, 1600 Oakton St., Elk Grove Village, IL 60007.

All quartet singers are welcome and organized quartets (registered or not) are especially encouraged to attend. The weekend consists of continual informal quartet singing with singers from coast to coast. A light hearted 'contest' is a Friday night tradition with quartets made up by drawing names from a hat. Medals are awarded for the first three places. Lots of laughs and the judges are open to bribes. The Saturday night show will be made up of those organized quartets in attendance and the 'winner' of the Friday sing off. If a fun filled weekend of quartet singing with lots of camaraderie in a relaxed atmosphere appeals to you and/or your quartet, make your reservations and join in the good times. There is also a golfing outing scheduled!

Get the details of the hotel and contact info at the revised BQPA website: www.bqpa.com.

NOTE: BQPA is a subsidiary of the Barbershop Harmony Society

Board Meeting

Board meetings are normally held on the third Thursday of each month. The board may be contacted as a group by sending an email to board@westtowns.org.

Board Members

President – Casey Clements; Executive VP – John Morrison; Music & Performance VP – Craig Lancaster; Program VP – Jon Dobosenski; Youth-In-Harmony VP – Tony Caruso; Membership VP – Bruce Rhoades; Chapter Development VP – Curt Spencer; Treasurer – Tony Tumea; Secretary – Bob Nicodem; Member at Large – Jay Bentz and Jon Sutherland; Immediate Past President – Don Davia;

Other Contacts

Mailing List – Jon Dobosenski; Quartet Development – Jay Elliot; Long Range Planning – Dave Shepherd;



Fourth Annual Big Weenie Tag Singing Contest

We hope your chapter will be sending representatives to enjoy and compete in the Fourth Annual Big Weenie Tag Singing Contest. The last three years we have had great times generating revenue to donate to the Young Men and Young Women in Harmony programs.

You need not be an experienced quartet singer to participate. Simply find three others to compete and enjoy! Or come to cheer (heckle) your favorite quartet!

So far we have donated over \$1700 to Young Men and Young Women in Harmony.

WE WANT TO SEE THAT NUMBER GROW MUCH LARGER THIS YEAR!!!

We need you and your chapter to:

- Organize tag singing quartets to enter the tag singing contest
- Encourage your competing quartets to bring lots of money to bribe the judging panel! (It can make a difference in your final placement in the contest!)
- Pass the hat for us one night at a chorus rehearsal and bring or send us the money you collect. We aren't greedy; we'll even take nickels, dimes and quarters!

MAKE DINNER RESERVATIONS NOW...

Pork Chop and Chicken Dinner \$12.50 Each

All You Can Eat!

Those attendees who send their reservation and payment in by July 15, 2008 will automatically be awarded VIP status. Our VIPs will receive priority seating for the Tag Singing Contest and automatic entry into a special drawing for VIPs only. The VIPs are obvious at the event from their colored name badges.

Reservations can be sent to bigweenietagsing@yahoo.com and should be made by July 25, 2008. Payment can be sent to: Doug Wehrwein, 0s123 Rowe Road, Elburn, IL 60119.

Not only is the Big Weenie Tag Singing Contest a great excuse to get together it also embodies the true spirit of barbershopping; to promote quartet singing and to support and encourage the promotion of this great musical art form to the next generations.

If you have any questions please contact us at bigweenietagsing@yahoo.com or call 630-365-5742. We look forward to hearing from your chapter's competitors and attendees.

Thank you for helping us support Youth in Harmony.

Sing-cerely,

Doug and Cathy Wehrwein

He who sings scares
away his woes.

~Cervantes

According to "Modern Marvels" television show, most toilets flush in the key of E_b.