

If a tree falls in a forest...?

If a tree falls in a forest and there is no one there to hear it, does it really make a sound? If all we do is practice and no one else is there to hear us, do we really make a sound? Well, we've got some new **PAID** performances coming up so we need you to put these on your calendar so we can a championship West Towns performance.

Monday, October 19, 2009 at 7:30 PM (call time will probably be earlier than that), at the Monarch Landing in Naperville. The chorus and chapter quartets will take the stage for about an hour, then two separately hired quartets will perform for 20 minutes each, then West Towns will come back for the finale.

Saturday, February 13, 2010 at the Sandwich Opera House, 140 E. Railroad Street, Sandwich, IL. More details will be published as they become available.

Although it's not a paid performance, don't forget about singing the National Anthem at the Kane County Cougar

game on **Tuesday, August 11, 2009, call time 6 PM.**

Bring your family and have a fun time. Tickets are \$10 each (yes, we each have to buy a ticket too) but there will be fireworks afterward and many games aimed at children. Don Davia will have tickets .

We have also accepted the Brotherhood of Harmony invitation to join them on **Thursday, June 18 7:30 PM** at their regular meeting place in the Assembly hall at Friendship Village, 350 West Schaumburg Rd in Schaumburg. There will be a cash bar and snacks, as well as FREE (no tipping) Valet parking. There is a \$4 fee per person to help cover costs.

So, let's make sure we come prepared each week, retain what we learn (bring a recording device) and keep improving so we can deliver stellar, championship level performances for our audiences. THAT is what will have people clamoring for more performances. Isn't that what this is all about? 🎵



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Calendar Conflict: May 25 being Memorial Day the Moose is unavailable so we will have rehearsal on Wednesday the 27th so we can be better prepared for our weekend coaching retreat with Kevin Keller and George Gipp. Let's make sure we study our music and get those words and notes down pat so we have a productive weekend with Kevin and George.

And One More Date: Monday, July 13—is the replacement date for our coaching session with Joe Connelly. 🎵



Retreat - by Ken Keever

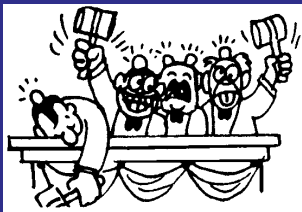
Our retreat is at Cedar Lake Ministries, 13701 Lauterman, Cedar Lake, Indiana. The plan is to start rehearsal Friday at 7:00 PM, **May 29** with Kevin Keller and finish about 9:00 PM. Then we will have pizza in the dining room.

Breakfast on Saturday, May 30 starts at 7:00 AM and goes until 8:30 AM. Rehearsal will start with warm-ups at 9:00 AM. We will go until noon with appropriate breaks. Lunch at noon with rehearsal resuming at 1:00 PM until 4:00 PM again with breaks.

We will be sleeping in the "Rest-A-While Lodge". I will be there about 4:00 PM to get the keys and have them in the lobby of the lodge. Check out time is 11 AM Saturday and I need the keys turned back to me so I can turn them in.

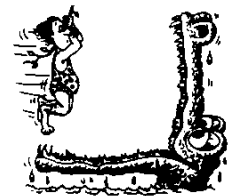
Reminder - there is NO smoking or alcoholic beverages allowed.

I may need some assistance in assigning rooms. If you have preferences for room mates, please give it to me in writing. I'll have maps for you later. 🎵



Board Meeting: Thursday, May 21, 7:30 PM at:
Bob Nicodem's
18W109 Claremont Dr.
Darien, IL 60561

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Dues Renewals Available On-Line

On Monday, 5/11/09, e-mail notices were sent out to all members whose expiration dates fall between now and 8/15/09; the bulk of which are 6/30/09 renewals. If you are due to renew, you can log into Ebiz now and renew your membership any time. Some members have had first-time login trouble; and if that is the case, they can:

- Log into www.barbershop.org
- Click on Member Login "GO"
- Consult the login instructions on the eBiz homepage.

Why should you renew online?

- Fast Payment
- Fast Turnaround on your Membership Card
- Potentially 2 weeks faster than other data processing
- Keyword? FAST!

Can you wait for your paper invoice in a few weeks? Absolutely. We simply want to provide a quick, easy way for our members to renew online, hassle free.



Schedule of Events

- ◆ 18 Rehearsal
- ◆ 21 Board Meeting
- ◆ 25 NO Rehearsal
- ◆ **27 Wed Rehearsal**
- ◆ 29-30 Retreat with Kevin Keller
June 2009
- ◆ 1 Rehearsal
- ◆ 8 Rehearsal
- ◆ 15 Rehearsal
- ◆ 22 Rehearsal
- ◆ 26, 27, 28 DG Heritage Fest
Root Beer Float Booth
- ◆ 29 Rehearsal
July 2009
- ◆ 6 Rehearsal
- ◆ 13 Coaching—Joe Connelly
- ◆ 20 Rehearsal
- ◆ 27 Rehearsal

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July 2009

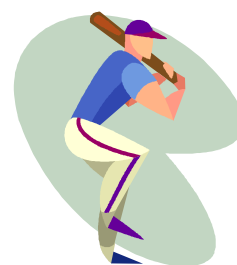
- ◆ June 28 - July 5—International (Anaheim)
- ◆ August 2009
- ◆ 11 (Tues.) 6 PM Kane County Cougars
- ◆ September 2009
- ◆ 25-27 Fall Convention (compete to qualify for International 2010—Philadelphia)
- ◆ October 2009
- ◆ **19 7:30 PM Monday Paid performance—Naperville, Monarch Landing**
- ◆ November 2009
- ◆ **15 (Sun) 1:00 PM Downers Grove Library**
- ◆ December 2009
- ◆ 10 7:30 PM Tech Rehearsal (Thu)
- ◆ 11 8:00 PM Christmas Show (Fri)
- ◆ 12 2:00 PM & **7:30 PM** Christmas show
- ◆ **13 Sunday 1:30 PM Christmas Show**
2010
- ◆ Feb. 13 Sandwich Opera House
- ◆ June 27 - July 4 - International (Philadelphia)

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The West Towns Chorus

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Phantom of the Barbershop Show

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Sweet Adeline Quartet "Overture"

2008 International Medalist "Old School"

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Saturday, June 13th at 7 PM EDT

Clay High School - 19131 Darden Rd

South Bend, IN

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E-mail General Admission - Will-Call tickets @ \$13.00 each You save \$2.00 over at-the-door admission prices!

E-mail Senior Citizen/Student Will-Call tickets @ \$10.00 each \$5.00 savings over at-the-door admission prices!