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Who is POW!

POW! (Partners of West Towns) We are West Town Chorus and Quartets including members, wives, families, friends, guest, sponsors and supporters. POW! was formed to expand the work of WOW (Women of West Towns) not to replace it. The chorus board realized that the chorus members were spending time off the risers during rehearsals to accomplish tasks that could be delegated to non-singers. Other choruses have organized support systems. West Towns Chorus boards asked for volunteers to form a committee to look into organizing a system. Thus, POW! was formed.

POW! Mission:

Bring together the synergies of interested individuals to support the ongoing efforts of board members, committee chairs and members in general to promote the best interests of the West Towns Chorus and extend the West Towns family into the community.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Marketing, sales, refreshments, guest night promotions, new member assistance, singing Valentines, performance assistance i.e. ticket sales, make-up application, show

ushers, Christmas concert raffle coordination, afterglow events, etc.

HOW OFTEN DO WE MEET?

Depending on the needs of the chorus, usually every other month. Meetings aren't long but informative and we discuss what the needs of the chorus may be pertaining to upcoming events. Meetings are not mandatory to be active in POW! We welcome anyone who would like to learn more about barbershopping and supporting the chorus.

WE NEED TO HEAR FROM MORE OF YOU THAT WOULD BE INTERESTED IN BEING SUPPORTIVE OF THE WEST TOWNS CHORUS IN ANY CAPACITY.

If you have any questions or want to know more about how you can be involved a little or a lot, please contact Nelleke Roffelsen, current POW! President at nelleke@innersource.com or Linda Carey, current Vice-president at 708-352-6383 or Ginni Roberts, Secretary/Treasurer at polhira@comcast.net

We look forward to hearing from anyone willing to be involved and supportive of the activities of POW!

Thank you, Linda Carey

Attendance Requirements for contest

Here is a brief summary of what Darryl said last Monday night. When he reiterated the guidelines set by the board and music team back in April as follows:

- 80% rehearsals, 5/11 to 9/21
- 100% coaching sessions/ retreats
- 100% Sept. rehearsals (7, 14, 21)
- All performers must turn in an evaluation tape

Failure to meet the above requirements may result in the member being scrutinized by the music team for performance readiness. If you have special circumstances that mean you can't make a particular rehearsal, please be sure to let your section leader know.

Taping nights:

- Aug. 17
- Aug. 24

Front Row post-rehearsal extra SP:

- Aug. 3
- Aug. 10
- Aug. 17
- Aug. 24

Chorus SP drills—promptly at 7 PM

- Aug. 3
- Aug. 10
- Aug. 17
- Aug. 24

Parts & Partners Party

Are You Ready To P-A-R-T-Y?

What: Illinois District Parts and Partners Party!

When: Saturday, August 22nd 2009

Where: First Baptist Church, 2800 University Drive, Charleston, IL

Time: 9:30 AM till 5:30 PM (dinner is at 5:30pm with a show following)

Who: Quartets, Individuals, Partners (wives, girlfriends, significant others)

Why: Fun – Coaching – Education – Entertainment – More Fun

Cost: Men attending alone pay \$25. If you bring a spouse, add \$5 for a total of \$30 per couple. This fee includes everything EXCEPT the evening meal which is NOT included in these costs. Dinner is \$12 each.



Go to <http://www.illinoisdistrict.org/index.cfm?pid=3> for information and registration forms.

The Illinois District, with the Coles County Chorus as hosts, is planning a *unique* event to be held on **Saturday, August 22nd** at the First Baptist Church (2800 University Drive) in Charleston, IL (3 hours south of Chicago...2.5 hours north of Carbondale). Registration is from 9:30 to 10:00 AM and closing dinner is at 5:30pm.

So often our men singers attend Barber-shop events leaving their partners at home. This event is planned to be different in that spouses/significant others can have a fun time and not spend the entire day separated from their loved ones. Tom Woodall twoodall@eiu.edu (217-549-6671) is coordinating the event.

Costs and Pre-registration: Men attending alone pay \$25. If you bring a spouse, add \$5 for a total of \$30 per couple. This fee includes everything **EXCEPT** the evening meal which is **NOT** included in these costs. Dinner is \$12 each.

Men: Organized quartets (you do not have to be registered with the Society) - six hours of coaching will be available on a first come/

first serve basis. We have ten top coaches ready to work with you!

Singers not in organized quartets - get some non-threatening quartet and general singing experience as well as picking up knowledge in the areas of notation, sight reading, tonal memory, and more. Learn to play your part on the piano and view some fun and excellent educational DVD moments.

Women: In the morning, you will be treated to a short tour at the "Lincoln Log Cabin Park", a live working farm/museum, 7 miles south of Charleston. After lunch, you will travel to the Amish area in and around Arthur, IL (about 30 miles NW of Charleston). There you will visit unique craft shops, farms, bakeries and see horse/buggy life in reality. It is also the day of the famous Mennonite Relief Sale so bring your check book/credit card! At the end of the day, all will enjoy a great meal at Yoder's Restaurant and watch the show.

Men and Women: Lunch in Charleston and dinner at



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Schedule of Events

July 2009

- ◆ 27 Rehearsal

August 2009

- ◆ 3 Rehearsal
- ◆ 10 Rehearsal
- ◆ 11 Kane County Cougar game
- ◆ 17 Rehearsal
- ◆ 24 Rehearsal
- ◆ 31 Rehearsal

September 2009

- ◆ 7 Rehearsal
- ◆ 14 Rehearsal
- ◆ 21 Rehearsal
- ◆ 25 -27 District **Fall Contest**
- ◆ 28 Rehearsal

October 2009

- ◆ 5 Rehearsal
- ◆ 10 Sat-9-3 Christmas Blitz
- ◆ 12 Rehearsal
- ◆ 19 Performance—**Monarch Land-
ing—Naperville**
- ◆ 26 Rehearsal

July 2009

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Only 8 weeks to contest!

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**

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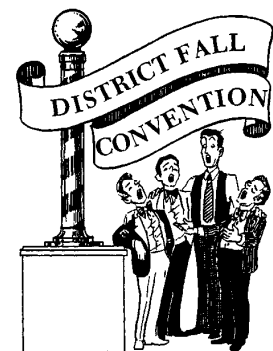
- ◆ Jan 23 Sat. Installation Banquet
- ◆ Feb. 13 Sandwich Opera House
- ◆ June 27 - July 4 - International (Philadelphia)

August 2009

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September 2009

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Parts & Party continued

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Yoder's Restaurant, a great Amish Buffet Dinner in Arthur, IL. You will then enjoy a performance by City Nights, a mixed quartet from St. Louis comprised of past District Champs Mark Keever (Friends, Genuine Craft, Alchemy), Kevin Keller (Cheers!), Lynda Keever (4 Bettys - SAI Champs), and Ann Keller (wonderful singer and coach).

Complete the form and "snail mail" it to:

Tom Woodall
5780 NCR 1540E.
Charleston, IL 61920

Make checks payable to: Coles County Chorus.



The somewhat suspicious members of the Coles County Chorus will be on hand to "assist you".

Making a Splash!



How about this for a summertime quartet activity? It definitely gives new meaning to "floating" the notes!

Left to Right: Dave Ehst, Tony Caruso, Don Kaap, John Morrison

Thanks to Dave Ehst for the photo.