



Meet Paul Carlson

Last week we read about one of our two newest members, Jeff Gronemeyer. This week, our other new member, Paul Carlson tells us a little about himself and how he came to find West Towns.

A certain gentleman, who answers to the name of Trenton Ferro, was dining with a group of genuinely interesting individuals when he was called upon to share some facts about himself. Among the numerous facts he offered was that he sang in a barbershop chorus. That struck a chord in my mind, and I inquired about this barbershop chorus and finagled an invitation. I had wanted for quite some time to sing harmony in a barbershop style. That invitation allowed me the new opportunity to learn how to sing barbershop in a serious way.

Previous choir experience would include high school and college choirs and various musicals in the past. Present singing is mostly singing with the church choir and chanting the liturgy.

I am married to Sandy for 34 years now. She received her Doctorate in Counseling from NIU on the same day last week that you voted to let me harmonize with the West Towns Chorus. That was a big day in the Carlson house.

We have three sons; Nathan 32, Jordan 30, and Jared 27. All are out of the house, because one son bought a house and his brothers moved in with him. It is a fine arrangement for parents who wish to get along with adult children.

For the last 35 years I have been a pastor in the Lutheran Church. In those years I served four congregations in Illinois. It has been my privilege to serve as senior pastor of New Life Lutheran Church in Bolingbrook since 1995.

My hobby seems to be taking part in organizations that are about service and community. I am involved with Bolingbrook Rotary Club and also with Rotary District 6450 shipping used medical equipment to needy communities around the world. I am Chair of the Crime Stoppers of Bolingbrook. The Bolingbrook Chamber of Commerce also gets a share of my free time. If I have a hobby that most people would consider a hobby – it would be golf. I do golf so poorly that I am now expanding my hobby list to include harmonizing in barbershop style.

I thank the West Towns Chorus for allowing me to harmonize with you.

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Invitation

Dave Woods, director of "The Chorus of Du Page" is extending an invitation to any interested West Towns Chorus members to join the Chorus of Du Page at a sing-out on Thursday, July 1.

The event is being held in Downtown Naperville at the band shell on July 1, 2010. rehearsal starts at 5:30, the chorus sings at 6:30

This event is a patriotic tradition and usually

has thousands of attendees in the audience.

Contact Dave Woods at (630) 561-4937 for more details.

Disclaimer: This is not a sanctioned performance for the WTC. It is simply a request from a neighboring chorus director to join his chorus for a singing opportunity.

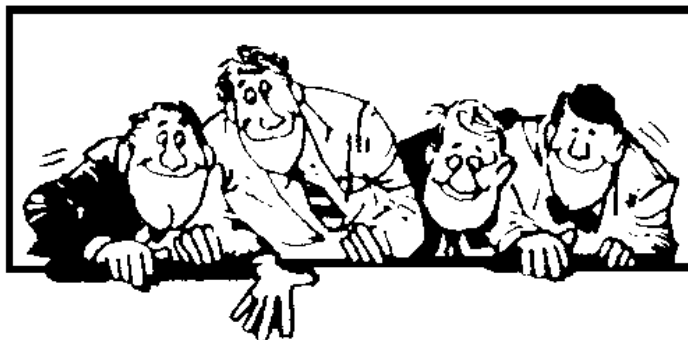


May 9 Visitors

Larry Galuszka

Larry Stahlke & fiancée Stephanie Samuel

Nick DeJong



Board meeting Thursday, May 20, 7:30 PM at Bob Nicodem's house.

Birthdays this week

Wednesday, May 19

- Don Bradley

- Tom Anderson (Texas)



Schedule of Events

May 2010

- ◆ 17 Rehearsal
- ◆ 20 **Board Meeting**
- ◆ 24 Rehearsal
- ◆ 29 Marketing Team 6:30 PM
- ◆ 31 Memorial Day—Rehearsal at Horizon Community Church

June 2010

- ◆ 7 Rehearsal
- ◆ 14 Rehearsal
- ◆ **19 Villa Park Summer Fest? Chicago Rush—Nat'l Anthem**
- ◆ 21 Rehearsal
- ◆ 28 Rehearsal
- ◆ June 27 - July 4 - International (Philadelphia)

May 2010

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2010

- ◆ July 8—Gaming night—E. Dundee
- ◆ Aug. 5 Cougar outing
- ◆ Aug. 18—Gaming night— Mt. Prospect
- ◆ Sep. 16—Gaming night—Elk Grove Village
- ◆ Sep. 24—26 Illinois Fall Convention
- ◆ Oct. 14—Gaming night—Elk Grove Village
- ◆ Oct. 18—Monday Full Chorus Performance—Monarch Landing
- ◆ Dec 10, 11 & 12 —Christmas show

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- ◆ Jan. 22—Installation Banquet—LaGrange Country Club

June 2010

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July 2010

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The West Towns Chorus

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The Valleyaires

announce their 2010 annual show

featuring the 20th Anniversary Tour of Acoustix!

Many of your friends have already ordered their tickets, so don't wait too long. In addition to the legendary Acoustix quartet, the show will feature "Instant Classic", the 2010 Cardinal District Collegiate Champions. And we'll even have a special cameo appearance. (Hint: his famous closing line is "Grease for Peace!") If you are a Facebook user, check out our page for more information at:

<http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=114289505270312>

Date: Saturday, June 12, 2010

Location: Clay High School – 19131 Darden Road, South Bend, IN

Time: 7:00 PM (Eastern) Open seating starts at 6:15 PM.

For tickets, send this form with a check payable to the Valleyaires to:

P.O. Box 1491, Mishawaka, IN 46546

Gen. Admission _____ x \$15 = _____

Senior/Student _____ x \$12 = _____

Afterglow _____ x \$ 7 = _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Name _____ Phone _____

For more info, call the Valleyaires at 574-287-8830 or email: buckscott@juno.com

Tickets will be held at the WILL CALL table, unless you provide a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Admission at the door is \$17.