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From The Prez

Keep Up The Good Work

Well, we're coming to the home stretch. The next few weeks will be plenty busy with chorus performances and our Christmas show. It's been a lot of work but the rewards are great.

To me, learning new music is fun and challenging. Keeps the old memory banks humming and the body active. When the task is completed the reward of applause is exhilarating and the accolades of "well done" make you smile a lot. This truly is an amazing hobby as



it keeps you young at heart and physically fit without "jumping jacks."

We also bring a lot of joy to our listeners when we perform well and their smiling faces return that joy back to us. In order to do that we must be focused on the task at hand but with enthusiasm and energy. If we exude energy in our voices and body language we will get energy back from our audiences, and this is what makes for great performances.

Everyone has been working hard for some time now and it shows in our

From The Editor

Youth Get A Break

Look at the announcement on page two about the youth membership dues. It looks like a step in the right direction because there are 14 youth choruses signed up for the Midwinter Convention. That's eight more than last year.

Plan ahead so that you don't miss out on the two international conventions that are coming. I'm not an "old time" barbershopper but in my experience I don't recall two international conventions being held so close together. It's an opportunity I'm sure that will not be repeated soon. They are right in our back yard, and close enough that if hotel expense is a problem, you can drive each day.

Now is the time to spend a little time each day reviewing the songs that we will be presenting for our Christmas Show. A little bit of time now will make the show much better. Lets see, can I rattle off the names of the reindeer in Chopsticks? Do I know all the moves in "The 12 Days After Christmas?" Better spend a little time myself.

Don't forget to give your friends the opportunity to hear our show and the guest quartet The Stage Hogs with Katie. They won't forget it.

Bruce Smith, Editor

presentation, so don't stop now. Keep up the good work!

Dave Kelley, President

From The Director

A Great Show Is Coming

I am pleased with the effort everyone is giving to be ready for our show. We are going to have a lot of fun!!

Our two singouts scheduled Wednesday, December 3rd, will give us the opportunity to "kick start" the holidays for our neighbors. At 12:30 we sing for the Hemet Hospice volunteers and at 6 P.M. at the tree lighting party for the seniors at the Sun West community. I look forward to seeing their smiles as we share our barbershop style with them

Tech rehearsal on Friday, December 12th will start at 6 P.M. this year so we can rehearse together with the Sun Lakes Barbershoppers. Please be there on time.

I know we will be anxious to get to the after glow on Sunday, but we must clean the stage before we go. If everyone helps we can all get to the after-glow sooner.

Happy Holidays to all,

Jack Morrisseau, Director





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livewire
news from the Barbershop Harmony Society

Support a Youth Chorus!

We are "full steam ahead" with the 2nd Youth Chorus Festival at the Midwinter Convention. We already have 14 choruses registered for this event - a big jump from the six we had participate in San Antonio! What you'll find with these choruses is that many of them will take care of the musical end of things on their own. Where they need help, and where we can all support them, is from an administrative side, as well as fund-raising. These guys are eager to sing barbershop, and are really the future of our organization. If any of you have any questions on supporting these kids, or want to know if your district or chapters are already supporting a local youth chorus, feel free to contact James Estes at headquarters, who is the Music Specialist in charge of organizing the Festival. Other details of the event can be found at www.barbershop.org/youthchorus.

New Youth Membership Plan as of January 1

No More Student Classification

Stop the presses! Effective January 1, 2009, per the Society Board of Directors, there is a **NEW YOUTH MEMBERSHIP PLAN**. The plan is this: There is no longer a student classification from this point forward. We have a new **Youth 1** category that includes all men ages 25 and younger. The three key highlights of the plan are:

- Join the Society for \$10, period (the \$10 covers the processing and enrollment fee, and materials sent to the new member).
- Each subsequent year remains ½ regular member dues until the year in which he turns 26.
- There is no longer a "student" classification. All regular members over 25 years of age pay full membership dues, and all senior members still pay ½ price dues.

Pan Pacific Convention 2008



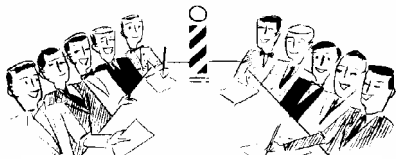
Why Weren't We There With Our Hula Girls?

DATES TO PLAN FOR
 Hemet Christmas Show
 December 13th & 14th, 2008
 MSJC

Midwinter Convention
 Jan 27th—Feb 1st, 2009
 Pasadena, CA

FWD Spring Convention
 March 19th—22nd, 2009
 Las Vegas, NV

International Convention
 June 28th—July 5th
 Anaheim, CA



BOARD MEETING

No Board Meeting
This Month

We Sing

We Have Fun

December



BIRTHDAYS

- Betty Couse 5th
- Elmer Olson 6th
- John Payne 9th
- Tom Howell 11th



ANNIVERSARIES

- The Kaylor's 10th
- The Hilgenberg's 10th

**The Secretary's
Corner**

Report From The Board

The board meeting was called to order by Dave Kelley in Bob Couse's clubhouse. The board had a quorum.

The minutes for October were accepted by the board unanimously.

Bob Couse, the treasurer, reports that the chapter is solvent and if anybody wishes to know the particulars about the treasure report see Bob, and he will share the information with you.

Jack and Howard worked on the final script for the show and copies were handed out to anyone that had a speaking part in the show. Howard will not be at the chapter meetings, but will be at the shows on the 13th and 14th of December if his health will let him.

Harry reports that Sun Lakes is coming along with their music, and we will not be practicing with them until the night of the tech rehearsal. Just a reminder to the chapter that the tech rehearsal night practice will start at six o'clock. That's one hour earlier than normal.

Skip Thomas will be catering to our afterglow and the cost will be \$15. A sign-up sheet will be passed around. So we will know how many people will be at the afterglow.

On December 3, we will have two sing outs, one will be at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Hemet, Call time will be at 11:30 am. The second one will be at Sun West and call time will be at 5:30 p.m. Chapter members will receive a telephone call reminding them of the call times.

Bill McNaughton created a CD of Christmas sounds which will be played as the choirs take their place on stage.

The board decided not to place any advertising for our Valentine program, but we will advertise in the newspaper in February.

**From The Ladies
Auxiliary**

Ladies, the time has arrived. I'm sure everyone has been contacted and asked if they could help during the show. Thank you to all who responded.

I know everyone is very responsible and eager to help, so if anyone needs help, please let us know, we'll do our best.

Have a great Thanksgiving, we'll be getting together for the December show, call if I can be of any assistance.

Nanette McMahon, President



Craig Ewing Hi-Fidelity tenor talks to Bruce Smith about winning at the 2008 Pan Pacific Con-

Jack will place ads in the newspaper advertising our show.

Art mailed out 1,370 flyers for our show.


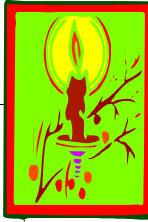
The board decided not to have a December board meeting. If needed we will have discussion during a break in one of the chapter meetings. The next formal board meeting will be January 8 unless advised differently and will be held at Bob's clubhouse at 5:30 p.m.

Art McMahon, Secretary

MEMBER OF



December 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 4-Part Harmony	12 Tech Rehearsal 6:00 pm	13 Showtime
14 Showtime & Afterglow	15	16	17	18  4-Part Harmony	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Season's  BEST	26	27 January 8th & 15th meetings will be held at the First Presbyterian Church since the college is closed
28	29	30	31			

The HEMET HARMONIZERS meet every Thursday evening at 7:00 pm in room 1600 of the music building at Mt San Jacinto Junior College. Call (951) 929-9854 for information or directions. VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME TO ENJOY 4-PART HARMONY WITH US.

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