

Chorus Elects New Officers

The Following were elected as the officers for the 2012:

President: Joe Millett

Secretary: Wally Adelman

Treasurer: Richard Lenehan

VP Music & Performance: Jim Bowen

VP Chapter Development: Harry Willis

VP Marketing and PR: Mark Hodges

VP YMIH: Dave Mattice

Board Members At-Large: Ron Messersmith, Kermit Wamsley, Ed Gifford (Lead), Roger Murphy, Jack Kidalowski.

The following were elected, but are not officers for 2012:

District Delegate: <open>

Chorus Manager: Joe Betz

Bulletin Editor: <open>

Web site: Jlm Bowen



Suggestion from Editor

It is no secret that it has been a long time since the last "Shampoo." The internet and e-mail have made the Shampoo obsolete as the way the chorus communicates. If something is important and timely, one has only to send to the membership via group e-mail.

Yet, there does seem to be a need for some permanent record of the Chorus' activities and recreational experiences.

I would therefore suggest that a short, two page newsletter be used and published as needed. Something like this.



Did you hear about the \$3 million Lottery for Tenors? The winner gets \$3.00 a year for a million years.

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ECC NEWS

December 1, 2011

Frightful Day — Joyful Conclusion

"Wack," the noise of a head hitting the floor backstage at Proctors Theatre and a voice yelling, "Joe just fell to the floor," were the sounds that put life-saving support to work. Kermit Wamsley with Wally Adelman jumped into action as Kermit felt for a pulse, and finding none began CPR. Roger called 911. Joe Millett searched the theatre and returned with a doctor and a nurse. Minutes later the Schenectady Fire Department EMTs arrived as Joe's heart was being shocked into rhythm.



Following 2+ weeks in an induced coma at Ellis Hospital a courageous doctor performed 3 bypasses on Joe's heart. That was the real beginning of his recovery. After another couple of weeks of ups and downs, Joe was able to go home. He is doing quite well now. If you don't believe in miracles, you might consider changing your mind now. The circumstances that saved Joe's life is more than a coincidence.

A Thank You Celebration is planned by Joe's family on Tuesday January 3rd during rehearsal break.

Contest Had It's Moments

Most of the chorus agreed that we had done well when we finished singing, but were disappointed with the judge's assessment. Our score was lower than at Divisions in the Spring, but higher than last year at District.

The chorus thanks Joe Millett for directing us as Chuck was at his daughter's Sweet Adelines International. Congratulations proud papa.



Photos below are of Homespun Harmony (with Bobby singing Tenor) who were mike testers Friday night, and the chorus on stage. Both photos were taken by Steve Salamin.



Holiday Shows Scheduled

Three benefit shows are scheduled during the week of December 4th at St. Edward, the Confessor RCC, The Linda, and McKownville UM Church. For more information go to <http://www.electriccitychorus.org/Library/Xmas-Show-Flyer-11.jpg>.

The Electric City Chorus, the Schenectady, NY, Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society formed in 1944 and serves the Capitol District of New York, meets in the Faith United Methodist Church, Corner of Brandywine and Eastern Ave. every Tuesday at 7:30 PM Visitors invited.

Members for 283 Years

Five renewals in November remind us that singing barbershop is a compelling and healthy hobby. We congratulate these men for their longevity.

Leo Mailhotte, 51 years.
Ray Benoit, 52 Years
Ed Gifford (Bass), 57 years.
Don Flom, 60 years.
Robert Weinhold, 63 years.



by Roger Murphy

My term of office is almost over and a new President and Board will lead you in 2012.

My thanks to all for making the past two years a lot of fun with many good singing experiences, and continued friendships and fellowship. I truly appreciate that each of you has dedicated yourself to improving your singing skills. In Director Chuck Eaker and Assistant Director Joe Millett, we have been blessed with two men who have a whole lot of experience and knowledge in barbershop singing. Their efforts and ours add up to improved vocal performances and personal satisfaction when we hear those beautiful resonant four-part harmony chords.

As you know, as immediate past president, I will continue to be on the Board of Directors and will lend a hand to whatever job is given me. Please continue to give the 2012 Board your support and assistance when a call for volunteers is given. In my opinion, recruiting new members is an urgent issue and must be a strong focus in 2012. There are men throughout the Capital District who simply don't know we exist. Invite a friend, neighbor, co-worker, or relative to a rehearsal. Introduce them to the joy of the barbershop style! Always looking forward to singing with you on Tuesday evening.

Installation Dinner Friday, January 20

The installation of the 2012 officers of the ECC will take place at the Edison Club in Rexford as it has for the last 2 years. Jack Kidalowski tells us it will be an exciting evening beginning at 6:00 PM with cocktails and hors d'oeuvre. The cost will be \$30.00/person. Jack will be happy to take your reservations and Ed Gifford, our treasure, your money.

Appetizers will include: swedish meatballs, sesame chicken, spinach & ricotta filo shells, and mushroom tarts

The entrée choices are: roast sliced sirloin, chicken marsala w/ fresh mushrooms and marsala wine sauce, and scallop & crab stuffed sole

Dessert consists of : strawberry shortcake

November Board Meeting Notes

New Business for the good of the chapter:

Installation Banquet – January 20, 2012. Jack Kidalowski will coordinate.

Discussion: Costs covered by the chapter for those wishing to attend Leadership Academy. Larry made the motion that the chapter fund the chapter officers room, board, & registration for board members attending the January 2012 leadership academy. Roger seconded it, the entire board was in favor.

Wally suggested CPR Training, & AED procurement be tabled until next month as Kermit was unable to attend the meeting and make his presentation.

Roger presented a discussion regarding meeting decorum during rehearsals.

Jim B. expressed his concern regarding available quartets for Singing Valentines.

Members Only Site Is Ready

For for more than a year Jim Bowen, our webmaster, has had the request for a Members Only site for the distribution of learning track mp3s to reduce the cost to the chapter. This has been accomplished with the assistance of Jim's nephew, Bruce Van Buren. He has provided us with a sub-site, www.ecc.vbplace.com, using Tiki Wiki CMS Groupware. (Bruce has done this at no cost to our chapter.)

Tiki Wiki provides the software to give each member a private and personal password to reach material, while making it virtually impossible for others to bring up that page.

To download music is simple. You can go directly to www.ecc.vbplace.com or go to www.ElectricCityChorus.org and clicking on "Members Only" at top of the page. Once you are there, click on "log in" in the upper right of the page. Enter your ID and your password. This will take you to a page with sub headings by sections (Tenor, Lead, Baritone, and Bass). When music is there, you will be able to download it to your computer with a click.

You have the responsibility to keep the music for your personal use only, and not to share your access to the site with others. There will be updates to this "Members Only" in the future.