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The Bulletin of the Miami-Shelby Chapter's Melody Men Chorus
A Friendly Bunch of Guys in the Johnny Appleseed District Who Love to Sing

FACE TO FACE

My View From The Front

AND IT'S ONLY THE MIDDLE OF JANUARY

BY Dick Baker



Mr. Baker

The new year has gotten off to a very fast start for me. I was privileged to teach and be taught in a very short span of time.

Blunderbuss was a great experience. Several JAD quartet men, 2 of which are certified judges, were asked to come to Dayton and participate in a coaching event held on the first weekend of January. As a quartet man and a chorus director, I was asked to coach. I was able to work with a novice quartet made up of 4 leads (appropriately named '4 leads') and help them to solidify each singer and their unit sound. After lunch, I got to work with 'Rhythm & Rhyme', a quartet made up of experienced singers from the Columbus area who hope to compete in Prelims. Minor adjustments made for a thrilling sound. I hope they do well. This event also sharpened up my skills to communicate with singers.

Today, I am sitting at my computer, bone-tired but still exhilarated. I have just come from COTS after spending Saturday afternoon, evening and (way too early) Sunday morning with Ron Knickerbocker learning more about the director's craft. He was the gold medalist baritone with the Regents and is a very experienced chorus director. In a roundtable discussion, we traded rehearsal techniques and problems and explored solutions common to all chorus directors. I learned a lot and hope to use it soon. There were 8 of us from Miami-Shelby in attendance to learn more about our respective jobs.

Next month, my quartet, Senior Class, is going to 'Pop Gun' school to be coached. There are many opportunities to learn in this great district. I am having a great time learning and teaching. I thank you for your support.

ANNUAL ACES CONCERT MARCH 4, 2007 TROY HIGH SCHOOL

ACES is scheduled for March 4, 2007, at Troy High School. We have seventeen elementary schools participating with perhaps 137 students. This will be our largest group of students ever. Theresa Arnold from West Milton is the Chairperson for the 2007 event and has been doing an outstanding job. Our guest Director is Cynthia Gray from Lebanon, Ohio. We are going to need some more chapter members to assist with some behind the scenes work, so anyone who is available should let Dale McKinney know.

In addition to the songs our Quartets and the ACES (All County Elementary Schools) singers will perform, our chorus will present: **Down by the Riverside** and **America the Beautiful** with the ACES Chorus, as well as **Sound Celebration, I've Been Workin' on the Railroad**, and **Follow the Flag**.

Shrinkrap From the Editor...

by Jim (aka "Doc") Moore

First, apologies for all of the errors in last month's brief edition. Milt Lewis received the Marion Ward Award for most ads sold, and Mark Eickhoff received the Lester Beaver Award for most tickets sold. Hope I got that right this time!!

Congratulations to former member and president, Jim Henby, of Greenville, who was recently installed as Master of the Greenville Masonic Lodge.

Watch our web site for news about our Valentines promotion. Also, check out the roster proofs at rehearsal, so we can update phone numbers, etc.

Gaither Invitation

Sat Dec 23, 2006 6:22 am (PST)

Joel T. wrote:

“Recently, ACOUSTIX was invited by Bill Gaither to appear on his next Homecoming Video. The invitation will involve a trip to Nashville for a two-day video shoot in February 2007. There is a portion of this video that will focus on hymns, and Mr Gaither was enthralled by the ACOUSTIX recording of Jim Clancy’s “Hymns of the Cross” medley. As such, that song will likely be featured along with something else that we have not yet decided upon. I’ll keep you posted on video release info as we get it.”

Speaking as a member of the Honorary Membership Committee, I’m personally ecstatic about this. When I was first on the committee, my wife said immediately “you ought to get Bill Gaither”, because of his wide positive image, his use of quartets in his programs, his residence near the Indianapolis convention site, etc.; others on the committee had had the same thought. What a great idea, and a great choice. His words to the convention in praise of our hobby were heartfelt and wonderful; I sat there with a huge grin on my face all the while he was speaking.

Now, for at least this time, our choice appears to be gaining us some exposure -- imagine, one of our champion quartets showcased on the Homecoming, for a very wide audience (trust me, it’s very wide). That’s excellent news, and our champs will surely do a fabulous job -- those familiar with the Homecomings can anticipate a lot of camera shots of the Homecoming stars, with jaws dropping at the artistry of our style’s best.

Great kudos to Todd Wilson for (surely) making it happen, and Acoustix -- and to Mr. Gaither.

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Important information concerning the IRS and your quartet.

Important information concerning IRS registration for your quartet.

Here’s what you need to know if you don’t want to use your own Social Security Number when being paid for chapters shows and performances.

You need obtain a **SS-4 Application for Employer Identification Number** Form.

You can this form on line at the **IRS.gov** website (Used by Employers, corporations, churches, etc.) revised 1/06 at the **Most Requested Forms and Publications** –click on number 3.

Your quartet will be called a **partnership**.

Fill out the form and take it down to your local bank.

Another option is do the following:

You can open a **Bank Business Account** for your quartet. **The Bank will give you a number** and register the quartet name in your state.

The bank might tell you that you will also need a certificate from the county in which you reside. You can pick this up from your local Court House. This certificate will cost approximately \$20.00. When you receive the certificate, it should have an official seal on it.

This should take care of any issues you might have concerning filing your quartet expenses for the IRS at the end of the year. If you have any further questions, please call Jim DeBusman at 800-876-7464, ext 8566 or email him at jdebusman@barbershop.org

Every Tuesday is Guest Night. Share your fun!

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MIAMI-SHELBY CHAPTER - BARBERSHOP HARMONY SOCIETY
DECEMBER 4TH 2006
GREENE STREET UMC PIQUA OHIO**

The meeting was called to order by Pres. Bob Moore. The roll was taken. Those present in addition to Pres. Moore were:

Dave Eleyet	Jim Riley	Mark Reedy
Dale McKinney	Art Wehneman	Jim Haley
Bill Ganger	Theron Huffman	Neal Webster
Guest;	Dick Baker	Doyle Flory

SECRETARY'S REPORT

In the portion of the Nov. minutes concerning the Christmas Party the wording "have each member pay for one plate" is to be changed to "the chorus will pay for one plate" After this correction the minutes were approved by a motion/second and an affirmative voice vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT

In the absence of Treasurer Ken Crawford the Treasurer's Report was read by Pres. Bob Moore. The report was accepted by a motion/second and an affirmative voice vote.

PROGRAM VP

Two performance requests were received:

Springfield First Christian Church June 10th Sunday Eve. Half hour to forty five minute program. Due to the fact that this is the final day of Apple Core, it was decided to take this to the chorus to see how many would be able to participate.

A request to sing at Maurice Mote's 90th birthday celebration at either John Hourner's(SP)home in Englewood Dec18th or the Alterra Sterling House in Englewood Dec.21st . This will be taken to the Chorus for an indication of the number willing to participate.

OLD BUSINESS

Bob reported that the Christmas Party and WAD would start at 7:00 with a cash bar at 6:30. Due to an increase in cost and other factors, it was decided by consensus to find another location next year. Bob also reported that the BOTY vote ended in a 3 way tie.

NEW BUSINESS

Dale McKinney reported that he has had some requests to repeat the Max & Erma's fund raising program. This was tabled with no action taken..

Dale also reported that Paul Hildreth has been in contact with the Sidney Sweet Adelines concerning reciprocal visits, joint concerts,etc. This was discussed with no action taken.

Due to the BCS Title game the Jan. Board meeting will be Jan 15th instead of Jan 8th.

As there was nothing further a motion to adjourn was made, seconded and passed by an affirmative voice vote.

Respectfully submitted
Dave Eleyet Secretary

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Miami-Shelby Calendar

Tuesday	7:30 P.M. Weekly - Rehearsal - Bring a friend!
Fri., Jan 19th	Troy Basketball Game, arrive 7pm, Chorus long sleeve red shirt, black trousers
Fri., Feb 2nd	Miami East Basketball Game, arrive 7pm, Chorus long sleeve red shirt, black trousers
Sun., Mar 4th	2007 ACES, Troy H.S. Chorus long sleeve red shirt, black trousers
Fri., May 4th	Dress Rehearsal @ Troy HS
Sat., May 5th	Annual Show Date @ Troy HS
Sun., Jun 24th	First Christian Church of Springfield Evening Service (24th has been confirmed)

*NOTE: Request for a Piqua HS Basketball Game; Sat, Feb 3rd,
Fri, Jan 26th or Sat, Feb 10th*

*NOTE: Request for Bethel HS Basketball Game on Saturday,
February 17th, Senior Night*

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