

Sandpiper Informal News Gazette

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Holiday Time Greetings Sandpipers!



Welcome Back Y'All! to those who aspire to spend their summers up in the northern country! Wow! How fast the summer went by and here we are again nearly 3 months into the season since we started back regular meetings back on Sept 2nd. The mood is great, the member numbers are swelling ~ we had 24 at one of our Nov meetings, and still we've more 'snowbirds' yet to arrive ~you still up there Bob?..... Canada calling.....hello?



Board News The board met on November 4th and 8th. **Election of Officers** is coming up soon. Jack has moved from VP of Membership & Development to be the VP of Music, leaving his old position vacant. Todd is stepping down (thanks for the time put in buddy) as VP of Program and his position is open too. We also are in need of VP Public Relations & Marketing. So PLEASE step up to the plate and offer your time guys. The **Installation Banquet** to swear in the new board for 2011 is set for Sunday January 9th, details to come.



Meeting Program Format Has been revised and members are reminded to take note as follows of the times: ~

- 7:00pm Welcome by Program VP person
- 7:02pm The Old Songs sung (standing up)
- 7:08pm Craft / Warm-up routine (by various persons)
- 7:13pm Chorus Rehearsal begins – conducted by Director of Music & Assistant
- 8:15pm Business Meeting – conducted by PR VP
 - a) President's remarks / Announcements
 - b) Introduction of guests by Membership VP or Secretary
- 8:25pm 10 minute break
- 8:35pm Rehearsal continued – by Director of Music
- 9:15pm 'Fun time' – Quartetting grab bag, et cetera – by Director of Music +
- 9:28pm 'Keep The Whole World Singing' – Guest/Volunteer Director
- 9:30pm Adjourn..... (*& voluntarily off to Joey D's Pizzeria & sing some more! A great way for you 'freshmen' to get to know your fellow chorusmen! 😊)



Phil Wilding! In the news again, darn it! Check this out from our Nov 18th meeting. Name these guys, who for the day, were the **"121" Quartet**, representing a combined barbershop years of 121 years! Whew! And Phil threw in 50 of them! Way to go guys!



2011 Show! - Is on for sure on March 19th next year at the Neal Auditorium again. A reminder *FLASHBACK* is the star quartet attraction (www.Flashbackqt.com). The name of the show will be "Down South Revisited". So start thinking now about who you can sell tickets to, en masse preferably! Details of tickets and prices from Bill Sissons.



Sing-Outs -Costume: Black pants, shoes, socks, long sleeve white shirt, red sweater vest. Hats provided. Dates: Dec 9th Art League 6pm, Sat Dec 11th 3pm Historical Park, Dec 15th Wed 1:15pm Wisconsin Social Club. Chorus manager Bob M. will have more details.



Water's Edge Xmas Show - This is slated for the Thursday evening of Dec 16th. Just a reminder (for newcomers especially), enter Waters Edge via the right-side gate which is set open for us. If not, pull to left side and tell the guard you are a Barbershopper. IF no-one is there, punch in 0803# on the pad and the gate will rise up!



Signing Off Give me your news! bruce.witton@manateclerk.com or 941-773-9804.