



C-U Re-CHORDer

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Great Show!

We had a great Cabaret Show last weekend. I thought the chorus sang really well all night despite missing several guys that were out of town. All the quartets performed well, too. Special recognition goes to Brian, Matt, Chris and Steve for putting a quartet together on short notice to sing on the show. Thanks also to Illusion, our favorite Sweet Adelines quartet, for appearing on the show. Okay, Backroads did a nice job, too. What else would you expect?

A big thanks to Jim and Celia Kraatz for planning and preparing the food, and to the rest of the kitchen crew that helped out. I could start thanking everyone individually, but everyone helped out and made it a great evening. Despite my worries about slow ticket sales, we had a pretty full house, and I think everyone enjoyed the show. We won't know for a while how much money we made on the show, but I'm sure it will help our treasury.

Plenty of other things are still going on for the Illini Statesmen. We're already in the last month for ad sales for our 2007 Yearbook. Kevin, Paul and Lee have done most of the work so far. We need the rest of you to get busy and raise some money for the chapter and make this project successful. We're also singing on the C-U Sweet Adelines' shows this month. And we need to start learning new music for the Krannert Show coming up in February. We'll also need your help planning and organizing the Reunion Chorus we're planning since this will be our 60th Anniversary show. We'd like to have a bunch of former Illini Statesmen on stage with us at Krannert and make that another in a long line of great shows.

See you on Thursday night!

Society Purchases Building for New Headquarters

The Society's search for a new home in Nashville ended recently with the purchase of an existing building at a prime downtown Nashville address.

The Society will breathe new life into the 36,000-square-foot building, located at 110 7th Avenue North, as extensive renovations begin in the next few months. Just off Broadway in the center of Nashville—with easy access off Interstate 65—the Society headquarters will enjoy a prime location, good neighbors, and great potential for return on investment.

Centering the Society in Music City will help increase awareness of the organization and the barbershop harmony art form.

Located in the immediate area of the new Society headquarters are the Nashville Convention Center, the Gaylord Entertainment Center, an arts magnet high school, a Masonic temple and a planned residential building. Only minutes away are the brand new Schermerhorn Symphony Center, Frist Center for the Visual Arts, Ryman Auditorium and Tennessee State, Belmont and Vanderbilt universities. Nashville, itself, is a prime tourism location.

The news of the Society's purchase brought positive reaction from Tom Turner, executive director of the Nashville Downtown Partnership. "It's a good thing for downtown. When you take an existing structure and reactivate it, you're going to see a lot of good things happen." He also pointed out that the Society will add to the diverse musical mix that already exists in downtown. "When you have a new component, like the Barbershop Harmony Society that has a rich tradition and education programming, it only enriches the fabric of what is here."

Purchase and renovation of the building will be funded by money from the 2003 sale of Society's properties in Kenosha and financing arranged through Sun Trust Bank. Purchase price was \$1,450,000. The anticipated move date is late summer 2007.

Warren Royer Passes

Longtime Illini Statesmen member Warren Royer died peacefully at Rose Arbor Hospice Residence on October 14, 2006. He was born in Rushville, Illinois on June 27, 1925, the son of Laurence L. and Ada Rose (Troehmel) Royer. Warren earned Bachelor's and Master's degrees in English Literature and Language at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He served in the Army Air Force in WWII, as Film Director at Iowa State University, as a sports writer for the Champaign-Urbana News Gazette, and was a faculty member and principal of the University Laboratory High School in Urbana, Illinois for 25 years until his retirement in 1986. Warren's great love was singing in the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Quartet Singing in America. He dedicated over fifty years of service to Chapters in Urbana, Gainesville, Florida and Kalamazoo, Michigan. Throughout, Warren served in many leadership capacities, earned many awards, and rang out many chords. Warren was also active in the Disciples of Christ churches in Urbana, Gainesville, and Kalamazoo, serving each community in many capacities as a choir member, servant leader, and true disciple. He was also an honorary member of the Parish Church of Christ the King at the Cathedral of Christ the King in Kalamazoo where he sang in the summer choir and played on the Parish baseball team. Warren was also a consummate poet, shining his light, his heart and his intellect throughout his art. He leaves to remember him his wife, Nancy Martin Bailey, his sister, Mary Alice Roberts, his step-sons, Ryan and Stuart, his grandchildren, Evan and Chloe and many nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews.

Memorials in Warren's memory may be directed to University Laboratory High School, Urbana, IL, First Christian Church, Disciples of Christ in Kalamazoo, Hospice Care of Southwest Michigan, or a charity of your choice.

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Upcoming Events

11-12 NOV Perform on C-U Sweet Adelines' Show, St. Thomas Moore HS
13-14 FEB 2007 Singing Valentines
25 FEB 2007 Krannert Show
20-22 APR 2007 Spring Contest, Peoria

November Birthday

6th Denny Mulvany

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That's All Folks!

Yep, that's all I've got for this month. Submissions for future editions are always welcome at my email address above. I'll leave you with something from an old ReCHORDer.



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