



C-U Re-CHORDer

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Welcome to 2007

Lots of stuff coming up in the new year, but most of it you've already heard, so this will likely be a short edition.

We've already introduced most of the new songs for the Krannert Show. We should have a couple more tonight, and at most one or two more after that. The expected list of songs will follow this article.

Spring will be a busy season for us with singing Valentines, our spring show, and (due to the change in competition rules) singing in the spring contest. We'll need everyone to contribute to making all of these events successful, and it would help if everyone could show up early on Thursday nights (we start at 7:00 pm now.)

Krannert Show Lineup

Show order to be determined later, but we're planning on singing the following songs.

In the Mood
Sentimental Journey
Stardust
Jukebox Saturday Night Medley
Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy
Stars Fell On Alabama
Birth of the Blues
I'm Beginning to See the Light
The Old Songs/Hey Look Me Over
Coney Island Baby
Chordbusters March
Sweet Adeline
German Band
Tiger Rag
Wedding Bells are Breaking Up That Old Gang of Mine

We're also thinking about Under the Boardwalk or King of the Road.

From our New Program VP

(Matt and Brian brought 3 guests with them last week, December 28th. They are all students at Taylorville HS.)

I would like to convey my personal thanks at the way our chapter presented itself as a whole last night! It was awesome, it was talked about for the entire trip home. I hope you guys understand what you did last night.

You see for our society to grow it must sow new fields. These fields are high school guys like those you sang with last night as well as college kids like me, Jorden, and Brian. Maybe, just maybe we're lucky and some of these guys go on to become Illini Statesmen. Or maybe they go on with their life; and at some point go to college and realize that there's a chorus in town and they remember us and the fun they had last night with you guys. Either way it is a win win for us. Because that is how the Barbershop Harmony Society will grow. Let your legacy be not what you effected today but what you continue to influence into tomorrow.

I couldn't be more proud to be an Illini Statesmen. 2006 was an amazing year which started with a phenomenal Krannert show; went on to a contest in which we really turned some heads and ended with one of the greatest brotherhood meetings we've had in a long time.

Last night you gentlemen did two very important things for chapter growth, you showed that as a unit and to a man we are all talented singers and are willing to work to improve; and almost more importantly we showed that we are a warm, welcoming, amiable, sociable, and likable group of guys that any good-hearted person would love to sing with. These are both of the utmost importance in our chapter's image.

Thank you all, and just know that 2007 will not let up. I am confident in my belief that our chorus is something special. Not only musically but in another way, that is almost too much for words... You guys are great and in 2007 we're going to let some people know it. As program Vice President I ask only 2 things of each member every week and they are required:

1. Be at rehearsal as early and as often as possible!
2. Commit yourself entirely to the chorus for those 2 1/2 hours that we are together.

Anything beyond that is great but if every man does these 2 simple things our chorus is bound for greatness! Let us look back at 2006 not as an accomplishment but a start!

Please enjoy the holiday with your families and I look forward to seeing you all soon!!!

Thanks again and God Bless You!

Matt Carlen

From our Webmaster

Hello, fellow Statesmen. I'd like to collect some photos of the chapter's history for the website to support our 60th anniversary efforts. If you have any photos that you could email to me, I'll get them up on the website. I'm interested in historical photos, recent photos, the chorus, quartets, formal, informal, shows, sing-outs, anything you've got!

If you've got photos for me, it would help to know as much as you can tell me about them: who, when, where, and such.

Any comments or questions about the website, just let me know!

Email Steve at sns@severinghaus.org, and check out our new website, illinistatesmen.org.

Board Meeting

President-elect Kevin Swartz has called the first board meeting and planning session of the year. It will be held this Sunday, January 7 from 3:00 - 5:00pm at Kevin's home, 2403 Brookens Circle, Urbana. All chapter members are invited to attend, please RSVP to Kevin.

Upcoming Events

7 JAN 3-5 pm, Board Meeting, Swartz's
2-3 FEB, IDAH, Peoria
13-14 FEB, Singing Valentines
25 FEB, Krannert Show
20-22 APR, Spring Contest, Peoria
1-8 JULY, International Contest, Denver

January Birthdays

13th Jim McDonald
22nd Jim Graham

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