

BARBERSHOP POINTERS

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Musical Director Search Committee

By Jack Edgerton

By now, you are all aware that Gary Thiel has resigned as our musical director effective 12/31/07. Gary has taken us to new heights as a chapter. He will be greatly missed.

Chapter President, David Quick, has asked me to chair the new Musical Director Search Committee. The committee's charge will be the search for and selection of a new musical director.

A broad representation of the chapter membership (Board, Music team and members of the chapter at large) will make up this committee. After much discussion, David and I have jointly appointed the other committee members. They are: David Peplinski, John Lay, Nate Peplinski, Norm Barnard, Mike Peplinski and David Quick. A number of other chapter members volunteered or were

otherwise considered for the committee. We thank them for their strong interests in this endeavor. The committee met with Larry Lewis, Director of LO'L Leadership, on Sunday, November 25. Larry has chaired the search committee for the Greendale chapter twice. He gave us a plan of what they did, when they did it, and how they did it. It became quite obvious to us that this is a large and very important undertaking.

What we are right now as a chapter; and, what we want to be in the future are very important. We will be looking for someone (male or female) who is a "team player" ... someone who will lead us in the right direction. We are singing very well as a chorus. We want to continue to improve our quality performances.

Candidates will be interviewed by the committee. Finalists will be auditioned by the chapter. The final selection will be made by the committee and approved by the Chapter Board.

Any comments and/or suggestions that you, as a chapter member, have are welcome ... contact any of the committee members. **Your input is important to us. Let us know what's on your mind.**



Parting Thoughts

Hello and Happy Holidays to everyone. By now, I am sure that everyone has heard my announcement to retire as director of the Northern Gateway Chorus. I have decided to embark in a different direction within the Barbershop world and will begin my studies for the judging program after the first of the year. Given the time to ponder my decision over the past several weeks, I am steady in my decision but will clearly miss the weekly opportunities to direct and make everyone better than they were the week previous. We have spent many hours together over the years in perfecting the singing hobby. I guess that this is the single most important objective and enjoyment that I have seen with all of the singers, that is, you have clearly become a very highly respected chorus in LOL. When we now take the stage at contests, everyone, both ourselves and our competition, expect only the highest level of performance. I have become quite secure in knowing that each of you will always perform your very best and the rewards for doing so will follow. The same singing mentality on your parts appears annually at our shows.

As a new director will soon be on board, I ask that each of you continue to strive for weekly improvement. The many vocal techniques that are now a part of how you sing and who you are, must be continued by each of you. This will enable the new leader to take you all to the next level. It will require work and commitment from each of you and I expect that as the very least from each of you.

It has been a fun and rewarding time for me for the past 15-16 years and I look forward to hearing an ever improving sound from the chorus. Perhaps, in the not so distant future, I will have the opportunity to judge the chorus and communicate my high expectations for the chorus.

I remain your director in heart,

Gary





PLAN FOR FUTURE EVENTS

Monday Dec. 3, Christmas Carols at Waupaca (Split Chorus)

Thursday Dec. 6, Paid performance at Sky Club, 7:45 p.m. Warm up at that location. (Full Chorus)

Monday Dec. 10, Christmas Carols at St. Mikes Hospital, 5:15 p.m. start time in the lobby. (Full Chorus)

Monday Dec. 17, Christmas Carols, Split chorus at Portage County Home (Meet there at 5:30 p.m.) and Whispering Pines (Meet there at 5:15 p.m.)

Monday Dec. 20, Paid performance at Harmony Village, meet there at 5:45 p.m.

December 15 – Christmas Party-Spiedini’s- Cocktails @ 6 p.m. Dinner @ 7 p.m.

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