

# FROM THE EDGE

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White Mountains Arizona Chapter*



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## From the President

**Bob Koons**



Well it's "crunch time" again for the show. I always get a bit nervous about this time of the year because it doesn't feel like we're where we ought to be with just 7

regular rehearsals before show time. Too many of us are still looking at the paper when we're practicing. I am a die hard procrastinator, but I am sure I'll be ready on July 14. The music selection for this show is great, and while I have not sung many of these songs before, I am very enthused about them now and I'm sure our audiences will appreciate them. I have had my regular ticket customers asking about tickets and dates all winter.

I want to encourage everyone to get "off the paper" ASAP. I have a lot of time to listen to the CD while driving to and from the Valley, but I always have to spend a few solo sessions with the paper and the CD to get to the last details, and especially the breath marks.

Hang in there guys. We'll make it.

Prez Bob

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## From the Director: Doc Dockendorf



I have been reading a book written by Lee Iacocca called, “Where Have All the Leaders Gone?” It is written about leadership, or lack of leadership, in Politics in our country, but as I was reading it, I was

thinking about how the question might apply to Barbershop, and especially to our chapter.

While I was at Motorola, I attended many management classes, and one of the questions the instructor always asked was, “How many of you are Managers?” Not everyone would put up their hands, and of course the instructor would point out that everyone is a Manager, not just those with Manager in their title.

If I would ask you, “How many of you are leaders?.” would you raise your hand? Of course you should raise your hand, because each of you are leaders. You may not be a Section Leader, nor on the Board of Directors, nor a committee chairman, but you are in a very important Leadership position in the chorus, leading yourself and those around you. How can this be, and in what way? Leadership has a number of elements, for example, *To show the way; Taking the initiative; To guide the behavior or opinion.*

So, you can lead in the following ways. Study your music, know your part, set a good example to those around you. Be back on the risers at the appointed time, ready to sing. Be at the Chapter meeting every week, and if you must miss, call the Director to let him know. Arrive on time, or plan to get there early. Spend some time each week in front of

the mirror, so your face has a pleasant look when you sing. When the pipe blows, stop talking, and encourage those who do not, to follow your example. Avoid making glib, unproductive comments during the rehearsal. Be positive, encourage a singer that is struggling, Don’t wait to be asked; help set up the risers and chairs, and help to take them down. Plan to make all chorus presentations, make sure you have them on your calendar, and do everything possible to avoid scheduling conflicts. Have your music ready, so you do not delay the rehearsal. Help a guest find his music. Sell tickets for our show, and sell an ad for the program.

I think you get the idea. It only takes a minimal effort to make an improvement, and yet if everyone would do it, what an impact it would have. At last month’s road cleanup, we had 24 people there to do it. It was a breeze, because, as the expression goes, “Many hands make light work”. The same can be said for our chorus meetings and other chapter activities.

Now it is up to you. You can read this and toss it (Option/Delete), or you can say, I will make an effort to incorporate at least several of these ideas in my Barbershop experience. I will demonstrate leadership for myself, and my fellow singers. I know that I, and your fellow singers, will appreciate the effort.

**Doc**

**From the Safety Officer: Lloyd Lange**



The litter pickup Saturday was refreshing to witness and a lot of fun. My primary safety concerns were the traffic and some members, including me, riding in open vehicles. Next time

I will recommend signs to alert oncoming traffic.

Remember, if you see anyone littering the highway, call the state of Arizona to report it. The number is 877-354-8837 (1-877-3-litter).

We were happy to see Dan Lewis and his wife Dawn at Doc and Jackie's party Saturday night – and what a nice party it was. We miss Dan and hope he can re-join the chorus soon.

Dan had a very close call and is making a good recovery from a stroke. He had all of the classic symptoms and fortunately received medical attention in time.

A stroke is a “brain attack” that happens when blood flow is interrupted. It is the third leading cause of death, but many people cannot name a single warning sign. Here they are:

“If you notice any one of these warning signs, don't delay in calling 911, even if the symptoms go away in a few minutes.

- Sudden numbness or weakness of the face, arm or leg, especially if on one side of the body.
- Sudden confusion, trouble speaking or understanding.
- Sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes.
- Sudden trouble walking, dizziness or loss of balance or coordination.
- Sudden, severe headache with no known cause.”

Remember – Live healthy, happy and safely!

Lloyd



## June Birthdays

June 24

Howard Waltz



Photo: Jim Dye, 2007

## JDJ And The Upright Bass

### New Quartet in the White Mountains -

“JDJ and The Upright Bass” is a quartet of four young men now from the White Mountains. Tenor **Joel John**, Lead **Jonathan Thompson**, Bass **William Sullivan** and Bari **David Sullivan** were introduced to the High Country Chorus at a practice session this Spring, and went on to compete at the District Convention in Phoenix on April 28.

Joel has been attending the Chorus practice sessions on Tuesday evenings, and we are hoping that the rest of the quartet will be

able to do the same soon despite the distance they would have to travel. Our already great tenor section sounds awesome with **Joel’s** voice added.

Good News! **JDJ and The Upright Bass** are practicing now for a performance on the High Country Chorus 2007 Show, *Thanks for the Memory*, on July 14, 2007.

Please join us in welcoming this new quartet to the Mountain!



Photo: James Burden, 2007

## “Sentenced” to Community Service

The High Country Chorus serves the community in many ways, one of them being the roadside clean-up held twice a year. The roadway involved is Woolford Road, from the theater at White Mountain Road to Whipple Road, roughly one mile.

The latest clean-up was held on Saturday morning, May 12, 2007.

The photo above shows most of, but not all of, the chorus members and friends who participated in the latest clean-up. When the attendance is as enthusiastic as it was on May 12, the road clean-up goes swiftly, and we have a lot of fun. Many strange items have been found along the road in the past few years.

There is always a Chorus party at the “Doc’s” in the evening of the road clean-up, and this year was no different. The brats,

hamburgers and all of the other food tasted great - it may even have approached the level of excellence of the singing that ensued later in the evening.

Thanks to all who participated in this event!



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Calendar of Events			
Date	Event	Time	Comments / Location
June 9, 2007	White Mountain Belles Show, With the Fiesta Chorus, "Love is Funny"	3 PM	Blue Ridge HS Auditorium
June 12, 2007	Music Committee Meeting	6 PM	Practice Hall
June 26, 2007	Chapter Board Meeting	5:30 PM	Practice Hall
July 4, 2007	Show Low Parade	TBD	TBD
July 10, 2007	Music Committee Meeting	6 PM	Practice Hall
July 11, 2007	Show Tech Rehearsal	7 PM	BRHS
July 13, 2007	Show Dress Rehearsal	7 PM	BRHS
<b>July 14, 2007</b>	<b>Annual Show - "Thanks for the Memory"</b>	2PM & 7 PM	BRHS
July 24, 2007	Chapter Board Meeting	5:30 PM	Practice Hall
April 5, 2008	Chorus Workshop Day, with Bill Biffle	8:30 AM to 5 PM	Practice Hall

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