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the High Country Barbershop Chorus,
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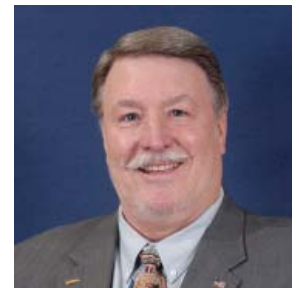
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November, 2005

From the President

Bob Cutlipp

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High Country Chorus Performs:

The High Country Chorus performed at the Love Kitchen fund raiser held Oct. 22. The event was held to raise funds for relocation of the facility.

The Love Kitchen, located in Pinetop, AZ, serves over 100 hot, free meals five days a week, and provides food boxes to those who are hungry.

They are supported by the Mission of Grace Thrift Store in Show Low and Camp Grace in Lakeside.

It was a terrific and very responsive audience; the chorus really enjoyed performing their "western" package.

The chorus will repeat this show on Nov. 4, at the chili dinner at The Episcopal Church of Our Saviour.



Photos by Conrad Monroe - 2005



From the Director - Show Chairman

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for a very dynamic and entertaining performance at the Love Kitchen on November 22nd. When a performer gets that kind of feedback from an audience, it can't help but inspire him to make it happen each and every time he performs. If you analyze why it happens, think about it. You were relaxed, you were confident about the music you were performing, you knew you looked good, you were entertaining as cowboys, the audience was ready to be entertained, and you delivered. The faces were turned on, the body posture was energetic, and it got only better as we performed. So, to summarize; you were prepared, confident, having a good time, showing it on your faces, and the audience could see and hear that you were having a good time, and they reciprocated by their applause, which was positive feedback, so then you did even better. Wow!! We may be on to something here.

As we prepare for our Christmas season shows, remember the feeling you had at the Love Kitchen. I am confident that you will perform as well, or even better, this Friday evening at the church chili dinner. There is no reason that we can't get every audience we sing for to have that kind of response. I guarantee that this chorus will be better each and every time we perform, *but not by just showing up.*

Doc Dockendorf



Visualize yourself on Broadway, every matinee and night. Each audience paid the same to see you so you can't let them down. Sing, have fun, and show it on your faces.

I have a vision of this chorus being as good as it can be, which translates to individually dedicating yourself to being "The best I can be". What does that mean? We have a vocalization session every Tuesday night, and as time goes by, I am trying to give you all the tips and techniques that I know about, or read about, or learn at Directors College, or pick up from Society DVD's or from watching other groups perform, so that you can, over time, improve your singing ability.

Having said that, I freely admit that I am not the best teacher, nor certainly not the best director in the Society, but I can assure you that there is not another director in the Society that cares more for his chorus, nor wants to see you improve vocally and facially, than I do. I am very proud of each and every one of you, and thank you for supporting me, and the Chorus.

Doc

From the Membership VP

Dan Lewis

Look Closer!

Has everyone received his new *Harmonizer*? WOW! The majority of the entire magazine was made up of what happened there, and what a time it must have been! (Now I really envy **John** and **Ron** for making it to Salt Lake City.)

Somewhere between my second and third time through the *Harmonizer*, I started noticing something BIG. Then I looked closer. I looked at the middle and back rows of the choruses (in their candid shots) and what did I see? (You try it and tell me if I am wrong...) I saw smiles and/or intensity. Nowhere did I see a face without expression. I mean expression that was being PROJECTED!

Naturally, we expect to see intensity, happiness and love of our hobby projected in our formal, staged photos. And with the help of a magnifying glass, you can see that. Now the hard part... Take any of those photos and compare it to our group photo taken in our Tux's last April. I did just that, ouch! Then for grins, I compared it with the same photo

taken in '04 with our gold vests. That was better, but...

We all look at the winners and the top choruses and quartets to see what they are doing right. In that high octane, high altitude realm, the little things make a big difference. To help us get the few points needed to push us into the next league and to make us even more popular locally, we can do those little things done by the top harmonizers. Don't just stand there (and sing), project! Let that face make someone say – WOW, those guys are GREAT! AND, we must do it EVERY TIME we perform, and even when we rehearse!!!

I know... I have heard it... We are just a small country group. Many in our 'little' group have very strong feelings about that sentiment. Let me just leave you with the theme of the **Alliance Chorus**; "BIGGER AIN'T BETTER – BETTER IS BETTER!"

Dan



Barbershopper of the Month, 2005

January - **Dan Lewis**
February - **Pine Tones (Doc, Everett, Lloyd and Ivan)**
March - **Bob Lawson**
April - **Alan Johnson**
May -
June - **Dan Lewis, Bill White**
July - **Alan Johnson**
August - **Jerry Schrunk**
Sept. - **Crook's Trail Quartet**

November Birthdays

November 10 - Doc Dockendorf
November 10 - Bert Van Bebber
November 20 - Bill White
November 24 - Ron La Mar

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Calendar of Events			
Date	Event	Time	Comments / Location
Nov. 4, 2005	Chili Dinner Performance	6:15 PM	Warm Up: 5:45, Episcopal Church
Nov. 8, 2005	Music Committee Meeting	6 PM	Practice Hall
Nov. 15, 2005	Chapter Board Meeting	5:30 PM	Practice Hall
Nov. 19 - 20, 2005	Chapter Officer Training School (COTS)		LAX Hilton, Los Angeles, CA
Dec. 13, 2005	Walmart Christmas Performance	7 PM	Red striped vests, Santa hat. Meet 6:30
Dec. 17, 2005	Infinia / Walmart Christmas	11:30 AM / 1 PM	Red striped vests, Santa hat.
Dec. 20, 2005	Chapter Board Meeting	5:30 PM	Practice Hall
Jan. 14, 2006	Officer Installation Dinner		Licano's, Show Low
April 21- 22, 2006	Divisional Convention		To Be Determined (Phoenix Area)

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