



Rome Division Prepares for a Busy Summer

The Rome Division – and the Rome Chorus, in particular - is readying itself for a busy summer of singing at venues that include Kennywood, Bethel Park, and a “Wild Things” baseball game in Washington, Pa. First up is the Fourth of July Sing-Out at Kennywood Park.

Rome DM Introduces the Rome'n Times

Fellow Barbershoppers,

You are looking at the first of, hopefully, many more “Rome'n Times” (title contributed by Ken Dobbins, SH). The paper is another attempt at uniting Pittsburgh and Wheeling area Barbershoppers of the JAD. It is important that we stay in touch and work together. Working together we can motivate and support each other by attending/ participating in chapter shows and get to know each other better with joint activities. Since it is getting financially harder to attend Society and District functions, we can have our own conventions like the picnic and novice quartet contest that are being hosted this September by the Wheeling Chapter.

Lastly, it is imperative that we grow our membership to stay alive, and I hope that we can aid this by having a stronger Rome Division. As I see it, this is a volunteer (non-profit) organization and we need you! Please share your talents with your chapter, Rome, JAD and/or the Society.

Many thanks to Buzz Miller for putting this official paper together. Make it fun!

**Your Rome DM,
Ken Williams**

The Rome Chorus and several quartets will be singing at Kennywood on July 4th starting at 1:00 pm.

Singers will be provided up to four free tickets, if their names have been provided in advance. Those who haven't given Ken Williams their names and number of tickets (up to four) desired should call Ken at 412 915-6726.

Singers should wear their chapter golf shirt and black pants or their quartet outfit.

Chorus singers should arrive at the park by 12 noon.

The chorus will be singing:

**Heart of My Heart
May You Always
Whispering
Under The Boardwalk
Hello Mary Lou (or Thank
You, Dear Lord, For Music)
Let's Get Together Again**

The division calendar for the reminder of the summer is below.

July 4 - Kennywood – RD Chorus, Chapters and quartets

August 4 - Rome Div. at Wild Things BB Game, Washington, Pa.

August 9 - RD Chorus, Bethel Park performance, 2:30pm,

September 12- Rome Div. Picnic and Novice Quartet Contest, Wheeling Park, WV (details next pg)

October 16-18-District Convention, Lima, Ohio



**Third Annual
Rome Division Picnic**
Sponsored by the Wheeling Metro Chapter



Who: Members of the Rome Division of JAD & the BHS and their families.

What: A gathering of these men and their families for food, fun & singing.

Where: Wheeling Park, Wheeling, WV (Go to Mapquest.com for directions from your location). If you have difficulty getting directions, call Dick Benson at 740-859-6567 or Ken Williams at 412-915-6726.

When: Saturday, September 12th, 2009 from 12:01 p.m. to dusk.

Why: To get to know fellow barbershoppers within the Rome Division. To sing with fellow barbershoppers. To make new friends and get reacquainted with old ones. To compete in a friendly novice quartet contest. To eat some good food (all catered!!!). To play some horsehoes, bingo and bocci. To watch our kids or grandkids play some cool games. To do a whole lot of singing!

Cost: \$10.00 /adult, \$5.00/child. That includes all food, drink and contest registration. B.Y.O.B.?

The Wheeling Chapter will not make a profit on the picnic, so we are trying to keep the cost to a minimum. Sign up or call Ken Williams (412-915-6726) with the number of anticipated attendees including family members by August 10th. Also, register your quartet for the novice contest! Any foursome can compete as long as you are not registered with the society and haven't competed in a District competition. Chapter Counselors will be at Chapters to accept reservations. Bring your family, your fantastic voice, your desire to have a good time and meet with us on September 12th. Guaranteed Fun!

Don't forget Rome Chorus practice this month is July 19 at 2:00pm at
St. Margarets in Greentree.
All paid members of the BHS are welcome.

Rome Division Has A Proud Legacy of JAD Quartet Medalists

By Mike Sisk

The Rome Division can be proud to claim three of the first six JAD international quartet medalists. Two were international Gold Medalists.

The JAD can boast of 16 inter-national medalist quartets since the Society's onset. The 16 JAD medalist quartets combined for a total of 27 Bronze Medals, 10 Silver Medals, and seven Gold Medals.

The three Rome medalist quartets, the Westinghouse Quartet, the Pittsburghers, and the "Town and Country Four" originated in Pittsburgh. The three quartets won a total of 10 medals, which include four Bronze Medals, four Silver Medals, and two gold Medals.

The "Pittsburghers" and the "Town and Country Four" were the first two international champions from JAD

Summary of JAD Quartet International Medalists

Researched by Mike Sisk

JAD MEDALIST Quartet	MEDALIST YEARS
Westinghouse Quartet*	1944-3rd, 45-2nd, 47-5th, 48-4th
Lamplighters	1945-4th
Pittsburghers*	1948-1st
Keystone Quads	1951-2nd, 52-5th
Lytle Brothers	1954-4th
Town & Country Four*	1959-3rd, 60-2nd, 61-2nd, 62-2nd, 63-1st
Colonials	1960-3rd
Roaring 20's	1976-5th, 77-5th, 78-4th, 79-4th, 80-3rd, 81-5th, 83-5th
Cincinnati Kids	1984-5th, 1986-4th
Rapscallions	1984-1st
The Ritz	1990-4th, 1991-1st
The Naturals	1990-3rd, 91-4th, 92-3rd, 93-3rd
Marquis	1994-4th, 95-1st
Jokers Wild	1992-5th, 93-2nd, 94-1st
Yesteryear	1994-3rd, 95-2nd, 96-2nd, 97-1st
Uptown Sound	2000-4th, 01-2nd, 02-2nd, 03-4th

* Signifies quartets from the Rome Division

Metro Chorus Stages a Summer Cabaret

The Steel City Harmonizers Chorus of the Pittsburgh Metro Chapter welcomed-in summer with a “cabaret” style show on Saturday June 27 at the Boyd Community Center in Fox Chapel.

The show, which started at 7:30 pm, was performed in a cabaret atmosphere with snack food available and most of the audience seated at tables, as in a cabaret. When the Boyd Community Center is configured for a cabaret style show, the audience sits at tables where they can sip and munch during the show.

Along with the chorus performance, the show included the chapter’s three quartets: Emeritus, the River City Music Committee, and the Four Chorders. Additionally, the show featured three guest quartets, the Cleff Hangers from the Sweet Adelines, a mixed male-female quartet, and the Pittsburgh Tradition. Veteran barbershopper Mike Sisk was Master of Ceremonies for the show.

The admission price to the show included the food, along with the musical performances. Drinks were provided on a pay-as-you-go basis.

The show was designed to be, in the words of Metro Chapter President Jarvis Cotton, “one BIG afterglow.”

Why a Division Chorus? United We Sing, Divided We Flail

By Buzz Miller

The paraphrase of the popular slogan, above, is admittedly an exaggeration. But the sad truth is that we have a group of small choruses in the Rome Division and sometimes we perform with embarrassingly small numbers of singers. Yet, throughout the division, we have a tremendous amount of talent with the potential of fielding a large chorus for public performances.

Recognizing there are differing goals and visions for barbershoppers, it is still appropriate to maintain separate choruses to meet those goals. While we all want to entertain and promote barbershop harmony, some choruses want to compete at Society functions, and they are willing to stretch our hobby to work harder to be more competitive. Not all barbershoppers want to make that stretch, but they still want to sing and entertain. There has to be room for these diverse views of our members.

A division chorus, however, can accommodate all those who want to entertain and promote barbershop singing, providing strength in numbers. Truly, united we stand - proudly as a strong chorus – strong in song and strong in fellowship.

Want Ads:

Wanted – Newsletter stringers from each of the Rome Division BHS chapters. Provide your chapters activities, members birthdays, anniversaries, etc., and any story ideas for inclusion in the newsletter.

Wanted – Writers to submit articles for inclusion in the Rome’n Times. The pay will be twice that provided to the stringers. (Let see, $2 \times 0 = \text{????}$)