

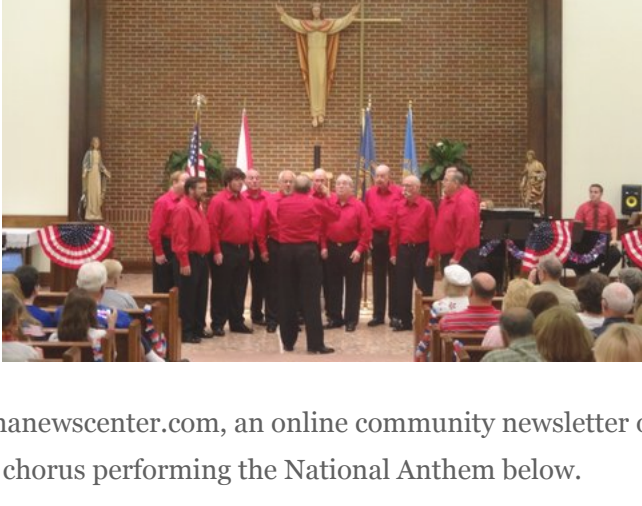


'I Love America' Mass Chorus Includes Voices of the South Chorus

A number of choral groups from around the Birmingham area including Voices of the South sang in a mass chorus at the “**I Love America**” celebration held at St. Aloysius Church in Bessemer.

Voices opened the program singing the National Anthem while the colors were presented. Later in the program they sang “**God Bless the USA**” and “**I’ll Walk With God.**” They received a standing ovation. The Voices performance of the

National Anthem was featured in the [alabamane.wscenter.com](#), an online community newsletter of Alabama Power Company. You can view the chorus performing the National Anthem below.



Credit: John Herr/Alabama NewsCenter

New International Champs Crowned

The week of July 4th saw the Barbershop Harmony Society select its new international chorus and quartet champions.

Instant Classic from Indianapolis became the International Quartet champions. The **Westminster Chorus** from Westminster, Calif., won the chorus competition. **Trocadero**, a quartet from Sweden won the College Quartet Championship. The representative from our own **Dixie District**, the **Nashville Chorus**, finished the competition with an outstanding fifth place.

Watch Westminster’s performance of “**Seize the Day**” from **Disney’s Newsies** below.



Credit: Barbershop Harmony Society



Calendar

- Monday, Aug. 3 — Chorus Rehearsal *
- Monday, Aug. 10 — Chorus Rehearsal *
- Monday, Aug. 17 — Chorus Rehearsal *
- Monday, Aug. 24 — Chorus Rehearsal *
- Monday, Sept. 7 — No Rehearsal|Labor Day
- Monday, Sept. 14 — Chorus Rehearsal *

* 7 to 9:30 pm, Fellowship Hall, Saint Mark United Methodist Church.

Upcoming

Oct. 23 and 24 — Dixie District Fall Convention and Competition, Atlanta, GA

Dec. 12 — Voices of the South Annual Show, Spain Park High School - Hoover, AL

Dec. 18 - Performance at Oxford Performance Arts Center - Oxford, AL

In the Spotlight

Linc’s young, but experienced!



Why do you sing?
Ummmm ... ‘cause I gotta! I’ve sung my whole life! It’s my favorite thing to do! That and eating sandwiches! Sometimes I do both!

Why sing barbershop?
It’s a perfect hobby. With barbershop I get to sing, meet people, travel, show off, and be different. These are the things that make me, me — especially the showing off part!

Who are you?
Rodman Lincoln Parrott II. I was born on Dec. 30, 1985, in Madison, Ala. I am married to the beautiful **Amanda Parrott**. I work as a sales representative for Birmingham Budweiser. You can email me at lincthe2@gmail.com.

Got experience?
I’ve been singing my entire life — from church choir as a child to choirs in high school and at college at UAB. I sang first and second **tenor** pretty much the whole time. It wasn’t until barbershop and **Voices** that I started singing **baritone**. I found barbershop in high school. Some choir friends and I were invited to **The Rocket City Chorus** annual show. The guest quartet was a group called **Prime Cut**. As soon as they sang their first chord I was obsessed! I found every recording I could and listened to as much barbershop as I could. After college I found out about the Barbershop Harmony Society and Harmony University — a weeklong learning experience about barbershop! I went. I met hundreds of other barbershoppers. I knew I had to keep singing barbershop when I got home. The next week I found **Voices of the South**. Now I’m a member of the chorus and a great quartet, **Steel City 4**!

An anecdote ...
It happened the first time **Steel City 4** competed at a district competition. We had been working really hard for a few months on two songs. We were really happy with what we had, especially since three of the four of us hadn’t competed in a barbershop contest before. I have always been a very confident person, but in this instance I was really nervous! I’d only been in a quartet for a few months and I always considered myself to be a lead. But there I was singing in front of real barbershoppers for the first time — as a baritone. To be honest, I don’t remember much of our set. I kind of blacked out. When I came back, everyone was applauding! That was the best part! We ended up being named the **Novice Division Champions**. It was **awesome**!



Linc & Amanda
Newlyweds **Linc** and **Amanda Parrott** were honored by **Voices of the South** at a gathering at St. Mark United Methodist Church last month.

Judy and **Ed Wharton** hosted the event attended by friends of Linc and Amanda, who gathered to shower them with gifts and blessings as they begin their new life together.

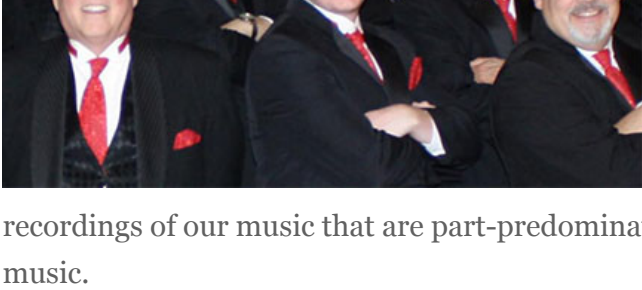
Recent visitors

We are so glad to see people who drop into our rehearsals. The following people visited recently:

Glen Allen from Yorktown Heights, NY; **Bob Cleveland** from Pelham, Ala.; **Chris Farley** from Morris, Ala.; **Alex Garrison** from McCalla, Ala.; **Michael Loebler** from Gardendale, Ala.; **Michael Tarpley** from Pinson, Ala.; **Jim Weldon** from Helena, Ala.; and **Todd Wilson** from Nashville, Tenn.

Thank you for visiting us. We hope to see you again!

Do you like to sing?



Please come by on any Monday night and check us out. You don’t have to be an accomplished singer. Most of our members don’t even read music. Instead, we use “learning tracks” to become proficient in our parts. We provide sheet music and

recordings of our music that are part-predominate. That makes it easier to learn the music.

If you can sing “Happy Birthday” we can teach you the rest you need to know. We would really love to have you sing with Voices of the South. There’s only one restriction — you do have to be a male. Sorry ladies.

We rehearse from 7 to 9:30 p.m. each Mondays in the Fellowship Hall of Saint Mark United Methodist Church, 2901 Columbiana Road, Vestavia Hills 35216. You can also call us at 205-252-SING (7464).