

Grasping Opportunities

In December the Tacoma TotemAires Board met for our monthly meeting at our usual restaurant. The room we normally use had been double-booked so the manager put us in a large table at the center of the restaurant. After the meeting we sang as usual and were surprised by the applause by the restaurant patrons. All of the board members left except me, and I went from table to table and thanked the diners for their applause. At one table I encountered a gentleman who said he had always wanted to sing in a barbershop chorus, but didn't know if there was one in Tacoma. I was able to tell him all about the TotemAires and invite him to our next meeting. I followed it up with an email and phone call. I found out that he had some friends who were also interested.

At our first January rehearsal, Ryan, Jeremy and Nathan came to our meeting; two incredible basses and a wonderful lead. I had the privilege of signing their membership applications.

Never underestimate what could happen even when things don't work out the way you planned. An "inconvenient" seating placement brought three new guys to our chapter. They were the beginning of seven new members in January. It all began with telling one person of the greatest hobby I ever had!

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