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Direct From the Front

by David Krause, HOA Chorus Director



KRAUSE

Gentlemen, our most important event of the year has come and gone and I feel I should share some of my thoughts in regard to it. First of all, thank you all for your tremendous efforts to make it great. I honestly believe that we did.

I've talked to many of my customers since the show from barbershop veterans to first-timers and have gotten very positive reviews. I had quite a few people from both of the church's where I work who particularly were impressed and I had the feeling several would visit us soon to consider membership. Most loved the balance, variety, pace, etc. Please take some time to consider and celebrate all that you did to make it successful and then consider what we can do to build on that for next year. We should celebrate our accomplishments always but then also find a way to improve. If we don't improve we get worse as it's very difficult to stay the same.

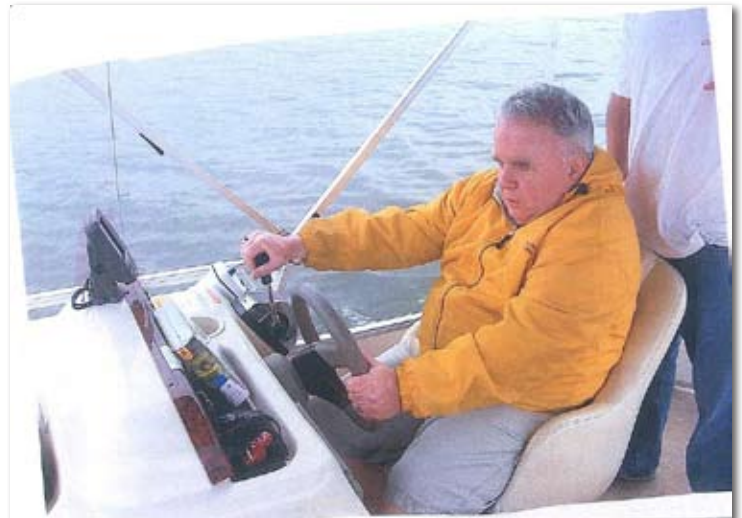
So, how can we improve? To a degree it's a matter of opinion. If you have some share with me or show chair **Jerry Garrard**. We love and need your input always. Of course, all of us have opinions so we have to weigh them all as issues are decided.

Here's one way to improve. Ticket sales. We should find a way to fill the place for both shows next year. I'll bet someone out there has some great ideas and can jump in to help.

Here's another. If we don't need a Friday night rehearsal, which I think we proved we don't, we have more energy for the long two-show day. And, save lots of money in building rental! So, we should have enough energy to have a totally full afterglow.

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BELOW: A salute to Captain Jim Moynihan, who again proves that he is in command of anything he sets out to do! (Photo taken last Fall near Branson, courtesy of Dale Neuman)



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Direct From the Front *(Continued from front cover)*

We had a nice place, very good sound system, and a good plan for one. But, afterglows aren't what they were in the old days. I sure think they could be. Again, we probably need someone with the time and energy to make it happen.

I would also like to take this opportunity to share some exciting news with you. Almost everything I know about barbershop I learned at Harmony College. My first was in 1978 when I was 22 and could still (and did) stay up til 2 a.m. singing tags and still be singing high Ab hangers later the same morning at 7 a.m.! After that first one I attended about 27 in a row as a full-time student or faculty member, and have helped in many ways with the ones I couldn't attend most recently. Most of my directing classes were years ago. So, this year I'm really excited to get a full scholarship to Director's College. Not only might I actually learn a tremendous amount, since I've not attended that separate school before, but it saves the chapter \$550! If you haven't attended or joined us in a while, please consider stopping in. Obviously, I recommend the experience (or I'm just a terribly slow learner.)

To close, I want to thank all of you for your efforts during my first year as your director. I thoroughly enjoy every single Tuesday because of all of you. I think we are now on the verge of making some really great improvements in our chorus. If you haven't attended or joined us in a while please consider. We do our best to welcome you even if you can only come once a year! No pressure. And, as I thank you for the pleasure of being your director I need to be very specific. We are building a team, I think and hope, which treats all with respect and caring. I feel you have all been nothing but respectful to me and some of my crazy ideas. Thanks so much for that and never hesitate to let me know your thoughts and opinions about our program. ♥



Events on Our Horizon

by Doug Brott, Chapter President

Our Annual Show is complete. *And what a show it was!* I hope all of you had as much fun as I did. Our next big adventure is the Interchapter Show. This will be a fun and worthwhile performance. It's our opportunity to show the community and fellow members from other chapters just how much fun singing and performing can be. The tentative date is June 27.

Before the Interchapter show, however, we have the Annual Golf Tournament and Singing for Life. Both are important to the chapter in different ways. The Golf Tournament gives us the opportunity to raise much-needed monies for our treasury. Singing for Life is our opportunity to once again give back to the community. Both are very important to us at this time.

While the golf tournament has done well for us the last two years, we can do better. The more golfers we can attract, the more monies we can take in. If we could attract 144 golfers instead of 60 or 70, maybe we could bring in close to \$10,000. Of course, sponsorships and prizes are EXTREMELY important also. So talk to your friends about playing, look for prize donations (many business are willing to help, even in these tough economic times), look for sponsors. All are important to a successful tournament. Do YOUR part to help HOA achieve it's goals for 2009.

Thanks to you all. Remember: *Excellence in All We Do!* ♥

HOA Golf Outing Coming Up May 2!

by Kent Miller, Financial Committee



MILLER

Our golf fund-raiser is less than two months away (Saturday, May 2), and it's time we started a big push to make it much better than last year.

All of you who indicated that you would play and/or get players please start signing them (and you) up now. Advance sign-up is \$95.00 per player. The application is on the website or they can send in their registration. Remember to emphasize that players can sign up as a single, twosome, threesome, or foursome and we'll add the necessary players.

Please contact everyone now. If you wait, the potential players will be booked for other things on that date and we'll lose them.

I am going to send you a separate e-mail with some language that you can use to e-mail everyone on your e-mail address list. It works for the show and it will work for the golf tournament. Don't worry about identifying the golfers. Some of the non-golfers will know golfers and will pass it on.

Print out some flyers and take them everywhere. **Fran Gangel** said he placed "dozens" of show flyers in various places. Let's do that with the golf flyers.

Thanks to those who have already given me prizes and have volunteered to be hole sponsors. More on that later.

For now, let's get as many golfers signed up as possible. ♥

Also on May 2: Capital City Chorus Show

by Don Newman, Dual HOA and Topeka Member

After a long hot day on the golf course, head to Topeka for a great time at our Saturday night show. Sit back and listen to some great music. Some of you will be already be half way there! To purchase tickets, contact me by e-mail at Newmandonb@cox.net, or by phoning 785-272-701.

Shows start at 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m..

Where: Fairlawn Church of the Nazarene, 730 SW Fairlawn Road in Topeka, Kan. (That's three blocks south of the I-70 and Fairlawn exit on the west side of Topeka.)

Cost: \$14 for adults; \$12 for Seniors and students, which includes the price of the afterglow.

Who's on the show? *Capital City Chorus* and local foursomes including our headliner quartet, *Storm Front*, Internationals Medalists quartet! Hope to see each of you there! ♥



Tone-Henge Busy-ness

by Ol' Dan

The Ol' coots are still getting' around, **big time**. Fact is, in March we were in a wonderful show in Nebraska City, playing second banana to *Big Time*. Remember *Reveille*? They have a new bass, **Chris Arnold**, prompting the new name. **Great** sound, and **funny stuff**, especially with an amazing assortment of noisemakers on their "Censorship Medley." Hilarious! And even us "also rans" experienced the best audience reaction in this millennium. Top it all off with an overnight in a B & B called "The Whispering Pines" (delightful!) and it brings home what this hobby is all about!

More busy stuff when we delivered a "happy birthday" to a guy. Later, each of us received a "thank you" note from the person who wanted us to be the delivery boys, and in each note was ten bucks. We figured that's about what we're worth.

Ever go to Browne's Deli for breakfast on St. Pat's Day? That's a bit of business to put on your **must do** list. All us *Hengers* and *Henge-ettes* did that, too. Keeps ya young, **Ol' Dan** sez with an Irish brogue.

And here's some busy-ness we're about to embark upon. New quartet duds, to which many have murmured, "...it's about time!"

Add in our show and whattaya get? Busy hobby. Maybe we're too old for that, but we're grinnin' our way through it! ♥





A Higher Level of Excellence by Jim Porter

As some of you know, **Jim Moynihan** has his house on the market as he is seeking to move to the St. Louis area to be closer to his family. For some time, Jim has been talking to me about the *Ambassadors of Harmony*, and on March 5, I took him to St. Charles to introduce him to my former chorus and perhaps connect him to men there who could help him get to the rehearsals after he has completed his move.

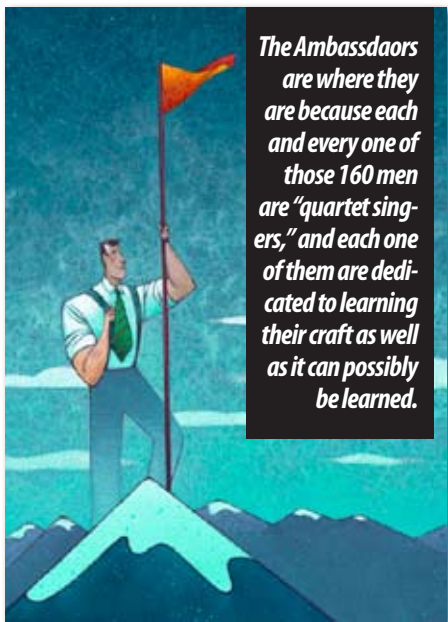
We had a wonderful evening together with more than 130 men who came to practice on a typical Thursday evening. Jim was so excited that we were still enjoying an afterglow listening to *AOH* and *Gas House Gang* CD's at 3 a.m. when we rolled back into Kansas City. He also has contacts with a couple of men who may be able to help him out after he moves.

Upon arrival, former *HOA* member **Brian Marston** was there to greet us, and showed us to a place on the risers near his position. After warm-up, the chorus sang "Happy Together" and both of us were able to join in, as this was one of our songs at *HOA*. For the next two hours they worked over several songs from their repertoire. Then they took on their contest ballad, "If You Loved Me, Really Loved Me". After a time working it, they sang it through, and I was in barbershop heaven, adding my voice to the clear beautiful sound around me. At the end, Director **Jim Henry** gushed "That was just wonderful. You guys just won the International competition with that performance!"

While working one song, the chorus got about to the second page when Jim stopped them abruptly and said "You are singing heavy and it's going flat!" We've all heard that, haven't we? The next five minutes showed me why they are above us. Jim had each section do that part over until he was satisfied with it, then put it together, and that *Ambassador* sound was back. They were able

to recognize the problem and fix it with a minimum of frustration.

At the break, Jim Moynihan and I were among more than a dozen guests that were welcomed and given a handshake by many of the guys. Brian performed with his three young friends in his quartet "In Progress" as they sang "Hey, Look Me Over." Brian said he is doing well in his schooling and is now student teaching in a public school as he prepares himself for a career of teaching music.



The Ambassadors are where they are because each and every one of those 160 men are "quartet singers," and each one of them are dedicated to learning their craft as well as it can possibly be learned.

One thing I noticed — it is no longer true that about a third of the men I remember from my days with *AOH*. Now that ratio is under 20%. When they passed out renewals, only three of the 20 or so were longer than my 18 years. The one man I went to first while planning this visit was among the missing; he told me it was simply too much for him and he was out of the chorus as of last year. He told me that all of the men are individually tested regularly, and if your voice starts to get weak or noisy due to advancing age, you are asked to step down. The chorus is adding new members all the time, but a like number

is coming off the risers to maintain the size of the chorus at its current 150-160 singers.

After the break, the chorus worked over songs for which substantial choreography was involved, and both of us took our leave and watched the action from the chairs. The last 45 minutes were given to working "76 Trombones," the contest up-tune. In the end, I accepted a reality — I could no longer consider myself able to sing and perform with this chorus. *Sing?* Sure, I'd love to do that and will continue to do so from time to time. *But dance?* No way. I just don't have it physically any more.

As we started the drive home, I talked to Jim and asked for his impressions, and he was quite excited about the prospect of singing with them. He took some time to talk with Jim Henry, who encouraged him, but made it clear he had a challenge to be able to perform with the chorus (including the choreography). His first challenge is to learn to sing a song available on their Website "I'd Love to Live in Loveland," then sing it at an acceptable quality level with three others in a quartet. Given he can do that, then and only then is he allowed to apply for membership and sing with the chorus at the rehearsals.

I wonder — how many of you reading this article could sing one of our songs with three other guys in a quartet with good quality? Each and every one of us ought to be able to sing our repertoire songs in a quartet setting. *The Ambassadors* are where they are because each and every one of those 160 men are "quartet singers," and each one of them are dedicated to learning their craft as well as it can possibly be learned. If we are ever to compete at their level, we will have to do the same. ♥



Students Strike Gold at Harmony Explosion

by Tony Strub

To say that Harmony Explosion quartet performances are improving every year is not an exaggeration. The average number of quartets scoring 1,000 points or more out of a possible 1,200 in the past has been five. On March 7, there were twelve quartets that won gold medals with scores of 1,000 points or better. We were surprised to say the least, but delighted and thrilled at the quality of student performances

How could the gold medal count go from an average of five to twelve in one year? The answer is that scores have been moving upward for several years due to great teaching in our schools and increased student interest and hard work. I believe that the X-factor that has provided the boost that has put many of these quartets at another performance level is the quartet coaching that has been provided by members of HOA, KCCSA and other chapters in the KC area, Leavenworth and Salina. These coaches have been a great help to the students in their preparation for the quartet competition. Their work has supported the vocal music programs in our schools and promoted barbershop singing in our area.

I want to express my sincere gratitude to the members of HOA, KCCSA and the Leavenworth chapter for giving up a part or all of their Saturday on March 7 to provide a great vocal music experience for students and to promote barbershop singing in our area. Harmony Explosion was a success because of you.

Note that the baritone of the winning junior high girls quartet, *Accidentals*, was **Sarah Meier**, daughter of our own **Jerry Meier**, who did yeoman work in organizing coaches for the Harmony Explosion. ♥



The Accidentals • Pioneer Trail Jr. High - Olathe • Instructor: Jan Holtus



On That Note • Pioneer Trail Jr. High - Olathe • Instructor: Jan Holtus



B. Dazzled • Olathe East High School - Olathe • Instructor: Dr. Dwayne Dunn



Harmonic C's • Salina South High School - Salina • Instructor: Eddie Creer

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Heart of America's 63rd ANNUAL SHOW



ACCLIMATIZE... ASSIMILATE... ABSORB...

by John Erwine, VP Membership



ERWINE

As I mentioned last month, we've had many guests recently. We've obtained four new members during the last seven months. Last month I threw out some ideas about "retention" and

thought this month I'd throw out one more. How about just forgetting all those funny words in my headline. How about we just simply invite them to become *involved* in, and become a part of our everyday chapter activities. I remember when I first became an *HOA* member, and I remember when I first became an *active HOA* member. Someone just asked me. I think there may be just a little extra bit of pride that comes into your life when that happens. I think it makes you feel a little more responsible for *HOA's* success. Now you're really a part of something you enjoy doing. You're giving back just a little of what you've been getting. Sure we're all busy in our everyday lives, some more than others, but even just a little can make you feel so darned good.

We've got a golf tourney coming up soon, and I'll bet some of these guys would like to help in any way they can. They just have to be asked. We have all kinds of Board projects and Committee activities in progress. I'll still bet they just have to be asked. And who knows, if they become aware of these things they may just up and volunteer!

And this certainly doesn't end with our newer members. To everyone who is still reading this article, if you've stayed with me this long, it applies to all of us. To grow, any organization such as ours is only as successful as those who volunteer to make it happen...or it dies. So if you feel like you've been left out, neglected, didn't know how, ignored or whatever the feeling, step up and tell someone you'd like to help...even if it's just a little. It's kinda' like going to the doctor for free. It'll be your little secret, *HOA* will benefit and it'll be your huge personal gain. Remember: *Imagine, Inspire and Influence. It's Your Chapter.* ♥

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by Wade Dexter, Editor Emeritus · wadeliberty@aol.com



DEXTER

TEN YEARS AGO: APRIL, 1999

Coordinator **Al Higgins** reports that “almost 240 area junior and senior high school boys and girls took part in “Harmony Explosion III.” Al says that “what will also be remembered is that 28 quartets and two mass choruses received coaching and direction from **Jim Bagby, Gordon Lankenau, Rich Lamer** (director of the Overland Stage Chorus), **Mark Fortino, John Fortino, Micah Jeppesen, and Barry Moore** (all from the *12th Street Rag*) and others. To show how this annual event had grown in attendance, Al reminded us that two years ago, “We had 80 students show up and six quartets were coached and competed.” What an accomplishment!

TWENTY YEARS AGO: APRIL, 1989

Whatever happened to the International theme song, “Keep the Whole World Singing?” Some of you old-timers will remember that this song was always sung by a chorus as the last item on the program of their annual show. It was also sung as the last number at the end of the Saturday night program at International and district contests. I’ve been away from the *HOA* chapter meetings for so long now that it wasn’t until I came upon a short item in the April 1989 edition of *Harmonotes* in which the then editor commented that the theme song should be a part of our annual show program. Guess nobody else missed it.



FORTY YEARS AGO: APRIL, 1969

How many of you remember the tragedy on March 22, 1969, that took the lives of all of the members of the current Central States District quartet champions, the *Highlanders* of the Denver chapter? An entire page of this edition of *Harmonotes* was dedicated to an account of the crash of the airplane that was carrying the quartet members, along with **Larry Detweiler**, current president of the Denver chapter, and **Daryl Stafford**, executive vice president of the district. The group was en route to aid the Durango chapter in changing their “license status” to that of a regular chapter of the BHS. The quartet members were **Karl Penner**, tenor, **Wayne Hood**, lead, **Hugh Hohnstein**, baritone, and **Russ Thompson**, bass. The only survivors were Detweiler and Stafford. ♥

HOA Financial Corner

by Kent Miller, Financial Committee



MILLER

Everyone complains that the recent financial system bailout is designed to help large corporations and the banking industry but doesn’t do anything for us “small guys”.

True or not, the bailout has provided a creative way for individuals age 70-1/2 and older to make direct transfers from their IRA to non-profit organizations. Unfortunately, you must act before the end of this year to take advantage of it.

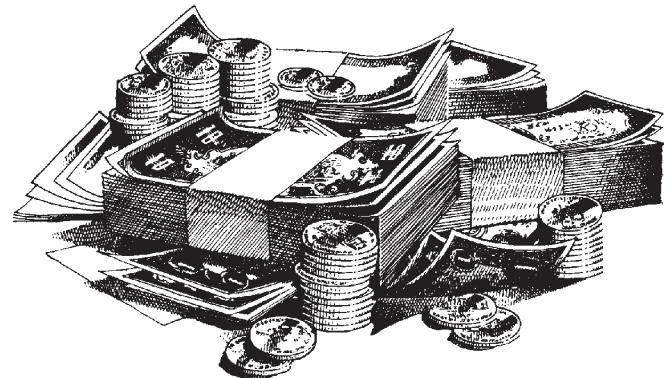
This tax code innovation, called the **IRA Charitable Rollover**, was created in 2006, expired after 2007, and was extended through 2009 in the first bailout bill in October 2008.

The highlights are:

1. You may transfer up to \$100,000 to the charity of your choice without having to recognize it as income.
2. Any transfer counts toward the annual minimum distribution (RMDs) required after age 70-1/2.
3. The transfers must be made directly to the charity and can only come from an IRA. Funds from a 401k or 403b must first be rolled into an IRA and then transferred.
4. The option expires on December 31, 2009.

One caveat. Although the IRA Charitable Rollover has been called a “no-brainer” for philanthropic taxpayers, the suspension of required minimum distributions for 2009 has muddied the waters a bit. However, there are still excellent reasons to use it (one example: taking money from an IRA to make a donation increases your adjusted gross income, which could reduce your ability to use tax benefits such as deductions for medical bills – the IRA Charitable Rollover doesn’t do this).

Check with your financial advisor to see if this works for you. We hope it does, and that you consider *HOA* as one of your charitable choices. ♥





Harmony Foundation Report

by Jim Porter

Note that we will have our raffle each time we meet in our regular location. One fourth of the proceeds is designated to Harmony Foundation and one fourth will be given to the Central States District to help promote their programs to support and encourage Young Men in Harmony and other youth programs.

As of March 25, after 16 drawings (5 since last report):
The total collected for Harmony Foundation since the last report is \$192.

The total collected for the year to date (since Nov. 10, 2008) is \$2,331.

The total for the previous year was \$560.

The total in our best previous year (2006) was \$1,942. ♥

EXTRA MILE AWARDS February 2009

In grateful recognition for your assistance in support of the 2009 Singing Valentine Program:

Bob Howard - for making a life saving run to Liberty, MO to pick up a printer.

Mike Templar - for assistance in organizing supplies and scheduling deliveries.

Mike Mathieu - for assistance in scheduling deliveries and for securing the candy

Marlin Weidler - for providing valuable technical, mechanical and advisory assistance

Ron McIntire - for manning the order entry computer and finalizing the delivery records

Tone Henge - to **Jim Bagby, Keith Schweer, Dan Henry** and **Bruce Wenner** for a last-minute TV spot promotion of the 2009 *Heart Of America* Singing Valentine Program

Not Pictured Below - **Dan Henry, Jim Bagby, Mike Templar, Mike Mathieu, Marlin Weidler.**



A TIP OF THE HAT!

The Tip O' The Hat is recognition to both members and non-members who have made a recent contribution in time and effort to the betterment of the Kansas City, Missouri Chapter.

A Tip 'O The Hat to all the members of the *HOA Chorus* who sang on the *HOA Spring Show* and to the unnamed heroes who put up and took down the risers at the show venue.

A special Hats Off to the ladies who put together the lunch at the *HOA Spring Show*, March 14.

A big Tip 'O The Hat to **Jerry Garrard** and his crew for a super Spring Show. ♥

Yoder to Direct Easter Cantata

The Garden City Community Choir, directed by our own **Calvin Yoder**, presents its annual Easter Cantata in five performances this year. **David Clydesdale's** "The Day He Wore My Crown" will be at these churches:

Saturday, April 4 - Harrisonville Mennonite Church, 1606 Chapel Drive

Palm Sunday - April 5 - Peculiar United Methodist Church, 20521 South School Road

Good Friday - April 10 - Garden City Baptist Church, 96 Old 7 Hwy.

Saturday, April 11 - Sycamore Grove Mennonite Church, 27221 South Sycamore Grove Road, Garden City

Easter Sunday, April 12 - Harrisonville First Baptist Church, 504 West Wall

All performances at 7:30 p.m. For more information, contact Calvin at (816) 862-8343. ♥



Photo courtesy of Ron McIntire



Summary of March 2009 Board Meeting

by Vince Perry/Ron McIntire



FINANCE REPORT -

Harvey Shapiro:

- HOA member **Ron Fortino** has started the annual treasurer financial audit.
- As of 02/28/2009
Operating fund - \$20,524.35
Restricted Fund - \$8350.32
- HOA member **Ron Fortino** will be consulted on documenting the interest received from the Truman Heartland Foundation account.

MARKETING/PUBLIC RELATIONS

VP - Brad Dawdy:

- Dawdy requested a new Media Relations Committee to create strategies for working with TV, Radio, newspapers, etc.
- A technical committee will discuss the Singing Valentine IT functionality.
- A depository for storing chapter operation information on the members' web page will be considered to store job descriptions and after-action reports.

OPERATIONS VP - David Miller:

Brian Seydlitz will pull the HOA riser trailer to the Spring Show venue.

MUSIC & PERFORMANCE VP

- Kent McClean

- **Jim Henry**, Director of *Ambassadors of Harmony*, will coach HOA Tuesday night, April 14, 2009.
- Booking of **Cindy Hansen** to choreograph "Basin Street Blues" is in progress.

PROGRAM VP - Carl Turlin

- The new *InTune* format has received positive feedback from members.
- The new meeting format has been taken well by the membership and will continue.
- The Singing 4 Life Blood Drive is still scheduled for May 16, 2009 and will be a multi-chapter event.

MEMBERSHIP VP - John Erwine

- Special Guest night is planned for March 17 and billed as "Young Men's Night with HOA."
- Most of the membership committee has been filled. They include: Guest Greeter: **Dick O'Dell**; Voice Placement & Director Intro: Music Team; Attendance Taker: **Ron McIntire**; Missing Member/Guest Contact: **Jim Clark**; Retention: **Bob Howard**; Tags: **Jim Bagby**; Tools & Roadmap: unfilled, Handouts: unfilled.
- **Dane Montgomery** - Application for membership approved.
- **Shaun Whisler** - application for dual membership approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Meeting Place Search Committee:

Kent McClean

No progress yet. The committee will visit St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 100 East Red Bridge Road soon.

America Harmony Movie: VP Kent Miller:

HOA has completed entry forms for participation in the America Harmony movie but the BHS has not provided any guidance.

Annual Four Person Scramble Golf Tournament - Exec VP Kent Miller:

- Channel TV4 has agreed to publicize the golf tournament.
- Hole sponsors are needed and posters will be available soon for distribution.
- The HOA website is promoting the tournament news and online sign ups.

Harmony Explosion! (HE!) -

Past President Tony Strub:

- The new scoring format using plateaus instead of rank order for the Festival was well received.
- The only problem experienced was a lack of gold medals but more have been ordered and will be delivered to the schools.

Foundations & Grants -

Exec VP Kent Miller:

The committee is working on plans to write grant proposals for the Francis Family and the Truman Community Foundations.

Fund Raising & Annual

Contribution Campaign (ACC) - VP Brad Dawdy:

A final version of the fund raiser letter will be submitted to the Board soon for consideration. If approved, the mailing date will be March 17, 2009. A list of persons to serve on the Fundraising/Sponsorship Committee has been drawn up.

2008 Holiday Harmony Spectacular - Mike Schumacher:

- An in-depth show report was submitted to the Board of Directors.
- Attendance for the matinee was 795, and 549 for the evening show. HOA's profit share was \$8,410.80.
- The Board agreed that the 2009 Holiday Harmony Spectacular will be December 11-12, 2009.

2009 Singing Valentines - Singing Valentine Chairman John Erwine:

- HOA quartets delivered 117 Singing Valentines and KCCSA delivered 14.
- A complete financial report will be filed at the April Board meeting. Estimated gross is \$8,200, estimated NET for HOA is \$2,500.
- The Board agreed that profits from selling the excess candy will be donated to Children's Mercy Hospital.

Metro Area Inter-Chapter

Performance - Pres. Doug Brott:

- CSD Imm Past President **Don Fuson** will chair the Festival and CSD VP Chorus Director Development, **Jerry Garrard** will be show chair. Other committee members will be named later.
- Leavenworth, KC Metro, St Joe, Overland Park, Topeka, and HOA are expected to participate. Rehearsal dates and places are:
April 27 - Leavenworth,
May 19 - St Joe,
June 11 - Overland Park,
June 27 - at the venue

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Summary of March 2009 Board Meeting

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- Plan are to rehearse in the day and have the show at night.
- Only 2009 CSD International quartet qualifiers will sing on the show.
- The target date is June 27, 2009 for a ticketed show with each chapter selling tickets, Venue has not been selected.
- The stated goal of the show is to promote barbershop harmony through inter-chapter activity.
- The board agreed that HOA will participate in the Metro Area Inter Chapter Festival and Asst Chorus Director **Mark Fortino** and Chapter President **Doug Brott** will be HOA's official representatives.

NEW BUSINESS:

Security Incidents President Brott: Two incidents have been reported to the board in the last month:

- Operations VP **David Miller** was approached in the parking lot after he closed the church following the chapter meeting after 10 p.m. by a man asking for money.
- The same man was also reported in the building on a different meeting night and may have been planning a potential crime.

The board agreed to initiate an Exit Buddy Program and by locking the doors after 7:30 p.m. to limit access to the building.

The Board agreed that Oper. VP will check with ask the Church if there were any plans to install door bell that would trip a signaling device in the fellowship hall in the near future. If not, he will investigate the technology and report back to the Board. ♥



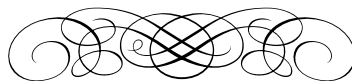
Barbershoppers of the Month!



John Erwine February 2009

Above: HOA President **Doug Brott** (right) presents **John Erwine** with the February BOTM Award!

In grateful appreciation for your work as chairman of the 2009 Heart Of America Singing Valentine program.



Jim Porter February 2009

Above: HOA President **Doug Brott** (right) presents **Jim Porter** with the February BOTM Award!

In grateful appreciation for your organization and handling of the Harmony Foundation drawing and program and the integrity in managing the funds entrusted to you.

Ron McIntire

Command "Parody" Performance?

by Monty Duerksen

Carter has introduced us to three parodies: "The (11? 6?, 4?, 13?, 9?, Days Of Christmas," "You've Got Ta Have Skin," and "Mr. Tax Man." Should we take on the moniker of "COMMAND PARODY?" *What's next?* Keep listening.

Thank You, **Jerry Garrard** and the Music Team for assigning us to an important role on our Annual Show! I have received many compliments from friends and relatives who were impressed by the Professional nature of the chorus and quartet performances.

Looking ahead, we are learning some music that Nat King Cole made famous. These songs will entertain guests at a Wedding Reception in June. LIFE IS GREAT in the BARBERSHOP WORLD! ♥



Heart of America Chorus Calendar

April 24-25

CSD Spring Convention, Springfield, MO

May 2

3rd Annual HOA Golf Tournament
at Falcon Lake

May 16

Singing for Life Blood Drive

May 16

Overland Park Chapter Show,
featuring *Rural Route 4*

May 30

Annual Tag Party at **Joe Mathieu's**



April 7 **Raymond Schwarzkopf**

April 10 **Matt Bostick**

April 11 **Craig Wilcox**

April 11 **Frank Leone**

April 11 **John Erwine**

April 14 **Bob Howard**

April 16 **Jim Clark**

April 16 **Brandon Yarbrough**

April 17 **Mike Mathieu**

April 21 **Tom Elefson**

April 21 **Dick Krueger**

April 24 **Marlin Weidler**

April 25 **Bruce Wenner**

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