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Musically Speaking, What Will We Do for an Encore?

by Mike Mathieu and Bob Burdick

The Caroling Caravan 2008 was one that was an unbelievable success. 2007 brought in an amazing **\$5,194.36**, far and away our best year ever in fundraising for the Salvation Army. 2008 brought in a totally astounding **\$11,438.90**. I was speechless last year when the final tally came in and it is still hard to believe as I type those figures again, almost one year later.

First off we have to plan our work, and work our plan! With that in mind, we will be adding a new location this year, the new TallGrass Creek Retirement Center, on 138th and Metcalf in Overland Park. This new facility is beautiful, larger than most we have sung at in the past, and hopefully will help us reach new heights again in 2009.

Warm-up will be at a place TBA at 9:30 a.m. Saturday Dec. 19. This date is the closest that we have been to Christmas for many years, and Salvation Army lore tells us that the closer we get to Dec. 25, the more the folks usually give.

The bus has been contracted, and we will load up at 10:20 a.m. and head to our first 30-minute concert at The Atriums beginning at 10:45 a.m. The balance of the schedule is The Forum at 11:45 a.m., then enjoy lunch en route to our next stop at 1 p.m. at Town Village.

From there we proceed to Grand Court at 2 p.m., Silvercrest at 3 p.m., and end our great day at TallGrass Creek at 4 p.m. After the last concert, the bus will return all to our starting location.

Please remind all you know to visit us any of our locations, enjoy one of our concerts, then donate any amount to the Salvation Army. All facilities that we sing for have graciously invited guests to join the audience at any of our locations.

The thrill generated last year in doubling our previously best total was "totally awesome" as **Joe Connelly** would say.



But that was then and now is now! We have to wipe the slate clean and start anew. We need to spread the word to all we know. Choice number one would be to have them attend in person any of our locations. If they can't to that, ask them to give a check to you, placed in a **plain white envelope marked Salvation Army, Heart of America Chorus Caroling Caravan**. Bring that donation with you and place in the kettle on this great day.

Hope to see you all Saturday Dec. 19. Sharing is Caring. ♥

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Where Did Two Years Go?

by Doug Brott, HOA Chapter President



friendships with each and every one.

Wow. This is the last *Harmonotes* article I will write as president of HOA. What an amazing two years it has been and what an honor to serve as president of this wonderful chapter. I have had the privilege of working closely with a lot of you and getting to know you better. I will cherish those

While amazing, the last two years certainly have not been without challenges. My term started at the same time a huge change was taking place at HOA. After many years of direction and leadership from **Mr. Jim Bagby**, he rightfully chose to retire from directing HOA and settle down and enjoy his overall retirement (although I suspect he is busier now than ever). **David Krause** took over as director and had the unenviable task of taking HOA to International competition in less than six months, without even having chosen a contest package of songs yet. Change is always difficult and some people do not weather it well. We lost members, but we gained members as well. The other part of change that many people do not always remember: it takes a long time to happen. One cannot take an organization like HOA and make all the changes necessary and accomplish it overnight. Two years later and we are still working on making the changes in the HOA culture that are necessary to achieve our goals. But we are making the changes and we are beginning to achieve the goals. The momentum is building and the feeling of accomplishment and good things to come is palpable.

HOA was also hit hard by an economy that had a huge impact on all charitable organizations. Starting in late 2007 and extending to right now income for the chapter has been significantly less than what we were used to. The boards in both years had to take drastic steps to insure that HOA had the funds necessary to meet its obligations. I am happy and proud to say we were able to accomplish that feat without significantly impacting what we give back to the community or our own programs. The Boards took steps over the last two years to put programs in place that will help to assure long term financial stability. It won't happen overnight, but the important first steps have been taken and we already have major contributions that have been pledged.

One of the accomplishments I am most proud of was the Barbershop Harmony Festival last June. A lot of people worked very hard to put that program together and prove that area chapters could work together harmoniously for the good of all. Plans are in the works right now to make the Festival in June 2010 bigger and better. Programs like that will help us all to achieve what must be our ultimate goal; a strong, long lasting, Barbershop Harmony Society. While the everyday issues we deal with at HOA are extremely important, the overall health of the Society must be our focus. Without the society, there will be no HOA.

As I said at the top of the article, this has been an amazing two years. I am proud of what the HOA Leadership has accomplished in 2008 and 2009. I look forward to 2010 and new programs that will be put in place leading up to International 2011. That will be a tremendous opportunity to once again showcase what the second oldest chapter in Society History has to

offer our Barbershopping brothers and families. I hope you will join me in helping the 2010 leadership in every way you can. Please accept the challenge when asked to help. We have a lot to do and only by working together, harmoniously, will we achieve our goals. I ask that you always remember; while we may not all see eye-to-eye on every issue and opportunity, we need to respect each person's right to that viewpoint and, when necessary, work to find the common ground that will allow moving forward with a plan to achieve our goals.

Always remember: Excellence in Everything We Do! ♥

Direct From The Front

by David Krause, HOA Chorus Director



What if every guy in the *Heart of America Chorus* could sing "Heart of My Heart" in tune, balanced, blended and in good quality while displaying "a little heart and soul" with their face while singing in a quartet?

What a great place to start! That's the goal of our new audition process. It's a process to encourage every guy to decide to improve. Even those who are already pretty good singers are going to be asked to improve something. What if every guy really took that to heart? A's all of the time will be a piece of cake. Our goal is that every single guy can and should qualify. But it won't happen without some dedicated individual work and it may take some of us a few tries, in our estimation. That's OK. I auditioned for the section leaders today and was given something to fix, even though I passed. That's great.

It's always great working with you guys. Let's get better. ♥

**DEADLINE FOR THE
JANUARY ISSUE OF
HARMONOTES:
DEC. 23**

On the Road with *Tone-Henge*

by Ol' Bruce Wenner

Busy, busy, busy. That's *Tone-Henge* this month. We were out of town three of the last four weekends headlining chapter shows. And for the judges in the quartet, it's been even worse. Between the quartet, chorus, and judging, I've been out of town seven of the last eight weekends; **Jim's** schedule has been comparable. In fact, Jim and I were on the same panel at the NED contest in Hartford last month. Bad timing for the busiest fall we've ever had: **Dan** was still getting over an operation, and wasn't full speed yet – but he still brought the house down every time.

The busy string started with Elkader, IA. Most of you have spent lots of time in Elkader, but for those who haven't, Elkader is in the northeast corner of the state – about as far as you can go from here and still be in Iowa. We got there in the air – KC to Chicago O'Hare, then a commuter flight to Cedar Rapids, followed by a car rental and another 1 ½-hour drive. (If we do this one again, we'll do the 7 ½-hour drive from KC and save a little time and a lot of hassle.) The show was in a charming old opera house that has been restored, complete with the old-fashioned seats. Unusual show schedule – two shows, starting at 5 and 7, followed by an afterglow at the local restaurant. Then back to the local motel, whose rooms just have one bed each, so we had four rooms. And none of them was next to the elevator. Because there was no elevator.

Next one was for the Waterloo, IL chapter – this place is just southeast of St. Louis, so we drove. This was a cabaret-style show and afterglow in the same venue, a barn-like structure with most of the square footage in one large room, and a bar right by the front door. Patrons and chapter members were enjoying a few beers before and during the show – these fellows know how to live. Our dressing room was a large men's room. We had to consolidate our belongings when the chorus came in shortly before the show – it was also serving as their warmup room!

News flash – *Tone-Henge* turned down free drinks! This was at the Embassy Suites in Omaha, where we sang the next weekend for their Sweet Adeline chapter. We had two huge, luxurious suites in the hotel, and with the room came a complimentary breakfast (a delicious buffet, including made-to-order omelets and pancakes), and complimentary cocktails during happy hour. Unfortunately, happy hour was before we were due on stage, and it seemed a bit tacky to ask for doggie bottles, so we passed. The show was in a high school, and this time we had a big dressing room – the band room. As we were starting to change into our uniforms, a teacher showed up with 20-plus kids – they had reserved the room for a play rehearsal. Another first for us. A few anxious moments, but we managed to get the schedules meshed.



So – that's life on the road with *Tone-Henge*. A few bumps here and there, but all the time we get on stage makes it worthwhile. Now we can rest up – whoops! – we have all the holiday stuff coming up with the chorus. OK – we'll rest up next year. ♥



HOA Accepts Wildcard Invitation to Philadelphia!

by Vince Perry III, Chorus Manager



Philadelphia Registrations!

Congratulations HOA! You've done it and are now officially going to the

"show"...again! That'll make it six out of the last seven years HOA has competed in International raising the HOA total number of international competitions to 19! Of course now you have to start making preparations for Philadelphia. And one of the first things to do is get your registrations before the Jan. 15 early-bird cutoff date. Again this year you can pick your own seats by ordering online thru the Society website. To get good seats you need to order as soon as possible. Get a couple of friends and get with it. I will be submitting a group order again this year but will not submit it until the end of December. If you want the best seats possible order online as soon as possible. If you want to sit with the HOA group in seats not as close, then buy your registrations through the HOA Philly Registration form to be in your hands soon. This is not official yet but because of our chapter's financial limitations we may not be able to accept credit card payments for outside purchases such as registrations without recouping the processing fees the chapter has to pay to run your cards. So be prepared to pay a chapter convenience charge for registrations paid by credit card of around 3% (Of course you can order your own online thru International anytime!) Again, if you want to sit with other HOAers in our Early-bird group you have until Tuesday Dec. 29 to get your order and payment turned in to me your HOA chorus manager. The pricing schedule has changed a lot since our last trip to Int'l so pay close attention. Also if you are a new member to the Society in the past two years you can use your Buy-One-Get-One-Free coupon for Int'l registrations. It is included in your new member packet. If you plan to use one of these coupons, be sure to call the Int'l office before you complete their online order. If ordering through HOA, do not call as I will accept these coupons as payment for your registrations. Now the prices for the rest of us:

Members and Associate Members may buy up to two registrations per member number:

Early-bird: \$139
After Jan. 15: \$165

Non-members of the Society:

Early-bird: \$159
After Jan 15th: \$179

Youth Pricing (25 & under):

Early-bird: \$69
After Jan. 15: \$89

Family Four

Pack (*two adults, two youth from same household*)

Early-bird: \$349
After Jan 15th: \$379
Additional youth: \$25

The contest venue this year is a flat floor exhibition hall in the Pennsylvania Convention Center. It is huge! Side seats up close will have a severe angle to the stage so try to stay away from getting seats there. All others are good. The very back section, Section E, are those portable raised seating sections you see in some arenas. You may check out the seating diagram online on the Society registration ordering page. Buy early, save money and get better seats. Go for it HOA!

Hotels in Philly!

Philadelphia has many great hotels! Mike Mathieu and I just visited all the hotels in the convention block and we found that all the hotels are adequate.. "not a bad apple in the bunch!" Some fit our needs a little better than others but no matter which one we end up with, it will be a fine hotel and it will be located no farther than eight blocks from the Pennsylvania Convention



Center Exhibit Hall A,B,C. We will find out which one we are awarded sometime in the middle of January. After that we will be accepting your reservations. Hard to believe but each chorus has only until the middle of March to submit a detailed housing request for all the rooms they will need in July! So be thinking now about your plans for Philly. When will I arrive? The Collegiate Contest is being held on Tuesday night; do I want to arrive in time for that? Will I drive or fly? Is my spouse going? The contest is on Friday, July 2, but when is our first Philly rehearsal? (Don't know yet but will let you know as soon as I know!) Lots of questions to be answered, eh? Be thinking Philly! What a great city Philadelphia is... loads of history to check out! Our hotel will be downtown that is for sure so you might want to plan your family vacation around this convention stop. Come early... stay late... experience Philadelphia! ♥



A New Fundraiser for 2010

by Marci Brown-Turlin,
Heartbeats Sunshine Chair

Your *HOA Heartbeats* are sponsoring a new fund raising effort for the 2010 entertainment year! We will collect your used books, CDs, DVDs, and LPs each week at rehearsal to be sold to Half Price Books for cash! Won't it be nice to fill the sadly depleted *HOA* coffers with money that didn't come out of your pocket? As a side benefit, your home will be less cluttered by the end of the year!

We're starting off our new project with our Garage Sale leftovers. Each month will feature a different emphasis, but feel free to bring in any item you would like to donate, at any time. January, having survived another feasting season, will be the month of donated cookbooks! **Carl Turlin** will be your weekly contact, so make sure you get your items into his box each week.

As you begin scouting the bookcases of your home for potential donations, here are a few of the items that Half Price Books is looking for: recent best sellers; perennial classics; non-fiction from history to science; kids books; former bestsellers; even old college textbooks (although we might not make much money on those). Book Club editions are re-sold "By the Yard" which means they'll buy 'em from us! In addition to the above mentioned books, they will buy CDs and LPs, including cassettes, 45s, 78s, and even 8-track tapes! (Does ANYONE still have any of those? If so, now is the time to update your musical library! Christmas is coming and, sometime in the next year, so is your birthday!) Finally, they are interested in purchasing ephemera! More on that in a future article...but if you can't wait, look it up in your dictionary, if you haven't donated that for the fundraiser already!

Don't forget your cookbooks for January's donations! Any questions, call me at 356-1345! Thanks! ♥

HOA's Garage Sale Brings In Revenue

by Carl Turlin

As the story goes, the *HOA* board was discussing ways to raise money, and **Mike Schumacher** and I sort of reluctantly agreed to take it on, so away we went on another project!

We selected Oct. 1-3, a Thursday through Saturday and we held our first garage sale in quite a few years. **Mike & Linda** volunteered to host it at their place, so on three chilly October days, a bunch of *HOA* guys and gals sorted, priced, carried, delivered and sold "stuff" for the good of the *HOA* chorus. About eleven guys donated everything from computer monitors and video games to exercise equipment. Mike borrowed a Ryder truck which he parked in his driveway and served as our warehouse, after he not so ceremoniously knocked down his telephone wire which hung across his driveway! But never fear, ATT was to the rescue within 24 hours!

Our first customers showed up at 7 a.m. Thursday and were friends of the Schumachers out on their morning stroll. They shopped, picked some goodies to buy and said that they'd return to pay for their loot. About 2 hours later, they did return and paid for their items.

Jim and Joann Bagby dropped by after making and posting our advertising signs around the neighborhood, which did bring us customers who saw them posted at the intersection of 57th Street and Blue Ridge! Thanks, JoAnn & Jim!

It was a fun way to spend several days and the help of many guys and gals is appreciated. Couldn't have done it without the Schumachers volunteering their driveway and home, the Bagby's sign making, and the help of **John Erwine, Jim Clark, Don Young, Stew Grosser, Doug Brott, and Tony Strub. Jana Henderson, Doni Peck** and **Marci Turlin** helped by pricing items and helping customers. Also want to recognize the callers who drummed up help and donated items, even though they couldn't be there in person. They included **Kent Miller, Vince Perry, and Bob Howard**. We made \$825.00, which is not bad for the relatively quick turn-around from initiation to completion. With more planning time and a permanent storage facility, this could turn into a regular income for *HOA*! Thanks to all you donors! You provided the means to make it happen! ♥



Above, from top to bottom: One of the Bagby-made signs; Don Peck donating glass tables, with help from John Erwine. Stew Grosser in the background, supervising; Marci Turlin helping a customer, with Doug Brott and Mike Schumacher in the background.

Photos courtesy of Carl Turlin

New Harmony Handful Leads Hundreds in Song

by Jim Davis and Don Fuson



Above: New Harmony Handful during their Nov. 3 performance for HOA. Photo courtesy of Ron McIntire

The New Harmony Handful performed for a "sitting room only" crowd of over 400 at Belinder Elementary School in Prairie Village, Kan. on Friday, Nov. 13. The entire school (students, faculty, administration) came out to be entertained, and Director **Jim Bagby** insured that each song was introduced to the young audience. Several songs were selected for their rhythm so the students could "keep time" by snapping, and away they went! Enthusiasm was evident, but snapping "in time" with each other across the many rows of sitting students created quite a cacophony of sound, even drowning-out the performers at times.

Adjustments were made by several teachers who sat-down with individual students, causing a cessation of foot-stomping by several students that had gotten "into" the music!

Tone-Henge also contributed a short set by playing the "pipes" and telling a few stories in song. Individual students were invited to try their hand at playing a chord on the pipes, with some as would be expected, having more success than others. **Ol' Dan** even tried to teach some volunteers how to play the "bones", and the students reached the same level of success as the other *Tone-Henge* members do on that "instrument"!

The performance concluded with all in attendance singing "America The Beautiful" with the Handful adding the **Joe Liles** overlay, much to everyone's delight.

It was a fun outing in challenging circumstances, but one that will help us prepare for a better outing with young audiences in the future. We should remember that a mass "snapping" chorus doesn't follow the Director-either in changing tempos or at the cut-off at the end of the song-a good lesson for all! ♥

Hand-off Performance Qualifications: Singing Valentine's

by John Erwine and Marlin Weidler, 2010 Co-Chairmen

On a very warm November day we're writing about an upcoming, probably very cold February weekend; a weekend event that will become the first major HOA fundraiser of the 2010 year. Yes it's time to begin thinking about the loved ones in our life, and those messages of love that others will be asking us to deliver for them.

This year we have a unique advantage that I certainly haven't seen since I've been an HOA member; the performing chorus qualifications. What a great tool to use as a springboard into Singing Valentines. You'll already have a head start on learning, or refreshing, part of the Singing Valentine presentation, "*Heart of My Heart*." Not only that, but for anyone who has had the desire to get a quartet together just for the fun of it.

Most of our membership knows how rewarding and fun this event is. But for the newer members, it's a chance to participate in the delivery of...love. Besides supporting the Kansas City Chapter, a portion of the funds from the event will be presented to Children's Mercy Hospital to help with the purchase of equipment to aid in speech and hearing rehabilitation needs. This can be accomplished either by being part of a delivering quartet or in a supportive role. There are plenty of opportunities for everyone.

If you don't want to be part of a quartet, that's also good because we need lots of support people to put this all together and make it happen. We'll need help at the headquarters center to process last minute orders, routing, pack deliveries and much more. We'll need drivers, help with publicity, direct marketing, advance performances, gathering supplies and many other things which have to start taking place in December. We already have a few volunteers but need many more.

Remember, it doesn't matter how you help with this event. In whatever capacity you participate, you'll be helping to spread the word about the superior product that we offer. An additional thought; this is also a great "hand-off" to help sell our Spring Show with. Just think of the exposure we get during this time. Let's take full advantage of it. ♥



Harmony Explosion: YOUR Chance to Contribute in a Positive Way!

by Jerry Meier



Harmony Explosion will be held on Saturday, Feb. 20 at the Olathe East High School. Several Jr. High and Sr. High students will gather to learn more about the barbershop hobby. They will perform barbershop music in a chorus and in quartets. It's not too early to think about how YOU can help!

Chorus directors at the local Jr. High and Sr. High Schools need YOUR help to prepare the young men and women for Harmony Explosion. Most of the help is needed at the Jr. High level, as most of the High School groups already have previous barbershop experience.

A chorus director at the Jr. High level can work simultaneously with two to three groups of student quartets each day, if they have one or more *HOA* or *KCSA* members to help. YOU can volunteer to assist a chorus director in a 30-minute session, before school or after school, to help improve a quartet or two as they prepare for Harmony Explosion.

Your presence with a young group in a "coaching/encouragement" session will help the students work out the problem spots in their songs. With repetition and lots of encouragement, the students will be able to perform their songs on the Harmony Explosion stage, and they will be ever so thankful for your input.

It is not that difficult! You simply listen to the quartets and offer suggestions to improve their performance. The secret is to re-state some of the stuff that **Jim** and **David** and **Mark** and **Jerry** and **Carter** and countless other coaches have told YOU over the past 10 years! It's that simple. You will be a genius when you apply some of the things that you remember hearing on the risers!

Volunteers will be needed at many Jr. High Schools in the metro area, starting the week of Jan. 11, 2010, as they prepare their students for Harmony Explosion. Please contact **Jerry Meier** (913-780-1822) if you are slightly interested in hearing more information about this opportunity. ♥

HOA Annual Golf Tournament

by Kent Miller



It's time to start thinking about next year's golf fund raising tournament. It is tentatively scheduled at Falcon Lakes Golf Course on **Thursday, May 6, 2010** (we are waiting for the final numbers from the Pro and then we will finalize the date).

After considerable discussion we decided to schedule it on a weekday to avoid conflicts with chapter shows, contests, and other weekend activities.

Golfers who enjoy golf scrambles like this tournament because we have been successful in gathering over \$1,500 in prizes each year. With the door prizes, hole prizes, and raffle prizes almost everyone walks away with something, including pro shop gift certificates, dinner for two at various restaurants, golf balls, hotel stays, and much more.

Once the date is set for sure, please begin to contact your golfer friends and have them reserve that Thursday. I promise you they will book other things early.

We also need your help with sponsors. As always, the sponsor levels will be covered in the flyer. We are looking for contacts at golf centers, golf equipment companies, large businesses in the Kansas City area and others who might donate prizes, be a potential sponsor and/or pay for the insurance for a hole-in-one prize. You can contact them or give me the name and I will be happy to contact them for you.

We are particularly looking for business/corporate contacts. These entities develop their budgets early and will probably require written requests so we need sufficient lead time to contact them. If you have such a contact please let me know (kmiller268@aol.com).

Remember, this event is open to everyone, and we encourage you to spread the word now for next year. ♥





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



TEN YEARS AGO: WINTER ISSUE

There was another change in the *Harmonotes* editor! **Todd Anderson** had been helping **Dale Neuman** by providing the layout and print production effort, but he took over the entire job, beginning with the March, 2000, issue of our chapter newsletter. So he's been doing a bang-up job of providing us with a highly professional bulletin for the last ten years. Good job, Todd.

(Editors note: The first Harmonotes I produced was October, 1997. However, the title of editor may have not been bestowed on me until later. Maybe Dale Neuman knows. All I DO know is...time flies!)

TWENTY YEARS AGO: DECEMBER, 1989

On page nine of this issue of *Harmonotes*, there are two pictures that recognize two of our dedicated chapter members who are no longer with us because they've all passed away during the last 20 years. In one photo, President **Jim Bagby** is presenting plaques to **Bob Gall** and **Gil Lefholz** in recognition of their accomplishments as Assistant General Chairman and General Chairman, respectively, of the 1989 International Convention in Kansas City. From all accounts, it was one of the best organized and executed conventions in Society history. In the other picture, President Jim Bagby is handing **Paul Beard** a token of recognition for the job he did as coordinator of housing and camping reservations during the CSD fall convention in Omaha in October of that year. Paul was one of the most conscientious and hardest working guys in the chapter who got his just deserts.

FORTY YEARS AGO: JANUARY, 1970

How many of our current members were members in 1970 and knew these chapter officers and other board members?

OFFICERS: President, **Joe Costigan**; V.P. Administration, **Linn Bellis**; V.P. Program, **John Wolzak**; Secretary, **E. Nile Abbott**; Treasurer, **John Garbett**; Past President, **Bernie Geier**.

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Extra Mile Awards

KC Prime Quartet September 2009

Dave Krause accepts Extra Mile Award for *KC Prime*.

In recognition for representing the Kansas City Missouri Chapter and *Heart of America Chorus* at the Truman Heartland Community Foundation Gala Sept. 28, 2009.



Above, left to right: Marty Oldehoeft, Chapter President Doug Brott, Jim Kemper, Kevin Tritsch, John Landry - October 2009

In recognition to **John Landry** for pulling the *HOA* trailer to Lincoln, NE for use at the 2009 CSD district contest and to **Jim Kemper**, **Kevin Tritsch** and **Marty Oldehoeft** for your work and effort helping to load and unload the risers after a long day.



Leavenworth KS Chapter October 2009

Jerry Garrard, Director

In grateful appreciation for giving your time and talent to rehearse and sing with the *Heart of America Chorus* at the 2009 CSD Chorus Contest in Lincoln, NE.

Summary of November 2009 Board Meeting

by Vince Perry/Ron McIntire

FINANCE REPORT - Harvey Shapiro:

As of 10/31/2009

Operating/Social fund was \$10,618.97

Restricted Fund was \$10,075.32

The Board agreed that the Marbles/Harmony Foundation Program accounting period would end 12/31/2009 since the presentation of the HF donation at COTS (Chapter Officer's Training School) will be in February 2010.

VP MARKETING/PUBLIC RELATIONS

–Brad Dawdy

600 flyers for the Holiday Show have been distributed and more are on order.

- Very little response has been received from TV stations for Public Service Announcements on-of the annual Holiday Show.
- The Holiday Show, show program is in final editing and will be sent to the printer soon.
- HOA has agreed to a two-hour concert in Richmond, MO Saturday, June 5, 2010. Price \$2200.

VP OPERATIONS – David Miller:

- All arrangements for the Holiday Show risers are in place.
- VP **David Miller** and Past Operations VP, **Chuck Ames**, will coach VP **Jim Clark**, the 2010 VP Operations on the requirements of the job to provide a smooth transition to this demanding task.

VP MUSIC & PERFORMANCE -

Mark Fortino

- Will review the director and asst. director contracts.
- Music Team November 14, 2009 to select contest songs for International Contest in Philadelphia.
- Fremont Pathfinders Chorus, CSD 2009 AAA Plateau Champions may be asked to participate in the 2010 Harmony Festival.
- Music Team will consider recommending to the Board suspension of the three Tuesday night rehearsals following the Caroling Caravan, so the Music Team can conduct the new chorus auditions. The number one goal of the music team is for the chorus sing at the highest possible level.

- Online Board Meeting Addendum Nov. 16, 2009. The Board agreed to conduct chorus auditions from 7 to 10:30 p.m. in place of regular rehearsal on Dec. 22 and 29, 2009 and Jan. 6, 2010.

VP PROGRAM - Carl Turlin

- HOA sponsored its first garage sale in 10+ years at **Mike and Linda Schumacher's** house with net profits of \$840. Another is recommended in the spring of 2010.
- The 2010 Installation/Awards Banquet set for Jan. 9, 2010 at the Overland Park Doubletree Hotel. Installing Officer will be CSD President **Don Blank**. Performing quartets will be *Prime cut* and the *4TNOs*.
- The Board agreed to the following "HOA Health Event Policy." If a person has a health event at a chapter meeting or function, that person will make all decisions as to his health care if he is conscience and cognizant of his condition. If the person is not conscience or is not cognizant of his medical condition then 911 will be called immediately after which the person's family will be notified of the situation."

VP MEMBERSHIP - John Erwine

- Since last Board meeting, we have had 19 guests, 9 of which are potential candidates for membership.
- Accept **Dan Tilson** (lead) for membership into the Kansas City, Mo Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society pending approval by the music team.

OLD BUSINESS

Performance Opportunity for Arts KC Council – Exec VP Kent Miller

The performance date is Friday, March 5, 2010 at Starlight Theater with exact time to be announced later.

Singing Valentines - Co-chair John Erwine:

2010 SV Committee (John Erwine and **Marlin Weidler**- co-chairmen, **Mike Mathieu**, **Vince Perry**, **Brad Dawdy**, and **Ron McIntire**) have met to discuss the Valentine order taking and processing. At issue is costly Telephone answering service charges and credit card security. No decisions have been made.



2011 KC International Convention - Co-chair Mike Mathieu:

At present, three of the five Coordinator positions have been filled.

The slogan for the convention will be "Home Sweet Harmony"

The KC Conventions and Visitors

Bureau is working with the committee chairs in developing the official convention logo.

NEW BUSINESS

Harmonotes - Printing vs. On-line Exec VP Kent Miller

The Board agreed that printing of the *Harmonotes*, the monthly chapter bulletin will be suspended indefinitely and a .pdf copy posted on the Chapter web site effective with the Jan. 2010 edition.

Familiarization (FAM) Trip to Philadelphia:

The Board agreed to pay Chorus Manager **Vince Perry's** travel expenses to and from Philadelphia, PA for the week-end of Nov. 13-15, 2009 as the official Chapter representative.

Online Board Meeting November 17, 2009

The Board agreed to authorize Chorus Manager **Vince Perry** to submit the HOA Philadelphia Housing Request for hotel choices in order specified in a document to the Chapter Board. (The hotel choices will be published at a later date.

2010 Chapter Budget – Exec VP Kent Miller:

The Annual Budget meeting will be held December 5, 2009 between performances of the Holiday Show.

All budget requests must be submitted to **Kent Miller** no later than November 30, 2009.

The Kansas City Chapter will receive \$3,000 from the Central States District for travel expenses to Philadelphia in July 2010. ♥



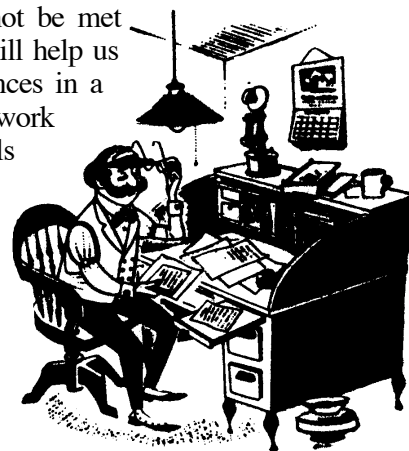
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE FOLLOWING HOA MEMBERS!

December 7	Jim Davis
December 9	Ron Fortino
December 10	John Warrior
December 16	Val Putzier
December 17	Steve Duncan
December 24	Darrell McCune
December 28	Mike Louque
December 30	Grant Hunget

Harmonotes is Changing

by Doug Brott

As I pointed out in my earlier article on page 2, change can be difficult. The 2009 Board has wrestled with a number of issues this year, most in one way or another related to finances. Shrinking income means we must either find new income sources or shrink expenses accordingly. While new income sources have been found, it was not enough to cover our ever increasing expenses. That means changes need to be made. At the November HOA Board meeting the difficult decision was made to change the format of *Harmonotes*. This is the last issue that will be printed and mailed as has been done for many years. Printing and mailing *Harmonotes* was a major cost for HOA each month, representing 8% of our budget. A significant savings can be realized by changing to an e-mail format. While this change certainly will not be met with enthusiasm by all, it will help us to manage the chapter finances in a way that will allow us to work toward achieving many goals the chapter has. And it will really give our award winning editor, **Todd Anderson**, more flexibility in continuing to produce a quality bulletin for HOA.♥



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Barbershopper of the Month



Dick Korek - August 2009

In recognition and grateful appreciation for your work planning and organizing the Music in the Park performance Aug. 16, 2009.



Don Peck - September 2009

In recognition and grateful appreciation for your work sponsoring the Kansas City Missouri Chapter and *Heart of America* chorus picnic at Lake Quivira Sept. 13, 2009.



Harry Stewart September 2009

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Mike & Linda Schumacher and Carl Turlin October 2009

In grateful appreciation for your hard work planning, organizing and running the *Heart of America* Garage Sale, Oct. 2, 2009 in support of the *Heart of America* Chorus.



Jerry Garrard - October 2009

In recognition and appreciation for enlisting 11 new dual chapter members from Leavenworth, KS to sing with *HOA* at the CSD Chorus Contest in Lincoln, NE Oct. 9-11, 2009.



Photos by Ron McIntire

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 Nov. 24, after 50 drawings (five since last report):
The total collected for Harmony Foundation since the last report is \$261.

The total collected for the year to date (since Nov. 10, 2008) is \$3,750.

The total for the previous year was \$2,677.

The total in our best previous year (2006) was \$4,500.

The progressive jackpot has grown to \$773 at the time of the report. The year will close after our final Tuesday meeting of the year, Dec. 1. ♥

A Look Back at the Leavenworth Show

by Jim Porter

The Leavenworth show took place Nov. 7 on a lovely Indian summer day in a school auditorium just south of the downtown area. Seating was general admission, so my wife and I arrived at 1:30 for the 2 p.m. show and got seats in fourth row center for \$10. It was quite a deal for a delightful show that featured the chorus together with parts by four of their quartets in the first segment, followed by presentations by *Listen Up!* and *4's Company* in the second session.

Virtually all of the chorus numbers were those I practiced with them the night of my earlier chapter visit, and the 20 or so singers under **Jerry Garrard's** leadership gave a good performance that delighted their audience.

The zany antics of *4's Company* were a special delight! At one point in the show they told the audience that about half their number were with *HOA* in Lincoln and qualified with them to sing in Philadelphia next year, something that brought a nice round of applause from the audience.

We should look forward to their return to our risers as we prepare for next summer! ♥



Heart of America Chorus Calendar

December 5

Holiday Harmony Spectacular, 2:00 & 7:00 pm

December 8

St. Peter's Concert

December 19

Caroling Caravan

January 9

HOA Installation and Awards Banquet



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