

# HARMONOTES



## The Monthly Bulletin of Kansas City's Heart of America Chorus

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BARBERSHOP HARMONY SOCIETY

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### An Awesome 2011 Board

by Kent Miller, HOA Awards Committee



MILLER

The elections are over. We had a small snag in that we didn't have a candidate for Program Vice President but that has now been corrected and by the time you get this that person should easily be elected.

Your 2011 officers are **Vince Perry** (President), **John Erwine** (Executive Vice President) and repeaters Music Vice President **Mark Fortino**, Operations Veep **Jim Clark**, Secretary **Rich Huyck**, Treasurer **Jim Porter**, board member at-large **Jim Kemper** and me (Immediate Past President).

The new Board members are:

- **Ray Young** as Marketing Vice President (yes, Ray is currently the Marketing V.P. but was appointed to fill the vacancy left by Brad Dawdy). Ray has already demonstrated a great talent in this area.
- **Jerry Meier** as Program Vice President.
- **Jeff Wolff** as Membership Vice President.
- **Barry Sanders**, at-large board member.

This is a great lineup but they can't do everything by themselves. Ray already has a committee (but could certainly use your help if you have marketing ideas and/or experience). Jeff has the start of a committee but it's not nearly large enough yet, so please tell him if you are interested in helping. We'll help him recruit, but wouldn't it be great if a few people volunteered in this very critical area.

We all should be very excited about our prospects in 2011 with these leaders! ♥

### HOA Accepts Wildcard Invitation to Kansas City!

by Vince Perry III, Chorus Manager



PERRY

#### Kansas City Registrations!

Congratulations, HOA! You've done it and are now officially going to the "show"... again! That'll make it seven out of the last eight years HOA has competed in International, raising the HOA total number of international

competitions to 20!

Of course, now you have to start making preparations for the "long" trip to Kansas City. 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 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 be part of the HOA group order then, buy your registrations through the HOA KC Registration form to be in your hands soon.

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## HOA Golf Tournament

by Kent Miller, Chapter President



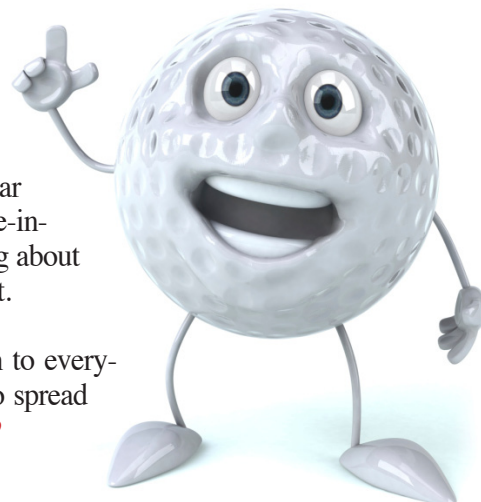
It's time to start thinking about next year's golf fund raising tournament. It will likely be either May 5 or May 12 at Falcon Lakes Golf Course. (we are waiting for the final numbers from the Pro and then we will finalize the date).

We scheduled it on a weekday last year to avoid conflicts with chapter shows, contests, and other weekend activities and it worked pretty well.

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.

Please begin to contact your golfer friends to alert them that our tournament will be sometime in early May. I promise you they will book other things early so let them know about this event. This year we would like to have a hole-in-one prize so please be thinking about someone who might sponsor it.

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



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## FROM THE MAILBOX

*Why didn't you tell me how good the Christmas programs were? It's all your fault that I've never been before last Saturday. All kidding aside, it was tremendous. I love your venue—Unity is beautiful! Such a feeling of peace on the campus. And, they even have a Starbucks coffee house. I will note on my calendars each year the first Saturday in December. Great, great job!*

*- Audience member*



## HOA Accepts Wildcard Invitation to Kansas City!

(Continued from front cover)

I will accept your orders with payment through Dec. 28. The pricing schedule has not changed from last year.

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 the Kansas City convention registration. It is included in your new member packet. If you plan to use one of these coupons, be sure to call the Nashville 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. If purchasing through *HOA*, remember you can save the four percent credit card convenience fee by paying with check or cash.

### International Registration Pricing for 2011:

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

Early-bird: \$139 + \$1.50 handling

After Jan. 15: \$165 + \$1.50 handling

### Non-Society members:

Early-bird: \$159 + \$1.50

After Jan. 15: \$179 + \$1.50

### Youth Pricing (25 & under):

Early-bird: \$69 + \$1.50

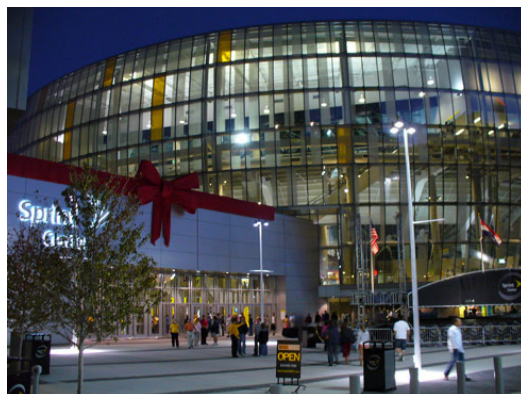
After Jan. 15: \$89 + \$1.50

### Family Four Pack (two adults, two youth from same household)

Early-bird: \$349 + \$6

After Jan. 15: \$379 + \$6

Additional youth: \$25 + \$1.50



The contest venue this year is the beautiful Sprint Center (shown above). No matter where you sit in the Sprint Center, you will have better seats than those in the *HOA* Section last year in Philly! 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!* ♥

## Xtra Mile Award



Photo courtesy of Ron McIntire

### Jeffi Combs October 2010

**Kent Miller** (left) presents **Jeffi Combs** with the October 2010 Xtra Mile Award which reads:  
In grateful recognition for your work putting together the lunches for the *HOA* group that made the sojourn to St. Charles, MO to visit the *Ambassadors of Harmony*.

### Gale Krause October 2010

(Not present to accept award)  
In grateful recognition for your work building the cotton bale stage prop for *HOA* to use at the CSD District Contest in Mason City, IA, October 8-10, 2010.

# “NOW THAT’S BARBERSHOP!”



Above: Dan Henry Bowser leads the Heart of America Chorus in “Keep The Whole World Singing,” during the Nov. 18 chapter rehearsal.

Photos courtesy of Ron McIntire

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

by Jerry Meier



**H**armony Explosion will be Saturday, Feb. 19, at Olathe East High School. Many junior and senior 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 junior and senior high schools need YOUR help to prepare the young men and women for Harmony Explosion. Most of the help is needed at the junior high level, as most of the high school groups already have previous barbershop experience.

A chorus director at the junior 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 you've heard over the years you have been a barbershopper. It's that simple. You will be a genius when you apply some of the things that you heard on the risers!

Volunteers will be needed at many schools in the Kansas City metro area, starting the week of Jan. 10, 2011, as the students prepare for Harmony Explosion. Please contact **Jerry Meier** (913-780-1822) if you are slightly interested in hearing more information about this opportunity.. ♥

## NEW MEMBER Spotlight

Here's your chance to learn more about the newest member of the Kansas City, Missouri, Chapter!  
Photo by **Ron McIntire**



**David "Dave" Jobe** ...is a first time HOAer but he's not new to barbershop. He sang baritone for a short while in the early '90s with the *Desert Sun Chorus* in Yuma, Arizona and later with members of the *Ambassadors of Harmony*, but never joined the AOH. He sang barbershop, Madrigal and in A cappella Choirs in High School and a lo-o-o-ng time ago, he sang doo-wop with a group called *Big Daddy Glasspack and the Muffler Kids*. He was Spare Part #1. Dave and his wife, **Sharon**, live in Odessa, MO and he's currently working at FAA as a manufacturing aviation safety inspector. He sings lead in the HOA chorus.



**Michael Meier** is a 7th grade student at Pioneer Trail Middle School in Olathe and he may be a first-time barbershopper but he's not new to music. It's hard to know how he fits all his musical activities into one day or even one year. He plays trumpet in the school band, the Jazz Band and the Sousa State Honor Band; he sings (SATB) tenor in Advanced Choir, the District Honor Choir and the KMEA State Honor Choir, and will compete with his barbershop quartet, the "Hot Digits," in next year's Harmony Explosion, singing baritone. Oh, and did we mention he writes music, plays a little piano and is taking trumpet lessons. Michael is the son of HOAer **Jerry Meier** and he sings tenor in the HOA Chorus. Don't you just hate it? ♥

# A GREAT BIG WELCOME TO YOU BOTH!



## Singing Valentines Right Around the Corner

by John Erwine, HOA SV Chairman

The first major HOA fundraiser of the 2011 year is fast approaching. 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.

Over the last two years, Valentine's

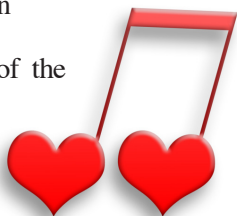
Day has fallen on the weekend, which definitely affected sales in a negative way. This year, it falls on Monday. What a great way to start the work week. And wouldn't it be nice to see the number of deliveries jump once again into the 250-plus range!

Most of our membership knows what a rewarding and fun event this 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.

So, it's time to begin thinking of how you can help with this most important fund-raiser. It's time to begin putting your quartets together, polishing up *Heart of My Heart* for quartet auditions and thinking of new ways we can build awareness in the community for this event.

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

It doesn't matter how you help with this event, just as long as you help. In whatever capacity you participate, you'll be helping to spread the word about the superior product that we offer. One additional thought: this is a great promotional tool to help advertise our upcoming spring show. Just think of the exposure we get during this time. Let's take full advantage of it. Contact me at [jerwine@kc.rr.com](mailto:jerwine@kc.rr.com). ♥



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## Another Adventure For Tone-Henge

by Ol' Bruce



Seemed like a good idea at the time – headline a show put on by two small chapters who are in the process of combining into one larger chapter. Well, there can be growing pains. They had the best of intentions, but the planning came up a bit short. During show week they didn't know how they would close the show, much less how the guest quartet was to be involved in the show closer. More significantly, there seemed to be a ticket-sales breakdown. The audience was pretty sparse, and almost all of the attendees bought the cheaper seats and were toward the back of the hall. That left a comedy quartet trying to relate to the four people we could see from the stage. Sigh.

The next quartet excursion was on the other side of the lights – all eight of us went to a performance of *Naturally 7*, an a capella vocal group who imitate musical instruments. The only things we all agreed on was that they were very loud and not barbershop. That didn't ruin it for the **Wenners** (maybe because we were sitting farther back) – we enjoyed their original numbers, and were impressed by the skill of the performers, especially the percussion and bass imitators. (the bass man is just a skinny little guy, but he has no bottom, and he has huge resonance all the way down) The other six of us, however, were sitting right up front, and they all left at the intermission. Might be some old fuddy-duddiness going on here – **Dan** just got his 62-year membership card, and **Jim** got his 50-year.

Next on the horizon is the Caroling Caravan. We just scheduled a rehearsal to get ready for our part in the caravan. You realize, that's a drastic step for us. ♥



## Year-End Giving Reminder

by Dale Neuman



The calendar will soon turn over to the end of the year—and remind us of how little time we have before the holidays will be here. We know we will be busy in our hobby with the joint Holiday Show, our Caroling Caravan for the Salvation Army, the first looks at new music for next year as well as starting the countdown to both hosting and competing in International in July here in KCMO.

We also know we will be busy wrapping gifts for family and friends as well as making travel plans to see them or head to a place with a warmer climate or, in the best of situations, do both at the same time! But December also is the month when many charitable organizations seek contributions to help them move in a positive way into the new year. And this year the needs are greater than in recent past because of the state of the economy. Barbershoppers have long had a reputation for being very generous with their time, talent and dollars when the case had been made to them for a worthy need. December also ends the calendar year for tax planning purposes—which is why charitable organizations step up their efforts to combine the holiday ethos of giving with the reminder that the taxman is waiting.

All of this is my way of asking in 2010 those of our members who are making such year-end charitable giving plans to include *HOA* among them. The Kansas City Chapter is a 501 (c) 3 organization under the IRS regulations and donations are tax deductible. IRS now obliges that all donations be of record with a receipt given to the donors. The appropriately-worded receipt for IRS tax deduction purposes will be provided by the *HOA* Treasurer.

Currently, the Chapter has several ways to make such cash donations: one can just make an “unrestricted” donation to the Chapter to be spent in ways determined by the Board, or one can give to the President’s Helpers Fund or one could contribute to the *HOA* endowment fund managed by the Truman Foundation.

The President’s Fund aids members in times of need to go to contest, retreat and in other ways to participate in the music education aspect of our hobby. The Endowment Fund is there to address special needs that might arise in the Chapter.

The President’s Fund is administered by the Chapter under guidelines provided by the Board. The Endowment fund can be used to support those things agreed to by the Board but is separately administered and invested for *HOA*. For more information about the Endowment Fund, contact **Kent Miller**.

So, please remember that old adage ‘*charity begins at home*’ and think about *HOA* as one of the worthy recipients you support at this time of the year this year! Happy Holidays! ♥



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## Harmony Foundation Report

by Jim Porter



Note that we will have our raffle each time we meet in our regular location.

By Board resolution, this year all of the proceeds from the raffle not given as prizes goes to Harmony Foundation. In return, the board is able to have the Foundation designate up to 30% of the fund to chapter activities such as Harmony Explosion.

As of Nov. 17, after 39 drawings (3 since last report):

The total collected for Harmony Foundation since the last report is \$68.

The total collected for the year to date (since Jan. 5, 2010) is \$1,670.

The total for the previous year was \$3,543 at this point.

The total in our best previous year (2006) was \$4,234.

The progressive jackpot stands at \$337. ♥

**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY**  
to the following  
**HOA MEMBERS!**

December 7	<b>Jim Davis</b>
December 9	<b>Ron Fortino</b>
December 10	<b>John Warrior</b>
December 16	<b>Val Putzier</b>
December 24	<b>Darrell McCune</b>
December 28	<b>Mike Loque</b>
December 30	<b>Grant Hunget</b>

## Sound Toward Beauty

by John Erwine, VP Membership



Last summer while looking through the HOA roster for additional inspiration relating to increasing

attendance and membership, I started counting the number of chapter members who have been inactive since I became a member in 2005. On occasion, some of these members came to visit; many I've yet to meet.

Most listed are longtime members and, obviously, must have special memories, untold other ties and allegiance to continue their membership with HOA. That got me to thinking about my experiences with the chorus since I joined, and why I've become so involved with it. I thought it might be interesting to put an email out to the chorus asking for comments and stories about why members joined, and most importantly, why do they come back week after week? And if unable to attend, why continue their relationship?

I had a number of responses and my hope was to incorporate them into our membership tools for each and every member. I'm going to begin by sharing this one. It was submitted by *himself*, **Ol' Dan Henry Bowser**, just this past August.

*"If 'Music Appreciation' is still a required course in 7th grade, I haven't heard anyone talk about it. People my age who were junior high or 'middle school' students remember the class well, and even though their attendance in the class was required, most are extremely grateful for it.*

*Grade school exposure to vocal music naturally focuses on unison singing of melody notes, but that 7th grade 'music appreciation' class not only had us performing great multiple harmonies,*



*but introduced us to every musical instrument. It was unforgettable!*

*Have you ever been asked to 'define' music? Well, here's the definition as per that class:*

***"Music is the creation of sound toward beauty."***

*Man, those last two words sure blow away many of today's "creations!"*

*That school exposure led to many more formal music classes. And add to that harmonizing at home with siblings and parents. I was hooked! So when time allowed and an invitation to join the Society was offered, this old coot jumped at the chance. That was over 60 years ago, but the thrill of a ringing chord still exists...the creation of sound toward beauty!*

*My first chapter was Topeka, Kansas. Although Topeka was an absolute delight, I always admired the Heart of America Chorus from Kansas City. They even came to Topeka and we went to Kansas City on meeting nights. "Inter-chapter relations" meant something in those days. I vowed that if the opportunity to move to Kansas City ever arose, I'd jump at it. I jumped in '59. You know the rest."*

I was pleased to ask Dan to read his story to the chorus at our Nov. 18 meeting, just prior to President **Kent Miller** presenting him with his 62<sup>nd</sup> membership renewal (see photo at left showing **Estyl** (left), **Dan** (center) with chapter president **Kent Miller**). You know it's impossible to embarrass Dan, or keep him within an allotted timeframe. What was also wonderful is how he embellished this story as he read on. As you can imagine, he made quite an impression.

It's certainly evident that time spent within the realm of barbershop harmony for Dan is the continuing love of *ringing chords* and doing it in a way that creates *sound toward beauty*. It must also resonate within many others who may not give a second thought to why they continue this activity or relationship week after week, year after year, even when it may become a difficult thing to do.

So from me, a special "thank you" to those longtime members who for many reasons are unable to visit and participate as desired, but continue to support us. I'll bet you've got stories and feelings every much as interesting as the one you just read. I'll also bet that all those feelings out there, if known, will help attract new recruits to this thing we call barbershop harmony.

I again extend this invitation to all: share your experiences and memories with us to be used as an extension of our membership toolbox (jerwine@kc.rr.com). Soon I'll be sharing more stories that I received that are just as inspirational, interesting and important.

Just so you know — you are making a difference. ♥

Photo courtesy of **Ron McIntire**



## Caroling Caravan V

by Mike Mathieu, Caravan Co-Chariman

**ALL MEMBERS PAST AND PRESENT AND GUESTS THAT CAN MAKE TWO REHEARSALS OF SONGS IN THE GREEN AND WHITE CHRISTMAS BOOKS ARE WELCOMED TO JOIN US ON THIS SPECIAL BELLRINGING DAY!**

**C**aroling Caravan V will be here before we know it. Dec. 18 is the designated date, and I'm sure it will be a great day for both the *Heart of America Chorus*, and the *Heart of America Salvation Army*. If you have that yearning to get back in the chorus with your brothers in harmony, this Saturday is that great opportunity you have been waiting for. If you know the songs in the green and white Christmas Song books, or guests that can make rehearsals Dec. 7 and 14 are welcomed to join in.

After literally two unbelievable years back to back, we have to grab ourselves by the bootstraps and get ready to rumble again this year. Old reliable, **Bob Burdick**, has contacted all the retirement homes that we used last year, and all our welcoming us back this year with open arms. For those of you with short memories, in 2008 we collected far and away our greatest total ever, \$11,388, and last year we again had a banner year of \$8,878 -- definitely the second-best year we have ever had, by almost \$4,000. So put on your track shoes and get in the starting blocks and get ready to fund-raise in the typical *Heart of America* fashion.

We'll start as usual at the Doubletree Hotel in Overland Park; be there ready to sing at 9:30 a.m. sharp. Uniform will be white shirt, black pants, black shoes and socks, black belt, red vest with matching tie, and the biggest smile and the brightest face you have ever brought to this event. Remember that the Salvation Army gives out their "Grand Award" for any group that raises \$1,000 or more than the previous year. We might as well win another of those gorgeous crystal awards! We'll have a drawing for that award, one ticket in the kitty for each performance that you attend. For any member that makes all performances, your ticket total doubles.

Performances in their order of appearance will be the Atriums, Forum, Town Village,

Grand Court, Silvercrest and Tallgrass Creek. Atrium kicks it off at 10:45, Forum at 11:45, we'll relax and lunch until 1 p.m. at the Town Village, then 2, 3 and 4 p.m. at the last three stops. We will again have a school bus, graciously underwritten by the fine folks at J.E. Dunn Construction.

As always, if you can't make all the performances, please join us for as many as you can. If you haven't been too regular in your singing with us of late, please do not hesitate to come along and join in when you can. If you feel the spirit, or if you would like to re-kindle it, feel free to join us at our rehearsals on Dec. 7 and 14 and we'll get you up to speed on the Christmas songs. If you don't have the exact uniform, we'll play like horseshoes, close is good enough! When the chorus sings the new repertoire songs, we will ask you to step out of the group.

Quartets, please see if you can arrange your schedules to join us for a portion of the day. The folks in the retirement homes always look forward to hearing two or three quartets for added entertainment value. If you need someone to help twist an arm or two in your quartet, please see me, Bob Burdick, or **Vince Perry**, three of the best "arm-twisters" I know.

We will have information sheets the two meetings prior to the engagement with complete details. If you know of anyone who regularly contributes to the Salvation Army but can't attend any of our performances that day, ask them to give you their check. Ask them to put it in a plain white envelope marked "Salvation Army/Heart of America Chorus."

If anyone would consider hosting a "Post Caroling Caravan Party" please let me know and we will add it to our information sheets. Thanks for all your help as we shoot for another banner year in our fund-raising efforts for the *Heart of America Chorus'* favorite charity! ♥

## Handful Too Busy to Rehearse

by Roy Manade

**I**t seems the members of the **New Harmony Handful** are a very busy group of men. So busy, in fact, that we were unable to find a day in October to get together. Does that mean we're too busy?

We were able to get in our regular monthly meeting in November for what turned out to be a very good rehearsal. After two months without singing together, it took us awhile to shake the rust off, but it turned out well. We started on some new music and there's more on the way. You've heard of **Tim** tracks and **Mark** tracks, but you ain't heard nothin' 'til you've heard **Jim** tracks.

Coming up on Dec. 15, we're scheduled to perform for the senior's group of the Blue Ridge Presbyterian Church. It's the church that allows us to use their facilities for our rehearsals. There's also the mention of food being involved.

Also in December, we're gathering with our wives for what has become our annual holiday rehearsal and party. This year it's at the lovely home of **Dave and Jeanne Hokanson**. Once again there was a mention of food involved. ♥





# Summary of October 2010 Board Meeting

by Rich Huyck

## FINANCE REPORT -

### Jim Porter

As of Oct. 31, 2010

- Unrestricted Funds: \$5609.67
- Restricted Funds: \$2047.60

## MARKETING/PUBLIC

### RELATIONS VP - Ray Young

- Approximately 5,300 Holiday Show flyers have been printed and mailed.
- Promotional materials have been posted on a number of local web-sites.
- Holiday Show program will be triple-fold format.

## MUSIC & PERFORMANCE VP - Mark Fortino

- Music team will determine contest songs for next year.
- Johnson County Community College contract for annual spring show will be for three years. Six month lead time will be required to accommodate changes in schedule. Performing Arts Series is not for local talent. JCCC will present our shows on their website and friends email lists. No monetary commitment required of HOA. Term would start in 2012.

## PROGRAM VP - Carl Turlin

- St. Peters Church has approved joint garage sale next fall.
- **Bill Biffle** and the DoubleTree Hotel have been contacted for the upcoming Installation Banquet. Two chapter quartets have committed to entertainment.

## MEMBERSHIP - John Erwine

Board agreed to accept **David Jobe** and **Michael Meier** as new members of the Kansas City Chapter.

## OLD BUSINESS:

### Singing valentines: John Erwine

- Singing Valentines HQ will be at Bank of Blue Valley location, Friday, Feb. 11.
- Set pricing for 8 hour window: \$55, pricing for 2 hour window: \$75, pricing for 1 hour window: \$110. Will keep \$5 discount for orders made through the web-site.
- Still looking for person that can perform the coordination of the tech stuff for next year.

### Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce membership: Ray Young

The Chamber will not barter for membership and will not use the chorus for their annual banquet this year. We will not pursue the membership this year.

### Holiday Show Update: Barry Sanders

- Headliner quartet will be **ZING!** 2009 Sweet Adelines International Champs
- MC's for the Shows: **Sherri Hart** and **Don Young**
- Meals and Afterglow will be same as in previous years.
- Ticket sales are a little behind last year because flyers were mailed late.

- Will have a contest to reward ticket sales for members. Will use honor system for members to report sales in increments of 10.
- HOA quartets are being solicited. *ListenUp* is the only committed quartet so far.

### Search for Program Vice President: Kent Miller

Still recruiting!

## NEW BUSINESS:

### International Contest Invitation Singing Order/Volunteers: Kent Miller

HOA received and accepted the invitation to sing in the 2011 International Chorus Contest.

Negotiations are underway to allow HOA an option for singing order in the contest.

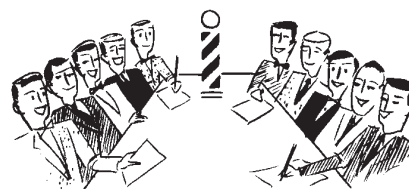
Website is active to sign up volunteers for International Convention. Estimated 42 have signed up so far.

### Friends of HOA: Kent Miller

The *Friends Of HOA* will be reactivated. Ray Young has the pins for \$100 donation.

### Holiday Show HOA Uniform: Kent Miller

Board agreed that *HOA Chorus* will wear Black Tux, Black Shirt, Red vest/tie on second half. ♥



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## Heart of America Chorus Calendar

**December 4**

**Holiday Harmony Spectacular**  
Unity Village - 2pm & 7pm

**December 18**

**Caroling Caravan**

**December 21 & 28**

**Holiday Break! Resume January 4!**

**January 15**

**Annual Installation Banquet at**  
**Doubletree Hotel**

This Christmas,  
remember:  
Our blessings  
outnumber  
the lights.

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