

# The Quarterly Bulletin of the Kansas City Heart of America Chorus

## HARMONOTES

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### HOA Autumn is Busy, Busy, Busy!

by Vince Perry, Chapter President



The past three months have been incredible! Many times after International Contest and continuing through the summer the chorus has a sharp decline in attendance. This year has been different. Immediately after Portland we had very good attendance at our "town hall" meeting where director **David Krause** resigned. Music in the Park came early this year and also helped keep guys in the habit of singing barbershop harmony on Tuesday nights. **Mark Fortino** was named HOA's director for a trial period of Aug. 1 through Oct. 31. As soon as Mark took the baton, his positive attitude, his high level of

commitment, and his infectious enthusiasm for the success of the *Heart of America Chapter and Chorus* became apparent. He immediately brought back more program variety which translated into more fun for everyone including several inactive members from HOA's past. Mark accepted the director's job for three months with an option to extend the agreement through the first of the year. I am very pleased to announce that Mark has agreed to serving the remainder of 2012. And to be honest the way Mark is making plans for next year's music program I tend to believe that he will be offered and will accept the HOA director's job for all of 2013! This is very good news for the chapter and chorus.

September was extremely busy with two major events placing high demands upon our members' time. The Golf Tournament was on Thursday, Sept. 20 at Falcon Lake Country Club just south of Leavenworth, KS. The turn out was excellent and the weather was totally awesome. It was a joy for **Rich Huyck** and me to just ride around the course taking pictures of the HOA golfers. As always, **Kent Miller** did a masterful job of putting the event together. The golf tournament save the annual show is HOA's single most successful fund raising event each year. Many thanks, Kent, for all you do!

The following weekend was the HOA Garage Sale. This year it was a combined sale with St Peter's United Church of Christ (where HOA meets). (Continued on page 2)

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## HOA Autumn is Busy, Busy, Busy!

(Continued from front cover)

My hat's off to the membership and the *Heartbeats* for literally filling the fellowship hall with garage sale items. It was awesome, baby! Because of road work on Holmes Road, the garage sale traffic was about non-existent yielding disappointing sales. Because of the massive amount of stuff left over at the end of the sale it was decided that the sale should run the following Saturday when Holmes Road was in full repair. This was done resulting in the HOA's most profitable garage sale to date! **Carl Turlin** and *Heartbeat* President **Marci Brown-Turlin** did a wonderful job of organizing and running the sale. Many thanks to Carl and Marci!

Next up was the Central States District Contests in Altoona, Iowa. I think everyone had a great time. The contest venue and warm-up rooms were great as was the HOA hotel the Adventureland Inn. The Adventureland-Inn had two gigantic swimming pools which were used by many barbershoppers kids and grandkids including my grandkids **Nick** and **Abby Perry** who live in nearby Albia, IA. This was the second year for the flat floor venue and I think everyone thought it worked very well. Unlike last year, the stage was a permanent one with a curtain. The giant screens on each side gave everyone a good view of every quartet and chorus.

HOA did a great job and really looked sharp in our new white tux coats. Many thanks to director **Mark Fortino** for pushing us out of our comfort zone of going to yet one more contest in our black tuxedos. HOA placed third in the contest behind the *Kansas City Metro Chorus Central Standard* and the Fremont, NE *Pathfinder Chorus*. They were both awesome and HOA is so proud of them for the high standards they continue to bring to the Central States District chorus contests.

*Central Standard* won the contest and received the automatic invitation to the Toronto International Contest next July. However they declined the invite and Fremont has subsequently decided to take their place as the CSD representative. Just a week ago, HOA received a wildcard invitation to compete in Tornoto. This was really a great honor to be sure and presented the chapter leadership with the tough decision "to go or not to go?" HOA had only two days to make the decision. After a Tuesday night chapter discussion, a Music Team meeting, and a Board meeting, it was decided that HOA would not accept the invitation. I'm proud of the Chapter for the excellent way this decision was made whereby giving everyone present a chance to express their opinion.

In the quartet contest HOA had several quartets: *Homeward Bound* (**Mark Yeokum, Carl Turlin, Don Fuson, Alex Tate**) came in 21st; *Vocal Ambush* (**Ted Kelley, Brian Wain, Michael Hillenburg, Jay Bartlett**) was 18th; *Priorities* (**Tracy Dame, Jeff Garrard, Jerry Garrard, Tim Anderson**) was 17th; and *Resonation* (**Craig Wilcox, Jeff Wolff, Jake Wozniak, Jonathan Andrews**) came in 14th. Finishing in the top ten were *BoomTown* (**Zane Sutton, Calen Fouse, Aaron Walker, Shaun Whisler**) coming in 5th, *State Line Rivals* (**Tom Elfson, Grant Hunget, Dan Casamatta, Alex Scott**) was 4th and *Premium Blend* (**Austin Veteto, Mark Fortino, Adam Veteto, Jeff Veteto**) was 3rd.

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*Dominant Prep* and *Full Effect*, both from St. Charles, MO came in 1st and 2nd respectfully. Many thanks to all the *HOA* quartets for representing the Chapter so well. *HOA* is very proud of you!

After district *HOA* busy schedule continued. Bring on the holiday music and bring on the first annual CSD Youth Chorus Fund Raiser Show being hosted by none other than the *Heart of America Chorus*. The concert was held at the Unity Village Auditorium at 2PM on Saturday, October 27. It was a spectacular show starring Vocal Spectrum and the CSD youth chorus The Recruits. Also on the show were Central Standard (current CSD Chorus Champions), *HOA*, a Harmony Explosion Youth quartet, and *HOA*'s own Premium Blend! Many thanks to Mark Fortino for his work in bringing this show to Kansas City and to Mike Schumacher and his riser crew for working tirelessly to prepare the stage to hold almost 200 singers in the combined Festival Chorus in the finale. Everyone had a great time and some serious money was made to help send the Recruits Chorus to the Society's Mid-winter Convention being held in Orlando, FL this January.

Oh yes, the Tuesday after district contest *HOA* had an impromptu Bush League quartet contest. Everyone had a blast as thrown together quartets sang their way through some of the old polecat songs. Laughter and fun prevailed on a massive scale!! Many thanks to all!

And believe it or not during all these events and activities the chapter was still able to follow the Society's Rules and Regulations and elect a new set of Chapter Officers and Board Members at Large for 2013. The Nominating Committee comprised of Mike Mathieu, Rich Huyck, and Carl Turlin did an outstanding job. Many thanks guys for a job well done.

As you can see, *HOA* is one busy chapter! Whether it's next week or next year, you can count on the Kansas City, Missouri Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society and the *Heart of America Chorus* to continue representing musical excellence in Kansas City all the while perpetuating the great American art form we call Barbershop Quartet Singing. It's great to be an *HOA* Barbershopper! ♥



## Your 2013 Board Teamwork Makes the Dream Work

by Carl Turlin, Nominating Committee Member

Let's congratulate our new slate of incoming officers for 2013! They are the following:



**John Erwine** – President

**Vince Perry** – Immediate Past President

**Kent Miller** – Exec. V.P.

**Carter Combs** – Music V.P.

**Jerry Meier** – Membership V.P.

**Joe Mathieu** – Program V.P.

**David Jobe** – Marketing V.P.

**Rich Huyck** – Board Secretary

**Jim Clark** – Operations V.P.

**Jim Porter** – Treasurer

Board Members at Large – **Marlin Weidler, Tony O'Brien** and **Barry Sanders**

Next year's board is a mixture of ages and experiences in that some of the guys have been around for 20+years, while a couple have been around *HOA* less than five! Nevertheless, each man brings enthusiasm and dedication to his job. Eight of them have full time jobs while four of them work from their home and several of them have part time jobs. Two of them are still raising families. My point: each of them took on a job with *HOA*, IN ADDITION to their other commitments. So, please know that they count on the teamwork of the other board members to help them work on the mission of moving the *HOA* chapter forward.

Perhaps next year, you will be asked to help with a board position. If so, remember that our board works as a team and you can count on the other guys pitching in whenever there's a problem.

You're not alone in your job. These guys count on your input, so take the time to let them know your concerns about the chapter. You're invited to each and every board meeting, so please drop in and just listen to the quality of discussion, questions, clarifications and teamwork. ♥





# HOA With A Focus And An Attitude!

by Mark Fortino, Director



Yes it is true, I have agreed to direct through 2013!!! I hope you are all ready for what is to

come. I don't do many things "kinda sorta" and as nice of a guy as I try to be, I do have an attitude and a determination that can't be described...you'll just have to experience it for yourself! If you want references just talk to any of my past quartet brothers. Let's just say that I picked the correct part when I joined this society back in 1984...LEAD!

I've been around a lot of different leaders throughout my career and have witnessed many different styles of leadership. There really isn't a right or wrong way to lead, however, if you are put in a leadership position, you are there for a reason and it's not to follow,...it's to LEAD! I have been very fortunate to have experienced a great deal of success over the years in everything I've had the opportunity to get involved in, both personally and professionally. Some people say it's luck, I say it's God! I pray...A LOT! I talk...A LOT! I listen...A LOT! But then I surround myself with talented people, I set a clear vision that those talented people can latch on to...AND THEN CHARGE FULL STEAM AHEAD! So HANG ON!

When I became the new Director of the *Heart of America Chorus* back in July I outlined a very focused plan for our chapter. It's very simple:

- 1) Make the Tuesday night experience so much fun that guys will always be asking themselves: "IS IT TUESDAY YET?"
- 2) MEMBERSHIP will be the focus of every member of our Board, our Music Team, our this committee our that committee, you name it, if you belong to this chapter nothing will be of greater importance than MEMBERSHIP!

That is it! We improve the Tuesday night experience and take care of our membership and grow our membership and our chapter will thrive for many years to come!

The plan is already working as attendance was strong for August, September and October. We also saw more guests showing up from other chapters and potential new society members. Our performance on the contest stage was very good. If we would have had more than a few weeks to work on our new presentation package I believe our set would have been well into the A's. We had a great showing for the Youth Benefit Show on Oct. 27 and I can feel the momentum in this chapter building.

I am pleased to announce that **Jerry Garrard** has agreed to come back as our Associate Director. Jerry brings a great deal of talent and energy to our musical leadership team and I'm blessed to have him by my side.

Brother **John Fortino** will continue to visit us and coach us as he did going into the District Contest. John's musical skills and knowledge have always been a blessing to me my entire life. His support and continued commitment to this chapter will help set this chapter apart as we build our ranks during 2013.

We are now in full swing for the Holiday Harmony Spectacular. KFKF will be promoting the show this year! KFKF is the only Christmas Music Station in the metro area. In exchange for HOA along with the *KC Chorus of Sweet Adelines* singing carols at Union Station the Friday after Thanksgiving as part of their Sounds of the Season event, they are providing us a full week of radio spots promoting our show!

If you think that's BIG you ain't seen nothin' yet! I hope to have some major news to announce before the end of the

year. Let's just say that if there was ever a year to consider being a member of Kansas City Chapter, there may never be another year quite like 2013...let's just say that if we aren't well on our way to 100 men on our risers by this time next year, I will be surprised. Too many BIG things are in store that should put us well over 100 men IF everyone stays focused on...1) The Tuesday night experience and 2) MEMBERSHIP!

If you haven't been to a chapter meeting in a while...well...I'm sorry...IS IT TUESDAY YET? :) Hope to see ya'll very soon!!!



# Turning Stuff into Income for the HOA or The 2012 Garage Sale

by Carl Turlin

The 2012 Garage Sale encountered some logistical “opportunities” to overcome and all-in-all, did a pretty good job of raising money anyhow. The folks at our rehearsal location, St. Peter’s United Church of Christ, agreed to co-host our joint sale in late September. **Pastor Jody**, the Garage Sale expert, who has organized sales in the United States and Great Britain, met with me and outlined her plan. It was her turf and her plan, so I certainly went along with her ideas. She even mapped out which areas were assigned which kind of rummage for each group.

We agreed on a time line; put out the news to each group of potential volunteers and signed up everybody that would help. Guys from *HOA* and ladies from the *Heartbeats* pitched in on the sorting and labeling nights and showed up early on the two sale dates, Sept. 28 & 29. Unfortunately, a water main broke and buckled Holmes Road next to the church two days before the sale. The Saturday before that, Pastor Jody was taken to the hospital with chest pains and remained in the hospital through the day prior to the sale.

Consequently, the church secretary **Melanie**, found herself organizing the last minute details in between her two part time jobs. She and I kept in close communication and the *HOA* guys and *Heartbeat* gals pitched in early both mornings to be ready for customers. Not many showed on those two days, so we decided to continue the sale the next Saturday, Oct. 6. With the information on both Facebook and Craigslist, we were able to draw folks in who might otherwise have not known about our sale.

Donations included several televisions, scanners, shelving units, many clothes for all ages, lots of books, cd’s, vhs tapes, woodcraft items, kitchen goods, and a large desk and entertainment center. The volunteers went beyond the call of duty helping folks bag-up and load-up, with one group of *HOA* guys even delivering a desk to a customer’s house and setting up his computer for him!

The income from the sale will total nearly \$1,250, after I figure out how to sell the really old books that I still have in a box. So, as you might guess, we might do this again next year, so be ready to donate some stuff to the *HOA* Garage Sale in 2013! ♥



Rich Huyck, Heartbeat President Marci Brown-Turlin and Jim Clark working at the cashier's table at the HOA Garage Sale.



Rich Huyck, Bruce Wenner and Tony O'Brien discussing how to get the keys to open a donated truck tool box (from Vince Perry).



John Braden, Don Fuson, Kent Miller and Rich Huyck talking to some customers and trying to get the guy to sing a tag with'em. (He did!)



Rich Huyck, John Braden, Kent Miller and Don Fuson loading a desk onto John Erwine's truck, so they can deliver it to a customer. (Linda Fuson is barely visible, offering support and prayer behind the desk)

Photos courtesy of Carl Turlin



# HOA Golf Fundraiser

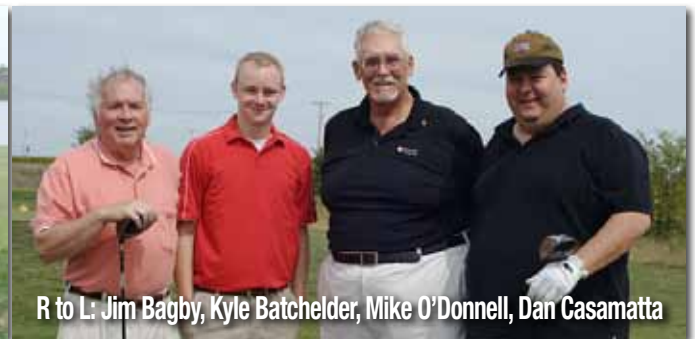
Article by Kent Miller, Photos courtesy of Rich Huyck

**HOA's** 6th annual golf tournament is history and although we are used to worrying about the weather it turned out to be an absolutely wonderful day!

This year we had 14 foursomes, up from 9.5 foursomes in 2011. It's hard to tell if the increase was because of the September date (the last few years the tournament was held in May), or because the economy is better, or, as I prefer to think, more of you decided that this is a great event in which you and your golfer friends should participate.



Ray Young's foursome (Ray is the right)



R to L: Jim Bagby, Kyle Batchelder, Mike O'Donnell, Dan Casamatta



Harvey Shapiro's (blue hat) foursome



Barry Sanders's (In the yellow shirt) foursome



Kneeling Carl Turlin's foursome



Mike O'Dell's foursome (Mike is in the dark blue shirt)



Director Emeritus  
Jim Bagby tees off



# September 20, 2012

My conclusion is influenced by the record \$2,700 in prizes we had this year, by the plentiful food, by the abundant fun, and reinforced by the number of people who have already told me they are bringing even more people next year.

Sometimes (because we are having so much fun) we forget that the golf tournament ranks very high in importance to *HOA* as a fundraiser. Please be proud that the 2012 event was one of the best ever in terms of funds raised.

This tournament could not have happened without the help of chapter members, spouses, and their families, and while we cannot possibly include all of the names, we extend our thanks and appreciation to all who helped in this event. ❤️



L to R: Brad Dawdy, Doug Brott, Duane Lawson, Brad Stephens



From Left -2nd Bob Burdick, 4th-Kevin Tritsch



R to L: Jana Henderson, Don Young, Mike Schumacher, Kevin Schumacher



Rick Foreman's foursome  
(Rick is on the far right)



These guys are ringers.



Check out the professional pose!



Jeff Wolff's foursome - Jeff is on the far left



## HOA Contributes To Food Pantry

by Larry Colburn

The *Heart of America Chorus* continues to show its “heart” by contributing biweekly to the food pantry of their host church, St. Peter’s United Church of Christ. The pantry is an outreach ministry of the Church to the immediate surrounding neighborhood.

During any given month the pantry provides food supplements to 25 to 50 family units in need. In these financially tenuous times many single parent families, older parishioners on fixed incomes, and families out of work are in need of assistance to make it through the month.

For those of you that measure success in numbers, they are as follows: *HOA* has given in the last four years an average of just under 1,800 food items per year. Last year’s highest contribution was 2,086 items. Currently through October the *HOA* total is 1,988 items which seems to indicate that 2012 may be higher than last year’s record total. Time will tell as there are at least four more opportunities to contribute through November and December giving on the **second and fourth Tuesday of the month.**

Contributions to the Pantry is just one method that *HOA* continues to show its philanthropic spirit. *HOA* is far more than a bunch of “pretty faces” (sic.) on the risers enjoying singing. *HOA* is a giving part of the spirit and soul of the midwestern greater community that is called Kansas City. *HOA* is a group of young men, sons, fathers, and friends joined in the “spirit of song” giving back to our community. ♥



## “My Experience at Harmony University”

by Jakob Wozniak



Long before I went to Harmony University, I had an almost mythical impression of it. I really had no idea what it was, or where it was. All I knew was that it was some sort of gathering—a place where the best barbershoppers in the world met to sing songs and tags. On Youtube, I had found video after video of world class barbershoppers singing the most beautiful and stunning tags ever known to man. From what I could tell, the whole thing seemed to take place in an especially loud stairwell somewhere, where even the softest tags would ring for days. So when the chance to actually go to this mysterious Harmony University came to me, I leapt! When you sign up for that one week at Harmony U, you’re sent a packet of songs, learning media, class information, and everything you need to know. I literally digested these songs, learning bar front to back, then learning my favorites of the other parts (like any bar does unwittingly). This was an easy task, since I was unemployed at the time. The week before the whole thing, I learned that Old School would be headlining the Saturday night show. I could see it all: meeting Joe Connely, singing a tag or song with some of the champs, and learning some of these new and awesome tags.

I didn’t particularly know what I was in for, but what I did know was that I had to find this stairwell—this mecca of chord-worshippers. When I arrived at the Northwestern Missouri State campus, I found the registration table with no problems at all. Everything at Harmony University is made simple and clear by the staff and faculty. The staff at Harmony U is just fantastic. After quickly pointing out where the fabled Tag Temple is, as well as the ice cream machine (yes, infinite free ice cream), they helped me work out a custom curriculum completely based on the classes I most wanted to take.

The classes at Harmony U are out of this world. If you’re a total barbershop nerd (i.e. a baritone or bass), and you want to eat, sleep, and breathe barbershop for seven days straight, you need to check it out. Even if your ear is not particularly inclined to barbershop (i.e. a lead or tenor), they have classes for every level! Along with my other classes, I was able to bypass music theory in favor of The History of Barbershop, taught by some guy named David Wright. I also managed to audition my way into the Honors Chorus, led by Joe Cerutti. The Honors Chorus will always be a special memory—the quality of that group of singers was profound. For that 4:00pm slot every day that week, I got to take part in a chorus that made the most moving, spiritual, and exciting music I’ve ever performed. I honestly don’t know if I’ll ever sing in a group at quite that level again, but the memories will always remain.



All in all, the amount of information I was taking in from morning till midnight every day was immense! Not only was I learning about barbershop choral sound in my 10am Sound Management class, but I was practicing it every afternoon with the same teacher! And trust me, at Harmony U, you will sing all day and all night. Everyone quickly learns that they must drink lots of water and find rest whenever possible to survive! Plenty of over-zealous "Lover Come Back"-ers and "Last Night"-ers found it a little more difficult to belt 'em out come Thursday.

The final show on Saturday night was simply incredible. Three college-assembled choruses, the Sound of the Rockies chorus, a few quartets and Old School hit the stage in downtown St. Joe. I performed with the Honors Chorus, and along with singing the best barbershop set of my life, we sang "Tis the Gift to be Simple" with Tim Waurick, who made a surprise cameo. The show went out with a bang (a very loud and precise bang) with Old School.

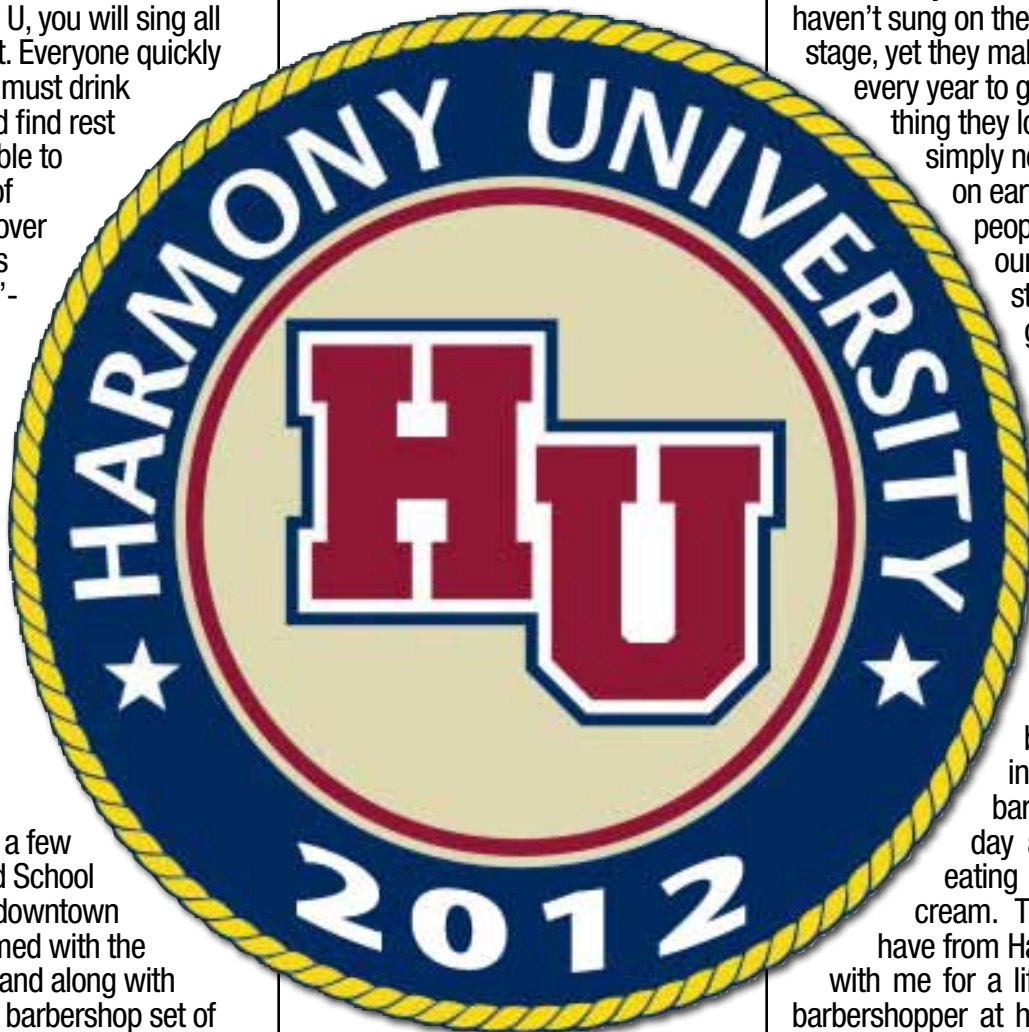
After the Saturday night show, we had our last night to enjoy Tag Temple. It was, surprisingly, a lot like I had imagined it would be. For one thing, it was practically an AIC sing-off for much of the night! It produced the most fantastic tag singing that I've ever witnessed. There were so many

beautiful tags and songs in that room, that it was packed with people who were there just to listen. Neither the crowd nor I could get enough of that night, and for that matter, the week. I listened and sang tags that night till the last dog died.

happening with individual singers! I saw a classroom of chorus directors make profound breakthroughs in their individual singing almost every day—I kid you not. People go to Missouri from all over the world for this week of education, immersion and great music. Many of the people I met haven't sung on the international stage, yet they make this journey every year to get better at the thing they love most. There's simply no better place on earth to meet more people who love our art, all of them striving to make great music.

Needless to say, I had an incredible time at Harmony University, and I highly recommend it to anyone who wants to spend a week of their life learning about barbershop, meeting people who love barbershop, singing day and night, or just eating lots of (free) ice cream. The experiences I have from Harmony U will stay with me for a lifetime. If you're a barbershopper at heart, this place is made for you. ♥

Watching all the great performances of choruses and quartets that had just come off a week of coaching and education was not only an experience in itself, but also a reaffirmation of a maxim that I'd slowly been learning: you can always improve. I watched the most amazing transformations every day. They happened in my chorus constantly as we changed the way we performed and sang over the week. But perhaps more amazingly, transformations were





## Jerry Snyder

by Ron McIntire



Hardly anyone knew Jerry was around. He was so quiet, yet he always seemed to be there, doing what he could to support the chapter when and wherever he was needed.

Jerry joined the Kansas City Chapter in 1994 and found his place in the *HOA chorus*—most of the time standing on the right end of the risers and almost always on the second row. That place suited him best because he was not tall man. Most would agree, he had a strong, bass voice.

He loved music, especially barbershop music. Jerry had a kind heart too. For a number of years he stopped by to pickup **Jim Moynihan** to bring him to St. Peter's and to chorus performances, partly because he could but mostly because it was in his nature.

Jerry died of cancer Aug. 8, 2012 at the age of 82. He was a barbershopper for 25 years.

Thirty-eight past and present members of *HOA* were on hand at his funeral at Mt. Moriah & Freeman Funeral Home to sing *Friends* and *I Believe* under the direction of Emeritus Director, **Jim Bagby**. ♥

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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 Oct. 24, after 39 drawings (13 since last report):

- The total collected for Harmony Foundation since the last report is \$262.
- The total collected for the year to date is \$793.
- The total for the previous year was \$869.
- The total two years ago was \$1,602.

**Jim Clark** hit the jackpot and won \$505 on Oct. 23. ♥

## TICKLERS

By George



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"George" is George Scarbo, of Cleveland Chapter, who drew this long before he joined SPEBSQSA.





**...to the following HOA MEMBERS!**

November 3 **Larry Colburn**  
 November 7 **Al Higgins**  
 November 8 **Tom Gray**  
 November 10 **Kent Miller**  
 November 20 **Dick Korek**  
 November 23 **Brooke Meyers**  
 November 24 **Mike O'Dell**  
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 November 28 **Vince Perry III**  
 November 29 **Paul Winans**

December 7 **Jim Davis**  
 December 9 **Ron Fortino**  
 December 16 **Val Putzier**  
 December 24 **Darrell McCune**  
 December 28 **Mike Louque**  
 December 30 **Grant Hunget**  
 December 31 **Dave Jobe**

January 1 **John McConnell**  
 January 3 **Don Newman**  
 January 7 **Harvey Shapiro**  
 January 9 **Bob Rutherford**  
 January 10 **Oly Oldehoeft**  
 January 13 **Roy Manade**  
 January 25 **Bob Burdick**  
 January 27 **Daniel Fortino**  
 January 30 **Rick Foreman**  
 January 31 **Brian Bellof**

**DEADLINE** FOR THE WINTER ISSUE OF *HARMONOTES*:

**JANUARY 23**

## Ticket Sale Contest For HHS Show

by Barry Sanders



Hopefully, by now, you have heard about the contest that we are running within both choruses for selling tickets to this year's HHS show. Just for clarification purposes, here are the rules:

- 1)** We have extended the deadline for eligibility in the contest to Nov. 15, so you still have 2-1/2 weeks left to go sell tickets.
- 2)** To be eligible for the contest, you have to sell at least 10 tickets to the show. The actual number of tickets you sell will determine the number of times your name will be entered in the drawing, so (for instance) if you sell 20 tickets to the show, you would have twice the number of chances to have your name drawn that you would have if you sold 10 tickets.
- 3)** Due to our policy - this year - of giving a \$5 discount off of any priced ticket (\$15, \$20, or \$25) for group sales of 10 or more, that applies to you as the contest entrant. Therefore, you are perfectly eligible to purchase 10 of the \$20 tickets (for instance) for \$150 (with \$5 discount per ticket) and then go sell those 10 tickets for face value or whatever you want to sell them for, or even to give them away to your friends and relatives. This would be a great way for you to become eligible for the drawing AND to help us sell out the venue for both shows. Let's be frank - we work very hard to prepare for this show each year; isn't it more rewarding to do that with the seats full rather than half full? This is a good way for you to support your chorus' goal of making significant dollars on this show - each chorus receives half of the net profits.

This should be an easy sell - \$15 - \$20 - or \$25 is a bargain for hearing Vocal Spectrum alone, much less getting to hear each of our choruses, plus the combined chorus with 8-part harmony, plus the other quartets, and on and on...

The winner of the drawing wins a brand new 32-inch flat screen color TV!

Now go out there and **sell, sell, sell!** ♥



## New Member Spotlight

by Ron McIntire



**Steve Keisker** is a first time barber-shopper living in Independence, MO with his wife **Brenda** and step daughter. He is a graduate of Central Missouri

State University (now UCM) and is a middle school Paraprofessional (Teacher's aid). His musical background includes singing in the choir in high school and college and in his church choir. He sings bass in the *HOA Chorus*. ♥

**WELCOME, STEVE!**  
**GLAD TO HAVE YOU**  
**SINGING WITH US!**



## You Could Have Best Seat In the House Next Spring (And Help The Recruits Get to Mid-Winter)

Did you ever say "I could judge this contest as well as those guys?" Well, here's your chance! You can have a seat right up front on the Central States District judging panel at the spring convention in McPherson, Kansas. You'll choose your scoring category: **Singing, Presentation or Music**. You don't have to know the specifics about any of those, because your scores won't count. But you have access to the category descriptions prior to the contest and can bone up. Or you can just let your experience and gut feel guide you.

You'll wear an official judge badge, attend the pre-contest briefing, eat Friday dinner, Saturday lunch and dinner with the judges, have access to the judges' hospitality suite and get the same scoring sheet the judges use, with your name pre-printed on it. You'll get to be part of the comparison when the scores are tabulated. And your name will be footnoted on the official scoring summary.

How can you be the one person who lands this singular, first-time-ever honor? Very simple. You pay for it. And the money will go to help get our first-ever youth chorus, *The Recruits*, to the international competition in Las Vegas this coming January.

It's a simple bidding process that begins now at \$200 and ends at midnight, Dec. 31. The McPherson con-

vention is the weekend of April 19-21, so the winning bidder will have lots of time to prepare his or her judicial chops. Help will be available from any member of the CSD contest and judging community. More on that later.

All you need to know now is that you go to [rrs@mdsi.kscoxmail.com](mailto:rrs@mdsi.kscoxmail.com) and enter your tax-deductable bid. No one will see it except the administrator of this philanthropic venture, **Bob Swenson** of Manhattan, Kan. As you bid, your name will be added to a Yahoo email group. At least once a week, and more often if the number of bids dictates, Bob will post to the group the top bid (but not the name of the bidder), much like a silent auction, and send that out to all who have bid. We also expect to announce the top bid to the district, through other lists, to spark additional interest.

We'll announce the winner Jan. 2 and work with that person to make him or her comfortable for the experience in McPherson.

If you have questions, contact the CSD vice president of contest and judging, **Jim Bagby**, at [jbagby3@kc.rr.com](mailto:jbagby3@kc.rr.com). However, this is a not as much a C&J undertaking as an effort by the district leadership to support *The Recruits* in their challenging fund-raising effort leading to the Mid-Winter competition. ♥





## BARBERSHOPPER OF THE MONTH



### Kent Miller - September 2012

Chapter President **Vince Perry** (left) presents **Kent Miller** with the Barbershopper of the Month for Sept. 2012 which states: In grateful appreciation for your work planning, organizing, advertising and collecting prizes for the 2012 HOA Golf Tournament at Falcon Lakes Golf Club in Basehor, KS, Sept. 20, 2012. Photo courtesy of **Ron McIntire**.

## EXTRA MILE AWARD



### Carl Turlin - October 2012

Chapter President **Vince Perry** (left) presents **Carl Turlin** with the Extra Mile Award for Oct. 2012 which states: In grateful appreciation for your hard work planning, organizing and running the Heart of America Garage Sale, Sept 28-29 and Oct 6, 2012 in support of the Heart of America Chorus. Photo courtesy of **Ron McIntire**.

## EXTRA MILE AWARD



### Martin Oldehoeft - October 2012

Chapter President **Vince Perry** (right) presents **Marty Oldenhoeft** the EMA for Oct. which reads: In grateful recognition for your work making all the arrangements, coordinating and securing the white tux coats for the Heart of America performing chorus. Photo courtesy of **Ron McIntire**.

## EXTRA MILE AWARD



### Jim Bagby, E/Dir - October 2012

Chapter President **Vince Perry** (right) presents **Jim Bagby** the EMA for Oct. which reads: In grateful appreciation for your work in time and effort coaching the Heart of America Chorus in preparation for the CSD District Contest, Oct. 12-14, 2012. Photo courtesy of **Ron McIntire**.



# ALTOONA ACTION!

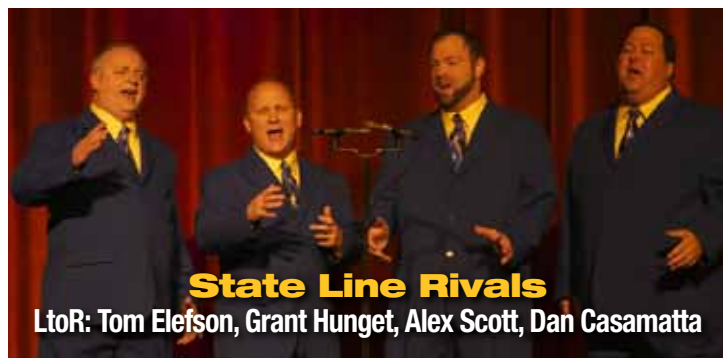
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**Homeward Bound**

LtoR: Don Fuson, Carl Turlin, Alex Tate, Mark Yeokum



**State Line Rivals**

LtoR: Tom Elefson, Grant Hunget, Alex Scott, Dan Casamatta



**Vocal Ambush**

LtoR: Michael Hillenburg, Jay Bartlett, Brian Wain, Ted Kelley



**Priorities**

LtoR: Tracy Dame, Jeff Garrard, Tim Anderson, Jerry Garrard



**Premium Blend**

LtoR: Austin Veteto, Mark Fortino, Adam Veteto, Jeff Veteto



**Resonation**

LtoR: Craig Wilcox, Jeff Wolff, Jonathan Andrews, Jake Wozniak



**Heart of America Chorus** - Mark Fortino, Director



# *Holiday Harmony Spectacular*

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# Harmony Happenings In The Hills

by John Erwine, Executive Vice President, Photos courtesy of Joann Bagby



I've heard about this special event for a number of years from our friend

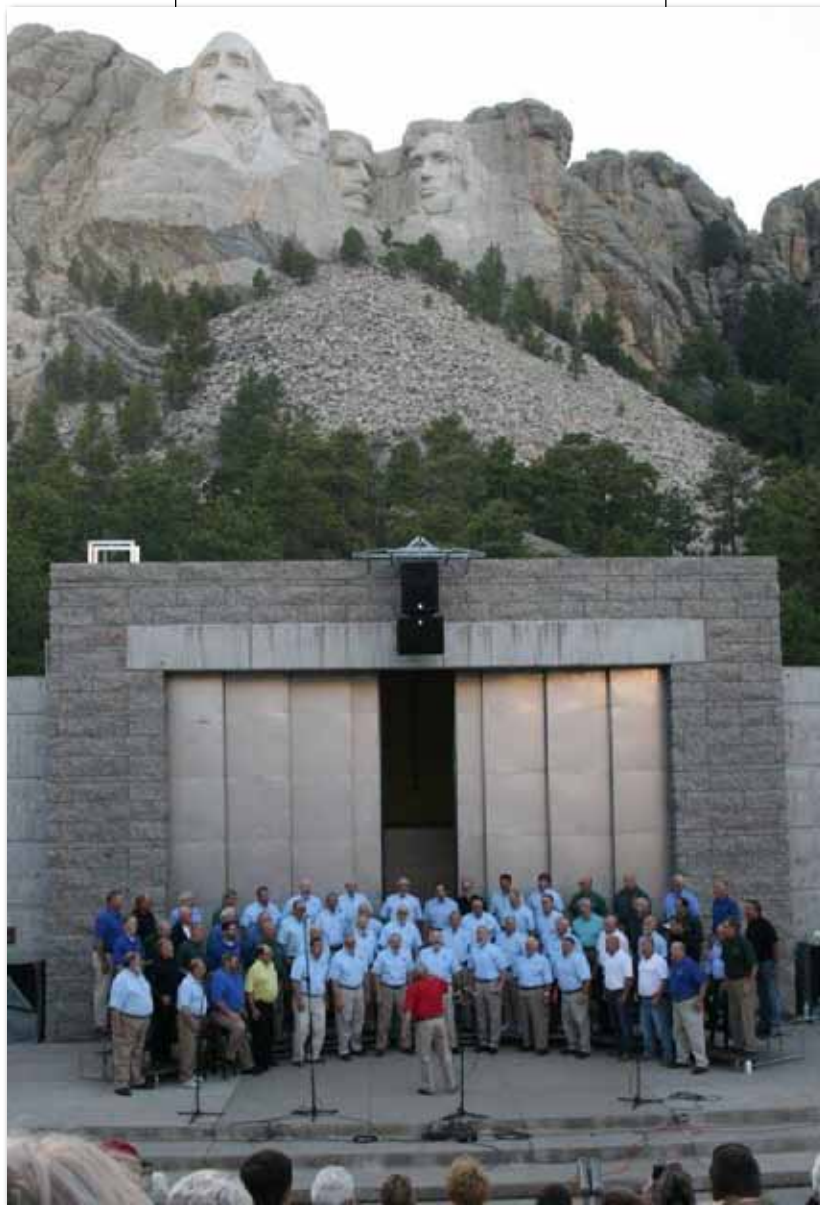
played by a true artist. This one wasn't, and I couldn't turn down the volume or change stations.

My problem was – my brother. Terry played first chair violin in high school. He

My wife was supposed to be accompanying me on this trip but due to a work situation was unable. Terry was my last hope as I really didn't want to drive by myself. As I said, he was a first chair violinist, but a so-so mandolin player – really so-so. The true quandary here is that he actually custom builds mandolins and violins, which he's superb at, but doesn't play well. However, that doesn't discourage him. In fact I think he prefers it that way. If he had a cob pipe and clay jug it would be perfect. Besides, he wasn't feeling at all well nor did he all weekend. I slipped my learning CD into the player.

Jim Bagby. A group of barbershoppers from all over the Midwest converge for a weekend just outside of Rapid City near Mt. Rushmore. They gather for a day and practice pre-selected music, which is then sung that evening from the amphitheater at the Shrine of Democracy, overlooked by the four faces far above.

He has always maintained that it continues to be his favorite event, referring to the deep patriotic feeling it embellishes deep within. He suggests that everyone should have the opportunity to attend and experience it once in their lifetime. So, thinking I probably shouldn't take any more chances, why not go this year? This was the 21<sup>st</sup> annual Harmony Happening In the Hills in the Black Hills of South Dakota, and he was to be this year's clinician. I believe this was also going to be his 7<sup>th</sup> time to direct the mass sing.



The mass sing of 60 voices from Michigan, Utah, Colorado, Missouri, the Dakotas', Nebraska, Iowa and perhaps others I've missed, was a total success. It was indeed a very emotional and heart-warming experience. After, and as dusk settled in, a Park Ranger stood before the crowd narrating the history of the monument accompanied by pictures. As he was speaking and the night growing ever darker, the lights that shown on the four faces became increasingly brighter.

Finally, those stone figures

It must have been somewhere close to Vermillion that I decided I couldn't take it any longer. I've got nothing against bluegrass music. I even like it in reasonable doses. I like the sound of a mandolin, especially when it's being

played our dad's violin. Dad and his sister both played violin during high school in Artesian, SD, where they grew up. They were born in Harwood, ND, adjoining the Red River near Fargo, but moved at a young age to Artesian.

seemed to exude a determined presence that must have reflected their purpose in life. (Continued on page 17 ➡)



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Making this outing even more enjoyable was being able to share it with Dr. Gerald Lee, a retired Cardiologist who works out at the cardiac rehab facility where Jim and I go each week. He also is a member of Jim's infamous CardioJam barbershop group that performs bi-annually at the summer picnic and Christmas party. Let's just say that Doc's a very energetic and animated bass. He enjoys life to the fullest.

To close the evening, all past and present military persons were invited to the stage. I've since forgotten how many there were, but it was in the many dozens. Each one was presented the microphone to self – introduce and give their branch of service. It was a very moving and climactic end to a great day, and proved to be everything as promised.

The trip home was much more subdued as we were both pretty tired. I did my best to bury the mandolin under some of the luggage. He was still feeling bad, so evidently didn't care. I later found my learning CD in the glove box wrapped in napkins. ❤️



Above, Left to right: John Erwine, Jim Bagby, and Dr. Gerald Lee

## Bush League Contest, or What?

by John Erwine, Executive VP

I think it's been about five years since we've had any kind of Bush or Spring Fling something or another. At any rate, **Jerry Meier** organized a Polecat quartet matrix for Oct. 16, the first Tuesday after our District Convention in Altoona. This entire evening was one of just having a good time and celebration after lots of hard work during the previous weeks.



I think this was a "mission accomplished" event.

After spending the first half of the meeting rehearsing for The Recruits Youth in Harmony fundraiser festival, it was time for the not-so-organized quartets to compete.

What made this entirely interesting is that about half of the quartets had to be re-engineered on the fly. Perhaps an entire 10-12 minutes was spent on re-forming them due to missing parts. As you can imagine, tenors were in high demand. At most, any given quartet had maybe a two-time run-through before performing.

Not to be outdone, our in depth judging panel consisted of **Jim Bagby**, **Jerry Garrard**, and guest **Don Rau**. **Dick Korek** was our automated scorekeeping device. Most judging categories were also formed on the fly, being as inconsistent as possible.

Quartet introductions were never a problem, as most had no name recognition anyway. For those who didn't, they were assigned a corresponding number to the matrix which by then was completely screwed up anyway. Many accepted applause eagerly just so they could hurriedly get off stage. Others you couldn't beat off with a stick.

Joking aside and in all fairness, we did have a number of quartets that were quite good and a pleasure to listen to. Even so, they weren't nearly as much fun. For instance, we had a last minute one made up of some of the very best. They tried to pass themselves off as legit, but everyone knew they were "ringers." First time guest **Marcus Kroese** was also a contestant in one of the better renderings. Then there was another group who had a unique strategy which fell short. **Mark Fortino's** (kind' a) quartet got "DQ'd" due to fan interference! I tried to bribe the judges for our spot with a \$2 spread between the three of them. You can guess how that ended up. I don't know to this day how they split it, or if they even fought over it.

When winners were announced there was plenty of confusion, as the judges for the most part couldn't remember quartet names, or in some cases even who may have been in them. Not a problem. Neither could many of the quartets, as many had switched from one to the other filling last minute needs.

All in all, this was a great and fun-filled evening. I've never seen so many guys having so much fun at the expense of each other's talents for a long time. I know they can't wait to do this again soon. I think Mark was laughing throughout the entire week thereafter. Thanks to all for participating. ❤️

# THE KANSAS CITY CHAPTER PRESENTS 75 Years of Harmony

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## by Jim Davis

Our tenor section has diminished and grown: stalwart **Lyle Wyly** was hospitalized for a time and is recuperating from a pulmonary episode. Versatile bari **Rich Huyck** has filled in capably on tenor. But we've been fortunate to recruit **Wendell Shaffer**, who has been a backup with the *Homeward Bound* quartet. He is a valuable addition! Lyle is due back soon, we hope, freeing Rich to return to the

Members of the Kansas City Chapter have long been and continue to be known for their involvement and active participation at the chapter, district and international level administratively and, of course, singing wise. KC Chapter members have a lot of reasons to be proud of being the second-oldest chapter in the Society. As we and the BHS approach our 75th anniversary together, let's all continue to "Keep the Whole World Singing" – in harmony, of course! ❤️

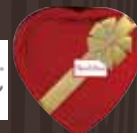


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1. **“Your” and “You’re” are not the same word.**
2. **Apostrophes don’t form plural nouns.**
3. **“There,” “they’re,” and “their” are completely different words.**
4. **The contraction of “could have” is not spelled “could of.”**
5. **“to,” “too,” and “two” are also completely different words.**
6. **“Its” is the possessive form of “it.” “It’s” is the contraction of “it is.”**
7. **“Then” shows sequence of events. “Than” is used to compare nouns.**
8. **“Affect” is a verb and “effect” is a noun.**
9. **“Irony” does not mean “anything that is unexpected.”**
10. **Your pants are “loose.” You “lose” your keys.**

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## Heart of America Chorus Calendar

**Nov. 8 (Thu) 7pm at Metcalf South - HHS Joint Rehearsals (HOA + KCCSA)**

**Nov. 12 (Mon) 7pm at Metcalf South - HHS Joint Rehearsals (HOA + KCCSA)**

**Nov. 20 (Tue) 7pm at St. Peter's UCC - HHS Joint Rehearsals (HOA + KCCSA)**

**Nov. 30 (Fri) 7pm - Tech Rehearsal at Unity**

**Dec. 1 (Sat) Holiday Harmony Spectacular Matinee and Evening Concert**

**Dec. 22 (Sat) HOA Caroling Caravan**

**Jan. 5 (Sat) HOA Installation Banquet**

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