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## Let's Get 'Er Done!

by Vince Perry, 2011 Chapter President



PERRY

**W**hat a month already and what a year ahead. First, thanks to everyone for all the help, support, and wishes for good year I've received already as your 2011 president. **Kent Miller**, our 2010 President continues to do a great job by heading up the 2011 Budget committee while helping establish new working committees for public relations and membership. Add in his work on the upcoming golf tournament while continuing to help find my footings as president and you've got one great *Heart of America* barbershopper! *Many thanks, Kent!* Also thanks to **Carl Turlin** and **John Erwine** for carrying on their duties as Program VP and Membership VP during the month of January while their replacements **Jerry Meier** and **Jeff Wolff** ready themselves for Chapter Officer Development School in February. Also a tip of the hat to **Carl Turlin** for organizing the very successful and entertaining Installation/Awards Banquet. It was really great!

As I sit back here in Las Vegas at the BHS Mid-Winter Convention and think about what has already transpired in this chapter I realize how blessed I am as your chapter president and how blessed the chapter is in so many ways. The Music Committee headed by Music VP **Mark Fortino** has already met and has laid out a truly great master plan for 2011. These guys have their priorities right in line with my way of thinking since they are all for helping all members of the chapter to become

better singers thereby enhancing each member's barbershop experience. I mean, that's what it's all about, right? I would like to personally thank the music team for their combined efforts in music selection for 2011. Songs like, *Yes Sir*, *That's My Baby*, *Tonight*, *Anthem*, and *Fit As A Fiddle* are just the type of songs this chapter needs to attract and retain new members. I'm really excited! And challenged musically; this is great! I'm also excited about the continued high standard of musical expectations set for the performing chorus (PC). Sure we have to come prepared with notes, words and be off the music in order to stand on the risers while the PC rehearses, but it's worth it! It's really cool to really ring'em in the PC! What a thrill! And we can do this every week! Totally awesome!

Naturally our chapter, like so many others, has challenges ahead this year with lack of funding leading the way. My thanks and compliments to the many members and *Heartbeats* who have thought outside the box during the past year to help finance our great hobby. We couldn't have made it without you and your garage sales, used book/etc recycling, golf tournaments, singing valentines, and personal donations to the Friends of HOA fund.

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We are going to need all these efforts and more in the future if we are ever going to reverse our current trend of deficient spending. The Board will be ever vigil to this challenge this year but we can't do it alone; we need you and your ideas!

One of the chapter's greatest accomplishments last year was the generosity demonstrated by all our members in support of the St. Peter's UCC's food bank. Congratulations HOA and special thanks to **Larry Colburn** for heading up this project!

As we go forward in 2011 I know the chapter is in great hands, as I said earlier, we are blessed with great leadership. Please support these guys and our ever present and always supportive *Heartbeats* as they lead the way in 2011: **Mike Mathieu** and **Bob Burdick** for co-chairing the International Convention in KC, **Tony Strub** for Harmony Explosion 2011, *Voices Unlimited* quartet (**Micah Jeppesen, Mark and John Fortino, Shaun Whisler**) for their HE! Tour of Schools, **John Erwine** for Singing Valentines, **Rich Huyck** for ticket chairing & YahooGroups coordinating, **Jerry Garrard** as Annual Show Chair, and all our musical leadership headed by our veteran director, **David Krause**.

At the Installation Banquet I challenged all chorus members to turn up their individual efforts and to become smart learners. Remember the nuances of great singing we've been told over and over again for decades; apply these techniques without being prompted; force our musical leadership to take this great chorus to the next level: artistry! Talk about exciting! We have everything in place to make it our best year ever in every area that really counts. As **Larry** The Cable Guy says let's "Get 'Er Done!" ♥

## A Big Thank You

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers. For those that maybe didn't know, on Dec. 28 I went into Research Hospital for an emergency appendectomy. It had been 60+ years since I'd been in the hospital. I always thought it would be a worrisome event if I ever had to go in but as it turned out, this was an in and out type of surgery. It was acute appendicitis and the doctors got it out when it needed to come out. Yesterday (Jan 18), I received a clean slate from the post-op exam. I am now working to catch up on my music and regain my breath control (amazing how you lose something like that when they cut into your abdomen).

Proud to be an HOA Champion Lead,  
**Mike Schumacher**

P.S. I can hear you asking, ... "NO, I'm not ready to play some football!"

## 2010 Awards

by Bruce Wenner, Awards Committee Chairman - Photos courtesy of Ron McIntire



At our Jan. 15 Installation Banquet the chapter Awards

Committee was delighted to be able to present four awards for the first time in our history. The committee included **Vince Perry**, **Dan Henry Bowser**, and myself, and the outstanding qualifications of all four honorees made the decisions easy.

The John Cross award went to **John Erwine**, our outgoing Membership Vice President and



incoming Executive Vice President. John is the closest to a John Cross we've seen for some time. His attendance has been exemplary,

and since he joined the chapter he has been pitching in on the jobs nobody wants to do. Some of them are really big jobs, like his officer positions, and especially his taking charge of Singing Valentines. John more than lives up to the standard set by John Cross, and he does not inflict foul-tasting coffee on us. (You old-timers will understand; if you don't get it, ask an old-timer.)

The Ozzie Award for musical service is only presented in a year in which there is a member who meets the high standards for the honor. This was one of those years.



**Jerry Garrard** is a natural for the award. Jerry has been involved in music all his life, and when he joined the chapter he immediately assumed the duties of tenor section leader. He has honed his directing skills at Harmony University and as director of the Leavenworth chorus (very successfully – under his direction they have been the most improved chorus in CSD two years in a row). Jerry is our Assistant Director, and his talent and enthusiasm make him very effective in front of the chorus. He is also an accomplished quartetter, singing with *New & Used Parts*, *Sound Alibi*, *Mighty Fine*, and the current CSD 2<sup>nd</sup> place *ListenUp!*.

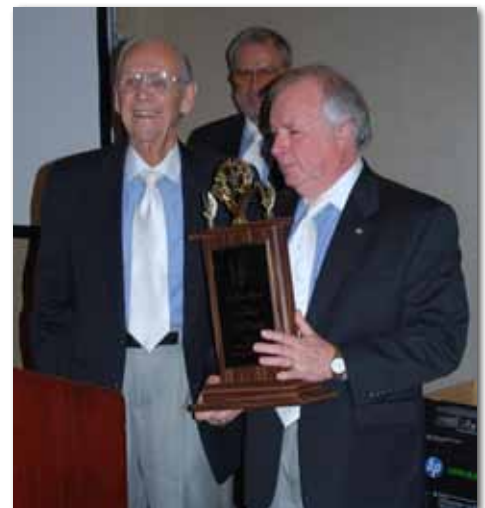
**The Barbershopper Of The Year Award** is presented in a given year,



but for significant and meritorious service rendered over a number of years. Doesn't that sound like **Carl Turlin**? This is another man who jumped right into important administrative duties after joining the chapter. One of these was running

the annual chapter picnic, which had fallen on hard times before Carl took charge. Carl's creative approach and energy revived this annual event, and he continues to supervise the event and do the hard work involved. As for hard work, Carl has been the chapter's

Program Vice President for the last four years – probably the most difficult job you can take on. The job has been made doubly difficult by the changes in recent years precipitated by a different director and the new audition process, and through it all Carl has provided direction and stability. As if he didn't have enough to do, Carl is always on hand to set up, take down, and transport the risers, and he has performed major service at the *HOA* Garage Sales. Carl Turlin is just the right man to wear the title of 2010 Barbershopper Of The Year.



Above: Jim Bagby (right) is presented with the Joe Stern Lifetime Achievement award by Dan Henry Bowser (left), as Awards Committee Chariman Bruce Wenner watches

**The BOTY award** would ordinarily end the Awards Ceremony, but not this year. The Joe Stern Lifetime Achievement Award is the highest honor the chapter can give – it goes only to men who can measure up to the contributions of Joe Stern, a founder of both our chapter and of the Society.

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## Awards 2010

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The bar is so high that the Joe Stern Award has only been awarded twice (to **Gil Lefholz** and **Dan Henry Bowser**) before this year. This year produced our third winner – our emeritus director, **Jim Bagby**. For most of his 40 years in the chapter Jim has been our director, leading us regularly to district championships and International appearances, including our highest International finishes ever – sixth place in 1981, and seventh in 1991. His skills and accomplishments have earned him Society certification as a Master Director, and he shares his talent by traveling around the country teaching others how to be successful chorus directors. In 2008 Jim received the Joe Liles Lifetime Achievement Award, the most prestigious honor that the Barbershop Harmony Society can bestow on a chorus director. Jim won a gold medal in 1986 with one of the most entertaining quartets in the Society's history, the *Rural Route 4*. He is a regular faculty member at Harmony University, where he teaches classes in coaching and tag singing. He is a highly respected coach, and is widely sought after for coaching by choruses and quartets all over the country. Jim began judging in the Stage Presence category, and then (when the new categories were instituted) he became a certified Presentation judge, a duty he still performs. Throughout all of this he has found time and energy to provide important administrative service, including as chapter president and International Board Member. Jim is one of the most loved and respected men in the Society, and this chapter is privileged to be able to add the Joe Stern Award to his resume. ♥

## A TIP OF THE HAT!

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



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A big Tip O' The Hat to **Carl Turlin** and all his helpers for putting together the 2011 Kansas City Chapter Installation Dinner Jan. 8 at the DoubleTree Hotel in Overland Park. The dinner was great, the entertainment was super and right people were chosen to receive the awards. Staging a dinner of this magnitude is not easy and Carl has shown us once again that he knows how it's done.

Congrats and Hats Off to the 2010 Award winners: **John Erwine** - John Cross Award; **Jerry Garrard** - Oz Newgard Award; **Carl Turlin** - Barbershopper of the Year Award; **Jim Bagby** - Joe Stern Lifetime Achievement Award. ♥

## Tone-Henge Is Idling

by Dan Henry Bowser

You may be wondering how *Tone-Henge* feels about being “idled” from this year’s annual show lineup. We’d like to let you know, “We are most happy to sit this one out!” *Really!*

The 2011 show is going to be one for the books; one that is reminiscent of the old “Parade of Quartets” format. TWO past international champs on our show! *Rural Route 4* and *Vocal Spectrum*, much more than a normal chapter could ask for, but there’s *more!*

*Resonation*, *KC Prime*, *Voices Unlimited* and *ListenUp!* — each with “newness” that makes us old coots envious, and at the same time delighted that they’re in our chapter and on our show!

Oh sure, we still enjoy performing, but are most happy to donate *Tone-Henge* time to the cause: a *really memorable show!* Obviously, **Jim** will be busy “baritoning” with *RR4*, and **Keith** and **Bruce** will be vocalizing their chorus challenges. And although **Ol’ Dan** may have some back-stage duties, he always grins when he finds a legitimate reason to IDLE! ♥



## That 2011 Banquet! by Carl Turlin

What an evening to remember! We were kind of packed into the sparkly Overland Park Room of the Overland Park Doubletree Hotel. Tight but comfy, we get to be a part of the installation of our new officers, witness all the emotion of the *Heartbeat* and *HOA* awards and then some, and hear some great barbershoppers talk about their cherished hobby...no, avocation...no, addiction...well, not exactly, maybe...passion. THAT'S IT, THEIR PASSION!

Many of us have heard inspirational speakers who motivate us to dig down deep and resurrect feelings long smoldering, waiting to express themselves. Saturday night, Jan. 15 was such a night! Our master of ceremonies for the night, **Don Young**, rose to the occasion while battling the effects of radiation therapy and losing a bunch of weight, to orchestrate the play by play with deftness and purpose. We had recently been informed of the passing of **Jana Moynihan** and, when I asked him to find time to say a few words for Jim and his family, he did so with compassion and tenderness.

Don began by introducing **Jeffi Combs**, who represented our wonderful *Heartbeats*, who in turn introduced the 2009 Heartbeat of the Year, **Marci Brown-Turlin**. She lauded the dedication and longevity of our 2010 Heartbeat of 2010, **Linda Schumacher**. Don being Don, he had evidently spent quite some time researching his material, and shared six humorous stories with us in, two of which were actually pretty funny! (Love ya, Don!) He introduced speakers with dignity and kept things moving. Outgoing president, **Kent Miller**, addressed the chorus's struggles and triumphs of the past year. He was followed by incoming president, **Vince Perry**, who spoke to the needs and direc-

tion of our chapter. Personally, I felt the POSITIVE tension between those two dedicated barbershoppers, each of whom bring different passionate perspectives to the same community of singers, our *Heart of America Barbershop Chorus*!

**Bill Biffle**, with his wife **Lillian**, flew in from Albuquerque to install our officers, citing his long friendship with our chorus and many of the guys in it. His remarks about harmony, both in the musical sense and in the universal sense, immediately resonated with Kent and Vince's remarks, like different notes in the same chord. It also occurred to me that sometimes we really gotta work to make the chord ring, just like when we discuss the direction of our chorus and our chapter.

That electricity of difference while still in harmony, may be a bit of a stretch of the analogy for some of you readers but, when you look at how much Kent and Vince have worked together, and will work together in this year of international competition and all that involves, I hope you are aware of the power of friendship, the power to agree to disagree, and still work together.

So, Bill installed the officers and beckoned director **David Krause** to join those men in pledging to work for the betterment of the chapter. Music VP **Mark Fortino** and David both addressed the importance of the continued improvement of the chorus. **Bruce Wenner**, Awards Committee Chairman, acknowledged past award recipients and orchestrated the recognition of **John Erwine** as recipient of the John Cross Award, **Jerry Garrard** as the recipient of the Oz Newgard Award and also one of the few men who has now received all three of these awards, and myself as

the recipient of the Barbershopper of the Year award. Then, to everybody's surprise, Bruce announces the awarding of the Joe Stern Lifetime Achievement Award to our Director Emeritus, **Jim Bagby**! That was a wonderful surprise to all of us! How great that Jim's good buddy and longtime friend, **Bill Biffle**, was there to share in the celebration! I ain't tellin' how many award winners got choked up, but isn't it great to see grown men show some real feelin' about stuff they obviously care passionately about?! Whew, hope next year's installation banquet loads up as much good emotional fuel about barber-shopping as this one! ♥





# HOA INSTALLATION & AWARDS BANQUET JANUARY 15, 2011 OVERLAND PARK DOUBLETREE



**Top row - left to right:** Don Young and Jana Henderson. Don is regaining his strength following chemotherapy for cancer; Al Higgins helps with the dinner sign-in; Bob Howard (now singing with the New Harmony Handful) **Second row - left to right:** Bill Biffle and his wife talking with David Krause; Lud Einess talking with Dick and Kay Sutton. The Suttons were in town for a couple of months in lieu of their winter sojourn to Florida. They now live in North Webster, Indiana where Dick has just finished eight years as director of the North Webster chorus. Dick was a long-time member of HOA before he moved to Indiana. **At right:** Banquet room and guests.





**Top row - left to right:** Ron Abel says grace before the meal; The banquet begins!; John Erwine (l.) and Dick Korek (r.)

**Second row - left to right:** Outgoing President, Kent Miller; Incoming President, Vince Perry; Listen Up: Carter Combs(T), Dave Stockard (Bass), Jerry Garrard (Lead) and Grant Hunget (Bari); Keynote speaker, Bill Biffle;

**Third row - left to right:** Voices Unlimited: Micah Jeppesen(Tenor), Mark Fortino (Lead), Shaun Whisler (Bass), John Fortino (Bari); Tone Henge: Jim Bagby (Bari), Keith Schweer (Bass), Dan Bowser (Lead), Bruce Wenner (Tenor)

**Bottom row - left to right:** John Erwine: John Cross Award; Carl Turlin: Barbershopper of the Year; Oz Newgard award winner, Jerry Garrard; Jim Bagby (r.) receives his Joe Stern Lifetime Achievement Award from Dan Henry Bowser (l.)

*Banquet Photos courtesy of Ron McIntire*





## Update from the Heartbeats

by Jana Henderson, Heartbeats President

**H**earbeats have a busy and exciting 2011 year ahead. As you know Kansas City will be host for the International Convention this summer. The *Heartbeats* have the task of planning a ladies breakfast and hosting the ladies hospitality room during the convention week and committees are forming. Making these events successful will take everyone's help and additional funds. Since our book fundraiser this last year was such a success with a profit of over \$500 given to the chapter, the *Heartbeats* are going to continue this fundraiser in order to offset our upcoming expenses that will be incurred from our assistance with International Convention. **Linda Schumacher** and **Jana Henderson** have volunteered to carry on with this fundraiser collecting the donations and taking them to Half-Price Books for cash. And Half-Price Books donates overstock inventory to nonprofit agencies or recycles what doesn't sell which is a win-win situation for everyone. So keep bringing those books of all kinds, magazines, CDs, DVDs, records, video games and paper collectibles (ie: postcards, posters, playbills, maps) to rehearsal and **Mike Schumacher** will see that they get to the *Heartbeats*. Thanking you in advance for your help and donations.

As mentioned above the *Heartbeats* have two major committees – the Ladies Breakfast Committee coordinated by **Jan Mathieu** and Ladies Hospitality Room Committee coordinated by **Marci Brown-Turlin**. The Ladies Breakfast will need hostesses for each table, decorations, favors and door prizes. The Hospitality Room will need volunteers to host in shifts, raffle items, door prizes, decorations, activities and daily special events. There are many ways you can help and for different lengths of time so please let us know what you're willing to do.

The *Heartbeats* meeting dates and times for the coming year are March 8, May 10, Sept. 13 and Dec. 13. All dates are the second Tuesday of the month and the meetings are held at St. Peters church. The meeting time is 7:30 pm to correlate with the men's new rehearsal start time. To all the female supporters of the Kansas City Chapter we would love to have you join us and share in the fun and fellowship as we continue to assist the *HOA* chorus in their endeavors. ♥

## 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 Jan. 26, after 4 drawings:

- The total collected for the year to date (since Jan. 3, 2011) is \$117.
- The total for the previous year was \$185 after four drawings.
- The total in our best previous year (2009) was \$879.
- The total in 2006 (our best full year) was \$363.

**John Erwine** is our latest big winner, claiming the \$462 jackpot on Jan. 25. ♥

Gold & More Gold!

KC Chapter of Barbershop Harmony Society's  
65th Annual Show

Rural Route 4 Vocal Spectrum

March 16, 2011 2PM & 7:30PM

Unity Village Auditorium, Unity Village, MO

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# HOA Fifth Annual Golf Tournament Thursday, May 12, 2011!

by Kent Miller



**WOW!** Is this actually *HOA's* fifth golf fund raising tournament? Sure is, and now that the date has been set it's time to book those foursomes! I haven't seen the cost details from Falcon Lakes yet, but we'll try to 95 per player.

As always, we are asking you to contact your golfer friends to alert them that the tournament is May 12. It's very important to tell them now or they will book other things.

We'll have fliers available in the next week or so (maybe by the time you read this). Please pass them out to anyone and everyone you can – don't worry about whether or not they are golfers – if they aren't they will know someone who is.

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 help with sponsors. The sponsor levels will be covered in the flier (\$100 up to \$2,500).

We are also 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 us the information and we'll contact them for you.

Besides being a very important fund raising event for *HOA*,  
IT'S FUN! ❤️



**DEADLINE FOR THE  
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**to the following HOA MEMBERS!**

## February 1 Jonathan Thomas

February 2 Doug Brott

February 8 **Dane Montgomery**

**February 12 Charlie Greene**

**February 14 Jim Bagby**

**February 18** **Brian Seydlitz**

**February 18 Dick O'Dell**

February 18 **Sal Iannazzo**February 18 **John Fortino**

February 19 **Fred Hangartner**

**February 20** **Jim Porter**

February 24 **Lud Einess**February 27 **Jon Gathright**

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AND THE TWO WOMEN  
WAS A PIECE OF CAKE.  
THE NEXT ONE IS THE  
BARBERSHOP QUARTETS  
COMPETITION!"***





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Hole prizes • Longest Drives • Longest Putt  
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**ENTRY FEES:**

\$95 per player if paid by Thursday, May 5, 2011  
\$105 per player if paid after May 5, 2011 up to & including the day of the event.

**FLYERS AVAILABLE IN THE LOBBY!**



# REST IN PEACE

## Jana Moynihan

Thirty-two present and former members of *HOA* sang at the funeral of **Jana Moynihan**, wife of long-time *HOA* member **Jim Moynihan** on Saturday, Jan. 22, 2011.

Jana died of a cancer related illness Jan. 16, 2010. At the request of the family, the chorus sang "I Believe" and "Friends" and **Jim Moynihan** sang in a quartet with **Rob Mathieu**, **Matt Moore** and **Mike Mathieu**.

Jim and Jana moved to St. Louis in Dec. 2010 to be near their children, **J.C. and Jeanene (Moynihan) Livingstone**. The service was held at the McGilley Midtown Chapel. ♥

## Clarence Bond

Long-time former member of *HOA*, **Clarence Bond**, died December 30, 2010 following surgery to remove a tumor. During his lifetime, Clarence sang in the Glee Club at Wyandotte High School and sang with his wife at Judson Baptist Church.

From 1982 to 1992 he was an active member of the Kansas City Chapter and served as Sunshine chairman for a number of years. He sang lead in the *Heart of America Chorus* and in the mid 1980s sang with the *Harmony Handful*. He was the Scribe for the *Harmony Handful* (meaning he wrote articles for the *Harmonotes*) several years running to keep *HOA* up to date on 'Handful' activities.

The chorus last saw Clarence in December 2004 when he stopped by to hear *HOA* sing for the Salvation Army at Metro North Mall. Those who were fortunate enough to know Clarence will miss him. ♥

Jana's photo is a family photo, color photo of Clarence courtesy of **Ron McIntire**, c. 1949 photo appeared in the *Kansas City Star*.



Top to bottom: Jana Moynihan; Clarence Bond in 2004; and c. 1949

## Win a \$25 Gift Certificate from Harmony Marketplace!

taken from *LiveWire*!

**A**ll you have to do is write the winning creative paragraph using all of the song titles of the Music Premiere 2011A Series:

*I Believe in Music; Harmony Rag; It's Only a Paper Moon; This Is All I Ask; You're Sixteen; You're Beautiful, and You're Mine; Yes Indeed.*

Your paragraph must use correct grammar, use no more than 60 additional words, and you must use the song titles exactly as written; no alterations allowed. You can make it funny, romantic, inspirational --whatever direction you want to go. Just let your imagination take over!

### Sample using the titles of the 2010B Series:

"I'm Gonna Sit Right Down and Write Myself a Letter, but if I can't find a pen Among My Souvenirs, I'll just Have a Little Talk With Myself, because I Don't Know Why I can't keep a pen handy. Wish I could Bring Back Those Good Old Days when I was more organized. Oh well, at least I can still remember Who Put the Bomp (in the Bomp Ba Bomp Ba Bomp)!"

Send entries to PR at the Barber-shop Harmony Society. Contest closes Jan. 31 - winner will be announced and published in the February 3rd *LiveWire*. Have fun with it! ♥

## SINGING VALENTINES by John Erwine, SV Chairman

It's almost here — our first major fundraiser for 2011 and things are rapidly coming together. We're fortunate again this year to be fully funded for this event. Special thanks go to the following sponsors:

<b>Bank of Blue Valley</b>	Headquarters location
<b>Helzberg Diamonds</b>	Diamond heart pendant
<b>Flowerama</b>	Fresh roses
<b>Russell Stover Candies</b>	7 oz. Sweetheart candy
<b>Verizon Wireless</b>	Cell phones



It's always fun to be involved with the actual nuts and bolts of putting on this affair; being in a delivering quartet, a driver, or working in the HQ.

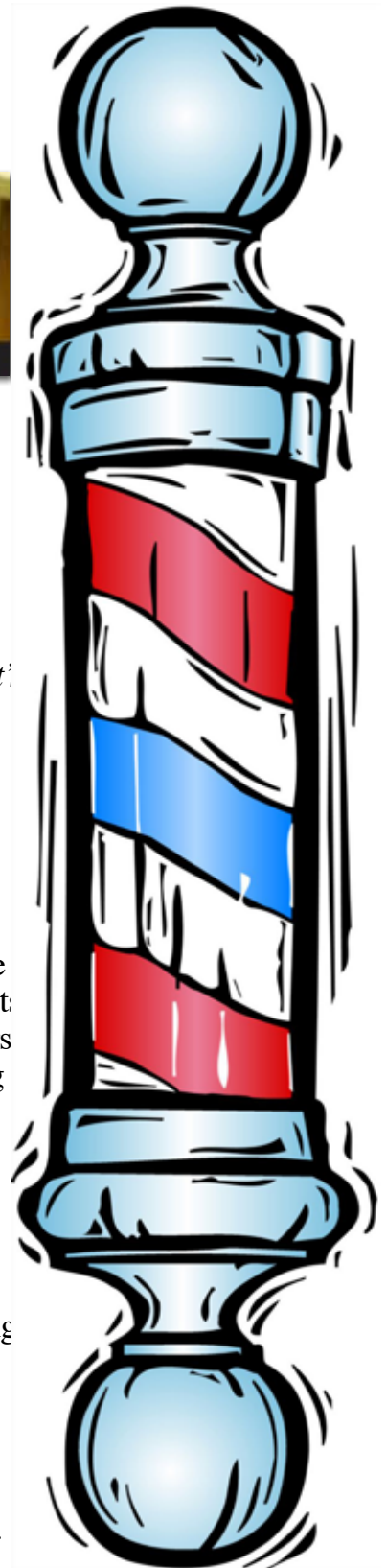
*"...I've also been a driver before and have sung in some quartets and it is SO much fun! It's something you've got to do. You'll thank yourself for participating (in ANY capacity!). A great way to connect with the other guys in your quartet, with your delivery subject/person and with the public as well! They are so thrilled with what you are doing; the event that you're creating...it's just a blast!" — Thom Tisdall*

However you decide to be a part of this fundraiser is of course your choice. The important thing is to make that choice. There isn't any way you can lose; it helps to fund **HOA** with our mission and helps **Children's Mercy Hospital** with 25% of the net proceeds being donated to them.

**BUT** — seems like there's always one of those — none of this will be possible unless we each and everyone get out and sell Valentines. This year we have lot of new email teasers and flyers for you to use. We have pocket cards and flyers to be handed out in grocery store lines, left at your doctor's office, library, drug store, dry cleaners and so on; and how about Facebook and Twitter. No doubt this is probably the hardest part of the job; but then isn't anything that's worthwhile?

I'm looking forward to being inundated with orders to the point we fry **Vince's** servers and my nerves. Wouldn't it be great to have to buy extra candy and roses? How about the nine quartets scheduled for Monday not being able to each deliver 25-30 valentines and still look fresh and pretty on the last delivery?

In that case, just to be sure we at HQ don't let anyone down in the delivery or recipient end of the business, and if you'd like to learn the inside ropes, a precautionary measure might be to consider giving us a helping hand on either Friday, Feb. 11, Sunday, Feb. 13 or Monday, Feb. 14. It'll be a blast! ♥





# Summary of January 2011 Board Meeting

by Rich Huyck/Ron McIntire



## FINANCE REPORT – Jim Porter

As of 12/31/2010:

- Operating/Social fund was \$7,245.97
- Restricted Fund was \$547.60

## MARKETING/PUBLIC RELATIONS – Ray Young

Cards and flyers for the Singing Valentine's program will be available January 25, 2011.

## VP MUSIC & PERFORMANCE - Mark Fortino

The Annual Music Team Plan for 2011 was submitted and accepted. It included coaching dates, music selection, performance objectives, and individual feedback.

The following 2010 proposed standards are being reviewed by the Board.

### HOA Performing Chorus Standards

- The Performing Chorus members will have three weeks from the time the sheet music and the learning media become available to learn a new song before the song is sung for the first time.
- Members will be asked to learn no more than one song in any three-week period.
- To maintain membership in the Performing Chorus, a member must attend at least 65% of the chapter meetings.
- To maintain membership in the Performing Chorus, a member must record both new contest songs and review them on his own. He will promptly record and turn in any passage or entire song to his section leader upon request.
- The Music Team will do its best to give the members a list of two songs that they need to focus on for the following week.
- Only members of the Performing Chorus will be allowed on the risers. Guests may be on the risers after undergoing an initial voice placement by the director or other member of the Music Team.
- The Music Team will not approve a new or dual member application before qualifying the person for the Performing Chorus.

### Singing Valentines Quartet Standards:

- Quartets with all four members in the Performing Chorus, regardless of the part they are singing, are automatically approved as Singing Valentine Quartet.
- If one or more members of a Singing Valentine quartet are not in the Performing Chorus, the quartet must be approved by the Music Team by auditioning in front of the chorus or a member of the team. The Music Team reserves the right to make exceptions to this rule.

- A new chapter web page explaining chapter membership, auditions, HOA Performing Chorus membership and retention with links to audition sheet music and learning media downloads is being drafted and is forthcoming.

### Old Business:

#### Golf Fundraiser: Kent Miller:

The 2011 Golf Tourney will be held on May 12, 2011.

### Show Program Ad Sales:

The Board agreed to set the 2011 Singing Valentine pricing as follows:

- \$55 for a regular deliver (any 8-hour window between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m)
- \$75 for any 2-hour window
- \$110 for 1-hour special delivery

### Leadership Training:

HOA will send **John Erwine, Jeff Wolff** and **Jim Porter**, to the Leadership Training sessions in St. Joseph, MO, Saturday, Feb. 5, 2011. Reservations and payment has been made.

### New Business:

#### Annual Resolutions:

- The Board agreed to authorize **Dale Neuman** (Board Member Emeritus) to carry out the Chapter's legal business to include but not limited to maintaining: Jackson County Personal Property Tax exemption, the license on the HOA trailer, business pursuits license, USPS non-profit mailing permit, and the State of Missouri Tax Exemption.
- The Board authorized **Ron Fortino, Rich Huyck, Vince Perry, Larry Colburn, Mike Mathieu, Jan Mathieu, Jeff Combs**, and **Bob Burdick** to accept funds on behalf of the Chapter.
- Music In the Park Concert will Aug. 14 at 7 p.m. HOA is in need of a financial sponsor for the event.
- HOA's Spring Show will be held at Unity Village Auditorium on April 16 at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Ticket prices have been set at \$30, \$25, \$20, and \$10. **Rich Huyck** is the ticket chairman. Tickets will be able in early February.

### Director's Contract:

- Vince Perry will draw up the new Director's Contract and have it ready for Board and director approval in January.

### Online Board Meeting Addendum #1

The board agreed to the signing of a rental contract for Yardley Hall in the Johnson County Community College for HOA annual shows for 2012, 2013, and 2014. ♥



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## It Just Gets Better... by John Erwine

**H**ow interesting can an everyday barbershop meeting and rehearsal get? It seems to me we're beginning to get a small glimpse of just that. I think it all started a few months ago. The decision was made to conduct business, sing tags and socialize from 7:00-7:30. Then promptly at 7:30, introduction of guests, tune ups and the rehearsal would begin.

Being in the outer foyer even on that first evening of those newly announced hours, I heard what I thought was the chorus starting early. Thinking I was either late with guest intros or missing something I had forgotten about, I went down the steps, opened the door and there it was; a whole bunch of guys just hanging around singing one of the numbers we were learning in a very impromptu and casual moment. Then a few minutes later some of the guys were singing tags out in the foyer.

Since then, I can't recollect a week that someone wasn't there early singing tags. More recently, it's been lots of guys singing lots of tags. And the same thing is happening after the rehearsal is over. And even better than that, most of these guys are younger than me; young enough to be my grandkids!

Our own two- year member **Ted Simon** recently sent this to me when I earlier in the year asked for testimonials as to how you became a member of *HOA* and what keeps you here:

"...Have you ever wondered why performers do what they do? It's for a number of reasons. First and foremost, they love what they do. They get to show off their particular talent(s) to thousands who want to watch, listen and be entertained. Secondly is, the love to perform. They get a thrill from the audience watching them. (I guess this goes, in part, to the first reason.) Third...well, really there is no second or third. Everything is about the first!

I joined *Heart of America Chorus* because I love to sing. I enjoy singing almost any type or style of music. What I truly enjoy about barbershop music is the fact that almost any tune, be it classic or contemporary, can be made into a barbershop style.

When I was invited to my first After Glow, I was taught a tag. I sang with three other guys. When we finished, I was approached by two of them to consider joining the chorus. At the time, my evenings were tied up, but that didn't stop me from constantly thinking about joining.

The time came for my evenings to be freed up, so I came to the meetings as a guest. I enjoyed watching the guys talk about music, people they knew, concerts they either attended or performed, etc. I liked what I saw and loved what I heard; the harmony, the exactness of notes. This is what I would like to do.

Barbershop singing is not something anyone can just jump into and sound good. It takes discipline, practice and listening to those around you. With the help of the music team, the director and assistant directors and section leaders, I can say that I am a barbershop singer. I did not say I was a good barbershop singer, and I still have quite a distance to travel to become an accomplished barbershopper, but I am on my way!"

**Dan Henry Bowser, Jim Bagby** and untold others have always professed that if you can grab a guest, get him with three other guys and teach him just a simple tag and ring the snot out of it—you've got him. Well guess what—it worked for Ted and it seems to be working every Tuesday night for many others.

It appears to me this chorus is migrating toward something such as the barbershop "forefathers" experienced way back in those early days; just enjoying an unexpected singing experience, casual conversation with newly found and old friends, then putting all those voices together to create something wonderful. And who says it can't get any better than this?

If you've got an experience or story to share, please contact me [jerwine@kc.rr.com](mailto:jerwine@kc.rr.com).



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## **Heart of America Chorus Calendar**

**February 1**

**Cindy Hansen-Ellis Coaching**

**February 13 & 14**

**Singing Valentines!**

**March 19**

**Mike Slamka Coaching**

**April 16**

**Annual Show at Unity Village**

**2pm & 7:30pm**



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