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Singing Valentines Approaching!

by John Erwine, SV Chairman

Things are looking good again this year for our first major fund raiser for the year 2012. Our sponsors for this year are:



It's been a pleasure to be involved again this year with the actual nuts and bolts of putting on this affair. One thing is for sure; no matter how involved you may be, whether in a delivering quartet, a driver, advertising, radio or TV or working in the HQ, it's always rewarding. And you'd be surprised how much closer you become to those that have offered to help.

There is still time for you to participate in this event. I'd like to include just a couple of notes that have been circulated in the past couple of years or so: "...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**

"...And thanks to all of you who might consider this quartet thing for the first time. Hey, I'm singing in a singing valentine's quartet for the FIRST time myself. Yep, I've NEVER done it before. Always been too busy or had an excuse. Let's have some fun together!" - Mark Fortino

Now with comments and company such as these two guys above, why wouldn't you want to be a part of it? However if you decide to help is of course your choice. The important thing is to make that choice. (*Continued on page 3* \clubsuit)

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There isn't any way possible for you to lose; it helps fund Children's Mercy Hospital with 25% of the net proceeds being donated to them, and support *HOA's* mission to preserve and promote barbershop harmony within our community.

BUT (seems like there is always one of those!) none of this will be possible unless we each get out there and sell our product. Last year we had some really good email blasts and we also have them again this year. We've got great flyers and pocket cards to distribute. We've also the advantage of a super discount included with the purchase of Spring Show tickets which will expire soon. It seems that in these days Twitter and Face Book are all the rage, and most probably work quite well. However, it would be wrong of me to advise against using the good old tried and true method of actually looking someone in the eye and telling them what a great gift this would be for their loved ones.

I'm looking forward to being inundated with orders to the point we have a melt-down in JoeTown, where our brainy order-taking computer is, and Vince is on the hot seat! Wouldn't it be great to have to buy extra roses and candy? And how about being short of quartets and having to scramble to cover deliveries as in some previous years, and still look fresh and pretty while delivering that last valentine?

In that case, just to be sure we at HQ don't let anyone down in the preparation or delivery process, and if you'd like to learn to be an insider, and love to be in control, a precautionary measure might be to consider giving us a helping hand on Monday 13th or Tuesday 14th.

As Thom and Mark said, "It's just a blast, and let's have some fun together!"



Some New Wrinkles in Harmony **Explosion 2012**

by Tony Strub



Under new Harmony Explosion director Rob Mathieu, HOA Chorus members are

not only invited to be hosts at the Feb. 18th event, but are also encouraged to sing with the students in the boys chorus activity. With director David Krause and 3 Men & A Melody as the featured quartet and teaching clinicians, the students will learn "America the Beautiful - Give Me Your Tired Your Poor" as their Harmony Explosion chorus activity song. The students will be invited to sing the same song on stage with the HOA Chorus in the finale number of Spring Show. It is our hope that the students will experience the fun and joy of singing and entertaining an audience.

We invite all barbershoppers to drop by Olathe East High School on Saturday Feb. 18 between 9AM and 4PM and see the young men and women who will be the barbershop quartet and chorus members of the future. It will be a fun day.



BOB BURDICK ~ 2011 BOTY

by Bruce Wenner, Awards Committee Chairman

The highlight of this year's Installation Banquet was, as usual, the presentation of the Barbershopper Of The Year award. However, the nature of the presentation was not ordinary at all.

As last year's BOTY Carl Turlin began the presentation, there was no doubt who would be announced as the 2011 winner. That was because the new BOTY, Bob Burdick, was in Florida in his annual search for warm weather, so the presentation began with a Skype hookup to connect Bob and Sandy with the banquet attendees. This was all arranged with a band of conspirators consisting of Carl, Mark Fortino, and myself (the BOTY Awards Committee), abetted by Mike Mathieu, Don Fuson, Vince Perry, and Sandy Burdick. Complete surprise was achieved - Bob had no clue until the hookup showed him the banquet crowd, and his image showed up on the big screen. Many thanks to my



hoto courtesy of Vince Perry

Bob Burdick receives the 2011 BOTY Award through Skype as presented by 2010 BOTY Carl Turlin (holding the mic). Don Fuson (middle) is running the Skype program on his computer.

fellow conspirators – you pulled it off beautifully to make it a big night for Bob. All I had to do was get out of the way - my technical expertise in making the hookup does not extend beyond two tin cans and a string.

Bob was clearly a popular choice for BOTY. A veteran bass singer in HOA, he is among the most accurate and hardest-working members of the chorus. Remember what a fantastic job Bob did in co-chairing the KC International Convention Committee! We are still hearing fellow barbershoppers rave about how well the International was run, and a huge amount of the credit goes to Bob. He keeps a low profile, but fellow workers on the convention committee understand how effectively he put together the most successful International in recent memory. And then, instead of resting on his laurels, Bob went on to co-chair the CSD Convention this fall (again, as in July, he shared the chairman duties with 1990 BOTY Mike Mathieu) – in his inimitable style.

Bob's transportation expertise from his many years working for Yellow Freight has been invaluable, and he has been very generous in sharing it with HOA. He was the transportation committee chairman for the 2000 KC International - this was a huge job, since the contest venue was at Kemper, and everybody rode the buses. Bob pulled it off without a hitch. He has also handled transportation for our annual Salvation Army Caroling Caravan since we began the project six years ago. Every chapter ought to have a Bob Burdick. (All you need is one - he gets that much done!)

That's about it for the Awards Program. The John Cross Award will be discussed in another article. The Ozzie and the Joe Stern Awards are not meant to be given every year, and this year they were not presented. **9**

BRUCE WENNER RECEIVES THE JOHN CROSS AWARD

by President Vince Perry and Director Emeritus Jim Bagby

It was my pleasure to present **Bruce Wenner** the 2011 John Cross Award for **John Erwine** the 2010 recipient who, at the last minute, could not attend due to a death in his family. Traditionally awards are announced by prior recipients so I got the call instead of Director Emeritus **Jim Bagby** who supplied some wonderful background information about Bruce to John to help him in his presentation. The presentation occurred right after the Installation

of 2012 Board and I had given my remarks as President. So, needless to say I was "warmed up" and somewhat deviated from the information provided by Jim which you will find in the last three paragraphs of this article.

In years past Bruce has served as the chairman of the Awards Committee which consisted of two other chapter members. As President I changed this tradition and created separate committees for each award. And since Bruce had never received the John Cross or Joe Stern Lifetime Achievement awards, he could not be on their selection committees. Bruce very gentlemanly protested saying "I've received enough awards in the chapter." I reminded him that he usually has exemplary attendance and his contributions to the chapter through the years (along with his advanced age) were significant enough to put him on the short list for these awards. As it turns out, Bruce was the only person in the chapter to have perfect attendance throughout the whole year. And every-

thing counted: every show, every regular rehearsal, every dress rehearsal, every contest, every extra contest rehearsal, every concert, and every stop on the Caroling Caravan! I was not on the selection committee but I did learn that Bruce was a unanimous choice; and so well deserved. So, guess who can be on the 2012 John Cross Award selection committee? Congratulations to Bruce! (Side note: as I write this Bruce has continued to have perfect attendance in 2012. Wonder how long his streak will last?)

What follows is the background information on Bruce as written by Director Emeritus **Jim Bagby**: (for you that know Jim you know he writes all his emails in lower case.

It used to bug the heck out of me! But I've finally accepted it as "his style" and would be disappointed if he ever started using caps. Remember this is an email so leaving out understood subjects is part of the fun. Good luck! and many thanks, Jim.

began barbershopping career in northeastern district 46 years ago. moved to k.c. area in late '60s and has been an active musical and administrative leader ever since. one of



most accomplished chapter presidents in *HOA* history. he was the co-founder of the *HOA* bush league quartet contest that continues to this day. he was a longtime music committee chairman and later music vice president. his record for years as baritone section leader probably never will be broken.

despite evidence to the contrary these days, he has sung bari and tenor in some excellent quartets over the years, including the CSD champion MORN-ING TIMES. he also is a former Society music judge, a busy quartet coach and pretty much considered the chapter's inhouse arranger and mr. fix-it. HOA and the rural route 4 have sung his arrangement of "kansas city, my hometown," and the new harmony handful use his chart of "how great thou art," to name just two. he and his wife of 47 years, francie – who incidentally has a much better voice than bruce - have produced a pretty good second-generation HOA baritone in tom. and all three of their

children have appeared on the *HOA* show in the new offspring singers limited.

when the oz newgard award for musical service was established in 1989, chapter president jim bagby said the committee that created the award had no trouble establishing the guidelines: they just looked at what bruce had done and said "that's what the ozzie should be about." and bruce was a unanimous choice as the first ozzie winner. he was *HOA* barbershopper of the year in 1976. so now he joins that rare group of tri-fecta honorees by adding the john cross award. \clubsuit

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. 25th, after four drawings:

- The total collected for the year to date is \$96.
- The total for the previous year was \$117.
- The total two years ago was \$145.
- The progressive jackpot stands at \$29. (Minimum prize is \$100)

Chapter President **Vince Perry** hit the jackpot and was awarded \$625 on Jan. 10th.♥



Ongoing Contribution by HOA by Larry Colburn



A general feeling of congratulations and well-being is surrounding and permeating the *Heart of America Chorus*.

After all, since the summer months, we have successfully hosted an International Harmony Society

Competition in July, performed at a park bandstand for the Overland Park Summer Arts program and hosted the Central States Competition in October. Then, we performed a very successful concert in conjunction with the *Kansas City Chapter of Sweet Adelines* featuring a new arrangement of a Rudolf Montage with 540 measures in December. But the coup de gras came on Dec. 17th when, over a period of approximately six and one half hours, the *Heart of America Chorus* visited six resident homes in southern Johnson County, Kansas. During this short time span, we gratefully received over \$23,000 in contributions for the Greater Kansas City Salvation Army. That is, if you will excuse the pun, "some kind of bell ringing." This achievement may well be the single largest one group effort in a single day for the annual National Salvation Army Bell Ringing project.

However, the best is as yet to be heralded. True, a new spirit of "can do" and excitement is resounding loudly in our chorus. But, the real "heart" and soul of the *Heart of America Chorus* is illustrated in the daily, weekly and biweekly giving and caring of the individuals. Yes, we have outstanding leadership and our collective efforts are unquestionable but the ongoing efforts by individuals in our chorus on behalf of others is outstanding as well.

Every two weeks the chorus members are challenged to contribute two or three canned food or non-perishable items to the St. Peters Church Food Pantry. The food pantry is an ongoing ministry of the church where we hold our Tuesday night rehearsals and serves the immediate surrounding neighborhood.



The last four years' donations have been monitored and are as follows: 2008-1,357 items, 2009-1,537 items, 2010-1,800 items and 2011-2,086 items. Clearly, the numbers have grown measurably over the last four years averaging 1,695 items yearly for the period. The three largest biweekly gatherings have been: December 13th of 2011- 206 items, November 23rd of 2010 and July 7th of 2011-304 items. A goal for 2012 has not yet been set. However, 2,200 items would seem possible.

These are not just numbers but clearly represent the true "Heart," the giving soul of the *Heart* of America Barbershop Chorus. But, they also represent a challenge and opportunity to contribute further

for this our chosen "hobby". Let's keep the whole world singing for it is "great to be a (giving) barbershopper." 🎔

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On the Road with "Home Bound" by Carl Turlin



We had warmed up, tuned up, looked good and we anxiously waited off stage. The speaker concluded her remarks and continued with, " and please help me welcome our entertainment for today, from the Heart of America Barbershop Chorus...Home Bound!...I mean Home Baked...er,...Boundary Waters...I mean Home Run! (She's starting to sweat now) She takes a slow, long, nervous breath and says, "I'm so sorry, ladies and gentlemen. I'm not used to these introductions. Ok, let's start over.(another big slow breath here) Please help me welcome(a bigger, slower breath here)...Wayward... (stammer and more sweat)...Boundward...Home On the...Boneward (her eyes resemble softballs now). Finally she nearly shouts; Born Free! Her notes are noticeably shaking in her sweaty hands, as she pronounces, in her best 3rd grade, answer-the-teacher voice, Homeward Bound!

Funny, it's one of the only times that we ever got a standing ovation at the beginning of our gig, from folks with tears in their eyes?! Wonder why?*

*Actually, as you might guess, only some of the story is true. The rest I made up...sort of.

Q: How many tenors does it take to change a light bulb?A: Six. One to do it, and five to whine, "It's too high."

NH Handful Soaring Harmoniously into New Year

by Jim Bagby, Director Emeritus



The plan for the New Harmony Handful was to ease into 2012: revise our repertoire, learn some new songs and maybe even recruit a couple of new members. Then executive secretary/admin-

istrator **Tony Strub** and his wife, **Betsy**, got busy. Now we've got five performances in one week come the third week of February. And our monthly rehearsal starts that week. So much for stepping lightly.

And when we voted at our January rehearsal on songs to get rid of, the outcome was that the guys are so fond of the ones we sing, we only trimmed the list by one. I guess that comes under the heading of good and bad news. We can't sing 'em all (about 20) at any rehearsal, but I do have to say the *NHH* gang are good about learning on their own and coming mostly ready to perform – so we don't have to hammer on notes and words. Mostly. We do have a good time at our monthly gatherings, at Blue Ridge Presbyterian Church in Raytown.

We had an even better time at our December holiday party, hosted by **Jeanne and Dave Hokanson**. The wives all brought great food, Dave provided plenty of spirits and it was a great celebration (brief rehearsal and lots of eating!)

It's been difficult to get everyone together lately because of vacation and travels. Jon and Dessie Gathright were in Hawaii, then sojourning to the west coast. The Hokansans and Bagbys were in Florida. Bob and Kathy Murphy are cruising in the Caribbean as we speak. Society Board Member Don Fuson and bride Linda were, of course, at the Mid-Winter Convention in Tucson, and Don gave us a dandy capsule report at our January meeting, one day after his return. Val and Jan Putzier are buried in paperwork after the sale of their Paola home/farm/ranch. Check with them for the details. We understand they plan to buy a smaller place and remain in Paola.

I'm sure I'm missing someone's trip – **Barry Sanders** is always globe-trotting, for instance. But then we did ask for a volunteer to write this article, and...

Best wishes to all our *Heart of America* family in the coming year! ♥

HARMONOTES WANTS YOU!

by John Erwine, Executive VP

Most weeks we come to a chapter meeting. We're all different. We each have our own unique way of viewing our everyday surroundings, work, relationships, family, friends, demands – you get the idea.

But somehow we manage to put aside most of how we feel, what's required of me tomorrow, even politics and religion. We come together to sing. It seems that through the ages, singing has become known to mankind as a healer; a very powerful healer. How many of you have attended a meeting, and upon leaving have never felt better than before you arrived? My bet is none.

During chapter meetings, special annual show events, sectional rehearsals, conversation on the risers or in the lobby, singing a tag or two, the afterglow, reading an article in your local newspaper, attending a musical production or perhaps reading an email from a friend, how many times have you been impressed by a thought or remark that you just couldn't seem to ignore that somehow related to your singing with the guys on the risers?

I know, you're wondering where in the heck this guy is going with this nonsense. Each of us has that special viewpoint on events that occur -- perhaps a vision of the future, a correction that could be made, a different approach to improve or recognition of something witnessed. Perhaps it's something that recently happened or in years gone by.

My challenge to you is to contribute as you can, to this wonderful publication that our own **Todd Anderson** publishes for us each month. I don't care who you are, we each and everyone have our own unique experiences to share. This is not just a publication for persons of leadership to contribute to. It's one for all to share, and we need more help to continue the tradition.

Remember, this award-winning publication is not only our history, it's our legacy. This chapter, second-oldest in the Society, has probably the most authenticated documents, pictures and articles in the Society. For those having attended many international and district events, none compare to CSD and the Kansas City Chapter, *Heart of America Chorus*.

Our own **David Krause** and his committee are now involved in an effort to update our history, which is great. Only you and your impressions of our chapter can contribute to this effort. Without you we diminish the history and legacy I spoke of earlier. We need your stories, thoughts and direction in order to continue to thrive and promote, not only the history, but the presence of music known as "…in the barbershop style." **♥**

Tone-Henge Turns Holiday Attention to Families by Ol' Keith



We hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season. Like everyone, we spent time with our families and especially enjoyed being with our grandchildren at Christmas. They're growing up so fast we don't want to miss anything.

We also extended a tradition that probably has a lot to do with the longevity of this quartet: our annual Christmas dinner with our four lovely wives. This year it was at Pierponts, and it's not trite to say a good time was had by all. We plan to take our sweethearts out again to celebrate Valentine's Day.

Speaking of that, the quartet is looking forward to another Singing Valentines campaign in February, then the Corned Beef & Cabbage Show in St. Louis in March and, of course, our chapter show in April.

We'd be remiss if we didn't acknowledge a new triple crown winner in our midst, with tenor Bruce Wenner earning the John Cross Award at the January installation and awards banquet. You can read more about that in this issue of the *Harmonotes*.

We hope all of you and yours have a HAPPY NEW YEAR! 🎔



A: Because it's more difficult to hit a moving target.

- HarmoLead and George Gorsuch

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A LOOK BACK AT THE 2011 HOA AWARDS BANQUET Photos courtesy of Don Fuson

- 1. Jan & Mike Mathieu
- 2. Connie & Keith Schweer
- 3. Mark & Sarah Fortino
- 4. Lisa Boaz & Mike Templer
- 5. Marty & Sharon Oldehoeft
- 6. Mike and Jan Mathieu, along with Bruce Wenner, enjoy their Skype conversation with 2011 BOTY, Bob Burdick
- 7. Bob Burdick (in Florida on Skype)
- 8. Reva & Nile Abbott
- 9. Bruce & Francie Wenner

- 10. Estyl & Dan Bowser
- 11. Ron & Ann Abel
- 12. Jim Bagby & Don Fuson
- 13. Gini & Larry Colburn
- 14. Dave & Sharon Jobe
- 15. Roberta & Jim Porter
- 16. Connie & Fred Hangartner
- 17. Ray & Diana Young
- 18. Harvey & Ginny Shapiro
- **19. Eileen Huyck & Carl Turlin**
- 20. Jeff & Corrie & Lukas Wolff
- 21. Kent and Cindy Miller
- 22. Vince Perry IV

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Portland Update by Chorus Manager Vince Perry

First off, by the time you read this, the Early-Bird Pricing for registrations has already expired. I do have a few extras I purchased, but supplies are very limited. According to the seating chart on line at the Rose Garden, all the seats on the floor and the first tier are sold! *Wow, that's great!* Remember everyone who competes in any kind of sanctioned BHS contest must have a full registration. No day-passes allowed, period. The current price for adult registrations is \$175 and may be purchased online through the Society's webpage.

For everyone who ordered tickets through the chapter, even if you told me to use your credit card, I want you to know that I will still accept a check or cash which will save you an add-on of 4%. I put all the tickets on my chorus manager credit card and that bill will be coming soon, so please let's take care of our business in the near future.

Next, housing in Portland: HOA is staying in the Red Lion on the River Hotel. It's a competitive rate of \$125 a night and reservations have to be made by the first of April. After that date we lose all the rooms we have on reserve at this time. I will be trying a new method this year of taking room reservations: If you are going to Portland and are staying with the chorus, then you need to request from me the online link that you may use to make your own reservation. This puts you in control and saves work on your chorus manager who's still trying to be President at the same time. Remember, you must ask me for the link. I will not publish this link as it may be abused and used by people not in the HOA family. We only have a certain number of room nights for each type of room; after they are gone, then we punt! Or I will try to get our allocation upped

to meet our higher than expected need for rooms. That would actually be a good thing!

The reservations actually go through the Portland Convention and Visitors Bureau, and are held there until a couple of weeks before the convention. Then the CVB turns all the reservations over to the hotel. You may make changes using the same provided link up to time the CVB is gearing up to send the reservations to the hotels. After the transfer occurs then you will be dealing directly with the hotel. Look for an email from me in the near future with the reservation link. Be sure to make your reservation as soon as possible. If you have a roommate, only one person needs to make the reservation. If you have difficulty call me and I'll see if I can get you going again. If you need a roommate please let me know and we'll try to pair guys up as we go.

Again, our hotel is the Red Lion on the River in Portland (RLOTR). Please plan to be in Portland by July 4th which is a Wednesday. Wednesday of International Week is always the muster date for the *Heart of America Chorus*. The actual *HOA* rehearsal schedule has not been set as we have not begun negotiating with the three other choruses staying in our hotel for rehearsal space and times. On the plus side, the hotel has two ballrooms which will make the process a lot easier.

So, make your travel plans now. I mean, how cool would it be for all of us to be together singing on the 4th of July in in one of the RLOTR ballrooms in Portland, Oregon? And then going out to the river to watch the fireworks displays! (You know what river it is?)

The Chorus Contest is on Friday, the 6th and we sing in the second set start-

ing at 4PM; we're number 23 right after *Central Standard* and just before *Hilltop* from Minnesota. If the contest schedule runs about like it did in KC we would probably leave our hotel at around 4PM and would take the stage at about 5:30PM. This gives us lots of time to really prepare on the day of the contest. Remember how prepared we were in Philly because of our draw? Let's make it happen again in Portland!

Portland is the City of Roses and HOA has never competed there. This is a great opportunity to visit one of America's great cities and have the time of your life. Plan your vacation around it. Leave early and/or stay late. Take the Alaskan Cruise being offered to barbershoppers. (See Carl Turlin for more information.) Start thinking Portland now! Reserve your room by April 1 (remember you can always change it later; but you can't make a reservation later. Hint, hint!) The Central States District is sending four, count'em, four choruses and probably several quartets. Portland is an opportunistic time for HOA and CSD. It's going to be a fun time! See me if you have any questions or concerns. Together we can make things happen! 🎔





2007 International Quartet Champions 2011 Central States District Quartet Champions

Saturday, April 14 Yardley Hall

Johnson County Community College

- Show times: 2pm and 7:30 pm
- For \$25 or \$20 tickets call 913-469-4445
- Also available at www.hoachorus.com (service fee additional)
- Group and Student Discounts
- Free Parking

Win a Kindle Fire

Purchase \$25 Spring Show tickets by February 8 and receive \$35.00 in discounts for each ticket, including: \$20 off of a Singing Valentine \$10 off of a 2012 Holiday Harmony Spectacular ticket \$5 off of a HOA Chorus "Happy Together" CD and

an entry in a drawing for a Kindle Fire! (See inside for show information and how to order tickets)



Barbershopper of the Month



Rich Huyck - December 2011

Vince Perry (right) presents Rich Huyck with the December 2011 BOTM Award which reads: In grateful appreciation for your work as Ticket Chairman for the 2011 Heart of America/KC Sweet Adeline Holiday Harmony Show at Unity Village Auditorium, December 3, 2011. Photo courtesy of **Ron McIntire**

Extra Mile Award Winner



Mike Mathieu & Bob Burdick December 2011

Vince Perry (right) presents Mike Mathieu with the December 2011 Extra Mile Award which reads: In grateful appreciation for your hard work scheduling, coordinating and organizing the 2011 Salvation Army Caroling Caravan, December 17, 2011. (Bob Burdick not pictured.) Photo courtesy of **Ron McIntire**

Extra Mile Award Winner



Mike Schumacher - December 2011 Vince Perry (left) presents Mike Schumacher with the December 2011 Extra Mile Award which reads: In grateful appreciation for all your work on the 2011 Holiday Harmony Show including scheduling, organizing meals and coordinating the riser setup. Photo courtesy of **Ron McIntire**

Extra Mile Award Winner



Kansas City Heartbeats - April 2011 Vince Perry (left) presents 2012 *Heartbeats* President Marci Brown-Turlin with the April 2011 Extra Mile: In grateful appreciation for planning and organizing the best-attended HOA Annual Spring Show Afterglow in many years. Photo courtesy of Ron McIntire



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- February 27 Jon Gathright

DEADLINE FOR THE MARCH ISSUE OF HARMONOTES: FEBRUARY 25



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

A big Tip O'The Hat to Jim Clark and Carl Turlin for subbing for Operations VP Mike Schumacher and Program VP Jerry Meier, respectully during their recent absence on Tuesday nights.

A bow of the bowler also goes to **Kevin Tritsch** for hauling and setting up the sound system for the Installation/Awards Banquet.

Hats off to **Don Fuson** for taking and projecting pictures and Skying with Sandy Burdick in preparation for the BOTY award presentation at the Banquet.

A doff of the derby to **Marci Brown-Turlin** and all her helpers for decorating the room for the Banquet.

And one last tip of the hat to all the members of the four award selection committees: **Bruce Wenner**, General Chairman, Director Emeritus **Jim Bagby, Dan Bowser, John Erwine, Mark Fortino, Jerry Garrard, David Krause, Kevin Tritsch, Carl Turlin,** and **Mike Schumacher.**

SUMMARY OF JANUARY 2012 BOARD MEETING



By Rich Huyck/Ron McIntire

FINANCE REPORT - Jim Porter.

- Unrestricted Funds: \$22,414.33
- Restricted Funds: \$782.60
- **Jim Porter** notes that the unique nature of 2011 revenues from hosting International and CSD Conventions masked a potential loss for the year of nearly \$10,000. (No explanation)

MUSIC & PERFORMANCE - Mark Fortino:

- Mike Slamka has committed to being the clinician for our Retreat May 18-19 at Lake Doniphan.
- Kevin Keller is committed to monthly coaching sessions here through the month of June to help in preparations for international. It is possible Kevin can be invited to the retreat as an observer.
- *Crossroads* Quartet is booked for the 2013 Annual Spring Show.

PROGRAM VP - Jerry Meier:

• The 2012 Installation Banquet will show a break-even financial result.

Old Business:

Portland Update: Vince Perry

• Early-bird discount for registrations will expire Jan 15, 2012.

Learning Academy (COTS)

• Feb. 4th, at Missouri Western in St Joe: Rich Huyck, Vince Perry, John Erwine, Jim Porter, and Dick Irwin have been identified thus far.

New Business:

The Board agreed to adopt the following resolutions for 2012:

Authorize **Dale Neuman** (Board Member Emeritus) authority to carry out the Chapter's legal business to include but not be limited to maintaining: Jackson County Personal Property Tax exemption, the license on the *HOA* trailer, business licensing & registrations, USPS non-profit mailing permit, and the State of Missouri Tax Exemption. Authorize **Ron Fortino, Vince Perry, Larry Colburn, Mike Mathieu,** and **Bob Burdick** to accept funds on behalf of the Chapter which shall be turned over to the chapter treasurer as soon as possible

Reconfirm 2008 Board Resolution stating Jim Bagby as the Chapter's Director Emeritus for Life. The *HOA* Director Emeritus will be recognized and honored as such for life.

The chapter secretary & treasurer will enroll the Chapter Bulletin Editor, the Chapter Webmaster, the Director Emeritus, and the Chapter VP of PR into the Society's auxiliary program P.R.O.B.E.

Accept the following Sunshine Guidelines for 2012:

- Death of a Chapter Member: A \$100 donation from the Chapter to the charity of the Family's choice or the Harmony Foundation (if the family does not specify a charity) and *HOA* members sing at the funeral if requested by the family.
- Death in the Family of a Chapter Member: A \$50 donation from the Chapter to the charity of the Family's choice or the Harmony Foundation (if family does not specify a charity) for any immediate family member of an *HOA* member; wife, significant other, mother, father, sister, brother, son or daughter. For any other family member, a condolence card will be sent to the chorus member and family.
- Serious Illness (hospitalization) of Chapter Member or Immediate Family: A get well card will be sent; Chapter will be informed to encourage calls and visits.
- Wedding of Chapter Member and other special cases:

Request donations from members and present as a cash gift, a gift from the wedding registry list, or another known item of specific need. •

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Feb 3 – 5 (Fri – Sun) Central States District Learning Academy (COTS)

> Feb 13 – 14 (Mon & Tue) Singing Valentines (8am 'till ???)

Feb. 18 (Sat) Harmony Explosion! at Olathe East High School (8am – 5pm)



Without Valentine's Day, February would be...well, January. - Jim Gaffigan

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