

## EDITORIAL: 15 Bonus Points, Please!

by Todd Anderson, *Harmonotes* Editor



Since *Harmonotes* was fortunate enough to win third place in the 2006 bulletin contest, more sweat equity was invested toward [hopefully] capturing first place for 2007.

A group of stalwart contributors, including 1988 International bulletin champ **Wade Dexter**, poured over the '06 judging sheets to see how we could improve. We once again are striving for excellence. After all, PROBE—Public Relations Officers and Bulletin Editors of the Barbershop Harmony Society—demands that when dispensing contest points. Likewise, when things aren't what they should be, PROBE deducts points.

While perusing one area of the official score sheets that judges use, I noticed a section stating, "If any items employed by the editor have pleased you and are not covered by the scoring, award up to 15 bonus points and explain in your written comments."

**WOW! 15 bonus points!** I thought to myself, "There simply *must* be a way to impress the judges and compel them to award us the entire 15-point batch. But how?" I strained to come up with the answer. I implemented new ways of displaying photos. I justified my text. I had wordsmiths pour over our issues to ensure that inaccuracies were eliminated. And lo, even after doing all that, I remained flummoxed on how to secure those extra points. That is, until, a revelation appeared. This gift from heaven arrived as my wife was reading those same scoring sheets.

**Charlene**, my dear spouse, graduated summa cum laude—top of her class at Southwest Baptist University ('79). A real braniac (don't ask why she married me). She quietly glanced over PROBE's official bulletin scor-

ing system, when she stopped and handed it back. With a proud smile on her face, she simply stated, "They spelled *cliché* incorrectly!"

"What?" I exclaimed. I snatched the paper from her hands and read. Sure enough, in the section under "Style" was the sentence:



**S3 Using clichés, trite phrases, inappropriate slang**

Someone had inadvertently misspelled the word *cliché*!

"Jeepers!," I thought, "I wonder if PROBE would want to know that? After all, it's their own score sheet!" As I continued to ponder this new find, one of those cartoon light bulbs literally went off over my pointed head. Perhaps PROBE would reward an editor who discovered such a faux pas? Then again,



maybe this wasn't really an error. Maybe it was actually placed on purpose. *Eureka, that's it!* PROBE, in its craftiness, had printed this to draw out the finest editorial eyes. If a bulletin editor were to find this eensy-weentsy glitch, such scrutiny would easily be awarded...15 points!

So, I'm respectfully cashing in this bonanza. Now granted, if we're awarded the 15 points, we may still not have enough to come in first. However, the judges will clearly see that we have given our all on the bulletin battlefield. We've worked to leave no stone unturned in our quest for gold. Our ability to discern those wily judges—at least on this—have confirmed we are worthy of bonus points.

Those folks at PROBE are downright cagey! Who knows what other trickery they are devising? ♥

## Heart of America Chorus

**THIRTEEN-TIME Central States District Champions!**

### CHAPTER QUARTET CHAMPIONS

- Rural Route 4** - 1986 International Champion  
Don Kahl (tenor), Calvin Yoder (lead), Jim Bagby (bari), Willard Yoder (bass)
- Quadro** - 2006 Central States District Champion  
Rob Mathieu (tenor), \*Michael Troyer (lead), Grant Hunget (bari), Matt Moore (bass)
- Take 4** - 2005 Central States District Champion  
\*Rick Kready (tenor), \*Jeff Kready (lead), Grant Hunget (bari), \*Aaron Burkland (bass)
- Tone-Henge** - 2001 Central States Senior District Champion  
Bruce Wenner (tenor), Dan Henry (lead), Jim Bagby (bari), Keith Schweer (bass)
- Gentlemen of Note** - 2001 International Seniors Medallists  
Rod Rule (tenor), Jon Gathright (lead), Rich Huyck (bari), Monty Duerksen (bass)
- 12th Street Rag** - 1994 Central States District Champion  
\*Rick Kready (tenor), Mark Fortino (lead), John Fortino (bari), Keith Schweer (bass)
- KC Connection** - 1986 Central States District Champion  
Rod Rule (tenor), Wayne Lankenau (lead), Rich Huyck (bari), Larry Wilson (bass)
- Special Touch** - 1984 Central States District Champion  
\*Rick Kready (tenor), David Krause (lead), \*Bud Clark (bari), Matt Moore (bass)
- Harmony Spectrum** - 1982 Central States District Champion  
Gene Bowers (tenor), David Krause (lead), Jim Bagby (bari), Willard Yoder (bass)
- Corner Quartet** - 1981 Central States District Champion  
Don Kahl (tenor), Lance Heilmann, (lead) Steve Leone (bari), Stan Grossman (bass)
- The Morning Times** - 1974 Central States District Champion  
Dave Snook (tenor), Roger O'Dell (lead), Steve Leone (bari), Stan Grossman (bass)
- The Four Kippers** - 1966 Central States District Champion  
\*Ken Gabler (tenor), \*Byron Meyers (lead), John Goldsbury (bari), Gil Lefholz (bass)
- The Kippers** - 1962 Central States District Champion  
\*Ken Gabler (tenor), \*Tom Taylor (lead), John Goldsbury (bari), Don Page (bass)
- BMA Gamboliers** - 1957 Central States District Champion  
Barney Wasson (tenor), Eddie Schliebs (lead), Orval Wilson (bari), Harold Robinette (bass)
- Gamboliers** - 1952 Central States District Champion  
John Dooley (tenor), Eddie Schliebs (lead), Orval Wilson (bari), Jimmy Byrnes (bass)
- HyPower Serenaders** - 1948 Central States District Champion  
Don McPherson (tenor), Ben Franklin (lead), Bert Phelps (bari), Dale Warrick (bass)

### OTHER CHAPTER QUARTETS

- 12th Street Rag** - 2006 International Semi-Finalists  
\*Micah Jeppesen (tenor), Mark Fortino (lead), John Fortino (bari), \*Barry Moore (bass)
- Command Performance**  
Carter Combs (tenor), Jon Gathright (lead), Rich Huyck (bari), Monty Duerksen (bass)
- Crosstown Four**  
Dale Neuman (tenor), Gordon Coleman (lead), Ron Abel (bari), Val Putzier (bass)
- Escape**  
Keith Owen (tenor), \*Harold Clark (lead), Mike Owen (bari), \*Bill Bay (bass)
- New and Used Parts**  
Carter Combs (tenor), Mike Neff (lead), Grant Hunget (bari), Keith Schweer (bass)

\*Member of other chapters





## Looking Ahead to 2007

by Eileen Campsey, *Heartbeats* President

**W**hew! What a whirlwind of a year it has been. We started in January with the officer installation during the chapter awards banquet. February was our first Heartbeats meeting and the year was off and running.

Since then, the Heartbeats have supported a spring convention full of quartets, international competition in Indianapolis complete with sendoff, the fall convention in Wichita, two recording sessions, two guest nights, a Harmony College scholarship, a feeding of the masses for the spring show and any other task that was asked. This year saw the membership almost double.

The flashing hearts at Indianapolis sendoff night were a huge hit, as well as the scrolling signs. Racing cars can still be seen inside lapels of the uniform jackets. As we wrap up the year with holiday caroling and friends, a new slate of officers is ready to take the helm for 2007.

President - **Eilene Campsey**  
 Vice President - **Jeffi Combs**  
 Secretary - **Margo Campsey**  
 Treasurer - **Sarah Fortino**

We're eager and ready to roar into a new year of chorus activities! ♥

*Eilene Campsey provided us with these snapshots that prove the Heartbeats have been a busy group of ladies!*

*Activities have included, from top to bottom, the crafting of splendid ornaments on dothespins that decorated the top of the lunches prepared for HOA's Caroling Caravan; Heartbeat members creating "snack sacks" at the District competition in Wichita; HOA members waste no time in sampling the snacks provided by the Heartbeats during visitors night!*





# Summary of December 2006 Board Meeting

by Kevin Tritsch, Secretary and Ron McIntire



## TREASURER'S REPORT: Ron Fortino

Operating Fund as of 11/30/06 - \$10,297.91

## MUSIC AND PERFORMANCE: Keith Schweer

- Chorus CD - Mark Fortino & Dan Israel are in the process of mixing.
- Mark Hale to coach HOA in 2007. Confirmed dates are:  
All-day Saturday, Feb 3, 2007 at St. Peter's UCC  
Tuesday, April 3, 2007 at St. Peter's UCC  
Retreat weekend June 22-23, 2007, Atchison, KS
- Individual vocal coaching  
Coaching has been re-started.  
Darrell to take 3 at a time for 20 minutes starting at 7:10 p.m.  
Darrell and other vocal coaches to take 3 each after end of meeting
- Baritone Section Leader change  
**Grant Hunget** asked to be relieved of some of his duties.  
He will continue to be a part of *New & Used Parts* for creating new music learning tracks. Incoming Music VP will appoint replacement.
- Next Music Team meeting scheduled for Dec. 13.  
All-day planning meeting scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 20.
- *New & Used Parts* will record learning tracks for new contest ballad ("Time After Time") Dec. 14.

## PROGRAM REPORT: JERRY GARRARD

Installation banquet -Jan. 13 at the DoubleTree Hotel

No JOE STERN AWARD.

Sign-up will be available on web site.

## HOLIDAY SHOW: Kent McClean

Ticket revenue was in excess of \$30,000 resulting from higher ticket prices, even though fewer tickets were sold.

A total of 6 CD combos were sold.

## SINGING VALENTINES: Marlin Weidler

Considering alternative calling service.

Considering change of HQ facility. We are currently being charged \$400.

Considering using real flowers instead of silk. Board agreed.

## 2007 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION: Vince Perry

Denver Hotel: Recommendations for hotels have been submitted to Board.

## SURVEY REPORT:

Executive Committee is waiting for receipt of "Comment Section" report to clarify **Betsy Stewart's** analysis. Report will be made available to Music Team. ♥

*The HOA Board of Directors meets at 6 p.m. on the second Monday of the month, at the Johnson County Car License office, located at 6000 Lamar Avenue. Chapter members are welcome!*

# 2007 Singing Valentines

by Marlin Weidler 2007 Coordinator

If you have not thought about it yet, it is time to start thinking about it. *What is that you ask?* It is the annual Singing Valentines. *When is this event?* Tuesday, Feb. 13 and Wednesday, Feb. 14. *What are the times?* We will deliver from 8 AM to 8 PM. Who can participate? *Anyone!* Quartets both registered and pick up quartets will deliver Valentines to loved ones.

With the 13th and 14th being weekdays once again we can meet or beat last years 180+ Valentines delivered in the metro area. Not only will we have 12 to 15 quartets from our own chapter but the Kansas City Sweet Adeline Chorus will also provide quartets to help in the delivery.

Preparations are under way for the headquarters hotel, flowers, messenger service and other items needed for those two days.

**Thom Tisdall** last year provided his expertise with the organization of quartets. Due to conflicts with new work schedule he is not available to participate this year. Thank you for your assistance last year, Thom. **Carl Turlin** has volunteered to help with this organization. If you are in a registered quartet, a

quartet already organized, please inform Carl of your quartet name and members and availability. If you are interested in being in a quartet but need the other members, let him know and we will see what we can do about getting you into one. Please let him know what part or parts you are willing to sing and availability. If you do not want to perform, but would like to work in the headquarters or driving for a quartet you can let Carl or myself know. ♥



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## Our Festive Bell-Ringing for the Salvation Army!

On Saturday, December 16th, the residents of The Forum—a Retirement Community in Overland Park—were expectantly waiting in our lobby! It had been announced that the *Heart of America Men's Barbershop Chorus* was coming to deliver Holiday Harmony, "Singing for the SALVATION ARMY" to us.

As the front door opened we felt the cold air sweep in and suddenly the lobby was engulfed in 50 red-vested jolly, laughing men! They greeted us all with waves & happy smiles. And then, suddenly, there was **Dan Henry**, who bounced into our midst and he made his way to all of us sitting there-shaking hands & making us all feel he couldn't imagine wanting to be anywhere else but with all of us! We learned that we were to be treated to a Barbershop Chorus and soon we were listening to the sweetest harmony you ever heard!

The Christmas carols-familiar tunes we've never forgotten-and other old songs-and a special one to celebrate Hanukkah. We all totally enjoyed this special treat as the days bring us closer to Christmas. We all were invited to sing along with this caroling caravan and we did! We all were more than glad to donate to this wonderful fundraising concert for The SALVATION ARMY.

We thank Dan Henry and all the wonderful singers and the director for coming. We feel good about our contributions that will help make Christmas a little merrier for those who will benefit from our gifts-given with love and appreciation. ♥

### *The Residents of The Forum*

Caroling Carvan Photos by Don Fuson











## Barbershoppers of the Month for November!



### Kent McClean

Above: HOA President **Tony Strub** presents **Kent McClean** with the July 2006 BOTM award, which reads:

In grateful appreciation for organizing and coordinating the work of the 2006 HOA/KC Sweet Adelines Holiday Harmony Spectacular to make the show a resounding success. ♥



### Bob Rutherford

Above: HOA President **Tony Strub** presents **Bob Rutherford** with the November 2006 BOTM award, which reads:  
In grateful appreciation for your dedication and hard work coordinating the ticket sales to make the 2006 Holiday Harmony Spectacular a resounding success. ♥

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

**JANUARY 24**

## November Xtra Mile Award!



### Mike Schumacher

Above: HOA President **Tony Strub** presents **Mike Schumacher** with the November 2006 Xtra Mile award, which reads:

In recognition for your contribution to coordinating and preparing the stage and equipment for the 2006 HOA/KC Sweet Adelines Holiday Harmony Spectacular. ♥

## Recent Guests

**Kevin Hunsicker** (left), from the Orlando, FL chapter visited HOA on Dec. 12. Kevin was in town for Black and Veatch. We hear he sings a good bass! Hurry back, Kevin! Here he is pictured with HOA Membership VP, **Stew Grosser**. ♥



Photos courtesy of **Ron McIntire**



## Singing from the Heart at the Holidays

taken from Saint Luke's Hospital of Kansas City News

Everyone knows that singing is good for the soul, but a unique band of barbershop singers at Saint Luke's has learned that it's also good for the heart.

The group, known as the *Cardio Carolers* and sometimes *Cardio Jam*, depending on the time of year) initially bonded from a desire to improve their heart health. Are are members of Saint Luke's Center for Health Enhancement, a cardiac rehabilitation program and fitness center in Westport.

The unofficial ringleader is **Jim Bagby**, active barbershop singer who formed the Saint Luke's chorus about 10 years ago. "I joined the rehab program in 1995 and thought it would be fun to get a group together to sing at the center's annual holiday open house," Bagby said. That first year (1996), seven program members performed three Christmas carols in barbershop style. Now the entertainers are the highlight of the center's annual celebrations. "We'll do up to six songs this year," said Bagby. "That's plenty enough to rehearse."

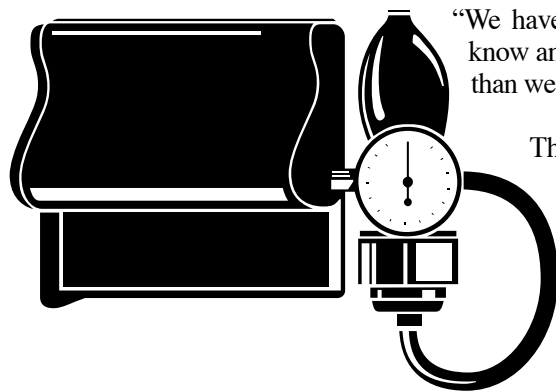
At the center's annual summer picnic, the group performs chestnuts like "In The Good Old Summertime" and "Let Me Call You Sweetheart." Many of the center's members are of an age familiar with those songs, said Bagby.

The group has included up to 15 singers at times. The chorus includes some distinguished members of the area's performing arts community—a well-known local actor, a vocal music teacher, a jazz musician and recording artist, a Juilliard-trained pianist, and a retired opera singer, among others.

"The guys are always amazed at how much fun they have and how good they sound," Bagby said. "And I believe that people who sing live healthier lives. Singing is good for the lungs and the spirit."

"It's about community, friendship, and lifting the spirits," said **Bobbie Testa**, cardiac rehabilitation program manager. "And laughter—the rehearsals always draw attention because we can hear them laughing and cutting up all the way down the hall."

Bagby said the chorus is very informal and anyone with a desire to sing is welcome to join. Enthusiasm is more important than raw talent, he emphasized.



"We have a great time—I don't know anyone who has more fun than we do."

The group is in rehearsals now on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 4:45 p.m. ♥

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### Heart of America Chorus

Chorus Director - **Jim Bagby**

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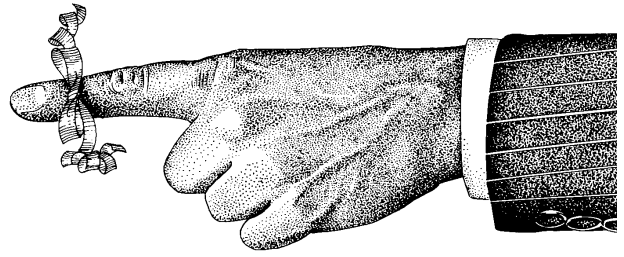
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# Heart of America Chorus Calendar



- Jan. 12-13** CSD COTS, St. Joseph, MO
- Jan. 13** 6 p.m. - HOA Installation/Awards Dinner at the Doubletree Hotel, Overland Park
- Jan. 20** Daylong HOA Music Team planning session, Jim Bagby's home, 9 a.m.
- Jan. 22-27** Society Mid-Winter Convention, Albuquerque, NM
- Jan. 30** HOA Alumni Guest Night
- Feb. 13-14** HOA Singing Valentines (Friday evening, Saturday Day and Evening)
- Feb. 17** 6 p.m. - HOA Show - John Knox Village
- Feb. 17** Harmony Explosion (All day. Location to be announced)
- Feb. 17** HOA Tech Rehearsal for Annual Show (Yardley Hall)
- Feb. 24** Mark Hale Coaches HOA - All Day (Site TBA)

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