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2018 HARMONY HOLIDAY SPECTACULAR (HHS) SHOW

by Barry Sanders, Co-Show-Chairperson



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The HHS show for 2018 (Dec. 1) was once again a rousing success for both *HOA* and for *KC Chorus (Sweet Adelines)*. Total profits from the show were \$4,660. Since *HOA* had some additional expenses for the show (uniforms, etc.) the profits were not quite evenly split: *KC Chorus* made \$2,667 and *HOA* cleared \$1,993.

The total number of tickets sold were 675, almost exactly the same as 2017, and somewhat greater than 2016. This is quite a bit under our record turnouts when we used to put 200 people on stage and sold out two performances at Unity in a single day. However, the mood of both choruses is very upbeat, and we are hopeful that greater days are ahead as both choruses continue to grow! One of the other positives about the ticket selling contest is that 20 members of *HOA* sold 10 or more tickets, and between the men and women, 472 of the total tickets sold were sold by a participant who sold 10 or more tickets to the show, indicating a very strong commitment to making the HHS a financial success! **Michele Hunget**, who sold a whopping 40 tickets to the show, also won the drawing for the ticket selling contest!

Our headliner quartet was *Class Ring*, who had just come from their Fall competition winning the international crown as queens of *Sweet Adelines* for 2019. They were extremely well received by all of the show attendees.

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(Continued from front cover)

One of the other highlights of this year's show was that all of the participants dressed up as elves – or Santa's helpers - for the first act. This fit beautifully with the script written by Kimi Ruder, who MC'd the show. It was very entertaining and seemed to tie all of the songs together, including the quartets' songs.

One final note was that this was the first year in a long while that we have included a children's chorus with our singers – this year we had approximately 20 children, grandchildren, and even a few friends of the adult singers, and the 2 songs that the children sang were directed by Amy Gardner. We'll hoping to continue that tradition again next year and hopefully have an even larger group of young singers to participate with us.

It was truly a fun and exhilarating day and a great way to start off the 2018 holiday season. Thanks to all who participated and/or attended the show! ♥

Harmony Foundation Report

by Jim Porter



Note that we will have our raffle each time we meet in our regular location. All of the proceeds of the raffle not given as prizes or used for expenses of the raffle goes to Harmony Foundation at the end of each year. In return, we are able to have the Foundation designate up to 30% of the funds given to chapter activities such as Harmony Explosion.

As of Dec. 19 (year end), after 50 drawings (7 since the last report):

- The total collected for Harmony Foundation since the last report is \$119.
- The total collected for the calendar year 2018 is \$1,143.

The carry-over jackpot amount stands at \$ZERO.

Kevin Tritsch hit the jackpot for \$100 on Nov. 6.

A check for \$1,143 was sent to Harmony Foundation on Dec. 19.

This was our biggest yearly donation to the Foundation since 2010.

Two drawings to date in 2019 have netted \$39 for Harmony Foundation. ♥

2018 Awards Banquet

by Jerry Meier

The Kansas City Chapter's 2018 Awards and 2019 Installation Banquet was held on Saturday, Jan. 5 at Cinzetti's All-You-Can-Eat Italian Feast in Overland Park. We celebrated another great evening of food and fellowship as we recognized the accomplishments of our members. I was pleasantly surprised to see that sixty-eight (68) members and guests were in attendance! including some familiar faces that we have not seen in a while: members **Don Young, Bob Howard, Bob Burdick, Carl Turlin, Fred Hantgartner, and former members Jim Davis, Jack Selby, Stew Grosser, Steve Leone, Joe Mathieu and Rob Mathieu.**

John Ewrine installed the 2019 Officers by comparing our roles and responsibilities to the game of Monopoly. The 2019 Officers are:

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Bob Velazquez, *Heart of America Chorus* Director, provided New Year's Resolutions to consider for members' personal benefit and for the benefit of the chapter in 2019.

Incoming President **Mike Schumacher** challenged us to make our 2019 performances more personal and meaningful, and less mechanical. He also encouraged all members to actively promote our Chapter and Chorus Activities while conversing with potential new members and customers. He also challenged all members to communicate with Board Members and to participate on committees when called upon to serve.

A special Thank You goes to **Bob Velazquez** for bringing his sound system and equipment again. We all agree that his sound system is required inside the dining room at Cinzetti's.

Another Thank You goes to **Bruce Wenner** (and to the anonymous Awards Committee) for putting in the time and effort and due diligence to recognize and award these special members:

Barry Sanders was honored with the John Cross Award for 2018. The award was presented by 2017 awardee **John Braden**.

There was no Oz Newgard "Ozzie" Award given in 2018 for Outstanding Musical Service to the Chapter.

Harvey Shapiro was honored with the 2018 Barbershopper of the Year Award. This award was presented to Harvey by 2017 recipient **Bob Velazquez**.

Mike Mathieu was honored with the **Joe Stern** Lifetime Achievement Award. He becomes the eight recipient of this award (presented by 2010 awardee **Jim Bagby** and 2017 awardee **Vince Perry III**).

I also want to thank **Rich Huyck** for volunteering to take photos during all of my events! We all agree that pictures in the *Harmonotes* add tremendous value to our stories, and help us to enjoy our events many months after they have completed.

Thanks to all that were in attendance. I hope that next year you will notify the appropriate committee members in ADVANCE and with confidence that you will attend the 2020 banquet, so that we can make the necessary and affordable accommodations. ❤



Barry Sanders Picked for the John Cross Award

by John Braden



Thomas Edison said 90 percent of a man's success in business is perspiration. On the other hand, Woody Allen said 80 percent of success is showing up.

That leads to the first requirement to be eligible for the John Cross Award -- a sterling attendance record -- or nearly so. Just showing up regularly is a key to being a successful Barbershopper.

My interpretation of the other requirement for the John Cross Award is a willingness to do chapter jobs that nobody else is eager to tackle.

When I received the award last year, it occurred to me that being compared to John Cross is not necessarily a compliment. Those of us who knew John Cross remember a sharp-tongued ornery old cuss who was always there -- since before **Bruce Wenner** started to shave. But he was a faithful friend who kept the coffee pot hot on Tuesday nights and the dental cups full of peppermint schnapps on show day.

Our newest John Cross honoree -- **Barry Sanders** -- has a strong attendance record. And in his 30 years of barbershopping, he has served as board member, chapter delegate to the district, executive vice president, chapter president -- and now immediate past president.

Barry tends to meet challenges with a smile. He's so maddeningly positive, sometimes you wonder if he really understands the situation. But you find out he generally does.

He's also a glutton for punishment, singing with four groups simultaneously -- *HOA*, *New Harmony Handful*, *4 in Harmony* and *Grand Opening*.

Here's to the winner of the 2018 John Cross Award -- **Barry Sanders**. ❤

Joe Stern Lifetime Achievement Award for 2018 ...goes to Mike Mathieu!

by Vince Perry III



Mike joined the Society 50 years ago while in the Sheboygan chapter and for the last 36 years he's been in *HOA*.

Mike and his wife **Jan** have three sons, all of which have been barbershoppers for many years.

Mike was chapter president two years 1991 and 1992 and was the *HOA* Barber-shopper of the year in 1990. During his tenure in *HOA* he has been on or chaired just about every significant committee. I think most everyone who knows him, knows him as an idea man.

He is tireless in everything he does. He was chorus manager a number of years, served on the very important International Events Committee; has served as a CSD board member and as CSD Events Vice-President. The last two times *HOA* hosted the BHS International Convention, he was an International Convention co-chair in 2000 and the International Convention chairman in 2011.

Throughout the years he's has been in many quartets, to name a few, *Yowza!*, *Armchair Chorderbacks* (CSD Senior Quartet Champions), *On The Edge*, *Uranium* (with the late *HOA* president **John Stucker**), *Mother's Guys*, *Jazzin' Around*, and *Good Vibrations*. He is also a member of the *Ancient Harmonious Society of Woodshedders (AHSOW)*.

One of his greatest accomplishments was implementing a replacement program for Singing and Ringing of bells for the Salvation Army in local Kansas City shopping malls to a Caroling Caravan which he co-chairs with **Bob Burdick**. The Caravan sings 30-minute concerts at six retirement facilities in one day. This year alone the Caravan has received over \$23,000 for the Salvation Army's Bell Ringing Campaign. Through the years he has received a multitude of Salvation Army Awards including highest award their Salvation Army's Favorite son award in appreciation for his service.

Finally, it was through Mike's idea and persistence that *HOA's* Singing Valentines was started and flourished. When talking with Director Emeritus **Jim Bagby** about Mike's contributions to *HOA*, he reminded me that the KC Convention and Visitors Bureau named Mike their coveted Man of The Year award. Mike is truly one of Kansas City's, and the Barbershop Harmony Society's, greatest ambassadors!

Congratulations again to **Mike Mathieu** for receiving *HOA's* highest honor. . . The Joe Stern Lifetime Achievement Award for 2018! ❤

HOA INSTALLATION DINNER PHOTOS

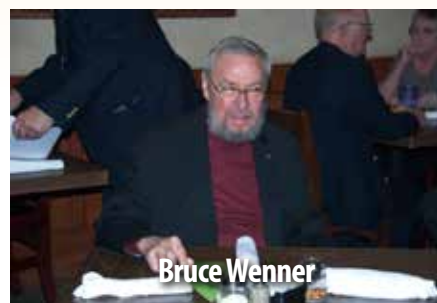
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Dinner venue:
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Mike & Linda Schumacher



Bruce Wenner



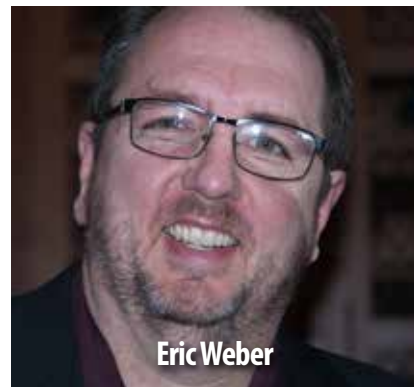
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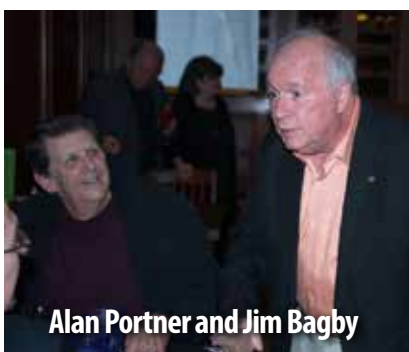
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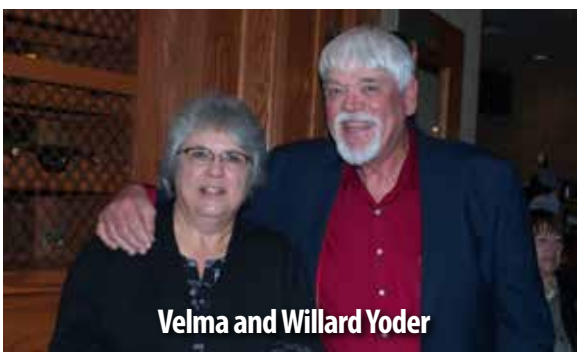
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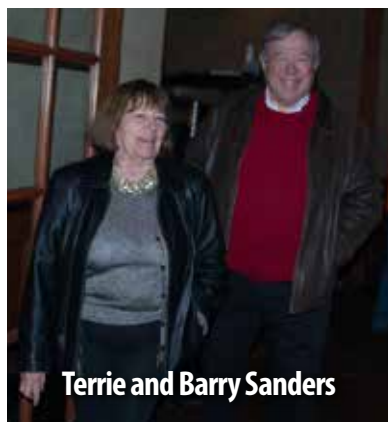
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Terrie and Barry Sanders



Joann Bagby and Jan Leone



Eileen Huyck and Marci Turlin

HOA INSTALLATION DINNER PHOTOS

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Jim Bagby, Pat Klimt, Frank Lasta



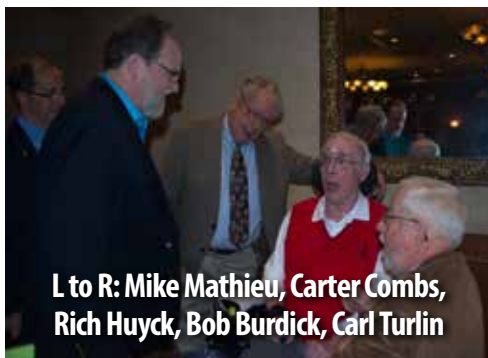
Bob Burdick



Jan Mathieu, Rob Mathieu



Adam Singleton



L to R: Mike Mathieu, Carter Combs,
Rich Huyck, Bob Burdick, Carl Turlin



Steve Keisker



Ginny and Harvey Shapiro



L to R: Bob Howard, Oly Oldehoeft,
Betsy Strub, Tony Strub



Janet and Bob Velazquez



Tom and Barbara Hadley



Greg Busch



Joe Mathieu



Jerry Meier



John Erwine

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Ginny Velasquez



L to R: Jim Bagby, Willard Yoder, Steve Leone,
Rob Mathieu, Mike Mathieu



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L to R: Carter Combs, Jim Bagby, Willard Yoder, Keith Schweer



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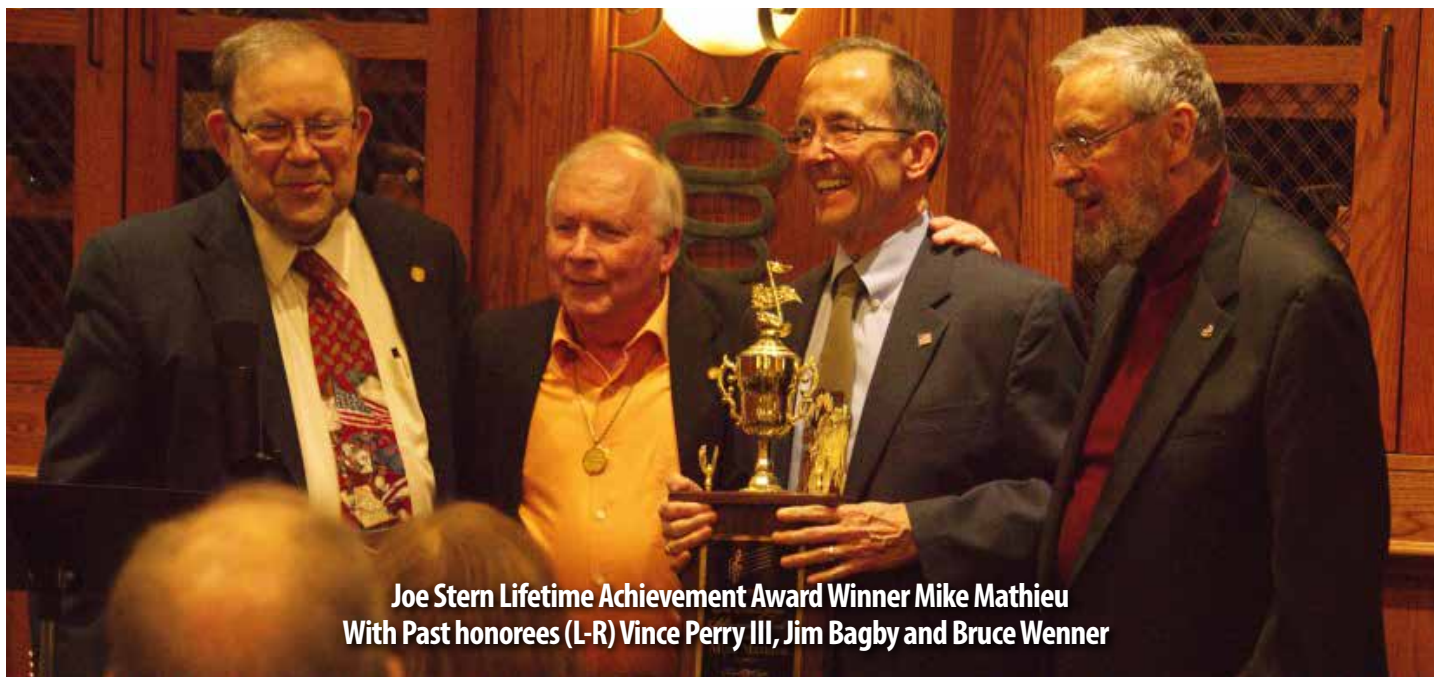
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John Cross Awar winner Barry Sanders



Barbershopper of the Year: Harvey Shapiro



Joe Stern Lifetime Achievement Award Winner Mike Mathieu
With Past honorees (L-R) Vince Perry III, Jim Bagby and Bruce Wenner



Former HOA Director Steve Leone closes the Awards and Installation Banquet by
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Who: YOU!
What: Harmony Explosion! 2019
When: Saturday, Feb. 16 from 8 am to 5 pm
Where: Olathe West High School, 2200 W Santa Fe, Olathe, KS 66061

You are invited to participate in a very exciting opportunity to support our youth – Harmony Explosion! 2019 – to be held at Olathe West High School on Saturday, Feb. 16. Harmony Explosion! 2019 is a one-day clinic that introduces Middle School and High School students and teachers (and family members and friends) to the 4-part a cappella harmonic sounds created by singing Barbershop style music. The Kansas City Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society and the Kansas City Chorus of Sweet Adelines join forces to sponsor this event, as we have done for more than 30 years.

Harmony Explosion! 2019 includes vocal music activities for students that wish to sing Barbershop music in quartets or in larger groups – with a common goal to promote 4-part a cappella singing in a mistake-friendly environment that encourages participation and performance with plenty of support and fun!

- Goal #1 – get the students to sing on stage!
- Goal #2 – get the students excited about singing a cappella music on their own and with their friends!
- Goal #3 – get the students to understand that singing is a life-long hobby – they can participate in school, in college, as young adults, and throughout their lifetime.
- Goal #4 – provide excellence in vocal music singing through demonstration and education with wonderful Featured Quartets such as *Harmonium*, *Legacy*, *BoomTown*, *Premium Blend*, *HEAT*, *ZING!* and *Pizzazz*.

Getting the students to sing on stage is a HUGE accomplishment:

1. Builds character and self-confidence
2. Improves their self-esteem
3. Teaches them responsibility and accountability
4. Uses Barbershop Music as the vehicle for fun!

The schedule for the day will look something like this:

9:00 am Opening Session with the featured quartet, BoomTown
9:30 am Vocal Warm-ups and song rehearsal
10:00 am Quartet Performances
12:30 pm Quartet Performance by the mixed quartet Date Night
LUNCH - catered by Olive Garden (\$5 suggested donation)
1:30 pm Afternoon song rehearsal
2:30 pm BHS Student Chorus / SAI Student Chorus and Parade of Quartets Concert and Awards
4:30 pm Curtain Call Performance by BoomTown

Make plans now to attend. You will thoroughly enjoy the experience – **I GUARANTEE IT!**

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ARE YOU A HARMONY EXPLOSION VOLUNTEER?

by Jerry Meier



Harmony Explosion! 2019 is right around the corner. Here are some of the simple but important assignments that make Harmony Explosion! run. Please notify **Jerry Meier** if you can help — it's appreciated by everyone involved.

1. Can you be an **Enthusiastic Audience Member**? Please make plans to attend, even if you do not receive a specific work assignment that day. Your presence gives the kids moral support when singing for a larger, loving audience!
2. Wanna help set up / serve lunch? Can you be a back-up Judge (you get simple, basic instructions)? Can you operate a laptop running Excel? Wanna operate a video camera or take pictures? Wanna hang signs inside the building? Can you escort the kids to the Warm-up Rooms and then to the stage? Wanna help back stage? Can you be an Usher in the Main Auditorium or Flex Theatre?
3. Can you be a **Quartet Coach**? It's easier than you think! Simply share your barbershop knowledge with the students — it's the most beneficial service that we can provide. Your presence with a young quartet will help the students practice their songs with a purpose. Just one or two days prior to Feb. 16 is all it takes — usually at 3pm during the school day (sometimes at 7 am). Just 30 minutes of coaching can make a huge difference in a student's ability to sing on stage. Don't you wish that someone would have coached you when YOU were in school? Please talk to **Jerry Meier** in person to get more information.

All Harmony Explosion! volunteers (those of you with a specific work assignment) must complete the online training. Please complete the training well before THE Saturday in February. I will send out the necessary details upon arrival from Headquarters.

Encourage everyone you know to attend the FREE concert at 2:30 pm on Feb. 16!

Harmony Explosion! 2019 on Saturday, Feb. 16 at Olathe West High School (2200 W Santa Fe, which is straight west of K-7 on 135th/ Santa Fe)

- 9:00 am** Opening Session with the featured quartet *BoomTown* plus a Special Awards Presentation
- 9:30 am** Vocal Warm-ups and BHS Student Chorus Song Rehearsal: Hi Neighbor
- 10:00 am** Student Quartet Performances
- 12:30 pm** Quartet Performance by *Date Night* and the "Parade of Quartets" Announcement
- LUNCH** - catered by Olive Garden (\$5 suggested donation)
- 1:30 pm** Afternoon Rehearsal of the Student Chorus Songs
- 2:30 pm** BHS Student Chorus / SAI Student Chorus and Parade of Quartets Concert and Awards
- 4:30 pm** Quartet Performance by *BoomTown*



January 7 Harvey Shapiro
January 9 Bob Rutherford
January 10 Oly Oldehoeft
January 13 Roy Manade
January 25 Bob Burdick
January 30 Rick Foreman

February 14 Jim Bagby
February 19 Fred Hangartner
February 20 Jim Porter
February 25 John Marshall
February 27 Jon Gathright

March 4 Ron McIntire
March 16 Eric Weber
March 17 Don Young
March 23 Charles Ramirez
March 29 Jerry Meier
March 30 Doc Jeppesen

Holiday Show a Success!

by Bob Velazquez, Director, HOA Chorus



It feels like the Holiday Show was just last week. I am still getting wonderful comments about how much our patrons loved the show. As I look back at our Show with our sister *Sweet Adeline Chorus*,

I look at the flair both the choirs took to their costumes. I could not help hearing the audience take that big air of "Oh My!" Every member went out of their way to make this a very colorful show. I appreciate KC Chorus Director, **Michelle Hunget** and the wonderful enthusiasm we shared to make this show about giving the gift of song to our audience.

Michelle and I met back in the Spring of 2018 to decide on a theme for the show and that was the beginning of some great ideas. I was even more excited when she invited *Class Ring*, Sweet Adelines "Queens of Harmony" to sing on the show. They were amazing! We invited a Children's Chorus to sing on the show allowing future Barber Shoppers to shine and they did. Michelle and I wanted to provide a little something for everyone on the show and I believe we did it.

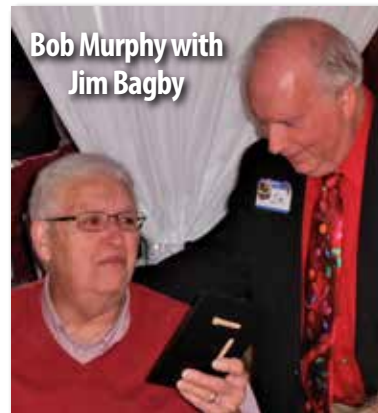
Both HOA and KC Chorus provided wonderful holiday music with the theme that Santa lost his iPad and all of Elf in the North Pole was on the look out! The iPad had Santa's naughty and nice list on it and Santa could not leave until it was found. Santa's iPad was found, "Rudolph was playing Reindeer games on it."

There were so many people involved in the success of this show and I don't want to miss thanking anyone. You know who you are and I send you a BIG THANK YOU!

Where do we go from here? HOA will be going up to HEP school in February to be coached by some of our Barbershop musical leaders. HOA will have its next Annual Show on March 16. We are singing songs from the Broadway stage and Silver Screen Movies. You can go to the website to get more information.

Please come by and check us out at Center High School on Tuesday's at 7:00 and sing with us even for one night. ❤️

NHH Begins 11th Year; Murphy Gets 2018 Hero Award



The Kansas City Chapter's largest and most active affiliate group, the *New Harmony Handful*, has averaged 19 performances per year in its first 10 years of operation, according to historian **Bob Howard**. But the number is climbing.

The NHH was out to churches, retirement and nursing homes, senior citizen organizations and other primarily daytime groups 25 times in 2017 and 21 times last year. And we're already booked three times in February. Our monthly meetings at Blue Ridge Presbyterian Church are always lively and busy as we

woodshed, warm up with tags and rehearse songs the guys have (mostly) learned on their own. We're also proud of our two active quartets, *A Cappella Fellas* and *4 in Harmony*. One or the other appears at every performance we do. We have 21 members as we begin year No. 11.

Bass **Bart Bartholomew** joined us last year. Numerically, he replaces **Val Putzier**, an original and wonderful guy who died in 2017. **Jan Putzier** and her daughter, **Suzie**, came to our December Christmas banquet at Venue 208, in the Red Bridge shopping center — across from the church where HOA used to meet. **Dave Hokanson** did a bangup job of hosting and catering the meal, while wives and significant others brought side dishes. We had over 40 in attendance.

The highlight of the evening was presentation of the annual Harmony Hero award to **Bob Murphy**, who has earned the admiration of all for the extra effort he has to make just to show up for virtually every function of the NHH. In his remarks leading to the presentation, *Handful* President **Tony Strub** noted, "I think I work hard for the *Handful*. Then I look at Bob on his hand crutches and see how much he puts in this. It just makes me want to try harder."

Every NHH member must be a member of HOA or the new *Society for the Preservation and Propagation of Barbershop Singing in the United States* (SPBBSQSUS). As a side note, **Rich Huyck**, **Jim Davis**, **Marty Oldehoeft** and Director **Jim Bagby** are SPBBSQSUS members. Bagby attended the SPBB first convention at San Antonio in January. ❤️

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BARBERSHOP HISTORY QUIZ QUESTIONS

author: Mark Axelrod, editor of "Blue Chip Chatter," Teaneck, NJ.
(Posted January 2009)

1. An extremely famous radio (and later TV) variety show host was inducted. Name him. For extra credit, what distinguished him as worthy of honorary membership? Hint--he was a local boy who resided in Hasbrouck Heights in his youth.
2. A family foursome who appeared at several Society international competitions as kids and brought the house down (but never competed) went on to show biz fame. Who are they? Hint—one of the brothers plus his sister remain in the show biz spot light to this day. These two, however, are younger than the original four brothers who sang barbershop.
3. A recent inductee made his mark in gospel music. Name him.
4. Three singers from three a capella groups who scaled the popular music heights - the first two in the 1950's, the third starting in the late 1950's but still at it! - were inducted. Name them and their groups.
5. This individual is famous as a song writer and as a singer. He has many gold records, and his songs have been recorded by some of the biggest names in the music business. Name him.



ANSWERS:

1. **Arthur Godfrey** in 1960. Godfrey was a society booster from our earliest days and showcased many quartets, male and female, on his radio and TV shows. His musical director for many years was **Walter Latzko**, the renowned arranger of over 1,000 barbershop songs. The Chordettes (of Mr. Sandman fame) sang on the show frequently. One of the *Chordettes* fell in love with Walter and down the aisle they went.
2. *The Osmond Brothers* in 1986. The two younger siblings who still remain in the public eye are **Donny** and **Marie**.
3. **Bill Gaither** in 2006
4. **Gene Puerling** of the *Hi-Los* (and also of *Singers Unlimited*) in 2004, Bob Flanigan of the *Four Freshmen* in 2003, and **Jim Pike** of the *Lettermen* in 1996.
5. **Gordon Lightfoot** in 2006

NEW MEMBER FLYER

by Ron McIntire



For some time now, we have all watched our chapter membership decline from well over 150 members in the 1980s and 90s to fewer than 100 today. Putting 100 men on stage at a show or contest then was the norm.

The reasons for the decline are many, but one fact is evident: not enough singers are coming into the chapter, let alone visiting. If you are among those who complain that *Central Standard* has robbed us of our membership, you miss the point. Iron is magnetized—when the molecules in the material align themselves in the same direction. Thus, *Central Standard's* mission has aligned itself with competition. That's great. They attract members who want to compete at a higher level. Kansas City's tradition aligns itself with entertaining shows, community service and promoting Kansas City.

Unfortunately our members are not being replaced at a rate to support the decline. No one can fault a member for moving to any other chapter if it fits their mission. However, who better represents Kansas City, Missouri? Answer: *The Kansas City Chapter* and *HOA*. We may compete at a lower level but I favor the community approach. I would bet that most, if not all, in our chapter do too.

Now, what can we do to increase our numbers? I pondered the question and noted that we have no visual advertising tool -- a flyer to be exact. So, I designed one (see page 15. Here's my approach.

I will put this on the *HOA* website. I encourage everyone to include the .PDF file in your emails, on Facebook, Instagram and everywhere it can be distributed. Let's see what it can do. ❤️

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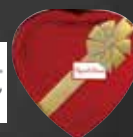
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