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NEW YEAR...NEW OPPORTUNITIES

by Mike Schumacher, Proud HOA President



was extremely pleased to see so many guys and their significant others at the Installation Banquet this year. To me, that just shows and solidifies the support that was given to all of our events in 2019. I am very grateful to the 2019 Board for their creativity and foresight to try different things. After looking at the events of last year, I sat at the computer and outlined a lot of the known events for 2020 and had to keep using a smaller font in order to get them all on one page.

Most of the members of last year's Board are returning and that tells me that we are once again starting a year with some great leadership and I am excited to see where we go and what we do. This Chapter and Chorus has always been community-minded and it's a shame that we are still the best-kept secret in Kansas City. But we'll keep working to change that. The 2020 Board is already hard at work and we have a couple of opportunities that are being considered that I didn't know about when I made my calendar. I hope you think that's exciting because I do! Everything we do this year will enhance my goals for the year.

- 1) Have more singing opportunities to showcase our talented group and touch the hearts of our audiences.
- 2) Increase our active membership so more guys experience the thrill of singing for an audience, getting the feeling of the audience's appreciation and to enlarge our footprint in the greater Kansas City area.
- 3) Increasing our fun at every event by singing better and enjoying the fellowship of some wonderful friends with whom we share this musical lifestyle. I also want to make sure we have open dialog and

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support of the other chapters and choruses in our area. We need to know what they are doing so we support their activities when we can and hopefully they in turn will do the same.

In closing, I want to encourage you to reach out to the Board and as you always have the support and encourage them. *The Heart of America Chorus* and Kansas City Chapter is OUR chorus and OUR chapter. WE have to work together to get it to go where we want. Support them by helping plan and execute the events that we already have planned (remember there is no such thing as a committee of one) and encourage them by trusting their decisions, giving us your suggestions for things you'd like to do and just being there to let them know they are doing a good job. With everyone's support, encouragement, enthusiasm, love and insight, I know 2020 is going to be an amazing and fun year. "I can't wait to sing" those songs with every one of you! It's great to be a Barbershopper! 🎔

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 go to Harmony Foundation at the end of each year. The chapter has delivered

a check to Harmony Foundation for \$1,000 for our donation in 2019.

As of December 18th (end of year), after 45 drawings (8 since the last report):

- The total collected for Harmony Foundation since the last report is \$181.
- The total collected for the calendar year 2019 is \$1,000 even.
- The carry-over jackpot amount stood at \$515. No one hit the jackpot in the entire year. This is the longest period of time with no winner in the 20 years I have managed this raffle. The last winner was on Nov. 6, 2018.

As of January 15th, after 2 drawings:

- The total collected for Harmony Foundation since the start of the year is \$53.
- The carry-over jackpot amount stood at \$535. ♥

CAROLING CARAVAN PHOTOS



















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2019 Awards Banquet

by Jerry Meier

The Kansas City Chapter's 2019 Awards and 2020 Installation Banquet was held on Saturday, Jan. 4 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.

Fifty-nine (59) members and guests were in attendance, including our Installation Officer Chad Scheutz, Central States District President and his wife **Tiffany**. Chad installed the 2020 Officers by reading our wedding vows – I mean our chapter vows and commitments which were confirmed with a solid "I DO!" The best part was that not one Board Member chose to speak out when prompted to "Object to their Duties." Chad also read some meaningful quotes from our *HOA* Past International Presidents Bob Gall, Gil Lefholtz, and Don Fuson.

The 2020 Officers are:

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Bob Velazquez, *Heart of America Chorus* Director, provided recommendations for 2020 members to care for each other and to work personally to improve the chapter and the chorus this year. President Mike Schumacher challenged us to make our chorus a priority in 2020 – mark down the dates for all planned activities, and make a commitment to participate in as many events as possible. He encouraged all members to actively promote our chapter and our chorus, while conversing with potential new members and customers. He challenged chapter members to communicate with Board Members and voice opinions that will benefit the chapter.

Swing Shift (Carter Combs, John Braden, Bob Velazquez, Eric **Weber**) entertained the members with two new songs that lived up to their quartet motto: If something goes wrong, it's the Lead's fault! I mustache you a question, but I'll shave it for later.

One special "Thank You" goes to **Bob Velazquez** for bringing the **Rich Huyck** / Gentlemen of Note sound system. This was another successful trial of the system. The Chapter will purchase this sound system for future use.

Another "Thank You" goes to **Rich Huyck** for taking photos during the event. We all agree that pictures in the Harmonotes add tremendous value and help us to enjoy our events many months after they have completed.

A third "Thank You" goes to **John Braden** for stepping in to replace **Bruce Wenner** as Official Organizer of the Awards, and for the other members on the Awards Committee, for putting in the time and effort and due diligence to recognize and award the 2019 award recipients:

- Bob Velazquez was honored with the John Cross Award for 2019 (presented by 2018 recipient **Barry Sanders**). Bob now joins the famous Triple Crown Winner Club: John Cross + Oz Newgard + Barbershopper of the Year.
- There was no Oz Newgard "Ozzie" Award given in 2019 for Outstanding Musical Service to the Chapter.
- There was no Joe Stern Chapter Lifetime Achievement Award given in 2020.
- **Steve Keisker** was honored with the 2019 Barbershopper of the Year Award (presented by 2018 recipient **Harvey Shapiro**.

Thanks to all that were in attendance. I hope that you will also make plans next year to participate in this event and to support your chapter.

2019 Barbershopper of the Year — **Steve Keisker**

by Harvey Shapiro

Steve Keisker joined the Barbershop Harmony Society and HOA in 2012. In that relatively brief time, he has been a very hard worker for our chapter.

You can often find Steve and his truck hauling the HOA" mobile home" around the Midwest countryside, bringing our risers to our performances far and near. Over the past year, that has included several extra trips to alternate meeting sites when our meeting place could not provide a flat floor for the chorus' riser practices.

Central States District has benefitted more than once from Steve's labors, hauling our risers to CSD events in several cities.

His hauling is not just with the truck. He also pitches in with a strong back to get the risers themselves set up.

Mr. Keiser currently serves on the *HOA* Board as Vice President for Operations and has served as a board member at large. He's also our most reliable pitch piper — keeping a lengthy list of pitches ready, even when the directors might spring a surprise song on us from the chapter repertoire.

When not Barbershopping, Steve works with middle school special education students in the Blue Springs School District. And, Steve and wife Brenda are the No. 1 and 2 fans of the K.C. Mayericks Hockey team even though the Mavs have occupied last place for most of the year. That's dedication.

I consider Steve a brother in HOA and a very close friend who is well-deserving of the title Barbershopper of the Year for 2019.



Bob Velazquez wins 2019 John Cross Award

by Barry Sanders

The John Cross Award is for perfect (or nearly perfect) attendance at HOA practices and performances. The next important criterion for this award is to be a "can do" person who typically steps up to perform activities that no one else has volunteered to take on.



The member who best meets those criteria this year is **Bob Velazquez**. Combined with his strong attendance record, he has a track record for taking on those kinds of tasks in the past year and throughout his short seven years with HOA and the Barbershop Harmony Society.

I will narrow my remarks to a sampling of the jobs he took on in 2019, not even counting his main job as our chorus director:

- When our Music VP resigned, Bob stepped up to take this on for the remainder of 2019.
- When we found the venue for our 2020 show had to be changed because our 2019 venue would not be available on the date that we need (April 4), Bob took it on himself to search the entire KC area to find a different venue for our show.
- When we found that we would have a problem finding a headliner guartet for our Spring show, due to late notice and a specific date that we needed for our show, the person who took it on himself to find an available and worthwhile headliner quartet was Bob.
- When we found that the replacement for our stolen sound system could be the system used by Rich Huyck's previous quartet, Bob stepped up to get his hands on the system and test it out and to negotiate a sale price for HOA to acquire the system.
- When we moved out of our previous meeting place, we lost a lot of storage space. It was Bob who agreed to store the chapter music library in his garage.
- For our 2019 show, Bob was one of three guys who built our paper moon, muslin tree and cardboard sea in Bob's garage.

On top of all this, Bob also finds time to practice and perform with his first quartet.

Congratulations to our 2019 winner of the John Cross Award — Bob Velazguez!





















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YOU! Who:

Harmony Explosion! 2020 What:

When: Saturday, Feb. 22 from 8 am to 4 pm

Grace United Methodist Church, 11485 S. Ridgeview, Olathe, KS 66061 Where:

You are invited to participate in a very exciting opportunity to support our youth. Harmony Explosion! 2020 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! 2020 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:

- 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

9:15 am Vocal warm-ups and song rehearsal

10:00 am Quartet Performances

12:30 pm LUNCH!

1:00 pm Afternoon song rehearsal

Student Chorus and Parade of Quartets Concert and Awards 2:00 pm

4:00 pm Depart

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

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HOLIDAY SHOW TICKET SALES

by Marlin Weidler

Here it is almost Mid-January and the Holiday Show has come and gone. Even though there was a lot to do with being Ticket Chair for the Holiday Show - it did not seem so stressful (until the day of the show) because of all the help and support I received from fellow Chapter members and also **Kris Deweese** from KC SAI. Unity Village Capacity is actually 949. We sold 829 seats that left 120 seats (mostly in the Rear Orchestra and Balcony) which is around 87 % sold. Not guite 100%, but pretty dang close.

I was so glad that my brother was there to help at the Will Call table. There was a lot going on with groups coming in and some getting Will Call tickets and people asking all types of questions. So, note to self, support staff near the Will Call table.

If my family and other quests were any indication of the responses received – they were totally wowed by the headliner quartet. And the music by both chorus' was outstanding. I also received and shared other responses received from people that attended and are already talking up next years show where ever it may be.

So why am I adding another article to the *Harmonotes*? Our President (Mike Schumacher) thought I did such a wonderful job as ticket chair for the Holiday Show that he emailed me personally to invite me to be Ticket Chair for the Spring Show. I have accepted and getting everything ready for tickets to be sold just as soon as possible. I believe we still have some stock available from the Holiday Show that we can still use - so now it is just getting the tickets printed and software ready to enter in purchases.

Since the show is at Unity, it will be easy to setup in the program that I used for the Holiday Show to track the ticket sales. So now here comes your part. Get ready to order some tickets and have them ready with you so you can sell them to your friends and neighbors. I already have 10 in my list that I am getting ready to communicate with! Do you? If you, have thoughts on how we can get more groups (we had 3 that I know of at the Holiday Show) — let me know. ♥

When: **April 4th** Where: **Unity Village** 2 PM (one show) Time: Anyone you can think of. Who is invited:

Keep Singing!

Marlin Weidler

2019 Holiday Show Ticket Chair 2020 Spring Show Ticket Chair



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 15 Ron Galvin 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

THE BEAT GOES ON FOR NHH **Coleman Earns 2019 Hero Honor**

by John Erwine



When I joined this amazing group 11 years ago, I had not the foggiest idea what it would mean to me today. The New Harmony **Handful** provides entertainment at many venues, reinforces spiritual hearts at others

and brings solace and awakening for some who may have longed for it.

To be clear, we are a hearty bunch of old guys that are an affiliate group of the *Heart of America Chorus*. We do regular freebies, sit in for church choirs when they are absent and perform minimally paid gigs at special places. Please remember, these are all important and rewarding to us.

What special places you may ask? Nursing homes and Special Care, which are not high-dollar facilities. I believe I can speak for all NHH members; these are most special and uplifting to us. Why? Because our music touches the residents, which in turn radiates through us. If you have not experienced a semi-comatose individual gradually beginning to move a foot or finger to the music (or beat), you have missed a miracle.

At a recent performance in just such a setting, it was unexpectedly reported that the facility would be closing within days. It was evident that residents were in a state of unrest — and so were we! At some point during our performance, Director **Jim Bagby** told the residents that it was going to be okay; that things would work out. This seemed to have a positive, calming effect as we went forward, according to Betsy (Mrs. Tony) Strub, Assistance League of Kansas City, who is responsible for introducing us to many of these facilities.

On Jan. 6, NHH had our holiday banquet with special guests, including wives or significant others, at the Blue Moose. Many thanks are due to Jon and Dessie Gathright who arranged everything for us (twice), working around an original date that snowed us out. Everyone got the word except **Bart Bartholomew**, who erroneously deleted the wrong date from his "device." He happily sat in the lounge waiting for us until he was informed "nothing happening tonight". He found his way back to us on the 6th.

A most prodigious highlight of our gathering was presentation of the HANDFUL HERO AWARD, given each year for outstanding performance and diligent service. This year's recipient was Gordy Coleman. Gordy first started his barbershop experience in Amarillo, Texas, 1952 while on a pipeline construction project. He and three fellow workers were toying with quarteting, heard a radio ad inviting men interested in singing

to come by a mortuary (yes) where they could get some pointers. Long story short, those instructors would soon be known as The Four Hearsemen, 1955 BHS champs. Go figure. Gordy said the The Hearsemen regularly practiced in the mortuary and never had a displeased audience! On a further note, Gordy is our oldest (93+) participant and still very vocally opinionated. He served proudly in the Navy during WWII.

Past NHH Heroes are Tony Strub, Bob Howard, Martin Oldehoeft, Dave Hokanson, Ron Abel, Rich Huyck and Bob Murphy. Additional banquet enjoyment was provided by one of our quartets, A Capella Fellas.



It is most gratifying to walk among our audiences after a performance, shaking hands when possible, a touch of the shoulder, or just smiling with a "thank you for coming" is all you can offer. Often, we get big hugs!

Recently, Director **Jim Bagby** got a special compliment from a kindly older gent of the "Forever Young Seniors" which still resonates with him and us in turn -- "You sparked up my heart." This is the type of infusion that helps us with every performance.

To catch you up on our stats, dutifully kept by **Bob Howard**: in 11 years we have performed 208 times: 64 at nursing and care facilities, 58 were church services, and 47 senior groups plus others. We now have our eyes, ears and "learning" abilities fixed on what appears to be a wonderful 12th year extension of our past, as we have several gigs scheduled soon.

As for me and these unexpected gems I have accumulated over the years, I hope to be a member of this close-knit vocal project until the guy with the white stick tells me it's time to give it up. In that case I will comply and just listen to the many Barbershop and Country CD's available.

But, in those elder years, I would hope to be the recipient of this wonderful Barbershop style of singing by a group such as this to help keep me around for just awhile longer. I certainly hope as well to be able to tap my foot or fingers "to the beat."

SWING SHIFT GETS BUSIER

by John Braden

Coming off district contest in October, *Swing Shift* has been gradually getting busier, mainly performing at senior centers and holiday shows. We have been trying (not entirely successfully) to practice once a week, plus about 30 minutes before Tuesday night chorus practice.

There are so many songs to choose from and so little time! And just learning the song is not enough; you have to practice-practice-

practice until you feel confident enough to sing it in front of humans. (At the same time, keeping current on, and improving, the previous songs you learned.) I'm glad that we all seem to think this is fun.

We are shopping for a sound coach and hoping we can get back with performance specialist **Jon Kready**. (Great guy!)

Our travels included Lenexa on Nov. 9 for a Veterans Day weekend performance at Greenwood Terrace Retirement Center and a 60-person 80th birthday party on Nov. 30 in Lenexa for former Salina, Kan., Sweet Adeline Roma Collett.

Then the holidays descended upon us. We had great fun with HOA and the Kansas City Chorus at the Dec. 7

Holiday Harmony Spectacular. We sang a calypso arrangement of "Mary's Little Boy Child" on stage and debuted "If You've Only Got a Moustache" at the afterglow.

We had the good fortune to be invited by *Voltage*, a new Sweet Adeline quartet, to back them up at a joint performance Dec. 18 at the Fountains at Greenbriar in Independence. It was fun practicing with them to perform three eight-part songs as well as our packages of holiday songs.

Then, just two days later, we were among 13 HOA members in a twosong surprise flash mob for a 170-person holiday party on Dec. 18 at Hallbrook Country Club in Leawood. Swing Shift got to top it off by singing a farewell "Irish Blessing" to a retiring company exec.

Then it was up the next morning, Dec. 19, for *HOA's* Caroling Caravan — Mike Mathieu's daylong bus junket to retirement centers collecting dough for the Salvation Army. Swing Shift sang "Mary's Little

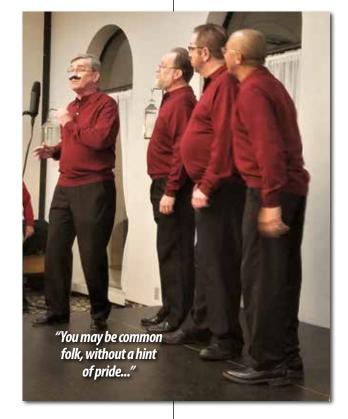
Boy Child" at all but one stop with John and Carter fighting voice problems from a nasty little cold. And **Carter** was doing double duty at each stop with Singamabob.

A week later, Dec. 28, we had a real treat. We took spouses **Jeffi**, Elizabeth and Janet, and Eric's daughter, **Lauren**, to the Gaslight Grill in Leawood. We ate awesome food in the Back Room where **Lvnn Zimmer** and the Jazz Band plays. During the band's breaks we sang three songs, receiving enthusiastic applause. Zimmer even came by the table, complimented us and asked for our card.

We were invited to sing Jan. 4 at the HOA Installation Banquet. We performed "If You've Only Got a Moustache" again — which was new to most HOA members

and families who did not attend the HHS afterglow. It's great to get intended laughter from the audience (rather than the other kind).

The new year is here! We have set sights on quartet coaching at Central States District HEP School Feb. 8 in St. Joseph. We expect to spend some time being coached as tenor-lead-bari and lead-baribass trios since **Eric** will be coming in mid-morning from work and CSD Contest and Judging Honcho Carter will be facilitating Leadership Academy meetings in the afternoon.



WE'RE BARBERSHOPPERS — FLASH MOBS ARE US

By John Braden

Thirteen members of the *Heart of America Chorus* surprised holiday partiers, performing as a flash mob Dec. 20 at Hallbrook Country Club in Leawood. It was big fun for everyone, including the chorus members.

It's what Barbershoppers do at the drop of a hat — one guy starts singing and suddenly everybody is singing.

Eric Pritchett, marketing director for industrial firm IAC-Intl., contacted HOA via Marlin Weidler and the Holiday Harmony Spectacular ticket operation. Marlin handed off to

the Music Team, which nudged me into contacting Mr. Pritchett.

Mr. Pritchett outlined his idea for a flash mob performance of a couple of songs just as partiers were sitting down to the holiday banquet. He wanted to know if I remembered a

Thirteen HOA Flash Mobsters surprise holiday partiers. Our fake "servers" are in black with white ties, while our "partiers are in sport coats and tieless.

HOA members gathered in the clubhouse basement to organize and warm up. Seven of us were disguised as servers -- black shirt and slacks, white tie -- while the other six dressed as partiers. Our "servers" filtered in to line the dining room, while our "partiers" slipped into the cocktail area as real partiers moved to the dining tables.

When preliminary toasts finished, HOA bass **Eric Weber** moved toward the center of the dining room, singing "Bow, bahm ba doo ba, bow ba ba doo ba

> doo bah..."I joined him with melody, then Carter Combs and **Bob** Velazguez came in on tenor and bari, followed by the "servers" and "partiers" chiming in.

duet **Bing Crosby** did with David Bowie on TV back in 1977. I laughed and told him yes, HOA performs Peace on Earth/ Little Drummer Boy.

I told him we could do that, but performance-wise, it would be better if we started off with *Let It Snow*, featuring the jazzy bass solo that would allow us to start with one man and gradually add singers to the mix. He agreed.

Though 80 to 100 guests were expected, 170 attended, packing the house.

As the song ended, we formed up on the dance floor where we delivered Peace on Earth/Little Drummer Boy. Then as chorus members headed for the doors, Swing Shift finished off the performance by singing *Irish Blessing* as a farewell to a retiring company executive.

It was a fun performance for all involved and gave us a warmup for the day long Caroling Caravan the next day. 🎔

SINGAMABOB

By Carter Combs

One of the most delightful things about singing in a quartet is the VARIETY. Take Singamabob... please! Over the last few months we have entertained a diverse assortment of audiences, in multiple locations, for every major meal of the day.

At Village Shalom, we performed at a bbg picnic lunch for total strangers... senior retirees and their families. Although we had never met any of them, within minutes they were smiling and humming along with familiar old tunes... making an instant connection through music.

Our next performance was for family... the Moritz family in fact, who were gathering at Jonnies Tayern for Al's grandson Andy's birthday dinner. We were greeted as conquering heroes! Well... Jim and Willard were....

with **Keith** and I just hanging back and observing all the laughs and warm hugs. But by the end of our performance, we were ALL part of the family, and invited to stay as long we liked to join in the celebration.

Imagine our surprise a few weeks later when we were invited to sing for a bunch of **OWLS!** We were scratching our swiveling heads, trying to figure out appropriate songs for an avian audience, when Mike Schumacher explained this is the *Older, Wiser, Livelier Seniors* group at Blue Ridge Presbyterian Church. So, break out all of our inspirational and religious rep? Nope! This was for their Thanksgiving luncheon, and the group likes to have fun. We arrived to find a mix of both new and familiar faces... Mike & Linda Schumacher of course; new HOA member **Ron Galvin**, who is serving as their interim pastor; Caroling Caravan elf Carla Weisz; our quartet spouses, and too many more to list. Suffice to say, we enjoyed a delicious meal, followed by a rowdy good time!

As if singing on a full stomach isn't difficult enough, how about belting barbershop before breakfast? That was our next challenge, performing for the Vanguard

> Club at their annual Christmas Breakfast meeting at Mission Hills Country Club, arranged by long-time HOA "super-fan" Carl **Bolte**. We mixed a few holiday favorites in with some comedy shtick, and even got our audience to sing along before we were through!

And finally, the Caroling Caravan, our craziest day of the year. Who else but HOA would get a bus to travel around, entertaining at a half-dozen different locations in as few hours, all for the measly pay of a bag lunch? Plus pal around with a couple-dozen of our best buddies. And raise a bunch o'money for a worthy cause, of course!

Anyway, we have breakfast, lunch, dinner covered. When the Queen finally invites us to High Tea, we'll have the full set... and full tummies!

2020 DATES TO PUT ON YOUR CALENDAR!

	JAN				JUL		
Tue	7	rehearsal	Center HS	Tue	7	rehearsal	Center HS
Mon	13	Board mtg	BRPC	Mon	13	Board mtg	? ?
Tue	14	rehearsal	Center HS	Tue	14	rehearsal	Center HS
Tue	21	rehearsal	Center HS	Tue	21	rehearsal	Center HS
Tue	28	rehearsal	Center HS	Tue	28	rehearsal	Center HS
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Tue	4	rehearsal	Center HS	Tue	4	rehearsal	Center HS
Fri-Sat	7 & 8	CSD HEP school	MWSU	Mon	10	Board mtg	BRPC
Mon	10-Jan	Board mtg	BRPC	Tue	11	rehearsal	Center HS
Tue	11	rehearsal	Center HS	Tue	18	rehearsal	Center HS
Fri	14	Singing Valentines	KC area	Tue	25	rehearsal	Center HS
Tue	18	rehearsal	Center HS		SEP		
Sat	22	Harmony Explosion	Olathe	Tue	1	rehearsal	Center HS
Tue	25	rehearsal	Center HS	Tue	8	rehearsal	Center HS
	MAR			Mon	14	Board mtg	BRPC
Tue	3	rehearsal	Center HS	Tue	15	rehearsal	Center HS
Mon	9	Board mtg	BRPC	Tue	22	rehearsal	Center HS
Tue	10	rehearsal	Center HS	Thu	24	golf scramble	??
Tue	17	rehearsal	Center HS	Tue	29	rehearsal	Center HS
Tue	24	rehearsal	Center HS		ОСТ		
Thu	26	extra rehearsal ??	??	Thu	1	extra rehearsal ??	??
Tue	31	rehearsal	Center HS	Tue	6	rehearsal	Center HS
	APR			Fri-Sat	9 & 10	CSD Fall contest	Altoona IA
Thu	2	extra rehearsal ??	??	Mon	12	Board mtg	BRPC
Sat	4	HOA SHOW	Unity Village	Tue	13	rehearsal	Center HS
Tue	7	rehearsal	Center HS	Tue	20	rehearsal	Center HS
Mon	13	Board mtg	BRPC	Tue	27	rehearsal	Center HS
Tue	14	rehearsal	Center HS		NOV		
Fri - Sat	17 & 18	CSD Spring Contest	Wichita KS	Tue	3	rehearsal	Center HS
Tue	21	rehearsal	Center HS	Mon	9	Board mtg	BRPC
Tue	28	rehearsal	Center HS	Tue	10	rehearsal	Center HS
	MAY			Tue	17	rehearsal	Center HS
Tue	5	rehearsal	Center HS	Tue	24	rehearsal	Center HS
Mon	11	Board mtg	BRPC		DEC		
Tue							Center HS
	12	rehearsal	Center HS	Tue	1	rehearsal	Center 113
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Singing Valentines

Saturday, Feb. 16
Harmony Explosion! 2019 · Olathe West High School

Saturday, March 16
Heart of America Annual Show at Bell Center · 2pm & 7pm
Bell Center

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