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HOA Shines at Central States Contest

by Doug Brott, HOA President



BROTT

First off, a Big CONGRATULATIONS to **Todd Anderson** and the *Harmonotes* Team for their First Place CSD Newsletter Award given at the CSD Spring Competition in Iowa City, IA on April 19.

A well deserved honor. Now, like

the rest of us, it's on to Nashville and hopefully another First Place award there.

Congratulations are also in order for *High Definition* who will be representing CSD along with *Three Men and a Melody* at the International Quartet Competition. *Listen Up*, with 2 rookies on stage placed 7th. On the chorus side our brothers in Leavenworth made a good showing with their clown set and *Central Standard* won the small chorus competition. Another Big CONGRATULATIONS to all.

The above results point up once again that hard work and practice pays off. HOA's next opportunity to shine is coming up in just 2-½ months. Are you ready? Are you off the notes on our contest set? Are you listening to our leaders at each rehearsal and retaining all that we do so that when the next week rolls around, you have not digressed? Are you practicing more than Tuesday nights? I hope you have answered all those questions with a resounding YES! If so, we are on our way to great things in Nashville.

Thanks and See You On the Risers! ♥

FOUR!



2008 Golf Tournament Chairman Kent Miller (second from left) is all smiles during HOA's recent sports fellowship. Complete details are on page 3. Golf photos are courtesy of Ron McIntire and Cindy Miller

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A HARMONOTES HAT TRICK!

by Todd Anderson, *Harmonotes* Editor

For the third year in a row, Kansas City's bulletin takes first place at District!



Above: Mike Mathieu (left; Kansas City) and Larry Warwick (Des Moines) accept awards as first and second place Chapter Bulletin Award winners for 2007 for the Central States District from CSD Board Member At Large, Randy Fischer.



I was elated when I learned that for the third straight year, *HOA's* communication tool took the top spot within the Central States District! This is no cake walk as all District bulletins are manned by folks who work hard to showcase their chapter's pride.

Once again I'm left with trying to summon adequate words to say "thanks" to those who make my life so easy, and convey my deep gratitude.

Wade Dexter - past editorial champ who knows what it takes to win!

Jim Bagby - our retired arm waver and AP writer has always been a rock when it comes to helping me come up with articles and checking my work to make sure things appear as they should.

Ron McIntire - Can't say enough good about this dedicated *Harmonotes* contributor. From stellar articles to photos, we couldn't make it to the finish line with Ron!

Matt Bostick and Don Fuson - Matt, for his beautiful photo offerings, and Don, for providing advice and photography.

Dick Irwin - Distribution Chief, who consistently makes sure the bulletin arrives in your mail box each month. A labor of love!

And to our chapter officers, quartets and members, for providing content that keep the readers (and judges) smiling each month! *Way to go, HOA!* ♥



HOA GOLF FUNDRAISER

by Kent Miller, 2008 Tournament Chairman



MILLER

After the first annual *Heart of America* golf fundraiser last year I wrote these words, "Cold and wind and rain, Oh My!" because it was very cold and windy and rainy. This year one week before the second annual *Heart of America* golf fund raiser the forecast for the day of the tournament, Saturday, April 26, was 65 degrees and sunny. So I wrote an e-mail to all participating saying, "The weather forecast for Saturday is 65 degrees and partly sunny. That's a whole lot better than last year!"

Then came Friday's forecast, which was changed to 61 degrees, sunny in the morning with possible rain and an occasional thunderstorm beginning late afternoon. It was, "Oh My" once more.

Well, I am happy (make that very happy) to report that the weather held off. The day was partly sunny and cool, but comfortable. All who participated were pleased with the weather, the golf, the food, and the fellowship. The day was a great success.

Like last year, the entry fee (\$90) included green fees, cart, range balls, player gifts, door prize tickets, flight prizes, hole prizes, and a burger buffet. Last year counting hole prizes, door prizes, and raffle prizes participants in our 2007 tournament walked away with over \$1,400 in prizes. I do not yet have the final tally for this year's event but I know that it easily exceeded \$1,000 and may have been more than last year's total! Golfers who I know play in quite a few scrambles had great things to say about both the quality and the quantity of prizes and promised to spread the word for next year.

It was a great day and a great event. We had 14 teams and 55 players, which was slightly less than last year. The format was a scramble, in which each player hits a tee shot, the team selects the best one, and all players then hit from that spot. They continue in this fashion until the ball is holed.

The day started about 11:30 am with registration. Players could visit several tables to purchase mulligans, raffle tickets, skins, barbershop CDs, and

sign up to get information about *HOA* and our upcoming events. Television sets were showing DVDs of different International contests.

After a shotgun start at 1:15 p.m. the tournament finished about 5:45 p.m. Dinner was started, during which we were entertained by some great quartet singing from Command Performance, one of *HOA's* fine quartets. Hole prizes, door prizes, flight and skin prizes, and raffle prizes were awarded.

The tournament was a wonderful success and it could not have happened without the help of many, many chapter members, spouses, and their families. The list includes most of the *Heart of America* Chapter in one way or another, so I cannot possibly include all of the names, but we extend our thanks and appreciation to all who helped.

Remember, this event is open to everyone, and we encourage you to spread the word now for next year. If you would like to be on the list for information on the 2008 tournament, e-mail me at kmiller268@aol.com. ♥



Above left: Vince Perry (seated) helps Stew Grosser and Barry Sanders get registered; Center: Attendees take some practice putts to get a feel for the greens; At Right: Don Young keeps his head down as he begins his follow through. These photos, and more on page 11, courtesy of Ron McIntire and Cindy Miller



The Big Dance

by Rob Mathieu

As some of you know, *High Definition* qualified for the BHS International Competition in Nashville, TN on the weekend of April 18. And what a wonderful weekend it was. On deck, we have two veteran international competitors, **Mark and John Fortino, Adam Veteto**, and myself. Posting a score of 81.0%, leaves plenty of work to do.

On that note, qualifying for international in a quartet has been a dream of mine since I attended my first International competition in Salt Lake City, UT in 1986. Now 22 years later, my dream has come TRUE! *Unbelievable!* I have literally been living on 'Easy Street' this whole week. I just realized that our bass singer, Adam, wasn't even born yet when I attended my first international contest. I feel old now and I'm only 30. If I remember right, I was asleep on my moms lap at that very same contest in '86 when they announced that the **Rural Route 4** had won the gold. Sorry, **Jim**. Although, this does give a whole new meaning to 'Tie Me To Your Apron Strings Again.'

Thankfully, I can also remember my first trip to the international contest with the *Heart of America Chorus* in Louisville, KY in 1991. The chorus placed 7th that year and from then on, I knew I was hooked. I have been to every international contest that the chorus has qualified for since then. This summer, ill have the chance to compete in both the quartet and the chorus contests. Pulling 'double-duty' is something I could get very used to. What a thrill and what a great chapter/family to belong to.



From left to right: High Definition members Rob Mathieu, Mark Fortino, Adam Veteto and John Fortino

Enough about me, I know...

All this couldn't have been possible without the support of my family, especially my wife **Haley**, all the support from the **Fortino's** (too many to name), the **Veteto's**, the *Heart of America Chorus* and our very own Central States District. *High Definition* appreciates all the support these folks have given us in the short time we've been together. With quartet rehearsal every week, local gigs, shows and competition, the quartet has been and is starting to get really busy. I'm sure by the time you read this, HD will have done their shows in Green Bay, WI, Springfield, MO, Joplin, MO, and Denison, IA to mention a few. Recently, I have created a myspace page for HD. If you'd like to keep up on appearances or just like to listen to us, you can visit www.myspace.com/hdquartet at your leisure. We are looking forward to representing the Central States District and *HOA* (and Springfield, MO) this summer in Nashville, TN. ♥

Digging For Buried Treasure

by David Krause, HOA Director



KRAUSE

A little over a year ago I accepted the job from **Tony Strub** of beginning work on a history of our chapter. Have accomplished a bit, but not much. The problem is that the main source of info we need is a scrapbook

we prepared years ago and gave to the archives in Kenosha. That scrapbook is *somewhere* in the basement in Nashville. **Keith** and I made a trip there this fall and spent a good afternoon looking, to no avail. After a couple of hours we did find **O.C. Cash's** 10 scrapbooks, which helped a little. So, the problem is, that place is a mess and no one can help you other than show you to the basement. I'm guessing it may take three or four people a full day or more to actually find the thing. Anyone interested in trying? If so, please let me know. Thanks! ♥

Get Your Membership Applications Here

taken from *LiveWire!*



After printer problems and enough time without duplicate applications, enough is enough! You've asked us, and we've produced the new Barbershop Harmony Society Membership application which is available for order at Harmony Marketplace. The applications have the same stock number as they have always had (3010), and are similar in form, although updated for content and layout.

The normal membership applications are "one-page" applications (with a duplicate yellow carbon for you to send to the Society Office). The full 5-page application can also be downloaded from the society's Document Center here:

<http://www.barbershop.org/web/groups/public/documents/webassets/doccenter.hcst>.

Please feel free to order these as you need them by calling the Marketplace at 800.876.SING (7464). ♥

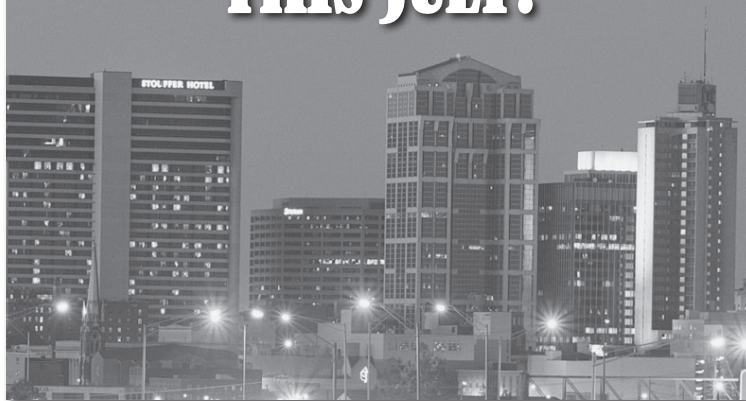


MEN OF NOTE!



Above: David Miller (at left) receiving his "Big 10" —his 10th Man of Note award, and Mike Templer (center), the man he brought in! WELCOME, MIKE! Our chorus hopes to see more of you in the coming weeks!

SEE YOU IN NASHVILLE THIS JULY!



Harmony Foundation Report

by Jim Porter



Note that we will have our raffle each time we meet in our regular location. One fourth of the proceeds is designated to Harmony Foundation and one fourth will be given to the Central States District to help promote their programs to support and encourage Young Men in Harmony and other youth programs.

As of Wednesday, April 23rd, and 21 drawings so far: The total raised for Harmony Foundation in the past month is \$163.

The total raised for the year to date (since Nov. 15, 2007) is \$723.

Last year, the total raised to date was \$1049.

In 2006, the total raised to date was \$2147.

The last year with a lower total to date was 2002, it was then \$605. ♥



- May 1 **Chuck Ames**
- May 2 **John Starcke**
- May 4 **Bob Murphy**
- May 4 **Phil Owen**
- May 5 **Wade Dexter**
- May 6 **Anthony Fortino**
- May 7 **Carter Combs**
- May 9 **Dan Henry Bowser**
- May 12 **Stew Grosser**
- May 12 **Keith Owen**
- May 12 **Jim Moynihan**
- May 13 **Kevin Beauford**
- May 20 **Dale Neuman**
- May 24 **Joe Mathieu**
- May 27 **Mike Owen**



by Wade Dexter, Editor Emeritus · wadeliberty@aol.com



DEXTER

TEN YEARS AGO: MAY, 1998

I couldn't believe my eyes! And it wasn't that I'd forgotten it; I just don't ever remember seeing it in the May 1998 issue of *Harmonotes*. In his recurring article, "Armwaver's Outlook," Music Director **Jim Bagby** announced that he'd submitted his resignation to the chapter board, effective at the conclusion of the trip to the international convention in Atlanta! And get this! The board had accepted it, and on page three of the same issue, President **Jon Gathright** had already appointed a "Director Search Committee!" What the heck happened?

Well, anyway, there must have been a quick reversal of any such action. I checked the July 1998 issue of *Harmonotes* to see whether there was any further discussion of the matter. Unfortunately, there was no report from the June chapter board meeting. I found a letter to the chapter membership by the late **Manley Vance**—I don't want to highlight it in this column—in which Manley very explicitly covers—with a generous application of sarcasm—a number of factors that may have prompted Jim's resignation. Suffice it to say, it's apparent that, for some good reason, Jim withdrew his resignation and let us enjoy another 10 years of singing and working with one of the most renowned music directors in the entire Society.

Referring to the "Ten Years Ago" segment in this column in the April *Harmonotes*, where I asked about the whereabouts of the Founders' Plaque that once hung in the lobby of the Muehlebach Hotel, Jim tells me that both plaques—the one that was presented on the chapter's 25th anniversary and the second one that arrived 25 years later—are both still hanging in the hotel lobby. *Check out the 1998 article on page 7!*

TWENTY YEARS AGO: MAY, 1988

It was a good thing that Program VP **Ed Ward** and Music VP **Jim Bagby** (**David Krause** was our music director at that time) had arranged for the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Society to be held at the Ranch March Shopping Center at 95th Street and Mission Road for our combined SPEBSQSA/Kansas City Chapter celebration on Monday evening, April 11. The room was large enough to accommodate some 300 chapter members and their spouses—mostly "Heartbeats," who provided refreshments that included a silver candelabra complete with candles and a crystal punch

bowl. It turned out that a large number of our guests had come as a result of an invitation extended during our annual show in March. We understood that hundreds of other chapters throughout the world were also observing the Society's golden anniversary on that same evening.

By the way, Jim Bagby tells the story about how the late **Orval Wilson**, one of the original charter members of the Kansas Chapter of the BHS sang "Old Bones," as a solo with the "Harmony Handful" mini-chorus during the 50th anniversary show, and the chorus sang, "I Love Life, I'd Like To Do It Again." Jim says that this song was a **George Burns** song in which the lyrics included a line, "If I have to run, I simply don't go," and the chorus sang, "I love life, I'd like to do it again." **Ron Abel** tells me that **Clarence Bond's** article in the same issue called Orval's performance "a real show stopper." Both Ron and Clarence were members of the *Harmony Handful*.

FORTY YEARS AGO: MAY 7, 1968

And the 30th anniversary of the Society and the Kansas City chapter was celebrated at the Muehlebach Hotel because our regular meeting place, at the World War II Memorial Building at Linwood and The Paseo in Kansas City had been taken over by the U.S. Army for its headquarters during the 1960s rioting that was so well-reviewed in a recent issue of *The Kansas City Star*. A lengthy program was presented in the hotel lobby, and KMBC-TV put the *HOA Chorus* on the air that same evening. And a good coverage appeared in *The Kansas City Times* the next morning. I was not an *HOA* member at that time, but it was just as well, because **Joyce** would not have let me drive from Lawrence through downtown Kansas City because of the riots. President **Ed Rooker** revealed that only 48 brave members showed up for the celebration. ♥





There's been a question recently as to whether the two plaques celebrating our 25th and 50th anniversaries that are displayed in the lobby of the Muehlebach Hotel are still there. You may be assured that they are! **Ron Abel** provided **Wade Dexter** an interesting historical item that appeared in our 1998 annual show program, during the year we acknowledged HOA's 50th anniversary. **Ron McIntire**, who wrote the original piece, scrambled to resurrect the text from the hard copy, since your Harmonotes editor's backup proved faulty. Our thanks to **Wade Dexter** for supplying the scan of the original photos from the page. The resolution isn't as sharp as the first printing back in '98, but the faces are still pretty discernible.

BARBERSHOP HARMONY SOCIETY RESTORES FOUNDER'S PLAQUE TO MUEHLEBACH HOTEL, SITE OF 1938 FOUNDRING by Ron McIntire

A snow storm closed the airport one night in April, 1938, and two men from Tulsa, tax attorney **Owen C. Cash** and investment banker **Rupert I. Hall**, were stranded. Both men took a room at the Muehlebach and, while they stood in the lobby, struck up a few chords with a couple of other guys (they had to tip the bellboy to find a tenor). As the evening of singing wore on, they bemoaned the decline of the barbershop quartet and when they returned home they set about to reverse that decline. The result was the beginning of SPEBSQSA, the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America, Inc. Twenty five years later, in 1963, representatives from the Kansas City Chapter, co-founder Rupert T. Hall and International Board Member **Chet Fox** installed a plaque in the lobby of the hotel commemorating that night.

While the real story of the plaque began in 1963, the events that followed began in the 1970's when Kansas City underwent an accelerated period of growth and modernization. During those years, the Barney Alis Plaza was remodeled, Bartle Hall was built and later expanded and, in 1975, the Muehlebach Hotel was closed for remodeling. Much of the hotel was gutted and its interior furnishings were dismantled and discarded.

Soon after, longtime Kansas City Chapter member, **Gil Lefholz**, realized that the plaque had not been removed for safekeeping. Hurriedly, he secured permission from the hotel management to enter the structure to see if he could find it. As Gil recalls, he and his wife, **Donna**, and the hotel manager at the time arrived at the back door some time around 9:30 p.m. "I'll only be about a half hour," he told Donna, then the

pair disappeared into the darkness to begin their search. A half hour turned into an hour then an hour and a half. Together they dug through debris, peered into empty rooms, crept down long hallways and tripped over boxes.

Finally, half-hidden beneath a dusty mound of paneling and scrap lumber, or as Gil puts it, "in the bowels of the hotel," a beam of light reflected off the name plate. Success!

Gil kept the plaque at his home for several years, not having a more suitable place to store it until, on April 30, 1988, the International Society opened the doors of the Heritage Hall Museum of barbershop history in Kenosha, Wisconsin. Gil was on hand, as Past International President, to present the plaque to the Society as part of the museum's permanent collection. It has remained there ever since—until now, that is.

On Saturday, April 4, 1998—sixty years and hundreds thousands of members later—the Society celebrated its birth by returning the commemorative plaque to its place in the lobby of the newly reopened and renamed Muehlebach Tower of the Marriott Hotel. With the help of Master of Ceremonies, **Dan Henry Bowser** (also a long-time barbershopper and former director of the *Heart of America Chorus*), the plaque was rededicated to the memory of the founders who first met there on that stormy April night. Among the dignitaries present were the Executive Director of SPEBSQSA, **Darryl Flinn**, and Society Board President **Ed Waesche**, longtime members of the Kansas City Chapter, some of whom knew O.C. Cash and Rupert Hall, Kansas City Mayor pro tem **George Blackwood**, and the Society's only living 60-year member, **Orval Wilson**.

Highlights of the presentation included Kansas City's *Heart of America Chorus* singing the songs that O.C. Cash and Rupert Hall sang that night. They also sang a song originally written by the first Kansas City Chapter President, **Joe Stern** (rewritten) by **Bob Doherty**... "Gee, But it's Great To Be In Kansas City." ♥



Top photo: The first plaque unveiling finds Chet Fox, Rupert Hall and Phil Pistilli all smiles.
Bottom photo: April 4, 1998—Harmony is still very much alive! Jeremy Kaat, Bryan O'Leary, Darryl Flynn and charter member Orval Wilson take a moment to ring a chord!





Larry the Lead at the Pearly Gates

He is at the Pearly Gates, met by St. Peter himself. However, the gates are closed, and Larry approaches the gatekeeper.

St. Peter said, "Well, Larry, it is certainly good to see you. We have heard a lot about you and your singing ability, but I must tell you, that we have been administering an entrance examination for everyone. We want intelligent people up here and I'm a little worried about leads. The test is short, but you have to pass it before you can get into Heaven."

Larry responds, "It sure is good to be here, St. Peter, sir. But nobody ever told me about any entrance exam. I sure hope that the test ain't too hard. Life was a big enough test as it was...especially singing with HOA."

St. Peter continued, "Yes, I know, but the test is only three questions. **First:** What two days of the week begin with the letter T? **Second:** How many seconds are there in a year? **Third:** What is God's first name?"

Larry leaves to think the questions over. He returns the next day and sees St. Peter, who waves him up, and says, "Now that you have had a chance to think the questions over, tell me your answers."

"Well, the first one—which two days in the week begins with the letter 'T'? Shucks, that one is easy. That would be **Today** and **Tomorrow**."

The Saint's eyes opened wide and he exclaimed, "Larry, that's not what I was thinking, but you do have a point, and I guess I did not specify, so I will give you credit for that answer. How about the next one?" asked St. Peter. "How many seconds in a year?"

Now that one is harder," replied Larry, but I think and think about that, and I guess the only answer can be 12: **January 2nd, February 2nd, March 2nd...**"

"Hold it," interrupts St. Peter. "I see where you are going with this, and I see your point, though that was not quite what I had in mind...but I will have to give you credit for that one, too. Let us go on with the third and final question. Can you tell me God's first name?"

"Sure," Larry replied, "It's **Andy**."

"Andy?" exclaimed an exasperated and frustrated St. Peter.

"How in the world did you come up with the name Andy as the first name of God?"

"Shucks, that was the easiest one of all," Bill replied. "I learnt it from the song,

"ANDY WALKS WITH ME, ANDY TALKS WITH ME, ANDY TELLS ME I AM HIS OWN."

St. Peter opened the Pearly Gates, and said "We've got a quartet just waiting for you...they've been waiting for a lead with a high I.Q." ♥

Tone-Henge

QUITS!

by Ol' Dan

Now before we start hearing a bunch of exuberant, even gleeful screams, I gotta admit, that headline is just for the attention-grabbing qualities. However it does apply to this spring season's appearances for us ancient persons.

And it's been a honey of a season !

We are reasonably sure that our chapter show performances created no enemies. Well no new enemies anyway. That's an on-going quartet goal, also achieved on the three shows and afterglow in Cedar Rapids. Some attendees even stood up as we exited. We took that as a standing "O", but in reality may have been only an opportunity to adjust undergarments.

And this is being written prior to fulfilling our Wichita chapter appearance April 26, last one for the spring 2008 season. If things go as well there as others this spring, we'll continue to say, "Quartetting is the best part of this fantastic hobby 'cause it keeps ya young!"

(laughter permitted)

By the way, how many "T"s are there in "quartetting?" ♥





A TIP OF THE HAT!

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

A huge Hat Tip to **Todd Anderson** for steering *Harmonotes* toward a third straight first place victory in the CSD bulletin category. Todd is quick to point out that he is aided mightily by **Wade Dexter, Jim Bagby, Ron McIntire, Don Fuson, Matt Bostick** and **Dick Irwin**. Each of these guys consistently provide material and/or help in one way or another. The entire chapter salutes these men for all their passionate help. *Harmonotes* will go up against the international competitors in Nashville this July. Go get 'em, men!

All hats in the gallery come off for the wonderful folks who made the 2008 Golf Tournament such a rousing success. They are:

Vince Perry (Registration)
Dick Irwin (Registration)
John Erwin (Registration)
Steve Starr (Registration)
Carol Schumacher (Front table)
Bill Brown (Front table)
Linda Schumacher (Contest)
Marci Turlin (Contest)
Kent Miller (Chairman)
Cindy Miller (Photographer)
Bob and Kathy Murphy (Membership and Awards Presentation)
Ron McIntire (Photographer)
Marty Oldehoeft (Putt Measurement)
Tom Forsythe (Putt Measurement)
Doug Brott (Awards Presentation)
Tony Strub (Awards Presentation)
Command Performance for providing the tremendous dinner entertainment! ♥

Book Your Tour of the New Society Headquarters Building Today

taken from *LiveWire!*, news from the Barbershop Harmony Society

Tours will take place 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. starting on Sunday, June 29th and continuing through Sunday, July 6th.

Caveats:

- Wednesday morning from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. on Wednesday, July 2nd will be reserved for Society VIPs, including President's Council Members. To find out how to join the President's Council, visit www.harmonyfoundation.org.
- No tours will be offered On Thursday, July 3rd between 10 a.m. and noon, there will because of the Building Dedication/Ribbon-Cutting Ceremonies that will take place during that time slot. This event will be attended by Nashville Mayor **Karl Dean**
- There will be a maximum of 50 people per tour and they will take place at 15 minute intervals.

Tours are being conducted by The Key Event Group. Reserve your time slot today by visiting: <http://www.sitemason.com/form/g7JU52>

If you cannot access the website to register, please call Mary at 615-352-6900 and she can send you a copy of the form to fill out and either fax or mail back to her. ♥

A Fun Filled Morning for the Ladies Coming to Nashville

taken from *LiveWire!*, news from the Barbershop Harmony Society

Johnny Counterfit will be the featured performer at the Ladies Breakfast at the 2008 International Convention in Nashville. Johnny performs an entertaining show that features voice and singing impressions of famous singers, actors and politicians of the past and present, all packaged in a "clean comedy and music style" in a live performance. His impressions are exact with no exaggeration for comedic purposes. For comedy, he adds jokes and humor between songs and/or during the political/actor part of the show. Johnny also performs his own written and recorded songs.

He has been seen on many national networks such as FOX Family and TBS and has been on shows such as "America's Funniest People" and "Show Me the Funny." Johnny Counterfit was also the voice of lead character, Rex, in the Emmy award winning holiday special, "A Claymation Christmas."

Also appearing: *Max Q*, 2007 International Quartet Champion

When: Thursday, July 3, 2008 from 8:30 am - 9:45 am

Where: The Renaissance Nashville Hotel at 611 Commerce Street Nashville, Tennessee

Cost: \$28 (Includes breakfast, *Max Q* and the Johnny Counterfit show)

Reserve your seat today by visiting www.barbershop.org/nashville. ♥



Don Fuson provided these photos of our guests from April 22!

A Grand Group of Guests!

by Bob Murphy, Membership Vice-President



MURPHY

A second guest night with in a few weeks time has come and gone. I believe that it was a success. All of the guests seemed to enjoy themselves. The cake was also received well. I would say that from the blue, red, or yellow lips that appeared on faces, the icing on the cake was also found to be good.

The following guests attended the April 22 guest night:

- **Joe Lee** from Lake Quivira, guest of **Don Peck**
- **John Burke** from Kansas City
- **John Johnson** from Blue Springs, Guest of **Steve Caruthers** and **Brian Seydlitz**
- **Richard Julian** from Lake Tapawingo, Guest of **Steve Caruthers** and **Brian Seydlitz**
- **Dennis Randall** from Overland Park, Guest of **Don Fuson**
- **Jim Quigley** from Lenexa, Guest of **David Krause**
- **Howard Driver** from Ottawa, Guest of **Darrell McCune**
- **Gene Hall**, guest of **Jim Bagby**

To all of you who brought guests, I thank you. For those of you that have not brought a guest for a while you have another chance on May 13. Please start lining up a guest as soon as possible. ♥

A Special Message From the Association of International Champions

from John Miller, 2008 AIC Show Producer,
taken from *LiveWire!*

Dear Fellow Barbershoppers:

The members of the Association of International Champions (AIC) would like to encourage you to join us in Nashville in early July to attend the 2008 International Convention.



The contests are shaping up as real nail biters, barn burners, edge of your seat thrillers or any other description you'd like!

The AIC show is going to be one to remember as we celebrate American music and welcome the Society to Nashville. You can order your tickets through www.aicgold.com or from the link on the Society website. It's going to be a great one.

You won't want to miss any of the excitement as the convention comes to Nashville – the new home of the Barbershop Harmony Society.

Two easy ways to register for the convention:

1. Online at www.barbershop.org/Nashville
2. By phone – 615-255-9600 to speak to a TicketMaster agent

We all hope to see you in Nashville. ♥



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More Golf Shots from the HOA Tournament!



Top to bottom: Just a few of our foursomes... Barry Sanders, Mike Owen, Rod Rivard pose for the camera; David Peck, Charlie Riddell, Bob Murray, Donie Peck, and Don Peck (Observer); Tony Strubb, Carl Turlin, Bob Howard, Kevin Tritsch; above par chords rung by Command Performance members Rich Huyck, Jon Gathright, Monty Deurksen and Carter Combs; Everyone is seated and ready to enjoy a meal after tackling the course.

Photos courtesy of Ron McIntire and Cindy Miller

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FRIENDS OF HOA - 2008

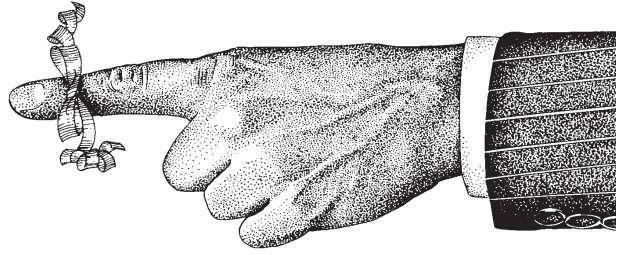
We're off and running for the new year. Two members, Dick O'Dell and Keith Schweer, have come forward with investments of \$100.

A new display will show-up shortly with the famous "glass bowl." "FRIEND OF HOA" pins are available for all \$100 and up donors, AND names will be drawn from the bowl of names before the MUSIC-IN-THE-PARK concert on July 20 for:

- Night and breakfast at the Downtown Marriott
- First Watch certificates
- Sheridan certificates

**Let's get on board
the promotion!
WE ALL WIN!**

Heart of America Chorus Calendar



May 16-17 HOA Retreat in Excelsior Springs

May 24 Tag Party 2008 at home of the **Mathieu's** (16356 W. Briarwood Court, Olathe Kans.) 6:30 p.m.. Burgers/Hot dogs provided. Bring a side dish!

June 2

July 1-5 Kansas City Chapter of Barbershop Harmony Society founded in 1938
2008 Barbershop Harmony Society International Chorus Contest,
Nashville, Tenn. (HOA sings 6th in the afternoon on Friday, July 4)

July 20 Concert in the Park (Overland Park gazebo)

The Kansas City chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society is a singing fraternity whose mission is to learn, teach, and perform the highest-quality, entertaining, a cappella music that embraces the barbershop style through the Heart of America Chorus and its chapter quartets, to bring about a spiritual and emotional response from the performer and the audience.

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