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Spring Has Sprung!

by Doug Brott, Chapter President



As I look out the window today, it is finally starting to look like Spring. Spring means new beginnings for most plants and animals. We humans too enjoy Spring as time to start anew and look forward to warmer days and good times to come. May and June will be big months for HOA. The Golf

Tournament, Singing for Life and an Inter-chapter show and rehearsals will occupy our time. If you have not already committed to participate in these activities, please do so.

There are many other ways to help HOA. The economic times we are living in are significantly affecting HOA also. Our revenues for our major fund raising projects (Holiday Show, Singing Valentines, Annual Show) took a big hit and are significantly below forecast due to slower than previous years sales. In addition, the Board had projected for two or three more paid performances, as in previous years, that at this time do not appear will happen. Unless we see some major opportunities arise soon, we will need to cut back significantly

on our expenses. Just like with your family budgets, we cannot live beyond our means.

What can I do, you may ask (and I hope you are!). There are many things you can do. Participate in the events we are involved in (golf, Singing for Life, Inter-chapter Show, etc). If you have ideas for ways to raise some cash – talk to a board member. Don't think that any idea is unworthy. We need to think outside the box. Help find sponsors. Help with the Media Committee that **Brad Dawdy** is attempting to create to help promote HOA. Bring guests to rehearsals and spread the word about how much fun we have learning, singing and performing. Step up to the plate and HAPPILY volunteer EVERY TIME you are asked. On average 20% of the people in any volunteer organization, do 80% of the work. Lets change that for HOA to 100% of the people do 100% of the work.

Thanks to you all. Remember: *Excellence in All We Do.* ♥

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TONE-HENGE On Move, Near And Far

by Ol' Jim Bagby

April saw *Tone-Henge* together exactly twice. We performed on the 6th at Lakeview Village retirement home in Overland Park (a truly friendly, upscale place) where we ran into several Overland Stage members and, as usual, tons of **Dan Henry** fans. And everyone got back to town in time for **Jim Henry's HOA** coaching session on the 28th.

In between, our itinerary read like some madcap travelogue, especially for Ol' **Keith Schweer**. He and **Connie** headed for Nashville and points south; even missed a chapter meeting! They got so busy with friends, relatives and places of interest they didn't even get a chance to go by Society headquarters and make another try for the chapter scrapbook.

They returned to Kansas City in time for one chapter meeting, washed their socks and headed out the next day for southeast Kansas, parts of Oklahoma and then the famous metropolis of Turkey, Tex. Whadaya mean you've never been there? It's the site of the **Bob Wills Festival**; the Schweers are died-in-the-wool fans of the "Texas Playboys" and twangy western swing music.

Ol' **Bruce Wenner** also was gone more than a week — even missing a meeting, another rarity. He judged a Northeast District division contest in Worcester, Mass., and then stayed in the area so he and Francie could visit her family, including her 93-year-old father, who has health issues.

'Ol Dan was called on to play Society found **O.C. Cash**, while fellow chapter past president **Don Young** became **Rupert Hall**, in a public TV documentary on barbershopping being filmed by KTWU in Topeka. Producer Scott Williams wanted to re-create the 1938 Cash-Hall meeting at the Muehlebach, so we met there under the plaques in the old lobby for interviews and some interesting filming. Dan and I were interviewed, and Scott returned for the Jim Henry session. We'll let you know when the finished "Sunflower Journeys" product is available for viewing; it's supposed to be on KCPT in Kansas City, too.

Dan and Estyl also made the trip to Springfield for the CSD spring convention, where our chapter quartets were so much in evidence (read more about that elsewhere in this *Harmonotes*).

But we're eager to get together in May to uh, what's that word, where you drink beer and tell jokes and eat snacks — oh, yeah: *practice!* Because we have a couple of performances during the month, including headlining the McPherson Chapter show.

Man, this quartetting stuff is fun! ♥





Disney + Barbershop = Magic Moments near the Magic Kingdom

taken from *LiveWire!*

The Society's International Convention generates much of the revenue we use to support barbershop in the USA, Canada and around the world. We NEED participation and your district representatives in the chorus and quartet contests need you in the audience to cheer them on and provide them with the strength and enthusiasm to WIN! We've teamed up with the folks at Disney to provide a Barbershop Day at Disneyland on Tuesday June 30, with performances by some of your favorite barbershop performers and great park discounts.



Mickey Mouse is confirmed to greet attendees at the Honda Center beginning of the first quartet quarter-finals session on Wednesday. On Saturday, attendees will be treated to a special performance by the *Dapper Dans* of Disneyland when this famous barbershop group will be presented with a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Barbershop Harmony Society. We're pulling out all the stops to provide you with an escape from the cares of the moment and world class barbershop performances. It's not too late to register. Just visit www.barbershop.org/anaheim for details. ♥

Looking Ahead to International '11

by Mike Mathieu



Here is your first opportunity to be a part of making the Kansas City International Convention the biggest and best in the history of the Society. Since we all live here, we know what a great place it is to live and raise a family. Now it is our duty to help spread the word to the rest of the world. It's about time that word gets out

on what a great place Kansas City is both to live and to visit!

The Kansas City Visitors and Convention Association sent me a survey that asks what your favorite cities are. All we have to do is follow the link and cast your vote. If we start the process today, think how we will all be able to help start the promotion of our 2011 International Convention.

Thanks in advance for your help, and now all you have to do is follow the link. Better yet, save the link somewhere on your computer, and vote for KC every time you are on your computer. The site says that voting as often as you like is allowed, so let's do just that. <http://www.travelandleisure.com/afc/2009/newcitiesvote.cfm>.

If you have trouble getting to the website, just copy and save the link to the address line on your web browser. Please feel free to forward this e-mail to everyone in your address book, assuming they will vote for Kansas City! ♥

Having Too Much Fun

by Rich Huyck, for *Command Performance*

We experienced another "Gold Medal" moment on April 16, 2009. Earlier in the month, a gentleman called us from Michigan. He wanted a quartet to sing for his dad's 97th birthday. His dad, **Milton Webster**, had been a very active quartetter as a first tenor in the 1930's. Milton's quartet, *Melody Masters*, was very active in the St Joseph, MO area during that decade and made numerous appearances on radio programs aired in St. Joe. In fact we learned that another member of that quartet was a gentleman named **Marvin Gench**. Marvin was choral director at Central High in St. Joe, and an HOA stalwart, **Vince Perry**, sang in choirs directed by Marvin. *Small world!*

At any rate, we arrived at Wexford Place where his daughter had arranged a birthday bash with a number of the residents. When Milton spied us, he got a great big grin and, in spite of the fact he had suffered from a stroke a few years ago, he made it plain that he loves barbershop quartets. We sang a few songs and Milton was having a great time directing us and he joined us on "Wild Irish Rose" with a remarkably accurate tenor! Later, we received emails from his son and daughter, both saying that this was the happiest and most excited that Milton had been in a number of years.

We are preparing for another happy event in June; *Command Performance* has been invited to sing at a wedding of the daughter of a friend of the **Gathrights**. The bride-to-be is a big fan of music made popular by **Nat King Cole**, so we are now working on adding three new charts to our repertoire for the occasion.

This quarteting thing is a blast! ♥



Above, left to right:
*Command Performance members Carter Combs,
Jon Gathright, Monty Duerksen and Rich Huyck*



We Shine the Spotlight On Our Newest Members!

by Ron McIntire

Here's your chance to learn more about the newest member of the Kansas City, Missouri, Chapter!



Jonathon Andrews - BARI

Jonathon Andrews and his wife **Sira** live in Lawrence, KS where he is employed with Lawrence Paper Co. in the shipping department. Jonathan holds a bachelor's degree in music with a minor in voice from Kansas University. He is a first-time barbershopper and sings bari with *HOA* and the CSD quartet *Back in Business*.



John Driscoll - LEAD

Although John Driscoll became familiar with barbershop music in high school and college he is a first-time member of the Barbershop Harmony Society singing lead with *HOA*. His musical background includes piano, choir and high school musicals, and he currently sings in a German choir. John is a graduate of Kansas State College, Pittsburgh, KS and is retired from GM where he held several positions including plant manager. He and his wife, **Marie**, live in Lee's Summit, MO.



Eugene (Gene) Hall - LEAD

Gene Hall and his wife **Linda** live in Kansas City, MO where he is a retired lawyer specializing in Estate Planning. His musical background includes singing under the direction **Jim Bagby** and the *Cardiac Caroleers*. He holds two musical degrees: Piano and Composition and has done some arranging. Although Gene has sung some barbershop with the *'Caroleers*, he is a first-time barbershopper and sings lead with *HOA*.



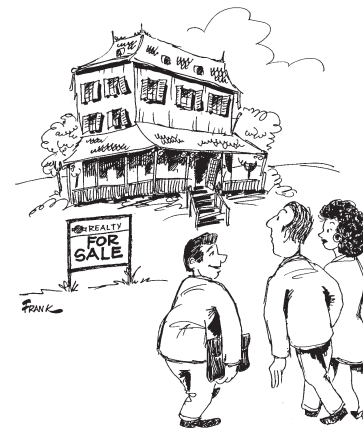
Dane Montgomery - BASS

Dane Montgomery will marry his his fiance, **Mallory**, in May 2009, at which time they will move closer to Kansas City. Dane is a Systems Engineer with Cerner, Corp., holds a degree in Computer Science with a minor in music, and plays piano and trombone. He currently sings in a mens gospel chorus at his church where, he says, they sing as much barbershop as they can. Dane is a first-time barbershopper and sings bass in *HOA*.



Shaun Whisler - BASS

Shaun Whisler is a returning member of the Kansas City Chapter and *HOA* and sings bass in the CSD quartet *Back in Business*. He is a graduate of Kansas University with a degree in music and is currently directing the Overland Stage Chorus in the Overland Park, KS chapter. Shaun lives in Lawrence where he is employed as a technician with O'Malley Beverage Of Kansas. ♥



"IT NEEDS A LITTLE FIXIN' BUT THE ACOUSTICS ARE TERRIFIC!"



"BREATHING EXERCISES? NO, THE TENOR LOST ONE OF HIS CONTACT LENSES."



"SKIP THE FLOWERS, HONEY. WHERE IS THE LOCAL B.H.S. CHAPTER?"

WELCOME, GENTS!

Quartet College at Harmony University

taken from LiveWire!

Do you want an unforgettable experience for you quartet? Do you want to learn how to practice, warm up, sing better, perform better, use the stage more effectively, and get better at all other aspects of quartet singing from the BEST in the business? Do you want to spend an entire week with your quartet to grow musically and personally? If you have answered YES to any of these questions, then **YOU MUST ATTEND QUARTET COLLEGE** at Harmony University.

Quartet College is open to men's quartets, women's quartets, and mixed quartets. The price of tuition (currently \$600 / person through June 15) covers lodging, meals, transportation to and from the Kansas City, MO airport, and the **WORLD CLASS** coaching you will receive for a **FULL** week. Performance opportunities are available at every turn. Don't forget - you can still bring your baritone for free! Scholarships are still available. Why would you miss it?

Here are some of the coaches available to you:

- **"Mighty Awesome"** Joe Connelly
- **George Gipp**
- **Kim Hulbert**
- **Kevin Keller**
- ...and many others!

Registration for Quartet College can be found at the following link: www.barbershop.org/images/09qcregistration1.pdf. ♥



Sign up now for the Honors Chorus at Harmony University

taken from LiveWire!

Under the direction of **Mark Hale**, Director of the 2008 International Chorus Champions the *Masters of Harmony*, this chorus will be one of the features on the HU Saturday night show along with 2008 International Quartet Champions, *OC Times*! Last year nearly 40 singers from across the world wowed us all in an uplifting performance full of variety and excitement.

Repertoire includes:

- "Opener Medley," arrangement by **Mark Hale**
- "Get Happy," arrangement by **Kevin Keller**
- "I Will Go Sailing," arrangement by **Rich Hasty**
- "You're From Heaven and You're Mine," arrangement by **David Wright**
- "The Impossible Dream," arrangement by **Jay Giallombardo**

Learning media will be supplied. For more information visit www.barbershop.org/harmonyu. To download the Honors Chorus application from visit <http://www.barbershop.org/images/09honorschorusapplication.pdf>.

The deadline to apply is May 15th, 2009. Sign up now to be part of the excitement! ♥



Above, from left to right: *OC Times* members Shawn York (tenor), Sean Devine (lead), Pat Claypool (baritone) and Cory Hunt (bass) will be a part of the HU Saturday Night Show.

Photo courtesy of *OC Times* website



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



DEXTER

TEN YEARS AGO: JULY, 1999

"After due consideration and much discussion, the Board adopted the recommendations as made by our Uniform Committee. The new uniform will be a single-breasted black tuxedo

with pleated formal shirt and matching black accessories... Concerning the details, the new formal uniform will be the show uniform for the October 17 CSD contest. It will cost each chapter member only \$20 which will cover the cost of the shirt, cummerbund, cuff links, studs and bow tie." Quite a good uniform policy, don't you think?

TWENTY YEARS AGO: MAY, 1989

Remember the "Harmony Handful?" It was quite active as a VLQ (a "Very Large Quartet") during the spring contest. Four of the members --- Ed Sundermeyer (lead), Fred Whisman (bass), Dale Neuman (tenor), and Ron Abel (baritone) --- were also members of the "Crosstown Four," who won the Seniors Quartet Contest. The "Harmony Handful" won the VLQ contest. The whole affair was to benefit the District Travel Fund, and the attendance was very good.

FORTY YEARS AGO: MAY, 1969

The article was headlined, "Champs Voices Are Stilled." A terrible tragedy had taken the lives of the current Central States District champion quartet, the "Hy-Landers," of the Denver, Colorado, Chapter (they were in the Central States District at that time). The quartet members, Karl Penner (tenor), Wayne Hood (lead), Hugh Hohnstein (baritone) and Russ Thompson (bass), were killed in an airplane crash on March 22, 1969. Also in the plane were Larry Detweiler, current president of the Denver Chapter, and Daryl Stafford, executive vice president of the Central States District. The men left Denver at 2:00 p.m. in a Cessna 310 and were flying to Durango where they were to meet with Lloyd Steincamp, International administrative representative. The purpose of the meeting was to help the Durango Chapter in its status as a new chapter. ♥

(Editor's Note: In last month's "Look At The Past," our 40-year segment focused on the March 22, 1969 crash of a plane which carried six barbershoppers from the Denver Highlanders chapter to Durango, Co. The article incorrectly stated that two of the six passengers—**Larry Detweiler** and **Daryl Stafford**—survived the crash. Sadly, none of those on board survived that crash into what is known as the Spanish Peaks. We sincerely regret the error.)

Where Are They Now?

by Ron McIntire



Nile Abbott joined the Kansas City chapter in 1954 and sang baritone in the *Heart of America Chorus* under the direction of **Don Stevens, Don Web, Dan Henry** and **Jim Bagby** for the 32 years he was a member. One night, one of the guys from the *BMA Gamboliers* approached him and asked if he'd try out for the quartet. He agreed but they were looking for a lead for group. He passed that hurdle but wound up singing baritone. There he stayed for 25 years singing with **Barney Wasson, Orval Wilson, Al Moritz** and others. In those years the *'Gamboliers* went through a number of name changes: *BMA Beacons*, the *BMA Skyliners* and finally the *Kansas Citians*.

Nile was an active barbershopper in those 32 years. He was chapter president in 1963 and was voted Barbershopper of the Year in 1965. He still loves to sing and loves barbershopping. Even now, if you come to the Installation and Awards dinner in January, you'll likely run into him. He enjoys the opportunity to rub elbows with the guys he sang with and may even sing a tag or two with them.

Nile was born and raised on a farm outside of Winigan, Mo. and learned to play the trombone in high school. In his senior year, in Green City, Mo., they didn't have a band but did have a vocal program. Can he still play the trombone? "Naw," he said, "I lost my lip a long time ago."

He left home after high school to join the U.S. Navy in 1948. Although he signed up for three years, the Korean conflict broke and his tour was extended for a year. In those years he served aboard the USS Tarawa, an aircraft carrier built at the end of WWII. He mustered out in 1952.

Today, he and his wife, **Reva**, live in Kansas City, Mo. where he is retired from the banking business but works three days a week driving cars for an automobile auction firm. His hobbies include bowling—although he gave up active bowling a couple of years ago, and pitching horseshoes. He became interested in horseshoes in the late '80s and has been president of his horseshoe league in Liberty, Mo. for the past five or six years. When told about the hamburger/hotdog cookout April 28, he said "I'm glad to know that but we pitch horseshoes on Tuesday night." Well, maybe another time. ♥

Photo courtesy of **Ron McIntire**

A Letter From Brian Marston

I have been very busy for the past several months with my family (**Brayden** is 8 months now and is starting to crawl), student teaching, singing in two quartets and a chorus, and preparing for graduation and my senior voice recital. Needless to say, I have not had time to breathe lately. *Blue Notes* competed in Springfield, MO at the CSD Collegiate Quartet Competition and took 1st place with a score of 70.3. I had to take my teacher certification test in St. Louis which started at 8 and ended at 10:30 so I had to high tail it to Springfield, MO to sing with *Blue Notes* at 1:53. I didn't make it until 2:25 and the quartet got docked 30 points under Article 8. Despite all this, we still won the contest. I have to thank **Jim Bagby** for stalling and I PROMISE to be on time in Anaheim!

Esther's quartet "Taken" competed in Region 5 on Friday night in Springfield, IL which I had the pleasure of watching. They tied for 2nd place which was broke by their sound score. I am so proud of her as this is her first Sweet Adelines contest. *Not bad, huh?*

Last weekend, my other quartet *In Progress* competed in the Illinois District and scored a 75.0% which was not quite good enough to qualify for Internationals in Anaheim but we were the highest scoring quartet at the District Prelims.

I would like to formally invite you all to attend my Senior voice recital on May 15 in St. Louis on the campus here at UMSL. More details will follow, but feel free to come to *Ambassadors of Harmony* rehearsal the night before.

I am also finishing up my student teaching at Parkway West Middle School District. My cooperating teacher is **Pam Silverio** (maiden name **Tipton**) and she is a former director of what is now St. Louis Harmony Chorus directed by **Sandi Wright**. I absolutely love teaching music!

I have applied to Raytown and Independence School District and am hoping to move the family back to Kansas City in August.



Send your thoughts and prayers our way. We hope to return home to Kansas City. ♥

Best Wishes,
Brian Marston

(Editor's Note: **Brian** is a member of the *Ambassadors of Harmony* and a past HOA member. His father, **Bruce**, is also a former HOA member.)

Photo courtesy of **Ron McIntire**

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High Definition Helps CSD Make History In Springfield

by Jim Bagby, District C&J Administrator

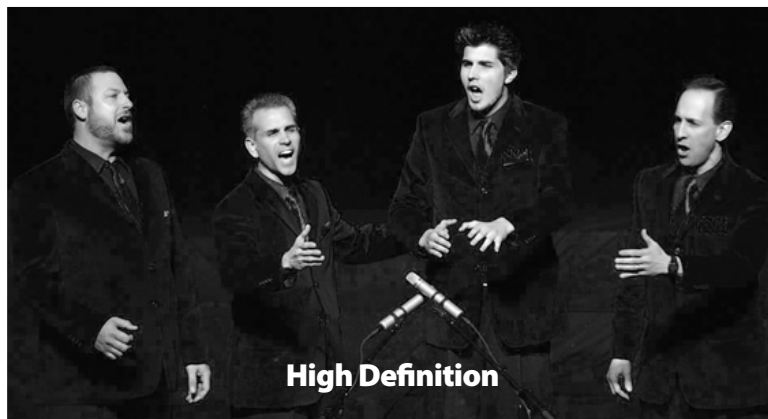
Although *HOA* is not going to Anaheim as a competitor, we have at least seven reasons to be there as a member of the proud Central States District, after a wowser of a spring CSD convention last weekend in Springfield.

Five district quartets, including *HOA's* own *High Definition*, qualified to represent CSD at the international competition this July. In fact, four of the five have members from this area. And leading the pack is *Crossroads*, representing our Missouri cousin St. Charles Chapter, who averaged almost 91 points per judge in confirming their status as odds-favorites for the gold.

So that's one major reason to make a west coast road trip. Closely related, St. Charles will carry the CSD flag into the chorus contest for the ages, with the *Ambassadors of Harmony* going head-to-head with the *Vocal Majority*. Space here precludes listing all the other medal contenders and issues that will make that contest so interesting and appealing.

Back to Springfield, where it took 1,824 points from the double panel to qualify for international, or an average of 76 points per judge. Second-highest in the point race was claimed by *3 Men & A Melody*, who live primarily in the Kansas City area, with 1,976 and an average of 82.3. *HD* was next at 1,922, or an average of 80.1. From top down, the quartet is **Rob Mathieu, Mark Fortino** and **John Fortino** of the Kansas City Chapter and **Adam Veteto** of Springfield.

New foursome *Skyline*, which claims two members from Kansas City Metro and two from Greendale, Wis., qualified with 1,843 (76.8). Finally, perennial contenders *Noise Boys*, from Springfield, Tulsa and neighboring St. Joseph, qualified with 12 points to spare and an average of 76.5.



It's believed to be the first time in CSD history that five quartets will represent us at international. At least Ol' **Dan Henry** can't remember a year with that many, and who else goes back further than him?

So there are six reasons. Number seven would be the new collegiate quartet champs, *Blue Notes*, also from St. Charles but with a familiar face on lead — former *HOA* tenor **Brian Marston**.

It was a good competition outing for numerous *HOA* members, in the quartet and chorus venues. *The Leavenworth Cody Choraliers*, directed by our own **Jerry Garrard**, were the most-improved chorus in Plateau A. The Plateau A title again was won by *Metro Kansas City*, under former *HOA* associate arm-waver **Mike Neff**, with 20 men on stage. Numerous dual *HOA* members sang in both choruses.

Placing sixth in the quartet field was *Back in Business*, which includes *HOA* members **Jonathan Andrews** and **Shaun Whisler**. Kansas City's *ListenUp!* (**Carter Combs, Garrard, Tom Wenner, David Stockard**) was seventh. And in the senior quartet competition, brand-spanking-new *Senior Assembly* (**John Delzell, Jon Gathright, Don Fuson, Barry Sanders**) were second to our new district champs, 2+2 - *Harmony* from Joplin. ♥



Kansas City Festival To Feature Seven Chapters

by Don Fuson

Plans, and rehearsals, are now in place to bring over 150 men on stage to perform in a benefit concert for the North Kansas City High School music programs. The concert will be at 7 p.m. at Oak Park High School, near North Oak Trafficway and 72nd Street.

Mark Fortino put out the concept of having a “multi-chapter event” where men from all sizes of choruses could come together in song.

In addition, each chapter chorus will present two numbers and several of the qualifiers for the International Quartet Contest in Anaheim will be invited to appear.

Common songs for the mass chorus are “Harmony,” “Joshua,” and “Friends.” Although some of the music is new to one or more chapters, it is an opportunity to come and learn the music and get some valuable coaching and directing from three area music leaders.

Byron Myers (St. Joseph), **David Krause** (Kansas City) and **Mike Neff** (Metro KC) will be directing the songs. Members from Leavenworth, Overland Park, Olathe, Topeka, Metro KC, St. Joseph and Kansas City chapters will join together in the performance.

Plan on coming to the next joint rehearsal, May 26 in St. Joseph. Additional details will be sent via the *InTune* and *HOA* nets, and directions to download the music and learning tracks have already been put on the *HOA* web site. ♥

The above photos were taken by Ron McIntire during the first chorus festival rehearsal at the First Presbyterian Church in Leavenworth, Kan. They show a very favorable turnout and a rare chance for area chapter members to get together. Above right: Don Fuson educates attendees on what the festival is all about and where it will be staged.





Summary of April 2009 Board Meeting

by Vince Perry/Ron McIntire



FINANCE REPORT - Harvey Shapiro:

As of 03/31/2009

- Operating/Social fund: \$15,298.92
- Restricted Fund was \$8350.32
- Annual treasurer's financial audit is complete and the following actions are taken:
- Board agreed to transfer \$3873.15 for Member (Social) Account to Operating Fund effective 12-31 2008 to resolve year ending negative balance operating fund balance violation for a 501 (c)(3) organization.
- Board agreed that every member in good standing of the Kansas City Chapter (A048) is hereby authorized to accept funds on behalf of the chapter to be turned over to the chapter treasurer.
- Work on revising/updating the Standard Chapter Expense Voucher will begin immediately.
- IRS Form 990 with Sched-A will be submitted to the IRS with copies to BHS by May 15, 2009.

President **Doug Brott** directed the Board to start a Budget Review during next month's regular Board meeting with emphases on "cutting expenses." President Brott instructed Secretary **Vince Perry** to send the 2009 Chapter Financial Review completion notice to the BHS, **Frank Santarelli**.

VP Marketing/Public Relations - Brad Dawdy

- Personnel in charge of upcoming events (Singing for Life & Harmony Festival) have been requested to provide information for newspaper TV coverage for the events.
- **Carter Combs** has accepted leadership of the tech committee effort to propose changes to the website.

VPOPERATIONS - David Miller:

The church has no plans for installing a signaling device for late-night safety but was not opposed to *HOA* installing one.

VP MUSIC & PERFORMANCE -

Kent McClean

- **Jim Henry** will coach *HOA* on Tuesday night, April 28, 2009.
- **Cindy Hansen** will coach on Saturday, May 9, 2009 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Choice of contest songs will be delayed until after upcoming coaching sessions.

VP PROGRAM - Carl Turlin:

- Singing For Life (*HOA* supporting the community blood center drive through song) is scheduled for May 16, 2009.
- **Jerry Garrard** stand in for Director **David Krause** who will be judging an Int'l Prelim Contest.
- Work has begun to find venue for 2010 Installation/Awards Banquet.

VP MEMBERSHIP - John Erwine:

- Board approved membership applications of **Shaun Whisler, John Driscoll, and Gene Hall**.
- Guest night has been moved from April 21, 2009 to April 28, 2009 with food being provided by *HOA* member **Stew Grosser**.

OLD BUSINESS:

Meeting Place Search Committee:

St Peter's Episcopal Church was not suitable since the rehearsal hall was too small. An appeal was made to the membership for information and ideas for new location. Requirements are:

- central location;
- venue on the Missouri side of town;
- adequate storage space;
- monthly rental substantially less than \$500 a month.

Annual Golf Tournament - EVP Kent Miller:

Miller reported that the membership has responded well with prizes for the tournament but real work remains to be done signing up golfers and acquiring Hole Sponsors.

Foundations & Grants - EVP Kent Miller:

Board agreed to authorize EVP Kent Miller to open an endowment account through the Truman Foundation for the KC, Missouri Chapter of BHS, Inc under the performance name of *The Heart of America Chorus* using a \$500 donation from the Truman Foundation for the *HOA* Golf Tournament as seed money.

Fund Raising & Annual

Contribution Campaign (ACC) -

Brad Dawdy

The *HOA* website was updated to include a Donation Page in support to the donation letter.

Singing Valentine Financial Report

- John Erwine:

Gross Revenue: \$7,811; Expenses: \$2,707.50; Net: \$ 5,103.50; Disbursements from Net: Children's Mercy Hospital (CMH) \$1,876.88; KCCSA \$415.30; *HOA* \$3,412.32; additional contributions to CMH: direct donation \$150; cash from candy sales \$320 brings the total to CMH to \$2,026.88 Board agreed to accept the final Singing Valentine Financial Report pending removal of \$860 flyer mailings and \$234 mailer printing both of which are Spring Show expenses.

NEW BUSINESS:

Truman Foundation Annual Event Performance:

Board agreed to provide up to a VLQ from *HOA* to perform at Truman Foundation black-tie dinner Sept. 26, 2009 at the Muehlbach Hotel for 10 to 12 minutes.

CD Sales & Pricing Report:

President Doug Brott

Past President **Marty Oldehoeft** agreed to take charge of CD sales. Future CD sales and pricing will be handled by the Fund Raising Committee.

Chuck Greene Seminar at Harmony University (HU):President Doug Brott

Board agreed to authorize **David Krause** to be the official Chapter representative at the **Chuck Greene** Seminar at Harmony University 2009.

Meeting adjourned. ♥

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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 April 22, after 20 drawings (4 since last report):

The total collected for Harmony Foundation since the last report is \$146.

The total collected for the year to date (since Nov. 10, 2008) is \$2,477.

The total for the previous year was \$723.

The total in our best previous year (2006) was \$2,147. ♥



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

Barbershopper of the Month



Jerry Garrard • March 2009

Above: *HOA* President **Doug Brott** (right) presents **Jim Porter** with the February BOTM Award!

In recognition and grateful appreciation for your work as show chairman of the 2009 Heart of America Barbershop Show at Yardley Hall, Johnson County Community College, March 14, 2009. Photo courtesy of **Ron McIntire**

Extra Mile Awards



Mike Templar February 2009

Doug Brott (on left) congratulates **Mike Templar** for his support during the recent Singing Valentines program. "In grateful recognition for your assistance in organizing supplies and scheduling deliveries during the 2009 *Heart Of America Chorus* Singing Valentine program."

Photo courtesy of **Don Fuson**

Heart of America Chorus Calendar



May 2

3rd Annual HOA Golf Tournament
at Falcon Lake

May 16

Singing for Life Blood Drive

May 16

Overland Park Chapter Show,
featuring *Rural Route 4*

May 30

Annual Tag Party at **Joe Mathieu's**

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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