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2010 Chapter Awards

by Bruce Wenner, HOA Awards Committee



WENNER

2010 is winding down, and that means it's time to identify the men we will honor at January's Installation Banquet. Your HOA Awards Committee, consisting of **Dan Henry Bowser, Vince Perry III**, and yours truly, would like to solicit your assistance in identifying this year's award recipients. The awards are Barbershopper of the Year, the John Cross Award, the Oz Newgard (Mr. Music) Award, and the Joe Stern Lifetime Achievement Award. Brief descriptions of the awards appear on pp. 23-24 of your 2010 Chapter Directory, together with lists of past recipients of the awards. A past recipient is not eligible to receive the same award. The first two awards (BOTY and John Cross) are given every year, but the Ozzie is just awarded in some years, and the Joe Stern is awarded only rarely - in fact, this award has had only two recipients. The John Cross Award is based completely on service during the current year - the other three awards are based more on long-term service.

If you would like to bring someone's accomplishments to our attention and consideration for an award, please send me an e-mail (at wennerb@umkc.edu) describing in detail why your nominee deserves the award - I will share your communication with the other two committee members. Thank you for your help in this activity - it is one of the most important things we do as a chapter. ♥

New Harmony Handful Looking to the Future

by Tony Strub

Our group has closed out our summer church service season. We filled in for vacationing church choirs in Liberty, Blue Springs, Raytown, Lee's Summit and Kansas City North. We enjoyed providing inspirational music to help make the worship services more meaningful to the congregations, at the same time promoting the Kansas City Chapter.

The highlight of the *New Harmony Handful* our season was singing at the Lee's Summit United Methodist Church. We sang for two services. The congregation and the clergy were very grateful and complimentary of our singing and recommended that we go to "Neighbor's Café" for breakfast between services. Now, that was an experience. If like togetherness, a great breakfast menu and are a fan of cinnamon rolls: that's the place to go. [Your editor hears that some members even had pie for breakfast]

We're now in the process of evaluating our repertoire. We have deleted some songs and are choosing new secular and religious material for remainder of 2010 and 2011. We're looking for additional opportunities to sing, have fun and promote HOA. If you want more information or want to **reach the NHH**, contact me at awstrub@msn.com. ♥

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Is Your Plate Full?

by Kent Miller, Chapter President



If not, let me make some suggestions to “fill er up”.

If you are an active *Heart of America* member, would you like for the Holiday Harmony Spectacular on Dec. 4 to be the best ever Holiday Show? Of course you would, and we certainly have a good chance for that to come true, but as good as it may be it’s only worth it if we have a great audience and more importantly a very large audience. A large audience is only possible if everyone pitches in to sell tickets – and to paraphrase something we’ve heard in other contexts lately, “yes, I’m talking to you!”

Ray Young e-mailed us a flier recently that we can forward to our e-mail list to let people know about the show. It’s an excellent and painless way to get the word out. Send it with a short preamble – something like, “You may or may not know that I sing with the *Heart of America Barbershop Chorus* in Kansas City. I’ve included some information on our performance with the *Kansas City Sweet Adelines* on Dec. 4. It’s a great way to start your Holiday Season. Let me know if you would like tickets” (and include your contact information). If you send it to enough people (and everyone on your e-mail list should be a prospect) you will get responses.

If you are not an active member, then you also can help make this the best ever by being part of that very large audience. It truly is a “great way to start your Holiday Season”, so please tell your friends and relatives about it. You can go to www.hoachorus.com for more information and to order tickets. ♥

Below: “On the Edge” quartet members perform during a recent HOA practice. From left to right: Tenor - Mike Mathieu; Lead - Rob Mathieu; Bari - Duane Lawson; Bass - Brad Stephens. Congrats to these four guys for reaching the top 10 for Fall 2010 in Mason City! Photo courtesy of Don Fuson



What A Time In Mason City!

by Vince Perry, Chorus Manager



Wow, what a convention! I have to admit that before going to Mason City,

I was more than concerned that this convention might be disappointing in more than a couple of areas.

A convention with no Harmony Market Place? What kind of deal is that? And the convention headquarters hotel is a motel with no elevator. The venue is eight-point-some miles away from the HOA motel. All the eating places are mostly on the other side of town from the venue. And finally, the district afterglow is downtown somewhere (sounded like outside to me) in a place called the Music Man Square.

Add in all the warnings about the road work being done on the main drag, long waiting times at the restaurants, deer alerts on the rural ends of 12th Street and on and on and you've got the makings of (as it turned out) ONE OF THE BEST DISTRICT CONVENTIONS EVER! **Melladee** said it before me "From what you told me I wasn't expecting much, but this place is really nice!" And that was shortly after we arrived on Friday! By the time we left Sunday morning she and I were both convinced that Mason City is one of the finest communities in the USA! There just wasn't much we didn't like about MC. Even the streets were named after U.S. Presidents and states of the United States (in order of annexation). I mean how cool is that?

And the eight-point-some-mile drive from the like brand-new Country Inn & Suites to the venue was actually one of the many high points of the weekend. We basically started out at the County Fair Grounds (again, how cool is that?) on Eisenhower (one of those Presidents!) turning eastward in a short-short onto 12th Street. Twelfth Street ran across the north edge of town and was one of those streets you just feel

a few points out of testing the Saturday night mics.

It was a super contest and definitely counts as a gold medal moment for me. Friday night we got to see HOA Director Emeritus **Jim Bagby** direct the CSD Past Champs Chorus including **Keith Schweer, Rich Huyck, David Krause, Matt Moore, Grant Hunget, Micah Jeppesen, Brian Beffof, Rob Mathieu, Mike Louque** and others I may have forgotten.



And congrats to outgoing CSD Champions *Skyline* (**Jake Pirner, Tim Zielke, Josh Umhoefer** and **Mike Louque**). They performed on the Past Champs Show and were suburb. Also featured on the past champs show was the 1985 Champs, Missouri Valley Music Company (**John Vaughan, Jon Ellis, Randy Weir, David Pinkall**)! It was a real pleasure to see and hear these guys again.

like you've been on before, bringing back thoughts of one's youth. Before you knew it, we were out in the country again arriving at the North Iowa Area Community College (NIACC) Auditorium, which by the way was perfect in every respect!

Congratulations to all the HOA quartets for their fine performances. I was so proud of them: *ListenUp!* (**Carter Combs, Jerry Garrard, Grant Hunget** and **David Stockard**) was just a few points away from the gold, followed closely by *KC Prime* (**Micah Jeppesen, David Krause, Matt Moore** and **Brian Bellof**). *On The Edge* (**Mike Mathieu, Rob Mathieu, Duane Lawson, and Brad Stephens**) pulled off a top 10 finish in their first outing while *3 Of A Kind* (**Fred Hangartner, David Webb, Ray Johnson** and **Don Ransom**) was just

I remember them fondly as coming to JoeTown back in 1988 to headline the *Pony Expressmen's* 30-year reunion show. We had no talent budget and they came and donated their time and talents to make it one of the greatest weekends in the proud St. Joseph Chapter's history. It's pretty cool that they are now the CSD Senior Champions and the CSD reps in Las Vegas this coming January.

My hat's off to the Heart of America Performing Chorus! You guys were totally awesome all day long on Saturday. You were patient and understanding when it came to no risers in our motel rehearsal room. Makeup went without a hitch thanks to **Carter Combs** and his assistants. Even my whiskers looking authentic!

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The HOA bus worked out great, and to be honest, I was pretty proud of us when we pulled up to the venue in our own wheels. It was not only an efficient way to move the chorus but pretty darn classy too! The contest pattern was a piece of cake this time around, just like in Philly. Our chorus really has come a long way since those days of everyone getting up tight and being super disorganized and unmanageable. Many thanks to everyone in the PC for being so cooperative and flexible.

The actual performance was really fun. It was a proud few minutes for me to sing my heart out with my son **Vince** and 49 other HOA friends. I hope everyone in the HOAPC had a blast too.

Now for my top four gold medal moments I was fortunate to experience while in Mason City:

4) The CSD Afterglow in the Music Man Mall Square

If you've got a couple of hours, I'd be glad to tell you all about it! Let me just say it was one of the best CSD Afterglows I've ever experienced. Wow! Wow! Wow!

3) Seeing and talking with the widow Karen Frankenfeld (one of my former high school teachers) who made it all the way to Mason City from Buena Vista, Ark.

This was her first convention after losing her husband and long-time CSD barbershopper Bob Frankenfeld to cancer. We've had a hugs-all-round relationship at CSD conventions for over 40 years. Bob was a true barbershop buddy. He is missed.

2) Saturday night dinner with my family (**Melladee**, son **Vince**, and son **David**, who performed on stage with *Pride of Iowa* from Des Moines), and 3 *Of A Kind* and their wives

Family time at a barbershop convention is what it's all about! 3 *Of A Kind* sang for us, making it even more special.

1) HOA being named the most improved Plateau AAA Chorus was huge. But my top gold medal moment of the convention was the standing O the *Heart of America Chorus* gave the *Fremont Pathfinder Chorus*. It went on forever and was truly heartfelt from HOA. It was definitely cool to watch these guys and their families whoop it up. Memories of contests past raced through my head during that ovation. I know I clapped a little harder and smiled a little wider as I relived similar times in my barbershop past. What a blessing the whole thing is we call barbershopping. It was really cool. It was magic.

And that's the way it came down for me in Mason City Iowa one fair weekend in October in Twenty-Ten. What a great time it was! ♥



HOA 2011 Election of Officers

by Tony Strub



At our regular chapter meeting on Tuesday Oct. 26, the HOA 2011 election of chapter officers was held. The nominating committee, made up of **Mike Mathieu**, **Marty Oldehoft**, and **Tony Strub**, is very pleased that HOA will have a strong and talented group of men to lead our chapter in 2011. Our new board is blessed with a unique mixture of experience, expertise, talents and youth. The nominating committee is still in the process of recruiting a Program VP. We are confident that that position will be filled soon.

The 2011 HOA chapter officers and board members at large are: President **Vince Perry**, Executive Vice President **John Erwine**, Immediate Past President **Kent Miller**, Vice President for Membership and Chapter Development **Jeff Wolff**, Marketing Vice President **Ray Young**, Music and Performance Vice President **Mark Fortino**, Operations Vice President **Jim Clark**, Secretary **Rick Huyck**, Treasurer **Jim Porter**, Board Members At-Large **Mike Mathieu**, **Barry Sanders**, **Jim Kemper**. ♥

Harmony Foundation Report

by Jim Porter



Note that we will have our raffle each time we meet in our regular location. By Board resolution, this year all of the proceeds from the raffle not given as prizes goes to Harmony Foundation. In return, the board is able to have the Foundation designate up to 30% of the fund to chapter activities such as Harmony Explosion.

As of Sept. 22, after 36 drawings (5 since last report):
 The total collected for Harmony Foundation since the last report is \$139.
 The total collected for the year to date (since Jan. 5, 2010) is \$1,602.
 The total for the previous year was \$3,229 at this point.
 The total in our best previous year (2006) was \$3,718.

The progressive jackpot stands at \$284. ♥

Olathe Chapter Puts On Varied, Entertaining Show

by Jim Porter, HOA Free-Lance Reviewer

The Bell Cultural Events Center at Mid-American Nazarene University in Olathe is a beautiful 500-seat theater that was about half-full Saturday evening, Oct. 16th, as the 20-plus men of the *Trails West Barbershop Chorus* entertained for about an hour with a series of songs that took us on a visit to various places in our great nation.

The chorus, a chapter quartet and a VLQ began with “New York, New York,” then went to “Shenandoah,” down south to the delta, then to Chicago for a medley, then told us “Everything’s Up to Date in Kansas City,” took us “On the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe,” then finally to California on “Route 66. Each year, this group of guys who meet every week and have no audition requirements gets better, but I do miss their chili supper!

The evening started with a presentation by the *Olathe South Mens Chorus*, about 30 young men directed by **Jan Holthus**, who has been a strong supporter of our Harmony Explosion over the years. They did two numbers to piano accompaniment, then presented a barbershop number that parodied Facebook. After they finished their presentation, they came down to watch the rest of the show from the front rows.

The evening closed with our own *Tone-Henge* quartet, who were well-received by the audience. I suppose we are spoiled since we’ve heard just about everything they do at one time or another, but it was just a delight to sit in an audience and watch them perform. During “Bumper Stickers,” when Keith Schweer solemnly said “Politicians are like diapers — they both need to be changed regularly!” the audience roared! Keith, of course, stood and waited for it to die down, then said “And — for the same reason!” The audience went nuts! Ah, ‘tis the season (election, that is).

The lobby was spacious and perfect for the afterglow — tables were set up, ice cream was served, and the \$5 charge is designated for their high school scholarship fund, given to a worthy student of music. This year’s recipient was our own **Lucas Pherigo**.

All in all, it was a very enjoyable evening for my wife and me, and well worth the \$10 ticket price. Keep it in mind for next year, especially if you live in Johnson County. ♥



Tone-Henge Spends a Day with Trail West Chapter

by Ol’ Dan

Saturday, Oct. 16. Weather was perfect for a garage sale at St. Peter’s. *Tone-Henge* didn’t help much. Oh, we contributed stuff, **Joann** made the signs and Ol’ **Jim** helped a little, but our absence was accompanied by a good alibi.

In 2009 *Tone-Henge* was booked by *Trails West*, but Ol’ Dan decided to twist the wrong way while opening a dresser drawer, resulting in a back operation that canceled us for that show along with a lot of other stuff. But this year, *Trails West* was nice enough to ask us again and our reasonably healthy foursome responded. It was delightful!

Sorry we couldn’t do more on the garage sale. The *Trails West* (Olathe Chapter) shows were on the same Saturday. (Probably ought to admit we enjoy singin’ more’n sellin’).

The Bell Cultural Events Center on the Mid-America Nazarene University campus was the venue for a matinee and evening show and glow. What a beautiful facility! *Tone-Henge* didn’t have a dressing room, we had a dressing suite! Director **Randy Schott**, show chairman **Loren Goss** and the entire chorus made us feel like we deserved it! Really!

Now we recognize the fact that you’ll probably never again see the terms “Cultural Events” and “Tone-Henge” in the same paragraph, but there we were, along with three groups named, “Some Spare Parts,” “More Spare Parts” and a VLQ named “All Spare Parts”. Even duets by the “Latest Edition” quartet, with accompaniment. A highlight: Olathe South H.S. Falcon Chorus of boys directed by **Jan Holthus**, an active friend of our “Harmony Explosion.” Great job by the kids. Congratulations, Jan!

Tone-Henge will probably have completed its 2010 chapter show schedule by the time you read this, with our last out-of-town performance Nov. 6 in McPherson, Kan. Hope it’s as much fun as we experienced on Oct. 16. Look for a synopsis in the next *Harmonotes*.

What a hobby! ♥

The ListenUp! Journey to Internationals in KC

by David Stockard, Bass

[Ed. Note: ListenUp! Finished second last month in the CSD fall quartet competition at Mason City, and is looking forward to the district prelims contest next spring, where the qualifiers advance to the international competition the following July here in Kansas City]



A score of 75.9! What a change from 70.1 in the spring prelims. How did this happen? That's a good question, and the best answer I can give is that after the spring prelims were over, we made some changes.

Grant Hunget had only been with us for five weeks before the spring contest this year, so we were still working on getting our new sound to gel. We also had set some goals for our quartet: to win district and qualify for international. Last but not least, we decided to get some consistent coaching and hired **Rob Mance** as our coach.

Another key to our success this fall was a suggestion by Rob that we record ourselves before we go to Mason City. So, the week we sang for HOA we also sang for *Central Standard* [where Mance, a Music Category judge, is co-director] and Rob recorded our songs for us. When we listened to it we realized there were still many things we needed to fix.

We had planned to go to the Lake of the Ozarks the weekend before Mason City as a retreat time, work on our songs and get more coaching (thanks to our host **Tracy Dame** of the **Leavenworth Chapter**). Rob recorded some more at the lake and it did sound much better, but we could still find things to work on. The recordings were every helpful to listen to the week before contest, and as we arrived at Mason City we started working on the things we knew we needed to fix the most.

Mason City was definitely a magical weekend for *ListenUp!* I have to say that we were really pumped Saturday night as we finished our set. There is nothing like the feeling of the roar of a crowd, and to see you guys standing and applauding was something I will never forget. It was totally awesome!

Even though we did not win, we had so many people tell that they thought we had won (not just HOA people), that was good enough for me. Actually, Grant, our two-time district champion baritone, said it was the highest score he had ever received.

Thanks again for all your support for *ListenUp!* And we look forward to you cheering us on in the spring and in KC! ♥

Caroling Caravan Roll Agains on Saturday, Dec. 18

by Bob Burdick

Plans are now in place for Caroling Caravan IV to go to six retirement homes on Saturday, December 18. We will be singing a thirty-minute concert at each place with our emphasis on entertaining the people AND raising money for the Salvation Army. Please mark your calendars to join us for the full day which will begin with warm-ups about 9:30 am and end after the last performance about 5:00. pm. More detailed instructions and information will be coming out in early December - but for now please plan on joining the chorus for a day of fun and successful fund raising. ♥

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
to the following
HOA MEMBERS!

November 3	Larry Colburn
November 3	Ken Neujahr
November 7	Al Higgins
November 8	Tom Gray
November 10	Kent Miller
November 18	Joe Bargo
November 20	Dick Korek
November 23	Jerry Snyder
November 23	Brooke Meyers
November 24	Steve Starr
November 24	Mike O'Dell
November 28	Todd Anderson
November 28	Vince Perry III
November 29	Paul Winans
November 30	Jim Page

Autumn in Full Swing

by John Erwine, VP Membership



ERWINE

I'm grateful to live in a part of the country with so many seasonal changes. Do I love the summer heat? The cold winters? Not so much, but I do love the in betweens – spring and fall, and the others do offer pleasant rewards as well. There are so many things to look forward to with each change that comes to our part of the country.

I was so glad when our last winter had finally delivered us into springtime. The chance once again for a fresh start, boldness and vitality in everything we do. The time to show off the things studied and learned while imprisoned within the confines of four warm walls; the chance to break out and show the world that we are still very much alive and ready to take on whatever our dreams over those long months have been.

Blossoms happen primarily within the next three seasons. Spring and summer are fresh, stately and consummate. Then there is autumn, probably my favorite. There is a special excitement, briskness and comfort in what we've accomplished during the preceding three seasons. Also a forward look into the next year. Autumn brings us a whole new perspective; a period of maturity.

In the gardening community there is always controversy as to how and when to cut back seasonal plants and shrubs. Most believe, as my wife continues to pound into my skull, the rule is that you do not "dead head" most blooming plants after they have run their course in late

spring or summer, but leave them on the stem to help retain nutrients as sustenance throughout the winter months. During the autumn they may be cut back. When spring once again arrives, what a reward you will have as they take off as never before.



We as a chorus blossomed during our international competition event in Philly last July. In Mason City at the district contest in October, we showed our maturity with the most-improved in Plateau AAA and "best in performance category" chorus in the Central States District. Perhaps our placement wasn't what we might have hoped to achieve, but we did do what we went there to do: our very best, and with two very prominent recognitions to back it up. Who says we didn't win?

We're not so different than the plants we nourish each year for our enjoyment. Autumn is the time for us to retain and store those achievements and skills we have learned during the course of the year. As we move from autumn into winter, we reflect on these and plan and study for spring

and the entire year. We mature. Winter is a time to really apply ourselves. It's definitely not the time to relax and become lackadaisical, thinking we've got all of next year to improve.

I applaud this organization for welcoming and inviting singers to learn music, pass the audition process and sing with us on our Holiday Spectacular Show in December without becoming a dues paying member -- yet. Not until they're hooked. Then hang on. We've had a fair number recently who fall into this category, and some are already chomping at the bit.

As we transition from autumn into winter, this is such a good time to invite those you run into in the grocery line, the DMV, the sports arena, church, local theater lobby, etc., to come out and give us a try. They will many times be looking for a way to rid themselves of cabin fever and this will certainly provide that.

Believe it or not, next year is already upon us; our spring show, the international competition in July followed by district again here in October. This winter is going to be pretty danged busy if you ask me. Now is the time to renew emphasis on growing our chapter. We have to be ready to blossom fuller than ever before with the first ray of spring.

We have blossomed, matured, and all because – you are making a difference. ♥



Above: Basin Street Blues - "... the band's there to meet us, old friends to greet us ..." Photo courtesy of Don Fuson

Book Sale Fund-raiser Continues All Year Long (So There's Not Much Time Left!)

by Marci Brown-Turlin, *Heartbeats* Sunshine Chair



Thanks to everyone's efforts, our total for the year to date is \$477.25! Yeah! I am certain that we can reach \$500 before the end of the year if we just put a little bit of effort into our efforts! In the month of October, for just the couple of weeks after the garage sale, we raised \$25 from "Half Price Books." Happily, one gentleman that visited our Garage Sale, purchased books totaling \$13.50, all by himself! (Just FYI - that amount was included in the garage sale profits.)

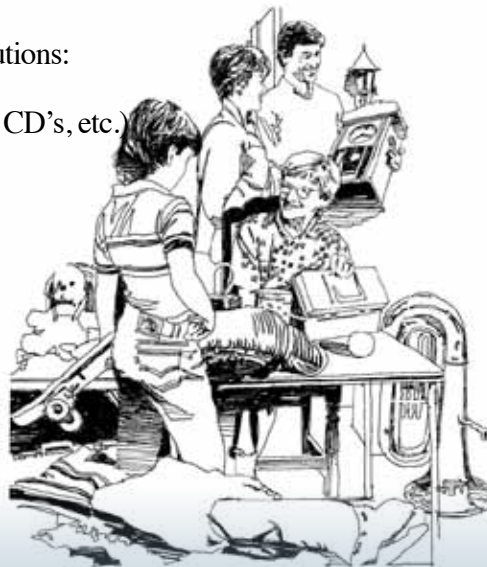
Our focus for the month of November is...*Anything still left in your house!* Really! Feel free to bring in anything and everything! We'll help you make a clean sweep before the holidays arrive and you have a house full of company.

Folks, let me emphasize, once again, this whole shebang ends with your last rehearsal in December. That means everything you still have to sort through for donation purposes, has to be done by that last rehearsal. The clock's atickin'! Let's have a big push right here at the end of the year! *We only have two months left!* Please continue to do your part and bring something to contribute each and every week!

We're still accepting all of the following contributions:

- January: Cookbooks
- February: Old Music (records, cassette tapes, CD's, etc.)
- March: Lawn and Garden
- April: Inspirational and Spiritual
- May: College Text books
- June: Coffee Table books
- July: Anything Patriotic
- August: Do It Yourself books
- September: Iconic Ephemera
- October: Movies, either DVD or VHS

Thanks so much! ♥



Recent Garage Sale A Rousing Success

by Jim Kemper

I just want to thank EVERYONE who had a part in the success of our garage sale. I handed **Jim Porter** two checks totaling \$1,000.78. All I can say is...WOW! From the night watchman, to the four angels,...to the people who helped sort, price, lugged out boxes and boxes,...to the people who were there to pack it in the truck (not individual trucks),...for the extra BOXES,... for the hot dogs, cookies, donuts, and plenty of water to drink,...to the infamous "signmaker",...to the people who donated...and to the church for letting us use their parking lot. I hope I covered everybody. I thank you! ♥



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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 big Tip O' The Hat to the crew who were involved with the Garage Sale Thursday, Friday and Saturday: **Lois & Jim Kemper, Marci & Carl Turlin, Jana Henderson & Don Young, Jim Clark, John Erwine, Marty Oldehoeft, Jim & Joann Bagby, Mike & Jan Mathieu, Carter Combs, Val Putzier, Mike Templer, Vince Perry IV, Dave & Gail Krause, Kent Miller, Tony Strub, Charles Ramirez, Dale Neuman and Marlin Weidler.** And a special thanks to **Vince Perry IV** who hung around all night Friday night to guard against

any midnight acquisition of items. It would have been a lot of work to cart everthing into the church and back out again Saturday morning. Some of those who helped were there to drop items off and some were there Thursday, Friday, and or Saturday. This list doesn't include those who donated stuff on Tuesday before that sale. ♥



Barbershopper of the Month



Darrell McCune - August 2010

Kent Miller (left) presents **Darrell McCune** with the August 2010 BOTM which reads:
In grateful appreciation for your work reviewing and coordinating revisions to the learning media for the new *Heart of America Chorus* show music



HOA Bids a Fond Farewell to Jim Moynihan

Jim Moynihan, 30-year member of *HOA*, is departing our fare city to outreaches of St. Louis, MO to be nearer to his children: daughter **Jeanene** and son, **J.C.** His plans are to leave Kansas City on or about Dec.1 and move into his new digs in St. Louis at that time. You've been a *good friend* to all the members of *HOA*, Jim. We'll miss you. Don't forget to drop in when you're in town from time to time!

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Heart of America Chorus Calendar

November 9, 15 & 21

Joint Rehearsals w/Sweet Adelines

December 4

Holiday Harmony Spectacular

December 18

Caroling Caravan

December 21 & 28

Holiday Break! Resume January 4!

January 15

Annual Banquet at Doubletree Hotel

*As Thanksgiving Day rolls around,
It brings up some facts, quite profound.
We may think that we're poor,
Feel like bums, insecure,
But in truth, our riches astound.
- Karl Fuchs*



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