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And Away We Go!

by 2013 President John Erwine



Sound familiar? We old **Jackie Gleason** fans should certainly be able to identify with it. Or maybe even better, "To the Moon, Alice!" Either way, hang on for the ride because this year is shaping up to be one of the busiest, most demanding, and yet very rewarding years in this chapter's history. I've heard several veterans say that there is more activity going on now than they can ever remember. Of course much of the planning for it started many months before the clock tick-tock'd over to 2013.

After the annual banquet, we hit the ground running by approving a contract to go to New York City in December, and perform at Carnegie Hall. How about them Big Apples? Thanks to **Ray Young** and **Mark Fortino** for all their hard work. The process to make this a reality was started months ago. Stay tuned for more information in the coming months. If you're reading this and would like to go, it's still not too late. We'd love to include you.



ERWINE

Our first great coaching session of the year was served up by **Jonny Maroni**. Now what a great start that was! Jonny was heavily involved with getting *The Recruits Youth Chorus* fundraiser off the ground which *HOA* hosted here in 2012. Then to experience them being crowned Plateau AA Champs and named audience favorites in Orlando for the Midwinter convention was astounding. (Continued on page 2 ➡)

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And Away We Go

(Continued from front cover)

How better to follow up this coaching session than one with **Brandon Guyton**. I see a pattern developing here, besides them being slightly acquainted with each other—quality. This was another great and unforgettable evening.

The following week we delivered Singing Valentines as we do annually, but I won't dwell on that here. There is an additional in depth article about that elsewhere in this issue. The one thing I will again mention is that I very much appreciate everyone who helped, more than you can know—and our net income was 8% over last year.

Two days later, after some of us attended the Leadership Training Academy in St. Joseph, the chorus performed at the Sheraton Crown Center for the National Conference of Masonic Grand Masters. It was a large and enthusiastic crowd. The evening concluded with **Steve Keisker** skillfully maneuvering the riser trailer up to, and then back down that very long incline from the loading dock – which was partially ice covered.

Next up was a promotional debut we had in Yardley Hall at Johnson County Community College for our upcoming Spring Show. We performed in the lobby area, arrayed on the stairs, as attendees of the evening's performance of the *Swingle Singers* made their way from the entrances to the theater. By the time we finished our 20 plus minute performance, most all patrons were still in the lobby area rewarding us with applause. That was a fun gig!

Now we're into early March and time for our 17th annual Harmony Explosion youth event at Olathe East High School. This was ably planned and executed by **Jerry Meier**. **Mike and Linda Schumacher** were again helping with the risers, quartet pattern and just about everything else not obviously visible. We had a great deal of assistance from the *Kansas City Chorus of Sweet Adelines*. Many thanks to the *Cody Choraliers* for serving lunch, the exceptional judging panel, the quartets who worked as clinicians preparing the youth for this event and many others who helped make this such a success; also to the *HOA* chorus for performing as part of the event. It was a great contribution to the young people, perhaps experiencing this for the first time.

Three days later we welcomed **Joe Connelly** as our coach. I've never seen so many teeth and as much energy in all my life. The evening just flew by. At the end of our three hour session, we were all whipped, but I think Joe was just getting warmed up. Frankly, I think as pumped as we were, we probably could have gone another hour or so; another great evening.

The following Tuesday we hosted **Keith Snode**, representing Manhattan Concert Productions, and other welcome guests with a mini performance to introduce him to our talent. Keith is our contact for our Carnegie trip in December. He gave us an overall description of the event and answered questions from members and wives as alike.

On April 13th we celebrated the chapter's 75th anniversary with our annual show, *75 Years of Harmony*, again in Yardley Hall. Our featured guest quartet was *Crossroads*, and boy, have they still got it! One of the additional pleasantries we extended was to introduce and hear perform, the winning

quartets from Harmony Explosion. The audience really loved them. Perhaps the greatest part of the evening was the finale. All past and inactive members were invited on stage to sing with the performing chorus. Director Emeritus, **Jim Bagby** sculpted *That Old Quartet of Mine* with ease and perfection. That was truly a "Gold Medal Moment." Show Co-Chairs **Kent and Cindy Miller** and **Carl and Marci Brown-Turlin**, did an outstanding job of making this one of the smoothest and entertaining shows yet.

The following weekend was the Spring Convention in McPherson, KS. Although not competing, it was a pleasure for the chorus to be there and perform our brand new contest set, for evaluation only. *HOA* was also the guest entertainment for the evening session.

In late April, **Joe Mathieu** organized a Spring Fling quartet contest which was a great deal of fun for all. How about this -- one impressive guest sang in two quartets and won two gold medals! Although our panel of judges looked somewhat suspicious, they were not; they came away as being recognized for a tough job well done. **Don Young**, our MC, is still under scrutiny.

There are great and exciting things still to come as we move forward in the year. More performances than we can recall, over a dozen new songs in the process of being learned and a CSD convention to host. This ain't your Grandpa's chorus anymore! ♥

BARRY SANDERS WINS 2013 ORVAL WILSON SCHOLARSHIP AWARD



Photo courtesy of **Vince Perry**

The 2013 Orval Wilson Scholarship to Harmony University goes to **Barry Sanders**. The award is presented each year by the *Heartbeats* to a deserving *HOA* member who has never been to Harmony University. Presenting the award March 12, 2013 was **Marci Brown-Turlin**. Congratulations Barry, and good luck. You'll enjoy the experience. ♥

New Harmony Handful Has Record April, New Outfit

by Bob Murphy

The *New Harmony Handful* enjoyed a very full and fulfilling April. It began with the introduction of our new long-sleeve shirt. They are wine-colored with the *NHH* logo. In my opinion they make us look very professional.



During April we had a record six gigs. This was far more than we usually do in a couple of month's time. It started on April 12 at Pleasant Valley Manor, a nursing home near Liberty. They must really like us, as this was the third time we have sung there this year. Also on this same day we sang at the Don Bosco Senior Center in Kansas City. We had a very receptive and large audience at their luncheon.

On April 22 we ventured south to Olathe and sang for the residents of the upscale Santa Marta Retirement Community. We were so well received at this program that we got a standing ovation. That really makes us feel good. And of course, many of our nursing home audiences are unable to stand.

On April 25 we sang at the luncheon for close to 100 Volunteers from St. Luke's East Hospital. We got what I'd describe as a partial standing ovation there.

April 27 was another full day with two gigs. We sang and had lunch with the Research Medical Center SPO Gift Shop Volunteers. One interesting thing about that show (at the former mid-town (Baptist Hospital) is that arm-waver **Jim Bagby** acquired a seven-year-old groupie, a granddaughter of one of the group's leaders. She HAD to meet Jim, and had a lengthy conversation with him.

Our second presentation that day was at Gardens of Barry Road Retirement community. Again we had a very appreciative audience. Since **Marty Oldehoeft's** mother is a residence here, he got to replace **Val Putzier** on bass in the *A Capella Fellas* quartet. A job well done **Oly, Lyle Wyly, Jon Gathright and Rich Huyck**.

Virtually all 20 members of the *NHH* also sang "That Old Quartet of Mine" on stage with *HOA* on April 13.

And we began May by going to Edgerton, Mo., (Val) says that's about a day's drive from his Paola, Kan., home, to sing for the 90th birthday party of *Harmonotes* Editor Emeritus **Wade Dexter**.

At all of the shows we do, we always inform the audience that we are all members of the Barbershop Harmony Society and the Kansas City Chapter. We also tell them about upcoming *HOA* events. In all, we expose a lot of people to barbershop harmony and have brought joy to all. ♥

Answer to Do You Remember Me?: Christopher "Chris" Smith

HARMONY EXPLOSION!

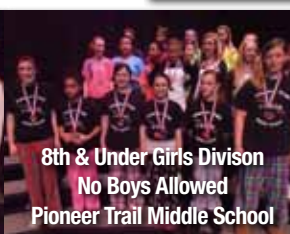


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California Trail Middle School

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California Trail Middle School



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Happy Harmonizers
California Trail Middle School



8th & Under Girls Division
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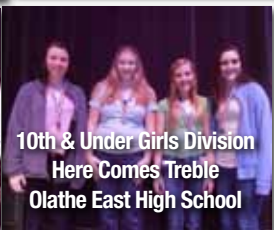
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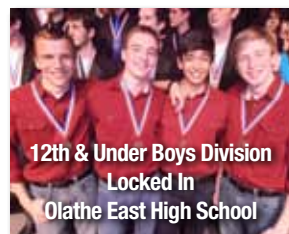
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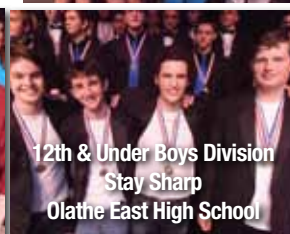
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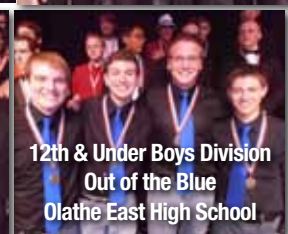
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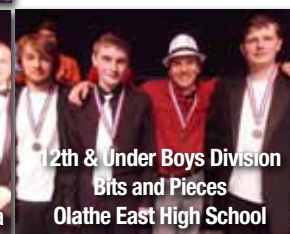
12th & Under Boys Division
Stay Sharp
Olathe East High School



12th & Under Boys Division
Out of the Blue
Olathe East High School



12th & Under Boys Division
The Hill Toppers
Rose Hill High School - near Wichita



12th & Under Boys Division
Bits and Pieces
Olathe East High School



12th & Under Girls Division
The Perfect Fourths
Olathe East High School



12th & Under Girls Division
The Harmonics
Washburn Rural High School (Topeka)



12th & Under Girls Division
Allotta Fermatta
Olathe East High School

WHAT TALENT!



Group Shot of 2013
Harmony Explosion Medalists

HARMONY EXPLOSION!



8th Grade Girls



10th Grade Girls



12th Grade Boys

Mark Your 2014 Calendar!

by Jerry Meier



Harmony Explosion! 2014 will take place on Saturday, Feb. 22 at Olathe East High School. Once again our good friends at Olathe East agreed to be our hosts. Olathe East is an excellent venue that offers two auditoriums with

two stages conveniently located across from each other in the same hallway, adjacent to the commons area. We are so very thankful to the Olathe School District for their continued support—specifically for their choral music programs—as they approve our facility request forms each year. All you Twitter users look for updates via **#2014HE**.

#2013HE – Another Fun-filled Day!

Harmony Explosion! 2013 was another success—thanks to all of the volunteers from the Heart of America Chorus, the KC Chorus of Sweet Adelines, the Cody Choraliers, the staff at Olathe East High School, and the Music Educators and parents and sponsors of the 200+ students that participated in our event. In no particular order, I would like to thank the following individuals:

Olathe East High School Administration and Staff:

- **Martha Gabel**, Fine Arts Coordinator for Olathe Schools
- **Dr. Bill Webber**, Principal of OEHS
- **Amanda Faunce**, VP of Student Activities at OEHS (Sanctioned Event)
- **Brigid Mayer**, Chair of the Fine Arts Department at OEHS
- **Dustin Cates**, Director of Choirs at OEHS
- **Jan Holthus**, Assistant Director of Choirs at OEHS
- **Garry Goddard**, Drama / Theater Department
- **Natalie Friend**, Drama / Theater Department Student Volunteer
- **Alex Estrada** and the Custodial Staff
- **Big Mike**, the Security Guard from NPB Companies

Vocal Music Educators and Schools:

- **Dustin Cates**, Olathe East HS, Olathe, KS
- **Jan Holthus**, Olathe East and Olathe South HS, Olathe, KS
- **Marcheta Pearson**, California Trail Middle School, Olathe, KS
- **Jason Sickel**, Pioneer Trail Middle School, Olathe, KS
- **Robin Christie**, Bishop Miege High School, Roeland Park, KS
- **Eddie Creer**, Salina South High School, Salina, KS
- **Adam West**, Washburn Rural High School, Topeka, KS
- **Charlie Forsyth**, Rose Hill High School, Rose Hill, KS
- **Maggie McKain**, Osawatomie High School, Osawatomie, KS

Volunteers:

- **Mrs. Kristin Howell**, Parent Coordinator
- Olathe East Choir Booster Club (**Johnna Meyer**, President)

- Harmony Explosion Coaches including: **Jon Jordan, Don Young, Jim Bagby, Jon Gathright, Bruce Wenner, Don Fuson**, and the Fabulous **Ms. Sheri Hart!**
- Photographers – **Don Fuson, Rich Huyck, Ron McIntire**
- Videographer – **Christy Meier**

Sponsors:

- **Jason Linder** and the staff at Olive Garden in Olathe
- **Gary Roles** and the staff at Olathe T-Shirt and Trophy
- **Tom Holden** and the staff at the Hotel & Lodging Association of Greater Kansas City
- **Jim Estes**, Music Educator and staff at the Barbershop Harmony Society
- **Matt Suellentrop**, Central Stated District Youth In Harmony Director

Kansas City Chorus of Sweet Adelines

- Director **Stacy Schumacher**
- Assistant Director **Lori Carrendar**
- Leadership Team
- **ZING!**
- **Linda French**, Harmony Explosion
- Judges / Runners / Emcees / Chaperones, etc.

Cody Choraliers

- Director **Jerry Garrard**
- President **Brad Cox**
- Leadership Team

Heart of America Chorus

- Director **Mark Fortino**
- President **John Erwine**
- Leadership Team
- Judges / Runners / Emcees / Chaperones, etc.
- *Premium Blend*
- *BoomTown*

A new format was introduced this year to emphasized participation and fun more than competition. Three divisions were created to encourage participation at the younger age levels: 8th Grade and Under; 10th Grade and Under; 12th Grade and Under. Quartets in the 8th Grade and Under division were also allowed to compete with 4 or 5 or 6 or 7 or 8 members. In addition, they did not have to be judged in the same category as Freshmen! Likewise, Freshmen and Sophomores did not have to be judged with Juniors or Seniors! Most importantly, this change allowed for more quartets to qualify for Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals!

One goal for this year was to provide plenty of examples of a cappella barbershop singing for the students, the parents, and the music educators—everyone participated to accomplish this goal.

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The *Kansas City Chorus of Sweet Adelines* started the day on stage at 9am by singing two songs to delight the audience. Next *ZING!* (the 2010 Sweet Adelines International Quartet Champions) stepped on stage and performed a mini-concert to get everyone fired up for the day's activities. **Susan Ives** and **Jerry Garrard** lead a 30-minute warm-up sessions for the respective girls and boys groups prior to the preliminary contest rounds. Forty quartets performed in the prelims and twenty-one qualified for the finals. The *Heart of America Chorus* sang for the audience prior to the announcement of the 21 finalists. The *Cody Choraliers* serenaded the participants during lunch, which was catered by the Olive Garden of Olathe. After lunch, *Premium Blend* gathered the participants back into the auditorium for their mini-concert.

BoomTown helped to teach Barbershop Tags to the boys while *ZING!* was teaching a few tags to the girls prior to the finals. After the finals were done, ALL of the girls gathered on stage to sing their tags, and the boys did the same (with assistance from *BoomTown*). The Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals were handed out and the event was concluded around 4:40pm. *Mission Accomplished!*

The final results were as follows:

8th and Under Girls (5 finalists):

<i>Happy Harmonizers</i>	California Trail MS	Gold
<i>No Boys Allowed</i>	Pioneer Trail MS	Silver
<i>Frappuccinos</i>	California Trail MS	Silver
<i>Megatones</i>	California Trail MS	Silver
<i>The Crinkles</i>	California Trail MS	Silver

8th and Under Boys (2 finalists):

<i>A-Cafellas</i>	California Trail MS	Gold
<i>Fighting Temptations</i>	California Trail MS	Bronze

10th and Under Girls (3 finalists):

<i>The Fource</i>	Olathe East HS	Gold
<i>Breaking Point</i>	Olathe East HS	Gold
<i>Here Comes Treble!</i>	Olathe East HS	Silver

10th and Under Boys (3 finalists):

<i>Four Guys in Ties</i>	Olathe South HS	Gold
<i>Raging Harmonies</i>	Olathe East HS	Gold
<i>Hooked on Tonics</i>	Olathe East HS	Bronze

12th and Under Girls (3 finalists):

<i>Perfect Fourths</i>	Olathe East HS	Gold
<i>The Harmonics</i>	Washburn Rural HS	Gold
<i>Alotta Fermatta</i>	Olathe East HS	Gold

12th and Under Boys (5 finalists):

<i>Locked In</i>	Olathe East HS	Gold
<i>Stay Sharp</i>	Olathe East HS	Gold
<i>Out of the Blue</i>	Olathe South HS	Gold
<i>The Hill Toppers</i>	Rose Hill HS	Silver
<i>Bits & Pieces</i>	Olathe East HS	Silver

I cannot wait until next year! ❤️

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Singing Valentines a Success

by John Erwine, Singing Valentine Chairman

Once again another job well done by all! If not for the dedication and giving of time to this project by those in addition to delivering the Singing Valentine messages, it would never have happened and gone so smoothly. A huge thanks to ever-faithful **Pat Ross** of Sweet Adeline fame, and **Tony Strub** for preparing the quartet delivery supplies at the headquarters location. Professional quartet-routing guru, **Mike Mathieu**, was responsible for making the quartets happy with all the miles they had to drive. He was also instrumental in procuring our sweetheart hotel packages. Also **Ted Simon** for his media spot efforts, **Ray Young** with advertising, Director Emeritus **Jim Bagby** for organizing quartets, and **Thom Tisdall** for recording the script used by the telephone order-taking company. Certainly not the least important was Mr. JoeTown himself, **Vince Perry**. He's the dude with all the tech equipment and knowledge to keep the order-taking system and secure HOA server clicking along smoothly, before sending the completed orders to me. He spent his time huddled in a 4 x 4 room with lots of coffee, machines, and wires. Lots of fun stuff here, but I believe they all know how much they are appreciated by me. I know there are others that helped in these and other areas and for that, I thank you also.

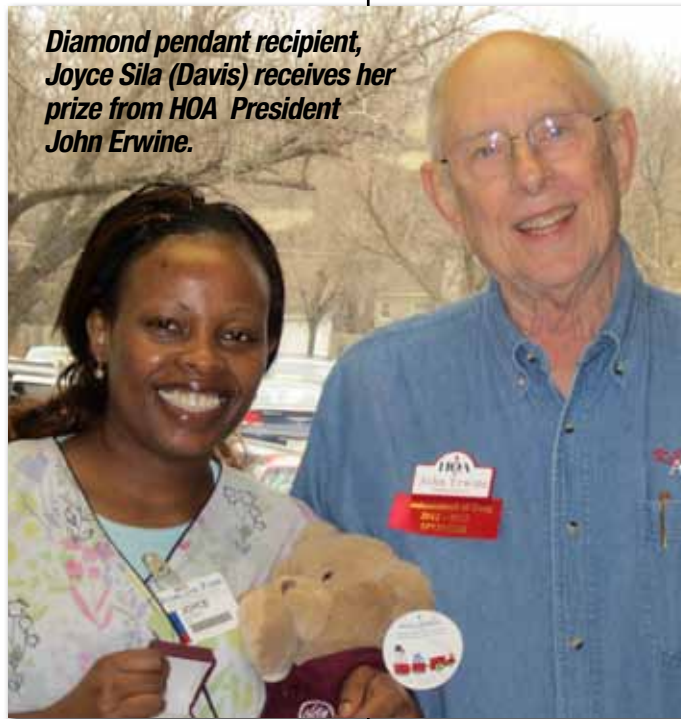
Of course without our major sponsors, we wouldn't have been nearly as successful. For this, you can thank **Mark Fortino** and **Bank of Blue Valley** for providing the excellent headquarters location. **Russell Stover Candies** provided the boxes of sweetheart chocolate again and **Helzberg Diamonds**, the beautiful diamond pendant. **Flowerama** gave us all the roses we needed and we received sweetheart hotel packages

from **Marriott Downtown, Residence Inn, Springhill Suites, Fairfield Inn** and the **Sheraton Overland Park**.

This year, after taking the grand tour through a newly remodeled wing of **Children's Mercy on Gillham Road**, I was pleased to present the Heart of America Chorus donation of \$1,440 to **Lauren Davis**, Manager of Major Gifts, and **Megan Stock**, Special Events Manager (Top photo). This again is earmarked for the **Hearing and Speech Clinic of Children's Mercy Hospitals and Clinics**.



Diamond pendant recipient, Joyce Sila (Davis) receives her prize from HOA President John Erwine.



- In 2011 they (Hearing and Speech Clinic) served well over 8,000 children, from birth to 18 years old, hailing from 57 counties of Missouri and 69 counties in Kansas.
- In 2011 they helped train 35 medical students and residents in speech and language disorders, and intervention. Student interns in the field of speech and language pathology from five different universities completed an internship through their clinic.
- In October 2012 the Hearing and Speech program added an outpatient clinic at its Children's Mercy East facility in Independence, MO, augmenting services already available at its four other facilities.

One 16 year old wrote about the day when, at three years old, he got his first hearing aid through the Speech and Hearing Clinic. "That night, the family went to the amusement park Worlds of Fun, a place with lots of flashing lights, lots of tall spinning things, and lots and lots of sound. With so many different things that I had never seen or HEARD before, it was as if somebody had turned on the world!"

Thank you Heart of America! ♥

Photos courtesy of John Erwine



Check out the pictures below from previous Heart of America Annual Golf Scramble Fund Raisers. Shouldn't you be getting in on some of this fun? This year's tournament is Thursday, Sept. 12. Sign up NOW!



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Visit www.hoachorus.com to register

HOA SPRING SHOW 2013

Photos courtesy of Matt Bostick



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Wade Dexter Celebrates 90th Birthday!

by Ron McIntire

Wade Dexter celebrated his 90th birthday at Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Edgerton, MO, Sunday, May 5, 2013. He was surrounded by many of his friends and family, and the *New Harmony Handful*. His son **Paul** said of the occasion, "While Dad had forgotten the event by the next morning, I know he appreciated and understood what was going on. He was moved to tears several times."

At the celebration, there was time to visit and reminisce, enjoy a few words from the pastor, hear songs by the *Harmony Handful* and sing the traditional "Happy Birthday" to Wade.

Paul recounts his father's life history:

Wade Dexter was born in Elderon, Wisconsin, in 1923, the oldest of three children. His father was a school teacher and principal; his mother a homemaker. He attended high school in Oshkosh where he played the trombone and sang in the a cappella choir and graduated in 1941. It was in the high school band that he met **Joyce Elmer** the girl he would share 65 years of marriage with until her death in 2007.

He was inducted into the U.S. Army in 1943 and after serving in Europe during WWII he accepted a commission in the Regular Army as an officer in the Medical Service Corp. His assignments included Japan, Iran, Fort Leavenworth and Korea. In Korea, he was responsible for coordinating the medical debriefing of the crew of the U.S. intelligence-gathering ship, the USS Pueblo. The North Koreans had captured the crew in 1968 and held them for 11 months until they were released in 1969. He retired from the Army as Lt. Colonel in 1969.

Wade joined the barbershop society in 1965 through the St. Joseph Missouri chapter and later held every chapter office except treasurer in the now defunct Lawrence chapter. In 1983,

he transferred his membership to the Kansas City chapter and sang bass in the *Heart of America Chorus*. He and Joyce lived in Lawrence for almost 30 years until Joyce's health began to fail in 1997 and they moved to Liberty to be near **Paul** and his wife **Karen**, a registered nurse. After **Joyce** died in 2007, he moved in with Paul in Trimble, MO when he could no longer care for himself, a victim of Alzheimer's.

Many members of HOA will remember Wade as the editor of the Lawrence Chapter bulletin and later the *Harmonotes* in the Kansas City Chapter until 1997 when that duty was passed to **Todd Anderson**. From about 1997 until October 2010 he wrote a column for the *Harmonotes* called "A Look at the Past in *Harmonotes*," and a column in the CSD *Serenade* called "Bulletin Browsing" When asked to describe his most vivid barbershop memory, he didn't hesitate in saying that having *Harmonotes* picked as the best bulletin in the Society in 1988 when he was the editor couldn't be topped by any other barbershop-ping experience he'd had.

Wade and Joyce were parents of two sons, both of whom are former barbershoppers. **Steve** flies a helicopter for a medevac unit near Augusta, Georgia, and **Paul** works for Banta Publications in Liberty, MO.

Wade's musical career includes singing with the *St. Joe Pony Expressmen*, two St. Joe quartets—the *Joe Town Four*, and the *Empire Four*—while he was stationed at Ft. Leavenworth in the 1960s, the *Lawrence Barberhawks* and the *Heart of America Chorus* in Kansas City.

On a related note: Wade stopped by the rehearsal hall to watch the April 30 Spring Fling and the chorus had an opportunity to sing *Happy Birthday* and wish him well at the end of the evening. ♥

Photos courtesy of **Ron McIntire** and **Paul Dexter**.



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 May 15, after 19 drawings (15 since last report):

- The total collected for Harmony Foundation since the last report is \$373.
- The total collected for the year to date is \$426.
Total last year to date: \$377. Total 2011 to date: \$452.
The carry-over amount for the jackpot is \$257. ♥

Do You Remember Me?



I joined HOA in October 2006 as a first time barbershopper but sang in a barbershop quartet for two years in college. I graduated from Central Missouri State University in the Spring of 2007 with a degree in Music Education and served for a short period assisting the bass section. I sang bass in the HOA Chorus. Who am I? (See page 3)



...to the following HOA MEMBERS!

May 4	Bob Murphy
May 5	Wade Dexter
May 6	Anthony Fortino
May 7	Carter Combs
May 9	Dan Henry Bowser
May 9	Kyle Batchelder
May 12	Keith Owen
May 16	Ted Simon
May 20	Dale Neuman
May 21	Anders Sand
May 24	Joe Mathieu
June 4	Kevin Tritsch
June 6	Phil Youngs
June 11	Duane Lawson
June 11	Don Fuson
June 11	Maurice Smith
June 13	Tony O'Brien
June 14	Tony Strub
June 15	Dave Hokanson
June 16	Shaun Whisler
June 20	Bill Bay
June 20	Dave Perry
June 22	Ray Young
June 23	Dylan Mathieu
June 23	Rob Mathieu
June 25	Al Fehlauer
June 28	Barry Sanders
June 29	Keith Schweer
July 11	Mike Templer
July 12	Al Moritz
July 18	Matt Moore
July 20	David Stockard
July 22	Calvin Yoder
July 23	Ed Grape
July 25	Tom Wenner
July 26	David Miller
July 30	Vince Perry IV

ED SUNDERMEYER



If you had ever met **Ed Sundermeyer** you would have liked him instantly. He had a soft voice, a quick wit and a friendly demeanor. He sang lead in *The Elder Statesmen* quartet in the early 1980s and in the *Crosstown Four*, with **Ron Abel**, **Dale Neuman** and **Fred Whisman** from 1987 until 2000. The quartet continues today with **Gordy Coleman** replacing **Ed** and **Val Putzier** taking over **Fred's** spot. The *Crosstown Four* won first place in the newly formed CSD Senior's Quartet Contest in 1989. Ed also sang in the first version of the *Harmony Handful*.

Ed was a low-key, always smiling, do-any-thing-to-help guy, and his wife **Ruth** was a rough-exterior, heart-of-gold Heartbeat of the year. After Ruth died about 10 years ago, Ed's son, a high-powered government attorney inside the beltway moved Ed in with him then later to an assisted living facility.

He served on the board of directors in the late 1980s and early '90s and was *HOA* Barbershopper of the Year in 1985. Ed Sundermeyer died in the first week of April, 2013, in Washington D.C. at the age of 96. He is a big part of the heritage of the *Kansas City Chapter* and the *Heart of America Chorus*.

(**Jim Bagby's** email of April 6, contributed to this article. Photo courtesy of **Ron McIntire**) ♥

NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT!

HOA adds these GREAT VOICES to the risers!



Eric Bean - Photo by Ron McIntire

Eric Bean and his wife **Sherri** live in Grain Valley, MO. He is a first time barbershopper and sings bari in the *HOA Chorus*. He is a Deputy Juvenile Officer. He has sung in a capella choirs in high school, church quires and a Southern Gospel Quartet in college plus he plays the guitar.



Denny Briley - Photo by Ron McIntire

Denny Briley and his wife **Judy** live in Olathe, KS and he is a seasoned barbershopper. He sings lead in the *HOA chorus* and sang with the North Brook, IL chapter, *New Tradition Chorus* for seven years. He sings in his church choir and has sung in his college choir. Denny is a retired Pharmacy Product Mgr. He has two grown children and one granddaughter.



Dallas Fenster - Photo by Ron McIntire

Dallas Fenster is retired and works part time as dispatcher for a truck line. He and his wife **Carol** live in La Cygne, KS. He is a dual member with the Kearney Chapter and can sing bass, lead and some tenor. He currently sings lead in *HOA*. His musical background includes singing in church and 22 years as a barbershopper.



David Perry - Photo by Vince Perry IV

Dave Perry (son of **Vince Perry III**) and his wife **Julie** live in Albia, IA where he is a band director in the Albia school system. Dave is a dual member with the Des Moines, IA chapter and sings bass in both the *Pride of Iowa Chorus* and *Heart of America*. He was a member of *HOA* in the late 1980s and is a past member of the St. Joseph Chapter *Pony Expressman*.



Matthew Quinn - Photo by Ron McIntire

Matthew Quinn is a bank teller living in Kansas City and is a first time barbershopper. He received vocal training and studied music theory while in college at the University of Dallas in Texas and has sung in many church choirs. He adds his voice to the tenor section in *HOA*.



Wendell Shaffer - Photo by Ron McIntire

Wendell Shaffer first joined the barbershop society in 1996 in Stillwater, OK. When they disbanded he transferred to the Frank Thorne chapter and later joined the Overland Stage Chapter. He is District Coordinator for Taxes at AARP and lives in Lee's Summit, MO. He is retired from Conoco Oil and is a retired Lt. Colonel from the Air Force Reserve. He has sung in gospel quartets for forty plus years and is currently singing in the *New Harmony Handful* and substitutes as tenor and baritone in *Homeward Bound* when members are not available. He sings tenor in *HOA*.



Anders Sand - Photo by Ron McIntire

Anders Sand is a first time barbershopper living in the Brookside area of Kansas City, MO and is Sr. Contract Manager at Cerner Corp. His musical background includes singing in the honors choir through high school. He sings lead in *HOA*. ♥

BARBERSHOPPER OF THE MONTH



Jerry Meier - January 2013

2013 Chapter President **John Erwine** (left) presents **Jerry Meier** with the Barbershopper of the Month for Jan. 2013 which states: In grateful appreciation for your work organizing and arranging the 2013 Annual Awards Banquet at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, January 5, 2013.

Photo courtesy of **Ron McIntire**.

BARBERSHOPPER OF THE MONTH



Todd Anderson - February 2013

In grateful appreciation for donating your time and talent on very short notice to design a full page ad for the *Harmonizer* commemorating the Kansas City Chapter's 75th Anniversary. (Presented in absentia by **John Erwine**)

Photo courtesy of **Vince Perry**.

BARBERSHOPPER OF THE MONTH



Jerry Meier - March 2013

2013 Chapter President **John Erwine** (left) presents **Jerry Meier** with the Barbershopper of the Month for March 2013 which states: In grateful appreciation for your outstanding work as chairman of the 2013 Harmony Explosion at Olathe East High School, March 2, 2013.

Photo courtesy of **Ron McIntire**.

EXTRA MILE AWARD



Darrell McCune - January 2013

2013 Chapter President **John Erwine** (left) presents **Darrell McCune** the EMA for January 2013 which reads: In grateful appreciation for your work obtaining, reviewing and preparing learning tracks for the 2013 Annual Spring Show and publishing them on the HOA website.

Photo courtesy of **Vince Perry**.

EXTRA MILE AWARD



Steve Keisker - February 2013

2013 Chapter President **John Erwine** (left) presents **Steve Keisker** the EMA for February 2013 which reads: In grateful appreciation for pulling the riser trailer, on a snowy day, to the performance for the National Conference of Masonic Grand Master's, February 16, 2013. Photo courtesy of **Vince Perry**.

EXTRA MILE AWARD



Mike & Linda Schumacher - March 2013

2013 Chapter President **John Erwine** (left) presents **Mike and Linda Schumacher** the EMA for March 2013 which reads: In grateful appreciation for your work organizing and managing the quartet pattern, warmup rooms and scoring at the 2013 Harmony Explosion, March 2, 2013. (**Mike** accepted award for both Mike and Linda) Photo courtesy of **Ron McIntire**.



Harmony University

July 28-August 4, 2013

You really should go this year.



taken from LiveWire, May 3, 2013

Look at everything this handsome fellow has going for himself. Mustache - check.

Ice cream mustache - check.

Ice cream cone as big as head - check.

Pitch pipe jammed into ice cream cone -- umm, that wasn't actually in the casting call. BarbershopTags app on his smart-phone (not pictured.)

Look, we could talk until you're blue in the face about the world-class faculty (did we mention that RINGMASTERS will be teaching, coaching and singing there?)

We could entice you with ice cream (pictured.)

We could appeal to your vanity by suggesting that all the cool kids are coming this summer, and that your HU t-shirt will be a tag-magnet at every barbershop event you ever attend hereafter.

We might even suggest that you'll come back a better singer, director, quartetter or coach.

Nope — we're not stooping to those petty manipulations. Here's our pitch:

"Come to Harmony University, and you'll end up looking just like this guy."

(Now, if you must be convinced by the other methods, check out www.barbershop.org/harmonyu and see Marty Monson's video pitch.) ♥

SPRING FLING QUARTET CONTEST WINNERS

April 30, 2013

First Place: *Soundairs*

Jonathan Andrews, Steve Keisker,
Mark McCullough, Mike Schumacher

Second Place: *Der Spiegel*

Larry Colburn, Kevin Tritsch,
Dave Stockard, Dick Irwin

**Third Place #1:
*Happy Together***

Jim Bagby, Jon Gathright,
Joe Mathieu, Mike Mathieu

**Third Place #2:
*Young and Younger***

Bruce Wenner, Jonathan Andrews,
Mark McCullough, Bill Bay

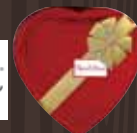
**Third Place #3:
*Ear Candy***

Brad Dawdy, Dan Bowser,
Bob Burdick, Duane Lawson



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Heart of America Chorus Calendar

- May 21 (Tuesday)** - Central States District Champion "sing with the champs"
- June 8 (Saturday)** - Trails West Chorus sing at T-Bones game and multi-chapter picnic.
- June 11 (Tuesday)** - Coaching with Joe Connelly
- June 15 (Saturday)** - Sing on St. Joe Chapter show
- June 18 (Tuesday)** - HOA 75th birthday celebration at the Muehlebach Hotel in downtown Kansas City
- June 30 (Sunday) 4 PM** - Concert in Liberty, MO
- July 14 (Sunday) 7PM** - Music in the Park

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.