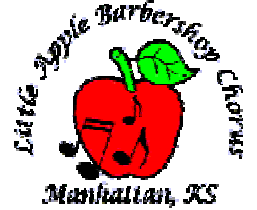




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Home of the Little Apple Barbershop Chorus



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Upcoming Events

- Jan 9 2003 Installation Banquet, Blue Hills Room
- Feb 2 2003 "Show" Clay Center High School 2:00 p.m.
- Feb 13 & 14 2003 Singing Valentines
- Apr 12 2003 Little Apple Chorus Show, "Juke Box Saturday Night", 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

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Thank You and Keep up the Great Work

By Mike Shepherd, President

During the last two years I have seen our Chapter spread the Barbershop word throughout the area and make lasting impressions on many people. Our performances are always very professional and provide value whenever we are asked to play a part in a function. Even though our audience enjoys our performances, I think we all have just as much fun performing (even though smiles are at a premium) as they have experiencing our brand of entertainment.

I have had more fun with our Chapter than any other organization I have belonged to. Where else can you find a group of men that get together once a week for fellowship and fun by singing close harmony? Yes, once our brand of harmony "gets in your blood" it never gets out, but the "fellowship" and bonding" that occurs between Chapter members helps keep a chapter healthy.

It is still worthy to note the Little Apple Chorus is still the largest SPEBSQSA Chapter in Kansas and our commitment to the Society's mission statement is excellent. The Society's Charitable Mission is: "to preserve our musical legacy through support of vocal music education in our schools and communities" and our contributions to local and society projects are important and impressive.

I have been pleased and proud to serve as



President Mike Shepherd

your Chapter President for the last two years and appreciate all your support. Without the efforts of a lot of people this job would be very difficult. I don't think I can say "Thank You" enough to the "Charter Members" that set up this Chapter "by the book" so we could continue to follow the Society guidelines. Those guys have a special place in my heart and they still have great influence on our Chapter as we continue to grow.

After two years of trying to find the right words to say in this message, I think I have finally found the words I have been looking for: "Thank You All and Good Luck Rodney". I am very confident Rodney will be a great leader for our Chapter and wish him all the best.

Thanks for two great years.
- Mike E. Shepherd

Chapter Officers

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All chapter officers are expected and chapter members are encouraged to contribute their ideas on a regular basis.

Happy Birthday

January

5 Jim Eickman
23 Ken Lang
24 Mel Emig
25 Mac McCaffrey
29 John Schlender
31 Mike Sexton
31 Myron Calhoun



BOARD MINUTES

By Bob Swenson, Secretary

MANHATTAN CHAPTER SPEBSQSA, INC. REGULAR BOARD MEETING - NOVEMBER 11, 2002, WEST-BANK TOWNHOMES CLUBHOUSE

MINUTES:

Officers Present: Mike Shepherd, Rodney Stanfield, Bob Swenson, Bill Bunyan, Mike Sexton, Leo Dreiling, Ken Brooks, Richard Van Nevel, Preston Chapel, Harvey Kiser

Officers Absent: None

Others: Bob Ridley, Don Thomson, Leonard Purvis

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:29 P.M. with the group singing, "The Story of the Rose".

Officer's and Committee Reports:

Secretary: The minutes of the board meeting of October 14, 2002, had been submitted electronically prior to this meeting but were also presented in hard copy format for the members present. It was moved by Rodney Stanfield and seconded by Preston Chapel that the minutes be approved as prepared. Motion passed.

Treasurer: The financial report for the month of October was presented by Treasurer Bill Bunyan. Bill estimates that sufficient funds will remain after current obligations have been paid to carry us through until our next fund raising event on February 14, 2003. It was moved by Mike Sexton and seconded by Ken Brooks that we accept the treasurer's report as presented. Motion passed.

Brown Scholarship: Leonard Purvis attended this meeting to explain to the group the wishes of the Brown family regarding the scholarship money received from the estate and memorial contributions of Mrs. Margaret Brown. Leonard indicated that the family preferred that this scholarship be used for new student members of our chapter for at least two years. It was moved by Ken Brooks and seconded by Harvey Kiser that the chapter award a \$250 scholarship to David Davis from the

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Brown Scholarship funds and that the president appoint a representative to contact David about the best method of transferring the funds to him. Motion passed. President Mike Shepherd appointed Secretary Bob Swenson to be that representative.

VP of Music and Perf: Mike Sexton indicated that the 19th of December would be our caroling opportunity to three or four nursing homes. Several items of discussion included inviting alumni members of the chapter who would like to sing with us. We should also use the Christmas Chorus concept as a recruitment tool. Our performances will start at 6 o'clock and we will investigate the possibilities of using a bus for transportation. The use of quartets to open and close each performance so that the chorus movement can be overlapped was suggested. Several wives will be recruited to help the refreshments with an after-caroling fellowship to be held at the Westbank Townhomes Clubhouse.

VP of Chapter Development: Rodney Stanfield reported that the committee has begun to review the grant application and should have recommendations ready shortly. Our current membership is at 66 members with one reinstatement pending. Our membership at the end of last year was 69.

VP of Public Relations: Harvey Kiser reported there is ongoing discussion regarding KSU music students attending our chorus for college credit. There was consensus among the group that we could offer membership scholarships to the students in this program.

Director of Music: Reg Pittman's last scheduled meeting with us would be November 14. Scheduling conflicts prevent regular scheduled pre-chorus meetings with him until after the show, however it was suggested that Reg be asked to come to some of our rehearsals prior to the show to coach the directors on any musical aspects of our impending performance. Since we are paying Reg, it was suggested that we insert a budget line item for this activity in next year's budget.

Show Chairman: The title of our spring show will be "Jukebox Saturday Night". It was agreed that performances should be at 2 o'clock in the afternoon and 7:30 in the evening. Discussion centered around using the Dixieland Barefoot Band for both performances with the suggestion of 150 percent of last year's fee would be reasonable compensation for their two performances.

Web Development: Ken Brooks reported that his visits with Webmaster Bart Bartholomew were very positive and that Bart did see the need to create a Little Apple Chorus domain name.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Copies of the proposed youth policy as modified November 2nd by the international board were presented to the members for discussion. Implementation of the youth policy is a requirement of the international board and it was agreed that we table this item until the proposed documents can be reviewed by a local attorney to make sure they conform with current jurisdiction laws.

It was moved by Richard Van Nevel and seconded by Preston Chapel that the chapter acquire 12 new member packets entitled "Come Join Us in a Song" for distribution to prospective members. Motion passed.

There was a request from Bob Swenson, Singing Valentines Chairman, for members to make any suggestions for implementation in next year's singing valentine program.

Adjournment: President Mike Shepherd declared the meeting closed with the singing of "Let Me Call You Sweetheart".

The next meeting will be December 9, 2002 at 7:30 p.m., at the Westbank Townhomes Clubhouse.

Installation Banquet

Point of Contact: David Darling

Did you miss last year's event?

It was both different from past ones
and lots of fun!

Bring your sweetheart and come join
in the fun

What: Installation Banquet

When: Thursday - January 9, 2003

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Where: Blue Hills Room
2300 Block of Tuttle Creek
Blvd (Near Tuttle Cove
Boulevard & Kimball)

Cost: \$10 per person; payable to
David Darling



Slate of Officers for 2003

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**Serving line at last year's banquet
-- lots of delicious food**

**S. P. E. B. S. Q. S. A.'s Charitable Mission: To preserve our musical legacy
through support of vocal music education in our schools and communities.**

'Tis the Season!

by Bob Swenson

I know, the title above probably leads you to think that here's more about the Christmas Season, but really, the season I want to talk to you about is the one approaching - - The Season of Love! Yes, in just a few short weeks we'll be heavily into hearts, flowers, candy, cards, and all the wonderful things that say I LOVE YOU!

The **Singing Valentine\$** season is soon to be upon us. This is a chance to share with others their wonderful emotions during Valentines Day. A Singing Valentine is the perfect way to express your affection toward your loved one, and we'll capitalize on the season by presenting Singing Valentines on Thursday Evening, February 13, and all day on Friday, February 14.

This year's **Singing Valentine\$** program will operate much like last year, but that means that we need to start preparing our songs now so that we're ready. Starting on January 2, and continuing on every Thursday evening except January 9th, we will have coaches available to help quartets that want to present singing valentines this year.

There are two songs mandatory for your quartet to be ready. You must know "The Story Of The Rose" (Heart of My Heart), and "Let Me Call You Sweetheart" with both sets of words. We want every quartet to be approved by our musical leadership before it is qualified to help present **Singing Valentine\$** this year. We will have that leadership available at our meeting hall between 7:00 and 7:30 on January 2, 16, 23, 29 and February 6 and 13 to help you qualify for this most important and fun opportunity.

We have identified several additional quartets that we're encouraging to give it a try, but if you don't happen to make a quartet, there are still plenty of other jobs to be done. Many have found enjoyment in being a presenter. But besides that, there are dispatchers, phone attendants, flower

crew, waiting room hosts and hostesses, substitute singers, and an almost endless list of opportunities to share in this event. Yes we need help from our ladies too!

What can you do to help out? First of all, clear your calendar for as much of the 14th as you possibly can. Some guys take the entire day as a vacation day. Secondly, come and help join the singers as they prepare each Thursday mentioned above. Next, hand out as many of the **Singing Valentine\$** flyers as you can everywhere you go. The flyers will be ready on January 16th.

Finally invite your "significant other" to share in the wrap-up party on Friday evening, February 14th. This party is for the entire chapter, because it will celebrate another successful **Singing Valentine\$** program.

We'll be releasing more information about **Singing Valentine\$** in the coming weeks at chapter meetings, so plan on helping us make this year's **Singing Valentine\$** our biggest and best yet!

Singing Valentine\$ 2003
February 13 and 14
call 785-539-6333



Manhattan Music Machine delivering a Valentine
 February 14, 2002

Secretary's End of Year Report

By Bob Swenson, Secretary

The job as secretary of a barbershop chapter encompasses many facets that are both necessary and interesting. The chapter secretary is known as the "legal officer" of the corporation because it is his responsibility to make sure that the chapter functions as a legal entity and that the proper records are maintained to support that entity.

The Manhattan Chapter operates as a not-for-profit corporation organized under the laws of the state of Kansas. Our original charter was applied for in 1977 when the chapter was organized. We have maintained our existence as a legal corporation by filing the appropriate reports with both the federal and state governing agencies that recognize our continued existence as a corporation.

As a legal entity, we carry insurance which may limit the personal liability of our officers should some accident or misfortune befall us. The not-for-profit status that we enjoy also benefits us financially in that we do not have to pay taxes on our income. If we were not established in this manner, our chapter would need to file tax returns as a business entity that could possibly create a considerable amount of tax liability.

Besides maintaining the legal status of your chap-

ter, the secretary is responsible for ordering supplies for the chapter, processing membership applications, and maintaining the membership database to assure that all of our performers are members of the chapter. The chapter secretary maintains and takes control of the chapter's official records so that our "proof of existence" can be determined if and when necessary.

The chapter secretary is also responsible for recording the actions of the board through the publishing of the minutes that are approved at each successive meeting of the board. The chapter secretary is definitely involved in the day-to-day operations of the chapter and serves an important role in assuring that we operate properly under the laws of the state of Kansas and the nation.

I know from experience over many years that the Manhattan Chapter has enjoyed the services of many fine chapter secretaries. These predecessors have maintained the records necessary to assure our continued proper existence. I feel confident that our "legal operation" is as good if not superior to the best chapters within the district and society. I feel confident in reporting to you that from a legal standpoint, the Manhattan Chapter is in great shape. It is my personal hope to continue this tradition of excellent service that our chapter has enjoyed over its 26 years of existence.



Guests at December 12, 2002 Chapter Meeting

Every Night is Guest Night

The saying, "Every Night is Guest Night," continues to have meaning as our Chapter has guests at almost every chapter meeting. Pictured to the left are the six guests who joined us for our rehearsal on December 12. Kneeling is Will Long, from Leonardville, who was invited by our President, Mike Shepherd. Standing are five members of the Salina Crossroads Barbershop Chapter: (Left to right) Jim Byers, Gary O'Hara, Tony Claus, Gary Montre and Steve Jennings who just "dropped in" to see a neighbor chapter.

Meet Tom Miles

By Mike Sexton, VP for Performance



Tom Miles

Father Tom Miles is new to Manhattan. He recently moved from Mitchell, Nebraska to become the Rector at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. His wife Susan accompanied him but his daughter has left the nest and started a family of her own.

Father Miles received his Bachelors in Education and then served in the Army for 3 years. After his stint in the service, he followed his calling and received his Masters of Divinity. He has served in the Episcopal Church for 26 years and is looking forward to many more here in Man-

hattan. While being a priest at three different parishes, he served on numerous committees, published articles, and a member of local organizations such as Rotary and Kiwanis. He has also been a member of a quartet that sung 50's and 60's music. You should know he likes string bass since one is setting in his office. His hobbies include singing, performing and writing, gardening and a little golf.

He is excited about being a member of the Little Apple Barbershop Chorus and looks forward to meeting everyone.

REMINDER:

Show Time in Clay Center

Point of Contact: Mike Sexton

What: Clay Center Performance

When: Sunday – February 2, 2003

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Where: Clay Center High School

What are we going to wear: Black Tux, Red Cumberbund, Red Tie, Tux Shirt, Black Shoes



Creative Committee and Don Thomson working out details of Jukebox Saturday Night

LITTLE APPLE BARBERSHOP CHORUS PRESENTS

JUKEBOX SATURDAY NIGHT!

Our 26th Annual Show!

APRIL 12, 2003
MCCAIN AUDITORIUM
 2 SHOWS - 2:00 PM and 7:30 PM
GOTCHA QUARTET
 PRESHOW - 1:30 PM and 7:00 PM
MANHATTAN BAREFOOT DIXIELAND BAND

TICKET INFORMATION: \$10.00 ADVANCED \$12.00 DOOR

Tickets may be purchased in advance from any member of the Little Apple Barbershop Chorus, McCain Auditorium (535-5428), Manhattan Town Center, Herman Nulton Center, 3112 Ardmore Ave. Tickets may also be purchased by sending \$10 (Advanced) for each ticket to: Leonard Purvis, 3019 Vista Drive, Manhattan, KS 66503 or call 535-4195. Be sure to include your name and address when requesting tickets by mail.

**Tentative Poster for the Spring Show:
 Remember: There will be two performances!**



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