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Newsletter of the Manhattan, Kansas Chapter of SPEBSQSA
Home of the Little Apple Barbershop Chorus



Chapter meetings are every Thursday evening at 7:30 P.M. at the First Methodist Church Activity Center on the corner of Poyntz Ave. and 6th St., Manhattan, KS

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Upcoming Events

- Nov 9-10, COTS, Omaha
- Nov 10, Patriotic Celebration, Manhattan City Hall
- Dec 19, Christmas Caroling
- Jan 9, 2003 Installation Banquet, Blue Hills Room
- Feb 2, 2003 "Show", Clay Center
- Feb 14, 2003, Singing Valentines
- April 12, 2003 Little Apple Chorus Show (matinee and evening performances)

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From the President

What a great convention in Wichita, the competition was excellent. The Championship quartet is Two State Four however they only out-scored the 2nd place quartet Cadence by two points. This just goes to show that Olympic races are not the only close contests. It was really fun to sit back and listen to some very good harmony. St. Charles won the Chorus competition again and will be representing CSD in Montreal in July. They will use the same program they performed in Topeka when our chapter sang at that Convention. They did indicate they were going to have a big "Fire" after this trip and burn up all the Toy Land props and pajamas since this will be the last time they will compete with that set. The Senior Quartet that will be representing the CSD is The Central Statesmen Quartet and I am sure they will represent us well.

November is just about on us and that means the Chapter Leadership is going to attend COTS. My thanks go to all the upcoming Chapter Officers for committing to the monumental task of directing the activities and business of our Chapter. If our Chapter

Members did not step forward and take on leadership roles our success would be hindered. That does not mean the Chapter Officers will handle all the things that need to be done, so when you are asked to help out this next year please do whatever you can to help.

We are setting out "Sign Up Sheets" for the upcoming performances at the Chapter Meetings, which include the November Patriotic Performance (November 10th), Christmas Caroling (December 19th), Clay Center Show (February 2nd), Singing Valentines (February 14th) and our April Show (April 12th). Please let us know if you are going to participate in each of these.

Our next performance up will be a patriotic performance, "Salute To America", at the City Auditorium starting at 2:00 PM on November 10th. The program will feature us as the last group, which will be nice since several of us will be returning from COTS that afternoon. We intend to sing Battle Hymn, Armed Forces Medley, God Bless America and we will end the entire program with the Star Spangled Banner. The question is "What will we wear" so here is the answer: Black Shoes,



President Mike Shepherd

Tux pants, Tux Shirt, and Red Vest with Red Tie.

Where has this year gone??? It has been very busy but the several months will be just as busy. Don and Ken are working very hard to get the music in front of us that we are going to use for all the performances and show and it will be nice to be able to "get off the music" as quick as we can. We will start our Show Rehearsal Schedule (7:30 – 10:00) on January 16th, which is the week after the Installation Banquet on January 9th.

Enjoy the upcoming Holidays but remember "If you're too busy to sing, you're too busy."

Mike E. Shepherd

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Birthdays

November

- 3 Steve Fisher
- 4 Ray Sharp
- 7 Pat Caffey
- 18 Harvey Kiser
- 22 Terry Nanninga
- 28 Bob Swenson
- 29 Jim Lindquist

Happy

Birthdays!!

(This space had been reserved for your article.)

Editor's note:

Chapter officers and chapter members are encouraged to submit articles for inclusion in the monthly newsletter.

These articles can be sent via email to bart@bartbartholomew.com or given to Bart at a weekly meeting.

Articles are needed by the 20th of each month.

**Thanks,
Bart**

Happy Thanksgiving

2002 Convention Report by Bill Hanson, Official Delegate, Manhattan Chapter

The Central States District House of Delegates meeting was held on October 18 in conjunction with the 2002 Fall Convention in Wichita, KS. District President, Bill McLaurine opened the meeting with a welcome to Delegates followed by an invocation by Music VP, Byron Meyers, Sr. who also offered a prayer for those passing on to the Chapter Eternal. Roy Sullivan, acting District Convention Chairman gave an update on Convention Activities. Gale Demaree requested approval of the minutes of the Spring House of Delegates meeting as published with minor corrections. The minutes were approved by motion, second and a voice vote. Treasurer, Paul Cartwright explained the financial information provided in the published Treasurer's report and the report was approved by motion, second and voice vote. The consent calendar, containing reports of the District VPs and committee chairs, was approved by voice vote.

Lud Einess, Society Board Member reported on activities of the Society Board. Lud requested that chapters encourage attendance at Mid Winter Convention (Check out the details on page 12 of the September-October Edition of the Harmonizer). Lud reported that the Society Board remains concerned about declining membership and encouraged delegates to continue strong recruitment efforts in their chapters. The CSLT program is also coming under scrutiny by the Society Board and suggestions/recommendations are being developed for changes to that program—e.g., Chapter Coaches possibly will become known as Chapter Counselors.

Bill McLaurine reported that a new "SPEBSQSA Youth Policy Statement" was heavily discussed by the District Board and Bill asked Delegates to make a copy of that policy available to chapter members for discussion and input (A copy will be made available at the next chapter meeting). Bill also reported that the District Directory will only be available on the District Webpage for the 2003 Calendar year. This is a step in reducing operating costs for the District, as publishing the Directory in book form has become a major cost item.

Ron May, District CSLT VP reported on the potential changes to that program and encouraged all chapters to make sure all officers and other interested chapter members attend COTS in Omaha on November 9 & 10. He emphasized the true name of COTS—(Chapter Operations Training Seminar) means that any chapter member wishing to attend will be welcome.

John Marshall, Immediate Past President, presented the report of the District Nominating Committee. The report was as follows:

For a two year term—2003-2004

President
Executive Vice President
Member Services Vice President
Marketing & PR Vice President
Contest & Judging Vice President
Harmony Foundation Vice President

Ron Morden
Byron Meyers, SR
Dale Neuman
Randy Davis
Jim Bagby
Leonard Purvis

For a one year term---2003

Events Vice President
Young Men in Harmony Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer
James Fisher
Duane Lawson
Gale Demaree
Paul Cartwright

A motion to accept the nominating committee's report and cast a unanimous ballot for the slate was made, seconded and passed by voice vote.

A proposal for a Multi-Year Convention Site Contract was presented by Bill McLaurine as a discussion item only. No action was taken.

Bill McLaurine reported that the Board had approved the merger of the Newton & Hutchinson, KS chapters.

Discussion groups were formed within the House of Delegates for consideration of the following topics:

- What is your Chapter Doing Right?
- Where does your Chapter Need Improvement?
- What is/are major problems which need to be addressed in your Chapter?

Leonard and I were in the first group and were able to share a number of good things concerning the Manhattan, KS Chapter. Delegates seemed to enjoy the opportunity to share and learn in the small groups and recommended that this opportunity be continued in future

Winners!! All who attended the Convention

- Quartet Contest—Two State Four
- Chorus Contest---Ambassadors of Harmony, St Charles, MO

Check out complete contest results at www.centralstatesdistrict.com

Meeting Adjourned with the singing of the Old Songs



Notes from our Associate Director, Don Thomson

Although I am on the computer everyday, I was still skeptical about receiving the newsletter on email. But, here I am applauding Bart for his ingenuity in publishing this important piece of communication. I always look forward to reading the newsletter, and now I look forward to receiving it by computer. Great idea, Bart, and congratulations on a good job of bulletin editor.

Well, we have sung just about every song that we will sing on our show. In case you have not received all the music following is what we will perform on the show in April:

Bad Buncha Boys
In The Still Of The Night
Beach Boys Medley
Yesterday (will be introduced in December)
Hello MaryLou
Love Me Tender/True Love *(first one will be introduced in December)*
When I'm 64
New Ashmolian
Bring Him Home
Bright Was The Night

Muskrat Ramble
In addition to these possibilities, we will also prepare the following songs for the Clay Center show:

If There's Anybody Here From Out Of Town
Everybody Loves A Lover
Lost In The Stars
Play A Simple Melody
This Little Light Of Mine
When There's Love At Home
I'll Fly Away
Sweet Georgia Brown
Armed Forces Medley
I'm Sitting On Top Of The World

I know that this is a big load, especially for our new people, but I know we can do it. New members, don't be afraid. Just do what you can. Plan to sing with us on both shows, and sing what you can. The veterans will help you along. With this ambitious schedule, you can tell that your attendance at rehearsals is critical. Try to make as many Thursday evenings as you can.

I am very impressed at the way you

have picked up the new songs (even the Beach Boys Medley which will be our most difficult). I think this show is going to be a lot of fun to prepare.

We still have opportunities to receive vocal instruction from Reg Pittman. I erred on my announcement last week that the first half of the alphabet would meet with him at 7:00 next Thursday. Actually the "D's" through "M's" will meet this week and the "N's" through "Z's" on November 14th. I am still trying to secure him for the month of December. More on that later.

The board has authorized for us to go to "show schedule" starting the middle of January. This will help us as we prepare for the Clay Center Show and our Spring Show which comes a couple of weeks early this year.

Lastly, we will start our Christmas music next week! See you next Thursday!

Don Thomson



Lost in the Stars by Myron Calhoun

Many of our members seemed to be interested when I announced that:

TWO meteor STORMS (vs. just "showers") should occur on the night of 18-19 November. Both of these showers are from debris left in the path of some meteor whose name I've already forgotten, and we pass through these paths about every 33 years.

The 1833 storm caused many people to think the end of the world was imminent, but after the meteor, itself, was first sighted in 1865, the 1866 and 1899 storms didn't cause so much consternation. Practically nothing was visible in 1932, and I don't recall what

happened in 1965 or '66.

Incidentally, this shower is known as the "Leonid" shower (because the meteor trails seem to radiate from the Constellation Leo, and it occurs on about the same night every year. However, it PEAKS only about every 33 years, and THIS is the year!

The first storm should peak about 10:30 p.m. on the night of 18 November, but we probably will NOT be able to see much (if anything) here in the Manhattan area because the moon will be bright at that time. However, the second storm should peak about 4:30 a.m. on the morn-

ing of 19 November; by that time the moon may be low enough in the west that we'll be able to see LOTS of meteor trails.

How many is "LOTS"? It's impossible to predict, of course, but expert astronomers say that IF we had perfect viewing conditions, we might be able to see 2000 to 3000 meteor trails per hour (that's one every 1-2 SECONDS!) Our mileage may vary, of course, but the probability of seeing LOTS of "falling stars" is so great that I plan to get up at 4:00 a.m. EVEN IF IT IS CLOUDY, because even a short break in the clouds may let me watch a fantastic sight!

Welcome New Members!

Dan Otto

Dan Otto is no stranger to Manhattan, having been a student here in the 1970's and 1980's as he attained his Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine from KSU. His experience as a practicing veterinarian led him to Nebraska and Illinois, as well as to positions in consulting and sales in Missouri and Kansas.

Dan is currently the Territory Sales Representative to Northeast Kansas for Merial, LTD, a Veterinary Pharmaceutical Company. Along with Wife Melinda, they also operate the Wildcat Pet Resort here in Manhattan. Dan and

Melinda are parents of Megan, Brian and Jeff.

When you see him, you understand why he was on the K-State Basketball team during the 1974-75 season. Dan will probably never be a front row performer in our chorus since his 6-feet, 6-inch height would certainly hide several guys, even if they were on risers behind him. An excellent lead singer, he has sung with the Jacksonville, Illinois Chapter, as well as his Chancel Choir.

Dan's list of Activities, honors and accomplishments includes being an Eagle

Scout, basketball and football official at the High school level, College Basketball Official, toastmasters, many veterinarian associations and community boards, as well as coaching basketball and baseball. He has many technical publications to his credit, and is a licensed private pilot with an instrument rating.

Welcome Dan, to the Little Apple Chorus and the Manhattan Chapter. We know you will contribute greatly to our success and enjoyment of this great hobby.



Dan Otto

Dave Ludwig



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Dave Ludwig returned to his Kansas roots in June of 2002 after a ten year visit to the land of enchantment, New Mexico. In New Mexico, Dave was co-owner of a specialty/gourmet food store that also contained a coffee shop and bakery. Selling the business, moving back to Kansas, and taking the necessary steps to be a licensed real estate agent have kept him busy for the last four months. He is currently the newest agent with ERA Ann Christian Linda Conderman Real Estate at 15th and Poyntz here in Manhattan.

Dave received both his undergraduate and graduate degrees from Emporia State University and taught school for a number of years before trying his hand in the private business sector. While in high school and college he was active in the music department vocal groups with the ESU Men's Chorale being a high point.

Three daughters living in the Kansas City area acted as a motivating force in the relocation to Kansas. Dave's mother, sister and brother live in the Emporia area as well as a daughter in

Topeka. Choosing Manhattan was an easy task because of the university, the city size and central location. The only requirement was there had to be musical activities in the new city to keep him busy. Dave is also a member of the Master Works Chorale which rehearses each Tuesday evening.

Welcome Dave, to the Little Apple Chorus and the Manhattan Chapter. We know you will contribute greatly to our success and enjoyment of this great hobby.

Do you deserve a mid-winter break?

REGISTER FOR THE MIDWINTER CONVENTION

To register for the 2003 Midwinter Convention January 18-26 2003, in Albuquerque, New Mexico, call 800-876-7464 x8462 or go online at <http://www.spebsqsa.org/midwinter/>. (Also visit the AISQC web site at www.seniorsgold.com.)

Schedule of events:

Friday, January 24, 2003

2 P.M. AISQC Show of Champions

8 P.M. Show featuring:

Metropolis

Riptide

Power Play

Chicago Shuffle

Saturday, January 25, 2003

1 P.M. Seniors Quartet Championship

8 P.M. Show featuring:

Uptown Sound

Four Voices

New seniors champs!



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Reminder:

Early warm-up with

Reg

At 7:00 P.M.

“E” through “M” Nov 7

“N” through “Z” Nov 14