



InCider Press

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



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Upcoming Events

- Sep 22, 2nd "Best of Little Apple" fundraiser
- Oct 18-20, CSD Fall Convention, Wichita
- Nov 9-10, COTS, Omaha
- Nov 10, Patriotic Celebration, Clay Center
- Jan 9, 2003 Installation of Officers
- 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

The first thing I would like to say is "Thank You" to Ron Zelch, Chapters Bulletin Editor, for his past work on the InCider Press. Ron has done an excellent job keeping our Chapter informed. According to the Chapter Survey taken last year the *InCider Press* is very important to our members. Ron has now passed that baton to Bart Bartholomew who is also our Chapter "Web Master". If you have never been to our Chapter's Web Page you can find it at:

<http://www.bartbartholomew.com/littleapplechorus.html>

I hope you will take some time to familiarize yourself with that site and "Watch Us Grow" since we are currently working on expanding this site.

With October upon us our Chapter is in full swing. Reg Pittman is working with our Chapter to help "Develop Our Craft", Don Thomson is diligently working on next years show, Bob Swenson has already been in contact with a Great Quartet and Ken is excited to see the attendance numbers we are achieving.

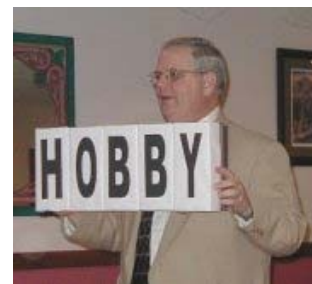
If you have the chance to make it to the Fall Convention in Wichita you can hear **Ru-**

ral Route 4 entertaining at the Past Champs Show. If you have never seen them you are missing a special group of entertainers. Our Chapter will not be competing in this Convention however you can have a great time and hear some excellent Barbershop. Make sure you mark your calendar for October 18th and 19th for this convention.

COTS (Chapter Operations Training Seminar) is scheduled for November 9th and 10th in Lincoln and then our Chapter will be singing at the Patriotic Celebration at City Auditorium on the afternoon of the 10th. Our officers will need to hurry back from Lincoln to arrive in time for this performance.

December we will be working on an evening of Christmas Caroling. We have several nursing homes that look forward to our brand of entertainment (even if we are late).

We have agreed to perform in Clay Center on February 2, 2003. After we sang in the Churches this summer Ken was asked if we could come over and perform a "show" for them. With all the Chapter Members and support we get from the Clay Center area it is important for us to do well. February 14th is Valen-



President Mike Shepherd

tines Day and we always have a busy day with our "Singing Valentines" program.

Then it is a "big push" to be ready for our 2003 Show on April 12th! The show is scheduled a little earlier this next year so we have already started working on music for this show. We have decided to perform two shows this next year. The plan is to have a Matinee and an Evening Performance with the Afterglow after the Evening Performance.

If you haven't guessed by now our Chapter is Strong and we all have fun enjoying our "hobby". If you have been away and not been able to join us on Thursday night remember a "Warm Welcome" awaits you.

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New member - Ned Valentine

Ned Valentine is publisher of the *Clay Center Dispatch*, a daily, and the *Washington County News*, a weekly. The Valentine family has been in the newspaper business in Clay Center since the 80's (1880's).

Ned graduated from journalism school at KU, but his son Lou, 28, graduated K-State and is currently working on his graduate degree in audiology at East Tennessee State University. Ned has a son, Daniel, 25 and a daughter Elizabeth, 21 and brand new twin grandsons.

He's done very little singing since he was a member of the Tiger Chorale, the top vocal group at Clay Center Community High School in the 1960s, taught by his uncle, Jim Martyn, who preceded Ken Lang in the position.

From the Live Wire

By Reed A. Sampson, SPEBSQSA, Public Relations Manager Email: rsampson@spebsqsa.org

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

We've recently seen several chapter bulletins that incorrectly list the Society name. The name is correctly written as: Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America, Inc. **Note that it is Barber Shop -- two words -- not Barbershop.**

Another point: In the Society logo the letters appear with periods (S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A.), but in text they should be written without periods (SPEBSQSA).

Point to Ponder from our Chapter Development VP

Here is a point to ponder. Have you ever realized where all the men in our chorus work? Or, have you ever realized where many of the men in our chorus drive from to get to our weekly meeting? Thanks to Myron, our resident historian, we have much of this information. We have men that are preachers, teachers, engineers, insurance agents, financial consultants, computer technicians, students, small business owners, consultants, doctors, lawyers, bakers, but not candle stick makers. . . YET! The interesting thing is that only about two thirds of these people can ever make it to the meeting. We all have plenty going on in our lives and there are just some times that folks cannot make it. For some, barbershop meets individual needs that only require them to attend part of the year. This is no problem. The craft of barbershop harmony and singing in general has about 69 card-carrying ambassadors in the North Central Kansas area.

From where I sit, that tells me that barbershop harmony is alive and doing very well in Kansas. Our current configuration of members affords a great opportunity to reach others with our message and give them an opportunity to join us. Steve Shannon, in the recent SPEB-SQSA Member Services Newsletter, suggests that we, "Talk to Strangers". When I think about all the places that members of this chorus find themselves on any given day, we are offered opportunities galore in inviting strangers to join us. Steve states, "It is suggested that 2,250,000 to 4,500,000 adult men are active in church or community choirs. If true, there must be bunches more who sing where and when the spirit moves them. And, isn't that the rub? We just haven't moved them."

While many men have all kinds of ideas about the music we sing. Some are not so hot, but most like it. One thing is cer-

tain, they will judge the craft by your enthusiasm. Add to that a rousing explanation of why we sing and a description of our benefactors, most will find it hard to not at least try us out.

Now, time to ponder. Just think, if all of us bring at least one guest in the coming year, how many of those men will be so captivated by our hobby that the only logical solution will be to join us. So, the next time you are waiting in line and strike up a conversation, at lunch with an associate, sitting next to a fellow church choir member, standing at the water fountain or coffee pot with a co-worker, just ask one simple question. . . "Say, do you like to sing?". And see where it takes you.

Meanwhile, don't hide the things that excite you most about what we do with Barbershop music.

Rodney Stanfield
VP Chapter Development.



Editor/Web Master's comment: The entire Chapter history that has been compiled by our resident historian, Myron Calhoun, can be found on the Chapter website. From the Home Page, select the **History** button and learn about your Chapter.

Greetings from Minnesota from John Poulson

Greetings from Minnesota where when its 85 degrees you are melting or Being kidnapped by the mosquitoes. Rubyann and I have now been Kansans lost in the north for 5 weeks. We are enjoying our new adventures but miss Manhattan a great deal.

Thanks for sending me the *InCider*. It is great hearing about the chorus and everything that you are doing. If you would keep sending the monthly newsletter I would greatly appreciate it. My new address is:

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I have not found a chorus yet as there are around 5 different groups in the Twin Cities area. The one in our neighborhood only rehearses twice a month?!?!

The group that truly shines is 45 minutes one way from our house. We'll see if I audition for this group.

That's it for now. Hello to all the guys. I miss the Thursday evening meetings. John Poulson

Invitation to Topeka Benefit Concert, October 12

You are invited.

The Topeka Chapter has been asked to be a part of a benefit concert to help the Oakland Senior Citizens Center raise funds for a bus. It is Saturday, October 12th. In cooperation with the Sweet Adeline's and some other local groups we will be putting on a 2 hours show at the Topeka High School Auditorium at 7:30 PM.

The Topeka Barbershoppers would like to make this similar to the event that was hosted by Overland Park in June. We will gather at a Shelter House at Lake Shawnee about 2 PM and have a joint rehearsal. The theme of the show is patriotic so we will be doing songs like "God Bless America etc. We will advise which numbers in the next week or so. At about 5 P.M. we will have a picnic lunch and then go to THS for the show. It should be a fun time of fellowship and barber-shopping.

There will be a mass chorus performance and there will be room on the show for any chorus that would like to perform and for any quartets who would like to perform. As this is only a week before our fall convention it will be a good opportunity for choruses and quartets to get in front of an audience.

Individual members from choruses are encouraged to come and be a part of the mass chorus, even if your entire chorus can not come. This will be first come, first to have a time slot on the show. So..... please let Roy Sullivan or me know as soon as possible.

We look forward to seeing you on October 12th.

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Reminder:

**Early warm-up with
Reg
At 7:00 P.M.**

“N” through “Z” Oct 3
“A” through “D” Oct 10
“E” through “M” Nov 7
“N” through “Z” Nov 14