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Ray's Legacy and Heartland Harmony Happenings

By Rodney Stanfield

As I sit down to put these words together for this article, I am drawn to one thought that I must address first. All of you know by now, one of our Charter Members Ray Sharp passed away recently. I had the opportunity to sit next to Ray many meeting nights and share this great hobby with him. I know many other leads can claim this privilege as well. As I have been thinking about Ray and the few but precious memories I have of our time together in Barbershop, I have to stop and think of my own contribution and commitment to this hobby or ours. Ray established an example in our hobby we would all do well to examine if not follow to the core of our hearts. Ray loved Barbershop Music; he had spent many years devoted to the hobby. I hope that my time and effort in this hobby over the years will produce even half the love for it that Ray exhibited. May God Bless Ray and his family. We are sorry for their loss. It is my hope that we do not forget the legacy of Barbershop that Ray left us. I also hope that we will continue to stay committed to preserving the craft that Ray gave some many years of his life to. Thanks Ray, save us a seat in the Chapter Eternal.

We are continuing to work to organize the chapter in a way that will help us to better accomplish our mission. Re-



President Rodney Stanfield

cently, I provided a poster for all to take the opportunity to sign up for jobs in the chapter. We have many chances for all members to plug in and find a way to serve our chapter. Needless to say, the response to that was just a bit shy. That moves us to the next strategy for fulfilling that goal. I and the VPs will be meeting to begin to assign people to teams to help us do the work of our chapter. Based on the skills that all have brought to the chapter we would like to select people for tasks based on what they are best capable of doing. Stay tuned for the teams you will be

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Upcoming Events

- June 22 Church Sing-out
- June 29 Church Sing-out
- July 13 Church Sing-out

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

Happy Birthday

July

22 Bill Hanson
 24 Charles Martin
 26 Bob Ridley
 31 William Stanfield



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elected to serve with.

HEARTLAND HARMONY HAPPENING

A good time was had by all. There were some good classes. The attendance was definitely slim. I guess the summer schedule got in the way of many being able to come. There were about 45 in attendance. Our very own **Noise Boys** were on hand to handle the quartet coaching. I am sure there were good experiences to be had there. Only the Topeka Chapter took advantage of the Chorus Coaching session. Gary Drown and Ron Morden made a great presentation concerning show preparation. It was fun to check the list and realize we are very good at doing a lot of things right. I have to add that I was proud that we do what we do correctly. Although we do not present ourselves in contest situations frequently. I have all the confidence in the world if we were to decide we wanted to pursue that track we could be very good at it. Another point that bore out was the benefits of good coaching. We are very fortunate to have the benefit of Dr. Pittman. His work with our chapter has made a significant difference in how we sing. Perhaps we should look at some coaching in the presentation arena. We do this very well, but Gary Drown pointed out that any coaching can make an immediate difference. Good coaching could only stand to make us better than we already are. The HHH experience is a good one. It is my hope that more of our members will take advantage of this even in the future. It is one of those things where if participation continues to wane as it has, I am sure there will be some serious doubts as to whether we should even continue it.

I am completing this article from the SUNNY, HUMID (Kansas is NOT humid, by the way) and RAINY (6 inches since arriving Thursday) state of Louisiana. I hated to miss this meeting this past Thursday. I look forward to seeing you all next week.

We are gearing up for our Sunday performances. Thanks to your President getting some info from Mike Sexton all twisted around, there has been some confusion. We should be on track now. I hope we can have good participation from the Chapter at these events. The churches love it when we visit and this is a great opportunity to invite guests to come and sing with us. For you gentlemen that attend the churches that we will be visiting, do not hesitate to use this as an opportunity to farm out some perspective members. I always look forward to the Sunday Sing-Outs and hate it when I have to miss one. While some Sundays can be very busy, this will be a great opportunity and I hope as many as possible can make it out.

Your President,

Rodney

Chorus Welcomes Guests and Former Members



Left to right: Norm Roepke, Stewart Gardner, Richard Gardner and John Guernsey

The Little Apple Chorus welcomes guests! It was good to see Dr. Jim Gardner again, and especially since he was accompanied by sons, Stewart and Richard, both of whom are members, but have been away at college and on mission. Also with Jim and the boys was son-in-law, John Guernsey. Norm Roepke was the guest of his brother, Al. Norm was



Left to right: Lou Valentine with dad, Ned Valentine

visiting from Arizona.

Also visiting was Lou Valentine, son of Ned Valentine. Lou will be attending Indiana University in the fall, but we look forward to having you join us in this great hobby as often as you can. Again, welcome all. We hope to see all of you again soon.

Plan Now to Attend 2004 International Convention

By Harvey Kiser, VP for Public Relations

Next year's International Barbershop Convention is going to be close again – Louisville: June 27 – July 4. There is not a better place to hear great music and barbershop music at that. You can hear the top 42 quartets and top 21 choruses. Then there are plenty opportunities to hear other great music besides in hotel lobbies and street corners.

There is the World Harmony. We will be able to hear this year these groups or quartets sing:

4 VOICES 2002 International Quartet Champions (SPEBSQSA),

MASTERS OF HARMONY 2002 International

Chorus Champions (SPEBSQSA),

AFTER HOURS 2000 Harmony Queens (HI),

A Cappella Gold 2001 International Quartet Champion (Sweet Adelines International),

TOKYO BARBERS CHORUS (Encore Performance),

CAPITAL CHORDETTES Medallist (HI),

A CAPPELLA POPS Mixed Chorus (Special Guests: Joe and Debbie Connelly),

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THE LIGHT INDUSTRIAL CHORAL SOCIETY 2002 Gold Medal Quartet (BABS) - Surrey, England,

NORTH METRO CHORUS 2003 International Chorus Champions (Sweet Adelines International),

EU4IA 2002 Quartet Champions (LABBS) - Cheshire, England,

PHOENIX 2002 Chorus Champions (LABBS) - Potton, England,

MATRIX 2001 Quartet Champions (BABS) - Cambridgeshire, England.

Last year we heard college age women and men quartet from China and in other years we heard young men's quartet from Russia and the **Tokyo Barbers Chorus**.

We will also attend the AIC Show (Association of International Champions) where the following quartets will be featured: **Four Voices, Bluegrass**

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Student Union, The Ritz, Revival (who was on our spring show in 1998 before they won in July), **FRED, Michigan Jake, Nightlife, The Gas House Gang, Acoustix, and Happiness Emporium**. Talk about being in barbershop heaven; this is quite the show.

So plan and go to Louisville with us next year. Plan your summer vacation there. It is a place to get inspired!!

P.S.: If you cannot be present in Montreal, the next best is to use Montreal Webcast from the convention. Just go to the Society's website and click on the convention site to see the schedule and the computer requirements to watch or listen. Look forward to expanded coverage this year for video from start to finish for those with 56k modems or broadband.

The complete webcast schedule is posted on the convention web site at

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