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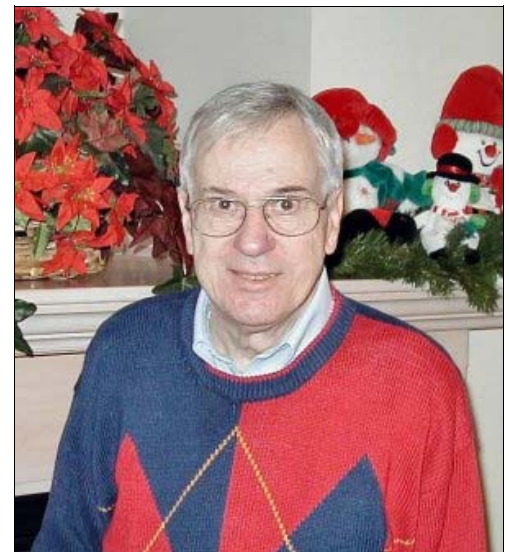
An Attitude of Gratitude

By Sam Kvasnica, president

The fall season is beautiful and so pleasant. We sense the crisp autumn breezes and sights and smells of turning color. Nature is taking a respite from a bountiful spring and summer. We are certainly blessed with a beautiful country, community and relationships. In summary, things are very good. I read recently that people who feel gratitude in their hearts are happier, more optimistic and satisfied with life. It can actually heal us. The Thanksgiving season prompts us to thank God "from whom all blessings flow."

I'm grateful for the camaraderie of our barbershop chapter members. I like the challenges of learning and growing in my understanding of music. I need the stimulation of "forced" memorization, the emotional high of performing and the weekly routine of meeting with my fellow barbershoppers. If I couldn't do this, it would be like taking away my car keys. I thank all of you for being a part of my life and keeping me going. I hope you feel this way, too.

We had a great time joining in the **Salute to America** and the tribute to our veterans. Among other things it showed we could quickly learn a multiplicity of words to communicate a deep appreciation for



President Sam Kvasnica

our heritage and our veterans. We appreciate Ken Lang's patience and persistence as we work on the distinctives that make our style of vocal music so listenable, understandable and enjoyable.

We will not meet on Thanksgiving Day, of course, but following comes the busy Christmas season. Our mission this year is to bring a time of joy and good memories to our neighbors at the retirement communities in Manhattan. We're trying a new format of

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The chapter and chorus meet every Thursday evening at 7:30 p.m. at the First Methodist Church Activity Center on the corner of Poyntz and 6th Street, Manhattan, Kansas.

Little Apple Chorus Honors Community Veterans

By Harvey Kiser, VP for Public Relations



Ken Lang directing Little Apple Chorus and guests of the Manhattan American Legion as they sing “America the Beautiful”

Thirty-four members of our chapter sang in the Community’s **“Salute to America”** on Sunday, November 7 to an estimated crowd of 450. Later in the week, a thirty-two member chorus entertained over 200 persons at the American Legion dinner celebration on Veterans Day evening, November 11.

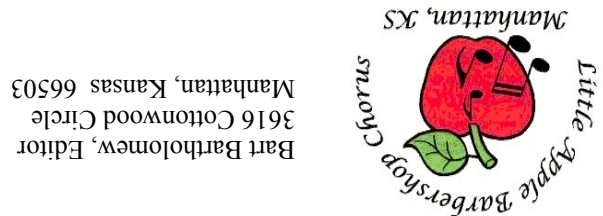
Good friend and community leader, Lowell Jack was the master of ceremonies for the Sunday afternoon of songs and salutes to our veterans. We were honored to sing in a program with many other excellent music talents. Among the group of music talents were Linda Uthoff and the Sweet Adeline quartet – **Harmonious Synergy**, who have participated with us on our spring shows. We thank the American Legion post for inviting us in their salute and honor of all veterans in attendance and in memory of those who have gone before us.

While we were saluting our veterans with song, a by-product resulted in an excellent exposure to the community for our chorus. It was good exposure for the barbershop style of singing. Also, a very pleasant fact was the free newspaper and poster advertisements listing our chorus as part of the programs.

The Sunday program was a special events project of the Flint Hills Veterans Coalition. We thank Lowell for his kind letter of thanks. Thanks to Don Thomson for his direction in selecting the new pieces we sang and for Ken Lang directing us. 🎵



Master of Ceremonies Don Thomson introducing songs to Legionnaires



**Chapter meetings begin at 7:30 p.m.
 Quartet/polecat practice begins at 7:00 p.m.**

Calendar of Events:

- November 18; 7:30 p.m. Regular chapter meeting
- November 25 Thanksgiving hoiday
- December 2; 7:30 p.m. Regular chapter meeting
- December 9; 7:30 p.m. Regular chapter meeting
- December 16; 5:00 p.m. Very Large Quartets caroling at assigned senior centers
- 6:30 p.m. Installation Party at All Chinese Buffet (across from Holidome)
- December 23; 7:30 p.m. Regular chapter meeting

Deadline for submitting articles for the December InCider Press is December 19

District and Society Events

November 20-21, Chapter Operations Training Seminar, Omaha, Nebraska

January 23-30, 2005, Mid-winter International Convention, Jacksonville, Florida

Quartet pictured in the nameplate of this edition is *Pickup quartet at August 26 meeting*
 From left: John Desper, tenor; Bob Ridley, baritone, John Schlender, bass, and Myron Carpenter, lead

Happy Birthday

December

- 5 Kevin Roberts
- 12 Gary Drake
- 18 Doug Beauchamp
- 26 Bill Bunyan
- 29 Myron Carpenter