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Chapter Members and Wives Enjoyed the Fall District Convention

The singing of the choruses and quartets in the Fall Convention and Contests in Des Moines during the weekend of October 7-9 was enjoyed by seven chapter members and their wives – **Bill and Marilyn Bunyan, Harvey and Janet Kiser, Terry and Karen Nanninga, Bob and Telva Swenson, Leonard and Sharon Purvis, Bob and Telva Swenson, Don and Joan Thomson, and John and Karen Trail.** 31 quartets competed and 650 men sang in the 14 choruses. We enjoyed hearing songs we have sung as well as hearing new ones. **Bob** did his usual great job of being the convention registrar with the help of **Telva** and daughter **Beth**.

Take 4 of the Kansas City area, Lincoln, Nebraska and Frank Throne is the CSD Fall 2005 quartet champion. Two of the members are father and son - tenor, **Rick Kready** and lead, **Jeff Kready**. Saturday evening we had the pleasure of hearing the champion quartets and choruses again. Also, we heard CSD 2005 champion quartet – **Vocal Spectrum**, the 6th place finalist at the Salt Lake City International Convention.

The top two scoring choruses were very close. A total of nine points separated the first place chorus, **Heart of America** from Kansas City and the second place chorus, **Voices of America** from St. Joseph. How exciting! **Heart of America** qualifies to represent the Central States District at the International Chorus Contest next July in Indianapolis. **Voices of America** has an excellent chance to be one of the 12 wild card choruses at Indianapolis. **Catalyst** of Des Moines is CSD's senior quartet representative for the Senior Quartet Competition at the Mid-Winter Convention, Sacramento in January 15-22, 2006.

Both AA and AAA choruses sang. The AA choruses are from chapters with 40 members or more and the AAA choruses have 75 members or more. There were choruses with as few as 18 members and others with as many 86. Nine of the 14 choruses came from AA chapters. Five choruses had between 18 and 32 members on stage for an average of 25 members per chorus. What do you think about our chapter doing this next fall?

Harvey Kiser,
VP, Marketing and Public Relations

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The Manhattan Chapter is the home of the Little Apple Chorus.

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For more information about meetings or joining call or write to the Editor. (see below)

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President..... Terry Nanninga
 Membership and.....Rodney Stanfield &
 Chapter Development VP.....Bill Hanson
 Music & Performance VP..... Steve Fisher
 Marketing and
 Public Relations VP.....Harvey Kiser
 Secretary.....Bob Swenson
 Treasurer.....Bill Bunyan
 Member at Large.....David Darling
 Member at Large.....Gary Mott
 Member at Large Ken Lyle

Appointments

SPEBSQSA A-063 Delegate.....Bill Hanson
 Musical Director..... Ken Lang
 Associate Musical Director.....Don Thomson
 Assistant Musical Director....Myron Calhoun
 Music Chairman.....Bob Ridley
 Service Chairman.....Leonard Purvis
 Show Chairman.....Rodney Stanfield &
 David Darling
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All chapter officers are expected and chapter members are encouraged to contribute their ideas on a regular basis.

April is Closer than you Think

You now have a learning schedule for the music for the annual show in April. That may seem like a long time from now, but let me remind you that we have a Thanksgiving holiday next month; we are still rehearsing for a performance on November 11th at the American Legion where we will be singing songs that will not be on the show; we have an installation banquet on a Thursday evening in December as well as the holidays to contend with; in January we will be spending some time on preparation for Singing Valentines; and we have performance in Clay Center in early April.

Yes, April will come very quickly, so staying on top of the learning schedule will be very important. Many of you take time to learn the music at home and are prepared when you get to Thursday evening rehearsals; others seem to only look at the music on Thursday evenings. You have to determine what works best for you, but we certainly owe it to each other to be prepared for rehearsals so that the director can move us forward each week. It seems that our director has to "re-teach" too many things too often. This can be very discouraging not only to our director, but to other singers in the chorus. Please don't be one of those who slows down the progress of the chorus because he doesn't know the music, can't remember what has been taught from week to week, or has a lackadaisical attendance record. Chorus singing is a "team sport". We need and depend on each other. Make sure that you are sitting next to someone in your section during rehearsal (don't sit off by yourself); listen carefully to other singers to be sure that you are singing in tune with them; listen carefully and thoughtfully to the directions from Ken each week; then think about them during the week. These things will help immensely with the continuity of our chorus.

Every one of the songs in the show this year is a quality song. Each song has very intricate passages. This is going to be a dynamite show...only if we sing each song with precision and clarity. This takes a lot of repetitions with everyone in attendance. I hope that you can make Thursday evenings a high priority between now and April. See you Thursday evening!

Don Thomson
 Associate Director



Bob Swenson and daughter Beth Marine and Telva Swenson taking a moment to relax at the CSD Convention.

Thanks to the following members for submitting articles for this edition. Don Thomson, Harvey Kiser, Terry Nanninga, Rodney Stanfield



Co-Chapter Development VP giving

Make Plans for International Convention

Now is the time to make your plans or finalize your plans to attend the International Convention and Contests in Indianapolis July 2-9, 2006. You will hear great barbershop singing! Let's go and support our CSD Heart of America chorus and most likely the CSD chorus of Voices of America in the wild card contest. Our district quartet qualifiers will be determined at the CSD Spring convention in Iowa City, April 21-23, 2006.

In addition to the **Quartet and Chorus Competitions**, you can hear –

The **Harmony Foundation Show**, a benefit for the charitable arm of the Barbershop Harmony Society which raises funds to further music education in the close harmony style.

The **Association of International Champions Show** featuring some of your favorite champ quartets.

The **World Harmony Jamboree** showcasing the best men's and women's barbershop ensembles from around the globe.

The **Gospel Sing** and the **MegaSing**, open invitations for everyone to share in the joy of singing.

Sing with the Champs, offering the chance to listen to and sing with champion quartets and raise funds for Harmony Foundation at the same time.

Mixed Harmony Showcase with men and women blending their voices in concert.

For more information see the Society's web site: <http://www.barbershop.org/> Click on "[Register now and select your seat for the 2006 International Convention.](#)"

Harvey Kiser, VP, Marketing and Public Relations



On Sunday morning the Nanninga's were given a tour of the covered bridges of Madison County near Des Moines by their daughter Shelly and family.



Photo by Terry Nanninga

Kathy Wilson, Karen Nanninga, Sharon Purvis, Leonard Purvis and Telva Swenson are hard at work putting the many badges together.

Badge /Pizza Party

If you have never helped put the badges together for the CSD convention, then you don't realize how much work **Bob Swenson** puts in to this phase of the running of the registration process.

There is a lot of work that goes on behind the scenes. On the evening of Oct. 4 barbershoppers and their wives were invited to help get the badges ready. This year only 5 and the Swenson's showed up to help, **Leonard and Sharon Purvis, Terry and Karen Nanninga and Kathy Wilson** It was a fun evening of visiting and eating pizza and a lot of making, stuffing and alphabetizing of badges. Thank you **Bob** for all your work.





Photo by Bart Bartholomew

Leo Dreiling invited his neighbor **Mark Robb** to a chapter meeting and **Mark** enjoyed it so much he joined. **Mark** has a great bass voice and loves to golf and riding motorcycles. **Mark** is married to **Judi** and they have one daughter, **Kelly**, who teaches school in St. Joseph. **Judi** designs quilts with a friend named **Graves**. You guessed it the name is **Robb N Graves**. **Mark** is the manager of Manhattan Wholesale Meats and Food. If you have eaten in a restaurant in Manhattan you eaten some of his

Rodney is Willing to Serve

Let me say, I am honored to have been nominated and elected to serve our chapter again. Given my current situation, I am surprised almost.

I want to let you know that I will do the best I can as my job will make me absent for a considerable number of meetings and performances. My ability to attend monthly meetings will continue to be on a month to month basis for 4-6 months. As time goes along I anticipate being better able to predict my schedule. In spite of my absence I will do the best I can to serve the chapter wholeheartedly. I do not want to create a "weak link" in the chain of great leadership that we do I have. Our leadership is GREAT, not because of any ONE individual, but because we manage to function together as a well oiled machine. I do not want to jeopardize that effectiveness due to excess absence. I also realize that one of the greatest services that officers can provide is regular and consistent attendance to all meetings. My job will NOT allow this. I do not want my regular absence to send the wrong message to members either.

I stand ready to serve. I just want to go into this with everyone's eyes wide open.

Thanks **Rodney Stanfield**

2006 Officers Elected

President	Terry Nanninga
Immediate Past President	Sam Kvasnica
VP Music and Performance	Steve Fisher
VP Marketing and Public Relations	Harvey Kiser
VP Membership and Chapter Development	Rodney Stanfield
Secretary	Bob Swenson
Secretary Understudy	Pat Caffey
Treasurer	Bill Bunyan
Board Members at Large	Gary Mott
	Ken Lyle
	John Schlender
	Jim Lindquist
	Pat Caffey
	Don Thomson
	Karen Nanninga
Bulletin Editor	Don Thomson
Co-Show Chairmen	Jim Lindquist

The official Chapter Officer election was held on October 13, 2005. The new officers will take office on January 1, 2006 following an installation banquet to be held at the American Legion building on December 15, 2005

It is the desire of the Nominating Committee that all elected officers avail themselves of the opportunity to attend the Society Sponsored Chapter Operations Training School (COTS) to be held in Omaha, NE on November 18-20. The cost of attending this important training opportunity is a Chapter Board approved expense. Please let **Terry Nanninga** or **Bob Swenson** know if you are available and willing to dedicate a weekend to learning more about your elected position.



Photo by Bart Bartholomew

Guests at a recent chapter meeting were Stan Clark, Brian and Mason Swenson, Chris and Jake Grose and Derrick Jackson.

Your President asks about Changes

Just before I started to write this article I read the text of the speech that **Ed Watson** gave at Harmony College 2005. I would hope that all of you read this in the Harmonizer. It got me to thinking about our chapter and some of the things we do both as individuals and as a chapter. If we are not having as much fun from our hobby as we would like, are we doing something about it? Since I accepted the leadership role in this chapter I need to hear about the things you like and dislike at all levels of our hobby. Do we need to change to make it more enjoyable for you? I know I come to sing. The more we sing the better I like that long drive to be here each week. I think that you all know that **John** and I come about an hour to sing on Thursday night with people we consider to be friends. But not only friends but fellow singers.

Ask yourself, what can I do to make my night at chapter meeting better? Then ask yourself what I can do to make the whole chapter better. I don't think I need to go farther with this because I think you get the message. We have the music leadership to be really good at our craft. I would hope that the officers would be able to lead, mostly behind the scenes, to make each week enjoyable for you. The Barbershop Harmony Society is changing, the world is changing and each of us changes every day. We need the vision to adapt to the things we cannot change, enjoy to the utmost the things we like and tolerate the unimportant little things.

Come to each chapter meeting ready to sing and enjoy our hobby. Talk to the officers that conduct most of the chapter business behind the scenes about improvements you would like both for this chapter and the society. We will be having POD meetings again soon to have feedback to the CSD officers. We can only give our own opinion if you don't tell us what you would want different.

All members are welcome at COTS in Omaha November 19 & 20. Officers are really encouraged to go at chapter expense. Reservations are due now. Talk to me as soon as possible.

Terry Nanninga President

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Karen and John Trail

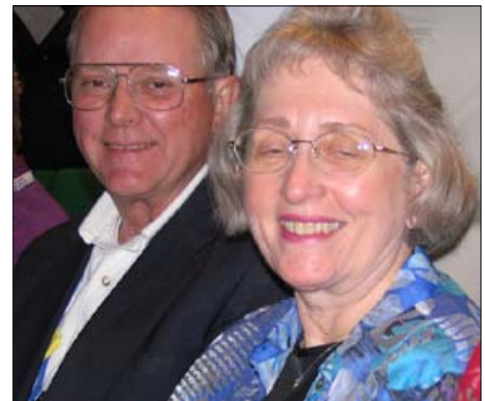
Karen and Terry Nanninga



The members of the Little Apple Chorus and wives enjoyed the CSD Convention in Des Moines October 7 and 8, 2005, as you can see by all the smiles.



Marilyn and Bill Bunyan



Harvey and Janet Kiser

**Sharon and Leonard Purvis
Joan and Don Thomson**





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

Calendar of Events:

October 27	Regular chapter meeting
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November 3	Regular chapter meeting
November 10	Regular chapter meeting
November 11	American Legion Performance
November 17	Regular chapter meeting
November 18,19, 20	COTS in Omaha
November 24	Thanksgiving

**Deadline for submitting articles for the
 next InCider Press is November 15**

District and Society Events

**November 18 - 20 Chapter Operations Training
 Seminar (COTS),
 Omaha, Nebraska**

**Pictured in the nameplate of this edition is
Take 4
*Central States contest winners***

**Installation Banquet
 at the American Legion
 December 15, 2005**