



**Sally Soileau and Jim Lindquist with a group of Vikings from the chorus from Sweden. Jim was adopted as an honorary Viking with his Swedish heritage.**

Photo from Jim Lindquist

## Barbershop has a new fan

By  
**Sally Soileau!**

Dear **Little Apple Chorus**,

It was delightful to meet those of you who made the memorable trip to the newly established **Barbershop Harmony Society** home in Nashville for the Barbershop conference! All of the Manhattan couples were so welcoming and I was pleased to be part of the **Little Apple Chorus** group as a guest with **Jim Lindquist**, a great baritone from your group. I grew to appreciate many talented voices that blended well together from the quartet and chorus performances during the competitions, entertainment times, and intercessions in the lobby areas. What a remarkable talent that you all have in common that can be shared and appreciated by all of us in attendance!

As a rookie in attendance, I found the musical performances to be highly entertaining. Most impressive was the superb quality of the voices, and the amount of time that must have gone into the preparation for the musical numbers by the quartets and the choruses! The costumes, the singing, the comedy and the entire event were all awesome! What a find! A whole new world that I had really no prior knowledge of, with so many members, so much talent, and now so many new friends to share!

I noted that the crowd at the Grand Ole Opry applauded loudest for the Barbershop Quartet perform-



**Looks like some of the Vikings were try to capture several of our members wives. Carol Hanson, Kay Ridley, Sharon Purvis and Joyce Mott.**

Photo by Gary Mott

ance, who were such crowd pleasers and so professional.

It was a thrill to see the Oakridge Boys in person while they were being honored as Barbershop Harmony Society members and I was excited to hear them sing to us. But honestly, they were not the most talented singers/performers that I experienced while at the event. I would have to give higher ranking to many of the quartets who performed during the conference, and that is the truth!

Sharing the Barbershop event with a group of friends really enhanced the overall pleasure with the added fellowship and fun of joining in a new circle of friendship in the Nashville music environment. Nashville, music city, was an appropriate setting to be introduced to so many of Jim's talented barbershop friends. I was especially glad to share time with the members and wives from *The Manhattan Music Machine* quartet. What a wonderful way to share your love of music with others, through a venue that creates such joy and excitement! I truly appreciated having the lobby serenade with some Manhattan singers with Jim included. I think you fellows sound just fine!

I am looking forward to Anaheim next year! Best wishes to all of my new *Little Apple Chorus* friends from a new barbershop fan in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.♪

## Convention Memories

By **Janet Kiser**

After all the competition, special shows, gospel sing, mass sing, dedication of the new headquarters and other planned activities, it is such fun to attend the Chorditorium (afterglow) on Saturday evening.

All competition is completed and winners announced so it is a relaxed time for the quartets to perform and entertain convention attendees without the pressure of scoring points.

This year in Nashville it was held in the Renaissance Hotel Grand Ballroom. People gather after the Quartet Finals with a beverage and wait as the quartets arrive and sing a couple of numbers, tell jokes, talk with the crowd and move on to other places for the evening.

The first quartet we heard was **High Definition** from CSD. That made us proud as they placed in the top 15.

Others were from the top ten and then we heard **O.C. Times** who placed first. Such good singing and we heard 4 of the top 5 quartets by the time we left at 1:45 A.M.

Quartets continued singing for some time as we saw them coming into the room as we headed for some shut eye and the trip toward Manhattan the next afternoon.

The Chorditorium is a fun time for all as we are able to hear a little more barbershop harmony.



Convention attendee pictures top are **Bill and Marilyn Bunyan, Carol and Bill Hanson, Janet and Harvey Kiser.. At the right are Allison and Joyce Mott, Joan and Don Thomson Sally Soileau and Jim Lindquist.**



## Why we keep returning to the Convention.

By **Carol and Bill Hanson**

The 2008 convention in Nashville was the tenth International Convention we have attended. What is it about the experience that keeps us returning? In addition to the obvious – the best barbershop singing in the world – it's the truly international flavor of the event.

It feels good to stand as the national anthems from other countries are sung. We're proud that the largely American audience responds with enthusiastic applause when the quartets and choruses from Canada, Germany, Great Britain and Sweden perform, and we're glad that a young quartet from Sweden won the Collegiate Quartet Contest.

We also enjoy spending quality time with fellow Barbershoppers from the Manhattan Chapter, in addition to meeting new people from around the world. During intermission of the AIC Show, we chatted with the lady sitting behind us, whose name tag identified her as being from Ohio. When she learned where we are from, she said, "Oh, my brother lives on Hudson St. in Manhattan." It really is a small world, isn't it?



Photos by Harvey Kiser

**Above are Leonard and Sharon Purvis, Donna and Loren Alexander and Gary Mott.**

## A great summer

By  
**John Thomason**

Singing in many Churches, singing in the Manhattan City Park, singing at a picnic in the country, and **Harmony University**, the **Little Apple Chorus** has been busy this summer! Two Sunday mornings in June were given time and talent by many members who assembled in Manhattan area Churches to "make a joyful noise". One Tuesday evening several members performed with the Manhattan Municipal Band in the City Park.

July saw the **LAC** back in church again to sing 6 times between 8:30 and noon in 5 area Churches. Singing twice in the same Church within 3 hours must mean they really enjoy our singing! Let's take that as a compliment. After "Church" The **LAC** assembled at Black Jack Recreation for the annual Summer Picnic. Everyone was treated to a delicious meal of BBQ pork and a large assortment of desserts provided by the **LAC** La-



**Members and wives of the Little Apple Chorus enjoy a summer picnic at Black Jack Recreation Cabin**



dies. After lunch several Quartets performed and then a large circle of Barbershoppers sang their favorite songs until it was time to leave.

Several members of the Chorus attended the Annual Convention in Nashville the week of July 4th. Nashville is the new home of the Barbershop Harmony Society and what better way to start out in a new home! All who attended reported having a great time.

**Harmony University** was held again at St Joe, Mo the last week in July. Several members attended including the Late Night Edition Quartet. Pres. Harvey Kaiser was in attendance at HU and reported that all attendees are now "much better singers". Maybe they can teach the rest of us some finer points of our art form.

**Chaz Martin** and **Dave Darling** have gone off to seek great adventures in other parts of the US. We wish them the best!

As summer draws to an end we can all look back and truly say "it was GREAT"! Now we can look forward to the Fall Convention in Cedar Falls, IA and hope that the remainder of the year will be as much fun as the first 8 months!

Stay SHARP and Keep the Whole World Singing!♪



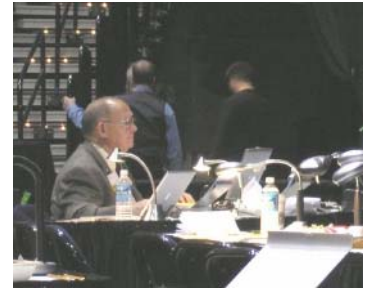
**Mary Bartholomew is serenaded by a pick up quartet which include her husband Bart , Brian Swenson, Tom Fish and Travis Troyer**

**The Manhattan Music Machine got their act together and sang for us. They told us it had been a while since they have sang together.**



# Convention Photos

By  
Harvey Kiser and Gary Mott



Looks like listening to music wasn't the only thing enjoyed.



Also enjoying the convention are Mason Swenson, Kay and Bob Ridley and Telva and Bob Swenson





## An Adventure with Harry Harmony

"Dad, where did I come from?" asks Harry Harmony 10-years-old son. Harry was shocked that a 10 year old would be asking a question like that. He was hoping to wait a few more years before he would have to explain the facts of life, but he figured it was better a few years early than a few days too late, so, for the next two hours he explained every thing to his son. When he got finished, he asked his son what prompted his question to which his son replied, "I was talking to the new kid across the street and he said he came from Ohio, so I was just wondering where I came from."♪



## Komments by Karen

As you can see by all of the articles, it has been a busy summer for the **Little Apple Chorus**.

We were not able to attend the convention this year but I found out that our *InCider Press* came in second in the web contest . Wow. Thanks for all the contributions to you guys for your articles. And if you haven't yet sent one, you can do it.

In talking with **Harvey**, we decided to put an earlier deadline for news articles, to I don't have to try so hard to get it finished right after the board meeting for you. So *Please* send your articles the week before board meeting. I will save space to include the actions of the board, so you will know the latest information.

We are welcoming our 16th exchange student this week. **Julien** is from Belgium. I am sure he will be with us at several of the functions of the chorus, so you can meet him at some time.

We did get to hear some awesome music on the last night of Harmony University. Of course it was great.

## Actions of the board

By  
**Pat Caffey**, Secretary

At a very active board meeting on August 11th the board decided that we should encourage our members to attend the Central States District Convention in Cedar Rapids this October. It was decided that we would provide transportation (probably a bus) for members and their wives. This does not depend on whether the chorus competes in the chorus contest.

The board accepted the invitation for the chorus to sing at the Veteran's Day dinner at the American Legion this November 11th.

The board also approved December 18th as the date for our annual Installation/Christmas Banquet.

We will be having Barbershop 101 on a schedule of about once a month.

Open House was scheduled for October 23rd.♪

## Summer church performances wrap-up

By  
**Don Thomson**, Associate Director

Thanks to all who participated in the Summer Church Performances. We had a good representation from our chorus on each of the three Sunday mornings. We are well aware that many of you had to give up your weekly Sunday morning responsibilities (teaching, ushering, providing music, etc.) to participate, and as you could tell, your sacrifices were greatly appreciated by those who heard us sing.

The two Methodist churches provided refreshments on two of the Sundays, and **Pete** and **Helen Cooper** provided refreshments to us on the final Sunday. Thank you, **Pete** and **Helen** for delicious fruit, pastries, coffee and juices! And, if you are a member of one of the Methodist churches we sang in, please pass our thanks on to them

Next year we hope to find dates that are acceptable to even more of our singers as this time spent in our area churches provide us with wonderful inspiration, and it would be good for all of us to be able to have this experience ♪

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

**Calendar of Events:**

August 14 Chapter meeting  
August 21 Chapter meeting  
August 28 Chapter meeting  
September 4 Chapter meeting

**September 4 Deadline for InCider articles**

September 8 Board meeting  
September 11 Chapter meeting  
September 25 Chapter meeting

**InCider goes to press September 9**

**Upcoming Events**

**Oct 10-12 - CSD Fall Convention,  
Cedar Rapids, IA**

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Pat Caffey.**

**Look here guys, do the write thing . Help  
your chapter with a news item for the next  
issue. *You can do it.***