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These thirteen men and three of their wives enjoyed an evening learning about barbershop harmony and harmonizing with the Chorus at the Open House/Guest Night, May 15. The wives were entertained by The Charades quartet and heard their men sing with the chorus. **Bill Hanson** was the master of the evening greeting the guests upon their arrival. The evening closed with guests and members visiting with each other while enjoying cookies and sandwiches provided by chapter ladies.

This is a list of them in alphabetical order: **Bob Avery, Cam Beatty, John Borchers, Leland Cook, David Cooper, Darrell Deibler, Larry Loomis, Jim Lumb, Naoki Nemoto, Glen Rubash, Owen Sexton, Brian Wells and Devin Woods.**

By **Harvey Kiser,**♪

## Summer performance time

By **Tom Fish** Music & Performance VP

Wow guys, Summer Church Performances are right around the corner!! 15 June, 29 June and 13 July will all be here before you know it!

I have received sheets for 5 churches in Manhattan for the 15<sup>th</sup> of June and 4 for the 29<sup>th</sup> of June! So far I only have one Church on the agenda for our out of town performance on the 13<sup>th</sup> of July! Please get me the out of town sheets as soon as you can to facilitate a schedule!

After our monthly board meeting we should have a time and place for the annual picnic after our 13 July performances! I hope to see many of you on the 15<sup>th</sup> of June!! We'll have a schedule for you all at chapter meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup>! ♪

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

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

## A look back and a look forward

By **Harvey Kiser**, President

Thanks to **Bill Hanson** for organizing a successful Open House/Guest Night on May 15. Among the many things he did were to collect names, send letters of invitation, and prepare special name tags. Thanks to the committee who assisted Bill in welcoming everyone. One of the twelve guests applied for membership that night – we welcome back a former member **Brian Wells**. Another person took an application a week later.

Thank you **Carol Hanson** for organizing the refreshments for our Open House. We thank all of our ladies, who contributed food and flowers, arranged the parlor and hosted the guest wives. Your contributions and assistance for these special events are most appreciated.

Our Thursday, June 12 meeting will be an enjoyable one with the Topeka and Salina Chapters. Thank you **Ken Lang** and **Don Thomson** for arranging the schedule and preparing our music. Thank you **John Trail** for your special effort organizing our refreshments.

Our chorus has the opportunity to perform several times in June and July. We will sing for church services in Manhattan on June 15 and 29 and Westmoreland and Wamego on July 13. Please thank **Tom Fish** for arranging these schedules. The efforts of all the members who contacted the various churches are much appreciated. Thank you **John Thomason** for making the arrangements for our chapter family picnic, July 13, occurring after our singing.

The chapter will have the thrill to perform again on stage with the **Manhattan Municipal Band** in the **Larry Norvell Band Shell** in City Park on Tuesday, June 24 at 7:30 p.m.

The chapter accepted the invitation to perform the **National Anthem** for the **Kaw Valley Rodeo** on Friday, July 25 at 8:00 p.m., Cico Park. The Rodeo has its "**Tough Enough To Wear Pink**" (TETWP) that evening during which money is collected for contributions to the **Terry C. Johnson Center for Basic Cancer Research** at K-State. This provides our chapter an opportunity to honor our country while performing our style of music harmony to a different audience!



**Members of the Chorus and their guests enjoy singing at Open house May 10th.**

## Meet Member David Darling



I was born and raised in Massachusetts. The family went to Christ Church, the Episcopal Church in Andover. The church had a boys'- men's choir. My dad, **David L. Darling, Sr.** involved my brother, Marshall, and me in the choir. We practiced every Thursday night. We also earned a small amount of money each month by being faithful choir members. Therefore, I have been singing since the 1950s. And, that's a long time.

My brother and I went away to a private school during our high school years. Darrow School is still in operation. Darrow is a unique school. It occupies part of a Shaker community on the side of a mountain near Pittsfield, Massachusetts. Both of us sang in the chorus and sang in a barbershop quartet. At Darrow School all the boys had to participate in sports, hand-to-work, and extra curricular activities such as chorus. This four year experience was very important in my maturation process.

After graduating from high school, I went on to college. I met Carol while at the University of Massachusetts, in Amherst. Carol and I got married in August of 1969 and then we graduated the following May. I did not restart my singing hobby till 1975. By then, we had been in the Peace Corp, our first child was born, I had earned another degree from U. Mass in Agricultural Economics, and we were living in West Lafayette, Indiana. I had a job at Purdue University and was working on a rural development project in the four counties surrounding Terre Haute. **Carol** and I joined a Methodist church and I began to sing in the choir.

Five years later, we moved to Columbus, Ohio so that I could work on another degree. Then we moved on to Kansas in 1983. I was hired to be the Extension specialist specializing in economic development. I retired from that job in 2005. I sing in the choir at the First Presbyterian Church in Manhattan.

After fifty years I should be really good at this hobby.♪



## Spring show wrap up

By **Jim Lindquist** Show Chairman

I sincerely appreciate the efforts of all the committee chairs and everyone who worked on show committees. Their contribution of time and talent has resulted in an efficiently run show, a better product for our audience, and a financial profit that will allow the chapter to meet our goals throughout the year.

Committee chairs have turned in after action reports which will provide insight into improvements in administrative process for the 2009 show. This information will be distributed to 2009 committee chairs as they go about their work next year. I would invite all chapter members to begin thinking about which aspect of show administration they want to be involved with next year.

The 2008 show was successful with a significant profit and also an increase in our audience. Thanks to the efforts of **Ken Lang** and **Don Thomson**, we performed an entertaining show.

Our show profit this year is \$15,560. We had total income of \$29,835 and expenses of \$14,275. Just two years ago our profit was only \$6,809 so we are definitely moving in the right direction. The Board approved a ticket price increase last year of \$3 per ticket and our audience continues to grow. We received \$11,160 for our ticket sales. You can see that our ticket sale revenue does not pay the bills. Program advertising is how we make our profit. We increased our advertising sales by about \$5,000 this year to a total of \$18,675. I want to thank all the members who spent time soliciting advertisers for our show.

The biggest expense of putting on the show is our use of McCain Auditorium. That charge is \$5,487. Other significant expenses are the headliner quartet - \$3,609, advertising - \$2,323, and printing the show program - \$1,518.

The show attendance was 456 for the afternoon show and 642 for the evening show. This totals 1098, or approximately 100 more show attendees than 2007. Of the 1,098 tickets, 429 are attributed to vouchers from advertising sales and vouchers distributed to Bergman elementary and service clubs for sale, 110 from McCain box office sales, 230 from the show mailer and 329 from member sales. We have the potential to increase our member sales. Perhaps we can set a goal of each member selling 10 tickets next year. We offer an excellent entertainment product to the public. Let's work to entertain even more people in 2009.♪

## A decision needs to be made

By **Don Thomson**,  
Associate Director



We have another big decision to make in the next couple of weeks. Last year at this time we decided to participate in the Fall Chorus Competition at the District Convention. We had not competed for a few years and we felt it was time to evaluate our progress. We polled the chorus and had a satisfactory level of participation, went to Kansas City, and accomplished each goal that we had set.

The major accomplishment was that we, as a chorus, committed to each other to learn how to sing better, not just compete, and we succeeded in that effort. We even saw and heard the results as a carry-over to our Spring Show.

Now we have that opportunity again. On June 19<sup>th</sup>, your section leader is going to ask you again if you will commit to the extra work it takes to compete at the fall contest. Once again, if you like the idea of our chorus improving and you being a part of it, you can inform your section leader at that time. Our board has approved the idea, and our director has committed to the task...providing we have enough singers who will participate. Here are some things for you to think about before your section leader approaches you.

### Reasons for our chorus to participate in the fall contest:

- Helps immensely to improve the singing quality of our chorus...resulting in more fun and enjoyment for everyone.

- Satisfaction of setting a goal and achieving it.

- Getting to work with outside clinicians with specific goals in mind.

- Builds and solidifies the camaraderie in the chorus.

- You, through this effort, will improve as a singer.

- We get to hear the top choruses and quartets in the society, and some of them are the top choruses and quartets in the society.

### Reasons not to participate in the contest.

- The contest is held in Cedar Rapids...a long distance to travel. (Transportation will be provided by the chapter for those who want or need it.)

- Participating as a chorus would require at least one night staying over in a hotel room. (We can sleep two to four guys to a room, if necessary, as this would be an individual expense.)

- Cost of food would also be an individual expense. (However, you have to eat at home as well.)

- Extra (a few) rehearsals will probably be necessary, and perhaps a Saturday morning or two to work with a clinician.

You may have other reasons for participating in the contest (or not participating). But, please think about the possibility and be prepared to respond to your section leader on June 19<sup>th</sup>. Oh yes, the District Convention (contest) is on the weekend of 10 – 12 October.♪



## It is time for the Little Apple Chorus Summer Picnic

By **John Thomason**

Marketing and Marketing and Public Relations VP

Summer will be here in a week or so and that always puts me in a picnic mood.

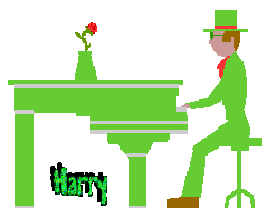
Summer is also when **The Little Apple Chorus** sings at Churches in Manhattan and neighboring communities. Sunday, July 13<sup>th</sup> the **LAC** will sing in Westmoreland and Wamego. After the Church singing we will meet at Black Jack Hills west of Wamego for a picnic and some good fellowship and probably some good singing. The menu will include pulled pork, turkey, BBQ baked beans, AuGraten potatoes, Iced tea, and a roll. Any desserts that you would like to bring will be greatly appreciated!

Black Jack Hills is located 5 mi west of Wamego and South of Hwy 24. Turn South, at Mile Marker 326 on Vineyard Road and go South 1.3 mi then West (Right) .2 mi to the entrance and turn Left and go to the end of the road.

Even if you don't plan to sing at Church all members are welcome to attend the picnic.

I'll need a head count by July 6 so let me know on Thursday evening or call 785-494-2472 daytime or 785-456-2707 evening. My e-mail is: [flintrv@wamego.net](mailto:flintrv@wamego.net) .♪

## An adventure with Harry Harmony



Harry watched a piece of string walk into a bar. The bartender eyes it carefully and says suspiciously, "Say, aren't you a piece of string?"

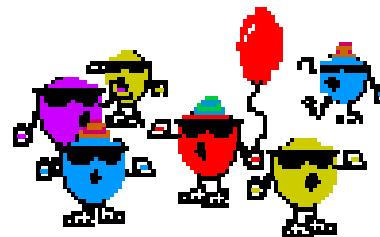
"Yes, I am. Why?"

"Well, we don't serve pieces of string here. I have to ask you to leave."

The piece of string leaves the bar, but he doesn't give up. He ties himself into a knot, frays his ends and goes back into the bar.

Once again, the bartender looks him over and says, "You're a piece of string, aren't you?"

"I'm a frayed knot."♪



## Get ready for a blast!

By **Harvey Kiser**, President

Eight of our members will participate in Harmony University's Harmony College, Directors College and Quartet College, July 27 – August 3 at Missouri Western State University, St. Joseph, MO.

Those attending are: **Don Thomson, Fred Wachsmuth, Harvey Kiser, Mason Swenson, Travis Troyer, Tom Fish, Brian Arthaud-Day, and Brian Swenson.** **Don** is attending the Directors College. **Mason** will participate in the Barbershop: *Next Generation Chorus*. **Travis, Tom, Brian** and **Brian** will attend the Quartet College and experience some of the best directors in our Society.

Each day is opened with singing new songs as a total university. One can design his own continuing education program from the many classes that are offered. Some of these classes are: Vocal Techniques, Theory Of Barbershop Harmony, Arrangers Workshop, Physics Of Sound, Basic Choreography Moves, How To Be A Great Tenor-Lead-Bass-Baritone, Care of the Senior Voice, Ticket Sales – Butts in Seats, Website Design For Your Ensemble, Tag Singing, Woodshedding At Its Best!, and on and on.

In the evenings there will be a *Gospel Sing* led by **Joe Liles**, Mid-Term Dinner Bash, Friday Night Show featuring all the Quartet College quartets in residence and the *Harmony College Chorus*, and the Saturday Night Show featuring *The Next Generation Chorus*, *Directors College Chorus* and the *Honors Chorus*. **Max Q**, the 2007 International Quartet Champion, is the featured quartet for the evening.

If you have never attended, please think about arranging to go to next year's session. It is always held the last week of July and this year the chapter paid one-half of the tuition. ♪



## Komments by Karen

Man, what a fast month we just had. Unfortunately a lot of storms. Just think, sometime this Summer we will be asking for rain.

There will be a list with all members names on it. It is for the purpose of helping us decide how many *InCiders* to print. So if you want a hard copy please underline your name and we will print one for you. Then at chapter meeting, Look for the label with your name on it Take that one. That way we know if you received your copy. But if you have internet, we would encourage you to look at it there, it is in color and there is action on some of the pages. You are missing a lot by not reading it on line. It also saves the chapter the expense of printing more copies than we need.

There will not be an *InCider* in July it will be combined with the August issue. So you will have plenty of time to get your articles in.♪

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

**Calendar of Events:**

June 12	Chapter Meeting – Guest Visit by Topeka and Salina Chapters, Ladies Night
<b>June 15</b>	<b>Church Performances Manhattan</b>
June 19	Chapter Meeting
June 23	Rehearse With City Band at City Park (Manhattan)
<b>June 24</b>	<b>Perform With Manhattan Municipal Band at Arts in the Park</b>
June 26	Chapter Meeting
<b>June 29</b>	<b>Church Performances Manhattan</b>
July 3	Chapter Meeting
July 10	Chapter Meeting
<b>July 13</b>	<b>Church Performance East of Manhattan and <u>SUMMER PICNIC @ Black Jack Hills</u> between Manhattan &amp; Wamego</b>
July 16	Chapter Meeting
July 24	Chapter Meeting
<b>July 25</b>	<b>Kaw Valley Rodeo @ CICO Park – Sing National Anthem</b>

**Upcoming Events**

**June 29-July 6 - *International Convention*, Nashville, TN**

**July 27– August 3 Harmony University Saint Joseph MO**

Thanks to the following for contributing articles–

**Harvey Kiser, David Darling, Tom Fish , Don Thomson and John Thomason and Jim Lindquist**

**Deadline for submitting articles for the next InCider is August 14th**