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Left to right wearing our chapter shirts are: Don Thomson, John Thomason, John Trail, Fred Wachsmuth, Travis Troyer, Bill Hanson, Tom Fish, Loren Alexander, Bill Bunyan (partially hidden by Jim Bagby), Jim Lindquist, Brian Arthaud-Day, Harvey Kiser and Brian Swenson. Photo by Joan Thomson

CSD All-Stars Chorus

By Bill Hanson

Although the Little Apple Chorus chose not to participate in the Chorus Contest held in conjunction with the 2008 CSD Fall Convention held in Cedar Rapids, IA during the weekend of October 10-12, thirteen Little Apple Chorus members had the opportunity to appear on stage during the contest. Those members, (are pictured above,) along with men from the Topeka, Hays and Greater Ozarks Chapters served as the Mic tester Chorus named the "CSD All-Stars," directed by Jim Bagby, Director Emeritus of the Heart of America Chorus. Following 30 minutes of intense rehearsal, the All-Stars took the stage to help Chad Guyton, Singing Category Spe-

cialist on the Judging team, adjust the sound system for the Chorus Contest. Jim Bagby made this performance opportunity challenging by changing some of the chords in the well known "Sweet, Sweet Roses of Morn," and providing an interesting interpretation to the old favorite "Wait Till the Sun Shines Nellie." All of us enjoyed the opportunity to be on stage under the direction of Jim Bagby. As a bonus for our efforts, we will receive a DVD of our performance to use as a training tool.

I want to say a big THANK YOU to all Manhattan Chapter members who participated. President Don Fuson and Jim Bagby have both expressed great appreciation to the Little Apple Chorus members for their participation because without us, the All Star Chorus would have consisted of only five or six people.

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.

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

Passion is a hallmark of Barber-shoppers

by **Harvey Kiser**, President

Why do we become members of this chapter of barbershop harmony singers? We become a part of a group of men who like to sing, who like this style of music and who care about each other. You might say we have a passion for our music. We sing come rain, floods, snow and sometimes even tornadoes.

What interests men to visit and join us? Sometimes they may join because they like what they hear. Other men may join our Chapter and the Society because someone invited them. (Remember our Open House/Guest Night, Thursday, October 23.)

So how do we keep improving our craft, entice other men to join us and make them feel welcome? We have a great music team of directors – **Ken Lang**, **Don Thomson**, and **Myron Calhoun**. They teach and encourage us each week. We occasionally have clinicians who provide us suggestions and instructions that support and amplify what our directors give us each week.

Many of our chapter members have gone to the week-long or weekend Harmony University classes that are presented by our Society in St. Joseph, MO. These members come back with enthusiasm, and new skills and ideas. Members are invited to suggest ideas of how to improve our singing and performances as well as songs to sing. Please share your ideas with chapter's officers, board members and/or directors. ♪



Congratulations LNE

By **Harvey Kiser**



The members of the **Late Night Edition** of the Manhattan Kansas Chapter distinguished themselves in this year's quartet contest at the 2008 CSD fall convention held in the U.S. Cellular Center, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, October 10-11. The results of the quartet's performance was markedly higher. This year, the quartet placed 13 among the competitors compared to 23 in 2007. The total points received was 107 point higher than last year and 6 percentage points higher than last. Congratulations to **Travis Troyer**, tenor; **Tom Fish**, lead; **Brian Swenson**, baritone; and **Brian Arthaud-Day**, bass. ♪



Late Night Edition singing at the Afterglow on Saturday night in the Ballroom of the Crown Plaza in Cedar Rapids



The Little Apples Chorus's pride and joy, the Late Night Edition. Members are Brian Swenson, Brian Arthaud-Day, Tom Fish and Travis Troyer.

Photo by Jayne Morden

Fun and great music

By **Tom Fish** Lead

Greetings again fellow barbershoppers! Some of you missed another great Barbershop weekend full of song and fun! **Late Night Edition** improved greatly over last year's score and learned a great deal again in the process!! We finished 13th in the rankings this year and had very good comments from our judges for the most part! It's always a pleasure to hear quartets like **Crossroads**, **Vocal Spectrum** and others and of course the **Ambassadors of Harmony!**

But it's equally as much fun to run into people you have met through Harmony University or Contest last year and catch up on what's happening in their lives as well as musically! We had great accommodations and the weather was very cooperative throughout the weekend! The **Little Apple Chorus** was well represented for the Mic testing Chorus! **Jim Bagby** said he enjoyed directing us and I'm sure all of us enjoyed singing for the crowd! Looking forward to Thursday!



Where the sound comes from

By **Brian Arthaud-Day** bass

When I was asked to write about something I have learned about singing lately, I immediately thought back to Harmony University. As a singer, and as a member of a quartet, I learned more about vocal production in one week than I did in 7 years of formal voice lessons.

The most intriguing piece for me, and probably the nugget of knowledge that gave me the most significant change and insight into the barbershop sound, is the concept of placement of the voice. When we sing, our vocal chords and air produce a series of sound waves. These sound waves travel into our mouth cavity and out through the lips. The placement of the voice has to do with how the air travels, or perhaps more descriptively where the voice "feels", in your head. If the sound feels like it is in or just behind your nose, the sound is thin and has a brighter, more nasal quality. When the sound feels like it is right behind your teeth, it can sound light. Or if the sound feels like it is in the back of the throat, you get a rich, almost choked sound. If the voice feels at the top of your head (you know, where the brain is in most folks), the voice will have a lot of resonance. The best place for the voice to be felt can depend on the part you sing, the nature of the song being sung, and how you blend with those around you.

A lot of barbershop singing looks for the bright sound that comes from "forward" placement, usually behind the teeth or nose. Singing that is too far back in the throat will tend to sound flat, and eventually will become flat. Keeping the sound forward, then, helps keep the pitch more accurate and gives us the lighter sound that Ken has been asking of us.

How do you keep the pitch forward? Relax. Sit up straight. Head level with the floor (or slightly angled downward). Visualize the sound as a solid object that sits on the front third of your tongue. Cradle it there. The tongue should be relaxed and laying at the bottom of your mouth. Tension in the tongue, mouth, or neck will "pull" the sound back into your throat causing it to darken and go flat. And then enjoy the sound, the harmonies, and the brotherhood. ♪



Get out your vote

By **John Thomason**

As the saying goes, "Baby, you ain't seen nothing yet!". Here we are in another big "Election" Season especially the one that comes around every Leap Year. Just last Thursday evening at the **Little Apple Chorus** weekly Chapter Meeting our Annual Chapter Meeting was held. Although it was short and sweet it was an important meeting. The slate of new Chapter Officers was presented to all in attendance for their discussion, nomination, and approval. Every member present was allowed his right to speak, not many did but all had the opportunity to do so, and all had the right to cast his vote. The vote was unanimous to accept the nominating committee's slate of new officers for 2009. WOW! Right there at the Harris Activity Center one of the most fundamental rights of our U.S. Constitution was exercised! The "Right to Vote".

The results of any election always create consequences. The new **Little Apple Chorus** Officers elected last Thursday will be responsible for the direction of the chorus until the next election in October 2009. Think about this for a minute or two: How often do you vote? I don't mean for **LAC** Officers, or Dog Catcher, or City Commission, or Governor, or President of the United States. I vote each and every day. After all voting is making a choice and I make choices all the time. You do too!

Today is the beginning of "My Campaign". My tenure with the **Little Apple Chorus** has been short compared to many other members. During these last 4 years I have discovered a unique American Art Form and have fallen-in-love with it. Four part BARBERSHOP HARMONY! I can hear it ringing in my ears and I know you do too! If you didn't love it you would not have taken the time or made the sacrifices to join such a great organization as the **Little Apple Chorus**.

Are you ready? Here it comes! This is my Campaign Promise to **YOU!** I will VOTE for the **Little Apple Chorus** every Thursday evening at the Harris Activity Center. I pledge to study the assigned music to memorize and sing it as the Chorus Directors have asked. I will do my best to be prepared for Chapter Open House, Veterans Day Performance, Christmas Caroling, Singing Valentines, Annual Chapter Show, Summer Church Sing-outs, Arts in the Park and any other activity sanctioned by the **B.H.S.** to promote the **Little Apple Chorus** and Barbershop Harmony, so help me **GOD!**

I cannot expect, nor do I ask, all **LAC** members to participate in each and every event of the **LAC**, except for the Annual Show. The only thing I ask of you is to show your support for the Officers and especially the Directors of the **Little Apple Chorus** by casting your vote every Thursday evening at the Chapter Meeting along with me! If you choose to do so I can and will promise you this: "Baby, you ain't seen nothing yet! ♪



HARMONY FOUNDATION CONTRIBUTIONS

By **Loren Alexander**

The past few weeks our Chapter, the Manhattan Kansas Chapter, has generated more than \$800 of contributions to the **BHS Harmony Foundation**, which should fill us with positive vibes. Individuals give a variety of amounts from pocket change to an annual larger commitment, and sometimes our quartets that perform for people contribute the payment they receive. By the time we complete our local drive, we can proudly announce our contribution at the November Leadership Academy (at Lawrence, KS or at Sioux Fall, SD).

The gold can for **Harmony Foundation** contributions will appear on the sign-up table until we make our November trip(s) to the Leadership Academy. As one source of information on the Youth In Harmony activities of the Foundation, I found the following URL on our District website. The website has information on much more than the Foundation, and, I believe, you will find it an interesting source of information.

Youth In Harmony page of the Central States page of the Central States District web site:

http://www.centralstatesdistrict.com/youth_in_harmony.html

The schedule of 2009 dates for Youth In Harmony events in our Central States District surprises me, as I had heard very little about any such activities in our publications. Note that the states around us have an activity for young singers in 2009. Perhaps we can find someone in our Chapter to organize an event in Kansas, such as the one that we hosted some years ago, and have it take place in 2010.

We have 12 Kansas choruses listed on the District website. Some of these may have stopped functioning. They may need just such a Youth In Harmony event to generate enthusiasm in possible new members.

The money we contribute to Harmony Foundation makes it possible for the Foundation to assist with the costs of such an activity.

Any amount you give now will help us and/or other chapters to generate something similar to the Youth In Harmony events. Note also that the Foundation supports other efforts, such as directors' expenses to training events, and selected quartets to competition at times.♪



Telva and Bob Swenson were thanked and honored for their 15 years of being the Registrar for 29 consecutive Central States District (CSD) conventions. Don Fuson, CSD president, recognized and saluted them for their contributions before the CSD's Fall Convention attendees Saturday evening, October 10 in the U.S. Cellular Center, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Great time despite a few problems

By Joan Thomson

We had a great time in Cedar Rapids, We felt some of the ripple effect from the flood at our hotel, and they will need a lot of time and good fortune to recover economically! The Crowne Plaza Hotel was in receivership, and it made the news as paying its employees with bad checks...the staff was bare bones, and that does not make for good convention care!

All of us except Harvey & Janet (who were at a dinner meeting) drove to the Outback for supper Saturday night, and we had a fun-filled and delicious dinner complete with some singing too! The hotel had the problems, but the contest was run very well, and we all can say that we enjoyed our weekend very much!

The fire alarm/evacuation was a little exciting, but thankfully it was a false alarm! There were several handicapped people who could obviously not run down all those stairs!

The trees were turning in Iowa more than here in Kansas, and it truly felt like Fall there, but with the beautiful weather we had a very pleasant drive up to Cedar Rapids and also on the way home!



Members of the Little Apple Chorus and family enjoyed a meal together at the convention. L-R first row around the table: Tom Fish, Brian Arthaud-Day, Travis Troyer, John Trail, Telva Swenson, Bob Swenson, John Thomason, Donna Alexander, Loren Alexander, Fred Wachsmuth, Bill Bunyan, Marilyn Bunyan, Beth Marine, Karen Trail, Brian Swenson, Mason Swenson, Carol Hanson and Bill Hanson. Second row on the left - Joan Thomson, Don Thomson; on the right - Jim Lindquist and Sally Soileau.



Barbershop 101 Quartet Names

By Loren Alexander

Prior to rehearsal on October 30, 2008 from 7:00-7:25 p.m. all of us are invited to meet in the parlor to discuss how quartets get their names. I have some questions and hope to get some answers. A few of you may have some experience with this, i.e. getting a quartet listed in Barbershop Harmony Society as an official quartet.(??)

Bring your own questions. And perhaps think a bit about your own ideas for a name. (We may also get someone to lead us in a tag.)

The time flies by quickly in these BH101 sessions. The give and take of discussion creates some fun interactions and a bit of knowledge for most of us. Join in!

Actions of the board

By **Harvey Kiser** President

The Board decided to perform **Christmas** carols on Thursday evening, December 18. The Installation Dinner will be held in the American Legion Hall after the caroling. A sign-up sheet for members will be circulated at the next chapter meeting. Two other sign-up sheets will be circulated asking for member participation in the Installation Dinner and for the Veteran's Day, November 14 performance for the American Legion.

The Board voted to follow the **Society** and **District** procedure for Youth Memberships. New youth members will not pay any chapter dues the first year. After that, the Youth member will pay one-half the regular dues through age 25. At age 26, the person will pay regular chapter dues.

Loren Alexander was given the OK to develop a plan for participation in the Wamego Middle School Fine Arts Fair to be held in March 2009.

Bill Hanson reported that **Chuck Marr** has sent invitations to 40 persons to be our guests at the upcoming Guest Night of Oct. 23. (If you have other persons to invite, please give their names to Chuck.)

Chuck Marr presented the retreat summary and conclusions from the member's comments at last February chapter retreat.

Harvey Kiser reported that he is asking the three vice presidents and their committees to: dream and plan the chapter programs and events for 2009 and two additional years. The three vice presidents areas are Membership and Chapter Development – **Bill Hanson**; Music and Performance – **Loren Alexander**; and Marketing and Public Relations – **John Thomason**. ♪



Mark Your Calendar

Our annual caroling event beginning at 5:00 p.m. is on December 18, and ending with the annual Chapter Installation Banquet at the American Legion Hall to begin around 7:00 p.m.

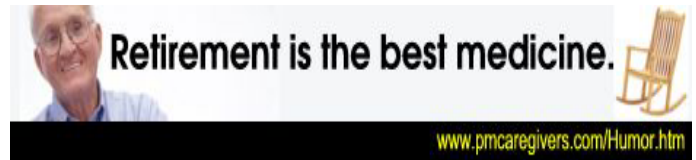


An adventure with Harry Harmony

An old, tired-looking dog wandered into the yard. Harry could tell from his collar, (though no tags), and well-fed belly that he had a home. He followed Harry into the house, down the hall, and fell asleep on the couch. The dog seemed ok with him so Harry let him nap. An hour later, he went to the door, and Harry let him out.

The next day he was back, resumed his position on the couch, and slept for an hour. This continued for several weeks. Curious, Harry pinned a note to his collar: 'Every afternoon your dog comes to my house for a nap. I don't mind but want to be sure it's ok with you.' The next day he arrived with a different note pinned to his collar:

He lives in a home with ten children -- he's trying to catch up on his sleep. May I come with him tomorrow?'



Speaking of senior moments ...

"Where is my Sunday paper?" The irate customer calling the newspaper office loudly demanded, wanting to know where her Sunday edition was. "Ma'am," said the newspaper employee, "today is Saturday The Sunday paper is not delivered until tomorrow, on Sunday."

There was quite a long pause on the other end of the phone, followed by a ray of recognition.... As she was heard to mutter 'Well,... So that's why no one was at church today.'



Are you ready for this? Brace yourself; this is going to hurt.

Two brooms were hanging in the closet and after a while they got to know each other so well, they decided to get married.

One broom was, of course, the Bride Broom, the other the Groom Broom.

The Bride Broom looked very beautiful in her white dress. The Groom Broom was handsome and suave in his tuxedo. The wedding was lovely.

After the wedding, at the wedding dinner, the Bride Broom leaned over and said to the Groom Broom, "I think I am going to have a little whisk broom!" IMPOSSIBLE!" said the Groom Broom.

"We haven't even swept together!"



Komments by Karen

Don't you just love fall? The turning of the leaves, harvest, for some football, last of the garden, long walks with leaves crunching underfoot, lawn mowing is done for a while, fall parties and decoration and CSD fall convention. I sure hated to miss it but sometimes things just can't be helped.

I did get to spent part of that time with 6 grandchildren and those of you who have some of those wonderful creatures know what fun that can be.

It looks like there are a lot of fun things coming up for you guys to do (and most of the time we gals can watch). The American Legion performance, Christmas caroling and banquet and guest night. Enjoy it all.

I am anxiously awaiting a chance to hear LNE. I hear they did very well at the contest. We are so proud of them. ♪



Once upon a time in the Kingdom of Heaven, God was missing for six days.

Eventually, Michael the Archangel found Him, resting on the seventh day. He inquired of God, 'Where have you been?'

God sighed a deep sigh of satisfaction and proudly pointed downwards through the clouds, 'Look Michael, look what I've made!'

Archangel Michael looked puzzled and said What is it?

' 'It's a planet,' replied God, and I've put life on it. I'm going to call it Earth and it's going to be a great place of balance.'

'Balance?' inquired Michael, still confused.

God explained, pointing to different parts of Earth. 'For example, Northern Europe will be a place of great opportunity and wealth, while southern Europe is going to be poor; the Middle East over there will be hot spot. And over there I've placed a continent of white people, while over here is a continent of black people.' God continued, pointing to different countries. 'This one will be extremely hot and arid while this one will be very cold and covered in ice.'

The Archangel, impressed by God's work, then pointed to an area of rolling hills and prairie on a large land mass and said, 'What's that beautiful garden spot there?'

'Ah,' said God. 'That's Kansas, the most glorious place on earth. There are beautiful lakes, rivers, sunrises, sunsets, rolling hills, open prairie, oceans of waving wheat, small water falls, monumental rock formations, abundant wildlife, pure white snow in the winter, white fluffy clouds, blue skies year-round, and a place where a person can see millions of stars in the sky at night.

God continued, 'The people from Kansas are going to be modest, intelligent and humorous and they are going to be found traveling the world. They will be extremely sociable, hard working and high achieving, and they will be known throughout the world as diplomats and carriers of peace.'

Michael gasped in wonder and admiration but then proclaimed, 'What about balance, God? You said there would be balance!'

God replied wisely, 'Wait until you see the idiots I'm putting around them in Nebraska, Colorado, Missouri and Oklahoma.' ♪



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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 16	Chapter meeting and Ladies night
October 23	Guest Night
October 30	Chapter meeting
November 6	Chapter meeting <i>InCider</i> dead line
November 11	Veterans Day Performance
November 10	Board meeting
November 13	Chapter meeting and Ladies night

**Deadline for submitting articles for the next
InCider is November 6**

Upcoming Events

Nov. 8 Leadership Academy, Lawrence, KS

Nov. 15 Leadership Academy, Sioux Falls, SD

Thanks to the following for contributing articles—
**Harvey Kiser, Loren Alexander, Tom Fish. Bill
Hanson and Joan Thomson**

**Gentlemen, do the Write thing and
send an article to your editor and
you won't have to endure the silly
jokes.**