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On June 6 the Little Apple Chorus performed for local veterans at a special D-Day program at the K-State Student Union.

Photo from Steve Thompson

Little Apple Chorus helps Celebrate D-Day

The *Manhattan Mercury* article in the Sunday issue, June 7, 2009 about "Locals join in honors for D-Day" **Will Klusener** of *The Mercury* wrote on page one and continued on the back page, "Manhattan area veterans, including a number of World War II Veterans, gathered at Forum Hall of the K-State Student Union of the K-State Student Union Saturday evening to honor the soldiers who fought in Normandy..."

The Manhattan **Little Apple Chorus** sang

the service songs for the five branches of the military as well as other patriotic songs

Manhattan Music Machine performed "Danny Boy" while the audience was riveted to the harmony with tearful eyes. **MMM** also sang the introduction to the final number, "God Bless America", which brought the audience to their feet.

At the Chapter's Monday Board meeting, the officers and board members who participated in the performance said that the chorus's songs were well received. The thought was expressed that the chorus sang and performed well. Also, it was noted that the audience was moved by the performance ♪

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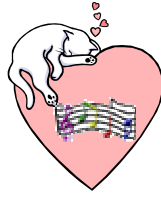
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All chapter officers are expected and chapter members are encouraged to contribute their ideas on a regular basis



Music Warms the Heart

By **Harvey Kiser**, President

Have you had people say that our spring show was great? This question seems to me to indicate that our show warmed the person's heart. Why do they enjoy our performances? Maybe a song reminds them of a friend or family member. Maybe we uplift them in a spiritual way or give them a good feeling about their country. They remember their enjoyment for several days and even months after the performance.

This summer we have a number of times to share our music – three Sundays at church services and with the Manhattan Municipal Band after performing last Saturday in honor of D-Day. Thank you all for your dedication in performing and helping out in carrying out the arrangements for our performances. One member said to me a couple of weeks ago that he likes how so many people are involved in preparing and carrying out our activities. That is a compliment and thank you to all of you.

We work daily and weekly to improve our capability to perform. Then we can improve our craft at our chapter retreat on Saturday, August 22 with **Jim Bagby** as our clinician. Another way is by attending Harmony University (HU) at St. Joe, Mo. We have quite a few attending this year as we have had in recent years.

Quartetting, singing in the chorus and hearing other barbershoppers are other ways to enjoy our art. On July 23, we will host the Topeka Barbershop Chapter where we can sing together and for each other. Saturday evening, August 1st we can hear HU chorus performances and OC Times, the 2008 International Champion Quartet at HU.

Conventions are also a time to meet friends and enjoy barbershopping. At the Society's summer convention there will be 52 quartets, 29 choruses and 29 collegiate quartets competing. At the Central States District (CSD) fall convention October 9 – 10 in Lincoln, NE LAC will sing and hear other choruses as well quartets.

So there are many ways to be uplifted -- perform for others, perform well and hear others perform whether at the local chapter, the district or the Society level. ♪



There was a hound dog laying in the yard and an old geezer in overalls was sitting on the porch.

"Excuse me, sir, but does your dog bite?" the tourist asked.

The old man looked up over his newspaper and replied, "Nope.."

As soon as the tourist stepped out of his car, the dog began snarling and growling, and then attacked both his arms and legs. As the tourist flailed around in the dust, he yelled, "I thought you said your dog didn't bite!"

The old man muttered, "Ain't my dog."

Thanks to you, I am singing better now.

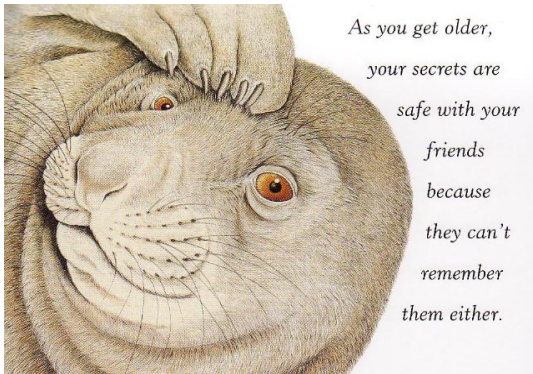
By **John Thomason,**

Leading" since 2005 (or at least trying to)

It's only been four short years but it seems like a life-time. I mean that in a good way, of course! How foolish was I to think that I didn't have time to sing. How preposterous! That's like saying, "I don't have time to pray, or eat, or sleep." These last four years I've had to play catch-up to fit in with the **Little Apple Chorus**. Oh what a great time it has been!

Many years of urging from **Bill Hanson** planted the seed to get involved with singing Barbershop but, I foolishly thought, I'm just not ready. **Dan Bartholomew** has been a business acquaintance since 1993 but I wasn't aware he had such a wonderful bass singing voice. The week after the 2005 **LAC** Spring Show "**Bart**" was getting his RV Trailer ready for a summer of fun. We were chatting about the upcoming summer camping season and he said he was looking forward to a much-deserved break after his most recent "project". He had just completed his role as chairman of the LAC Spring Show! I believe his comment was, "Man, I'll never do that again!" or something to that effect. My response was that I didn't know he was in the **LAC** and I had been thinking of joining for several years. "Well let me tell you!" he said, in his best retired Colonel salesman voice and informed me of the Spring Open House.

He invited me to come and join in the "Joyous Noise and good Fellowship" that I would find with the Little Apple Chorus. **Bart**, you were 100% right on the mark! The "Joyous Noise and good Fellowship" grabbed a hold of my Soul and wouldn't let go. The rest is history. Now I just need to learn how to sing Barbershop. So far the Chorus has been very patient with me and I have learned a great deal about my voice and my "inner child". I look forward to many enjoyable years with the **Little Apple Chorus** and the great group of men, and women, who give it the vibrant Life it displays each and every day. Thank you I can sing better now (I think). ♪



*As you get older,
your secrets are
safe with your
friends
because
they can't
remember
them either.*

ACMFG says Thanks to Jacquie! and Hello, Heath and Jill

By **Bob Swenson**

Some of our chapter members enjoy a longer evening of fun and fellowship by attending our weekly after chapter-meeting get-togethers. They used to be held at Applebee's for about the last 4 or 5 years, but a change in directives from their management has made us move on. It seems that we want to party longer than their now-enforced 11:00 PM closing.

Jacquie was a favorite bartender and hostess at Applebee's who always greeted us with a smile, usually had our tables set up, knew what beverages each of us required, and got to know most of us by name. As closing time approached, she would turn off the piped in music so we could sing, and we enjoyed singing and fellowship together until the early morning hours. It was fun to go to Applebee's even if not on Thursday evening and be greeted and served by her and the rest of the crew. Jacquie became a friend and convert to our music, and the group returned appreciation to her with Christmas bonuses and complimentary tickets to our show.

After management at Applebee's forced us to move to a new location, many of us did return for one final farewell visit, as Jacquie has graduated from KSU and was moving to Colorado. She presented each of us with a specially prepared gift including a list of the five things she'll miss most about her time here. Her list included "The surprised look on other customers faces when we started to sing", "a much better Happy Birthday song", and "That Marching Song". It seemed **Jacquie** grew fond of our version of "South Rampart Street Parade", and it was a standing request from her.

So now the ACMFG, (After-Chapter Meeting Fellowship Group) has established a new relationship with **Jill and Heath** at Paddy O'Quigleys, and we're looking forward to the same type of fun and fellowship there. There were fifteen of us at the last meeting and several regulars were missing. It's a fun group, no dues required, and includes a drunk who never drinks anything alcoholic, a guy who drinks tonic water by the pitcher, sometimes a pretty lady or two, several "one-beer and I'm gone" guys, usually three-quarters of one or two of our regular quartets, few baritones, joke and story tellers, non-chapter members, and about every other label you could pin on a guy or gal. You'll be welcomed warmly should you show up.♪

August 22 Retreat is full of Music, Fellowship and Celebration

By **Jim Lindquist**,

The **Little Apple Chorus** Board has scheduled a chapter retreat for Saturday, August 22 at Rock Springs 4-H Ranch south of Junction City. **Jim Bagby** of the Kansas City chorus will be our clinician and you won't want to miss the day of working on our craft that **Jim Bagby** and our musical directors, **Ken** and **Don** are putting together. Tentative plans call for gathering and refreshments at 9:30 and to be on the risers ready to sing at 10:00 a.m.

You will enjoy the location of Rock Springs Ranch. It is wonderful retreat location that is literally in our back yard. A short 30 minute drive from Manhattan, you will enjoy the beauty of the Ranch and the facilities that are available to Kansas 4-Hers and others who use the facility year round.

The Board has approved the Chapter to pay all expenses of the day including coffee, tea, cinnamon rolls, and a buffet lunch. We will also use this day for our "summer picnic" and invite our wives out for an early evening opportunity to see the camp and enjoy a 6:00 p.m. meal in the Williams Dining Hall. The Chapter will pay for that too!

So put August 22 on your calendar. We are committing to 40 chapter members attending, but would like to see many more. We will have a day filled with **music** and the opportunity to improve our singing and stage presence. We will enjoy the **fellowship** of our chapter members in a great retreat setting, and have a chance to visit the historic Ranch house and spring fed water wheel as well as the rest of the camp. And we will **celebrate** our many successes as a chapter this year and the support of our wives as we treat them to a great evening meal.♪



Just a warning.
Be careful
where you read
the
InCider

Exciting news!

By **Don Thomson**,
Associate Director



The board voted to accept an invitation to sing with the Wamego Sweet Adelines again. This time it is a Christmas Concert. The date is December 5th and will be held at the Manhattan High School Auditorium. This is exciting because we have not really worked on Christmas music for several years. **Ken** is excited to be singing with the WSA's again, and also learning a couple of new Christmas songs.

This is also a good time to ask your friends and neighbors if they would be interested in singing in a Christmas chorus! We have several members of our current chorus who joined just for that reason. More information will be provided as we hear more from the gals. In the meantime, put December 5th on your calendar!♪



A job well done

K-State Research and Extension Tuesday newsletter

Alpha Rho Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Phi is pleased to announce that **Dr. Jim Lindquist**, Assistant Director, Extension Field Operations, has been selected to receive the Distinguished Service Ruby Award. This is the highest honor that can be received nationally by a member of the Extension Professionals Organization.

Jim will be recognized at the National ESP Conference September 13 - 16, 2009 in Fargo, North Dakota. In addition to receiving this national recognition, Jim will also be the featured speaker at the Ruby Luncheon, Tuesday, September 14.

Additional information about this conference is located at

www.espnational.org/2009NationalMeeting/index.htm

Congratulations **Jim** for being selected to receive the Distinguished Service Ruby Award. A well deserved award and we are pleased for your recognition and award. ♪

June birthdays

Larry Bowers	6/3	Mason Swenson	6/21
John Coty	6/12	John Trail	6/4
Mark Robb	6/17	Travis Troyer	6/25



President Harvey Kiser presented Gary Mott with the Barbershopper of the Month Award at a recent meeting.

Congratulations to **Gary Mott** for being selected as the May Barbershopper of the Month (BOTM). **Gary** provided an important function by serving as the chapter's Spring Show program book chair. Gary worked with the program ad sales team and coordinated the content and ads with the publisher of the book. His dedication and meticulous procedure led to the production of a fine show program book. Thank you from the entire chapter, **Gary**.
Harvey Kiser, President



**Komments
 By
 Karen**

As I have been putting this edition together, I can see that you will have a very busy fun filled Summer with all the activities that have been planned for you as barbershoppers. The retreat sounds like a great time and the Summer Performances are always fun and enjoyed by those in the congregations.

International convention is coming up soon. I wish we were able to attend that. I am wondering how the *InCider* will fare in the contest. However it is good just to be able to be entered in the contest.

Summer is looking to be great, with all the barber-shop things and then our own fun Summer plans and activities. And all of that fresh garden produce, garden flowers, and beautiful sunsets to be enjoyed. ♪

**Church Performances
 for June 21**

Tom Phillips has completed the schedule for our Manhattan church performances on Sunday, June 21, 2009. Thank you, Tom for contacting each church or assisted living unit, finding out the best time to perform, and arranging the final schedule.

- 8:00 Assemble at First United Methodist Church 612 Poyntz Ave.
 Park in far west area and to north of alley
 Warm-up in basement of main church building
- 8:30 Assemble in choir loft and sing early part of the service
- 9:10 St. Joseph Village, Assisted Living Dining Area; Willow Grove off Browning
- 9:45 Trinity Presbyterian Church, 1110 College Ave.
- 10:10 Peace Lutheran Church, 2500 Kimball Ave.
- 10:35 First Christian Church, 5th and Humboldt
- 11:00 First United Methodist Church (2nd service), 612 Poyntz
- 11:25 College Heights Baptist Church(end of sermon), 2320 Anderson Ave.
- 11:45 Return to FUMC to retrieve personal cars; end of morning program.

Some of the churches have been confirmed for Sunday, July 12 performances in Manhattan and Sunday, July 19 for Wamego and east of Manhattan. ♪



Attending as guests at a recent meeting, former member Bill and Evelyn Lewis were serenaded by the Charades in honor of their 58th anniversary.. Photo by Bart Bartholomew

View from the front

By **Steve Thompson**

I have only been a member of the chorus now for a couple of years, but I would like to pass on my views of being a member. First and foremost, I am extremely proud to be a member of the chorus and I tell most everyone I meet about our chorus and what we do. I try to dispel the stigma of what most people think "Barbershop" is. I let them know that we stand at the forefront of promoting music to our youth. I let them know that we are involved in our community. And lastly, I let them know that we are Red, White and Blue Americans, which brings me to my second point

We do an outstanding repertoire of patriotic songs, of which every one I am so proud to be a part of. We do the Boots and Helmet tribute to our fallen comrades. From someone who has lost some of their troops to enemy actions, this is truly touching. I for one cannot get all the way through our rendition of TAPS without actually bringing a tear to my eye thinking of my Father and uncles who were in WWII, many older friends who were part of the Vietnam Conflict, and many of my friends that were with me through Desert Shield and Desert Storm that endured the Flag Draped Coffin and the Bugle call of TAPS. But mostly, I think of soldiers I knew in Berlin that were killed by a bomb blast at the "LeBelle's" Disco and 4 soldiers assigned to my company that perished in Somalia from an IED that tore their HMMWV apart killing all aboard. I think of these because I stood guard at the memorial ceremonies where "Echo Taps" and "Amazing Grace" was played while we honored their deeds.

The point I am driving home is that I deeply appreciate every note, every chord, and every movement that we as a chorus emit during these performances. I cannot thank each and every one of you enough for your passion that you place in every song honoring all the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines that have fallen. Remember, "The American Flag does not waive from the winds that pass by it." "The American Flag waives from the final breath of every Soldier, Sailor, Airman and Marine who has given his life in defense of our freedom."

Our directors put their hearts into every song, tag and performance we perform. They, along with our Charter and senior members of the chorus, are always willing to lend a hand to ensure we get everything "Just Right", as are other members that sit around you. So many times I feel like I am just out of my league even attempting to sing with such an outstanding group of guys and the gals that support

them. From the first night I sang with the chorus, I have loved it. I do not read music so I attempt to memorize every song, not only the words, but the music. I sincerely hope that if there comes a time that I need to step aside, someone lets me know that for I would never want to bring down the quality of what this chorus does.

Lastly, we have done several patriotic performances lately and if you watch any of the audience members, you can see that we are greatly appreciated for what we do with our songs. Many of my friends that attended the Spring show both last year and this year can attest to the fact that they feel we just keep getting better (The Voodoos Girls could have had something to do with that). From "Metal Heads" to "Country Bumpkins", they have all found that they enjoy our shows and performances, not just for the visual effects, but once they hear that first "Overtone", they are hooked. I think our mission should be to just try and get more people there; the chords will take care of the rest.

So, thank you everyone for all the support you have given me and believe me when I say that I am so proud to be a member and a part of "**The Little Apple Barber-shop Chorus!**"



Giving a try at tag quartet singing recently are Terry Smith, Harvey Kiser, Fred Wachsmuth, with Tom Fish just waiting to tag him out, and Terry Nanninga.



Deep within a forest a little turtle began to climb a tree. After hours of effort he reached the top, jumped into the air waving his front legs and crashed to the ground

After recovering, he slowly climbed the tree again, jumped, and fell to the ground. The turtle tried again and again while a couple of birds sitting on a branch watched his sad efforts

. Finally, the female bird turned to her mate. "Dear," she chirped, "I think it's time to tell him he's adopted".



An adventure with Harry Harmony

Recently Harry Harmony related this story.

Last summer, my wife and I met a couple who were friends of my wife at a restaurant. After lunch, the women decided to go shopping and I invited the man to go sailing. While we were out on the water, a storm blew in. The tide had gone out and we were down wind trying to work our way back through a narrow channel. At one point, the boat grounded and we had to climb overboard and shove with all our might to get it back in deep water.

As my new friend stood there, ankle deep in muck, the wind blowing his hair wildly, rain streaming down his face, he grinned at me and with unmistakable sincerity, said, "Sure beats shopping!"

A note from Wade Dexter

Harvey Kiser

Wade Dexter, Editor Emeritus of the *Serenade* and who reads CSD chapter newsletters, sent a note of congratulations to Karen about the *InCider* that she publishes for the Manhattan Chapter. It is pleasing to receive compliments and she is shy about publishing her congrats. So let me share with you **Wade's** note.
Harvey

"Just want to congratulate for your winning of the CSD Electronic Bulletin Contest. You deserved the honor. Your May 2009 edition arrived just an hour ago, and I sat right down immediately and read every word. I plan to use the word in **Harvey Kiser's** article on page 3 about the award of a front seat for each "Man of Note" at the district convention and contest this fall. I think that's a heckuva good idea.

"I think your bulletin is one of the finest --- if not the finest --- in the Central States District. Of course, I get only about half a dozen bulletins for my column --- darn it! --- but they're all pretty good. But yours is the best. Keep at it. I know your "Old Man" appreciates it."

Sheet music like a road map

Borrowed from **Jon Wagner**, a Chorus Director and Coordinator, Sunshine District,

Here's another of **Mo Trudel's** messages to his chorus: Sheet music like road maps are invaluable tools. They show you the way. Where to start, pause, stop. However, you don't drive well with map in hand.

An actor is less convincing with script in hand and a singer is not truly focused with sheet music between him and his audience. Solution? Memorize the map!

Once we get off the music, we get into the song. I suggested that we all drop the music last Thurs. to sing Teach the Children. We were more effective. The ride was more enjoyable. We have done a B+ job of learning new music this year. You are to be commended. You deserve a backrub! Let's continue the good work.

You know, The musical map can become addictive. We feel more secure with it in hand. We feel we'll lose our way without it. No way! Once you have done your 15-20 minutes a day cartography homework, try driving sans music on Thurs. nites. You will surprise yourself. You will become more aware of the right and left turns you missed. More aware of what you know and what you don't.

Map Reading Assignment: for Thursday Apr. 24 **Thanks for the Memory** (Thanks for the memorization!) Measures 26-35. Not a long segment but challenging. The lead part is tricky. But if I was able to learn it, we all can. Please note: "We'll treasure the sense of elation th't follows a hearty ovation that w-wonderful warmmm sensation with which we're blessed when we've done AHoor' best so..... Happy motoring! **Mo**

Congratulations Justin

Chorus member **Justin Riffey** recently graduated from Wamego High School. **Justin** has joined the US Air Force.

Justin we send our best to you and wish you well in your career.

Are you willing to step forward and be the show chairman for 2010. Your Chapter is in need of your help?



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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 18	Chapter Meeting
June 21	Church Performance Manhattan
June 23	Music in the Park
June 25	Chapter Meeting
July 2	Chapter Meeting
July 9	Chapter Meeting Ladies Night
July 12	Church Performance, Manhattan
July 13	Board Meeting
July 16 –	Chapter Meeting
July 19 –	Church Performance, Wamego

Upcoming Events

**BHS International Convention,– June 29-July 5
Anaheim, CA**

**CSD Membership Workshop – Sat., July 25,
St. Joe, MO**

**BHS Harmony University – July 26-August 2,
St. Joe, MO**

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