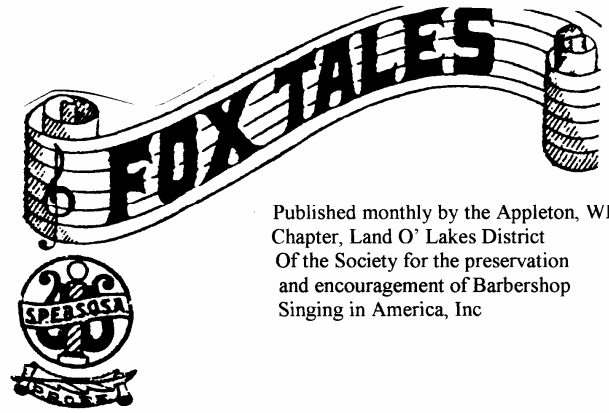


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Valentines performances A huge success

We were successful not in the fact that we received hundreds of calls to perform, but we had a lot of chorus members involved. I will attempt to name all the quartet members and drivers, etc. **Bob Pautz** reported that we had 96 Valentines Day performances.

Touch of Old members are: **Bill Kutscher, Don Gibson, Will Mackin, and Carl Schumacher.** *One Button Short* members are: **Ken Bester, Kelly Aschebrook, Bob Starner, & Don Houdek.** **Dick Staedt, Albert Eg, Don Derozier, & Jerry Wagner** are members of *The Sultans of Sound.* **Mark Cap-pert, Scott Dorschner, Joe Geniesse, and Scott Finley** sang with *Mugshot quartet.* . *GQ4* members are: **Brian O'Neil, Chris Nimmer, Kelly Vandehy, and Scott Crevier.** *Hallmark* quartet members are: **John VerBockel, Tim Thiede, Royal Ulhenbrauck, and Les Hannemann.** Traveling with the quartets is the "front Man" who seeks out the recipient, takes the picture and hands out the rose, etc. These men and one woman are: **Don Gehring, John Scherer, Gene Randerson, Clary Reinhardt, and Mary Nimmer.**

Before all this can take place each chapter must have a Valentine chairperson. A ton of thanks goes out to **Bob Pautz** for getting the advertisement, flowers, quartets and many other functions together before the quartets are ready to perform. In addition to the men mentioned above, we had chapter members and wives take phone call requests. Hopefully I can name them all. They are as follows: **Gerry and Mary Dunning, Jerry and**

Judy Wagner, Gene Randerson, John and Joan Scherer, Ken Felton, John VerBockel, Bob and Judy Pautz.

So, who did I forget? Hopefully I mentioned everyone that was involved. It was a day of spreading good cheer in the Fox Valley and a good way for people to express their love for someone dear to them. Again, how successful were we? Just ask the recipients of the Valentines performances!

Don't forget to patronize the business's that played a part this event. They are: **West Wisconsin Diner, King's Variety, Robinson Floral, and WEMI-AM Christian Radio.**

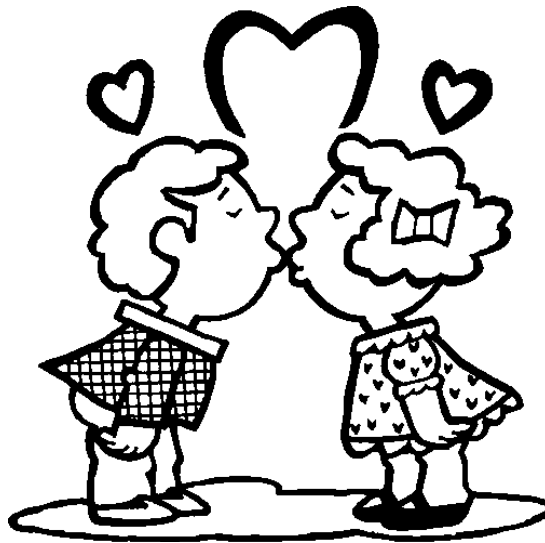
Singing Valentines 2007 or bits of Heaven in "07"

Submitted by **John VerBockel**

I want to start off with congratulating **Bob Pautz** who once again put things together. He received help from a few willing

souls who took orders by telephone. The five drivers that also acted as escorts and photographers for the quartets deserve many thanks too!

The **Hallmark** quartet was kept busy from 8am to 8pm on **Sweethearts' Day.** Voids were filled with a few "freebies" which in turn led to more contacts and interest in our upcoming show. The various locations included offices, nursing homes, barbershops, restaurants, homes, churches, and a hospital. We were apprehensive about two bar contracts, but they turned out fine except for our tux's picking up smoke smell. Besides the usual three songs plus **Mary Lu**, we sang **I Believe** in two churches and a hospital.



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FEBRUARY

- 01 Clifford Lee, Don Gibson,
- 03 Mary Ann Reinhardt
- 06 Gerald Brien, Scott Dorschner
- 16 Dave Tyink
- 22 Karen Schell
- 23 Elsa Braun
- 24 Ken Bester
- 25 Don Gehring
- 26 Frank Knutzen

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- 2-18-50 Russ and Rosemary Johns**
- 2-20-99 Robert and Judy Pautz**

MORE BIRTHDAYS

MARCH

- 02 Judy Pautz
- 03 Ken Felton
- 09 Chris Nimmer
- 12 Rita Kutscher
- 17 Joyce Schreiner
- 20 Millie Brighum
- 26 Irene Lee



Fox Valleyaires Vision Statement

* To be recognized as one of the most musically exciting choral groups in the area.

Fox Valleyaires Mission Statement

- * To promote the barbershop style of music in the community.
- * To extend to all men an invitation to join our chapter and share in the barbershop experience.
- * To offer members the opportunity to improve their musical skills through crafts and coaching sessions, quarteting and tag singing.
- * To produce an annual show, perform in the community and for charity.
- * To encourage vocal music in schools and our community.
- * To use competitions to gage musical improvement of chorus.

Silver Sponsors

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Coming events

The Appleton, Wis. Fox Valleyaires Chorus meets every Tuesday from 7:00 to 10:00 P.M. at the Village Hall, 108 Main Street, Little Chute, Wis. The music committee meets at 7:00 P.M. on the first Wednesday of each month. The board of directors meets at 7:00 P.M. on the **third Wednesday** of each month. All chapter members are invited to attend. Harmony for Lunch Bunch meets at 11:45 A.M. every Thursday at Schreiner's Diner, 2437 South Oneida, in Appleton.

March 3, Saturday: Quartet school: at Mid State Tech. College, Stevens Point, WI Contact Jack Edgerton (715)344-5746| 1804 Conant St., Stevens Pt., WI 54481. Price is \$50 per quartet.

March 6 Tuesday: bring your show costume to rehearsal.

March 30, Friday: Dress rehearsal at Pickard auditorium, Neenah.

March 31, Saturday: Annual show at Pickard Auditorium, Neenah High School. Headline quartet is the **Hot Air Buffoons**.

April 14, Saturday: Youth in Harmony Festival at North High School, Appleton.

May 4-6 Friday-Sunday: LOL District spring convention in Winnipeg. See **Dick Steadt** for bus transportation..

May 18-19 Friday-Saturday: Packerland and Division One contest in Fond du Lac.

June 24, Sunday Afternoon: Kimberly Amphitheater performance. On stage time is 6:30 pm. The rest of the day's activities will be scheduled later.

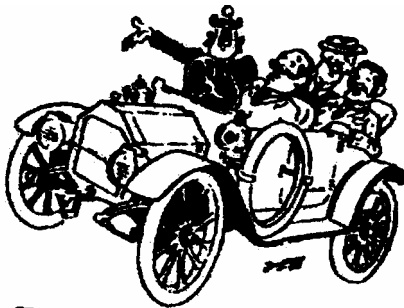
June 22-24 Friday-Sunday: weekend Mini-Hep school in La Crosse. Funding is available. See **Ken Bester** for details.

December 5, Wednesday: Annual Dinner show.

Submitted by **Dick Steadt**

BOARD AND MUSIC COMMITTEE NOTES

Do the terms, “*Grow or Die*” or “*Grow or Live*” mean anything to you? Which one do you prefer personally? Which one has the brighter future for Barbershop? I hope you chose “*Grow and Live*”.



Bring A Guest To Barbershop

2007 is the year of the “*Music Man*” and the Society Membership Team

has proposed a “thematic” membership promotion based on the energetic “**Harold Hill**”. The program will put special emphasis on members that earn a “*Man of Note*” award by bringing a new member.

We all know the most effective recruiting tool is personal contact. All of us, as a team, must put recruiting on the front burner and make an honest effort to replace ourselves on the risers. If we find our replacement while we are vital and active and our replacement does the same, “*Grow and Live*” becomes a perennial growth much like a well nurtured “*Rose*”.

The next step is retention. If members are well nurtured weekly they will renew and the team will continue to “*Grow and Live*”.

As individual members, of the **Fox Valleyaires** team, we have an obligation to be on the lookout for potential singers to add to the “team”. When all is said and done the choice to “*Grow or Die*” or to “*Grow and Live*” is ours. Which one do you choose?

Let’s all select “*Grow and Live*” and make to commitment to do something about it now!

1. The board approved membership for **Robert Maronn**. **Robert** hails from Oshkosh where he is employed by the Post Office. Robert is a member of the bass section.
 2. **Will Mackin** is heading up the Barbershop pole cat program. If you have any interest in learning the 12 pole cat songs and getting recognition for it, sign up with **Will**.
 3. If you have not done so by now, please turn in sheet music for Armed Forces Medley, Beer Barrel Polka, Chattanooga Choo Choo, Cotton Fields, New York New York, and Riverboat Days.
 4. **Jack Edgerton**, Past District President, and a member of the Stevens Point Chapter is our new chapter coach.
 5. The music committee selected songs for the 2008 show. The sheet music is ordered and will be given to members soon after our 2007 show.
 6. The board voted to purchase multicolor shirts with matching ties for chorus members.
 7. Purchase of a new sound system was approved.
 8. The board discussed the possibility of being in the Appleton Memorial Day or Flag Day parade.
 9. Yearly update of the chapter file memorandum has been done.
- The board discussed the possibility of performing at the P.A.C. for the 2008 show. No final decision has been made.

Evergreen District scores two medals

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (Jan. 26) ... Friendly Advice—a quartet made up of a real estate agent, a candy factory owner, a landscape architect and an environmental engineer from Washington State—grabbed the **gold** today in the 2007 Barbershop Harmony Society International Seniors Quartet Contest, beating out 25 other competitors from the Canada, U.S.A., and Australia. The contest was held in conjunction with the Society’s annual midwinter convention this week in Albuquerque.

Friendly Advice members hail from Bellevue and Bellingham areas in Washington. They finished only seven points ahead of **Vintage Gold** from California who took silver for the second year. Third place went to **Great Western Timbre Co.** out of Florida; fourth to **Silver Chords** also of Bellevue, Wash., and fifth place was won by **Catalyst** out of Iowa.

Friendly Advice scored a total of 889 points. The quartet represented the Society’s Evergreen District. **Vintage Gold** scored 882 points and represented the Society’s Far Western District.

GREAT TRUTHS THAT ADULTS HAVE LEARNED

Submitted by **John Scherer**

1. Raising teenagers is like nailing Jell-O to a tree.
2. Wrinkles do not hurt.
3. Families are like fudge, mostly sweet, with a few nuts.
4. Today’s mighty oak is just yesterday’s nut that held its ground.
5. Laughing is good exercise. It’s like jogging on the inside.
6. Middle age is when you choose your cereal for the fiber, not the toy.

A Harvest of Hope

Submitted by **Don Derozier**

Any individual chapter can agonize over the lack of recruits and the constant challenge to retain active members. Issues of attrition, member mobility and, at times, apathy and discouragement, flash before it like a stop-light at an intersection. Group energy at idle stifles growth.

When pioneers abandon adventure for security they take up rocking chairs on the porch of life. There they pray for a barbershop messiah even as they secretly await the grim reaper! They need to make a career transition from hunter to farmer.

Now is the time for “seed-planting.”

We *plant seeds* when we ask a friend or neighbor to consider our hobby. We *plant seeds* in publicity and advertising about performances. We *plant seeds* in the rich soil of *Youth in Harmony*. We *plant seeds* when we support music educators and on-going music training of members. We *plant seeds* when we perform for others, whether in grand theatrical displays or in “Singing Valentines.”

Consider these seeds planted in the last 12 months:

** Hundreds of songs quartets brought to several hundreds of people;

** The Chapter’s presence at civic and community events;

** Chorus shows and sing-outs.

** Nearly 100 contracted Valentines (plus triple that in “free-bees”) presented to young and old alike, regardless of life circumstances.

Harmony-in-action plants love seeds that take time to mature. Our efforts are like “playing it forward” into the greater culture, a culture often devoid of hope, lacking in the blessed assurance that the next generation will

What harvest can we expect?

TOP 10 NEW YEARS RESOLUTIONS

Submitted by **John Scherer**

1. Spend more time with family and friends
2. Fit in fitness
3. Tame the bulge
4. Enjoy life more
5. Quit smoking
6. Quit drinking
7. Get out of debt.
8. Learn something new
9. Help others
10. Get organized



Land O’Lakes

District spring convention news

You may not be aware of it but I've put together a motor coach plan to take folks to the **Winnipeg** convention in May. Plans are to depart Manitowoc early on the morning of May 3rd and spend the day traveling, expecting to arrive in Winnipeg sometime around 9:00 p.m. Presently we're looking to board folks along the route with expected loading stops at Fond du Lac, Fox Valley, Stevens Point, Wausau and points west... traveling Wisconsin 29 west from Wausau... to I-94 west of Eau Claire... through the Cities...to Fargo and catch I-29 north into Canada. This route would seem to be the most reasonable.

The reason we're traveling Thursday is that board members have meetings on Friday. The return trip will begin early Sunday morning with everyone expected to be home by late Sunday evening.

The cost is \$75 per person. Presently there is room for about 30 persons. I have established a deadline of April 1st. If we don't get enough by that date, anyone planning to attend the Winnipeg conclave will have to find another way to get there. So it is important that we here from you if riding along is part of your plans.

The rate does NOT include convention registration nor motel nor travel meals, etc... just the bus!

Dan Schobert M/PR for LOL

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“So you think you know music”

Submitted by **Bill Kutscher**

Here’s your chance to be a hero. Before you go digging in the old piano bench to come up with those old pieces of sheet music from yesteryear, see how many of these lyrics you remember.



1. “You’re the one _____ that’s left in my heart.”

(a) Dream, (b) Rose, (c) Corpuscule, (d) Quartet.

2. “If all my dreams were made of gold, I’d buy the _____ for you.”

(a) Drinks, (b) Moon, (c) World, (d) Ring.

3. “My dreamy

China _____.” (a) Town, (b) Gal, (c) Moon, (d) Doll.

4. “Hear the water turnin’ hear the paddle churnin’, she’s the queen of _____”.

(a) Old Mt. Vernon, (b) Lake Winnebago, (c) Chesapeake Bay.

5. “It’s simply great mate, waitin’ for the _____.”

(a) Old Henry Clay, (b) Robert E Lee, (c) Mississippi Queen.

6. “_____went the strings of my heart.”

(a) Boing, (b) Bing, (c) Ting, (d) Zing.

7. I’ll be walking with my Honey down _____.”

(a) Wisconsin Ave. (b) Main Street, (c) Honeymoon Lane (d) Yonder.

8. “The best things in life are _____.”

(a) Expensive, (b) Mine, (c) Old, (d) Free.

9. “Looking at the World through rose colored _____.”

(a) Eyeballs, (b) Glasses, (c) Binoculars, (d) Key holes

10. “I don’t want my arms around you, _____.”

(a) Anymore, (b) No, not much, (c) when you die.

11. “A _____fell from the tree.”

(a) Robin, (b) Leaf, (c) Blossom, (d) Rain drop.

12. “Those _____with the strange soundin’ names.”

(a) Odd looking people, (b) Far away places, (c) Castles, (d) Animals.

13. “Don’t _____if you don’t mean it.” (a) Bother, (b) Sweetheart, (c) Kick, (d) Follow.

14. “I’m_____ you on your wedding day.”

(a) Thinking about, (b) Looking for, (c) Walking behind, (d) Watching.

15. “Until your walking beside me,_____.”

(a) I’ll say a prayer, (b) I’m all alone, (c) I’ll walk alone.

16. “Now there are fellos complaining about the lady_____.” (a) From next door, (b) From shady lane, (c) From 29 Palms, (d) From Peoria.

17. “They will ring in all their glory, that’s the _____.”

(a) Bells of San Juanita, (b) serenade of the Bells, (c) Bells of St. Elsewhere.

18. “My_____.” for you. a) Dreams are, (b) Dog barks, (c) Heart cries, (d) Boys sings.

19. “My_____are getting better all the time.”

(a) Nights, (b) Dates, (c) songs, (d) Dreams.

20. “Give my regard to_____.”

(a) My mother-in-law, (b) My old flame, (c) Broadway, (d) Madeline.

If you have any problem with this musical test, see your music vice-president.



Introducing **Robert Maronn, our newest member.**

This picture was taken at the Oshkosh High School in 1963. Robert is on the far right. So here we are 54 years later. Robert has finally become a barbershop member.

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**BRING YOUR SHOW CUSTOME TO
THE MARCH 6 AND MARCH 13
MEETING**

Be As Good As You Dare To Be

Submitted by Dick Staedt

**THESE APPLY TO EACH PIECE OF
MUSIC**

1. Make each performance better than the last time.
2. Fix something each time you sing a song
3. Hold something for that last swipe on a tag or the tag in general. Don't throw all in the bowl at once.
4. Make videos, not still frame, unless still frame is called for.
5. Meaning of gesture, not how big or together.
6. Keep vitality going throughout each song.
7. Good performers know the performance. **DON'T RELY ON DIRECTOR**
8. Form Vowel on breath, don't use glottal stop to form first words.
9. **Don't be afraid to make a mistake. Nobody plans to make a deliberate mistake**
10. Take Bill's tempo. We need to be sure of tempo. Tap shoulders to establish if needed
11. **Become a story teller. Set the stage. Take away self inhibitions.**
12. Change facial expression with each new phrase.
13. **Gestures must augment the words and music.**
14. Everyone must be convinced of message, gestures, tempo, etc of each song.
15. Talk to each other about being on time on moves, knowing words and notes.
16. Can't be the same all the time - gets boring

**BE AS GOOD AS YOU DARE TO
BE!**