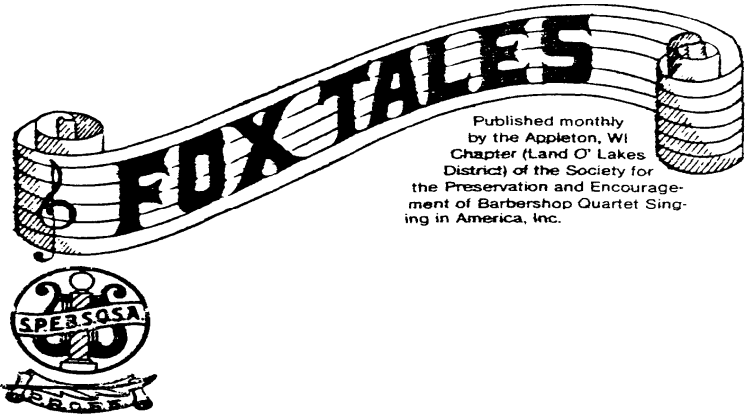


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Mightier Than the Sword

Valentines are not ephemeral, but they do carry the power of words. Words are more than language symbols that stand for some objective reality. Words are more than definitions of ideas about things.

Words carry 'surplus meaning.' They pull up experiential memories, often from a deep, visceral, gut level. When put to music, some words are guaranteed to hook such a response. Take, "Coney Island Baby" for instance.

We sang it to four schools of elementary age students who had no clue as to the place or meaning of the song. But it took only two words to sell the tune:

'BIG FEET' always brought a snicker, a guffaw, or outright laughter as the power of words led to awesome applause.

Don Derozier-Bag-of-Tricks

My Wild Irish Pine!

Singing Valentines to diverse populations challenges the adaptability of even the most experienced quartet. Our novice Bag-of-Tricks boldly met the challenge, sometimes with more gusto than fortissimo!

For example, by the end of our second day we were dragging butt as we returned to "Tootsies" to transfer to our snow-buried cars. As we neared Robinson Florist and Greenhouses we decided to stop, warm up, and sing a couple for one of the businesses that help so much with our project.

Several men were buzzing around to purchase 'that special remembrance for that special gal.' They looked as tired as last minute Christmas shoppers and last minute tax preparers...almost as tired as the employees behind the counter and the

quartet in front. A *Bb* was blown and we launched into 'My Wild Irish Rose', before I realized I was standing behind a Norfolk Pine ornamental that prevented eye-contact with anyone.

But what the hey...after two days in a van it could just as well have been 'My Wild Irish Pine.'

Don Derozier-Bag-of-Tricks

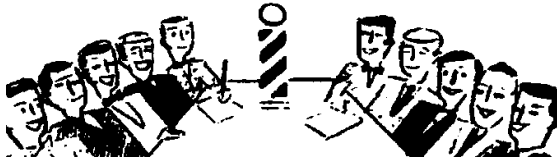
A Valentine's delight Submitted by Will Mackin

"Oh, the weather outside was frightful, but the Valentines were so delightful." Wow! What a blast! Try it, you'll like it. If you didn't get to sing or be a driver for singing Valentines, you missed one of the most moving experiences you could ever have.

The **Touch of Old** quartet made people laugh, cry and be embarrassed. It was great to sing for teachers in front of their classes of little kids and also get hugs. I bet the little ones went home and told their mom and dad that someone sang to their teacher and got hugged in school.

Another moving experience was when we sang to a man who was suffering from Lou Gehring disease. He could not speak but had a little machine and he was able to type out "thank you, you made my day." Believe me that made our day and it also it made us realize how fortunate we are to be able to blend our voices to bring joy to those less fortunate. One wife requested "Lida Rose" if possible for her husband. When we sang it, he sang along singing the part that is usually sung by a Lady. He had a good voice and sure was different. I could go on and on but the kicks are too numerous to write.





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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.

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Up-coming events

You can also check out the upcoming events by going to www.foxvalleyaires.com/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.

April 01, 2008: Rehearsal with the Sweet Adelines at **Grace Lutheran Church 900 North Mason, Appleton**

April 11, Friday Evening: Dress rehearsal at Pathway Church.

April 12, 2008, Saturday: Our annual show at **Pathway Church**. The church is located at 311 West Evergreen Drive (corner of Hwy. 41 and 47. Afternoon show at 3pm. Evening show at 7:30pm.

May 2-3, Friday-Saturday: Quartet Prelims and Spring District Convention in **La Crosse, Wis.**

May 10, 2008, Saturday 12-4pm: Blood drive at the Appleton American Legion Post 38 on West College. Chorus and quartet to perform.

May 17, 2008 Saturday: Packerland Division Contest hosted by the **Fox River Valley Chapter.**

May 26, Memorial Day Performance at Little Chute Cemetery.

June 24, Tuesday: Inner-Chapter Activity: Annual Chicken Chew at South Park in Oshkosh. Hosted by the Oshkosh Chapter.

June 29, 2008, Sunday: 6:30pm performance at Kimberly Amphitheater at Sunset Park.

July 1-6: International Convention in Nashville, TN.

September 27: Octoberfest on College Ave. in Appleton.

November, 11 Tuesday: Veterans Day performance at Outagamie Court Courthouse.

December, 03 Wednesday: dinner show.

March

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

APRIL

- 01 Stacey Cloutier
- 19 Tim Thiede
- 22 Carol Mackin
- 25 Dawn Dorschner
- 02 Kelly Vandehy
- 21 Bill Albrecht
- 23 Joan Scherer



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

April 25

Don and Carol Derozier

Eighth Annual Barbershop Harmony Festival.

Submitted by Dick Staedt



Sooner or later it was bound to happen, a Festival date that included bad weather which caused many students to stay home. Of the 50 plus students that music educators indicated would attend, only seventeen actually made it. The good part was we had a good balance of voice parts and the boys sang very well.

Thanks to **Brett Lewis** for filling in for **Joe Liles**. **Joe** wound up in the hospital after shoveling snow on Friday, before he left for the festival. He is doing fine and has now bought a big snow blower with electric start.

Don Derozier, who helped out all day Saturday, and **High Rez Quartet** deserve a big thank you also. Thanks to the chorus members for turning out in the snowy weather for the performance. I'll be planning for the ninth Festival shortly.

In talking with a parent after the performance, I found out we have another Barbershop group meeting at Xavier High School. They meet at 7 AM on Fridays. Now that is dedication. *Wouldn't be neat to get the Barbershop students from Neenah and Xavier together and have both groups on our Show in 2009? Think about it.*

The desire to sing music in the Barbershop style is becoming something that the students are asking to do and are willing to put in the extra time to do it. As **Fox Valleyaires**, we can be proud of our support of the Festivals and HX Camp, because these activities are where the students are hearing and singing the style.

Chapter Development What is it?

Submitted by Gerry Dunning

Much of my job for the year will be concentrated on how we can attract new members. It has been found that the best way to do that is by recognizing those men that each of us meet in our lives who like to sing and are willing to give up the time to learn our craft. The rewards are great. I can't help but think that **ENTHUSIASIM** on our part along with a **KNOWLEDGE** of what happens in our

singing life with the Fox Valleyaires will go far in attracting new members.

Are you prepared to act when that time comes and you meet that person? It can happen anytime, anywhere.

Do you have cards in your wallet, which are available from our chapter, listing all the information about where and when we meet?

Do you go over in your mind what you would say to that prospective member? Can you remember his telephone number?

Can you write it down? Are you willing to go out of your way to follow up maybe to give him a ride?

Do you know when to back off and think about it? You may need to give it more time, so that you don't sound like a nag (lacking a better word.)

Besides attracting new members, what do we do about keeping those who are already singing with us? Sometimes we need to make sure we greet our fellow members, taking an interest in them. Do you know if they are having a tough time climbing up and down the risers? A little interest in another's health goes a long way. All of us appreciate that.

I believe that Chapter Development is recognizing all those things that help us improve as chapter. This may be interacting with the Board, the Music committee or any other function of this chapter.

The Fifty-year Club

And more

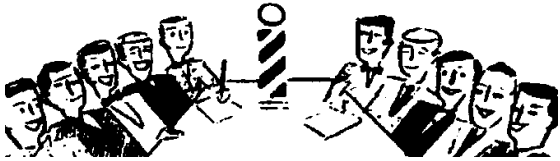
Will Mackin has joined a very exclusive club. The fifty-year or more club has gained a new member. Pictured from left to right are: **Rollie Tonnell** (60-yrs), **Will Mackin** (50-yrs), **John VerBockel** (51-yrs), **John Scherer** (55-yrs) and **Carl Schumacher** (52-yrs). Another member of this exclusive club is **Russ Johns** with 55 years.



Music and Board notes

Blood Drive: On May 10 at Appleton American Legion Post 38 on West College Avenue. The time is from 12-4pm. We hope to have continuous music performances by the Fox Valleyaires, chapter quartets and outside chapter quartets.

We received learning CD's for 8 songs from James



Estes for the 2009 show. The songs are: 1. Cool Water, 2. Riders in the Sky, 3. Jingle Jangle Jingle, 4. Sioux City Sue, 5 Wa-Hoo, 6. Deep in the Heart of Texas, 7. Happy Trails to You, and 8. There'll be no new tunes on that old Piano. We have the learning tape for the ninth song, Lost In the Stars.

What to do with old Tux, green jackets, and piano: If you have any ideas please talk to a board member.

Flag Day Parade: we need to act on this soon. Let the board know what you would like to do.

Coaching for members: If chorus members want individual voice lessons they can contact Karen Leigh-Post, Associate Professor of Music voice at Lawrence Conservatory of Music. Appleton, WI 54944 Tel: 920-832-7497. E-Mail: leighpok@lawrence.edu or go to http://www.lawrence.edu/fast/leighpok

Dinner Show: As instructed, Bill Kutscher searched the Society Holiday song catalog and came up with a ton of songs with learning tapes. Bill Albrecht will pick one or more from the following List: Frosty the Snow Man, Home for the Holidays, Jingle Bell Rock, Let it Snow, I saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus, Santa Claus Parade, Santa Claus is coming to Town. The music team suggested that Albrecht consider Toy Soldiers on Parade.

SOCIETY NEWS

From District President, Chuck Koerner, a report on the Mid Winter President's Meeting.

The Land O'Lakes District had four chapter presidents at a dinner meeting hosted by the Presidents Counsel. 800 surveys were sent to chapter presidents and 300 returned. There was a Q & A session with all the Society Staff Members. A director survey was sent to chapter members throughout the society with five questions which asked about the level of director satisfaction from the members.

- 91% felt the director taught singing and performed well
83% felt the director supported the needs of the chapter
80% thought the director chooses music well
83% said the director supported the chapters vision statement
77% said the director had strong leadership

2008 – 2009 Society Goals

- 1. Chapters Grow and Retain Members
2. Chapters are Active in Community Service
3. Members feel a sense of Identity and Belonging with the Barbershop Harmony Society Activities

In general it was felt that the chapters did not fully utilize the Society programs available to them.

Membership focus for 2008 will be on retention first, then recruiting new members. Look for info on Singing Brigade development in 2008. The article is in the current Harmonizer.

ASCAP is still developing agreements in licensing progress so be sensitive to the current requirements. IRS Form 990n will have to be completed by each chapter electronically.

The Presidents Counsel Discussions indicated members need to attend barbershop functions and Division and District levels. Barbershop is a Participation Hobby and if you don't participate you are missing a good deal of what Barbershop is all about.

I will miss George

Submitted by Gerry Dunning

The last two weeks I have walked up to my usual spot on the riser at the start of our Tuesday night practice. I have looked down and there was my spot. I looked around me as we started our warm ups and found my friends. I suddenly realized that there was an empty space on my left, maybe George Paltzer is working late this evening, and then it hits me George is gone. It is an odd feeling. I think it is because we have stood next to each other for a long time. We were used to each other. We recognized some of the same humorous things that came up during the night.

We could recognize a sour note or a missed word in a song. It didn't matter we would get it right the next time. Only there won't be a next time. I look around me and notice the age and the frailties of us all. But, Tuesday night practice sure beats sitting and staring at a television set. I always thought that singing brought a lift to our souls. And we all need that lift. I guess I will get used to not seeing George. The riser positions will be adjusted and memories will fade. But I will still miss George.

How many times do we greet other members and tell them that you are glad to see them? If you know they have been ill, how are they now? Maybe it is just showing concern for each other. A smile goes a long way.

As someone once said, "Let's get a quartet out there", George is probably verbally pushing some quartet singers out in front of the heavenly choirs saying "You ought to hear good Barbershop harmony".

Foot note: George Paltzer died in February while vacationing in Texas with his wife, Donna.

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While over 100 friends helped **Reuben Ott** a former member of the Ap-



Harold Baerenwald and Dick Staedt are in the photo with **Reuben**.

pleton and the **Kla-Chute** chapters celebrating his 100 birthday in Chilton on March, 1, 2008. **John VerBockel, Will Mackin, John Scherer, Don Gehring,**

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We extend our condolences to **Donna Paltzer** and the rest of the **Paltzer** family on the sudden death of their father and husband **George**.

Dear Fox Valleyaires,

Thanks so much for singing at George's funeral.



he heard you singing!

The music was beautiful and I had many comments on how much it added to the service.

Barbershopping was one of George's favorite hobbies and I know he would have been proud. I'm sure

The George Paltzer Family

We also extend our condolences to **Bob and Todd Thiel** and their families on the death of **Bob's** mother and **Todd's** Grandmother. Another death in our barbershop family accrued when **Tom Surka**, a former member of the chapter lost his mother.

"The happiest people are those who are too busy to notice whether they are or not."

-William Feather

ATTITUDE

Submitted by
Gerry Dunning

"The longer I live, the more I realize the impact of attitude on life. Attitude, to me is more important than facts...It is more important than the past, than education, than money, than circumstances, than failures, than successes, than what other people think, say or do. It is more important than appearance, giftedness or skill. It will make or break a company, a school, a home (or a chapter).

The remarkable thing is that we have a choice everyday regarding the attitude we will embrace for that day. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the one string that we have, and that is our attitude. I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me and 90% how I react to it. And so it is with you...we must be in charge of our attitudes.

By **Charles Swindoll**

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Rehearsal schedule

April, 01 Grace Lutheran Church
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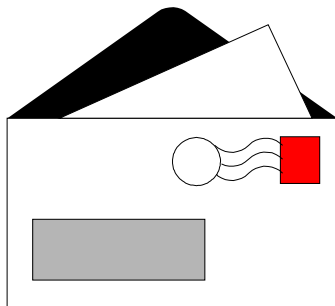
WE GET MAIL!

DEAR Mr. Staedt,

I would like to apologize for the lateness of the paperwork that you have received. I've been holding on to them, hoping for the other students to hurry & get them to me, for about the past two weeks. If they eventually get the necessary paperwork to me, I will be sure and get them to you right away.

As of me writing to you, there is just myself and one of my freshmen barbershoppers that plan on attending the HX Camp. His name is **Ryan** and he is very excited. He has great enthusiasm for barbershop and I hope that this first real experience with more than the fifteen guys in our group will really encourage him to stick with it. He continues to pester me about what songs we're doing and when we'll get them.

While I understand his excitement and his "Freshman Demeanor", it's really quite encouraging for me to see...him like this. I don't think **Mr. Oxley** will be teaching too much longer, and if he's gone from the music program at Neenah...I'm sorry to say there won't be too much support for something as wonderful as Barbershop. This was one of my



motives to starting the group at NLS this year, because with **Mr. Oxley** gone it will have to be student oriented.

This point then brings me to the necessity of once again thanking you for providing students with this wonderful opportunity. I would like to make it known to you that next year I intend on attending UW-Oshkosh for a degree in Criminal Justice. The best part of this decision is not that I will stay local and probably join a chapter, but that I would like to start a barbershop group at UW-O. I've been talking with **Seth Boyte** (student director of the Oshkosh West Barbershop group) and he has the same intentions. We would like to create an ensemble that will be recognized by the University. With that in mind, it's thanks to men like you that have started us on this path that we are following.

I'm looking forward to the HX Camp myself, and working with all the guys. I can't wait to see some familiar faces from Oshkosh West High School, either. Hopefully some of the older gentlemen like **Jack Kile**, **Warren Steinert** and **Olie** (if that's how you spell his name?) will be there.

Thanks again for everything and I look forward to hearing back from you soon.

Sincerely, **Sean Ciske**