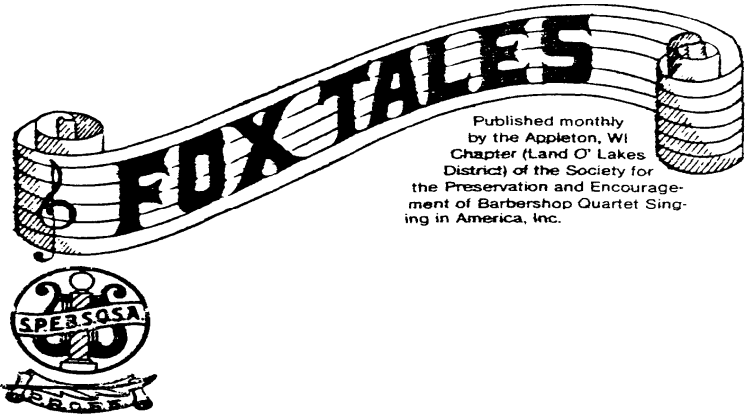


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Barbershop Golf Outing

Saturday, August 22, 2009 was the chapter golf outing at Irish Waters Golf Course. Twenty nine brave soles, (60 degrees on an August morning???) came to test their skills against the eighteen-hole course. As usual, **Gene Randerson** brought in his family ringers to fill

out the seven foursomes. Just kidding Gene, we were happy to have them with us again. **Mike Blair**, from the Baylanders chorus from Green Bay, ventured down to join us for the day.

My thanks to **Ken Felton** for his assistance in getting the final total of golfers put

together. He also collected the money and brought in the hole flags. Thanks for your help Ken.

After golf, everyone enjoyed a brat and burger lunch while waiting anxiously for the prizes to be awarded.

The low team score went to **Keith Schmitz, Jon Talbot, Matthias Lundquist, and Brad Peters.**

Yea! Some of the ringers Gene brought in. came in with a 62 and received \$20 gift certificates for their efforts. Congrats, guys.

The team of **Kelly Vandehy, Colin Stevenson, Jason and Corey** took the chapter traveling trophy with a score of 63. Congrats, guys.

Women's prize winners were:

Longest drive	Maggie Talbot
Longest putt	Margaret Ann Randerson
Closest to Pin in 1	Maggie Talbot
Shortest Drive	Leslie Talbot
Most balls in water	Leslie Talbot

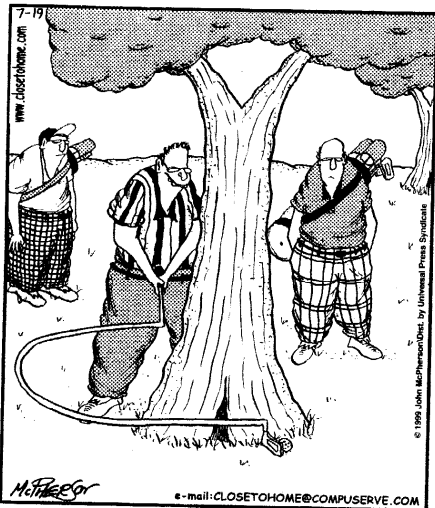
Men's prize winners were:

Longest drive	Kelly Vandehy
Longest putt	Jon Talbot
Closest to pin in 1	Brad Peters
Shortest drive	Scott Finley

Most balls in water
Mike Blair

Thanks to everyone for making our chapter golf outing another successful venture.

Dick Staedt



Fortunately, Roger just happened to have a tree wedge in his bag.



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2009 Fox Valleyaires Chapter
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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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BIRTHDAYS

SEPTEMBER

- 02 Gene Randerson
 07 Junice Hannemann
 13 Joanne VerBockel, Vicki Reybrock
 17 John Scherer,
 21 Kathy Brien
 27 Kelly Aschebrook
 28 Ken Brigham



OCTOBER

- 12 Donna Baerenwald
 14 Esther Murray
 27 Andy Smith
 30 Marlene Knutzen, Brian O'Neil

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- 9-03-55 Don and Nancy Gehring
 9-10-60 Bill and Rita Kutscher
 9-13-03 Mark and Diane Cappert
 9-16-95 Dale and Dawn Dorschner
 9-19-59 Dick and Dawn Staedt
 9-19-98 Clary and Mary Ann Reinhardt
 9-25-93 Chris and Mary Nimmer
 10-01-60 Norbert and Jean Braun
 10-09-54 Will and Carol Mackin
 10-06-80 Paul and Vicki Reybrock
 10-11-75 Robert and LuAnn Starner
 10-19-79 Tom and Ann Vandenberg
 10-25-85 Kelly and Kim Vandehy
 10-31-87 John and Mary Beth Micke





To My Fellow Barberhsoppers:
 Just a note to remind you that if you are looking for a different dining experience, visit my students and I at Ione's Restaurant at FVTC. Come enjoy great food, Wisconsin wines and beers, at reasonable prices, and support the Culinary Arts program *and* contribute to the students learning at the same time! For more information regarding prices and available reservations, visit our website at www.fvtc.edu/iones/.

Thanks!
 "Chef Scott"

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 at the Kimberley Senior Citizens building.

The board of directors meets at 7:00 P.M. on the **third Wednesday** of each month at the Kimberley Senior Citizens building. 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.

Sunday, October, 10: Sweet Adeline's Show. More details later.

Friday-Saturday October 23-24: L O L District fall contest in Rochester, MN.

Tuesday, November, 03: Holiday Chorus... **first rehearsal...a good tool for recruitment.**

Wednesday, November, 11: Veterans Day performance on the Outagamie Court House steps.

Thursday December, 3: Holiday Dinner show at Grand Meridian Hall.

Sunday, December, 13: Holiday chorus performance at St. Paul; Lutheran Church in Neenah. **Time to be determined.**

Tuesday, December, 22: Nursing Home performance (Brewster Village) and white elephant party. Location of party to be determined.

Friday, January 15, 2010: Annual dinner and officer installation at Germania Hall in Menasha.

Saturday, April 10: Annual show at Xavier High School. Guest quartets are: Lunch Break and X-Factor.

HOLIDAY CHORUS



The big push for holiday chorus members is on. Ken Felton has instructed us to

get names of at least 2 of our friends, or strangers, that you have invited to attend our Holiday chorus rehearsals. The **guests** are asked to learn just 4 songs; **Silent Night, We wish you a Merry Christmas; I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas and Jingle Bell Rock.**

Music Committee and Board Notes



Jim Hall has accepted to be our new director. He will officially take over on November, 01. This will be a change for many of us because **Bill Albrecht** has been our director forever. Well, it seems like forever, but actually for the last 12 years. The following are some old and perhaps some new guidelines of our responsibilities to the director. Good rules to follow for any chorus.

Chorus Responsibilities:

1. The Chorus membership shall make every effort to be in good attendance.
2. The Chorus membership shall make every effort to learn the music and be prepared for each meeting rehearsal.
3. The Chorus shall provide a desirable meeting place.
4. The Chapter President, or someone appointed by him, shall be responsible for controlling all disturbing influences, such as outsiders disturbing rehearsal, disturbances by Chorus members, drunkenness, rudeness to the Director, or ungentlemanly behavior.
5. Should undue criticism of the Director arise, it shall be brought to the Director, in private, by the Chapter President or someone appointed by him.
6. The Chorus shall inform the Director of Chapter rules and administrative decisions, and shall give the Director the opportunity of suggestion or opinion on administrative matters.
7. The Chorus shall be responsible for constant and selective recruitment of new members.
8. The Chorus shall consult with the Director before accepting a singing engagement.
9. The Uniform Committee shall give the Director the opportunity of suggestion or opinion on costuming and make-up.



Guests are needed for the Holiday Chorus

The following is the Press release that went out to all the local papers.

PRESS RELEASE

For immediate release

Fox Valleyaires announce new chorus director

Appleton, WI – The Fox Valleyaires men’s barbershop chorus is excited to announce that **Jim Hall** has agreed to move from Hudson, Wisconsin to become the new director of the Fox Valleyaires. The Fox Valleyaires is a men’s barbershop chorus that meets every Tuesday night from 7:00 until 9:30 at the Little Chute Village Hall, 108 W. Main



Street in Little Chute, WI.

“We are thrilled to be able to find someone with as much experience as **Jim Hall**,” said **Jack Marcoe**, the president of the Fox Valleyaires. Jim has directed seven different choruses since 1974, including twenty-six years as director of the St. Croix Valley barbershop chorus. He is presently directing the Bloomington, Minnesota, chorus. He sang baritone in the 1976 Land O’ Lakes District Barbershop Champion Quartet “The Talk of the Town” and was also a two-time international competitor with that quartet.

Jim Hall was a two-time international competitor with the Minneapolis Commodores. He also was a two-time international competitor with the Great Northern Union Chorus, placing as high as fourth place. He has been active in coaching both quartets and choruses in Wisconsin, Minnesota and Canada.

Bill Albrecht, who has directed the Fox Valleyaires for the last 12 years, stated: “I am ecstatic that Jim has agreed to lead our chorus. We are lucky to find someone with his outstanding credentials. I love the Fox Valleyaires and plan to remain active as a member, but I need to step down as musical director due to other commitments.”

The Fox Valleyaires are planning their annual dinner show at the Grand Meridian on Thursday, December 3rd, and their major annual show on April 10th at Xavier High School. Mark your calendars accordingly and call Carl Schumacher for tickets at 920-731-0976. If you are a singer, or know of someone who likes to sing, ask him how to join the Fox Valleyaires.



An Announcement from Your Society President

New Board Committee Members Announced:

Society President Bill Biffle announces several board committee appointments for 2010: Joe Berger to the Nominating Committee, Steve Delehanty to both the CEO Evaluation Committee and the Compensation & Benefits Committee, and Keith Hopkins and Todd Wilson to the Honorary Membership Committee. President Biffle extends his thanks on behalf of all the members of the Barbershop Harmony Society to these men for accepting these important assignments.

WE NEED YOU



We Need More Readers!

Livewire readership grows each week, but not enough! This online newsletter is a useful way to relay news to barbershoppers and those interested in barbershop, so we need to take advantage of it! Please pass along this newsletter to contacts in your e-mail address book, and tell them to subscribe by e-mailing livewire@barbershop.org with "SUBSCRIBE" in the subject line.

Thanks for helping spread the word!



More Music and Board Notes

- 1. **Will Mackin** proposed re-introducing the Pole-Cat program. **Clary** will take a survey how many members have a pole-cat book. We need a book for every member. **Jim Hall** will teach pole-cat songs along with tags. More gang singing. Encourage members to stick around after the meeting.
- 2. **Jim Hall** will introduce 2 new songs for the spring show. (My Old Kentucky Home plus another un-named song). We will cut Please Mr. Columbus and Cabaret. All songs should be memorized by January, 01.
- 3. **Cindy Becker** will be here on September 15 and October 6. **Jim Hall** will also be here on September, 15 and will try to be here on October, 06
- 4. Date for the Kimberly Amphitheatre performance is on July 11. Jim Hall suggested that we invite Sweet Adeline's and do 2 joint numbers (8-part harmony.)
- 5. **St. Paul Lutheran Church** has agreed to host the December, 13 performance. Clary and Jim Hall will check out the church on September 16 to see if it is suitable. Music committee suggested we sing at a nursing home on December 22. Need to find a location. Suggest that board find a location for White-elephant party to be held on the same evening
- 7. **Bill Kutscher** and **Carl Schumacher** have been advised to write up an article for the Fox Tails regarding our discussion on a possible guidelines or Competition policy. Hopefully we will not need a competition in the future.

Congratulations to Alex and Meaghan Kuen on the birth of their son, Andrew.



Attendance.....why is it important?



At our recent chapter Music Team meeting we spent serious time discussing our "Mission Statement". Our Music Team is very

concerned over the recent attendance of some of our members. If we are to continue being a high performance and contest-activated chorus, we need to improve our attendance at weekly rehearsals.

We are reluctant to mandate a policy where so many rehearsals have to be met in order to perform in contest or a show. Many of the top choruses have such a policy. We understand that some have problems making it every week, (such as shift workers, illness, etc) but too many individuals are showing a lack of interest and chapter dedication lately by missing too many meetings, especially during the summer months and right before contest time.

If the membership wants to keep the attendance policy status quo, then we need better turn outs on meeting nights and performances. We don't want to establish a compulsory policy where you would be required to attend a certain number of rehearsals quarterly. Nobody likes that kind of policy.

So if we are to continue our push for a high standard of excellence in performances, competition and all – around musical accomplishments, we need everyone on the same page. Remember there is no "I" in team.

Written by **Bill Kutscher**

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

50th

Dawn and Dick Staedt

Dorothy and Bill Hortsch

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“TOUCH OF OLD---TOO OLD?”

Submitted by **Bill Kutscher**

Due to personal and family issues the *Touch of Old* will officially hang up their quartet card after their last performance in October. Unofficially you might find us singing a song or two occasionally, as we still enjoy singing together.



It all started back in January 1999, when **Bill Zarnow** passed away and his wife asked **Will** if he could round up a quartet to sing at the funeral. Will

was a member with bill in the Kau-Chute chapter. Because the funeral was during the week, he looked for four retirees who might be available. To make a long story short, **Will Mackin, Carl Schumacher, Don Gibson and Bill Kutscher** were available and temporarily out of quarteting.

So with one rehearsal, this foursome sang for Zarnow’s funeral, with some good reviews, and decided to try it officially. By being able to entertain and practice during the daytime we were able to reach many groups such as senior centers, nursing homes, businesses, et cetera, who ordinarily wouldn’t have experienced barbershop harmony.

By sticking to our name sake, we pretty much sang “Old time songs” that fit the *Touch of Old*. Oh, we did sing an occasional novelty or modern song, but the majority of songs were stock arrangements from the Society.

Unlike a lot of quartets today, many of whom seem to be semi-professional, we were just Joe Barbershoppers having fun singing as a chapter quartet. It has been an honor representing the Fox Valleyaires chapter wherever we performed.

Not only the quartet, but also our spouses became good friends. As a group we enjoyed occasional parties and dinner engagements, which is another plus to singing in a quartet.

In hind-sight, we had a good run! *We never won a contest-but we never lost a show.* Father Time says it’s time to call it quits. But I believe that we’ll all miss it. We might wear black arm bands for a while until we get used to being home more and not singing so much.