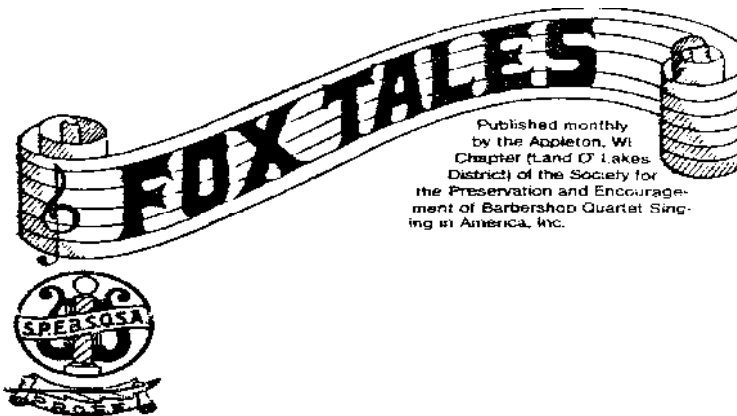


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A Special Night...for All



The Barbershop Bistro and Dinner has just finished...well about three hours ago. I am sitting at home with a fermented malt beverage (better known as a beer) replaying the show. What an evening! In my introduction of the chorus, I told the audience this was a special day for them because:

1. They woke up on the green (white) side of the sod
2. They came to the Bistro and were able to socialize with friends.
3. They were provided with a great meal.

I also told them their evening was going to become even more special because they were about to be entertained by a group directed by the dynamic team of **Bill and Kathleen Albrecht...The Fox Valleyaires.**

After replaying the show I know their evening did become more special. From the first number to the chorus quartets to the mingling with the audience, we made their evening fantastic. What is just as important, it was a fantastic day for **Bill and Kathleen**, the members of the chorus, the Christmas chorus guests,

and the chorus as a whole. It appeared each member was proud of their contribution to the overall sound of the chorus...I know I was.

Many of the guests told me the chorus sounded better than ever and they were looking forward to our next performance. We have not always heard that type of comment recently. Why is our sound improving? Why are we producing a better show for our audiences? Let's look at what has been going on in the chapter the past few months:

1. **Bill and Kathleen** have been working us hard...but we seem to enjoy the work
2. Attendance at rehearsals has increased
3. We have added new members.
4. We have 6 or 7 potential new members that are in the Christmas Chorus.
5. We are socializing after rehearsals...we are singing tags again,
6. We are having fun.

All of these things are working together to create fantastic evenings for our audiences and for us. Last night we had 37 active members on the risers (almost all of our active members) along with six or seven Christmas Chorus members. That alone will add to the sound we produce now and in the future.

Gentlemen and Lady, we are back, we are growing, we are improving, and we are the **Fox Valleyaires!**

Be Fantastic!.....Jack

NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2010

INVESTMENT

Invest in the Future

Now, we've all heard the "pitchmen" say "invest with me and I'll double your money in just...years". On the other hand, if I ask you to invest in the future of barbershop singing, we can almost guarantee excellent results.



If you contribute money to the Harmony Foundation by joining the **Presidents Council, Ambassadors of Song** or any of the other programs you are investing in the future of barbershop singing. You can be assured that your money will be well spent, going to the programs that will help keep this organization going long after we are gone.

I would like to quote our Society President, **Bill Biffle**. He writes "Why save this hobby? Because the world is simply a better place with Barbershoppers and barbershop in it. Everywhere there's a thriving, vibrant barbershop chapter there's a better place to live and raise a family." "We know that barbershop enriches lives—we know this because it has enriched ours."

If you want to read more of what president **Biffle** writes and how you can help keep this hobby alive you can contact any district officer, or call the **Harmony Foundation** and request the booklet "**Shall the Barbershop Harmony Society be saved?**" This is a 20-page booklet that tells you everything about how your Foundation money is used for the future investment of barbershop singing. You can even have some of **YOUR** money come back to **YOUR** district and **YOUR** chapter.

Now that you are all excited about the future of barbershop singing, you may ask, "So how does this help my chapter...right now?...we are losing members... hard to get present members to renew." Have you ever thought that it might be **YOU...we...us**. The next article, I've had this in my computer for a long time,(don't know who to credit) might help us in our recruitment and retention.

HOW TO SELL BARBERSHOP TO PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

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Many of the lessons taught to sales professionals apply to the recruitment of new members into Barbershop. During recruitment drives, each Barbershop Harmony Society member should consider himself to be a salesperson.

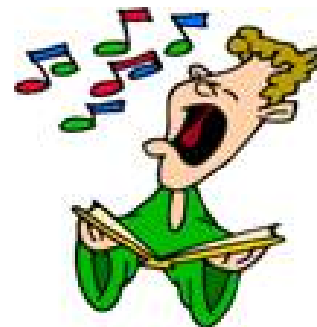
A Good Barbershop Salesperson ...

- * Knows the Society and chapter's history, its organizational structure, chapter goals and achievements, and opportunities available through membership.
- * Can explain the benefits of lifelong friendships, and opportunities for personal growth, leadership development, and increased self-esteem.
- * Understands and can explain the membership requirements and financial obligations associated with membership. .
- * Is willing to seek out potential members to invite them to participate in chapter activities.
- * Will get to know the potential member's needs and interests, as well as their hesitations and can share how the chapter can meet those needs and interests
- * Reviews and knows facts about his Barbershop Harmony Society Chapter, his District and the Society.
- * Is enthusiastic about their membership in the Barbershop Harmony Society.
- * Believes in the chapter and Society's mission, is proud to be a member of the Barbershop Harmony Society and wears the Society and chapter logo apparel and pins, and knows he is or will be able to inform anybody about Barbershop because he is prepared to sell Barbershop.

MUSICAL GOALS

Goals... why do we have them? Are they reachable?

One of the goals of the Fox Valleyaires Chorus is to present an excellent entertaining package. In order to do that, we must learn to sing better. Our co-director, Kathleen Albrecht has put together some goals for our chapter. Listed below are seven musical goals (there are actually nine goals) we will work between now and next October. Bill Albrecht suggested that we concentrate on the first seven. No doubt some of these goals can be incorporated into our warm-ups exercises.



1. Members can identify key signatures of songs
2. Members can identify/sing the interval for the pitch of the song
3. Members find "do" at select parts of a song
4. Members sing all intervals of a scale
5. Members can sing a major scale
6. Members can sing chromatic scale
7. Members can identify and sing with proper posture.

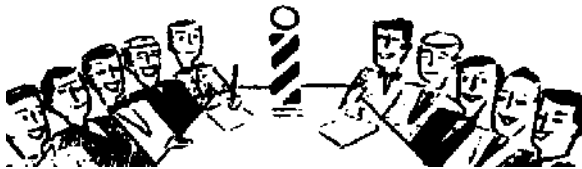
It will be up to us to see if we can accomplish these goals. What other goals would you suggest for our chorus? We could set up a suggestion box at the hall, but better than that, if you have a goal you would like the chorus to work on, please submit that to any Board or Music committee member.

WELCOME TO THE 2011 CHAPTER BOARD MEMBERS

2011 OFFICERS

Submitted by **Bill Kutscher**

Although we didn't exactly load the nomination papers with a selection of names for the



forth-coming year, this years nominating committee, chaired by **Les Hannemann**, did manage to come up with some good workers to get the job done in 2011.

It's interesting to note the number of men whose names always seems to appear on the ballot. They are to be congratulated for their unselfish and dedicated attitude. We can be equally as proud of the newer members who are anxious to serve this chapter. These types of fellows are always in need. I'd hate to think of what would happen if we didn't get these members to come forth and contribute their talents.

Congratulations are in order for our 2011 officers list: President, **Dick Staedt**; Music vice president, **Carl Schumacher**; Chapter Development, **Ken Felton**; Program, **Gerry Dunning**; Secretary, **John Scherer**; treasurer, **Tom Vandenberg**; and the board members-at-large; **Albert Eg, Paul Holzschuh, Tom Kortbein and Mark Vandenberg**.

Give these in-coming officers your wholehearted support, if possible when ever you can. They have a large job ahead and deserve your support in every way, in order for us to continue to be a successful chapter.

Taken from the Old Capital Chorus Town Crier, David Haase, editor

What can I do to improve the chorus?

By **J. P. Marshall, Chapter Development V.P.**

I want our chapter to be better but how can I change the whole chapter? I am not on the music committee. How can I improve the overall sound of the chorus? I am not on the board. How can I make the chapter more successful?

I am not the VP of Chapter Development. How can I help our chapter grow? I am not the President. How can I help our rehearsal structure?

I am sure that many of you have asked yourself these questions before, as have I, and I have had a hard time coming up with the answers. Then I saw a fellow Barbershopper in another chorus standing off to the side working on one move until he had it perfect. I thought it looked good before he worked on it, but he was not satisfied until it was perfect.

When I asked him why he spent so much time on that move he told me that it was hard to make it look right and he was not going to miss it. It was then I realized the answer to all these questions. No one had told him he had to get that move right or he wasn't going on stage, but the guy next to him had it right and the next guy and the guy after that. He was not going to be the only one who didn't have it right.

That is something that can be put to each of those questions I posed at the beginning of this article. **How can I improve the overall sound of the chorus?** If you take personal responsibility to get your part right every time, the guy next to you is not going to want to be the guy wrong so he will get it right every time, and then the next guy and so on.

How can I help our chapter grow? If you take personal responsibility bring in **two guests** to every guest night, the next guy is going to see that and he will bring two guests in and on and on. If we all improve about ourselves what we want to see the chorus improve on and really make an effort to do it right every time, that will be seen by other members and our chorus will become better in that area and as an overall chapter.



2010 Fox Valleyaires Chapter Leaders

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Music Director: Bill and Kathleen Albrecht	
Chorus Manager: Bob Starner	757-6153
Uniforms: Bob Pautz	766-0455
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Octoberfest Chair: John Scherer	739-6687
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Sunshine Comm: Bill Kutscher	725-3855
2009 BOTY: Tom Vandenberg	
2009 Dan Waselchuk Award: Bill Kutscher	
Show Chair: Ken Bester	954-8369
House Comm: Albert Eg	687-9107
Historian: Will Mackin	733-0593
Bulletin Editor: Clary Reinhardt	725-1485
Music Committee: Bill Albrecht, Bill Kutscher, Bill Hortsch, Carl Schumacher, Les Hannemann, Will Mackin and Clary Reinhardt.	

A Veteran is someone, who at one point in their life, wrote a blank check payable to the United States of America for an amount up to, and including, their life. That is beyond honor, and there are way too many people in this country who no longer remember that fact. Copy and paste ...this as your status if you are a Veteran, know a Veteran, Love a Veteran or support the Troops!

Together, we can Change Lives!

Yes, you as a member of the Barbershop Harmony Society and the *Fox Valleyaires* can change lives. You may never know the person, but it could happen any time a young man rings his first barbershop



chord because you are a member of the Ambassadors of Song or the President's Council. What, you are not a member??? Well for the price of a cappuccino or a good cold one a

week, you could become a life changer. Think about it. What would your life have been like without the barbershop experience? The lifelong friendships, performing for the public, president of an organization, singing in a quartet, none of these would have happened had you not joined barbershop.

As an Ambassador of Song for just \$10 a month you could become part of a nationwide movement that is changing lives. Your contribution will support Youth Festivals, Harmony Camps, The Midwinter Youth Chorus Festival and many other activities. On November 16th we honored six *Fox Valleyaires* with over 50 years of Barbershop experience. As 50 year members no longer pay Society dues it would be a great opportunity to convert those dues to contributions to the Harmony Foundation as an Ambassador of Song. Become a part of the Society wide Youth Movement and provide our youth the joy you have found in ringing a barbershop chord.

Dick Staedt

LOL VP Financial Development

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday December, 14: We will have a performance at **Peabody Manor**, after which we will return to the Village Hall for a "*White Elephant*" party. You are encouraged to bring your wife to the party. Uniform will be colorful sweaters.

Tuesday, December, 21: We will have a performance at **Brewster Village**. Uniform will be colorful sweaters.

Tuesday, December 28: There will be no rehearsal. Enjoy the holidays and be prepared to work on the 2011 show songs. Which are: *I'm Sitting On Top Of The World, After You've Gone, Beer Barrel Polka, Hello Mary Lou, Old St. Louie, Take Me Out To The Ball Game, Tiger Rag, Kazoo Concerto, God Bless America, America The Beautiful and This Is My Country.*

January, 7-8: Leadership Academy in River Falls.

January, 15: Annual Dinner and 2011 Officer Installation at Post 38 in Appleton.

Sunday, February, 13: coaching with **James Estes**. Location to be determined

Monday, February, 14: Evening performance with the boys from the Appleton School District.

HOLIDAY CHORUS

A big hit

The Holiday Chorus rehearsal officially got on the way on November 9. Our members really got involved this time inviting eight gentlemen to the first meeting.

Our guests rehearsed several songs with us that we will sing on the dinner show, then stayed for the "after-glow" for sausage, cheese, crackers and some good old fashioned "tag singing". **Jordan Wagner and Nate Daily** came from Appleton; **Danny Vollbracht** from Hortonville, **Chris Borgardt** from Oshkosh; **Russ Simpson** from Kaukauna. **Nathan Stocks** from Fond du Lac, **Alan Schultz** from Neenah, and **Phil Benoit** from Little Chute. The second week we had an additional guest, **Luke Sherry** from Neenah. In addition to these, **Bob Murray, Jerry Brien, Rollie Tonnell**, inactive members, also joined us.



Got a lot of talent in this photo... hope some of you can become a part of our chorus.



Leftover from the Stevens Point show....**Emily Albrecht with Storm Front**

BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY WISHES

November

- 02 Leroy Bauman,
- 09 Clary Reinhardt,
- 17 Kathy Rescheske,
- 23 Robert Starner
- 25 Alan Schultz
- 26 Dorothy Hortsch

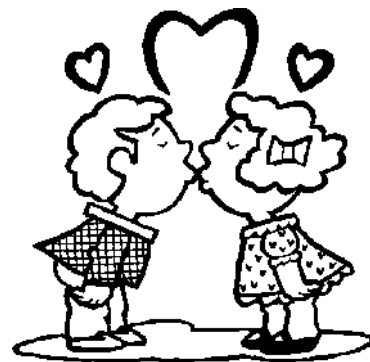


December

- 01 Paul Holzschuh
- 02 Dawn Staedt
- 08 Bret Lewis
- 29 Mary Beth Micke

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- 12-10-59 Bill and Dorothy Hortsch
- 12-27-61 Les and Junice Hannemann



THE FOUR STAGES OF LIFE:

- You believe in Santa Claus*
- You don't believe in Santa Claus.*
- You are Santa Claus.*
- You look like Santa Claus.*



LO'L District Fall Convention

House of Delegates Meeting Report

Ken Bester, Delegate

The District House of Delegates meeting was held on Saturday, October 22, 2010 at the Howard Johnson hotel in Fargo, ND. The meeting was presided over by outgoing District President, **Doug Miller**.

Highlights from the meeting:

There were approximately 27 attendees from 20 chapters represented in the meeting, including special guests from the Society, President **Bill Biffle and Ryan Killeen** from Harmony Foundation.

Bill Biffle's spoke to the group about the retention problem we have in the Society. An interesting statistic he shared showed that 30% of new members do not renew at their 1 year anniversary. His message was geared toward focusing on caring and nurturing new members. In the report of district officers, **Tom Webber** (Division One VP) shared information about the Spring Convention International Prelims to be held in Greendale, WI April 29 – 30.

VP of Financial Development, **Rudy Zarling**, had **Ryan Killeen** speak as a special guest from Harmony Foundation. Ryan gave a history of financial giving of the Society and another interesting statistic. Only 7% of the Society's membership contributes to Harmony Foundation. Our new goal is to get this number into the 30's and 40's. He talked about contributions as low as \$10/month would help our cause and a part of the donation can come back to the district and to the chapter. Harmony Foundation helps fund the Youth Chorus and outreach activities.

Secretary **Bob Brey** reminded chapters that need to complete 990-N forms and mark them as being complete on the e-biz website.

Information was shared about the upcoming training opportunities.

Leadership Academy (formerly COTS) will be held at UW River Falls January 7 and 8.

The Lakes Chord College (formerly mini-HEP) will be held at UW River Falls June 17 and 18.

Harmony Explosion Summer Youth Camp will be held at UW River Falls June 17 and 18

Treasurer **Chuck Schubbe** shared the financial report as of September 30, 2010. The District is in good financial standing in 2010 but is forecasting a \$2500 deficit in 2011.

Officers were elected for 2011. Most notably, **Larry Lewis** will be the District President.

The recommendation to raise the judges' fees as proposed in the agenda of the Board of Directors did NOT move forward at the BOD meeting. The explanation given was sufficient funding was found to eliminate the need for the increase.

Due to popular request, here is the list of quotes used at the Dynamic Leaders Forum:

“Now is the time. Needs are great, but your possibilities are greater” **Bill Blackman**

“The mediocre teacher tells. The good teacher explains. The superior teacher demonstrates. The great teacher inspires.”
William Arthur Ward

“The function of leadership is to produce more leaders, not more followers.” **Ralph Nader**

“One machine can do the work of fifty ordinary men. No machine can do the work of one extraordinary man.” **Elbert Hubbard**

“To accomplish great things, we must not only act, but also dream: not only plan, but also believe.” **Anatole France**

“Great changes may not happen right away, but with effort even the difficult may become easy.” **Bill Blackman**



Hello Gentlemen,

Just a quick note to say how pleased Bill and I were with your performance last night. Silent Night was especially fantastic and we hope that you felt a part of something wonderful as you sang it. It created a breathless moment. We want to thank Ken for setting it up in such a special way with his fantastic introduction. That one gets to me every time!

Bill and I are so thrilled with how hard everyone is working and concentrating on the new vocal production techniques and how flexible everyone has been with the ever changing riser positions! Thank you- thank you!

You are all making it a joy to be with you each Tuesday and for each performance.

We want to publicly thank Les for his work coordinating the tickets and the dinner, Dick for lugging around and setting up the sound equipment, Carl for making, re-making and setting up the lights, Carl, Don and everyone else who set up and took down the risers, Ken and Carl for their musical assistance with the chorus as assistant directors and Dick for his choreo. ideas.

It was a team effort and if we have forgotten to mention anyone, please let us know so we can thank them publicly on Tuesday.

Speaking of Tuesday... remember to study and bring *Take Me Out to The Ballgame and America the Beautiful.*

Dust off *After You Have Gone* as well. We will begin the new interpretation on this song for the spring comedy show, "**Technical Difficulties.**"

Chris and Chris will be doing some craft sessions for us so we can begin to utilize the young talent we have in our midst.

Christmas Chorus members can audition on Tuesday as well.

I am bringing the food and goodies on Tuesday. Bring your appetites!

As always, it is our pleasure to serve you as your directors.

In Harmony,

Kathleen and Bill Albrecht

Wise words...

Taken from the Red Rose Rag, **Alan Levine**, editor

From the Internet.

Long ago when men cursed and beat the ground with sticks, it was called witchcraft. Today, it's called golf.

Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it.

The older we get, the fewer things seem worth waiting in line for.

Some people try to turn back their odometers. Not me, I want people to know "why" I look this way. I've traveled a long way and some of the roads weren't paved. How old would you be if you didn't know how old you are?

When you are dissatisfied and would like to go back to youth, think of Algebra.

You know you are getting old when everything either dries up or leaks.

One of the many things no one tells you about aging is that it is such a nice change from being young.

One must wait until evening to see how splendid the day has been.

Ah, being young is beautiful, but being old is comfortable.

Old age is when former classmates are so gray and wrinkled and bald, they don't recognize you.

If you don't learn to laugh at trouble, you won't have anything to laugh at when you are old.

First you forget names, then you forget faces. Then you forget to pull up your zipper, then Oh my goodness, you forgot to pull your zipper down!

If you jog in a jogging suit, lounge in lounging pajamas, and smoke in a smoking jacket, WHY would anyone want to wear a windbreaker??

And best of all.... I don't know how I got over the hill without getting to the top.

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May your
stuffing be
tasty



May your turkey be
plump,
May your potatoes
and gravy
Have never a lump.

May your yams be delicious
And your pies take the prize,
And may your Thanksgiving dinner
Stay off your thighs!

Happy Thanksgiving Everyone

HOLIDAY CHORUS...continued

Luke Sherry: As I had mentioned before, on the second guest night held on November, 16 we had 1 additional guest, **Luke Sherry** from Neenah. We had no additional guests on number 3 or 4. We hope the guests were pleased with our meeting nights and encourage them to come back



Of course we are hoping that you will want to join us. We have some exciting events coming up this following year starting off with some excellent coaching from **James Estes**, Society staff member on February 13. After that is Valentines performances, division contest and spring show in May.

Come and join the FUN each Tuesday night!

**The next issue of the Foxtales will be
in February**



*Merry
Christmas*