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President's Point!



Mike Banish
President



New guy at the helm...despite my best efforts!

Well, here I am, taking the reins as your new District President! I kept saying that I had two years to figure out how to get out of it, and I guess I failed. Seriously, though, I am very excited and proud that all of you and your chapter leaders have the confidence in me to continue the path of our previous great leaders in JAD. I plan to do my best to encourage a continuation of our great success as a district of the Barbershop Harmony Society.

I'd like to thank **Mark Blake** for his dedication and commitment to the job of District President the past two years. He has been an excellent mentor, fellow quartet singer, and a great friend. He has moved the district forward in terms of both structure and operation, and I hope to continue our advancement.

Like Mark, I am going to continue encouraging the development of strong weekly chapter meetings. As your chapter leaders heard me say at COTS – the district's 2007 Strategic Plan supports and encourages chapters having FUN, however they define it! For those that enjoy competition, we are going to keep providing those events. For those that want to gather at their weekly meetings and sing a little, kibitz a little, and then go home, we want to provide you some tools to have fun doing that. For those that want to do community outreach, youth in harmony, and other public relations activities, we want to offer some assistance.

Hopefully all of you want to grow and share this hobby with others. All of the above activities contribute to growth and the increase in membership. Great chapter meetings foster enthusiasm; and enthusiasm among current members results in those members sharing their enthusiasm with non-Barbershoppers. Public activities allow for more awareness of the Barbershop

style, in general, and your chapter, in particular, among the members of your community. Whether it involves 35 kids on stage at your annual show (with their parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins in your audience) or that article about your Singing Valentines in the local newspaper, public awareness is another critical component of our membership growth.

The district's 2007 Strategic Plan supports all chapters having fun through Barbershop singing and all of the chapter activities that follow from it. If you would like to see the details, the new plan is available on the www.singJAD.com website. Or you can simply email me for a copy.

As I sit to write this in mid-February a lot of JAD activity has already taken place that contributes to our success and the success of our chapters. Blunderbuss had over 50 quartetters participating in Dayton, Ohio (look for this event to be even more prominent next year).

We certainly had fun at COTS – another great faculty, some great singing, renewed acquaintances, and even some new friends. We had a total of 186 students at COTS this year. Top Gun a week after COTS included some great coaching to some of our top quartets in an effort to make them even better.

For those of you looking ahead, Intensive Quartet Training (IQT) and Standing Ovation Program (SOP) plans are underway, the Events Team has finalized the location for Spring Prelims the weekend of April 21-23 (see that elsewhere in this issue), and the venues are already in the works for divisional and district CONVENTIONS this year. Find the calendar in this issue or on the website and penciled in these dates on your calendars.

I know that all of you are being contacted by your Division Manager or a Chapter Counselor this year, as well. All seven of the divisions have

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been re-established and some of them have some great activities planned. The Division Managers are seven of our most important resources in the district. Basically, they provide the connection between YOU and ME and the other district leaders. In order to continue to provide the support to your chapter so it can have FUN, the district needs to know what your chapter is doing and what its needs are. Your Division Manager and your Chapter Counselor are your communication liaisons to provide that information to us so we can get even better at providing resources, services, and events to enhance your FUN as a member of the district and the Society.

If you haven't heard from your Division Manager or your Chapter Counselor by the end of March, please let me know so I can improve that communication.

Finally, another communication mechanism is having your chapter attend the House of Delegates meeting on May 19, 2007 in Columbus, Ohio. Your chapter president and any other member of your chapter are strongly encouraged to attend this important meeting. This is your chapter's opportunity to have a voice into what the district is doing, how it is operating, and what its priorities are. To take full advantage of this opportunity your chapter president should be there and be engaged in the discussions and input sessions that will be conducted there. Each chapter president will receive an agenda in advance of the meeting and asked to share that agenda with the chapter board so that accurate input can be provided. PLEASE make sure your chapter president takes advantage of this opportunity.

I'm looking forward to a great year of harmonizing, socializing, and, most of all, having FUN (however you define it)!



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Kirk's Corner

Some tidbits from the life of my choruses.



Kirk Roose



Akron: It's been years since we've used hats. Derbytown Chorus will wear -- derbies! RED derbies. Hats have an interesting life of their own in rehearsals. The rule I heard about hats is, if you're going to wear them on stage, use them. And when you put on the hat or take it off, everybody looks at your grinnin' face.

Enjoyment at chapter meetings? JAD encourages chapters to "include lots of singing, variety, humor, teamwork, fellowship, creativity, spontaneity, and guest-friendliness." Sound like fun? Rev up a Program Vice President to run the team that will make each meeting sparkle. Consider weaving the Eight Points to Fun into your meetings:

JAD also encourages chapters to visit each other more, and quartets to visit chapters, in the spirit of fraternal enjoyment of shared singing.

Have even more fun this year!



Lorain: A nearby quartet, the Sunshine Committee from the Cleveland West and Independence chapters, popped in on us. Everybody had a great time hearing this fun-loving foursome and singing with them. They even got a little coaching. Smiles all around.

Try Chordbusters! The Chordbuster March, Society number 7506, just flies off the paper and is fun to sing. We added a swipe in measure 71-72 ("to-night - -"). Open your show with it, march around.



Hear a different tune coming out of your JAD leadership in the last couple years? No so much of "Here's to the Winners," and more of "Ain't We Got Fun" and "I Did It My Way"! Instead of working harder to improve your singing, enjoy yourself more. I notice that many of our chapters that are not contest-oriented are growing, thriving, and having a rockin' good time regardless.

The district's 2007 goals are not like what you've seen before. They focus on YOUR chapter. They should be on the singjad.com website soon. Three of the biggies:

- #1 JAD supports your chapter, regardless of what kind of chapter it wants to be.
- #2 JAD encourages your chapter to focus on enjoyment at chapter meetings, using variety and teamwork.
- #3 JAD will focus on activities in each of our seven divisions, in addition to district activities.

***Shenango Valley Chapter's
"Penn-Ohio Singers"
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Plan Your Fun - Have Fun With Your Plan



Lane Bushong

VP Music & Performance



If your chapter is like most chapters at this time of the year, there is no doubt you are in rehearsal for your annual show and wondering if it will all come together. Finally that big day arrives and sure enough it all comes together. Yes, it is very important that you present a quality show to your audience. Many long hours of hard work can make this happen but we must make it fun as well by planning our rehearsals and have fun with the plan

To quote a phrase from the Society's Manual for The Vice President Of Music And Performance "The chapter meeting is the very heart of barbershopping-more important than contests, conventions, paid performances or charitable activities. The chapter meeting is the place where, week after week, members come to "taste the holy essence" of four-part harmony" .

What should a good chapter meeting be like? A great chapter meeting will vary from chapter to chapter. Consider your chapter's mission and goals and develop a chapter meeting that supports that mission and goals.

Following is an example that might contribute to the overall enjoyment and quality of your chapter meeting. Experiment and see what works for you.

- Vocal Warm... Up . This should open the meeting and prepare each man's physical and mental process to sing
- Gang Sing.... Barberpole Cat Songs, old repertoire...just some fun singing. Don't be too picky here, it's not the rehearsal segment.
- Craft.... This might consist of some basic musical information, special lessons to be learned for the evening or interesting barbershop love.
- Break...

- Quartet Activity.... A vital part of every evening. Informal Quarteting, Registered Quartets, Inter-Chapter competition-just get the guys singing with three other fellows
- Woodshedding.... Nearly a lost art but important to the barbershop style. Great ear training
- Business Meeting.... This can be the death of a chapter. KEEP IT SHORT. Use a hand out to save even more time and talk.
- Rehearsal.... This is a major portion of the chapter meeting. It may involve learning new songs, section rehearsals, polishing the repertoire and many other musical activities.

Vary the order of the chapter meeting segments to avoid boredom. Give the member some variety in his barbershop life. Vary the type of learning activities. Alternate intense rehearsal segments with more relaxed, high hearted segments. Make every chapter meeting a new experience.

One of the most important things to remember in a chapter meeting is to maximize the amount



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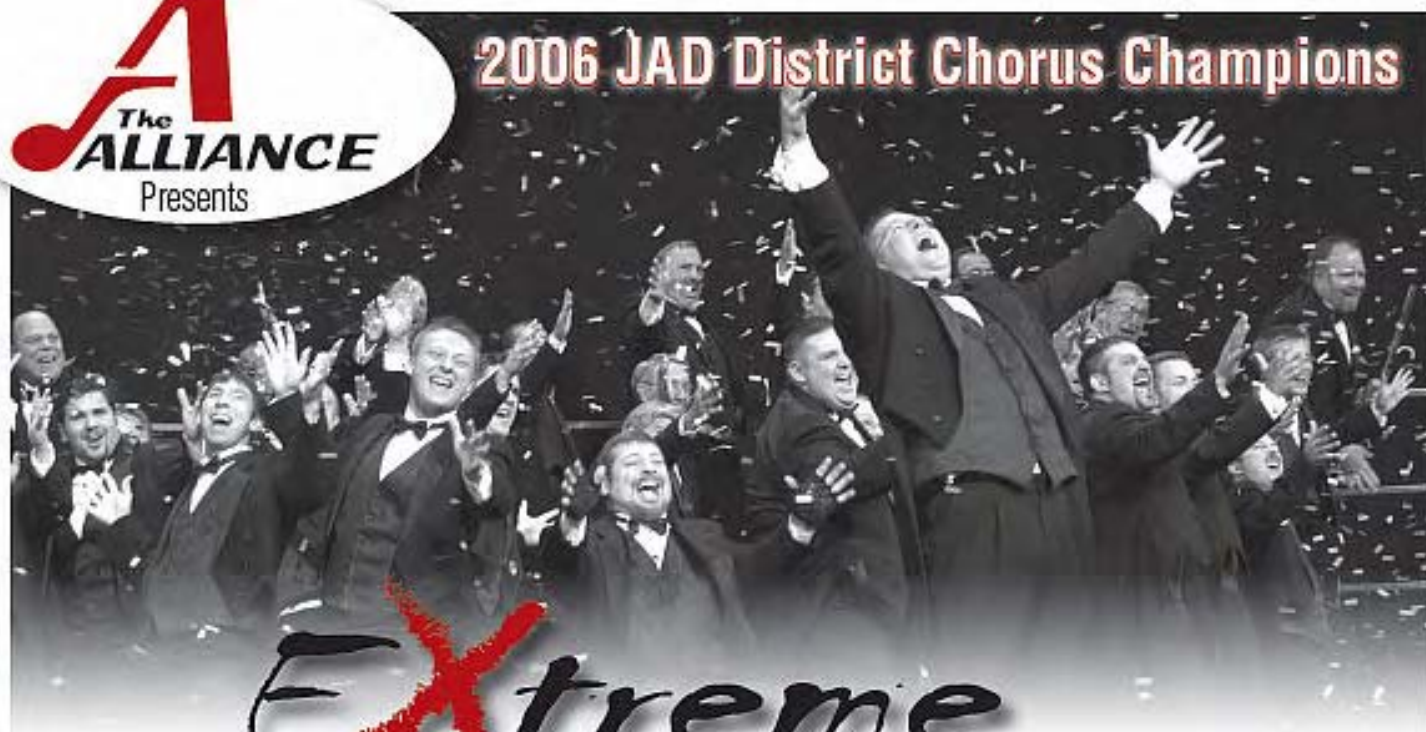
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2007 COTS WRAP UP – PLANS UNDERWAY FOR 2008



John Gearhardt

CSLT VP - Cots Coordinator



By now all our chapters are getting settled into a new and hopefully successful year. I hope that a good start on this new year can be attributed to a successful 2007 COTS week-end.

There were 184 registrations at COTS this year, with 41 chapters represented. Any time there is a change in venue, it can be a little challenging. Other than a few glitches in rooming assignments, the Concourse Hotel handled the week-end very well. It was a pleasure to work with the staff.

I would like to give a big thank you to **Terry Jordan** of M.A.D., who stepped in to lead the Chapter Counselor Class. Our own **Trenton Ferro** was scheduled to be on the staff at our week-end, but due to illness in his family had to cancel at the last minute and leave for Arizona. As it turned out, I called Greg Swann who happened to be sitting in the Pittsburgh airport on his way to Ontario District for a school. I asked him about his friend, Terry, who I found out was doing a Chapter Counselor Class in MAD the same week-end. Through a couple of phone calls, Terry graciously agreed to fill our slot and gave a great presentation.

It is well known there is a great need for Chapter Counselors in this district. We gained a few and need many more. Our new Chapter Counselors are: **Fred Schaefer** from Maumee Valley and Northwest Ohio Choruses; **Bill Amos** from Pittsburgh North Hills; **Glenn Schilberg** from Pittsburgh North Hills; **Arley Taylor** from Lima Beane Chapter and **Don Sprankle** of Tuscarawas County Chapter. We appreciate these gentlemen stepping up to the task and hope their respective D.M.'s are guiding them through their learning process.

In wrapping up 2007 COTS, I wish to thank **Ted May** for reviving the Chapter Programming Class and from all reports, made it an enjoyable week-end for those in his class. We also had a

great presentation by **Brad Scott** in the Audio/Visual Class. Brad shared his knowledge and expertise. The response heard at the After Glow would lead us to believe that this course should be offered again in the future.

It was another great After Glow with **Skipp Kropp** as MC. Heart of Ohio Chorus, Harmony Street, Class Ring, River Blend and the Allies entertained us all. It was the only way to wrap up the Saturday evening festivities.

As far as COTS 2008, we can look at the second week end of January and most likely the same hotel complex. Definite times have not yet been set. **There will be a 2008 COTS.** JAD will be in charge of this week-end as the Society is re-evaluating the COTS structure for 2008. We are not being abandoned by the Society.

This does give us an opportunity to have a little more versatility in the COTS program. We may interject some ideas for a Mini Apple Corp if time allows. Look for an opportunity at your chapter meeting nights to help in planning for 2008 COTS to make it interesting for all. There will be more to come.

Thank you for your co-operation in making 2007 COTS a great success.

The Greater Pittsburgh Chapter is seeking a full time director for it's Three Rivers Chorus. The chapter would like to find an individual who knows how to teach new songs in addition to directing. The Greater Pittsburgh Chapter meets in the eastern suburbs area of Pittsburgh (Forest Hills) every Tuesday night. Interested candidates should contact chapter President, Gary Corpora at 412-325-1633 or e-mail, corporgj@westinghouse.com

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Ticket orders received after March 26th will be held for you at the box office to be picked up when you arrive for the show.

Here Is How We Can Do Better



Fred Pummill
VP Membership



Johnny Appleseed District finished 2006 with a net gain of 16 members versus our stated goal of 1% growth or 23 members. This was due, in large part, to the formation of the Northwest Ohio Chapter and to the newly licensed Marietta/ Parkersburg group who are working diligently towards becoming a full fledged chapter. We also want to credit and congratulate those chapters who took it upon themselves to be more aggressive in the areas of recruiting new members and retaining existing members.

Chapters that enjoyed outstanding growth (i.e., 10% or greater) in 2006 are Dayton Metro, Cleveland East, Xenia, Middletown, Newark, Mansfield, Butler, Clarksburg-Fairmont, Loraine and Independence. I am aware of the membership activities and officers of most of these chapters and I can assure you that their success was not luck – it was a result of planning and execution with the full backing of their entire chapter membership. I can also say that many of these chapters relied on assistance from your JAD district officers and we were more than happy to assist them. I'll come back to that later.

HOW CAN WE ENJOY MEMBERSHIP GROWTH THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT?

First, there must be an awareness that growth is being attained in some chapters and that it can be attained in all chapters. We hope this article and other communiqués to come will make all of our members aware of this fact. Growth is a responsibility that all members share, not just our chapter and district leaders.

Second, there must be additional and more aggressive recruitment of new members. The old "let's have a guest night and invite someone" routine has worn thin over the years. Now don't get me wrong, I'm not saying that inviting guests is not productive, it certainly is, particularly by the newer and younger members. However,

relying on that as our only outreach is not effective and frankly has been used as a copout for far too long. We have proven that in JAD with our own Yard Sign Program, and on the Society website you'll find countless other programs which have worked well. We need leaders and members with the dedication and, yes, courage to try these programs. Sometimes you have to stick your neck out and take chances to reap worthwhile rewards. Remember the old expression – nothing ventured, nothing gained.

Third, there must be a regular and systematic follow-up of suspended members. A suspended member is one who has not submitted his dues at the appropriate time. He remains on the list for six months at which time he becomes an ex-member. Now sometimes there just isn't anything that can be done to prevent this from happening; for example, when a member is transferred on his job, and there are other situations that likewise cannot be controlled. However, there are also many instances where a member is having a problem with chapter operations and/or leadership and decides to just stop attending and eventually drops out. The solution is for our Chapter Membership VPs to keep good attendance records and call those who may have missed a couple of weeks. It is also a good idea to check the Society website on a monthly basis to see who in his chapter may be on the suspended list and then call those individuals to see what can be done to retain them. In the process of doing these things he may be able to report to his chapter board about problems that can be addressed to prevent further membership loss. Remember we are all in this for the FUN of it and members who leave often leave because they are not having fun. Check our front page article for more on this.

Fourth, there is help available for your chapter.

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Lane Bushong
Top Gun Coordinator



Friday evening, January 19 marked the beginning of another JAD Top Quality, Top Gun Quartet Clinic at The Radisson Hotel in Worthington, Ohio. Five quartets participated in this year's event and were able to reap the rewards from well known BARBERSHOP coaches as **Darryl Flinn**, **Cindy Hansen**, **Jim Casey**, **Brandon Guyton** and **Raymond Schwarzkopf**.

After introducing the quartets to be coached, *The Allies*, *Class Ring*, *Twilight*, *4 Way Stop* and *Season Pass*, the coaches were all introduced and asked to say a few words about the clinic. This was then followed by a discussion so professionally handled by **Darryl Flinn** on "What Top Gun Is" and What Top Gun Is Not". Then to round out this opening session, **Jim Casey** conducted a thorough vocal warm up



Season Pass & Jim Casey

session assuring that the voice was in proper condition for this GREAT event.

The quartets were then sent on their way to receive this magnificent singing experience. Each coaching session (a total of 5) was to last approximately 2 hours. This pattern was from 8:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. on Friday and 9:30 A.M. to 6:30 P.M. on Saturday with a lunch break. Then at 6:30 P.M. it was time for the wrap up session which lasted approximately one hour. During that hour each quartet was asked to sing one song for their peers which was followed by comments from each individual quartet member on his experience of the clinic. The evening closed with David Calland directing us in singing "The Irish Blessing".



Twilight & Brandon Guyton

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Class Ring & Darryl Flinn



The Allies & Raymond Schwarzkopf

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All the quartets left this clinic with a wealth of knowledge such as "Developing A Champion", "Expectations Of Both Group And Individuals", "Rising The Bar On Individual Responsibility" and "The Proper Focus On Performance Skills".

The Johnny Appleseed District would like to thank all the quartets for participating in this another OUTSTANDING Top Gun Quartet Clinic and wish you the VERY BEST. And A Big THANK YOU must also go out to all the wonderful coaches who took the time to come to JAD and be with our WONDERFUL District. Plans are already being made for another First Class Top Gun School in 2008. 🎵



4 Way Stop & Cindy Hansen



(How We Can Do Better - Continued from page 12)

Your district officers whom you elected want very much to get involved and assist you in growing your chapter and therefore our district. We don't want to dictate to you what you should and should not do; we simply want to help you. We have the tools, the resources, the experience and the strong desire to be of assistance.

Members, you can start by discussing with your chapter officers how you might be of help and in the event they may not have seen this article, point it out to them. Chapter officers, you can start by calling your local Division Manager or any JAD Officer for that matter and I can assure you our response will be timely and our assistance will be offered in the most helpful manner. Give us a try and let's grow together.

Harmony Foundation Recognition



Joe Jenkins

VP Financial Development



Harmony Foundation wants to recognize the Chapters and Districts who have distinguished themselves with outstanding achievement in raising support both for the charities within their communities and also for Harmony Foundation.

The Chapter Donation Awards recognizes those who have excelled in the "dollars per member" category. This is calculated using the chapter's membership as of December 31 of the previous year as the benchmark. The total income in 2006 will be divided by that membership number to calculate the award.

At this time last year the Harmony Foundation decided that in the future we would highlight the charitable activities of the chapter by separately recognizing the gifts made within their own com-

munity. So in the 2006 Awards Program we will recognize chapters for their outstanding contributions local charities using the same guidelines as above.

The "per man" giving levels for each of these awards will be \$25, \$50 and \$100.

Please use the form on this email to report on your chapter's 2006 cash donations to local charities. In order to ensure that your chapter receives credit for all donations, please return the completed form by February 15, 2007.

Thanks for your help and for all you do for Harmony Foundation. If you have any questions about this, please contact me or Harmony Foundation direct.

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Name of Chapter, Chapter #

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- community service agencies
- arts organizations
- other organizations qualified as tax-exempt under U.S. or Canadian tax code

For every monetary donation you report, you must include the donation date, the name of the charity, and the amount of the donation.

When filling out this form, please **DO NOT** include:

- donations to local charities made by individual members or quartets
- donations made to Harmony Foundation (those gifts are already in our database)
- non-monetary donations of time, equipment, show tickets, etc.

List below all **cash** donations your chapter made to charities *other than* Harmony Foundation in 2006.

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A h Spring. The frigid air is gone, the snow now a memory. Flowers are starting to arrive. The birds are back and singing four part harmony. Well, maybe not four parts, but, you get my meaning. The sounds of quartets rehearsing to make the Big Show in Denver. Yep, Prelims are just around the corner on the weekend of April 20-21. Is your quartet or small chorus going to compete? If you're not competing, are you going to attend to cheer on your friends and fellow Barbershoppers?

If your quartet or chorus is competing, please help make my job easier. Competitor registration will open the first week of March or sooner. You will receive an official notice from our District Secretary. In preparation for registering, please have your song titles, song arrangers and the associated permission from the arranger. If you are doing a stock Society arrangement, then please have the Stock number.

This is all needed so that your group will be legal.

Also, please be aware of the registration deadline. You must be registered by Friday, April 6. Fees and all song title information must also be in by that time. Information on fees and where to send them can be found on the JAD website on the Contest & Judging Page. This page also contains links to the Society website for registering.

Lastly, for all quartet and chorus members planning to compete. Please check the expiration date on your Society membership card. Don't let an expired registration disqualify your quartet or chorus.

Make plans now to attend Prelims, Hope to see you there! 🎵

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Greater Central Ohio Chapter News



The Alliance Chorus was honored to be invited to perform for the Ohio Music Educators Association Annual Conference in Columbus on Saturday, February 10th. They performed a variety of music and received a standing ovation!

Meet Your 2007 Events Team

Greg Swann
VP Events



The primary responsibility of the JAD Events Team is offer leadership and management resources to our chapters that bid, and are awarded, the opportunity to host our annual conventions. Hosting a JAD convention can be very rewarding, and really isn't as daunting a task as you may believe.

The Events Team is staffed with a lot of years of experience and convention expertise to help your chapter through the process of hosting a successful convention. Let me take you behind the scenes for a glimpse of the district convention staff and a brief explanation of each member's job responsibility:

Greg Swann, Events VP: email: greg.swann2@verizon.net. The District Events VP is responsible for the effective planning, budgeting, site selection, and operation of all events held within the district. The Events VP may be contacted with inquiries about hosting a District convention.

Stevens Sommer, Convention Manager: email: steve@caldwellleasing.com. Directs the on-site convention operations. Steve may also be contacted with questions about hosting a District Convention.

Stevens Sommer, Housing Chairman: email: steve@caldwellleasing.com. Evaluates contest venue sites and hotels, and also negotiates final hotel and contest venue rates.

Stage Manager: Is a position that has been held for several years by **Jim Legters**, who recently retired from that position. At the writing of this article, this position has not yet been filled. The man who fills this position will be responsible for all logistical activities that take place on and behind the stage during the contest event.

Ken Stevens, Registration: email: 74ken.stevens@gmail.com. The Registration Chairman sets up and manages the registration table at the convention, and is responsible for all non-competitor registrations. He also designs and prints the convention program.

Brad Scott, District Audio/Video Technician: email: sound@deltaking.org. The District Audio/Video Technician is responsible for evaluating the existing venue audio system, and for supplementing or supplying sound reinforcement equipment. He is also responsible for operating, or overseeing the operation of, all sound reinforcement during the contest event. The Audio/Video Technician is also responsible for overseeing the video reproduction of the contest event.

Jerry Reeder, Awards Chairman: email: jcreeder@webtv.net. The Awards Chairman coordinates non-contest on-stage programming for member recognition and awards.

Bill Ray, District C&J VP: email: bray2@neo.rr.com. While not a member of the Events Team, the District C&J VP is in charge of all contest activities relating to contestant registration, the judging panel, and the overall running of the contest itself. Any questions relating to contest and contestant matters should be directed to the C&J VP.

The District Events Team stands ready to assist your chapter in the adventure of hosting a District convention. It's easy to get started; just contact me, (Greg Swann) or Stevens Sommer for the details on how your chapter can host a JAD convention. 🎵



Cleveland West Suburban Chapter News

Frank Koenig

Saturday night, Jan. 27, the Cleveland West Suburban Chapter's Tower City Chorus hosted a benefit performance for the Lakewood High School Symphonic Choir. The choir has been invited to sing at Carnegie Hall in April - a wonderful tribute to their excellence - but a pretty expensive undertaking. When the men of Tower City heard about this wonderful, but expensive undertaking they set about to lend a hand - after all, Lakewood High School's director, **Dr. Lisa Hanson**, has been an enthusiastic supporter of our style of singing throughout her career.

Dr. Hanson's top performing group has included an a cappella boys quartet, Vivi La Four, every year which is determined by a rigorous audition. The quartet has recently caught the eye of the Cleveland Pops director, **Carl Topilow**, and he plans on featuring them in an upcoming concert. The quartet does a variety of music but features barbershop music which Dr. Hanson orders from the society website with the support of the Tower City chorus. In addition, the Cleveland West Suburban has sponsored the quartet each summer to the Buckeye Camp.

Lakewood High School's music program has also produced gold medalists, **Don Barnick** of Grandma's Boys and Keepsake and **Pete Rupay** of the Vocal Majority.

Saturday night's performance featured the 34 member Tower City chorus, Johnny Appleseed's college quartet district champ quartet, "4 Way Stop", the "Sunshine Committee" our district's 10th place quartet, and "Montage", the 9th place district quartet, also members of our chapter - all who donated their services for this worthy cause.

All of this was masterminded by chapter president, **Mike Vislosky**, whose relentless persistence insured that this benefit would be a success. This is the text of Dr. Lisa Hanson's thank you note to the chorus and quartets:

Dear Tower City Gentlemen,

What a wonderful, unforgettable concert last Saturday evening! I can't thank you enough for your help and support with the Benefit concert for the choir. The chorus was fantastic, the quartets were perfection,, and we had so much fun with the combined piece. You really came up with a spectacular idea, and it turned out the same! Thanks, also, for including us in your afterglow. That put the icing on the cake.

I am grateful for your talent, caring, professionalism, and wonderful hearts.

Thank you, Lisa Hanson

We would also like to recognize the tireless efforts of the Columbus Buckeye's Chapter in supporting Youth Harmony here in the Johnny Appleseed District, certainly with their Buckeye Harmony Camp and in supporting our chapter and any other chapters in their youth outreach programs. 🎵



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Vocal Music Workshop

Don Anderson



What a great day, great instructors and staff, and what great students of music.

From the very beginning, at 8 a.m. on October 5, 2006, it was evident that this was not going to be an ordinary school day at McKinley Sr. High School, in the Umstattd PA Hall. Nearly 130 well prepared, finely tuned, and ready to sing students from both McKinley and Timken Senior High Schools, were treated to the four part harmony sounds of the Sweet Adeline's quartet, "Abstract". This was followed by the introduction of the workshop clinicians; **Dr. R. D. Mathey**, Director Emeritus of Choral Activities at Bowling Green State University. Dr. Mathey has over thirty years of vocal teaching experience. **Mr. James Estes**, Barbershop Harmony Society Music Educator, in charge of the Youth in Harmony/College Development program, and local choreographer **Ms Rita Zwick**, who has staged various high schools show programs for over twenty years. Each instructor had a specific role to play, in developing a total musical performance from the students, at the end of the days activities. The current Barbershop men's college international quartet representatives, "Four Way Stop", closed the introductions with a song, and the students were now "hooked" on four part barbershop harmony.

Mr. James Estes conducted a vocal warm up for the group, utilizing universal voice warming



Hall of Fame men sing with the students.



Dr. R.D. Mathey Directs.

techniques, and singing exercises. Dr. Mathey then taught a version of "Swing Down Chariot" that had the entire house on it's feet. The students were then dismissed, to attend breakout sessions to learn and rehearse several songs, for showcasing on stage during "Showtime". The 88 girls learned "Let Tonight be the Night", and "Sentimental Journey", while the 42 boys were busy practicing, "Hello Mary Lou", and "The Lion Sleeps Tonight". Both groups of students were also busy learning, "America the Beautiful" and the "Overlay", for the shows finale. **Ms. Rita Zwick** introduced some fancy footwork to the ladies for their numbers, and some great movements for the men to use in "selling" their two song package

After lunch, both groups of students spent nearly an hour polishing the song packages, then it was time for the "show". The audience was attended by fellow students, teachers, and friends and family of the students. All were anxious to see the results of the days work, and they were not disappointed. The show was fantastic, to say the least, with every student lending their voice, causing the audience to applaud and making the instructors proud

The day ended at 2:30 p.m., with some very tired, but satisfied students, clinicians and volunteer staff. The Workshop was made

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possible by a grant from "Arts in Stark", a non-profit organization, aimed at expanding the economic, entertainment and educational influence of the arts in Stark County. Thanks also go to the eighteen volunteers from the Hall of Fame Chorus, who helped serve lunch, and sometimes lend their voice, in the learning process for the students. Most congratulation belongs to the Workshop Director; **Mr. John Barcus**, of the Hall of Fame Chorus. His tireless efforts in organizing the school, arranging for the clinicians, enlisting the staff of volunteers, and selling the entire concept to local school staff was exemplary. We can hardly wait to see what is in store for next year

THANKS TO ALL FOR A JOB WELL DONE!

Editor's Note: On Tuesday October 10, the Hall of Fame Chorus was invited to sing in the McKinley High School Music program. The excitement and enthusiasm generated by the all day workshop and the excellent staff had not abated one iota. What a thrill it was for us to sing on stage for a live audience with the kids

and afterward we were asked to perform for them. The kids made us old guys feel like rock stars, they were so excited and supportive. Truly, we are looking forward to next year's clinic/workshop. We are hoping to garner a larger grant to have an even bigger program. (Notice I didn't say better -- How could it be?) 🎵



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From the Secretary



Dave Richard
District Secretary



This article is especially directed to Chapter Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers.

Some time ago at an House of Delegates meeting it was decided that all chapter would provide ten cents per ticket sold for annual shows to the District's coffers to help fund programs designed to provide fun and education to the general membership of the district. This fee was determined to be a minimum of \$20. Prior to that time the district had been paid an amount equal to the BMI/SESAC license fees, however all of that changed with the new fee structure for BMI/SESAC.

Many chapters have already paid their fees, however many have not done so. A few chapters are still holding annual shows and I'm sure they will pay soon after those shows are done. Any chapter not holding an annual show is obligated and expected to send a check for \$20 to the district by the end of the year.

If you have not yet paid your fees to the district, please do it today. Mail your check payable to the JAD to me.. I will note that you have paid and forward your payment to the District Treasurer. 🎵

Spring Convention Comes to Cleveland

Greg Swann
VP Events



The 2007 International Quartet Preliminary Contest, District Small Chorus Contest (40 and under members on the roster) District Seniors Quartet Contest, College Quartet Contest, High School Quartet Contest, and the Johnny Appleseed Spring Convention all come to South Cleveland, Ohio April 20 - 22 as the Independence Chapter hosts one historic weekend of Barbershop Harmony at its best!

Whether you're attending as a competitor, to sing some good old tags, renew old friendships, or just to wrap yourself around the lyrics and melodies of one of the great songs of days gone by, you're sure to find a fun-filled weekend for the whole family at this year's Spring Convention and Contest.

Make your reservation early (by March 19) and stay at the Doubletree Cleveland South Hotel -

a three star hotel that is barbershop friendly and is this year's District Headquarters Hotel.

The Doubletree Hotel is located at 6200 Quarry Lane, Independence Ohio, just minutes from the contest venue and many sightseeing and shopping activities. Make your reservations at the Doubletree by calling 216-447-1300 and identifying yourself as a Johnny Appleseed District Barbershopper to get the special Barbershopper rate of \$75.00 per night plus tax. Price based on a guaranteed two-night stay.

For those of you who would like to shop for other lodging accommodations, this year's convention location has an abundance of lodging choices, in addition to the District Headquarters Hotel. These hotels are offered as

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JAD Calendar

March

- 10 Lima - Annual Show
- 10-11 Cincinnati Western Hills - Annual Show
- 24 Canton - Annual Show
- 24 Greater Central Ohio - Annual Show
- 31 Defiance - Annual Show
- 31 Greater Kanawha Valley - Annual Show
- 31 Zanesville - Annual Show

April

- 14 Fostoria - Annual Show
- 14 Greater Pittsburgh - Annual Show
- 20-22 International Quartet Prelims**
Location TBD
- 28 Grand Lake - Annual Show
- 28 Mansfield - Annual Show
- 28 Marion - Annual Show
- 28 North Coast - Annual Show
- 28 Pittsburgh North Hills - Annual Show
- 28 Warren - Annual Show
- 29 Salem - Annual Show

May

- 5 Elyria - Annual Show

- 5 Pittsburgh Metro - Annual Show
- 5 Xenia - Annual Show
- 6 Miami-Shelby - Annual Show
- 12 Cleveland West Suburban - Annual Show
- 12 Xenia - Annual Show
- 19 Huntington Tri-State - Annual Show
- 19 Shenango Valley - Annual Show
- 20 Maumee Valley - Annual Show

June

- 7-10 Apple Corps
- 15-16 Cincinnati - Annual Show

September

- 28-29 Cleveland West Suburban - Annual Show

October

- 26-28 JAD District Convention**
TBD

November

- 3 Beaver Valley - Annual Show
- 10 Lorain - Annual Show

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a guide, and have not been reviewed or rate negotiated by the District Events Team. However, each of these hotels is within one to two blocks of the Headquarters Hotel: the Red Roof Inn-Independence 6020 Quarry Lane, phone number (216) 447-0030, the Comfort Inn-Independence 6191 Quarry Lane, phone (216) 328-7777 or the Holiday Inn-Independence, 6001 Rockside Rd, phone (216) 524-8050. All hotels mentioned were used by JAD for overflow for last year's Fall District Convention. Can't stay overnight? You can still treat yourself to some of the best barbershop quartets, small choruses, and audience-participation singing since Meredith Wilson put Barbershop Harmony on the Broadway Stage 50 years ago, by attending or participating in the contest that will be held at Valley Forge High School. Valley Forge High School is located at 9999 Independence Blvd. Cleveland, Ohio and is only a short drive from the H.Q. Hotel.

So, you're all ready to go to this year's Spring Conventions and International Preliminary Quartet Contest, and are looking for the non-competitor registration form to get your advanced tickets. Stay tuned to this site for the registration form that will be posted soon.

As for the competing small choruses and quartets: You guys need to register as normal with **Bill Ray**, C&J VP. Bill's mailing address is: Bill Ray 3501 Robin Ct. S.E. Canton, Ohio 44707-1556. Bill's email address is bray2@neo.rr.com and his home phone number is (330) 484-6967.

Just a note on the way we play the Small Chorus game: If your chorus had 40 members or less as of October 31 of the previous year, then your chorus qualifies as a Small Chorus

As has been the policy for the past several years we are once again offering the opportunity for choruses of any size to register as a non-completive Mike Tester Chorus. You may request a non-published score from the official contest judging panel or you may just sing for the joy of performing in front of one of the best and

most appreciative audiences (other than singing for your wives).

High School and Collage quartets must register with **Terry Reichenbach**, VP YIH. His address is 201 E. Washington P.O. Box 178, Pandora, Ohio 45877-0178. Terry's Phone number is H. (419) 384-3119, C. (419) 306-0374, and his email address is terryr@q1.net.

So remember and put it on your calendar: the best place to be April 20-22 is NOT River Cities, Iowa for the best harmony in the world, but IS Cleveland, Ohio as the Independence Chapter hosts the 2007 Spring Convention.

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TAGS, GAGS & SWIPES

Fred Pummill

At this writing, Valentine's Day was yesterday and I'm sure many of you experienced all the fun and good times that go with the Singing Valentine program. If you did and you have any interesting stories please get them to me so that I can share them with the rest of the district via this column. You can email them to me or drop me a line by snail mail.

I received an email from my friend and fellow officer on the JAD board, **Skipp Kropp**, that Greater Kanawha Chapter had an outstanding year with their Singing Valentine program. Their chapter has 34 members and they were able to form 5 quartets and deliver 180 Valentines. Wow, that's quite an accomplishment – can you top that?

The Middletown Chapter had a very interesting year. Although the total number of Singing Valentine orders were down, primarily due to the near blizzard-like weather conditions, they found a very unique and quite satisfying way to perform community service. At COTS, in the membership sessions, there was discussion about reaching out to families who have loved ones stationed in Iraq by delivering to them an SV. Middletown brought the idea home and modified it slightly to include families of all military personnel regardless of where they were stationed. The local newspaper was contacted and a reporter mentioned in his daily column that this offer was available and gave a telephone number to call. Bottom line is that 8 SVs were delivered to families of our service people and it was received in a marvelous way by the community. The local newspaper sent the columnist and a photographer to cover one of the SVs and then gave it great coverage in the paper. It was a definite win/win situation.

Congratulations to Xenia and Dayton Metro for a very successful Christmas show which was presented at the historic Murphy Theatre in Wilmington, OH on Dec. 16. The name of the show was 'Christmas Memories' and was written

by Xenia's Asst Director **Dwayne Grooms**. This coming Christmas they plan to revive a show produced several years ago which included the Middletown Chapter. Middletown will be joining Xenia and Dayton for 'The Blizzard of Oz' redux. Congratulations to Xenia for their COTS attendance with 8 of their 33 members in classes. This level of involvement and dedication will lead to bigger and better things for the chapter in the very future.

Congratulations also to **Curt Weaver** who was named BOTY of the Shenango Valley Chapter. Additional congratulations to **Mike Donley** who was named Rookie of the year and to **Alan Lapp** who was named BOTY of the Buckeye Columbus Chapter. Congratulations to **Brian O'Dell** who was named BOTY of the Greater Central Ohio Chapter.

Congratulations to **Paul Centric** for being named BOTY of the Elyria Chapter and to **Ron Crum** and **Don Kriebel** for receiving Work Horse Awards. Special kudos go to **Ray Scherry** who was inducted into Elyria's Hall of Fame.

Dave McCalland reports some sad news from the Athens Chapter where the Barbershop world lost a gem on January 20 with the passing of **David Powers** of Cheshire, OH. David was a very avid and active Barbershopper. He traveled to Ireland to compete in IABS International Chorus Contest and also in the Quartet Contest, something of which he was particularly proud. Chapter Eternal has gained one great booming bass.

Akron Chapter reports that they moved their annual New Year sing called 'First Night' to the Zion Lutheran Church. Each year this program is presented in conjunction with the First Night Akron group. This year the program featured Spotlight Quartet who was celebrating their 60th anniversary. **Kirk Roose**, Director, had the chorus singing in great form as chords rang

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throughout the 130-year-old edifice and the presentation was well received by a full house. Akron also held their annual meeting at which **Mike Sitter** was presented the BOTY award and **Ray Stone** was honored with the President's Award. 6 chapter members from Akron attended the recent COTS school at the Columbus airport Concourse Hotel.

Very special congratulations are due three long-time members of the Society. The newest of the trio is **Willard Kapes** who joined 50 years ago, and then there are the champions **Chet Campana** and **Glenn Stockhaus** who have been ringing chords in the Cleveland East Chapter for 56 years.

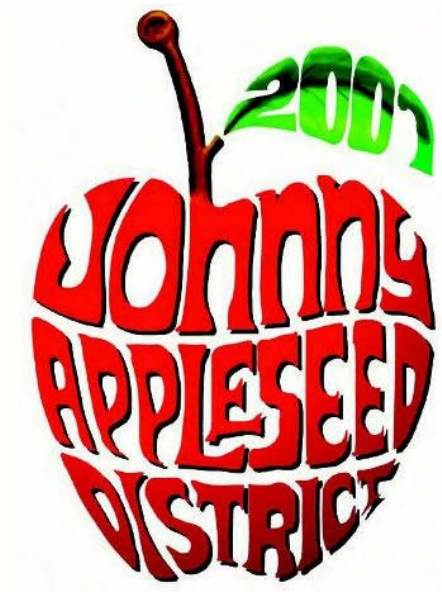
Another BOTY is 19-year old **Matt Cook** (pictured below) from North Olmstead Chapter who serves as their VP of Chapter Development and Marketing. Matt has brought in 10 young singers over the past 3 years, not all of whom have joined – yet. Matt sings tenor with the Red Door Four Quartet and has formed several other quartets. Can somebody please send me a sample of his DNA, I want to inject it into some young men in Southern Ohio. And, finally to the three co-recipients of the BOTY award at Miami-Shelby County Chapter, **Bob Moore**, **Jim Riley** and **Dale McKinney**.



In perusing the chapter bulletins which are sent to me, sometimes it is difficult to pick and choose which stories and tidbits to use. However, this next item was an easy decision. The Greater Pittsburgh and North Hills Chapters have collaborated in a wonderful community service project. It started in 1989 when the Daytymers Quartet sang for the VA Hospital on Highland Drive. **Judy Good**, a music therapist there, saw some of the patients joining the singing. She talked to **Lou Vlahos** who sang lead with the quartet and asked if they would teach the patients the barbershop style of singing. Lou agreed and it developed from that point to where it has become a weekly visit and sing-a-long. **Bill Amos** assists in leading these sessions. Another group from Greater Pittsburgh has been visiting and singing for patients at the Oakland VA Hospital. This group, headed by **Jim McCarthy**, roams from room to room singing to appreciative patients and visiting family members. We need to hear more of this kind of heart-warming service.

Just a reminder to all JAD bulletin editors – please send me a copy of your bulletin. Chapter bulletins are the source of probably 80% of the material that I use in this column. If you don't have a chapter bulletin you might drop me a line by snail or e mail and I'll certainly try to use any newsy info I receive.

Until next time, keep on cracking that plaster. 🎵





Rich Taylor, President
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December 2006

I am writing to you as a leader in the barbershop harmony community. After 2 ½ years of struggling, THN...The Harmony Network needs your help. Some of you know me as the host of The "APPLAUSE" Show on THN or as the host of the International Webcast from 2000-2004.

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The purpose of **THN** is to provide vocal harmonies to you and the general public. We also try to include news and information about the groups in and around the a cappella scene. Broadcasts originate from the studios of WVRM and Regional Broadcasting Services in Upper Montclair, New Jersey.

How can you help continue this work?

We are asking for your financial support and the support of your organizations. On December 8, 2006, THN...The Harmony Network was granted their 501(c) (3) status as a non-profit educational entity allowing all financial donations to be tax exempt. The date of the exemption is March 12, 2004, the date of incorporation of the network, thereby allowing ALL donations since that date to be tax exempt. For the first 2 ½ years, the network has relied on the support of mostly individuals, with a few donations from Chapters, Districts, Quartets and Companies. But, that support has diminished and we are in the situation of not being able to pay the bills for December and are unsure as to whether we will be able to continue to broadcast in 2007.

Will You Please Help Us?

If we are to continue to broadcast and build the network, we need your help now. We ask that your group, district, chapter or even you personally consider a tax deductible gift to THN...The Harmony Network. If you are an officer in, or owner of a company, won't you please consider a gift to allow us to continue our promotion of barbershop and a cappella music. Your donations can be made to the network at: 41 Watchung Plaza #222, Montclair, NJ 07042, or you can make a donation on **PAYPAL** by going to www.paypal.com and using the address of the2004thn@aol.com as the donation address.

Please seriously consider this request. We ask you speak to others you know who could make a difference and that you reply to us as soon as possible or no later than **December 31st**. We want very much to be in a position to continue our broadcasts into 2007. Please feel free to email me or call if you have any questions.

Sincerely for The Harmony Network

Rich Taylor, President

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