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BARBERSHOP HARMONY SOCIETY



All the News that's Fit to Print from
The Polk-Burnett County Chapter

The Smoke Signal



Chapter sings Monday nights, 7:30 pm in the lower level of the Polk County Government Center at the NE corner of "I" and "46" — www.indianheadchorus.com

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Events Calendar:

Singing Valentines are Feb. 14th; see last page

2013 Spring Convention & Intn'l Prelims -Roseville, MN -May 3-4, 2013

Chorus @ Luck Music in the Park is confirmed for August 6th.

Wannigan Days is July 20th (Unconfirmed)

Church sing-outs in June and August

Our Oct 12, 2013 Show will be held in Amery, Rusty Pipes as a guest quartet.

2013 Fall Convention & District Contest -LaCrosse, WI Oct. 25 - 27, 2013

Our President's Points:

February is upon us and we are learning new show songs almost every other week. So why can't we get our practice attendance higher? The weather has been quite nice for a Wisconsin Winter. Learning our new songs now only makes sense. Now is the time to get the notes down and the words memorized so we can start working on finer points earlier. It makes our performances even more entertaining. So let's make every effort to get to practice on Mondays.

February 14th is Valentine's Day. We will have 3 quartets performing singing Valentines that day. Thanks to the singers that take part of that day to perform. And if you don't sing that day you can still buy a singing Valentine for your loved ones. For \$30.00 it's a bargain!

Thank You,

Archie Lessard, President

our old tuxes:

If you want to keep your old tuxedo, please give Larry Fisk \$15 for its purchase. If you don't want to keep it, please bring it to chorus practice or get it to Tom Fedje or Mark Nelson. We have a half dozen choruses who would like them, and we want to get them boxed up and sent off. But we need to know what we have before we can send them. Thanks for your help!

Mark

New Barbershopper of the Year

On January 26th we had our annual “**Ladies’ Night**” which is also our “**Awards Night**” and our “**Officer Installation Night**.” The event was at T-Dawgs in Grantsburg and Mark Nelson was our MC. Our meal was Cod and BBQ ribs with potatoes, veggies, rolls and dessert. The Bright Knights, the VLQ, Chariot and also the whole chorus sang for the best supporters a chorus ever had: our ladies. Our 10,000 Lakes division VP, Dan True installed the officers. From his description of each office we all know how to make our chapter run “just like a computer.” The culmination of the night was when Ken Mettler, last year’s BOTY winner came up to announce our newest Barbershopper Of The Year.

Ken began with the old saying, “The more you put into something, the more you’ll get out.” This past year every member put in a lot of effort and it showed every time we performed. However, the winner of our BOTY award has really put in extra effort. He put his whole heart into the Indianhead Chorus this past year. He was very involved in every aspect of the chorus: he served on the board, attended Leadership Academy, wrote articles for the Smoke Signals, when asked to do something special he always says “yes!” He sings in a quartet, plays a big part in the VLQ, and does MC work and Singing Valentines. However, here is the “dead give-away!” He makes us all “SMILE!” Dan Valentine is our new Barbershopper of the Year!

When Dan came up the crowd stood to applaud!

A better picture of Dan and his plaque will be featured in an upcoming newspaper photo. We all appreciate Dan’s great contribution to our chorus, but above all that, Dan has a tremendous attitude and he always brightens things up with his great SMILE!!



Dan and Ken



Chariot: Harley, Clint, Dan and Larry
(Do you remember the words, Dan?)



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Other chorus functions

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Assistant: Chuck Williamson
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Music committee: Steve Swenson, Karl Wicklund, Gary Noren, Dan Valentine

Recruiting Tips

There's not really a lot I can say about my ways of recruitment.

I never miss an opportunity to invite men to pay us a visit, on our meeting night, but am continually surprised at the number of these invitees who never come out, even for a first look-see (hear). The one thing I am never without, however, is a supply of the "Wanna Sing" cards. We all are handed many business cards from day to day, and most of these get tossed out nearly as fast as we get them; I see the "Wanna Sing" cards as one that the recipient will at least think twice about, before tossing, and they seem to work. My best story of these was one I gave a chap, at a wedding reception where my quartet was performing, even though he was about to leave, on a military posting, to Canada's northernmost military base (Alert). Two years later he walked in to our meeting hall, said "I know you," and handed the card back to me.

Doug Drew Capital City Chorus

Neil has the copies of the video of the afternoon show available for members @ \$10.00 for a 2-DVD set.

Today's Clean Quote

öNothing is foolproof to a sufficiently talented fool.ö

OS:



On the Left is the chorus and on the right are Dan True and Mark Nelson

These are Actual Signs:

Bucharest Hotel Lobby - "The lift is being fixed for the next day. During that time you will be unbearable."

Leipzig elevator - "Do not enter the lift backwards and only when lit up"

Belgrade elevator - "To move the cabin, push forward for wishing floor. If the cabin should enter more persons, each one should press a number for a wishing floor. Driving is then going alphabetically by national order"

Paris elevator - "Please leave your values at the front desk."

Athenian hotel - "Visitors are expected to complain at the office between the hours of....."

Moscow Hotel - "You are invited to visit the cemetery where famous Soviet composers, authors and artists are buried daily except Thursday."

Austrian ski hotel - "Do not perambulate the corridors in the hours of repose in the boots of ascension."

Swiss menu - "Our wines leave you nothing to hope for."

Polish menu - "Salad of firm's own make; limpid red beet soup with cheesy dumplings in the form of a finger; roasted duck let loose; beef rashers beaten up in the country people's fashion."

Hong Kong dress shop - "Ladies have fits upstairs."

Rhodes tailor shop - "Order your summer suit because it is big rush we will execute customers in strict rotation."

Germany's Black Forest - "It is strictly forbidden on our Black Forest camping site that people of different sex, for instance, men and women, live together in one tent unless they are married together for that reason."

Swedish furrier - "Fur coats made for ladies from their own skin."

Japanese detour sign - "Stop: Drive sideways."

Swiss mountain inn - "Special today - no ice cream."

Copenhagen airline office - "We take your bags and send them in all directions."

Budapest zoo - "Please do not feed the animals. If you have suitable food, give it to the guard on duty."

Acapulco hotel - "The manager has personally passed all the water served here."

Japanese air conditioner - "Cooler and Heater: If you want just condition of warm in your

...enger of foot heave in sight, tootle the horn. Trumpet him melodiously at first, but if he still obstacles your passage, then tootle him with vigor."

Norwegian cocktail bar - "Ladies are requested not to have children in the bar"

Creative Puns for Educated Minds

1. The roundest knight at King Arthur's round table was Sir Cumference. He acquired his size from too much pi.
2. I thought I saw an eye doctor on an Alaskan island, but it turned out to be an optical Aleutian.
3. She was only a whiskey maker, but he loved her still.
4. A rubber band pistol was confiscated from algebra class because it was a weapon of math disruption.
5. The butcher backed into the meat grinder and got a little behind in his work.
6. No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationary.
7. A dog gave birth to puppies near the road and was cited for littering.
8. A grenade thrown into a kitchen in France would result in Linoleum Blownapart.
9. Two silk worms had a race. They ended up in a tie.
10. Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.
11. A hole has been found in the nudist camp wall. The police are looking into it.
12. Atheism is a non-prophet organization.
13. Two hats were hanging on a hat rack in the hallway. One hat said to the other, 'You stay here; I'll go on a head.'
14. I wondered why the baseball kept getting bigger. Then it hit me.
15. A sign on the lawn at a drug rehab center: Keep off the Grass.
16. A small boy swallowed some coins and was taken to a hospital; when his grandmother telephoned to ask how he was, a nurse said, 'No change yet.'
17. A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion.
19. The short fortune-teller who escaped from prison was a small medium at large.
20. The man who survived mustard gas and pepper spray is now a seasoned veteran.
21. A backward poet writes inverse.
22. In democracy it's your vote that counts. In feudalism it's your count that votes.
23. Don't join dangerous cults: Practice safe sects

One wise sage said:

"If I had eight hours to chop down a tree, I'd spend six sharpening my axe."

Live up to Your Capabilities

Have you ever noticed how uniquely adapted each animal is to its environment and its way of life? On land, a duck waddles along ungainly on its webbed feet. In the water, it glides along smooth as glass. The rabbit runs with ease and great bursts of speed, but I've never seen one swimming laps. The squirrel climbs anything in sight but cannot fly (unless you count great airborne leaps from limb to limb), while the eagle soars to mountaintops.

What's true of creatures in the forest is true of members of the chorus. We are not all made the same. There are differences and unique capabilities among us.

Everyone has their own "gifting" and knowing what individuals are good at doing is as helpful as any truth you can ever know. In a nutshell, here's the scoop: Nobody else is exactly like you.

When you operate in your realm of capabilities, you will excel and the whole chorus will benefit . . . and you will experience incredible satisfaction. When others operate in their realm, then balance, unity, and health automatically occur in the chorus. It's amazing!

But when you compare . . . or force . . . or entertain expectations that reach beyond your or others capabilities, then you can expect frustration, discouragement, mediocrity, and, in the long run, defeat.

If you a duck singer, swim like mad but don't get bent out of shape because you wobble when you run. Furthermore, if you're an eagle, stop expecting squirrel members to soar . . . or rabbit saints to build the same kind of nests you do.

Accept your musical species. Cultivate your capabilities. Stop comparing. Enjoy being you!

No one else is exactly like you. Cultivate your capabilities. Refuse to compare or control.



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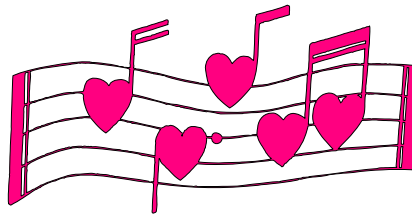
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...ols/ noun: aimless, slow-walking pedestrians who
y on sidewalks, stores, in malls, and crosswalks,
often while preoccupied with a cell phone. (Not the 4 guys below.)




The Bright Knights: Larry, Ken, Karl and Steve






GIVE YOUR SWEETHEART A SINGING VALENTINE!

Thursday, February 14th is Valentine's Day!



On that day, you can have a quartet
sing to your sweetheart at home, at work
...you tell us where, you tell us when.

For \$30 your Valentine will receive a flower,
a serenade, and a memory to last a life time!



www.indianheadchorus.org

Valentine's Day is coming up quickly. Don't miss out on something wonderful!

In the Frederic area - Call Larry Fisk

In the St Croix Falls area - Call Ken Mettler

In the Amery area- Call Duane Morris

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