



## BARBERSHOP HARMONY SOCIETY

All the News that's Phit 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](http://www.indianheadchorus.com)

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1,000 Lakes Division –Probe Member

## ***Our fifty-seventh year – Issue 6 – July, 2014***

### **Upcoming performances** –Dan Valentine

Sat., July 19th. Log Jam Days- Stillwater, MN -2 pm show

Tue., July 29th. Music In Park -Luck -6:30 show time

Sat., Aug 9th Threshing Show- 10 AM performance –Almelund, MN

Sun, Aug 17th Church Sing out –MN boarder area

Sat., Sept 13 -Amery Fall Festival Parade

Sun., Sept 21st VLQ Almelund Church sing and Apple fest

Fri., Oct 10 Dress rehearsal Annual Show

Sat., Oct 11th -Annual Show @ Amery HS 2 PM & 7:30 PM

Sat., Oct. 25th - Rochester District Contest

Sun., Dec. 7 - Amery stroll

### **Thirteen More Practices to the Show...**

Then contest is upon us. Wow! The year is flying by so fast. Not much time and lots to get right. Now that the learning CD's have been distributed to everyone, it's time to learn the notes and words by listening to them. Let's let Steve and Karl spend their time at practice polishing our performance. Thanks to everyone who have taken the time to set up church sing outs and our other performances. Without your work we could not enjoy our hobby so much.

Soon Duane will be asking you to sell ads to this year's annual show. This raises most of our year's income. So please take the time and help wherever you can. Let's spend the rest of the year singing Barbershop Harmony and having a great time.

Thank You,

***Archie Lessard***, President

**After Hours Quartet** will appear at our October 11, 2014 Show in Amery!



After Hours Barbershop Quartet, based in Central Illinois, started singing together in 2009. Since then, they have had the pleasure of performing in a variety of venues across the United States.

After Hours began competing in the spring of 2009. At the district level, they are three-time Illinois District collegiate champions (2009-2011) and Illinois District quartet champions (2010). In 2011, After Hours became International Collegiate 3rd place bronze medalists, scoring higher than any previous Illinois District collegiate quartet. At the 2013 International Barbershop Convention Quartet Competition, After Hours made the Top 10 for the first time, finishing in 8th place.

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**“The way to love anything  
is to realize that it  
might be lost.”**

*~Gilbert Keith Chesterton*

***St Croix Crossing*** will also appear on our show!



#### 2014 International Senior Silver Medalists

St Croix Crossing began as an active quartet early in 2010. The group has a strong musical background including over 100 years of total barbershop experience. It is known for providing a variety of music to their audiences ranging from Barbershop to Pop and Gospel in a very entertaining show. They are proud to hold the Land O Lakes 2010 District Senior Champion title. They competed for the International Senior Quartet championship in Tucson, AZ and brought home the 2012 third place bronze medal. More recently, the quartet finished second at the 2013 District contest in La Crosse and were honored to represent the district for the third year in a row at the 2014 Midwinter convention in Long Beach, CA, this time coming home with the second place silver medal in the international senior quartet competition. [Click here](#) to meet the members of the quartet. The group can be contacted by emailing Dan at [dan@prettygoodquartet.com](mailto:dan@prettygoodquartet.com). You can also find us on facebook at [www.facebook.com/scxbq](http://www.facebook.com/scxbq)

**Our Chorus mission is why we exist.** "The Indianhead Chorus is a fraternity of men drawn together by a love of singing, performing and promoting four-part, close acappella harmony music known as barbershop."

**Our values declare who we are.** One of the values we have is preserving our barbershop harmony style.

**Our vision is what we want to be.** "Our vision is to be a dynamic, high quality Barbershop singing organization, always striving for excellence."

## Our Officers for 2013

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## Lunch List

- JULY 7, CLINT GJERDE
- JULY 14, GERALD JOHNSON
- JULY 21, ROGER JOHNSON
- JULY 28, ARCHIE LESSARD
- AUG 4, CLIFF MANWILLER
- AUG 11, KEN METTLER
- AUG 18, DUANE MORRIS
- AUG 25, LOREN NELSON
- SEPT 1, MARK NELSON
- SEPT 8, STEVE OSERO
- SEPT 15, PAUL PEDERSON
- SEPT 22, CARL PETERSON
- SEPT 29, NEIL PICKARD
- OCT 6, ALAN SALMELA
- OCT 13, HARLEY SCHAEFER
- OCT 20, BRYAN SHOBE
- OCT 27, BILL STEVENSON
- NOV 3, DUANE STONE
- NOV 10, STEVE SWENSON
- NOV 17, DAN VALENTINE
- NOV 24, MARK WESLANDER
- DEC 1, ED BONESKY
- DEC 8, CHUCK WILLIAMSON
- DEC 15, KARL WICKLUND
- DEC 22, JON BUSS

## You Determine Your Attitude...

*Your attitude is not determined by circumstances, but by how you respond to your circumstances. You can respond positively or negatively to any situation. It's how you react to events, not the events themselves, that determines your attitude.*

*Any challenge facing you is not as important as your attitude towards it, for that will determine your success or failure...Max Steingart*

## Puns for Educated Minds

Venison for dinner again? Oh deer!  
A cartoonist was found dead in his home. Details are sketchy.  
I used to be a banker, but then I lost interest.  
Haunted French pancakes give me the crepes.  
England has no kidney bank, but it does have a Liverpool.  
I tried to catch some fog, but I mist.  
They told me I had type-A blood, but it was a Type-O.  
I changed my iPod's name to Titanic. It's syncing now.  
Jokes about German sausages are the wurst.  
I know a guy who's addicted to brake fluid, but he says he can stop any time.  
I stayed up all night to see where the sun went, and then it dawned on me.  
This girl said she recognized me from the vegetarian club, but I'd never met herbivore.  
When chemists die, apparently they barium.  
I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I just can't put it down.  
I did a theatrical performance about puns. It was a play on words.  
I didn't like my beard at first. Then it grew on me.  
Did you hear about the cross-eyed teacher who lost her job because she couldn't control  
her pupils?  
When you get a bladder infection, you know urine trouble.  
Broken pencils are pretty much pointless.  
What do you call a dinosaur with an extensive vocabulary? A thesaurus.  
I dropped out of the Communism class because of lousy Marx.  
All the toilets in New York's police stations have been stolen. As of now, it appears the  
police have nothing to go on.  
I got a job at a bakery because I kneaded dough.  
Velcro - what a rip off!



“Consider the rights of others before your own feelings,  
and the feelings of others before your own rights.”

-John Wooden

## **Effective Membership Recruiting Methods-**

By Steve Shannon, Colorado

**Recruiting is easy**, but, if you're not prepared, **retention is hard!**

- How many more singers do you want? 10? 25? Double your current numbers?
  - How soon do you want them? 30 days? 3 months? 6 months?
  - How good do you want them to be? C, B, A level?
  - Is your music program ready for 10, 25, 50 rookies?
  - What does your chorus offer that will compel them to return, week after week?
- Since 1963, I have personally recruited more than 300 singers for BHS. I also had a hand in starting seven chapters from scratch and rebuilding dozens more; usually in areas that were considered too old, too poor, too ethnic, too whatever, to have or to support "our" kind of singers.

Now, as then, recruiting success is a direct result of attitude and approach; if you really want to find good singers, you can. I constantly find singers on airplanes, in checkout lines, at sports events, at gas stations, on golf courses... literally everywhere I go. And, as I teach in my

Chorus Workshops, the most effective technique is talking to strangers, face-to-face. Yes, what you say matters, but how you say it matters even more.

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## Did you hear about the Italian chef that died?

He pasta way.  
we cannoli do so much  
his legacy will become a pizza history.  
here today, gone tomato  
How sad that he ran out of thyme.  
Sending olive my prayers to the family.  
His wife is really upset. Cheese still not over it.  
You never sausage a tragic thing

First Guy (proudly): 'My wife's an angel!'

Second Guy: 'You're lucky, mine's still alive.' –Anonymous

A man inserted an 'ad' in the classifieds: 'Wife wanted'. Next day he received a hundred letters. They all said the same thing: 'You can have mine.' –Anonymous  
A good wife always forgives her husband when she's wrong.

-Rodney Dangerfield

My wife and I were happy for twenty years.

Then we met. -Henny Youngman

You know what I did before I married?

Anything I wanted to. –Anonymous

Two secrets to keep your marriage brimming.

1. Whenever you're wrong, admit it,

2. Whenever you're right, shut up. -Patrick Murray

When a man steals your wife, there is no better revenge than to let him keep her.

-King David

After marriage, husband and wife become two sides of a coin; they just can't face each other, but still they stay together. -Sasha Guitry

By all means marry. If you get a good wife, you'll be happy.

If you get a bad one, you'll become a philosopher. -Socrates

had some words with my wife, and she had some paragraphs with me. -Sigmund Freud

"There's a way of transferring funds that is even faster than electronic banking.

It's called marriage.' -Sam Kinison

I've had bad luck with both my wives.

The first one left me, and the second one didn't.' -James Holt McGavra