

# River Ramblings

Editor - Jeffrey Grimmer

## A Good Day for the LO'L at Kansas City!



2nd Place Silver Medals - Hilltop, MN - Great Northern Union Chorus



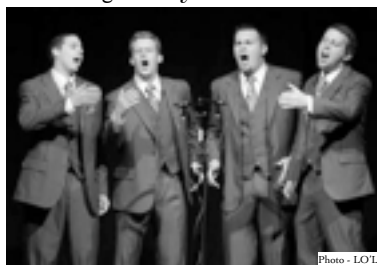
10th Place - VOCE  
Manhattan/Westchester County  
Shenago Valley/Frank Thorne



45th Place - Grand Design  
Mankato/Hilltop/St. Croix Valley



22nd Place - GQ  
Hilltop/Frank Thorne



25th Place - Expedition  
Greendale/Hilltop/St. Charles



49 Place - Rooftop Rhythm  
Oshkosh/Northbrook/Frank Thorne



38th Place - Main Street Station  
La Crosse/West Allis/Frank Thorne

The LO'L had a great day in Kansas City. The "Great Northern Union" from Hilltop, Minnesota, finished 5 points out of first place. Now, lets think about that for a minute - 5 points out of 3,000 total points, given out by 15 judges! WOW! That's cutting it mighty close! Congratulations from the entire Mankato "Riverblenders" Chapter on an outstanding job. What we hear from the people that attended the contest is that you guys won!!! A standing ovation even before you started singing your last notes!!! UNBELIEVABLE!!!

The Mankato Chapter had several fellas singing with "GNU" as dual members, they were: Derek Glena, Charlie Johnson, Bill Lydecker, Doug Peterson, and Greg Rosevold. We know they were thrilled to be able to pin a silver medal onto their uniforms.

Congratulation also go out to all of the LO'L Quartets that competed in the contest. By looking over the scores, we all see that you sang very well. CONGRATULATIONS!!!

# Scoring from the Contest

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1st Place - Masters of Harmony - Santa Fe Springs, CA-FWD



Photo - Harmony International

1st Place Quartet - Old School-MAD

## OFFICIAL SCORING SUMMARY, BHS, International Quartet and Chorus Convention

International, Quartet Finals, Kansas City, Missouri, July 9, 2011

Contest Legend: 1=International Quartet (3 Rounds), 2=International Dealer's Choice Award (3 Rounds), 2=International International Dealer's Choice Award (3 Rounds)

Finals	Song	MUS.	PRS.	SNG.	Subt.	Prev.	Total	Ava.
1 Old School	Forgive Me	454	457	449	2711	5379	8090	89.9
(1) [MAD]	Yes Sir, That's My Baby (Ain't She Sweet?) (Medley)	451	456	444				
2 Musical Island Boys	Now Is The Hour	451	461	443	2684	5285	7969	88.5
(1) [NZABS]	I Can Dream	440	449	440				
3 Masterpiece	Everyone's Wrong But Me	436	439	433	2645	5210	7855	87.3
(1) [FWD]	Where've You Been?	444	456	437				
4 A Mighty Wind	Bill Grogan's Goat	433	431	439	2611	5220	7831	87.0
(1) [DIX]	The Curtain Falls	433	439	436				
5 Main Street	Down By The Old Mill Stream	431	428	430	2571	5155	7726	85.8
(1) [SUN]	Coney Island Washboard Roundelay	427	437	418				
6 Forefront	Baby It's You	428	426	425	2545	5124	7669	85.2
(1) [CAR]	I Only Wanna Laugh	426	421	419				
7 Men In Black	Make 'Em Laugh	423	426	420	2534	5111	7645	84.9
(1) [NED]	Harvey Run	421	427	417				
8 TNS	Don't Put A Tax On The Beautiful Girls	426	423	429	2542	5088	7630	84.8
(1) [DIX]	Shine On Me	421	421	422				
9 The Allies	I Used To Be Color Blind	425	421	424	2529	5091	7620	84.7
(1) [JAD]	Coney Island Washboard	420	421	418				
10 Voce	Lonely Nights (Medley)	420	414	420	2510	5076	7586	84.3
(1) [LOL]	Show Me The Way To Go Home	418	417	421				



Photo - Harmony International

1st Place Collegiate Quartet  
Prestige - JAD

## OFFICIAL SCORING SUMMARY, BHS, International Quartet and Chorus Convention

International, Quartet Quarter-Finals, Kansas City, Missouri, July 6, 2011

Contest Legend: 1=International Quartet (3 Rounds), 2=International Dealer's Choice Award (3 Rounds)

Quarter-Finals	Song	MUS.	PRS.	SNG.	Total	Ava.
21 Voices Unlimited	What A Day For A Daydream	396	408	402	2406	88.1
(1) [CSD]	My Foolish Heart	404	396	402	2389	79.6
22 GG	The Night Has A Thousand Eyes	394	394	399	2389	79.6
(1) [LOL]	I'm Into Something Good	398	397	396	2389	79.6
22 Chameleon	You Don't Know Me	401	402	395	2388	79.6
(1) [ONT]	There's Life	412	400	392	2388	79.6
24 Maverick	It's Forg	401	394	389	2381	79.4
(1) [JAD]	Heart Of My Heart (The Story Of The Rose)	406	400	396	2381	79.4
25 Expedition	Tired Of Me	397	389	393	2379	79.1
(1) [LOL]	I Won't Send Roses	403	403	384	2374	79.1
26 Frank the Dog	One For My Baby (And One More For The Road)	401	397	386	2365	78.8
(1) [MAD]	Until The Real Thing	402	390	395	2365	78.8
27 Q-Tones	Mr. Success	401	388	389	2358	78.6
(1) [SNOBS]	May I Never Love Again	398	392	394	2361	78.7
28 95 North	Walkin' My Baby Back Home/When My Sugar Walks Down The	396	388	393	2358	78.6
(1) [FWD]	One For My Baby (And One More For The Road)	404	388	389	2358	78.6
29 Off The Record	Something About Ya	402	388	389	2358	78.6
(1) [JL]	I'll Get By (As Long As I Have You)	396	395	392	2357	78.6
30 Quadruphonics	After You've Gone	396	391	397	2358	78.6
(1) [EVG]	Their Hearts Were Full Of Spring	389	389	391	2351	78.4
31 Cadillac Jack	Rock It For Me	397	393	392	2348	78.3
(1) [JAD]	Redhead Medley	399	385	388	2348	78.3
32 Flashback	When I Leave The World Behind	398	386	392	2348	78.3
(1) [SUN]	You Took Advantage Of Me	387	388	386	2343	78.1
33 Let's Sing!	One For My Baby (And One More For The Road)	396	399	387	2345	78.0
(1) [NSC]	Old Fashioned Girl	385	395	391	2345	78.0
34 The Real McCoy	Roly Poly	389	389	391	2345	78.0
(1) [DIX]	Oh! Look At Me Now	392	382	389	2336	77.9
35 Alliance	What Kind Of Fool Am I?	394	385	394	2335	77.8
(1) [AAMBS]	Love Me And The World Is Mine	396	393	389	2335	77.8
36 Noise Boys	I Never Miss The Sunshine	385	387	385	2325	77.5
(1) [CSD]	What I Do?	387	387	386	2325	77.5
37 Rush Street	Taking A Chance On Love	390	389	395	2313	77.1
(1) [ILL]	Do You Really Love Me?	384	382	385	2309	77.0
38 Main Street Station	Don't Break The Heart That Loves You	386	384	383	2309	77.0
(1) [LOL]	Put Your Arms Around Me Honey	385	385	386	2307	76.9
39 Steel	If I Had My Way	391	379	378	2307	76.9
(1) [BABS]	Almost Like Being In Love	395	385	379	2306	76.9
40 The Crew	Then I'll Be Tired Of You	375	382	374	2306	76.9
(1) [RMD]	Fly Me To The Moon	384	388	384	2305	76.8
41 The Elements	Original Dixieland One Step	387	385	383	2305	76.8
(1) [DIX]	Little Pal	386	385	379	2304	76.8
42 Evolution	Hello My Baby	384	383	390	2304	76.8
(1) [BABS]	If I Could Be With You	381	384	382	2301	76.7
43 The Daddy-Os!	The County Fair	387	383	380	2301	76.7
(1) [CAR]	Hello My Baby	386	384	381	2297	76.6
44 Rocketeers	Heart Of My Heart (The Story Of The Rose)	387	382	384	2297	76.6
(1) [SUN]	Smilin' Through	384	380	378	2293	76.4
45 Grand Design	When It Comes To Lovin' The Girls/They're All Sweeties (Medley)	389	378	381	2293	76.4
(1) [LOL]	Look Me Up When You're In Dixie	383	383	379	2281	76.0
46 Progression	My Romance	389	379	376	2281	76.0
(1) [CSD]	Stormy Weather	383	382	372	2280	76.0
47 Mainstream	Little Pal	375	382	374	2280	76.0
(1) [SLO]	On The Street Where You Live	384	384	381	2279	76.0
48 Anthem	One For My Baby (And One More For The Road)	382	380	378	2279	76.0
(1) [JL]	That Tumble Down Shack In Afton	382	378	379	2244	74.8
49 Rooftop Rhythm	The One I Love Belongs To Somebody Else	367	380	371	2244	74.8
(1) [LOL]	There's A Rainbow Round My Shoulder (Parody)	372	383	381		
50 Four Man Fishin' Tackle Choir	Over The Rainbow (Parody)	372	383	381		
(1) [PIO]						

Panel Administrator(s)

Music

Presentation

Singing

Imagery

Brothers in Harmony

General Assembly Chorus

Great Western Chorus

Hamilton Square, NJ

Research Triangle Park, NC

Providence, RI

Narragansett Bay Chorus

Batavia, NY

The Vocal Agenda

Jim Kalkreuth - EVG

Dave Rubin - JAD

Jeff Taylor - ONT

Marty Lovick - EVG

David Wright - CSD

Barry Towner - ONT

John Coffin - RMD

Joe Hunter Jr. - MAD

Chris Hebert - FWD

Richard Lowellen - MAD

David Mills - SUN

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## OFFICIAL SCORING SUMMARY, BHS, International Quartet and Chorus Convention

International, Chorus Finals, Kansas City, Missouri, July 8, 2011, REVISED 07-08-2011

Chapter / Nickname	Song	MUS.	PRS.	SNG.	Total	Avg.	Cnt
1 Santa Fe Springs, CA	Stranger In Paradise	468	471	473	2829	94.3	121
Masters of Harmony [FWD]	Alabama Jubilee	472	475	470			
2 Hilltop, MN	You Keep Coming Back Like A Song	457	472	469	2824	94.1	94
Great Northern Union [LOL]	One Of Those Songs (Medley)	466	489	471			
#3 Toronto, ON	I Got Rhythm/Farewell, Farewell To L	453	456	448	2733	91.1	64
The Northern Lights [ONT]	The Party's Over	458	468	450			
#3 Denver Mile High, CO	Aaron Dale - David Wright Medley	452	463	455	2733	91.1	104
Sound of The Rockies [RMD]	The Greatest Barbershop Chart	451	471	441			
5 Alexandria, VA	If I Loved You	441	452	448	2663	88.8	100
Alexandria Harmonizers [MAD]	What Do I Need With Love?	434	453	435			
6 Elizabethtown, KY	Since I Don't Have You	435	454	435	2661	88.7	30
Kentucky Vocal Union [CAR]	Rock This Town	436	468	433			
7 Wellington, New Zealand	I Dream Of Jeanie	438	430	436	2592	86.4	32
Vocal FX [NZABS]	Oh! Look At Me Now	430	431	427			
8 Greater Central Ohio, OH	How Deep Is The Ocean?	428	434	429	2578	85.9	56
The Alliance [JAD]	Put Your Arms Around Me, Honey	429	429	429			
9 Atlanta Metro, GA	More Than You Know	420	422	425	2539	84.6	42
Atlanta Vocal Project [DIX]	Hard Hearted Hannah (The Vamp Of)	424	424	424			
10 Bay Area, CA	When You Look In The Heart Of A Ro	423	416	430	2519	84.0	53
Voices In Harmony [FWD]	Honey (Medley)	416	409	425			
11 Nashville, TN	Aladdin Medley 1	395	438	418	2516	83.9	61
Music City Chorus [DIX]	Aladdin Medley 2	400	445	420			
12 Fremont, NE	Young And Foolish	413	414	414	2488	82.9	92
Pathfinder Chorus [CSD]	Cross That Mason-Dixon Line	407	425	415			
13 Metro Kansas City, MO	Time After Time	411	415	424	2482	82.7	31
Central Standard [CSD]	Strike Up The Band	404	413	415			
14 Kansas City, MO	Love Me, And The World Is Mine	415	412	412	2470	82.3	56
Heart of America [CSD]	Yes Sir, That's My Baby	408	415	408			
15 Bloomington, IL	Just A Kid Named Joe	405	420	411	2461	82.0	75
Sound of Illinois [ILL]	Oliver (Medley)	398	419	408			
16 Greater Indianapolis, IN	Cry Me A River	409	405	414	2451	81.7	68
Circle City Sound [CAR]	I Had Someone Else Before I Had Yo	401	410	412			
17 Greater Phoenix, AZ	The More I See You	412	408	410	2441	81.4	66
Spirit of Phoenix [FWD]	When You've Got A Song In Your Hea	403	407	401			
18 Jacksonville Big O, FL	The Little Boy	414	403	407	2440	81.3	47
The Big Orange [SUN]	I Wanna Be Like You	406	412	398			
19 Perth, Australia	I Have Dreamed	407	404	407	2429	81.0	34
Vocal Evolution [AAMBS]	I Got Rhythm	403	403	405			
20 San Marcos, TX	On The Street Where You Live	413	394	408	2420	80.7	23
The Mascmen [SWD]	Goodbye Dixie, Goodbye (Medley)	404	396	405			
20 Salem, OR	Cheer Up, Charlie	408	407	400	2420	80.7	35
Senate-Aires [EVG]	Come Fly With Me	406	403	396			
22 Houston, TX	Time After Time	396	404	402	2409	80.3	47
Houston Tidelanders [SWD]	If The Lord Be Willin'	396	411	400			
23 Bellevue, WA	Their Hearts Were Full Of Spring	407	396	402	2388	79.6	35
Northwest Sound [EVG]	'Deed I Do	399	398	395			
24 Tampa, FL	The Masquerade Is Over	398	386	401	2355	78.5	42
Heralds of Harmony [SUN]	Sentimental Gentleman From Georgia	392	388	390			
25 Mt. Pleasant, MI	Oh, Lady Be Good	389	375	391	2322	77.4	29
Mountainview Singers [PIO]	I'm In Love Again/I'm In Love With Yo	392	381	394			
26 Bristol, England	Come Take Your Place In My Heart	384	382	388	2292	76.4	45
Great Western Chorus [BABS]	All Aboard For Dixie Land	375	385	374			
27 Hamilton Square, NJ	Goodnight Saigon	348	408	406	2280	76.0	64
Brothers in Harmony [MAD]	Imagine	298	413	407			
28 Research Triangle Park, NC	Will Tell The Sun Shines, Nellie	375	370	369	2238	74.6	62
General Assembly Chorus [NSC]	Story Of The Rose, The (Heart Of My	377	377	370			
29 Providence, RI	World War I (Medley)	372	372	371	2221	74.0	33
Narragansett Bay Chorus [NED]	K.P.	368	369	369			
30 Batavia, NY	Way You Look Tonight	371	356	359	2171	72.4	18
The Vocal Agenda [SLD]	You Make Me Feel So Young	369	355	361			

## Personal Insights into Kansas City

I have participated in a number of International contests, the first being with the Mankato "Riverblenders" in 1981. I still recall waiting in line to get on stage and trying to quell the nerves. Then, in about 6 minutes, it was over! Since that first experience, I have participated in 8 International contests, and the most recent in Kansas City has to be the high point. Kansas City doesn't sound too exciting but we found it to be a very friendly and comfortable city to move about in. The Sprint Center, where all the events were held, was only a short walk from most hotels, bus transportation was readily available, and the hotel accommodations were reasonable and comfortable. We, my wife and I, attended most of the chorus and quartet competitions and found them entertaining. The quality of singing and performance was exceptional. From the front runners to the lower scorers they all deserved to be there.

The most striking thing to me was the obvious presence of young men, both in quartets and choruses. Young Men in Harmony were well represented! Unfortunately, I wasn't able to take in the College Quartet Contest. But, of the quartets I did hear, they did not lack for talent and enthusiasm. The future looks bright for the Society.

If you haven't attended an International Convention I recommend you do. It will give you a much broader perspective of this great Society we are members of.

Obviously the "GNU" performance was memorable. The audience reception was unbelievable. The entire crowd was on their feet before our last note was sung. It was a thrill I have never experienced. I never in my wildest dreams

thought that I would ever put a silver medal on my chest. In my early years in Barbershop I never thought I would ever have the opportunity to be in this situation to even compete. The long hours of practice, the sectionals, the coaching session and the directors constant demand for perfection paid off. I am humbled by the experience. It was a team effort with everyone taking control of his space and pulling together. There were no heroics. Everyman was important, and believing that we could do it carried the day. It is an experience I will never forget, hopefully, so I can bore my great grandchildren with the details.

The "Riverblenders" got me started singing Barbershop and for that I am grateful. Make sure others have that opportunity in the future.

The Mankato "Riverblenders" were well represented at KC. Greg Rosevold, Doug Peterson, Bill Lydecker, Derek Glena and I were singing with "GNU". In the audience was Warren Hettinga, one of the "Riverblenders" directors in 1981. He was there to watch his son, Don Hettinga, also an "old" "Riverblender", singing in his debut quartet appearance. We had fun cheering for "Grand Design" and I took great pride in watching my old quartet buddy, Leonard Huls, put out those golden tenor notes with confidence. This is a young quartet to watch and they will be back! Also from Florida was Charlie Barbarisi, a mainstay in the early years of the "Riverblenders". He was singing with the "Tampa Chorus", and in the audience was Chuck Schubbe the venerable LO'L Board member.

I hope I didn't miss anyone. It was great to be away from home sharing this experience with so many friends!

Charley Johnson

"Riverblender" & "GNU" member

The International Convention in Kansas City, MO, was a great event. The Land O' Lakes District was well represented. Six Quartets and the Great Northern Union Chorus gave the people from LO'L good reason to be very proud.

Our quartets all sang very well and I need to express the appreciation from the LO'L Board and OPS team for the hard work all of the contenders from LO'L put in to qualify for the international

competition. A special thanks to Grand Design and GNU for the super job at Kansas City.

The education program in the LOL is really bearing fruit. We are planning on making more improvements to our District Education program, so stay tuned as Dave Sylte will be getting information for quartet schools, Chapter officer and Administration training and many other good things that will transpire this coming year.

District Executive Vice President - Chuck Schubbe

*Celebration of Life  
Janet Youngblom  
June 7, 1937 ~ July 10, 2011*



On July 10, 2011, the wife of member Charles Youngblom was taken from us. 29 "Riverblenders" went to support Charles as he said his goodbyes to his wife of 54 years. We were honored to be invited to sing at the Celebration of Life Service held for Janet and we wish all the best to Charles and his family.

Marv Ostrom another member of the "Riverblenders" wrote the following poems for Charles and his family.

### **Lifetime Partner**

Marv Ostrom

From a lifetime partner its hard to depart,  
Long the attachment, a matter of the heart.  
You've promised together, long it shall be,  
Tho ups and downs on the Youngblom's sea.  
Janet to Charlie - a faithful mate,  
Her wifely duties, what 'ere on her plate.  
Now she is gone and will be sadly missed,  
The book of memories will be lovingly kissed.  
Life will go on from pillar to post,  
Family and friends there when needed the most.  
We're grateful the Riverblenders will be there to sing,  
And shed words of comfort like they know how to bring.

### **For Charles**

Marv Ostrom

A pleasant thought to the funeral were singing,  
From the men in the chorus condolences bringing.  
We're not a bunch of fellas who gather Tuesday night,  
We're a fraternity caring and doing what's right.  
We love our brothers, concerned with each one,  
We'll gather again when this life is done.

## **Calendar**

### **August 2, 2011 - Tuesday**

Christ the King  
Show & Music Committees meet - 6 PM  
Regular Practice - 7 PM

### **August 7, 2011 - Sunday**

Church Performances

### **August 9, 2011 - Tuesday**

Christ the King  
Board Meeting Meeting - 6 PM  
Regular Practice - 7 PM

### **August 16, 2011 - Tuesday**

Christ the King  
Show Committee Meeting - 6 PM  
Regular Practice - 7 PM

### **August 21, 2011 - Sunday**

Church Performances

### **August 27, 2011 - Saturday**

Annual BBS Auction  
Jeff & Carol Grimmer's

### **August 28, 2011 - Sunday**

Well's Area Churches

### **September 17, 2011 - Saturday**

Wells Show

### **October 21-22, 2011 - Fri/Sat**

LO'L District Contest

### **April 14, 2012 - Saturday**

Annual Shows:  
Crossview Covenant Church

## **Item of Interest**

2012 Show Music - the "Disney" theme music has been chosen and is available for you on CD  
Contact - Doug Peterson

# Summer Church Performances



Chorus members at July 17th church performances

The Choir Director, at one of the churches, was grateful for one of the songs we sang. It was not a song the members of her church would ordinarily hear, due to music restrictions in their church.

I've have observed this season, on a number of occasions, of a member of the audience in awe of something that we were singing. The song obviously touched them and it clearly was a special moment for them.

I recall two standing ovations on July 17th. I believe there were a couple more standing ovations earlier this summer. Makes one feel proud!

We are half way through the church performances and I have definitely observed enough reactions and remarks from our audiences, that I eagerly look forward to the balance of the Sunday singing season. An observation, related, but unrelated to the Sundays - the feedback we got from the folks at Janet Youngblom's Celebration of Life was just great.

Thank you to all members that attended, it was awesome, in my humble opinion.

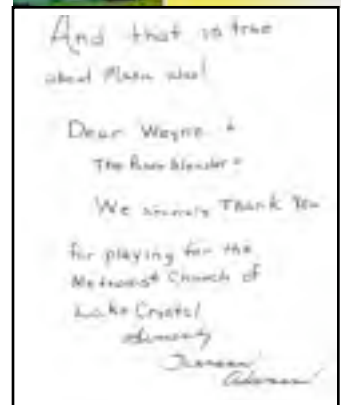
Ron Meyer  
Church Performance Chairman



Chorus members at July 24th church performances



## A Card from Lake Crystal



### June 12th:

Christ the King - Mankato  
Centenary United Methodist - Mankato  
First Congregational - Mankato  
Grace Lutheran - Mankato  
Laurel's Peak

### June 26th:

Our Saviors Lutheran - Mankato  
Hilltop United Methodist - Mankato  
Bethlehem Lutheran - Mankato  
1st Presbyterian - Mankato  
Hosanna Lutheran - Mankato  
Pathstone Living - Mankato

### July 17th:

1st Presbyterian - Lake Crystal  
1st United Methodist - Lake Crystal  
Zion Lutheran - Lake Crystal  
Belgrade United Methodist - N. Mankato  
Messiah Lutheran - N. Mankato  
Koppen Gardens - N. Mankato

### July 24th:

First Congregational - Waseca  
Evangelical United Methodist - Waseca  
Faith United Methodist - Waseca  
Lake Shore Nursing Home - Waseca  
United Methodist - Janesville  
Janesville Nursing Home - Janesville

## 2012 "Disney" Show

On April 14th, 2012 we will endeavor to produce our own "Disney" show. We have most of the people in place to do their, as always, great jobs! However, we do have several positions that need to be filled. The jobs that we do while on this committee are relatively easy to perform and not that time consuming. We are blessed to have a well organized document to show us the way! We also have lots of members that have done most of these jobs at some time as a "Riverblender" and are eager to help us out.

Our first meeting is Tuesday, August 2, 2011, 6 PM at Christ the King Lutheran Church. This will be a joint meeting with the Music Committee so that we can get the music finalized. We were smart enough to get some of the music out to the members over a year ago and have a handle on several songs. The chapter quartets have received lists of applicable songs and are selecting what they wish to sing. Tim and Thom Schubbe have indicated to me that they have come up with some great ideas on how we may put this show together. They will let us know what these are on the 2nd, so plan on attending the meeting.

The second meeting will be August 9th at the same time and location. After this meeting we will have further meetings on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at the same time and location. Other meetings may be needed as we get closer to the show.

Thanks to the members that have reaffirmed their commitment to working on the 2012 show. However, we are in the need of several other people. As I stated earlier, these jobs are not that time consuming if you start on them right away. We have 8 months until the show so you will have plenty of time to get your tasks completed.

I am not the type of person that will go out and call everyone personally for help in filling these positions. Please look over the list of needed help and volunteer for one of them. This chorus is a great chorus because of the dedication of its members. If everyone does a little the chorus can do a lot. So, check out your commitment to the chorus, and if it is lacking, this is an opportunity to give back.

Remember that all members are welcomed to attend these meetings.

### Open Positions:

Assistant Show Chairman - (Will become 2013 Show Chairman)

Publicity Chairman - (need 2 people or more)

Ad Sales Chairman - (need 2 people or more)

Chorus Director to work with committees

It appears that we need a minimum of 6 people, but it would be easier if we have 10. The main ones are the Chairmen and then we can get helpers to aid them in their work.

### Current Positions Filled:

Show Chairman - Jeff Grimmer

Executive Committee - Current Board of Directors

Ron Larson - Finances/Web Site

Tim Schubbe - Show Script & Costumes

Thom Schubbe - Show Script & Costumes

Doug Peterson - Contracts/Housing/Qt/Info

Chuck Schubbe - Pre and Afterglows

Music Committee - Songs

Steve Pettis - Hard copy

Jon S'berg - Ticket Sales

Ryan Kuisle - Work to support show as PVP

A big thank you to the fells that have already volunteered!!

### FUTURE MEETING DATES:

August 2nd

August 9th

September 20th

October 18th

November 15th

December 20th

January 17th

February 15th

March 15th

April 14th - SHOW



Photo - c. broderick

2012 Show Chairman  
Jeffrey Grimmer

Jeff & his 30 inch 10# Walleye

## Quartet News

Magic has had a very interesting spring. Nine sing outs, mostly in the Mankato area, and two in St. James. We have been working with our new bass, Stan Bruss, and he is learning a lot of new songs. He continues to measure one of us up while he is being introduced and he is having a great time. Frank Selvey will sing with us on the two chorus shows this fall. Thanks Frank!

I heard Soul Purpose sing at the grand opening of the Ecumen Senior Housing in St. Peter and they did a terrific job. Quarteting is where it's at. I would encourage more quarteting.

We are currently busy learning new songs for the spring show.

Thanks Jeff for a wonderful publication.

Bruce Gray for **MAGIC**



GRAND DESIGN" on the contest stage in Kansas City

Jeff,

We just want to thank you and the entire "Riverblenders" Chorus for your verbal and financial support leading up to our international debut in Kansas City. It was a real thrill to hear Mankato announced on the international stage

(reminded me a little of Detroit in '81). Thanks again and we hope that we can get the chapter's name in many more international programs in years to come.

**Sincerely,**

**Grand Design Quartet**

June was a slow month for RFD but we are ramping up to a very busy September.

We did have the privilege of singing for Mike Maes (former Riverblender Bass) and his now wife Kris at their wedding on June 26th. The wedding was relatively informal and was held at the family cabin on Lake Washington. Two really neat things about the performance were: It was a complete surprise for Mike! Kris sang the female part with us on Lida Rose. She was awesome!!! We sang 2

songs in the wedding and then toasted the couple with "Irish Blessing" Thanks to them for having us and we wish them all the happiness for the rest of their lives. We continue to work on more parodies along the farmer theme and hopefully we will be singing them soon.

We are also looking for several songs to sing on the 2012 show. Never a dull moment!

Jeff Grimmer for **RFD**



Living on Earth is expensive, but it does include a free trip around the sun every year.



### ***Benefits of Membership, Continued***

#### ***Assistance from Headquarters Staff***

- Advice on shows and scripts
- Assistance with securing copyright clearances on sheet music, including securing permission to arrange a song
- Distribution of published and unpublished arrangements from over 800 vocal arrangers
- Assistance with securing mechanical and synchronization licenses for audio and video recordings
- General information and records research
- Interpretation of rules and regulations
- Interpretation of bylaws and statements of policy
- Reservation of a quartet's name in the Quartet Registry
- Staff visitations to chapters and districts
- Access The Old Songs Library
- Processing of chapter and district dues

#### ***Member Pricing***

- Harmony University – Harmony College/Directors College/Quartet College
- For exhibitors at the International Convention
- Advertising in *The Harmonizer*

#### ***Competition***

Enter Barbershop Harmony Society-sanctioned district and international contests for quartets and choruses geared to a variety of performers, including:

- International Chorus Championship
- International Quartet Championship
- International Seniors Quartet Championship
- International Youth Festival & Contest
- Bank of America Collegiate Barbershop Quartet Contest

#### ***Protection and Use of the Name and Logo***

The Society allocates resources to the protection of our name and logo not only in North America, but around the world. Members may use the Barbershop Harmony Society name and “signature” logo to identify affiliation with the world's largest all-male singing organization.

#### ***Other Benefits***

- Chapter insurance and bonding at a fraction of normal cost
- Performance license clearance
- Non-profit classification under section 501(c)(3) of US tax code
- Membership development assistance
- Access to patron lists and former singers
- Special member pricing from Hertz

On June 30, 2011, 27 Riverblenders ventured north to the “Church of the Holy Communion” in St. Peter to partake in a “Celebration of our Nation”. It was a hot evening but we did an outstanding job and wish to thank the congregation for inviting us to share this event with them. Thanks also to Arv Zenk for directing.