

# River Ramblings

Editor - Jeffrey Grimmer

## Riverblenders 2011 LO'L District Chorus

Guys,

I am extremely proud of the efforts you put forth for this weekend. Way to go! The key is great preparation. You all came Saturday morning ready to take ownership - you did!

That kind of light, effortless sound helps and works! Makes everything that much easier.

Our on stage performance was great. I think it was the best SOUND I have ever heard since I have directed you at contest. I felt that our scores, in some categories, didn't reflect our performance.

Len and I are very privileged to be your 2011 LO'L District Silver medalist quartet finishers! Thanks for your support and great comments. We had a blast up there! See you all sometime soon. Derek Glenna

Driving to Rochester on Saturday morning we noticed that it certainly was a beautiful day. As we approached the downtown area, we could see guys and their families heading toward the Civic Center. Street parking was not possible, so we headed for a Ramp. After getting situated with parking, we headed to The Doubletree Hotel. As per normal, in the City of Rochester, there was one group leaving and another coming in (the barbershoppers). The folks leaving were peaked with interest as to why we were all dressed-up. Some commented that they would be coming by later to listen to our music.

Our warm-ups were going well when Derek came on the scene. He was all excited to add this experience to his previous evening as Grand Design had qualified for the Quartet final competition Saturday evening. Derek, Doug, and



Derek warming up the Music Machine

Thom all gave us their very best in preparation for our early afternoon performance. In the Ready Room, final instructions were given and the anticipation was starting to build. We were reminded that as good as our sound had been at the Doubletree and the Ready Room, not to be shocked if we sounded dead as we performed on stage. Our performance was done and we could relax. There is always something we wished we could have done different and better.

In the end, we had an average score of 68.1 and tied with Appleton for 8th place, out of 17 Choruses. Only 20 points from finishing 6th!

Ron Meyer



Thom Stretching the Music Machine



Congratulations to "Grand Design's" Second Place Finish

**OFFICIAL SCORING SUMMARY, BHS, International Chorus Preliminaries and District Quartet Convention  
Land O' Lakes District, Chorus Finals, Rochester, Minnesota, October 22, 2011**

Contest Legend: 1=Land O' Lakes District International Preliminary Chorus, 2=Land O' Lakes District Chorus, 3=Land O' Lakes District Plateau A Chorus, 4=Land O' Lakes District Plateau AA Chorus, 5=Land O' Lakes District Plateau AAA Chorus, 6=Land O' Lakes District Most-Improved Chorus

Chapter / Nickname	Song	MUS	PRS	SNG	Total	Avg	Cnt
<b>1 Hilltop, MN</b>	<i>You Keep Coming Back Like A Song</i>	275	282	281	<b>1686</b>	93.7	90
Great Northern Union (1,2,5,6)	<i>One Of Those Songs Medley</i>	277	287	284			
<b>2 Greendale, WI</b>	<i>Requiem For A Pal Medley (Parody)</i>	240	243	251	<b>1473</b>	81.8	53
Midwest Vocal Express (1,2,5)	<i>Travel Medley (Parody)</i>	242	251	246			
<b>3 Fargo-Moorhead, ND</b>	<i>What Kind Of Fool Am I?</i>	225	222	223	<b>1343</b>	74.6	35
Great Plains Harmony (1,2,4,6)	<i>Deed I Do</i>	223	226	224			
<b>4 Minneapolis, MN</b>	<i>One For My Baby (And One More For The)</i>	229	222	224	<b>1339</b>	74.4	79
Commodores (1,2,5,6)	<i>I'm Beginning To See The Light</i>	224	222	218			
<b>5 West Allis, WI</b>	<i>You Don't Know Me</i>	223	211	238	<b>1338</b>	74.3	37
Heart of Harmony Chorus (1,2,3,6)	<i>You Belong To Me</i>	219	212	235			
<b>6 St Croix Valley, MN</b>	<i>Little Pal</i>	206	203	218	<b>1246</b>	69.2	49
Croix Chordsmen Chorus (1,2,4,6)	<i>It's Only A Paper Moon</i>	203	205	211			
<b>7 Oshkosh, WI</b>	<i>If You Were The Only Girl In The World</i>	210	202	206	<b>1233</b>	68.5	36
WinnebagoLand (1,2,4,6)	<i>All Dressed Up With A Broken Heart</i>	207	200	208			
<b>8 Appleton, WI</b>	<i>I'm Sitting On Top Of The World</i>	204	204	203	<b>1226</b>	68.1	33
Fox Valleyaires Chorus (1,2,4)	<i>May I Never Love Again</i>	208	201	206			
★ <b>8 Mankato, MN</b>	<i>When It's Night Time In Dixie Land</i>	209	199	202	<b>1226</b>	68.1	30
Riverblenders (1,2,4,6)	<i>You Don't Know Me</i>	209	201	206			
<b>10 Manitowoc, WI</b>	<i>Let The Rest Of The World Go By</i>	200	196	196	<b>1173</b>	65.2	26
Clipper City Chordsmen (1,2,3,6)	<i>There's A Rainbow 'Round My Shoulder</i>	197	196	188			
<b>11 St Cloud, MN</b>	<i>Tin Roof Blues</i>	194	190	194	<b>1147</b>	63.7	23
Singing Saints (1,2,3)	<i>That Tumble Down Shack In Athlone</i>	187	192	190			
<b>12 Madison, WI</b>	<i>Always</i>	185	181	200	<b>1135</b>	63.1	21
Capitol Chordsmen (1,2,3)	<i>Cecilia</i>	185	187	197			
<b>13 Stevens Point, WI</b>	<i>The Little Boy</i>	188	182	177	<b>1101</b>	61.2	25
Northern Gateway Chorus (1,2,4,6)	<i>That's Life</i>	187	188	179			
★ <b>14 Faribault, MN</b>	<i>Let The Rest Of The World Go By</i>	192	184	178	<b>1099</b>	61.1	20
Lakelanders Chorus (1,2,3)	<i>For All We Know</i>	185	183	177			
<b>15 Polk County, WI</b>	<i>I Don't Know Why (I Just Do)</i>	180	179	187	<b>1090</b>	60.6	24
Indianhead Chorus (1,2,4)	<i>There Goes My Heart</i>	183	180	181			
<b>16 Greater St Paul Area, MN</b>	<i>Taking A Chance On Love</i>	181	189	178	<b>1088</b>	60.4	26
North Star Chorus (1,2,4,6)	<i>I'm Beginning To See The Light</i>	177	186	177			
<b>17 Milwaukee, WI</b>	<i>When You Look In The Heart Of A Rose</i>	184	182	180	<b>1067</b>	59.3	14
Festival City Chorus (1,2,3)	<i>Old St. Louie</i>	174	176	171			

Hilltop, MN qualifies to represent the Land O' Lakes District at the International Chorus Contest next July.

Hilltop, MN is the District Chorus Champion.

West Allis, WI is the Land O' Lakes District Plateau A Champion.

Fargo-Moorhead, ND is the Land O' Lakes District Plateau AA Champion.

Hilltop, MN is the Land O' Lakes District Plateau AAA Champion.

Hilltop, MN is the Land O' Lakes District Most Improved Chorus.

Panel: Administrator(s)

Ron Eubank - PIO

Brian Ayers - EVG

Music

Paul Engel - FWD

Phil Ordaz - FWD

Dave Rubin - JAD

Presentation

Mark Kettner - DIX

Ritchie Lavene - MAD

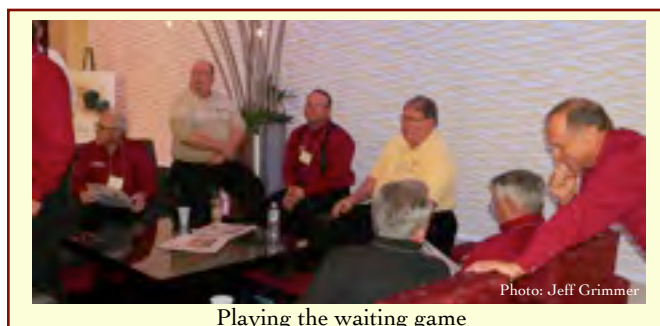
David Leeder - SWD

Singing

Phil DeBar - FWD

Mark Stock - JAD

Tom Woodall - ILL



**OFFICIAL SCORING SUMMARY, BHS, International Chorus Preliminaries and District Quartet Convention  
Land O' Lakes District, Quartet Finals, Rochester, Minnesota, October 22, 2011**

Contest Legend: 1=Land O' Lakes District Quartet (2 Rounds), 3=Land O' Lakes District Novice Quartet

Finals	Song	MUS	PRS	SNG	Subt	Prev	Total	Avg
1 GQ	My Foolish Heart	236	229	241	1404	1417	2821	78.4
(1)	The Night Has A Thousand Eyes	231	230	237				
★ 2 Grand Design	Where The Southern Roses Grow	226	212	225	1333	1358	2691	74.8
(1)	Old Piano Roll Blues	228	216	226				
3 Rooftop Rhythm	Somebody Knows	235	223	222	1360	1318	2678	74.4
(1)	The One I Love (Belongs To Somebody Else)	236	223	221				
4 Ten Minute Intermission	Heart And Soul	220	208	218	1287	1322	2609	72.5
(1)	Please Don't Talk About Me When I'm Gone/Good	221	206	214				
5 St. Croix Crossing	Wrap Your Troubles In Dreams	221	211	211	1281	1276	2557	71.0
(1)	Make 'Em Laugh	218	208	212				
6 The Bottom Line	I Wish You Love	222	211	211	1280	1271	2551	70.9
(1)	All Dressed Up With A Broken Heart	219	209	208				
7 Highpoint	You're The One I Care For	219	204	210	1263	1223	2486	69.1
(1)	I Can't Recall Her Name	216	205	209				
8 The Cheery-O's	I Don't Know Why (I Just Do)	218	205	208	1246	1225	2471	68.6
(1)	Nobody Knows What A Red-Headed Mama Can Do	212	199	204				
9 PROPEL	I'll Be Seeing You	207	194	200	1192	1208	2400	66.7
(1)	When My Baby Smiles At Me	203	188	200				
10 Lamp	My "Wild" Irish Rose	200	188	195	1152	1212	2364	65.7
(1)	Shine On Me	196	184	189				
Semi-Finals	Song	MUS	PRS	SNG	Subt	Prev	Total	Avg
1 GQ	Shine On Me	232	230	240			1417	78.7
(1)	Any Time	241	231	243				
★ 2 Grand Design	Smilin' Through	229	218	229			1358	75.4
(1)	When It Comes To Lovin' The Girls/They're All Sw	231	222	229				
3 Ten Minute Intermission	Danny Boy	227	213	226			1322	73.4
(1)	'Cross That Mason-Dixon Line	223	210	223				
4 Rooftop Rhythm	Chattanooga Choo Choo/Pennsylvania, Goodbye (	219	214	222			1318	73.2
(1)	That Tumble Down Shack In Athlone	222	216	225				
5 St. Croix Crossing	We Kinda Miss Those Good Old Songs	217	215	209			1276	70.9
(1,2)	I've Been Workin' On The Railroad	218	212	205				
6 The Bottom Line	Drivin' Me Crazy	222	212	213			1271	70.6
(1)	You're The Girl I Love	212	206	206				
7 The Cheery-O's	Sweet Adeline	212	201	204			1225	68.1
(1)	Take Me To The Land Of Jazz	209	201	198				
8 Highpoint	Bye Bye Blackbird	202	205	206			1223	67.9
(1,2)	Whatever Happened To The Old Songs?	200	205	205				
9 Lamp	Drivin' Me Crazy	207	198	207			1212	67.3
(1,3,3)	Moonlight Becomes You	203	197	200				
10 PROPEL	The Cop On The Beat, The Man In The Moon, An	205	199	202			1208	67.1
(1)	My Ideal	203	196	203				

GQ is the District Quartet Champion.

Lamp is the Land O' Lakes District Novice Quartet Champion.

★ **Vocal Express from Faribault finished 11th!!!**

Panel: Administrator(s)

Ron Eubank - PIO  
Brian Ayers - EVG

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Presentation

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Mark Stock - JAD  
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More waiting!





# Riverblenders 2011 - Gaylord Churches



Photo: Jeff Grimmer

Gaylord Performers

Our final Sunday singouts were culminated in Gaylord, Minnesota on October 9, 2011. We had a total of 23 members participate on this day, and sang the best we have all year. This was an added on performance day to try and excite the population into attending the Gaylord presentation of our 2011 show "A Night at the Auditions".

We wore the traditional yellow shirt, black pants, and polished black shoes as we traversed to and from six different churches:

St. Michael's Catholic Church  
St. Paul Lutheran Church

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American Lutheran Church  
Immanuel Lutheran Church  
Trinity Lutheran Church  
United Church of Christ

Our Sunday singouts in 2011 were great. Lots of folks were entertained and ministered to by our music. Many thanks go out to Doug Peterson for keeping us in tune and helping us to put forth a quality product. Our gratitude also goes out to all of the members that took time away from their families and religious duties to support our efforts. And to Ron Meyer the man behind the logistics.

Ron Meyer & Editor

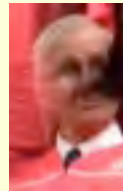


Thank You Steve Jobs

## Riverblenders 2011 Gaylord Show



Chorus at Gaylord



Don Miller



Arvid Zenk



Doug Peterson

### Show Directors

## Gaylord Show - Quartets

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Photos of the Gaylord Performance - Bill Helgeson - Minneapolis, MN

The show was as ready as could be, given all the great work that's been done in Gaylord, by John Siewert, Bruce Gray, the Schubbe Brothers, and the High School crew. The Amended Schedule was sent out and included a correction of the Warm-up location as well as an additional Church for Sunday morning. In total, thanks to Bruce Gray, we sang at six locations Sunday morning, culminating with lunch at the Prairie House Restaurant (donated to us by the Gaylord Sertoma Club). Various show positions were changed, and the ever illustrious Don Miller was the Director for much of the first half. Doug Peterson and Arvid Zenk were used to direct various parts of the show. Matt Strum ventured down from Rogers, Minnesota and was both the Show MC and Baritone for Riverbend. The folks in Gaylord, had a great show!

This performance showed the "Riverblenders" members the versatility of the chorus. Our regular director, Derek Glenna, was singing at another performance with "Grand Design" so we had THREE different directors participate in the show. Some quartets had various changes from our last performance and Matt Strum came in to take over for Stan Bruss as the MC for the first half. The staging was different but the guys adapted to it and performed extremely well.

We want to thank Producer - John Siewert, Custodian - Kishan Latchman, Performer - Brian Evans, Don Miller, Matt Strum, Bruce Gray, Tim Schubbe, Thom Schubbe, and basically the entire chorus for helping out wherever needed.



## More Show Stuff



Brian Evans & MC - Thom Schubbe



Gaylord Sertoma Club sponsored lunch at Prairie House Restaurant



Mr. Big

The Mankato Riverblenders  
Barbershop Chorus  
Presents

### A Night at the Auditions

Featuring: Magic,  
Soul Purpose, Riverbend,  
Stretch and RFD Quartets



Also Featuring  
Gaylord's own: **BRIAN EVANS**

**Sunday, October 9, 2011**

Sibley East Jr. High Campus (middle gym) - Gaylord

Gaylord Show Program



The Choir

We want to thank the Gaylord Sertoma Club for sponsoring our lunch at the Prairie House Restaurant in Gaylord after we were done singing at the local churches. We would also like to commend the Prairie House Restaurant and Staff for a fine meal and dessert and excellent service! In fact, everyone that had a hand in this performance needs to take a bow for a job well done!



OUCH! That sure hurts our ears!



Pre-Flash



Flash

## Chorus Information

### House Manager Report –

The rent payment along with a thank you note was hand delivered to Christ the King Church. Thanks to all who helped with riser movement and also Frank for the trailer. Rochester contest rooms (I have confirmation #s) and ride sharing is in progress. It would appear that most are coming and going on their own. Sign up sheets will continue this and next week. Arv will pull Franks trailer with risers to and from Rochester. We will need help loading after rehearsal on 10/18.

Note: Joel Botten also helped me with the riser cleaning and furnished the carpet cleaning machine - Thanks Joel!

Stan Bruss

House Manager



### Performance Manager:

Frank and Stan have done a super job, getting our Risers to the needed locations. Risers now look and work super, thanks to Stan and Joel's TLC this past summer. The risers usage has been coordinated with Loyola. There has been a request for Loyola to take the risers to NYC on their spring concert tour, March 30th, thru April 5th.

### 2011 Show Committee Chairman & Goals for the future:

We all learned a lot from the 2011 Show, Now to do a great job in 2012! It appears that Jeff is well on his way. Church singouts, more of the same for 2012. Thanks to all the coordinators in 2011.

**A final notice to all members that the Show DVD's are in and I only have eight left.**

Ron Meyer

Performance Manager



## Chorus Communications

To: Board of Directors - Mankato Riverblenders

From: Derek Glenna - Director of Mankato Riverblenders

I am submitting this letter of resignation. Effective Monday, October 24th; I am resigning from my position as the front line director of the Mankato Riverblenders.

I need to thank all of the members for their open arms, generosity, support, and smiling faces over the last years. I need to thank Bruce, Sue, and Gus, for their warm hospitality and meals, and of course the Jefferson Lords quartet history and photos! Doug Peterson, who was my right hand man, never once hesitated to step up when I was absent. He took on a lot of responsibility when I couldn't. I thank him for all that he did for me and currently does for this chorus. Jeff Grimmer, like the Dad I never had; funny, talented, and added a lot of energy to this group with his return to his spot on the risers; he too does many great things for this chapter. Thank you, Jeff. Thank you to all of you for being at rehearsal, for participating in all events, contests, shows, church singouts and Moondog games. It was greatly appreciated.

The Mankato Riverblenders will always be a part of my life and who I am, as a barbershopper. Your motto, "Sing Well - Have Fun" is true. Keep spreading the word that being part of a barbershop chorus is FUN!

Thanks for all of the great shows and contests we have successfully performed. It has been a true honor to be the musical director of the Mankato Riverblenders and I will miss you all dearly.

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Many thanks to all of you for allowing my Grandson Charlie, to once again, ask you for your support. As a kid, I never was involved in Boy Scouts, but I certainly have enjoyed seeing how it helps positively shape young boys today. Charlie has enjoyed selling popcorn every year he's done it. He continues to set lofty goals (on his own) and reaches them. There are a couple weeks left in this season and he's getting close to his goals. If we missed anyone last night, let me know. We tried to stay out of the way of events last night.

Those of you who didn't get your popcorn, be patient, you will have it next week.

Thanks again from Charlie and Papa Ron!!



## Derek's Final Rehearsal & Party

Tuesday, October 18, 2011 was Derek Glenna's final rehearsal with the Mankato Riverblenders. It was a heartfelt farewell for both Derek and the membership. He has been a great influence on the singing and professionalism of the Riverblenders Chorus in the few short years that he was here. We will be competing with him at the helm in the LO'L District Contest in Rochester, Minnesota on Saturday the 22nd. We all wish him and Emily the best that life has to offer.



Photos: Mike Frazee & Jeff Grimmer

### Items of Interest

**2012 Show Music** - the final "Disney" music has been chosen and will be available for you on CD.

Contact - Doug Peterson

### **LO'L Leadership Academy**

See Tim Schubbe  
to reserve your spot!

### **LO'L 2012 Nominations**

include:

Executive VP- Charles Schubbe

Secretary-Arvid Zenk

Southwest Div VP-Thom Schubbe

## Calendar

### **\*November 1, 2011 - Tuesday**

Loyola High School

Regular Practice - 7 PM

### **\*November 5, 2011 - Saturday**

N. Mankato, MN

Minnesota Valley Sweet Adelines Show

See Poster - Page 9

### **\*November 8, 2011 - Tuesday**

Loyola High School

Board Meeting - 6 PM

Regular Practice - 7 PM

### **\*November 15, 2011 - Tuesday**

Loyola High School

Show Committee Meeting - 6 PM

Regular Practice - 7 PM

### **\*November 18, 2011 - Friday**

Installation of Officers

Loose Moose - Mankato

Social Hour 6 PM - Dinner 7 PM

### **\*November 22, 2011 - Tuesday**

Loyola High School

Regular Practice - 7 PM

### **\*November 29, 2011 - Tuesday**

Loyola High School

Regular Practice - 7 PM

### **\*December 20, 2011 - Tuesday**

Hilltoppers

Christ The King - 11 a.m.

Loyola High School

Regular Practice - 7 PM

### **\*January 6-7, 2012 - Fri/Sat**

2012 - LO'L Leadership Academy

& Chord College

UW River Falls-River Falls, WI

### **\*January 21, 2012 - Saturday**

N. Mankato, MN

Youth in Harmony - Festival

### **\*February, 2012**

Valentines

### **\*March 30 - 31, 2012 - Fri/Sat**

Southwest/10/000 Lakes

Division Contest

Mankato, MN

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

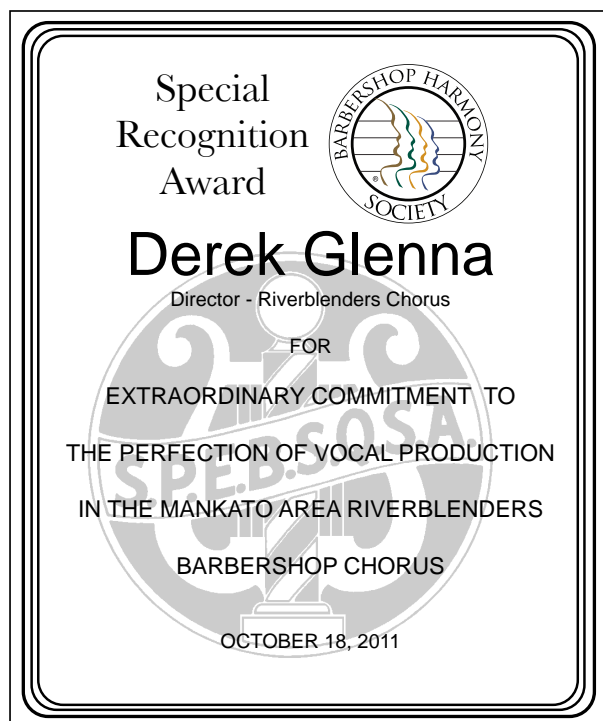
Annual Show:

Crossview Covenant Church

2 & 7 p.m.



## Derek's Special Recognition Plaque



### "Our Leader"

*Marvin Ostrom*

King Derek's soon to abdicate.  
His vacant throne he'll obfuscate.  
The Riverblender's so aptly he's served.  
The praise we bestow is well deserved.  
He'll be sadly missed, 'tis our fear,  
Tho' avidly we search, both far and near.  
A young man with aspirations will eventually leave,  
A step toward the future, I sincerely believe.  
'Tis only right that we wish him well.  
His, a rosy future, I hear tell.  
Youth, enthusiasm, and talent to burn.  
What's not yet known, he'll quickly learn.  
There's lovely Emily close by his side.  
Awaiting the day she'll become his bride.  
A beautiful life we see ahead.  
'Cause Derek's well worth it,  
When it's been done and said.

## COMING EVENTS!



If you are a current chapter quartet and wish to sing on the Minnesota Valley's Afterglow, contact Mary Lou Kudela - [kudela@hickorytech.net](mailto:kudela@hickorytech.net) (507-340-4142) Each Afterglow performing quartet member will be given a free show ticket, but, you will be required to pay your way into the Afterglow.

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### Mankato Riverblenders Barbershop Chorus 2012 Slate of Officers

- \***President** - Ron Meyer
- \***Vice President - Program** - Charles Youngblom
- \***Vice President - Music** - Chuck Brooks
- \***Vice President - Membership** - Arv Zenk / Thom Schubbe (Co-VPs)
- \***Vice President - Marketing/Public Relations** - Jeff Grimmer
- \***Secretary** - Tim Schubbe
- \***Treasurer** - Ron Larson
- \***Member at Large** - Bailey Blethen
- \***Chorus Manager - Booking** - Bruce Gray
- \***Chorus Manager - House** - Stan Bruss
- \***Chorus Manager - Performance** - Ron Meyer
- \***Chairman - Annual Show** - Jeff Grimmer
- \***Chairman - Valentines Committee** - Sandy Allen
- \***Bulletin Editor** - Jeff Grimmer

## 2012 "Disney" Show

**Show Date:** April 14, 2012

**Location:** Cross View Covenant Church - Contract signed by Doug Peterson

**Show Times:** 2 PM & 7 PM

**Ticket Prices :**

Show:

Seniors - \$13.00

Students - \$ 5.00

Advanced - \$13.00

Regular/at Door - \$15.00

**Quartet:**

"Humdingers" - (*Traveling Show we may include a Sweet Adeline's Quartet*)

Travel Items - *Working on* - Doug Peterson

Housing - *Working on* - Doug Peterson - will work with hotels for lodging Ad exchange

Host - Doug Peterson

**Sub-Committee Reports -**

Show Content - Tim & Thom Schubbe

**First Half-**

Concept - *Working on* - Fan Club - Convention

Title - *Working on* - open for suggestions

Songs:

Chorus: Disney Medley, Zip-A-Dee-Doo-Dah, When You Wish Upon a Star

Heigh Ho, The Bare Necessities, A Spoon Full of Sugar

Quartets: Magic - Ten Feet Off the Ground, Stretch - Be Our Guest,

RFD - Fortuosity, Soul Purpose?, River Bend?

Flow - *Working on* - Excitement about the "Humdingers" Quartet

Script - *Working on* - Tim & Thom Schubbe

Props - Tim & Thom Schubbe, Willy Derner

Costumes - Along the lines of Disney - *Checking on what is possible*

**Second Half -**

Humdingers

Chorus - Tux Uniform

*Other??*

Entertainment - *Pre-show or Break?*

Preglow/Afterglow - Chuck Schubbe

Preglow - Best Western (4-6PM) - \$10.00

Afterglow - Loose Moose Afterglow - approx. 9:30 PM - \$10.00, Chuck Brooks - MC

*Need to remember to invite Sweet Adeline Quartets*

Publicity - *Need a Chair* - Carl Schoenstedt will help

Program Ad Sales - *Need a chair* - Doug Peterson will help

Print Media - Steve Pettis

Ticket Sales - Jon Schwichtenberg

Award of Harmony - Need suggestions now

**Thank you for your time and effort!!**

Jeff Grimmer - 2012 Show Chairman

Next Meeting - November 15, 2011



**MEMBERS - Please read this page over and respond to me with questions, ideas, corrections, etc. Your input is needed, wanted, and desired!!!**