

River Ramblings

Editor - Jeffrey Grimmer

JACOB RITTER ARRIVES ON AUGUST 1st

Jacob Ritter the new "Riverblenders" Music Director will arrive on August 1st, 2012. We welcome him with open arms and are eagerly looking forward to his guidance and wisdom. So that you know a little bit more about him, here is the information which he submitted when asked to apply.



Jacob Ritter

"I grew up in Columbus, NE, where my father, Fred Ritter, was my high school music director. He is currently a member of the Fremont, NE Pathfinders Barbershop Chorus and sang in the competition in Portland, OR, this month. While in high school, I formed an a cappella quartet called Out-4-Fun. We performed hundreds of gigs and recorded two albums.

After high school, I joined a barbershop quartet at Doane College and competed in the Collegiate Contest for 3 years. We won our Central States District Contest in 2003 and competed Internationally in 2003 and 2004. I also had

opportunities to sing barbershop during college in a men's small group call DoubleWide, which was led by Barbershop Harmony Society icon Larry Monson.

In 2007, I was selected to be a Dapper Dan for Disneyland in Hong Kong, China. For 13 months, I sang barbershop professionally and worked with many outstanding performers from around the world.

I was a member of the Homestead Harmonizers from Beatrice, NE, and the Continentals from Lincoln, NE.

During my time at the University of Central Missouri, working towards a Master's Degree in Choral Conducting, I coached a men's group and a quartet that competed in the Central States District Collegiate Contest.

I earned two silver medals while singing with the Great Northern Union Chorus in Minneapolis where I serve as Warm-up Leader and Associate Section Leader. In addition, I have served as a Clinician in the Young Men in Harmony program in 2003 and 2004.

I look forward to becoming the Music Director for the Mankato Riverblenders Chorus.

Jacob Ritter

International Contest - Portland

After all of the hard work and extra effort GNU put into their contest preparation for Portland, they succeeded in singing the best that they have every sung on a contest stage scoring a 95%. The only problem they encountered was "The Ambassadors of Harmony" from St. Charles, Missouri who scored a 96.8%. Great job representing yourselves and the LO'L! All of the "Riverblenders", that went and saw you, said you did a fantastic job! We had several "Riverblenders" singing with GNU - Byron Norell, Greg Rosevold, Charlie Johnson, and Doug Peterson.

The other LO'L Chorus "Midwest Vocal Express" from Greendale, Wisconsin, also put on a great

show! **Congratulations and a hardy thank you to both groups!!**

The LO'L had three competing quartets. "Vocality" finishing 29th, "Expedition" right behind them in 28th and our favorites "Grand Design" finishing 42nd. **Congratulations Guys!!**

The most interesting and amazing thing in the quartet finals was that 1st place "Ringmasters" outscored the second place quartet by 236 points!!!! { see page 8}

Bruce Gray was honored for being a 50 year member of the society with a diamond studded pin. **Congratulations Bruce!**

Barbershop Harmony Society announces new CEO

The Great Northern Union Chorus is very proud that our President Marty Monson, has been chosen as the new CEO/Executive Director of the Barbershop Harmony Society (BHS). The BHS represents nearly 30,000 members in the United States and Canada as well as 10 affiliate organizations in countries from Sweden to South Africa. Marty was named to the post after an extensive search process conducted by the Barbershop Harmony Society's Board of Directors and their search firm. Nearly 60 candidates, many with extensive musical and association management experience, were considered for the position. Marty has been president of the Great Northern Union for the past five years. His leadership has helped to significantly grow membership and transform the GNU into one of the Society's most dynamic organizations. During his tenure, Marty has built a very strong leadership team. As an organization, the GNU is as strong as it has ever been thanks in large part to Marty's leadership. His departure clearly leaves a void in the GNU. We will miss his friendship, musical talent, leadership and that infectious laugh on a weekly basis.

So while we are sad that he is leaving, we are very happy that he is bringing is considerable talent, energy and passion to the BHS headquarters in Nashville. There is no doubt in the minds of GNU members that he is the right man to lead the BHS into the future. The question is are they ready for the whirlwind that will be coming to Nashville?

We send Marty and his family to Nashville with all the love and support we have along with a big Thank You for everything they have done for the GNU!

Good Luck and Godspeed Marty, Amy, Stefany and Luke!



Marty Monson

Twenty-three-year member Martin “Marty” Monson was named to the post after an extensive search process conducted by the Barbershop Harmony Society’s Board of Directors and the search firm Genovese, Vanderhoof & Associates. Nearly 60 candidates, many with extensive musical and association management experience, were considered for the position.

“I am honored by the opportunity to serve the Barbershop Harmony Society in this capacity,” Marty said. “I’m eager to get started.” Society staff was informed of the decision on the morning of Friday, July 20. They will meet with the new CEO on Tuesday, July 24.

“The search committee was looking for a strong blend of skills, experiences, energy and

vision as demonstrated in business and barbershop,” added Shannon Elswick, Society executive vice president. “Marty’s success at the chapter level is undeniable, his energy is boundless, and he brings a vision that we believe will engage current members and attract new ones. We also believe Marty will use the great resources we have as an organization to broaden and enhance overall awareness of barbershop harmony.”

Marty, his wife, Amy, and their children, Stefany and Luke, will relocate to Nashville, Tenn. in the near future. The newly appointed CEO will meet with the Operations Team and deliver the keynote address at Harmony University on Sunday, July 29. He will officially begin his duties at the Society’s Nashville headquarters on August 13.

Celebration of Our Nation



Some of the fellas at the St. Peter Legion after the Performance



Outside signage and everyone enjoying a beverage and treats after the performance

A note from Doug about our performance at the Church of the Holy Communion in St. Peter July 2, 2012 at their annual Celebration of the Nation - Editor

To those of you who were able to attend, thank you so much. I'm so proud of you all. It's always a thrill to direct when we have good numbers and all parts are well represented. It was a sultry day to perform, which I think affected our ability to sing as well as we could, plus the acoustics felt different also. Nevertheless, all feedback was very positive, and I am thrilled we

were able to pull off the Patriotic Medley that well on such short notice.

Kudos to all, even those who weren't able to attend but were helping learn the song during rehearsals. I think it's a great song to have in our repertoire. I could only see the smiles of the pastor and his assistant, and they sure enjoyed it. Patriotic songs are always a hit, as are upbeat gospel songs.

Director - Doug Peterson



July 2 - Celebration of Our Nation - Performers

Church Performances



July 15th performers pose for a picture in front of the First Presbyterian Church Sing (read sign)

Thanks go out to Joel Botten and the rest of the guys that lined up the vast amount of churches and retirement centers that we sang at this July.

On July 15th we sang at: First Presbyterian, Zion Lutheran, First Methodist, in Lake Crystal. We then went to Messiah Lutheran and Oak Terrace East, North Mankato, and Pathstone Living in Mankato.

Thanks to a great group of singers and great people to sing for.



July 15th performers pose for a picture warming up in the First Presbyterian Church



Performing at Oak Terrace and Pathstone

More Church Performances



The July 22 Church Performers fueling up and warming up at Ron's Pine Street Cafe in Nicollet

The July 22nd Church Performances started out at Ron's Pine Street Cafe in Nicollet at 7:30 for a beverage and a roll. Ron made some great sticky Buns! Ron was also gracious enough to let us warm up in the cafe while his regular customers ate their breakfasts.

We thank everyone that had a hand in setting this all up as it went very smoothly and thanks to all of the Riverblenders that participated. When we performed at First Lutheran Church

in Lafayette, at their after service festivities, I was able to take a picture of Chuck Youngblom as he stood next to the churches sign out front. Chuck financed the replacement of the wooden and glass section of the sign and dedicated it to his wife Janet. Pretty cool!

Also, in a picture below is a photo of Jeff Grimmer's shoes. He assures us that he has another pair just like this pair, at home.



Other Important Messages

Sunday, August 5th Sing-out – St. Peter/Norseland

Mankato Carpool – Happy Chef North Mankato at 7:00 AM

7:15 AM – Warm-up at Trinity Lutheran Church

8:00 AM – Sing at Trinity Lutheran, then coffee and rolls

9:00 AM – First Lutheran Church

9:30 AM – Union Presbyterian Church

9:55 AM – Scandia Grove Lutheran Church (end of service)

11:00 AM – St. Peters Catholic Church (end of Mass)

Here's whats up for August 12th!! Our last summer sing-out – perhaps!

6:30 AM meet at Gander Mountain Parking Lot – Mankato group

7:00 AM Warm-up at St. Teresa Catholic Church – Mapleton

7:30 Sing at Mass opening at 7:30 AM

8:00 AM Coffee and refreshments at Medo Lutheran

8:30 AM Sing at Medo Lutheran

9:00 AM Sing at United Church of Mapleton

9:30 AM Sing at Mapleton Community Home

10:00 AM Sing at Country Neighbors Assisted Living

10:30 AM Sing at Faith Bible Church in Mapleton

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For all of you that were at rehearsal on July 24th, we would like to thank you for being such great hosts to our Grandsons. The guys, Nick, Sam and Charlie really had a great time. They got inspired to come and listen to us learn "Swing Down Chariot". They had some young boy exuberance, but tolerated our continual stops and starts very well. Water bottles turned into footballs during the break, but that burned off some energy that built up during the early evening. Frank, thanks for helping Charlie with some of the music while we were on the risers. Jeff, great touch having them involved in the TAG. It sure is easy to see why you

still are such a popular teacher in the Mankato area.

The boys night was capped-off at the Wine Cafe with Pizza and Mountain Dew. They didn't really need an energy boost! Surprisingly, they knew songs to pick when it was their turn at the Wine Cafe. All three boys expressed interest in coming again in the future. The lesson learned for Charles and I, is having our family members see us having fun with our hobby and then joining in. It's a great thing.

(The boys were also able to score an "I Sing button", thanks to Ron)

Ron Meyer and Charles Youngbloom

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Duane Frazee and slimmed down Riverblender!

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Have any of you noticed
this thin man singing
and performing in the
chorus?

Well he is Duane Frazee.

Duane had gastric
surgery and is really
looking great!!

Congratulations Duane!



The best use of a wheel barrow that I have ever seen!

A Golden Dream With A Silver Lining

I heard the Riverblenders for the first time at the Nicollet County Fair in the early 1970's. I was very impressed, and wanted to be a part of them as I love to sing. I thought someday, when I retired, I would join them.

Norseland got a new Pastor and his name was Dave Wall. He also loves to sing. Dave soon became a member of the Riverblenders and often used the line on me "If you are too busy to sing you are too busy". So, I went along with Dave to practice and I joined the Riverblenders in 1983, the year before my son Luke, was born.

We had our second child, and I felt again that life was getting too busy. So I quit the chorus and I knew I would be back someday. I missed the singing, but most of all the friendships I had made with so many neat guys. After a few years off, I rejoined. I often find that I am too busy, but I need the hobby. It makes me feel good and is so refreshing.

As if life wasn't busy enough, I became a Soul Purpose man, thanks to Chuck Schubbe's positive encouragement. What a joy it has been to sing with Arv, Greg, and Sandy. We have had many golden moments singing as a quartet, not to mention the friendships we have made with each other.

My son Luke was also interested in singing with a chorus. Luke joined GNU. My whole family shares a love of music so we all followed GNU to Anaheim in 2009, and saw them get their Bronze Metal. Then on to Kansas City last year, to see them get a Silver Metal. Wow, was that impressive. Luke encouraged me to join him sing with GNU. "Come on Dad, you can do it too". I started going to GNU and I passed the

auditions to join. Wow, what a relief I'm in! What a treat to sing with my son!

Now the work was just starting. I had all winter to get up to speed on the songs. You need to audition and pass each song before you can sing on the risers, the pressure was on. Everybody in the chorus had to go through evaluations, not only on singing, but also the choreography. I got lucky as Luke was one of the evaluators for choreography. At least I thought I was lucky! Luke got to evaluate me and he failed me twice on one of the contest songs.

Derek Glenna got to listen to my recording on one of the contest songs, and he failed me twice. I was ready to give up, to say I tried. I teased them both that I used to like them. They both assured me that I was close and shouldn't give up now, and they were right, I passed.

It's hard to explain the feeling when you get on that International stage, but I had to fight back my emotions as we were lining up on the risers. Just before the curtains opened, Luke turned around and gave me a thumbs up. Needless to say the tears flowed. It's a moment I'll never forget and will always treasure. A Golden Dream with a Silver Metal lining.

I find myself singing now with the Riverblenders and GNU and Soul Purpose while I am farming. You may have heard me comment that my occupation is getting in the way of my hobby. "If you are too busy to sing are you too busy?" Singing has sure made a difference in my life. It's been a dream come true.

Byron Norell



Some Golden Words From The President

In the May/June Harmonizer, Society President, Alan Lamson, relates a story about the message in a fortune cookie: "Music melds all the separate parts of our bodies together". That got me to reflect on how affect me personally. You've all heard me say that I don't plan aren't just hollow to retire. Those words, I do really enjoy (most of the time) the interaction I have with the folks I'm fortunate to work with. In just a few days, I'll be finishing my 35th year with New York Life. However, just like anything else in this world, it's not perfect, all the time. Many years ago, I would allow myself to skip practice if I wasn't feeling emotionally "up", on Tuesday evening. Then, I



President:
Ron Meyer

discovered that it wasn't possible to go to rehearsal feeling lousy, and go home feeling the same way. Bingo, my magic elixir! The interaction with all of you, the music we learn and the many challenges we overcome in the learning process, leave me on a higher emotional level than when rehearsal started.

Most Wednesday mornings you'd hear me whistling at the office. Of course, if the "after" practice session at "The Wine Cafe" runs a little long on Tuesday evening, Wednesday morning may start just a little later.

It's my hope that each of us can attain that same level of enjoyment in this great hobby of "Barbershop Harmony". By the way, don't sell "The Wine Cafe" short, we have a lot of relaxing fun there.....stop by.

President: Ron Meyer

Scoring from the Contest

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1st Place - Ambassadors of Harmony - St. Charles, Missouri
Pictures - Barbershop Harmony Society

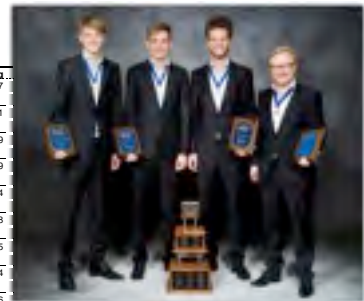


1st Place Quartet - Ringmasters-SNOBBS

OFFICIAL SCORING SUMMARY, BHS, International Convention International, Quartet Finals, Portland, Oregon, July 7, 2012

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

Finals.....	Song.....	MUS.	PRS.	SNG.	Subt.	Prev.	Total.	Avg.
1 Ringmasters	So In Love	452	457	454	2746	5507	8253	91.7
(1) [SNOBS]	I Can't Give You Anything But Love	466	462	455				
2 Musical Island Boys	If I Can Dream	439	449	441	2657	5360	8017	89.1
(1) [INZABS]	Climb Ev'ry Mountain	441	447	440				
3 A Mighty Wind	He Ain't Heavy, He's My Brother	439	449	440	2682	5323	8095	88.9
(1) [DIX]	Hallelujah, I Love Her So	447	460	447				
4 Masterpiece	Music, Maestro, Please	441	449	446	2664	5340	8004	88.9
(1) [FWD]	This Can't Be Love	441	445	442				
5 Main Street	Old Fashioned Girl/Sweet And Lovely (Medley)	441	445	443	2687	5267	7954	88.4
(1) [SUN]	They All Laughed	451	459	448				
6 Throwback	There! I've Said It Again	433	443	432	2629	5187	7816	86.8
(1) [SUN]	Between You And The Birds And The Bees And C	436	451	434				
7 Forefront	Georgia On My Mind	441	450	443	2651	5133	7784	86.5
(1) [CAR]	Baby, It's You	437	446	434				
8 Men In Black	What Do I Need With Love?	426	436	423	2593	5187	7780	86.4
(1) [NED]	Razzy Dazzy	435	445	428				
9 Via Voice	The Song Is You	428	431	433	2581	5123	7704	85.6
(1) [EVG]	Just One Of Those Things	415	438	436				
10 TNS	That Tumble Down Shack In Athlone	428	433	431	2566	5108	7674	85.3
(1) [DIX]	Johnny One Note	422	433	419				



**1st Place Collegiate Quartet
Lemon Squeezys**

OFFICIAL SCORING SUMMARY, BHS, International Convention International, Quartet Quarter-Finals, Portland, Oregon, July 4, 2012

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

Quarter-Finals.....	Song.....	MUS.	PRS.	SNG.	Total.	Avg.
21 Madison Park	Sun Medley	399	395	402	2413	80.4
(1) [EVG]	Lordy, How I Love The South (Parody)	406	411	420		
22 The Pursuit	All Of Me	397	401	405	2410	80.3
(1) [SUN]	I Got Along Without You Very Well	394	407	408		
23 Pinnacle	Till There Was You	400	398	407	2406	80.2
(1) [CSD]	I Must Be Comin' Down With The Blues	395	402	404		
24 Voices Unlimited	I'm Into Something Good	404	402	404	2404	80.1
(1) [CSD]	Will The Sun Ever Shine Again?	389	406	399		
24 Instant Classic	Don't Be A Baby, Baby	403	403	400	2404	80.1
(1) [CAR]	Spent My Life With You	399	404	399		
26 95 North	You Needed Me	395	397	408	2397	79.9
(1) [FWD]	Five Hundred Guys	397	400	402		
27 Quadraphonics	After You've Gone	397	397	393	2362	78.7
(1) [EVG]	Just In Time	395	394	386		
28 Maverick	That's Life	391	393	397	2359	78.6
(1) [JAD]	A Sunday Kind Of Love	388	393	397		
29 Vocality	A Garden In The Rain	387	388	395	2347	78.2
(1) [LOL]	Top Of The World Medley	383	394	390		
30 Expedition	Story Of The Rose (Heart Of My Heart)	387	390	394	2343	78.1
(1) [LOL]	Heart And Soul	387	392	393		
31 Crossfire	Bill Bailey, Won't You Please Come Home	387	388	393	2340	78.0
(1,2) [BABS]	They Can't Take That Away From Me	386	392	394		
32 Glee Club Riot	A Fool Such As I	387	385	395	2338	77.9
(1) [EVG]	Puttin' On The Ritz	380	384	387		
33 Code Blue	Smilin' Through	386	382	399	2336	77.9
(1,2) [EVG]	Somebody Loves Me	391	376	392		
34 Chameleon	You Don't Know Me	389	389	393	2332	77.7
(1) [ONT]	I'm Into Something Good	384	386	391		
35 Top Shelf	My Little Pal	391	394	382	2328	77.6
(1,2) [MAD]	Let's Fall In Love	388	385	387		
36 Mayhem	Jump Shout Boogie	382	388	388	2324	77.5
(1,2) [MAD]	Among My Souvenirs	387	388	391		
37 The Vigilantes	Little Pal	390	387	388	2323	77.4
(1,2) [DIX]	Somebody Loves Me	383	384	391		
38 Full Effect	Georgia On My Mind	388	379	392	2316	77.2
(1,2) [CSD]	Blue Moon Of Kentucky	385	384	388		
39 EXCLAMATION!	Since I Don't Have You	389	381	387	2310	77.0
(1,2) [SWD]	Anytime	386	382	385		
40 BCO	Smile Medley	387	384	387	2309	77.0
(1,2) [CSD]	Anytime	382	386	383		
41 Contingency Plan	The Masquerade Is Over	380	384	389	2305	76.8
(1) [DIX]	Unforgettable (Parody)	376	406	370		
42 Grand Design	Where The Southern Roses Grow	380	383	390	2301	76.7
(1) [LOL]	Old Piano Roll Blues	377	384	387		
43 Alliance	What Kind Of Fool Am I?	379	381	385	2296	76.5
(1) [AMBS]	Gotta Lot Of Rhythm In My Soul	379	386	388		
44 Up All Night	Ain't It The Truth	374	382	379	2291	76.4
(1) [MAD]	Junk Food	381	402	373		
45 REPLAY	Yesterday I Heard The Rain	380	375	379	2284	76.1
(1) [CAR]	I'll Be With You In Apple Blossom Time (Parody)	385	384	381		
46 Downtown Crossing	Last Night On The Back Porch	377	378	383	2281	76.0
(1,2) [NED]	No, No, Nora	381	382	380		
47 Ebb N' Flow	Love Me	380	375	387	2278	75.9
(1,2) [PIO]	I Can't Give You Anything But Love	379	373	384		
48 17 Below	Sentimental Journey	373	366	381	2241	74.7
(1) [NSC]	A Son Of The Sea	371	369	381		
49 Absolut	Ain't That A Kick In The Head?	380	380	380	2239	74.6
(1) [SNOBS]	I Got Rhythm	373	384	372		
50 Anthem	On The Street Where You Live	380	374	373	2236	74.5
(1) [CAR]	Play That Barbershop Chord	375	368	366		
51 Bravo!	Time After Time	372	373	380	2222	74.1
(1) [SLD]	Victor Borge Tribute	367	372	358		

OFFICIAL SCORING SUMMARY, BHS, International Convention International, Chorus Finals, Portland, Oregon, July 6, 2012

Chapter / Nickname	Song	MUS.	PRS.	SNG.	Total	Avg.	Cnt
1 St Charles, MO	No Other Love	479	483	486	2903	96.8	145
Ambassadors of Harmony [CSD]	Step In Time	481	495	479			
2 Hilltop, MN	I Heard You Cried Last Night	470	475	476	2850	95.0	118
Great Northern Union, [LOL]	One Of Those Songs Medley II	475	485	469			
3 Elizabethtown, KY	Every Breath You Take	449	470	461	2760	92.0	39
Kentucky Vocal Union [CAR]	Footloose	454	476	450			
4 Stockholm, Sweden	You Are So Beautiful	442	451	463	2710	90.3	34
Zero8 [SNOBS]	The Night Has A Thousand Eyes	445	458	451			
5 Salem, OR	The Cavernan Package - Medley To Accord	434	490	416	2674	89.1	52
Savate-Jones [EVG]	The Cavernan Package - Medley To Accord	436	483	415			
6 Western Washington, WA	In The Wee Small Hours Of The Morning	430	434	449	2617	87.2	52
Northwest Vocal Project [EVG]	Put Your Arms Around Me Honey	426	437	441			
7 Nashville, TN	I Have Dreamed	425	433	430	2571	85.7	59
Music City Chorus [DIX]	Little Patch Of Heaven	422	436	425			
8 Greater Central Ohio, OH	Peter Pan Medley	421	431	423	2568	85.6	54
The Alliance [JAD]	The Second Star To The Right	426	437	430			
9 Metro Kansas City, MO	You And I	418	427	431	2563	85.4	31
Central Standard [CSD]	Small Fry	423	433	431			
10 Bay Area, CA	This Nearly Was Mine	425	430	430	2550	85.0	62
Voices In Harmony [FWD]	There Is Nothing Like A Dame/Honey Bun	418	431	416			
11 Fremont, NE	The Sweetheart Of Sigma Chi	425	427	421	2545	84.8	79
Pathfinder Chorus [CSD]	Cross That Mason Dixon Line	424	433	415			
12 Atlanta Metro, GA	Until The Real Thing Comes Along	429	426	428	2532	84.4	48
Atlanta Vocal Project [DIX]	Runnin' Wild	424	407	418			
13 Sunrise, FL	Five Foot Two	412	419	422	2505	83.5	54
T.H.X. (Total Harmony Xperience) [SUN]	You Keep Coming Back Like A Song	411	417	424			
14 Western Hills (Cincinnati), OH	West Side Story 1	380	429	412	2486	82.9	77
Southern Gateway [JAD]	West Side Story 2	400	439	426			
15 Greendale, WI	Requiem For A Pal	408	423	407	2483	82.8	43
Midwest Vocal Express [LOL]	Gnome Travlogue	404	437	404			
16 Bloomington, IL	Just A Kid Named Joe	407	413	419	2481	82.7	60
Sound Of Illinois [ILL]	Oliver Medley	407	419	416			
17 Jacksonville Big O, FL	It's You	415	417	413	2479	82.6	48
The Big Orange [SUN]	Fit As A Fiddle/For Me And My Gal (Medley)	406	421	407			
18 Hell's Kitchen, NY	Royal Garden Blues	411	407	408	2455	81.8	37
Voices of Gotham [MAD]	Blue And Sentimental/Slititude (Medley)	407	404	418			
19 Houston, TX	All The Way	406	410	415	2443	81.4	53
Tidelanders [FWD]	If The Lord Be Willin'	403	409	400			
20 Wasatch Front, UT	Love Walked In	412	394	407	2427	80.9	28
Saltaires [RMD]	Little Patch Of Heaven	410	401	403			
21 Kansas City, MO	The Sunshine Of Your Smile	391	399	401	2381	79.4	41
Heart of America [CSD]	Smile Medley	392	401	397			
22 La Jolla, CA	Smile	397	388	406	2378	79.3	27
Pacific Coast Harmony [FWD]	You're In Style With A Smile Medley	397	390	400			
23 Concord, MA	Love Me And The World Is Mine	394	394	401	2376	79.2	51
Sounds of Concord [NED]	All Aboard For Dixie Land	391	403	393			
24 Manhattan, NY	Brotherhood Of Man	391	403	388	2333	77.8	48
The Big Apple Chorus [MAD]	I Believe In You	381	394	376			
25 Mohawk Valley, NY	All The Way	389	379	397	2330	77.7	30
Uptate Harmonizers [SLD]	Taking A Chance On Love	388	383	394			
26 Greater Toronto, ON	Stormy Weather	382	380	375	2271	75.7	40
MegaCity Chorus [ONT]	Taking A Chance On Love	379	379	376			
27 Grand Rapids, MI	Where The Southern Roses Grow	370	358	374	2179	72.6	35
Great Lakes Chorus [PIO]	Side By Side	364	355	358			
28 Research Triangle Park, NC	You're All The World To Me	355	362	367	2140	71.3	28
General Assembly [NSC]	An Uptune In Search Of A Song	344	372	340			



This event should be on every barbershopper's "bucket list." Coming to Harmony College means you can enjoy a potpourri of classes offered. You are not tied to a specific curriculum and have the freedom to enjoy whatever your heart desires. The members of the faculty are today's legends that we will be talking about tomorrow. The classes are more fun than you know what to do with and the extra curricular activities, the late night tagging, and all the Ice Cream you can eat will make you long for more hours in the day!



Calendar

*August 5, 2012 - Sunday

Church Performances
St. Peter/Norseland

August 7, 2012 - Tuesday

Christ The King
Regular Practice - 7 PM

*August 12, 2012 - Sunday

Church Performances
Mapleton & Medo

August 14, 2012 - Tuesday

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

August 21, 2012 - Tuesday

Regular Practice - Christ The King

*August 25, 2012 - Saturday

Annual Riverblenders Auction
Jeff & Carol Grimmer's

August 28, 2012 - Tuesday

Christ The King
Regular Practice - 7 PM

*Oct. 26-27 - Fall Contest - Rochester

*Nov. 18, 2012 - Sunday

Disney Show
Nicollet

April 13, 2012 - Saturday

Annual Show

Former Member **Dave Giersdorf**
is at home under hospice care.



RIVERBLENDER’S

BARBERSHOP BUCKS PROGRAM 2012

Bender Bucks will be awarded according to the following schedule:

- \$1,000**
- 1) Attending a regular meeting (***on time***) +\$1,000 bonus with name tag
 - 2) Directing the chorus at a rehearsal (not regular directors)
 - 3) Participating in a tag quartet/octet at a rehearsal
 - 4) Singing a polecat song in a quartet (correctly)
 - 5) For every \$25.00 worth of ads sold for the show program
 - 6) For every \$25.00 worth of tickets sold for the show
 - 7) Helping to set up and tear down the risers at rehearsals
 - 7) Setting up and tearing down the sound system at a performance
 - 8) Volunteering to set up the rehearsal room on a regular or an extra practice (at “Christ The King” church only)
 - 9) Singing a new chapter song off the paper 4 weeks after it is introduced
- \$5,000**
- 1) Bringing one guest to a rehearsal (first visit only)
 - 2) Singing at a chorus performance (other than annual show or a contest)
 - 3) Singing in a pickup quartet or octet at a performance (not show/contest)
 - 4) Attending an extra chorus rehearsal
 - 5) Attending a chorus social function +\$1,000 bonus singing in a Quartet
 - 5) Hauling the risers to and from a performance - (vehicle owner)
 - 6) Putting together a program for a chapter meeting (one that we use) (not the regular PVP)
 - 7) Hosting a guest at a regular rehearsal (no doubling up from #1)
 - 8) Singing a new chapter song off the paper 3 weeks after it is introduced
- \$10,000**
- 1) Bringing two guests to a rehearsal (first visits only)
 - 2) Attending a show dress rehearsal
 - 3) Singing on our annual show
 - 4) Singing in a contest - chapter, division, district, or international
 - 5) Singing in a pickup quartet or octet at a show/contest
 - 6) Direct a chorus performance (not regular directors)
 - 7) Become a new member
 - 8) Becoming a board member (once a year)
 - 9) Obtaining a chorus performance (not the Chorus Manager)
 - 10) Participating in any aspect of Singing Valentines
 - 11) Singing a new chapter song off the paper 2 weeks after it is introduced

The purpose of the barbershop bucks program is to create an interest in participating in all the activities of the chapter and to provide funds for the annual auction usually held in August. Your attendance and participation in our activities helps us become a better chapter. Earn bucks by your participation AND spend them at the auction - for all sorts of items, from prized possessions to junk. The list above is not complete - other extra efforts and good deeds may be rewarded from time to time. This years dollars are only good for this year.

NO LATE PAYMENTS - IT IS UP TO YOU TO
MAKE SURE THAT YOU GET PAID
AT THE TIME OF ITEM COMPLETION!!!