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Riverblenders Place 14th In Rochester OFFICIAL SCORING SUMMARY, BHS, International Chorus Preliminaries and District Quartet Convention

Land O' Lakes District, Chorus Finals, Rochester, Minnesota, October 27, 2012

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	Avq	_Cn
1 Greendale, WI	Yesterday I Heard The Rain	161	166	159	967	80.6	39
Midwest Vocal Express (1,2,5,6)	Shine	160	167	154			_
2 Fargo-Moorhead, ND	What Kind Of Fool Am I?	147	156	155	911	75.9	42
Great Plains Harmony (1,2,4,6)	Redhead/Nobody Knows What A Red-Hea_	145	155	153			_
3 Minneapolis, MN	Time After Time	152	154	152	910	75.8	78
Commodores (1,2,5,6)	I Can't Give You Anything But Love	150	153	149			
4 West Allis, WI	Five Foot Two, Eyes Of Blue	145	147	147	874	72.8	37
Heart of Harmony Chorus (1,2,4,6)	The More I See You	141	148	146			
5 Appleton, WI	Can't You Hear Me Calling Caroline?	137	141	140	834	69.5	41
Fox Valleyaires Chorus (1,2,4,6)	That Railroad Rag	133	143	140			
6 Oshkosh, WI	The Moment I Saw Your Eyes	133	135	140	824	68.7	34
Winnebagoland (1,2,4,6)	Among My Souvenirs	135	142	139			
7 Willmar, MN	Drivin' Me Crazy	132	139	133	802	66.8	16
West Central Connection (1,2,3)	Once Upon A Time	133	137	128			
8 St Croix Valley, MN	Once Upon A Time	132	134	141	801	66.8	42
Croix Chordsmen Chorus (1,2,4,6)	Sweet Georgia Brown	127	130	137			
9 Greater St Paul Area, MN	Home On The Range	128	143	134	793	66.1	25
North Star Chorus (1,2,4,6)	Almost Like Being In Love	122	137	129			
0 Manitowoc, WI	Cabaret	132	133	125	786	65.5	25
Clipper City Chordsmen (1,2,3,6)	Beer Barrel Polka	131	138	127			
1 Faribault, MN	Let The Rest Of The World Go By	125	134	126	784	65.3	17
Lakelanders Chorus (1,2,3,6)	The Barbershop Strut	131	139	129			
2 Fergus Falls, MN	Hello Mary Lou	129	125	133	768	64.0	36
Heart O' Lakes Harmony (1,2,3)	Tin Roof Blues	127	125	129			
3 Stevens Point, WI	Meet Me In Rosetime Rosie	117	134	128	752	62.7	29
Northern Gateway Chorus (1,2,4,6)	The Little Boy	116	132	125			
4 Mankato, MN	A Spoonful Of Sugar	127	123	126	750	62.5	32
Riverblenders (1,2,4,6)	Zip A Dee Doo Dah	124	122	128			
5 St Cloud, MN	Bring Back Those Good Old Days	122	123	121	730	60.8	20
Singing Saints (1,2,3,6)	Tin Roof Blues	120	125	119			
6 Winnipeg, MB	Dear Hearts And Gentle People	117	118	120	714	59.5	16
Golden Chordsmen (1,2,4)	Nobody Knows What A Red-Headed Mam	116	122	121			
17 Polk County, WI		120	116	123	710	59.2	26
Indianhead Chorus (1,2,4,6)	The Little Boy	115	118	118			
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The "Riverblenders" final contest rehearsal under the direction of our new director "Jacob Ritter"

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nals	Song	MUS	PRS	SNG	Subt	Prev		Avq
1 Grand Design	Smilin' Through	153	156	149	917	909	1826	76.1
\ 	When It Comes To Lovin' The Girls/They're All Sw	151	1 <u>5</u> 8	1 <u>5</u> 0				
2 Ten Minute Intermission	Heart And Soul	149	149	150	887	905	1792	74.7
	A Song Like Daddy Used To Play	145	148	146				
3 St. Croix Crossing	Wrap Your Troubles In Dreams	149	156	147	905	880	1785	74.4
	Auld Lang Syne	147	159	1 <u>4</u> 7				
4 Sound Image	I Never Knew What I Was Missin'	143	144	146	860	859	1719	71.6
	Lover Come Back To Me	143	143	_141				
5 The Nth Degree	Georgia On My Mind	139	138	148	854	863	1717	71.5
	Time After Time	145	139	145				
6 The Cheery-O's	Who'll Take My Place When I'm Gone?	141	139	145	841	866	1707	71.
	Love Me	139	136	141				
7 Lamp	Just A Cottage Small (By A Waterfall)	142	145	147	858	839	1697	70.7
•	Drivin' Me Crazy	138	142	144				
8 Highpoint	You're The One I Care For	139	147	142	846	849	1695	70.6
	Drivin' Me Crazy	136	142	140				
9 The Bottom Line	Recipe For Love	143	142	146	855	835	1690	70.4
	You're The Girl I Love	140	143	141				
10 Gambit	When I Leave The World Behind	135	139	138	827	818	1645	68.
	Taking A Chance On Love	137	139	139				
emi-Finals	Song	MUS	PRS	SNG	Subt	Prev	Total	Avo
1 Grand Design	Where The Southern Roses Grow	154	150	153			909	75.8
l e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e	Old Piano Roll Blues	152	152	148				
2 Ten Minute Intermission	Danny Boy	147	157	154			905	75.
	Old St. Louie	144	153	150				
3 St. Croix Crossing	A Fool Such As I	142	147	149			880	73.
	Among My Souvenirs	145	150	147				
4 The Cheery-O's	I Don't Know Why (I Just Do)	143	141	148			866	72.
-	Take Me To The Land Of Jazz	143	144	147				
5 The Nth Degree	Sweet Lorraine	144	141	144			863	71.
	The Way You Look Tonight	145	145	144				
6 Sound Image	Got My Thumb Out	139	146	140			859	71.
o o o a a a a a a a a a a a a a a a a a	I'm Beginning To See The Light	142	147	145				
7 Highpoint		138	149	136			849	70.
7 Highpoint	Love Song	100						
7 Highpoint	S .	135	153	138				
	Love SongI'II Never Write A Love Song Anymore Sweet Georgia Brown			1 <u>38</u> 144			839	69.
7 Highpoint		135	153	144			839	69.
	I'II Never Write A Love Song Anymore Sweet Georgia Brown	1 <u>35</u> 140	1 <u>53</u> 137	144			839 835	_
8 Lamp	l'II Never Write A Love Song Anymore Sweet Georgia Brown Among My Souvenirs Drivin' Me Crazy	135 140 137 136	1 <u>53</u> 137 1 <u>36</u> 137	144 1 <u>45</u> 146				_
8 Lamp	I'II Never Write A Love Song Anymore Sweet Georgia Brown Among My Souvenirs	1 <u>35</u> 140 1 <u>37</u>	1 <u>53</u> 137 1 <u>36</u>	144 1 <u>45</u> 146	 			69.9 69.9 69.0

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OFFICIAL SCORING SUMMARY, BHS, International Chorus Preliminaries and District Quartet Convention Land O' Lakes District, Quartet Semi-Finals, Rochester, Minnesota, October 26, 2012

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

Semi-Finals	Song	MUS	PRS	SNG	Subt	Prev	Total	Avq
11 HARMONIC FUSION	Beautiful Dreamer	133	138	140			812	67.7
(1)	l Didn't Want To Fall	131	138	132				
12 Vocal Express	Taking A Chance On Love	135	137	136			810	67.5
(1)	Nevertheless	133	137	132				
13 NLGQ	There'll Be No New Tunes On This Old Pian	131	137	132			798	66.5
(1,2)	Chances Are	129	136	133				
14 SuperNova	The Chordbuster March	134	136	127			797	66.4
(1)	Bright Was The Night	135	133	132				
15 Note'orious	Ain't Misbehavin'	129	133	132			787	65.6
(1)	l Found A Million Dollar Baby	130	133	130				
16 Good Fourtune	When My Baby Smiles At Me	130	130	130			765	63.8
(1)	If You Had All The World And Its Gold	125	127	123				
17 Floodwatch	-	130	127	130			761	63.4
(1)	There, I've Said It Again	125	125	124				
18 Vaguely Familiar	Coney Island Baby/We All Fall (Medley)	122	129	123			753	62.8
(1)	l Want A Girl	125	129	125				
19 Harlequin	Tin Roof Blues	127	124	127			750	62.5
(1)	A Wink And A Smile	127	118	127				
20 Liquid Courage		130	121	130			748	62.3
(1,2)	From The First Hello To The Last Goodbye	126	116	125				
21 One Button Short	Tin Roof Blues	117	115	119			694	57.8
(1)	The Sweetheart Of Sigma Chi	116	110	117				

OFFICIAL SCORING SUMMARY, BHS, International Chorus Preliminaries and District Quartet Convention Land O' Lakes District, Seniors Quartet Finals, International Preliminary Seniors Quartet, Rochester, Minnesota, October 26, 2012

Finals	Song	MUS	PRS	SNG	Subt	Prev	Total	Avq
1 St. Croix Crossing	A Fool Such As I	142	147	149			880	73.3
	Among My Souvenirs	145	150	147				
2 Highpoint	Love Song	138	149	136			849	70.8
	I'll Never Write A Love Song Anymore	135	153	138				
3 NLGQ	There'll Be No New Tunes On This Old Pian	131	137	132			798	66.5
	Chances Are	129	136	133				
4 Note'orious		129	133	132			787	65.6
	l Found A Million Dollar Baby	130	133	130				



Congratulations to all competitors!! Congratulations to Faribault on their 11th place finish and to Vocal Express on their 12 place finish. You guys continue to improve and we are very proud of your successes!!

"Mankato Riverblenders and Quartets with members from the Mankato Chapter are represented with a RED Star. Choruses and Quartets from the Southwest Division (less Mankato) are represented with a BLUE Star"

Our Director Comments On The Contest

Dear Riverblenders,

Thank you so much for allowing me to share this district contest with you. You did so many things well on stage and I am really proud of you. I know that we are all disappointed by the results of the contest, but I want you to know that no score will take away from all of the progress and hard work that we have experienced together.

I'll never forget the horrible feelings I endured in Louisville back in 2004. My collegiate quartet had worked so hard and we had such high expectations going into the contest. But we finished 9th overall and were crushed. I look back on that now and laugh, but I know what it is like to miss your expectations.

But I want you to know that I am not discouraged at all! We have a great group of guys that are smart and talented! You will learn a lot from this performance, and I am confident that we can build on our mistakes and come back even stronger! Even though we were all discouraged, that just shows our unified desire to improve, and I want to be the guy to take you there!

For those of you who haven't heard, Mankato finished 14th with a score of 62.5. Don't be discouraged by that result. I feel we we sang much better than the score indicates. A major reason for being so low is that we did not do anything visually to go along with our stunning costumes. the curtain opened and the audience saw those costumes, they were expecting to see some action, and we disappointed them. Not that we had to do a lot of dancing around, but we left character development out of the picture. We probably should have had a big banner stating "Disney Wax Museum". This was not a result of poor planning on our part, as we consciously decided to let Jacob focus on working our songs musically without having to spend a lot of time on presentation. As you recall when Scott K. worked with us, we talked about the need for character development, but perhaps did not reinforce the concept as much as we could have. Nevertheless, presentation not withstanding, we had "Singing" and "Music" development opportunities as well, but as I stated previously, I think we sang very well.

As leaders of the competition "team", I want you to know I think we did the right thing for this contest, 14th place not withstanding. We consciously chose these songs, not without

It has been a crazy weekend for me between a tragedy at work and my brother having a surprise baptism service at his church today, so I am making preparations for rehearsal tomorrow. Look for an email from me tomorrow to know what we are working on.

AND OF COURSE, A HUGE CONGRATULATIONS TO LEONARD, DEREK, DON, MATT, and GRAND DESIGN! I look forward to celebrating their accomplishment properly in the future!

Thanks again for everything, gentlemen. I was reminded this weekend of the frailty of life and how important it is to do everything you can to make an impact on those around you here on earth. You never know when your day will come. It is my absolute pleasure to be in your lives, and it is my hope that I can do the same for you.

With the utmost sincerity,

Jacob -Director



opposing feelings from some, and we consciously decided not to put much focus into the presentation, aside from visual. We wanted Jacob to focus on singing first and foremost, and he did. The things we focused on, we did very well at. Costuming was awesome!! We allowed Jacob to focus on basics, and none of the basics was mentioned in the evaluation sessions as opportunities for improvement, aside from breathing, which is always mentioned unless you're an "A" level chorus. But believe me, the "A" level choruses talk about breathing ALL THE TIME. We're still singing at a "B" level, though we slipped a little, which is not to be unexpected with a new Jacob will bring us back to where we were, and I feel the opportunity to go even higher is strong, provided we give Jacob the tools to work with - chorus director development, new members and commitment from members. I believe what we have done, and will continue doing, is allow Jacob to develop "his" chorus, and I believe he is doing so. Finally, we now have the opportunity to become the most improved chorus at next years district competition.

Doug Peterson Music Vice President Assistant Director

More Contest Insights

We had a GREAT weekend. We arrived Friday afternoon, for an early start Saturday morning. We got in the hotel and then started to focus on the YIH Festival and Contest. It was a busy time for my daughter Kay, as she took on the task of getting Nick & Charlie to the Civic Center, so we could rehearse our two contest songs. The boys had a busy day, starting at 8:30am. All totaled, the boys spent about 6 hours rehearsing their songs and learning the finer points of singing Barbershop. The YIH Festival folks did a great job of keeping things interesting. They had a pizza lunch and one of the boys commented, that he had never seen so many pizzas at one time. The pizza boxes were stacked pretty high! Throughout the day, breaks were given and the boys were able to view other rehearsals and some of the contest performances. My view of the contest changed a lot, since I had Nick there and continually wondered how and what the boys were doing. I worried about whether or not the boys would enjoy and tolerate all the rehearsal time.

My concern about the Riverblenders performance and ranking was offset by all the fun it seemed Nick & Charlie were having. Several times, during the day and evening, my daughter Kay said she was really enjoying the whole process. Nice to hear! Seeing Grand Design do so well was really a happy moment for me. However, that was nothing compared to the joy of seeing Nick on stage and telling me later, that he really had a great time. The weather was great. I enjoyed every bit of the weekend and all the interaction with fellow barbershoppers. I go home, feeling very high and fulfilled.

Nick says to tell everyone thanks. Charles Youngblom Program Vice President





Jacob, Doug and Chorus-members:

Yes, my initial realization of being in position 14, left me with some disappointment. However, after reading your all the comments and putting everything in perspective, I am very optimistic and excited about where we are at as a chorus. Jacob & Doug have great plans and sights set on our next level of accomplishment.

The idea of the costumes being left unexplained, is apparently something that blindsided our excellent costume team of Tim & Thom. Maybe the term: "Not seeing the forest for the trees" comes in here. It's unfortunate that all the hard work put into the excellent costumes was not conveyed to the Judges and audience. As your

President, I am extremely proud of all our members who've taken on the challenging task of putting these songs together. Our chorus ranking and scores don't begin to tell the full story of all the great efforts expended and our choruses accomplishments. Both contest songs came a long way in just a few months.

It's exciting for me to visualize and anticipate how much more can be accomplished by our disciplined and talented music leadership. Thanks for your enthusiasm and hard work as a chorus.

Onward & upward, fellow Riverblenders!

Ron Meyer President



More Contest Comments

Hey Guys,

The Youth In Harmony camp and chorus in Rochester was a wonderful success and a great experience for everyone involved. We had a couple of young men from Mankato – Charlie's grandson and Ron Meyer's grandson who participated. Maybe we can hear about their impressions at rehearsal on Tuesday!

It sure was fun singing for them and with them!!!

Derek Glenna

2012 Land of Lakes District Quartet Champion- Grand Design







We certainly have a diverse group of singers that have a very diverse range of activities outside of the chorus.

Our very own Dwain Fraze - pictured above - was named the "Outstanding Male Senior Citizen Volunteer of the Year in Blue Earth County" or OMSCVOTYIBEC (kind of like SPEBSQSA).

Congratulations Dwain on a very auspicious award!!



OK - Does anyone want to venture a guess as to the name of this very young quartet? Do you want to venture a guess as to what the name of each of the quartet members is? Yes, we were all this young at some time in our lives.

Riverblenders 2013 Board Nominees



Ron Meyer (President)



Doug Peterson (VP Music)



- Ryan Kuisle (VP Program)



Thom Schubbe (Co-VP Membership)



Arvid Zenk (Co-VP Membership)



(Secretary)



Tim Schubbe - Ron Larson (Treasurer)



Bailey Blethen (VP Marketing/PR) (Past President) (Chorus Mgr-Booking)



Frank Selvey



Bruce Gray





(Chorus Mgr-House) (Graphics, Uniforms)



Jacob Ritter (Director)



Doug Peterson (Asst. Director)



(Board Member At Large)



Dwain Fraze



(Valentines Chairman) (Bulletin Ed. & general catch-up Dude)

These are the men that the nominating committee has contacted and received a yes from them to run for the office. If you wish to nominate someone else, or you wish to run, please contact Ron Meyer. Photos - j grimmer

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Former member - Mary Ostrom

Changing of the Guard

Mary Ostrom

Now 'tis time for the guard to change, The Riverblender's Chorus said, "We can arrange". Our gratitude goes to last year's crew, Professional were they in all they had to do. As good as they were, look we ahead, E'en bigger and better, if such can be said. With President Meyer at the helm, Guiding us to greatness through out the realm.

Nicollet Show - November 18

Welcome back from the LO'L District Contest. Great job!! However, you must now concentrate on the upcoming show in Nicollet. Please dig out your CD's and review all of the show music. We must impress the people from the Nicollet area!

We will be using the same costumes that you wore for contest so no problem there. You may also be asked to help out with the show set up. Please respond, as you always do, with a hardy "You Betcha" when asked.

Jeff Grimmer

2012 Show chairman

First Half Songs

Disney Song Medley

2. Be Our Guest

3. A Spoon Full of Sugar

4. Fortuosity

5. Heigh Ho

6. When She Loved Me

7. The Bare Necessities

8. Jolly Holiday

9. When You Wish Upon a Star

10. Ten Feet Off the Ground

11. Zip-A-Dee-Doo-Dah

12. Disney Song Medley (Reprise)

Riverblenders Chorus

Just the Messenger Quartet

Riverblenders Chorus

RFD Quartet

Riverblenders Chorus

Soul Purpose Quartet

Riverblenders Chorus

Riverbend Quartet

Riverblenders Chorus

Magic Quartet

Riverblenders Chorus

Riverblenders Chorus

Nicollet Show November 18, 2012

First half - Disney show (see below)

Second half -

o Nicollet high school choir

(will soon have the names

of the songs - two or three)

o Riverbend one song

o Soul Purpose one or two songs

o RFD two songs

o Magic two songs

o Chorus three songs

Swing Low Sweet Chariot

When The Role Is Called

Feelin Fine

Calendar

November 3, 2012 - Saturday

Annual Installation of Officers Banquet

Applewood Banquet Center

I I Telemark Drive, Mankato

6 PM Happy Hour

7 PM Banquet

November 6, 2012 - Tuesday

Loyola High School Band Room

Regular Practice - 7 PM

November 10, 2012 - Saturday

Crossview Covenant Church

Minnesota Valley Sweet Adelines

Annual Show

November 13, 2012 - Tuesday

Loyola High School Band Room

Board Meeting - 6 PM

Regular Practice - 7 PM

November 18, 2012 - Sunday

Riverblenders Show

Nicollet High School

3 PM

November 20, 2012 - Tuesday

Loyola High School Band Room

Regular Practice - 7 PM

(PARTY???)

November 27, 2012 - Tuesday

Loyola High School Band Room

Regular Practice - 7 PM

December 15, 2012 - Saturday
Double Board Meeting

April 13, 2013 - Saturday

Annual Show

July 22, 2013

"Everybody Wants To Go To Heaven"

Chorus Members,

You'll be seeing specifics from Jacob on how we use our rehearsals in the upcoming weeks before our November 18th Nicollet Disney Show. Just to give you a general idea of what the near future holds, the Board and Music Committee came up with this high-level plan early in October:

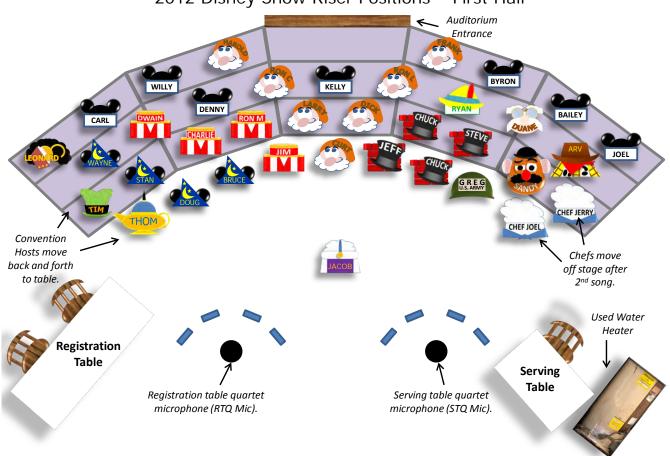
- October 30th: Run through all Show songs in order (excluding quartets and speaking parts) in Show riser positions prior to break, then focus on Jacob's priority areas for each song
 - November 6th: Run through all Show songs in order (including speaking parts and quartet intro measures only), then focus on Jacob's priority areas for each song
 - November 13th: Run through all Show songs in order (including speaking parts and full quartet songs) with costume check for members who weren't at contest

We hope this helps with your planning and we can all be ready for the next few weeks and a REALLY BIG SHOW in Nicollet! MORE GOOD NEWS! We used our contest time to do a great job making sure our costumes are ready for the Show and Jacob did a great job getting two of our Disney songs in the greatest shape ever. So, a lot has already been accomplished and we have these weeks to fine tune the rest.

We have riser positions that are similar to the Spring Annual Show, with updates due to a few changes in who will be singing that are included in the attachment. Take a look to be ready for tomorrow. Remember that we set up these riser positions so that quartets could step out and perform and step back into the Chorus more easily. We also tried to get all the Dwarfs in a row. Jacob will fine tune this if needed for performance & sound production reasons.

Thanks
Tim Schubbe
Secretary
Show Committee Member

2012 Disney Show Riser Positions – First Half



Other Important Messages



Perhaps you sent a lovely card,
Or sat quietly in a chair:
Perhaps you sent a floral piece,
If so we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words
As any friend could say;
Perhaps you were not there at all,
Just thought of us that day
Whatever you did to console our hearts,
We thank you so much whatever the part.

The Family of
David M. Balke

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On October 10th the Mankato Riverblenders sang in front of the school body of Loyola Catholic High School. Before mass that day, the Riverblenders sang for the high school and introduced to them what Barbershop Music is all about. The kids enjoyed themselves as we tried to get them to sing along. Once the rest of the school had arrived for Wednesday mass, we sang our performance package. Morte Christe, When the Roll is Called Up Yonder, and Feeling Fine were

the three songs that our little group rang in the church. The students really enjoyed us being there spreading our love of music. I answered a lot of questions for the rest of the day about our chorus (and had many requests for a baritone solo!). I know that I personally had a lot of fun and hope we could do something similar again. Ryan Kuisle

2013 Program Vice President

We were selected as the winners of Bus-Ride i. e. we were asked to sing something on the bus ride to the Civic Center, and were told that the recording would be judged. We sang Hello Mary Lou, as our guide recorded it, and we won! Better than that, we are also winners because Jacob is with us now! Jim Mongeau

After the officer installation banquet at Applewood on Nov. 3rd, Kathy and I would like to invite everyone to our home for continued fellowship, refreshments and singing. Daylight savings time ends that night so you have an extra hour to spend. Most of you have been here but for those who haven't here are the directions: from Applewood go back to Stoltzman Road, turn right (south) go about 1 block to the next right turn, Red Oak Drive. There is an Oak Ridge sign there. Follow Red Oak Drive about 2 blocks to 123, on your left. It is a dead end so you can't miss it. Don't turn on Red Oak Court or Red Oak Lane. Hope you can join us!

Stan Bruss