

River Ramblings

Editor - Jeffrey Grimmer



**2013 Spring Convention
& International Prelims
May 3 - 4, 2013**

**Maranatha Hall
Northwestern
College**

3003 SNELLING AVENUE NO.
ST. PAUL, MN 55113

Mankato "Riverblenders"
Southwest Division Champs

1975 - 1976 - 1977 - 1978

1979 - 1980 - 1982 - 1983

1985 - 1986 - 2000 - 2002

2003 - 2005 - 2006 - 2007

2008 - 2009 - 2010 - 2011

2012

We need to work hard to win in 2013

The headquarters hotel is the
Country Inn & Suites located at
2905 Snelling Ave. No.
Roseville, MN 55113

Wally Brink
Convention Chairman
(612) 254-5800

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click here for more info.....

Contest

The Great Northern Union is proud to host the 2013 Division and International Quartet Prelims contest this May.

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An all-contest/concert weekend ticket is just \$45 and includes the Saturday evening concert admission.

Another exciting change this year is the location. The venue will be beautiful [Maranatha Hall](#) at Northwestern College in Roseville, MN. The contest venue and HQ hotel are just a mile drive from the [Rosedale Center](#) which boasts hundreds of shops and restaurants for contestants and their families.

Additionally, the Saturday evening afterglow will be hosted by Grumpy's Bar and Grill only a short walk from the [HQ hotel \(Country Inn\)](#).

For all the details of the weekend including full event schedule, registration forms, and hotel and performance venue locations please [Click Here](#).

Get your registration in today. This will be an event you won't want to miss. If you have specific questions please do not hesitate to reach out to myself via email at wbrink@hotmail.com

"Youth Voice"



"Wayne Hughes, Byron Norell, Ron Conrad and Arv Zenk sang for about 75 young people on March 11th at the First Congregational Church for the 2nd Community Summit for the "Youth Voice". This project is funded by the Otto Bremer Foundation to involve youth in making Greater Mankato the very best place for youth to grow up. The purpose of this meeting was to engage youth in forums in which they answer the question: "What would make Mankato/North Mankato the very best place for youth to grow up?"

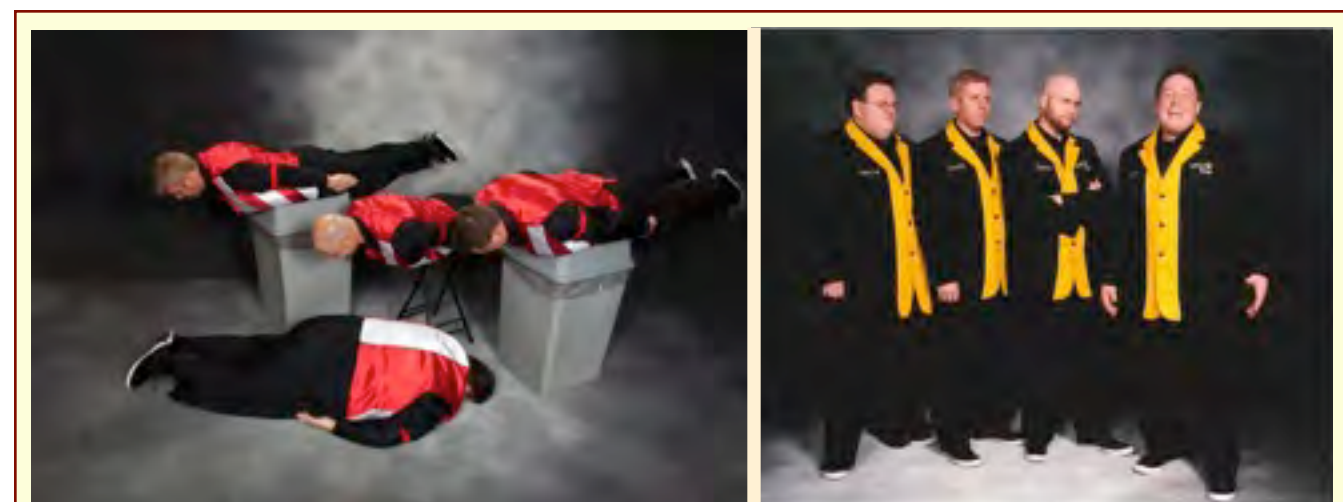
Bonnie Stanton, program director of "Youth Voice" and community organizer of the YWCA, thanked the quartet for their contribution to the program."
Arv Zenk

The YWCA is working with many youth and community focused organizations in the area to sponsor "Youth Voice" meetings. During the meetings, youth identify community attributes that are positive for them, items they perceive as negative, places they like and challenges they face. They also discuss how they can be involved in making Greater Mankato the home they want it to be.

For more information on "Youth Voice" call 507-345-4629 or email bonnie@ywcamankato.org

"Thank you so much for the fantastic entertainment at our 2nd Community Summit on Youth!"

Bonnie Stanton



"Lunch Break" - one of our feature Quartets for our April 13th show. These pictures may not look the greatest, but I had to search for three weeks to come up with the best two on the internet - and here they are. (I hope they can sing better than they take pictures!) ---(April fools!)

"Holiday Harmony" Christmas Performances

Sunday, Dec. 1, 2013

Christ the King and St. Peter Catholic Church

1:30 rehearsal at Christ the King - 3 p.m. and 7:30 in St. Peter.

We will have chorus dinner at the St. Peter Catholic Church between shows
(members pay for own dinners).

Quartets need to choose their songs for the program by summer.

Mary Lou will contact SA quartets; Doug will contact Riverblenders.

Music

Men:

Mary Had a Baby

Jingle Bells

It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas

Do You Hear What I Hear

Women:

It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year

Go Tell It on the Mountain

Carol of the Bells

Prepare Ye, Prepare Ye

Combined:

Ding Dong Merrily On High

Going to Bethlehem

Baby It's Cold Outside

Silent Night

Candlelight Carol



Christmas Show Planning Committee Meeting

2013 ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AWARDS

2013 awards announced;
2014 nominations encouraged

The Alumni Board of Directors has selected award recipients for 2013 to be presented at the 2013 Alumni Banquet on June 1, 2013, 5 p.m. The Greater Gustavus award is the highest award given by the Gustavus Alumni Association. It is awarded to those who by deed, have notably advanced and aided Gustavus Adolphus College. Distinguished Alumni Citations recognize outstanding and exceptional professional achievement, such as to bring unusual honor to the individual in his or her field of endeavor. First Decade Awards recognize one male and one female from the 10th anniversary class for early professional achievement.

GREATER GUSTAVUS AWARD

Bruce '61 and Susanne Gray, St. Peter, MN, for lifelong service and support of Gustavus, and the recruitment, support, and retention of African American students.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI CITATIONS

Steve Andreasen '84, Rochester, MN, lecturer, Humphrey School of Public Affairs, University of Minnesota, and national security consultant to the Nuclear Threat Initiative and its Nuclear Security Project, Washington, D.C.

Eric Butorac '03, Cambridge, MA, professional tennis player and vice president of Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) Players' Council.

Kay Nord Hunt '77, St. Paul, MN, attorney, chair of Lommen Abdo Appellate Practice.

Mary Bradford Ivey '63, Sarasota, FL, vice president of Microtraining Associates; practitioner and author in the field of counseling.

FIRST DECADE AWARDS

Semonti Mustaphi Stephens '03, Arlington, VA, deputy communications director for First Lady Michelle Obama, The White House.

Hans Sviggum '03, Rochester, MN, Mayo Clinic Scholar, Department of Anesthesiology, and instructor of anesthesiology, College of Medicine, Mayo Clinic, Rochester.

A complete listing of awards, criteria, and past recipients can be reviewed at <https://gustavus.edu/alumni/awards/>. Anyone can nominate potential award recipients. Nominations should be submitted by October 1.

"Greater Gustavus Award"

I realize that I sent this information out via a previous email, but I deem it so important and uplifting that I had to publish it in our newsletter.

Many people work very hard throughout their lives, not for recognition, but for the pure beauty of helping others. Bruce and Sue Gray have distinguished themselves in such a way.

Please read the announcement in the attached jpeg under "Greater Gustavus Award". I know that if they printed everything that the recipients have done over the years it would be a small book.

We are lucky enough to have Bruce as a member of our chorus and he works just as hard for us as he has and does for the betterment of Gustavus.

Please accept the heartfelt congratulations, from the "Riverblenders" family, on your well deserved award!!

Editor

Riverbend Performs for Local School

Charles had an idea, last Fall, of doing a singout as an experiment at the Charter school in Lafayette.

Talley Clobes has Music as her area of responsibility. Talley was very eager to have us come in and spread the Barbershop message.

The charter school grade levels are K thru 8. Riverbend met with grades 4 thru 8 in the first session and was very successful conveying the Barbershop message. Feedback from students and faculty seemed pretty positive.

Grade K thru 3 were sung to, a few days later, and we changed the format to include singing Bill Grogan's goat and having the kids join in. In the end, Dwain waved a red t-shirt in the air to symbolize flagging down the train. One third grader

impressively knew the answer to the question: "what is the name of singing without musical accompaniment".....a cappella! His had shot up so fast after the question was asked, I was just a little fearful of what his response might be. But, he was a very smart young man.

All in all, the kids were great responders to us. Riverbend spread the Barbershop message to about 30 kids in each session and all together, about 7 different adults. The local Newspaper the Lafayette Ledger sent their photographer to cover the event. Photos and a story this week, gave Riverbend and Barbershop music some free publicity.

Ron Meyer



The "Lafayette Ledger" published these pictures on the front page of Local News



2013 Show "Everybody Wants to go to Heaven"

We have a show on April 13th at 2 & 7 PM, at Crossview Covenant Church. You may be asked to perform some sort of task to help out - please say YES.

The ads are in and it looks to be another banner year. Now we need to get out and sell those tickets.

We have 2 great Quartets that we are featuring - "Lunch Break" and "Grand Design". This is going to be some great entertainment!

Please concentrate on your show and contest music so that we perform up to our standards. Remember what Jacob has taught you and put it into everyday singing. If we do that, we will do very well at both events!



"Grand Design"

Our other featured Quartet is "Grand Design" fresh off the LO'Ls 2012 contest stage as the current LO'I District Champions!

The Quartet is made up of Matt Hall, former Riverblender Director Derek Glenna, former Riverblender member Don Hettinga, and current Riverblender member Leonard Huls.

WELCOME!

We are proud to have on our show!!

Calendar

April 2, 2013 - Tuesday

Loyola High School Band Room
Regular Practice - 7:00 PM

April 9, 2013 - Tuesday

Board Meeting - 6:00PM
Loyola High School Band Room
Regular Practice - 7:00 PM

April 12, 2013 - Friday

Dress Rehearsal - 6:30PM

April 13, 2013 - Saturday

Annual Show
"Everybody Wants To Go To Heaven"
2 & 7PM

April 16, 2013 - Tuesday

Loyola High School Band Room
Regular Practice - 7 PM

April 23, 2013 - Tuesday

Loyola High School Band Room
Larry Monson - coaching - 7PM

April 30, 2013 - Tuesday

Loyola High School Band Room
Regular Practice - 7PM

May 3-4, 2013 - Tuesday

Contest -
Southwest/10,000 Lakes - Int. Pre-Lims
Hilltop - see page 1

July 1-7, 2013

International Convention
Toronto, Canada

August 14, 2013 - Wednesday

Orange City Iowa Show - 5:30PM
(We will be taking a bus- please plan now!)
More information coming soon

December 1, 2013 - Sunday

Holiday Concert

Mankato - St. Peter
See Page 3

-Mike Frazee-

New Email Address

mike.fraze01@gmail.com

YOU must ASK for your discount!

RESTAURANTS:

Applebee's: 15% off with Golden Apple Card (60+)
 Arby's: 10% off (55 +)
 Ben & Jerry's: 10% off (60+)
 Bennigan's: discount varies by location (60+)
 Bob's Big Boy: discount varies by location (60+)
 Boston Market: 10% off (65+)
 Burger King: 10% off (60+)
 Chick-Fil-A: 10% off or free small drink or coffee (55+)
 Chili's: 10% off (55+)
 CiCi's Pizza: 10% off (60+)
 Denny's: 10% off, 20% off for AARP members (55 +)
 Dunkin' Donuts: 10% off or free coffee (55+)
 Einstein's Bagels: 10% off baker's dozen of bagels (60+)
 Fuddrucker's: 10% off any senior platter (55+)
 Gatti's Pizza: 10% off (60+)
 Golden Corral: 10% off (60+)
 Hardee's: \$0.33 beverages everyday (65+)
 IHOP: 10% off (55+)
 Jack in the Box: up to 20% off (55+)
 KFC: free small drink with any meal (55+)
 Krispy Kreme: 10% off (50+)
 Long John Silver's: various discounts at locations (55+)
 McDonald's: discounts on coffee everyday (55+)
 Mrs. Fields: 10% off at participating locations (60+)
 Shoney's: 10% off Sonic: 10% off or free beverage (60+)
 Steak 'n Shake: 10% off every Monday & Tuesday (50+)
 Subway: 10% off (60+)
 Sweet Tomatoes: 10% off (62+)
 Taco Bell : 5% off; free beverages for seniors (65+)
 TCBY: 10% off (55+)
 Tea Room Cafe: 10% off (50+)
 Village Inn: 10% off (60+)
 Waffle House: 10% off every Monday (60+)
 Wendy's: 10% off (55 +)
 White Castle : 10% off (62+)

Rail:

Amtrak: 15% off (62+)

Bus:

Greyhound: 15% off (62+)
 Trailways Transportation System: various discounts for ages 50+

CELL PHONE DISCOUNTS :

AT&T: Special Senior Nation 200 Plan \$19.99/month (65+)
 Jitterbug: \$10/month cell phone service (50 +)
 Verizon Wireless: Verizon Nationwide 65 Plus Plan \$29.99/month (65+). Car Rental:
 Alamo Car Rental: up to 25% off for AARP members
 Avis: up to 25% off for AARP members
 Budget Rental Cars: 40% off; up to 50% off for AARP members (50+)
 Dollar Rent-A-Car: 10% off (50+)
 Enterprise Rent-A-Car: 5% off for AARP members
 Hertz: up to 25% off for AARP members
 National Rent-A-Car: up to 30% off for AARP members

RETAIL & APPAREL :

Banana Republic: 30% off (50 +)
 Bealls: 20% off first Tuesday of each month (50 +)
 Belk's: 15% off first Tuesday of every month (55 +)
 Big Lots: 30% off
 Bon-Ton Department Stores:
 15% off on senior discount days (55 +)
 C.J. Banks: 10% off every Wednesday (50+)
 Clarks: 10% off (62+)
 Dress Barn: 20% off (55+)
 Goodwill: 10% off one day a week (date varies by location)
 Hallmark: 10% off one day a week (date varies by location)
 Kmart: 40% off (Wednesdays only) (50+)
 Kohl's: 15% off (60+)
 Modell's Sporting Goods: 30% off
 Rite Aid: 10% off on Tuesdays & 10% off prescriptions
 Ross Stores: 10% off every Tuesday (55+)
 The Salvation Army Thrift Stores: up to 50% off (55+)
 Stein Mart: 20% off red dot/clearance items first Monday of every month (55 +)

GROCERY :

Albertson's: 10% off first Wednesday of each month (55 +)
 American Discount Stores: 10% off every Monday (50 +)
 Compare Foods Supermarket: 10% off every Wednesday (60+)
 DeCicco Family Markets: 5% off every Wednesday (60+)
 Food Lion: 60% off every Monday (60+)
 Fry's Supermarket: free Fry's VIP Club Membership & 10% off every Monday (55 +)
 Great Valu Food Store: 5% off every Tuesday (60+)
 Gristedes Supermarket: 10% off every Tuesday (60+)
 Harris Teeter: 5% off every Tuesday (60+)
 Hy-Vee: 5% off one day a week (date varies by location)
 Kroger: 10% off (date varies by location)
 Morton Williams Supermarket: 5% off every Tuesday (60+)
 The Plant Shed: 10% off every Tuesday (50 +)
 Publix: 15% off every Wednesday (55 +)
 Rogers Marketplace: 5% off every Thursday (60+)
 Uncle Giuseppe's Marketplace: 15% off (62+)

TRAVEL :

Airlines:
 Alaska Airlines: 50% off (65+)
 American Airlines: various discounts for 50% off non-peak periods (Tuesdays- Thursdays) (62+)and up (call before booking for discount)
 Continental Airlines: no initiation fee for Continental Presidents Club & special fares for select destinations
 Southwest Airlines: various discounts for ages 65 and up (call before booking for discount)
 United Airlines: various discounts for ages 65 and up (call before booking for discount)
 U.S. Airways: various discounts for ages 65 and up (call before booking for discount)

MISCELLANEOUS:

Great Clips: \$8 off hair cuts (60+)
 Supercuts: \$8 off haircuts (60+)

Overnight Accommodations:

Holiday Inn: 20-40% off depending on location (62+)
 Best Western: 40% off (55+)
 Cambria Suites: 20%-30% off (60+)
 **Waldorf Astoria - NYC \$5,000 off nightly rate for Presidential Suite (55 +)
 **Clarion Motels: 20%-30% off (60+)
 Comfort Inn: 20%-30% off (60+)
 Comfort Suites: 20%-30% off (60+)
 Econo Lodge: 40% off (60+)
 Hampton Inns & Suites: 40% off when booked 72 hours in advance**
 Hyatt Hotels: 25%-50% off (62+)
 InterContinental Hotels Group: various discounts at all hotels (65+)
 Mainstay Suites: 10% off with Mature Traveler's Discount (50+); 20%-30% off (60+)
 Marriott Hotels: 25% off (62+)
 Motel 6: Stay Free Sunday nights (60+)
 Myrtle Beach Resort: 30% off (55 +)
 Quality Inn: 40%-50% off (60+)
 Rodeway Inn: 20%-30% off (60+)

Sleep Inn: 40% off (60+)

ACTIVITIES & ENTERTAINMENT :

AMC Theaters: up to 30% off (55 +)
 Bally Total Fitness: \$100 off memberships (62+)
 Busch Gardens Tampa, FL: \$13 off one-day tickets (50+)
 Carmike Cinemas: 35% off (65+)
 Cinemark/Century Theaters: up to 35% off
 Massage Envy - NYC 20% off all "Happy Endings" (62 +)
 U.S. National Parks: \$10 lifetime pass; 50% off additional services including camping (62+)
 Regal Cinemas: 50% off Ripley's Believe it or Not: @ off one-day ticket (55 +)
 SeaWorld, Orlando, FL : \$3 off one-day tickets (50 +)

NOW, go out there and claim your discounts - - - -
 and remember ---- YOU must ASK for your discount
 ---- no ask, no discount.*



LOL DISTRICT

2013 QUARTET SCHOOLS

CLICK HERE FOR LOCATIONS AND SCHEDULES



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www.singmankato.com

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Stan Bruss has been busy getting display signage printed for use on his trailer (above). Why is he doing that, you may ask? Because Bruce Gray is busy trying to get us into several parades this summer as money raising events. More on this later, but please be ready to help out the cause.



Thank You to Stan.

2013 QUARTET COACHING CLINICS

Feb 23 - 10,000 Lakes Division (west) - Willmar, MN - Calvary Lutheran Church
 Mar 9 - Southwest Division - Faribault, MN - Our Saviors Lutheran Church
 Mar 16- Packerland Division - Appleton, WI - Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
 Mar 23- 10,000 Lakes Division (east) - Stillwater, MN - St Paul Lutheran Church
 Mar 23- Northern Plains Division - Fargo, ND - Knollbrook Covenant Church

Time - 9:30 am - 3:00 pm

Cost: \$50.00 per Quartet - includes noon lunch

Quartet Registration Form

(Registration & payment must be received 10 days prior to the School you plan to attend).

____ Feb 23 - 10,000 Lakes Div (west) - Willmar, MN starzr@frontiernet.net
 Bob Starz, 347 - 187th St., Atwater, MN 56209
 ____ Mar 9 - Southwest Division - Faribault, MN ... Dale.danielson@chartindustries.com
 Dale Danielson, 112 - 5th St NE., Montgomery, MN 56069
 ____ Mar 16- Packerland Division - Appleton, WI rhino139@sbcglobal.net
 Clary Reinhardt - 137 State St, Neenah, WI 54956
 ____ Mar 23- 10,000 Lakes Div (east) - Stillwater, MN juddorff3108@msn.com
 Judd Orff - 115 East Linden St., Stillwater, MN 55082
 ____ Mar 23 - Northern Plains Division - Fargo, ND paulfladland@gmail.com
 Paul Fladland - 1310 Belsy Blvd - Unit 8, Moorhead, MN 56560

Quartet Name _____

Contact _____

Address _____

City/St/Zip _____

Phone (____) _____ e-mail _____

How long has the Quartet been singing together? _____

Make check payable to and mail to: Coordinator of School you are attending.

NOTE: In case of inclement weather or cancellation we will call the Quartet contact with details on rescheduling or refunding your registration money.

Upcoming Events to Take Note Of

Mark your calendars for the following Sunday's this summer:

June 9th-Mankato by Joel Botten

June 23-St. Peter by Bruce Gray

July 14-Lake Crystal/N. Mankato by Wayne Hughes and Joel Botten

July 21-Waseca/Janesville by Jacob Ritter

August 11-Mapleton Medo by Ron Conrad and Chuck Schubbe

August 25-Mankato by Joel Botten

Other Summer Dates:

May 28th Rehearsal moves to CTK - Got your guest for "Learn to Sing A Capella"?

Mankato Moondogs - ??

July 3rd - St. Peter - Veterans Tribute Concert/ afterglow at American Legion

August 14 - Orange City, IA - Bus trip

Spring Convention/contest - May 3-4 Roseville, MN

For Info, Maps, and more go to:

<http://www.loldistrict.org/events/2013SpringConvention/2013springconvention.html>

(On my computer I had to hit the control button to get the little hand, then click)

There are 9 rooms reserved at the DAYS INN for those who have given me their info, more are still available. Call them directly at 651-636-6730 or see me Tuesday (\$75 plus tax-double queen). I'll have the confirmation numbers on if you need those. Many of you have paid me the \$20 registration, those registrations were sent in on March 27th. Remember the chorus is picking up the other \$25 and registration includes the GNU concert on Saturday evening. Should be fun! Transportation/ride sharing we will work on closer to the contest (after the show).
Stan Bruss - House Manager

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Paul Carey	Dr. David Puderbaugh
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Hosted by Dr. Steve Bortone
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