

# River Ramblings

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## ***LO'L Contest - La Crosse***

Car Pools to La Crosse: People are free to set up there own car pools to get to and from La Crosse. The three main groups are: 1. those going on Friday and coming back Saturday evening. 2. those going on Friday and coming back on Sunday 3. those going Saturday morning early and coming back Saturday night. I will have car-pool sign up sheets and a map of LaCrosse at the Oct. 15 rehearsal. At this point, I am driving in the first group Friday afternoon-Saturday evening and have room for 5. I know that Doug Peterson is driving over early Sat. AM and coming back later Saturday and has room for 5 in his van. Plan on about 3 hours for the trip, there is some road construction near La Crosse Exits.

Hotels: Everyone that has a room at La Crosse would have set it up themselves. A few months ago I tried to do a group reservation but hit a brick wall so each member was to set up their own. Many of us are at the Holiday Inn – 1 block from the LLC.

Registrations: I have sent in or will have sent in everyone's contest registration fees. Some of you have registered on your own and that is fine. All who have cancelled have received their refunds. Just a reminder to cancel your room as well - if you made a reservation. Feel free to call me with any questions or concerns. I will be gone 9/29 thru 10/12 but will have my phone and I-pad to communicate as needed.

Seminars: Please check out the Friday afternoon line-up of seminars planned, they start at 1 PM and include: Staging Effective Community Performances; Vocal Production; Joe Barbershop Tips and Topics; and Generational Differences. You may wish to leave earlier on Friday to get to these (they are included in your registration fee). Also there will be a "Marketplace" so you can buy some Barbershop clothing or items found in our catalogs, bring your VISA. We are gong to have a GREAT TIME!!!

## LO'L Contest

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

#### LAND ' LAKES DISTRICT CONVENTION/CONTEST

October 25-27, 2013 – La Crosse, WI

#### Friday - Oct 25

8:30 am - 9:00 pm	<b>Registration/Ticket desk</b>	LCC Entrance
9:00 am - 12:00 noon	<b>Board Meeting</b>	Hdqtrs Best Western Riverside Hotel
10:00 am - 6:00 pm	<b>MarketPlace</b> Open for Business	North Hall E-F
12:15/30 pm	75 <sup>th</sup> Mayor <b>Proclamation</b> with BSH Songs	
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	<b>House of Delegates Meeting</b>	Zielke Suite, LCC 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Quartet on-stage times	LLC Arena
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	<b>Class: Staging Effective Community Performances</b>	
	(Sing Outs)—Judd Orff	LCC North Hall B1
	<b>Class: Vocal Production</b> —Jim Emery	LCC North Hall B2
1:30 pm - 2:30 pm	<b>ADC Board Meeting</b>	LCC North Hall A
2:15 pm - 3:15 pm	<b>Class: Joe Barbershop Tips and Topics</b>	
	Scott Kvigne	LCC North Hall B1
	<b>Class: Generational Differences: What Do Barbershoppers</b>	
	<b>Need to Know and Do?</b> —Larry Lewis	LCC North Hall B2
3:30 pm - 4:30 pm	<b>ADC Membership Meeting</b>	LCC North Hall A,B,
6:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Quartet Preliminary Contest	LLC Arena
6:00 pm - 9:30 pm	Quartet singing	LCC North Hall B4
0:30 pm - 12:00	Quartet Evaluations Holiday Inn	

#### Saturday - Oct 26

8:00 am - 10:00 am	Stage open for inspection	LLC Arena
8:30 am - 10:00 am	<b>Ladies Continental Breakfast</b>	
9:00 am - 6:00 pm	<b>MarketPlace</b> Open for Business	North Hall E-F
9:00 am - 8:00 pm	Registration/Ticket desk	Entrance to LCC
9:30 am - 5:30 pm	YIH Festival Chorus	LCC South Hall B1&2
10:00 am - 2:00 pm	<b>Chorus Contest</b>	LLC Arena, North Hall
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Break	
3:00 pm - 4:30 pm	<b>Quartet Finals</b> (8 quartets)	LLC Arena, North Hall
5:30 pm - 6:30 pm	Quartet Evaluations	Holiday Inn
5:30 pm - 7:30 pm	Association of District Champions Dinner	LCC North Hall B4
5:30 pm - 7:30 pm	Hall of Fame Dinner	LCC North Hall MR BC
5:30 pm - 7:30 pm	Pre sold Dinner	LCC North Hall A B
8:00 pm - 10:15 pm	Celebration of 75 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Show	LCC Arena
	With ADC Chorus & Quartets, YIH Chorus	
	And A Mighty Wind	
10:30 pm - 1:00 pm	<b>Afterglow</b>	LCC North Hall A & B
10:30 pm - 1:00 pm	Hospitality Suites LLC South Hall A- B- C- D and Zielke Suite	
	(There would be no verbal chorus evaluations with this schedule.)	

5/3/2013

## Fall Contest Registrations:

### “Mic Testers” Chorus

**Saturday, October 26, 2013**

**LLC Arena–North Hall**

1 Director: Jacob Ritter

3 Tenors: Dwain Frazee, Wayne Hughes, Leonard Huls

6 Leads: Joel Botten, Bailey Blethen, Bruce Gray, Ron Meyer, Arv Zenk, Jeff Grimmer

6 Baritones: Ron Larson, Thom Schubbe, Doug Peterson, Chuck Schubbe, Ryan Kuisle, Mike Frazee??

6 Bass: Chuck Youngblom, Stan Bruss, Tim Schubbe, Byron Josephson, Sandy Allen, Dick Nordby

### Uniform:

Burgundy Riverblenders shirt (no t-shirt showing)

Black pants, belt, socks and new all black shoes

Warm-up room time and place: to be announced–  
guessing around 9:15 AM

Chorus Contest start time: 10:00 AM – we are on first,  
then we'll enjoy the rest of the contest from our seats.



## *Holiday Harmony Program*

### **Holiday Harmony Christmas Show Alert!!**

Hey guys, start "talking up" our Sunday, Dec. 1, Christmas show to your family and friends. It's the weekend of Thanksgiving, so make it a topic at your Thanksgiving dinner. Tickets are only \$10 and students (K-college), are free with a donation to the food shelf. We will do two shows together with the Minnesota Valley Sweet Adeline Chorus. Shows will be 3:00 PM at Christ the King Church in Mankato and 7:30 PM at the Church of St. Peter.

Dinner between shows will be held at Christ the King following the 3:00 PM performance. Tickets for dinner will be sold in advance and your family and friends are welcome to join us.  
Holiday Harmony Program Chair - Joel Botten

Chorus songs that will be sung  
(this may change a bit)

Ding Dong! Merrily On High - Combined

Candlelight Carol - Combined

Do You Hear What I Hear - Riverblenders

Mary Had A Baby - Riverblenders

Carol Of The Bells - Minnesota Valley

Go Tell It On The Mountain - Minnesota Valley

It's Beginning To Look A Lot Like Christmas - Riverblenders

Jingle Bells - Riverblenders

Prepare Ye, Prepare Ye - Minnesota Valley

It's The Most Wonderful Time Of The Year - Minnesota Valley

Baby It's Cold Outside - Combined

Going To Bethlehem - Combined

Silent Night - Combined

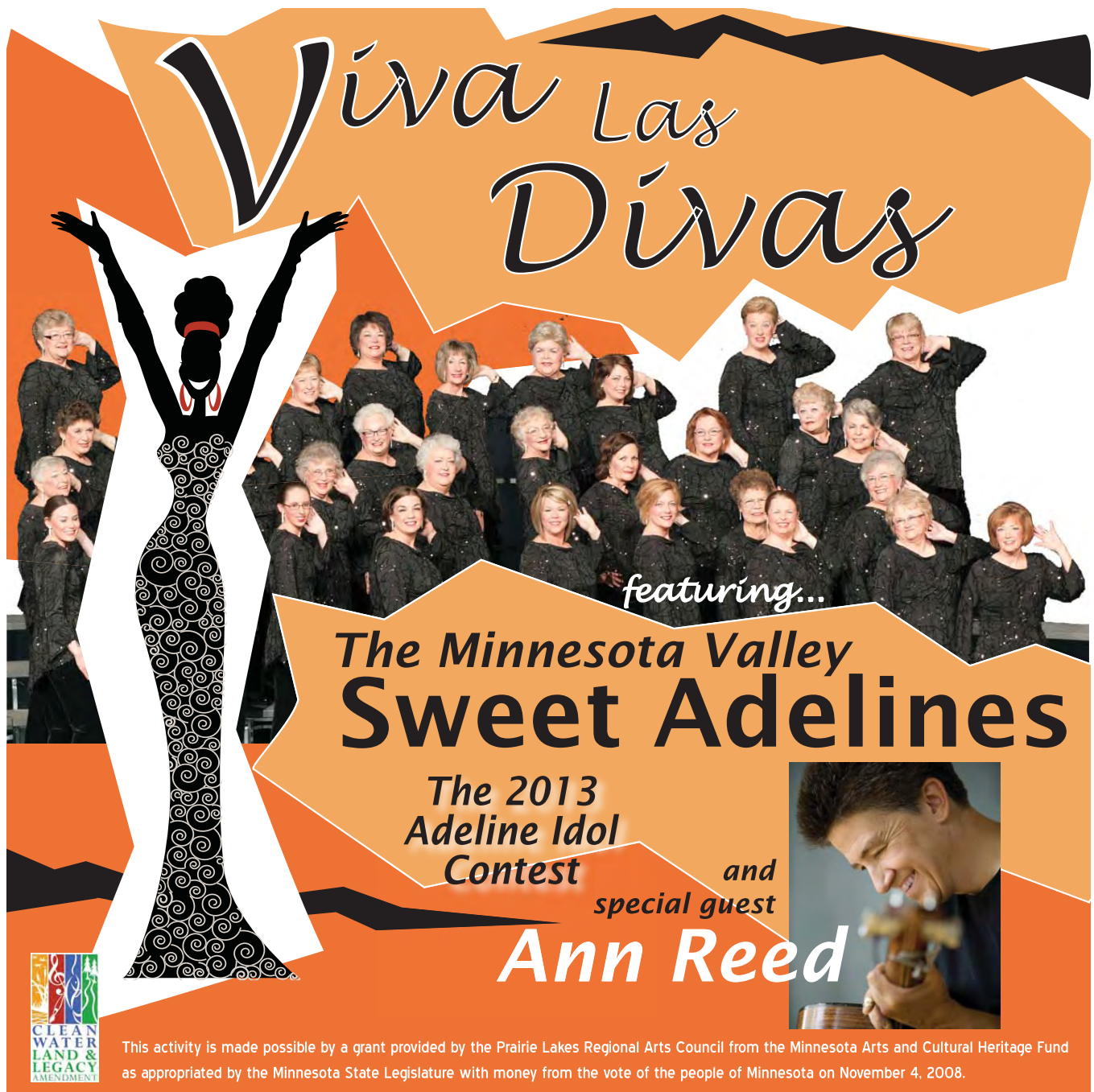
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### **2013 SUMMER SING-OUTS – 1 more to go!!**

Thanks to all who took the time to participate in the 2013 summer church sing-out program. Special thanks to those who took on the scheduling for the various churches, we really appreciate all your efforts and to Jacob for his directing skills and patience. Thanks to all who took their turn driving in car pools. Here is a brief re-cap of our activity: We started out on June 9th in Mankato thanks to the planning and efforts of Joel Botten. Then moved on to St. Peter on June 23rd to sing and promote our upcoming shows in St. Peter on July 1st and 3rd. Thanks to Bruce Gray for organizing St. Peter. Then on July 14th we headed east to the Waseca area thanks to the planning and organizing of your director Jacob Ritter. The next week (21st) we headed to Lake Crystal and North Mankato to churches lined up by Wayne Hughes and Joel Botten. August 11th we toured the Mapleton/Medo area with the help of Chuck Schubbe and Ron Conrad, great time!! Finally, Joel Botten took us around Mankato one more time for our most recent sing out on August 25. Last but not least we will be in GAYLORD on Oct. 13 to promote our afternoon show there. Bruce Gray is lining up churches for that AM so watch and listen for his announcements at the upcoming rehearsals for times, uniform, and carpool info. Thanks Bruce!!!

Stan Bruss - House Manager - Mankato Riverblenders





# Viva Las Divas


featuring...

## The Minnesota Valley Sweet Adelines

The 2013 Adeline Idol Contest

and special guest

### Ann Reed



This activity is made possible by a grant provided by the Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council from the Minnesota Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund as appropriated by the Minnesota State Legislature with money from the vote of the people of Minnesota on November 4, 2008.

**Saturday, November 2 - 2:30 and 7:00pm**  
**Crossview Covenant Church - 2000 Howard Drive, North Mankato**

Adults: \$12 Advance/\$15 Door   Seniors: \$10 Advance/\$12 Door   Students:\$5  
Tickets available at: Scheitel's Music (Mankato), Cub Foods (both Mankato locations),  
HyVee (both Mankato locations), and Swedish Kontur (St. Peter)

For tickets or information, call: 507-388-6148  
Or visit: [www.minnesotavalleychorus.org](http://www.minnesotavalleychorus.org) or  
[www.facebook.com/SweetAdelinesMankato](http://www.facebook.com/SweetAdelinesMankato)

## Nominations for 2014 Board

The Nominations Committee is pleased to announce the following members as candidates for the 2014 Board of Directors for the Mankato Riverblenders.

Arv Zenk	President
Ryan Kuisle	VP Program
Doug Peterson	VP Music
Carl Schoenstedt	VP Membership
Bailey Blethen	VP Marketing & PR
Tim Schubbe	Secretary
Ron Larson	Treasurer
Roger Kamrath	Member at Large
Ron Meyer	Past President
Bruce Gray	Chorus Manager Bookings
Stan Bruss	Chorus Manager House
Jacob Ritter	Director
Steve Pettis	Uniforms & Graphics
Thom Schubbe	Show Chairman
Dwain Frazee	Valentines & YIH
Jeff Grimmer	Newsletter Editor

Guys:

Jacob will get next week's schedule to us soon. In the meantime, I'd like to personally ask each and every one of you to be sure attend rehearsal next Tuesday, October 1st.

Jacob has done some amazing things for each and every one of us personally, since he's been here. He has brought the Chorus to a much higher level of performance.....not sure....ask your family and friends who've heard us recently.

Let's show strong support for Jacob, as he works with and learns from his Mentor, Larry Monson.

Let's all be there on Tuesday, for both Jacob & Doug!

Ron Meyer - President

## New Music

As you know, we have an ambitious schedule ahead of us. More so than we perhaps have ever undertaken, but Jacob and the music team think we can do it. We'll be hard at learning X-mas music for 2 months, and then we have a new contest song to learn, plus re-learning 5 old Riverblender "chestnuts" for the April show. You already have a CD with learning tracks for our 2 christmas songs, plus the new contest song "Alabamy Bound", "Alexander's Ragtime Band" and "Meet Me in Rosetime, Rosie". We'll have music for you next week, but I encourage you to start learning the new music ahead of time. The more you can learn now, the less for later. As a suggestion, you may want to pick one song to start with and give yourself a deadline for learning segments of it. There are other ways of approaching it, but challenge yourself however you need to.

Continue to use your learning tracks until you are positive you have it down cold. When you can sing your part in your head as you're trying to go to sleep, that's a pretty good sign you've got it learned.

FYI: other show songs at this time are "Have A Happy Day", "Coney Island Baby", "Rise and Shine" and "Once Upon a Time". Music and tracks to come later.

Doug Peterson - Assistant Director

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## More About The Auction

Hi Guys,

The annual auction this year yielded a little lower total of money spent with a total of \$1,359,000. Thanks to everyone that helped make the event a success.

Many great items were donated by the membership. The list below includes the highest bids and the items purchased.

**Pet Rock** - Steve Pettis - \$185,000 - (I think he had help with this one)

**Martha Stewart Cake Display** - Jacob Ritter - \$88,000

**BB Gun** - Jeff Grimmer - \$85,000

**Old Town Qt. Picture** - Don Miller - \$82,000

**Bottle of Wine** - Ron Larson - \$65,000

**Bottle of Wine** - David Ritter - \$65,000

**Bottle of Wine** - Willie Derner - \$65,000

**Bottle of Wine** - Jacob Ritter - \$65,000

**Bird Feeder** - Ron Conrad - \$65,000

**Golf Balls** - Bruce Gray - \$60,000

**Bottle of Wine** - Chuck Schubbe - \$60,000

New Blender Bucs, with Arvid's photo on them, have been issued and some have been delivered to members. Remember that you are responsible to collect your earned bucs.

## Nice To Know

### Coaching Session

On October 1, 2013 the return of coach Larry Monson will occur. This is on a regular Tuesday night rehearsal. Be sure to be there early and ready to sing. Larry will be correcting a lot of items and it will be a great benefit to the chorus.

Thanks Larry!!

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### Sam's Club Re-Grand Opening

On Friday October 4, 2013 the Mankato Riverblenders will be performing at the **Sam's Club Re-Grand Opening** in Mankato. The performance will be at 9:00 AM and run to 9:30 AM.

The chorus membership should meet at Sam's Club at 8:30 AM for warm ups and come wearing your Yellow Summer Shirt, Black Pants and Black Shoes

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### La Crosse Performance

On Saturday, October 26th, the Mankato Riverblender's Chorus will be the mic testing chorus at the LO'L contest in La Crosse. The uniform of the day will be Maroon Long Sleeved Shirt, Chorus Black Pants, Black Shoes. More information to follow at weekly meetings.

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## Calendar

### \*October 1, 2013 - Tuesday\*

*Loyola High School Band Room*

Regular Practice - 7:00 PM

### **Coaching - Larry Monson**

### **October 4, 2013 - Friday**

*Sam's Club Mankato*

Performance 8:30 AM

### **October 8, 2013 - Tuesday**

Board Meeting - 6:00 PM

*Loyola High School Band Room*

Regular Practice - 7:00 PM

### **\*October 13, 2013 - Sunday\***

Church Performances / Lunch /

Show - Gaylord

### **October 15, 2013 - Tuesday**

*2014 Show Meeting - 6:00 PM*

*Loyola High School Band Room*

Regular Practice - 7:00 PM

### **October 22, 2013 - Tuesday**

*Loyola High School Band Room*

Regular Practice - 7:00 PM

### **October 25- 26, 2013**

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### **October 29, 2013 - Tuesday**

*Loyola High School Band Room*

Regular Practice - 7:00 PM

### **November 2, 2013 - Saturday**

Minnesota Valley SA Show

See Page 5 for Details

### **November 19 & 26, 2013 - Tuesdays**

Combined Rehearsals - 7:00 PM

"Christ The King Lutheran Church"

### **December 1, 2013 - Sunday\***

Holiday Concerts - with Sweet Adelines

Mankato - 3PM - St. Peter - 7:30PM

celebrating

**50 YEARS**

### 50 Year Members

Submitted by Doug Miller

While in Toronto, last week, I attended the Harmony Fellows Breakfast. This is a celebration for all men who have attained 50 years of membership in the Barbershop Harmony Society.

Two LO'L members were there to receive their 50 year pins, John Miller of the Madison, Rock Valley and Greendale Chapters and Bob Griffith, dual member of Minneapolis and Hilltop.

Also, on the list were Bruce Gray, Mankato; Jim Hedding, Bloomington; Bruce O'Dell, Frank Thorne; and Don Wetterlin, Rochester and Art Van De Water, Hilltop. There may have been others whose names I did not recognize. If so, I apologize.

When you see these barbershoppers, congratulate them on their longevity in our Society.