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2018 Barbershop Harmony Open



The 11th Annual Barbershop Harmony Open will be held Monday, August 6, 2018, at the Elk River Golf and Country Club in Elk River, Minnesota. The event is sponsored by *The Friday Lunch Bunch That Meets On Thursday* (TFLBTMOT) to raise funds for the Barbershop Harmony Society's Harmony Foundation, specifically for the *Jim Richards Memorial Project*.

Two years ago following the death of Minneapolis Commodore and Society Hall-of-Fame icon, **Dr. Jim Richards**, it was suggested by **Jim Clark**, Regional Director of Harmony Foundation (and incidentally lead of the 2010 International Quartet Champions, *Storm Front*), that in Jim's memory, TFLBTMOT issue a five-year \$50,000 Matching Challenge to the LOL District. The challenge was offered prior to last year's open and LOL has responded most generously. TFLBTMOT is on pace to fulfill its obligation but successful opens are important to supplement our other sources of matching funds.

Last year, *Storm Front* headlined our 19th-Hole afterglow (with the help of our old friends, *HarmonyWorks*). This year we are pleased to announce that *St. Croix*



Dr. Perry White



Kyle Snook

Crossing, this year's International Seniors Quartet Champions will be our featured entertainers.

In addition we will be honored by two special guests representing the Harmony Foundation, President/CEO **Dr. Perry White**, and Regional Director **Kyle Snook**, who will report on the remarkable growth of the foundation and the remarkable evolution of the Youth In Harmony explosion that is making the Midwinter Conventions must-see, don't want-to-miss celebrations.

So, PLEASE, register early, \$100 /per person includes 18 holes of golf with cart, prizes, buffet, and the 19th Hole Show (and maybe even some singing). We are also soliciting tax-deductible sponsorships. A hole may be sponsored for \$100. So, register your foursome now at www.bhsopen.com. If you have no partners one or more will be found for you. If you are not a golfer you may attend the 19th-Hole Celebration for a modest meal charge.

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SUMMER SOUNDS

By Blake Wanger, President

Since completing our unprecedented second annual-show performance in early June, the Commodores have become entrenched in our summer performance season having sung at Roseville on June 14 and at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum on June 24. Both audiences were enthusiastic and quite complimentary. But the Commodores aren't finished and by the time you read this we will have joined with the other seven Twin-City-area Barbershop choruses on July 10 at the annual Como Park Pavilion concert hosted by the St. Paul Chapter. Each chorus will sing three numbers and then join in a finale with all of the 200 or more singers.

The Commodores will journey on Wednesday evening, July 18, to perform in Hastings, and again on Sunday, August 5, to Como Park Pavilion to perform with the *Twin Cities Show Chorus*. Our last summer-season performance will be Sunday, August 26, at the Minnesota Twins game. The Commodores and dozens of other Barbershoppers from far and wide will sing the *National Anthem* before the game, and *God Bless*



Blake Wanger

America and Take Me Out To The Ballgame during the 7th inning stretch.

Personally, summer performances are one of my favorite reasons for being a Barbershopper. I love that we are able to go to communities around the Twin Cities and share our music *for free* in beautiful settings at parks and other outdoor venues and with such appreciative audiences. Singing in the privacy of the basement of House of Prayer Lutheran Church at chapter meetings is certainly fun, but doesn't compare to being in front of an enthusiastic audience. Then there is the bonus after each summer performance when the fun continues as we visit a local restaurant for an *Afterglow*, sometimes even treating the unsuspecting patrons and staff to a song or two.

In just a few short weeks the summer will be wrapping up, and our focus will be shifting towards preparing for the October LOL District Contest in Rochester and our Christmas show with the Twin Cities Show Chorus in early December. But for now, we are happy to slather on some sunscreen, set up some risers, and share the beautiful weather and our signature sound with friends all over the Twin Cities!

It is GREAT to be a COMMODORE



June Reenlistments

- Jeff Culp.....3 yrs.
- Andy Richards.....5 yrs.
- Kaleb Smith.....8 yrs.
- Gordy Aumann.....15 yrs.
- Rob Hartert.....16 yrs.
- Lou DeMars.....17 yrs.
- Dick Hartmann.....17 yrs.
- John Lloyd.....17 yrs.
- Ron Neujahr.....17 yrs.
- Dick Riemenschneider.....21 yrs.
- Ken Knutson.....33 yrs.
- Steve Grady.....34 yrs.
- Gary Cooper35 yrs.
- Lance Johnson.....39 yrs.
- Ken Glover.....43 yrs.
- Russ Born.....44 yrs.
- Hardin Olson.....48 yrs.

Happy Birthday

- 07/10/1942 Brooks Bergersen
- 07/12/1929 John Hansen
- 07/14 Beverly Koch
- 07/14/1954 Paul Wigley
- 07/15/1937 Harvey Weiss
- 07/16/1941 Jim McCarville
- 07/16 Dianne Ongna
- 07/17/1936 Lou DeMars
- 07/17/1939 Jim Lee
- 07/27/1939 Ken Glover
- 07/27/1943 Larry Nelson
- 07/28 Marsha Shaw
- 07/30 Brenda Duncan
- 08/01 Karen True
- 08/07 Debbie Mason
- 08/07 Connie Miller
- 08/09 Jean Warp



BOARD HIGHLIGHTS



Chapter members are always welcome to attend the Board meetings

From the Meeting of June 7

By Bill Warp, Secretary

The meeting was called to order unavoidably without a quorum but a meaningful discussion ensued.

• Music & Performance:



Bill Warp

+ About 325 tickets were sold for the repeat performance of the annual show.

+ The joint Christmas show with the TC Show Chorus will be held at Hopkins High School on Sunday,

December 2, with the same theme as last year, *We Wish You the Merriest*.

+ We have registered 93 members and spouses for the Rochester convention.

+ The mandatory retreats for members on stage at District will be held on August 24 and September 22 at United Methodist Church on 64th and Xerxes South.

• Old Business:

+ **Shawn Hunter** is considering assuming Arne Stefferud's board position.

+ **Larry Nelson** will continue a dialog with the Breck School Choral Department regarding their possible participation on a future Commodore show.

+ Discussion was held regarding moving the annual show dates to late April.

+ A thank-you card was sent to Bethel for their generosity and help

with staging the repeat performance of our annual show.

From an ad hoc Board meeting of June 12: A resolution was passed giving Nut Chairman **Dick Riemenschneider** permission to establish a new account for nut sales.

• Next meeting July 12, 2018 at Wooddale Lutheran.

Happy Anniversary

- 07/13 Bill & Marsha Shaw-50
- 07/20 Brooks & Sandy Bergersen-55
- 07/20 Dave & Jamye Casperson
- 07/22 Jim. & Mary Erickson
- 07/23 Tom & Bonnie Dahlen
- 08/04 Alan & Karen Matchinsky
- 08/05 Larry & Kathy Nelson
- 08/05 Dan & Carol Smith



Jim Richards Memorial Chord Candy # 120

Apologize from a tune called *One Republic ... Arr. by Paul Paddock*



Jim Richards

I am sharing a couple of tags I adapted from a tune by an American pop-rock band named *One Republic*. The song itself involves lots of layers. The first [Top] chart just has the lead doing the melody while the second [Lower] is a baritone-lead duet handed off to the lead and tenor with musical imagery. (Hey, Paul [Wigley], maybe these would be great for younger guys.

Editor's Note: You may be right, Young Paul, but one thing is sure, they may be a little tough for some of us older basso pretendos.



Paul Paddock

APOLOGIZE

ARR. P. PADDOCK

RIT. & DECRSC. TO FINE

I'M HOLD-ING ON YOUR ROPE, GOT ME TEN FEET OFF THE (DOO) GROUND

DOO DOO DOO

APOLOGIZE

BARI-LEAD-TO-TENOR DUET
ARR. P. PADDOCK

RIT. & DECRSC.

I'M HOLD-ING ON YOUR ROPE, GOT ME TEN FEET OFF THE GROUND (A LA DANGLING) DO YOO YOO

DOO DOO DOO

Georgia Grind

by Jim Erickson, "Bekempt" Baritone



Jim Erickson

Far be it for me to change honoring our country's history. As if I could! But hear me out. This year we celebrated the Fourth of July with all the national trappings that go with bands, parades, fireworks, banners, flags and ... Hey, my articles are long enough without my listing all the things you already know. So, I will save your eyesight, brain, and—Whoops, there I go again! Anyway, I have a suggestion, "Don't ever again schedule the Fourth of July on a Wednesday!" Change the Constitution, use a Mayan calendar, make the 4th on Wednesdays a *non-holiday* holiday celebration. Whatever.

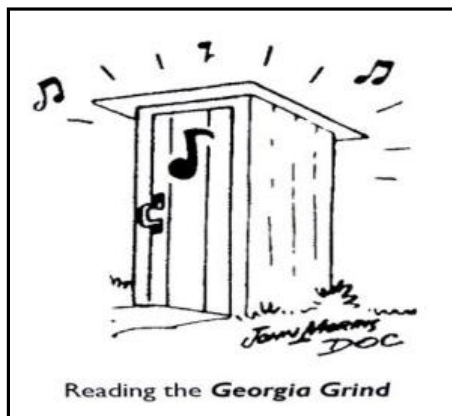
But, midweek celebration of the 4th just screws everyone and everything up. One child and his wife wanted to come the weekend before to fit their schedule, especially with a new job and limited vacation that would have to be spent judiciously. The other preferred the weekend following the 4th due to schedule problems, travel constraints, daughter working to save money for college second-year, and ... do you need to hear more? You, as one of the most intelligent readers of the *Georgia Grind*, catch on quickly and I won't de-encapsulate the thoughts any further.

So, the Grind is starting a national campaign to have the 4th celebration be either the first Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, or Friday of July, but never again would the 4th of July fall upon a Wednesday or a weekend day! Got that?

Now such an iconoclastic campaign will need a moderate amount of funding. The *Georgia Grind Foundation [LLC, Inc. or Ltd.]* has always earned the very highest integrity-rating of IRBE* and has graciously agreed to receive and invest the funds you so generously will agree to contribute. To un-complicate the financial arrangements, I suggest you

make all checks out to me. Of course, cash can just be placed in my open hand. I give you my word, either way your donations will be used to open many opportunities at my sole discretion. Take comfort in that, won't you?

Shifting gears now to another subject. This is a bit more serious but encouraging [Really? How so?]. On TV, I just saw an clip showing those who are experiencing breathing problems, primarily COPD, are learning to play the harmonica under a leader's guidance. Don't laugh! Apparently the in-and-out breathing frequently necessary to play a harmonica encourages better breathing techniques and helps improve dealing with this troublesome disease--along with some fun participation in a musical group.



And that brought to mind that perhaps Barbershopping with its attending attention to correct breathing and just plain fun singing for hours, may have beneficial results breathing disease-wise. Don't know, but sure can't hurt, now, can it?

Further, that brings me to another somewhat related subject. Several months ago, I received some information (at my request after hearing from him) from a home town, high school friend of mine. He sends me a holiday family-update each year and occasionally we get in touch beyond that. Having lost his first wife to cancer some years ago, he since connected with a lady-friend, enjoying family and friends, traveling to many foreign places, as well as experiencing other diversions.. Things seemingly normalized, but after time passed, some signs of dementia appeared and, as many have had the misfortune

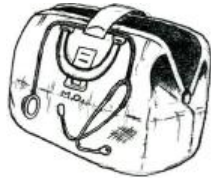
to experience, his lady began to develop more telling symptoms. Please understand that so as to respect these two I have not delved into this very deeply, but basically, I believe that is what happened as it has to untold others.

But here is also what I learned. The two of them joined the *Giving Voice Choir* at MacPhail Center for Music and are attending regular rehearsals. This is a choir tailored specifically, I understand, for Alzheimer's patients and their caregivers. It gives them a chance to sing together and experience all the benefits that we know, as Barbershoppers, about singing in a friendly, compassionate group. It is just one more way that music can impact our lives and can be so important in encouraging in even the youngest children make music a significant part of their future lives .

Recently, a longtime friend of my wife, Mary, and mine, passed away. She had been in declining health for a few years and finally was unable to act without considerable assistance in all activities. But hearing some things about music therapy, Mary had a great idea. When she was younger, she played the ukulele and with her repertoire played frequently for her primary-grade students. Mary thought that maybe our friend might like to hear a few of them. So, offering to stop by for a visit she arrived with ukulele in hand. After a few familiar songs, our friend began to hum along. A few more songs, and then Mary asked if she would like to sing along with a favorite song. With little hesitation, she said, "I'd like to sing *I've Been Working On The Railroad*." Sing, the two of them did, and finished on that very high musical note. Pardon that pun. Several days later, our friend was gone, but the experience will linger.

So, good reader, what do these three stories have in common? I am sure I hardly need to ask the question. If you have the gift of being musical in some way, you obviously can experience using that gift for your own personal pleasure. But you also can improve others' lives by sharing your music with them. Playing a *Go to Grind, Page 5, Column 1*

Doc's Bag



By Dr. Hardin Olson, Editor,

It has been a rough two weeks for this wearing-out editor, a fortnight that has made me admit to myself that age is rapidly catching up with me and that there is so much to do and who knows how much time there is to do it.



Hardin Olson

Here we go. Three days ago I was notified by his daughter that my best friend in grade school, Bobby, was in hospice with kidney failure. I called and talked with him, his voice was strong and his mind sharp but he knows his time is short. Bob is two months older than I am.

The day before, I had been notified that my cousin, Bob, in San Diego, had succumbed to heart and prostate problems at the age of 90. Bob, a re-

tired Naval aviator, was a cadet as WW II ended. He flew combat missions off carriers in Korea and then during the Viet Nam fighting was the Air Officer on, I believe, the Enterprise. I will be attending his funeral in San Diego on July 16.

Two weeks ago today, on June 28, my "only friend", Glenn, took his last shallow breath and passed away. I say my only friend because when I was working in the GYN Clinic at the U of M, Glenn, then taking part in a cancer-screening program at the University, would occasionally drop in at the clinic and ask to see me. We never connected but he would say to the staff, "Tell Dr. Olson that his only friend was here."

Well, one day, being perhaps the world's most impish practical joker, Glenn got in line at the clinic with the other patients. When his turn came the receptionist asked, "What can I do for you?" Without batting an eye he replied, "I am here to see Dr. Olson about a yeast infection." In a micro-second she said, "You must be his only friend." Glenn also was just two months older than I am.

All that being said, I have decided that you are now reading my penultimate issue and further that the August/September *Chord-Inator* will be my last as your Editor.

I just got off the phone (July 12) with my favorite bass, **Gary Rogness**. On Monday, the 16th, he will start another two-week chemotherapy cycle. Fatigue is the ongoing symptom and the several days after the Monday chemo sessions are fraught with nausea and loss of appetite. Then after a few days he feels much better until the next Monday. He will have a follow-up scan after this next go-round.

As longtime Barbershoppers/quartet mates, **Bruce Odell** and **Bill Gilbert**, continue their virtual 24/7 support of Gary, phoning him daily and making themselves available when necessary, as Gary says, "Like the brothers I never had."

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harmonica; accompanying someone facing dementia (or similar affliction) to a choral rehearsal or performance; playing a ukulele and singing along with a friend--All these and so many more, may unleash the power of music in our lives, like a giant 4th of July (on Monday?) fireworks rocket. Think of how many more ways this could be done.

Enjoy the second half of summer and remember to hold fast to that which is good. Don't let truth be eroded. And, work at being present wherever you are. Nothing is so regretful as later saying, "Oh, if I had only ..." And next time one or more perform for you, singing or otherwise, consider going up to at least one of them and say something along the lines of, "Nice job!" So many times, we really appreciate a performance, but don't take the logical next step to compliment the performer. You have your marching-orders, so now MARCH!

**Integrity Ratings By Erickson*



The Commodores at Roseville on June 14.



Just One More at Roseville from left: Matt Richards - bari, Ben Wanggaard - bass, Tony Lapakko, - lead, and Nate Weimer - tenor



The Commodores at the Arboretum on June 24.

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LOOKING AHEAD

- July 18, Wednesday, **Hastings Performance**
- August 5, Sunday, **Sing at Como Park with the TC Show Chorus.**
- August 6, **BHS Open at Elk River Golf Club**
- August 25, Saturday, **Retreat - United Methodist Church of Peace, 64th & Xerxes, Richfield**
- September 22, Saturday, **Retreat - United Methodist, Richfield District Level**
- October 26-27, Fri/Sat, **LOL District Fall Convention, Rochester, Minn.**

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