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OVER 714,089 SQUARE MILES

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14th Annual Barbershop Harmony Open - A Huge Success

submitted by Judd Orff



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Another bright sunny day greeted us as the 14th annual Harmony Open taking place at the Elk River Country Club.

Free range balls were provided by the Happiness Emporium. The putting contest was won by Duane Rygg. His prize was a free entry to next year's event.

Thirteen groups gave it their best shot. The group from White Eagle Golf Course won the top prize at 17 under. Gene Huepel once again took 2nd at 63 (9 under). Our ladies score was won by Nan DeMars, Becky Wigley, Sheila Cole and Paula DeMars. The mixed four some was Nate Cole, Tony Perella, Emily Burrow and a substitute for Dan Cole.

We discounted the entry free this year as we were able to complete our pledge to HFI last fall of \$50,000. This year we will spread our profit among at least three charities in our area.

Next year is in the planning stages and will be held August 7th, 2023 at Elk River.

Thanks to all who participated and our man-mile award to Russ Born from Red Lodge Montana, Bob Brey from Manitowoc and Jim Hall from Madison.



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District Convention

Submitted by Jay Althof - LOL District President



As you read this article, we will be very close to our District Convention. We have a great event planned and I hope you will be there! Following are a few of the highlights.

The festivities will kick-off on Thursday evening with a casual performance by the Harmony Brigade, District Quartets and audience participation singing tags and polecats. Then on Friday morning we will have a free quartet clinic. The coaches will include Main Street and some of our Judges. Later in the afternoon we'll have the first round of the quartet contests and then wrap up the evening with the Association of District Champion Quartets show. And this year we have lots of anniversary and active quartets lined up for your enjoyment.

First thing on Saturday morning we will have our House of Delegates and District Board meeting. The primary topic for this meeting is to elect next year's Board of Directors. Then we'll have our chorus contest, a box lunch and then the second round of quartet contests. After the contest is a chance to relax and also

participate in a new program: Tag With The Champs.

Saturday evening we'll have our banquet and then a showcase extravaganza, headlined by our International Champion Quartet, Main Street. Then we can all head to the hospitality rooms and continue to enjoy performances by many groups and just reconnect with so many of our barbershop family.

In case you haven't registered yet, you can do so at:

<https://loldistrict.org/2022-fall-convention>

I have the privilege of chatting with many of you, and I know there are great things that are happening all across our District. I can't wait to see everyone at the Minneapolis Airport Hilton at our Convention in October!





Join the Heart of Harmony Chorus as they entertain you with a "Roaring Back" cabaret performance

Special Quartet Appearances

by:
**Sonic Mix
Bees Knees
and**

**2018 International Senior
Quartet Champions
St. Croix Crossing**



Ticket Prices:
Adult \$15

Seniors (over 65) \$12
Students \$6

Children 6 and under free

Location:

**Our Fathers Lutheran School
6025 S. 27th St. Milwaukee**

October 8th, 2022
Show Begins at 7:00 pm
Doors open at 6:30 pm

**Cabaret Style show with
snacks, beer, wine, and
soda at a cash bar**

Clipper City Chordsmen present:

Rusty the Blue-Nosed Reindeer

Featuring the Clipper City Chordsmen and chapter quartets

Saturday, December 10, 2022 - Endries Performance Hall
at the Franciscan Center for Music Education and Performance
6751 Calumet Ave, Manitowoc

Tickets - General Admission - \$20 Adults
\$10 Students 18 and under

Tickets available through Eventbrite.com,
from any Chordsmen member, or by
visiting www.clippercitychordsmen.org

Come and learn what REALLY happened
to Rudolph's long-lost brother
through story and song.



Instructions for Submitting 2023 Directory Information

To all Land O' Lakes chapter presidents & secretaries:

The gathering of the 2023 district directory information will be handled in the same manner as it was in 2022. See the instructions below and submit by November 1st. Per district bylaws, chapter officer elections are to be held on or before October 15. Chapters still have to submit officer information to the Society as this form is for District Directory use only.

1. Start an email.
2. Enter districtdirectory@frickeprinting.com in the "To" address. Enter District Directory info in the subject line.
3. Reference your current 2022 LOL District Directory, and fill in the appropriate information below to update the 2023 directory. You can copy and paste the information below into an email.
4. If there is no change to any item, indicate "NC" but an email address is requested for each.
5. Indicate "NA", if not applicable to your chapter
6. If you have any questions completing this form, you may contact Bob Fricke via the e-mail above or at 920.684.6866
7. Once complete, click "Send"

Chapter/Chorus Name
Meeting time and place
Chapter Email
Website

NOTE: For each position listed below: **name, mailing address, city/st/zip, email & phone number**

- President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- VP-Music & Performance
- VP - Chapter Development
- VP - Marketing & PR
- VP - Youth in Harmony
- Music Director



Land O' Lakes District Roar Back Weekend MSP Hilton Hotel October 13 – 15, 2022

Harmony Platoon

Thursday - October 13

3:00 – 8:30	Registration	2nd Floor - Foyer
3:00 – 5:00	Platoon Sign In - mingle and sing	2 nd Floor - Foyer
5:00 - 6:30	Platoon group dinner	Restaurant
6:30 - 7:30	Meeting -- assign Platoon quartets	Ballroom
8:30 - 9:30	Quartet Show – Everyone invited	Ballroom
9:30 - 12:30	Hospitality/Pickup Quartets	Meeting Rooms

Land O'Lakes District Convention

Friday – October 14

9:00 – 8:00 pm	Registration	2 nd Floor – Foyer
9:30 – 12:00	Quartet Clinic	Meeting Rooms
12:00 – 1:30	Lunch	
1:30 – 3:00	Performance (non-contest)	Ballroom
2:00 – 2:30	ADC Board Meeting	VII White Pelican Bay
2:30 – 3:00	ADC Membership Meeting	VII White Pelican Bay
3:30 – 5:00	All Chapter Chorus rehearsal	VIII Wood Duck Pond
4:30 – 5:30	Quartets – on stage checks	Ballroom
6:30 – 9:00	Quartet Prelim Contest	Ballroom
9:00 – 10:30	ADC Champions Show	Ballroom
9:30– 10:30	Quartet Evaluations	Judges Rooms

Saturday – October 15

7:00 – 2:00 pm	Registration	2 nd Floor - Foyer
8:00 – 9:00	House of Delegates Meeting	Ballroom I
8:00 – 12:00	Chorus rehearsals/dressing	Meeting Rooms
8:30 – 10:00	Stage open for inspection	Ballroom
10:15 – 12:00	Chorus Contest	Ballroom
12:00 – 1:30	Lunch Break	Ballroom I
1:30 – 3:00	Quartet Finals	Ballroom
3:30 – 6:00	Chorus/Quartet Evaluations	Meeting Rooms
6:00 – 7:30	Next Gen – Pizza Party	Riverside Room
6:00 – 10:00	Showcase/Dinner and Show	Ballroom
10:00 – 1:00 am	Afterglow/Hospitality	Meeting Rooms

5/20/2022



**Registration for Events Badges/Lunch/Dinner
Land O'Lakes Fall Convention
October 14-15, 2022**

Name (Last/First) _____

2nd Attendee _____

(if applicable) _____

Tel (____) _____ Email _____

Name - Chapter/Chorus/Quartet _____

Registrations are transferable, but not refundable within 30 days of the Convention.
Figures are shown in US Funds.

	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Complete Convention Registration Package @ \$120.00 Includes: All Contest Events, Saturday Lunch, Showcase Dinner	_____	_____
All Contest Events Registration @ \$60.00	_____	_____
Jr. Contest Events Registration (<i>12 & under</i>) @ \$30.00	_____	_____
Jr. Events Registration & Showcase Dinner @ \$75.00	_____	_____
Saturday Showcase Dinner and Show @ \$45.00	_____	_____
(Presale only - Oct 1 cutoff)		
Saturday Noon Box lunch @ \$15.00	_____	_____
(Presale only - Oct 1 cutoff)		
Total enclosed (US Funds)		\$ _____

Individual Contest tickets go on sale 30 days prior to Convention and may be purchased at the Registration Desk for Friday Quartet, Saturday Chorus, or Saturday Quartet Finals.
Individual Contest Tickets \$25.00

Registrations/Badges will be held at the Barbershop Convention desk at the Hilton Hotel.
If handicap seating is required or there are special dietary needs, please provide specifics:

Make check payable to: **Land O'Lakes District**

Mail to: Arv Zenk
1706 Mary Lane
North Mankato, MN 56003

Any questions: Please call Arv at 507-388-7509

**Registration can also be done online at:
<https://loldistrict.org/2022-fall-convention>**



2023 Slate of Officers

The Nominating Committee presents the following candidates to lead the Land O' Lakes District in 2023.

President – Jay Althof

Executive Vice President – Mike Lietke

Immediate Past President – Gordon Billows

Secretary – Bob Brey

Treasurer – Jack Edgerton

VP East Region - Jim Rasmus

VP Central Region - Ken Mettler

VP West Region - Justin McCullough

Director Chapter Support & Development – Judd Orff

Director of Events – Arv Zenk

Director of Contest & Judging – Peter Maddeaux

Thanks to Brent Gerber, David Speidel, and Mike Leitke for their participation on the Nominating Committee.

John Plazek, Chairman

Howlin' at the Moon Submitted by Rick Anderson

Last summer, sick of being cooped up and not singing, Dave Speidel hosted some brigade buddies at his home in rural Danbury WI for a weekend of quartet jamming. During the 2 days of fellowship the group took some time to roam out to 4 local pubs where they sang for the patrons. The response during those encounters with a real live audience was so satisfying and so well received that Dave took it a step further for 2022. He secured a local venue up in the Voyager Village Golf & Recreation Community and invited 16 of his Brigade buddies to travel all the way up to the Indianhead region of Wisconsin to put on a Barbershop Harmony showcase. The small contingency of Northern Pines Brigaders sang the entire 2022 Harmony Brigade repertoire and added some audience participation singing to spice up the program. The "Just One More" quartet headliner from Minneapolis filled out the program and had the audience on the edge of their seats. Singing to a sold out crowd of 80+ people was a real treat for all participants. With many US Military veterans and spouses in the audience, the program ended with an emotional audience response to our rendition of 'God Bless America. Randy Rogers, Dave Bechard, and "Spider" Speidel were the directors on this beautiful 'Howlin' evening. Based on the audience response we received, I predict that this event will be repeated next year. On my behalf, many thanks to Dave for his hospitality and sharing his love of Barbershop Harmony with his Northwood's community. It was really fun!



Country Gentlemen and Ladies present

SOUND CELEBRATION on the Hill

BARBER SHOP

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Oct. 22, 2022

START 2:00 PM

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2:00 PM & 7:00 PM

Amery High School
Adults \$10 in Advance \$15 At the Door
Students and Younger FREE

Vocality: New Album Coming Soon! Submitted Jay Althof for Vocality

After a two year pause due to the pandemic, Vocality returned to Lake Avenue Studios and wrapped up recording the songs for our 5th Album on September 3rd. Our sound engineer, Brandon Guyton, has started to mix the tracks and we hope to have the Album available in time for Christmas.

The title track for this album is Never Enough, from The Greatest Showman. As we continue to celebrate our 15th year as a quartet, we certainly feel that way, we can never get enough Vocality time! We love to be together, learn new songs, perfect the songs we know and share our music with our audiences.

The other songs you can look forward hearing on this album include:

- Seasons Of Love (Rent)
- Dig A Little Deeper In The Well (Oak Ridge Boys)
- Lady (Little River Band)
- Ain't No Sunshine When She's Gone (Bill Withers)
- Making Our Dreams Come True (Lavern & Shirley Theme Song)
- Believe It Or Not (Greatest American Hero Theme Song)
- The Biggest Ball Of Twine In Minnesota (Weird Al Yankovic)
- Country Boy – Country Roads Medley (John Denver)
- Lullaby (Billy Joel)
- My Girl – Just My Imagination Medley (The Temptations)

We look forward to seeing many of you at the District Convention and would love the opportunity to share our music on your chapter shows!



David Boyd, Tony Blackwood, Jay Althof, Tom Matchinsky – Vocality, 2007 District Champs, 2016 LOL Hall Of Fame



Upcoming Events

- November 30th
Christmas Bistro at the Grand Meridian in Appleton, WI at 5:30 PM
- December 6th
Christmas Theater Show at UWOC Fox Cities in Menasha, WI at 7 PM

See www.Foxvalleyaires.com for details and tickets

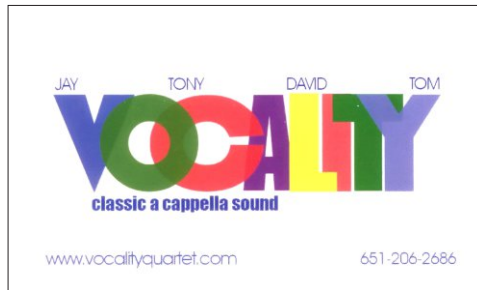


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www.facebook.com/LOLDistrictBHS/



Calendar

NOTE: Dates shown on this page are for those activities that have proper clearance through the District Secretary. Please DO NOT send show registrations to the editor, DO notify:

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2022

September

23 Plymouth, WI
Caberet

October

1 Ripon, WI
Chord Smash
8 West Allis, WI
St. Croix Crossing

8 Polk County, WI
9 Manitowoc, WI
Caberet
14-15 Hilton Minneapolis/St. Paul Airport
Fall Convention
22 Lake Geneva, WI

December

3 Minneapolis, MN
3 St. Croix Valley, MN
10 Manitowoc County, WI

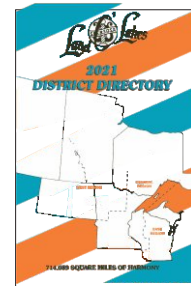
2023

February

7-12 Daytona Beach, FL
Midwinter Convention

April

15 St. Croix Valley, MN
22 Manitowoc County, WI
22 Dunn County, WI
29 Mankato, MN



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