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Little Apple Chorus singing to the Veterans at the American Legion

Veterans Day 2009

John Thomason, Senior Master Sgt. (USAF retired)

The Little Apple Chorus revisited the Manhattan American Legion on the evening of November 11, 2009. **Ken Lang** directed 38 chorus members, decked out in Stars and Stripes, singing Patriotic Songs to a receptive audience of Veterans and Active Duty Soldiers. Along with the Patriotic Songs the Chorus also performed the two Contest Songs from their competition in Lincoln, Nebraska in October. Many of the LAC members are Veterans and at least four of them can still fit into their uniforms. Proudly wearing the uniform were two retired Soldiers and two retired Airmen. Next year there will be an "open ranks inspection" the week before the performance.

This year marks the 91st Anniversary of ARMISTICE DAY. The armistice to end "The War to End All Wars", World War I, was signed on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918. One year later

Pres. Woodrow Wilson declared that Nov. 11th would be recognized as "Armistice Day". In 1938 it became a legal Holiday. **Al King**, a shoe store owner in Emporia, Ks, thought that the day should be used to recognize all Veterans not just the ones from WW I. That was in 1953 and on May 26, 1954 **Pres. Dwight Eisenhower** declared the name changed to "VETERANS DAY".

The "Day" sort of lost some of it's glory after the Vietnam Era. It remained a solemn occasion to Vets and their families but the general public seemed to view it as just another Federal Holiday. "Desert Storm" changed that in 1991. After September. 11th, 2001 and the deployment of US Troops to the Middle East the Day has taken on an even more important significance to the Citizens of the United States.

This morning I attended the Veterans Day Program at Maple Hill Grade School. My two granddaughters, Kindergarten and 3rd Grade, asked me to come to their performance. Their Mommy, our oldest daughter, deployed to continued on page 5

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All chapter officers are expected and chapter members are encouraged to contribute their ideas on a regular basis

Get ready for a mid-winter Festival

By **Harvey Kiser**, President

The Mid-Winter Barbershop Festival Weekend (AKA Relief from Cabin Fever!) will be held February 5 – 7, 2010 in St. Joseph, Missouri.

Something for everybody will be available. The Leadership Academy, the **Chuck Greene** Workshop and the TOP GUN and ACE quartet schools will be held. The traditional leadership classes will be offered along with **Gary Drown's** famous JOE BARBERSHOPPER session. Members (especially newer ones who joined the last three or four years), who want to learn more about BHS and its history, are invited to attend **Gary's** class. (Want to know about this class, ask **Dave Fink** who attended it last year.) Again...something for EVERYBODY!

Men who joined the Society in 2009 will receive a COMPLIMENTARY registration for the Leadership Academy, and may attend any class.

The Leadership Academy (LA) and **Chuck Greene's** Workshop on 'Compellingly Attractive Chapter Meetings' (CACM) will be at Missouri Western State University (MWSU). The leadership classes are -- President, Treasurer, Secretary, Membership, Marketing & PR, YIH/Youth Festivals, and Standing Ovation Program (SOP). District chapters, who were unable to attend the July 25th CACM workshop, have requested that it be presented again.

The festival weekend begins Friday evening at 7:30, or whenever you arrive, singing favorite TAGS and SONGS at Stoney Creek Inn, 1201 N. Woodbine Rd., St. Joe, Missouri. Saturday morning, the LA and CACM begin with registration at 8:30 at MWSU. Immediately after dinner, there will be an Afterglow where the TOP GUN and ACE quartets, who have been attending the coaching schools, will perform. The evening will conclude with *Patent Pending* (**Gary Drown's** 'funny' quartet from Kearney).

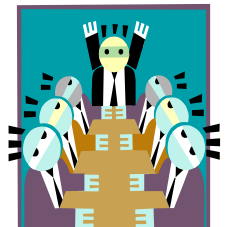
Sunday morning at the hotel breakfast time, chapter officers and members are invited to meet and share what they experienced and learned and prepare or review their 2010 chapter events and programs.

Chapters may invest in their officers and their program with a registration fee of \$40 for the LA and \$50 for the CACM. ♪

Officers for 2010

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A barbershopper, lizard and a grasshopper have a story to tell

By **Loren Alexander** and **Dave Fink**

I feel luckier than most other guys. I have an 8,000 acre back yard to explore. 'My' Nature Trail is actually part of Kansas State University's Konza Prairie Biological Station. It's great! I do a lot of 'deep thinking' and practice a lot of Barbershop songs as I walk along the trail. I usually have it all to myself, but the other day, I stepped on a big flat rock and a lizard whizzed off into the grass. I stopped to watch the lizard, continuing to sing and soon the lizard crept back, flattened himself on the warm rock and watched me.

When the song ended, he raised his head nervously and prepared to "exit stage right" if I proved a threat. He relaxed when I started another song and this continued for another five minutes.

Suddenly, a grasshopper landed on the same rock as the lizard and was nearly as large. I continued to sing; they continued to listen. Then, "WHAP!!!" - and the insect attendee was in trouble!

Head, torso, legs, gone. All was then as before, the lizard relaxed as if nothing had happened and I continued to sing. What a mix - love songs, an interested reptile and the hapless grasshopper.

It was an interesting encounter, albeit somewhat savage. What can we learn here? Wasn't I doing something that was natural to me? Yes. Wasn't the lizard? Yes. How about the poor grasshopper, wasn't he? Well, considering his place on the food chain in this small gathering, I'd guess that to be pretty natural too. All is right in God's heaven and earth - thoughts to ponder.

You could also think of it like this - A Barbershopper will sing to ANYONE who will sit still for 5 minutes.



Important information

By **Pat Caffey**, Secretary

The board took action with respect to the Installation Banquet scheduled for December 17th at the American Legion. The social hour will begin at 6:00p.m. and the meal will be served at 6:30. (I suppose that really means the social hour is a social half hour.)

The cost of the meal provided by the caterer will be \$15.75, but the board decided to charge only \$10 per person for members and their spouse or guest and the chapter will pay the difference. The meal will include a choice of ham or turkey breast among other things.

Next year's board members and any interested chapter members should consider attending the Leadership Academy on February 5-7 in St. Joseph, Missouri. In addition to the usual classes for President, Treasurer, Secretary, Membership, Marketing and Public Relations, there will be sessions on Young Men in Harmony/Youth Festivals, the Standing Ovation Program, a Joe Barbershopper session and the Chuck Greene Workshop.♪

The board wants to hear from you

By **Bill Hanson**, President Elect

2010 Executive Committee to Hold Planning & Budget Session

The Executive Committee of the Manhattan Chapter BHS will hold a planning/budget meeting on November 23, 2009 to prepare for the 2010 Chapter year. We are asking all Chapter Members to think about the future of our Chapter and provide input on the direction our Chapter should go in order to meet the expectations of our members. Any thoughts regarding Chapter Operations are welcome for consideration. Please let us know if there are things you like and should be continued or if we are doing something that needs to be changed.

Making your Barbershop experience a positive one is important to us. Therefore, I look forward to hearing from each of you.

My email address is whanson1@cox.net and my mailing address is 247 Ridge Dr. Manhattan, KS 66502.

Cowboy Christmas wish?

By **Don Thomson**, Show Chairman



Have you ever wanted, perhaps secretly, an adult version of the cowboy Christmas present? Do you remember when you received a set of six-shooters, or some boots, a cowboy hat, or some chaps and spurs? Well, here is a chance to relive the excitement of receiving some western gear or garb for Christmas. If you have that urge to look and feel like a cowboy again (remember how comfortable those cowboy boots are?) now is the time to include them on our Christmas gift list. I bet your better half would even enjoy shopping for a new Stetson or some spurs to put in your stocking.

A little more seriously, we do want everyone to look like an authentic cowboy for the show in April. Now is not too early to be thinking about your costume. And, if you can wear something on the show that you could wear at another occasion (like, say, the Kaw Valley Rodeo) that would be even better! Good luck and good shopping. I hope that Santa does well for you!♪



Just in

Cam Beatty

This just in, in case you were wondering: For the Little Apple Chorus appearance with the Wamego Dutch Mill chorus on December 6, we'll be wearing the same outfit we wore for the contest in Lincoln.

Tux-pants & jacket

Plain white long-sleeved shirt with NON-button-down collar

Long purple tie

Purple vest

Black socks

Black shoes

Just thought you'd like to know.

November birthdays



Steve Fisher 3

Fred Wachsmuth 20

Pat Caffey 7

Terry Nanninga 22

John Desper 7

Robert Swenson 28

Harvey Kiser 8

Jim Lindquist 29

Our chorus had good company

This excerpt comes from Jim Bagby's article on page 7 in the October 2009 issue of the Central States District newsletter: *Serenade*. .

For the first time since the Central States District established the plateau system in 1990, a Plateau A chorus contestant has claimed the CSD championship. **Central Standard**, with 32 singers on stage, became the first non- AAA winner Oct. 10 in one of the highlights of a busy, entertaining and highly successful CSD fall convention at Lincoln, Neb...from my perspective as the C&J guy, the best news was that none of our 14 choruses scored lower than a 61. That's a solid B. I go to other districts with a comparable size chorus field and know that there will be at least several C-level (or lower) choruses. And we don't have any qualifications for our fall contest. Way to go, CSD!

Important up coming dates

November 19 – Wamego **Dutch Mill Sweet Adeline Chorus** will join the Little Apple Chorus for rehearsing the *Christmas Show* songs

November 26 – Thanksgiving – no meeting

December 3 – Chapter meeting

December 6 – Performing on the *Christmas Show* with the **Wamego Dutch Mill Sweet Adeline Chorus**, Houston Street Ballroom, 427 Houston St., Manhattan at 2:00 and 7:00 PM

December 10 – Chapter meeting

December 14 – Chapter Board meeting, 7:30 p.m. – both 2009 and 2010 board members will meet jointly

December 17 – Chapter Christmas Dinner and Installation of 2010 Officers, American Legion Hall, 114 McCall Rd., Manhattan; 6:00 p.m. for socializing and 6:30 p.m. for dinner

Monday, December 21 – Chapter meeting, 7:30 p.m., Harris Activity Center

Monday, December 28 – Chapter meeting, 7:30 p.m., Harris Activity Center

No chapter meetings on Thursdays of *Christmas Eve* and *New Years Eve*.

January 1, 2010 – HAPPY NEW YEAR!

January 7, 2010 – Chapter meeting

December changes in chapter meetings and chorus rehearsals

The Chapter Board has arranged to have the last two December chapter meetings and chorus rehearsals on Monday, December 21 and Monday, December 28. So, whoever is in town and does not have family commitments, our meeting time and place will be the same – 7:30 p.m. in the Harris Activity Center. The change was made because there will be no meetings on the Thursdays of Christmas Eve and New Years Eve. ♪

Komments

From
Karen



Your editor doesn't have too many comments this time. Just be sure and look over this issue of the *In-Cider* very carefully. There is a lot of information about dates of up coming events. Everything you need to know about happenings in November and December is in this newsletter.

Have a great Thanksgiving. ♪

The history of Taps

From the web

If any of you have ever been to a military funeral in which taps was played; this brings out a new meaning of it.

We in the United States have all heard the haunting song, 'Taps.' It's the song that gives us the lump in our throats and usually tears in our eyes.

Reportedly, it all began in 1862 during the Civil War, when Union Army Captain Robert Ellicombe was with his men near Harrison's Landing in Virginia. The Confederate Army was on the other side of the narrow strip of land.

During the night, Captain Ellicombe heard the moans of a soldier who lay severely wounded on the field. Not knowing if it was a Union or Confederate soldier, the Captain decided to risk his life and bring the stricken man back for medical attention. Crawling on his stomach through the gunfire, the Captain reached the stricken soldier and began pulling him toward his encampment.

When the Captain finally reached his own lines, he discovered it was actually a Confederate soldier, but the soldier was dead. The Captain lit a lantern and suddenly caught his breath and went numb with shock. In the dim light, he saw the face of the soldier. It was his own son. The boy had been studying music in the South when the war broke out. Without telling his father, the boy enlisted in the Confederate Army.

The following morning, heartbroken, the father asked permission of his superiors to give his son a full military burial, despite his enemy status. His request was only partially granted. The Captain had asked if he could have a group of Army band members play a funeral dirge for his son at the funeral. The request was turned down since the soldier was a Confederate. But, out of respect for the father, they did say they could give him only one musician.

The Captain chose a bugler. He asked the bugler to play a series of musical notes he had found on a piece of paper in the pocket of the dead youth's uniform.

This wish was granted. The haunting melody, we now know as 'Taps' used at military funerals was born. The words are:

Day is done.	Fading light	Thanks and praise.
Gone the sun.	Dim the sight	For our days.
From the lakes	And a star	Neath the sun
From the hills.	Gems the sky	Neath the stars.
From the sky.	Gleaming bright	Neath the sky
All is well..	From a far	As we go.
Safely rest.	Drawing nigh	This we know.
God is nigh.	Fall the night.	God is nigh

I too have felt the chills while listening to 'Taps' but I have never seen all the words to the song until now. I didn't even know there was more than one verse. I also never knew the story behind the song and I didn't know if you had either so I thought I'd pass it along. I now have an even deeper respect for the song than I did before. Remember Those Lost and Harmed While Serving Their Country.

Also Remember Those Who Have Served And Returned; and for those presently serving in the Armed Forces. ♪



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Turkey this past Monday, Nov 9th. I had to go watch my grandbabies perform! She will miss Thanksgiving, her son's 4th Birthday, Christmas, and New Years. This December will mark her 17th year of service to our Country. Her Family will miss her this Holiday Season but we will have a GREAT BIG CHRISTMAS when she returns! WOW! I'm proud of her!

Please keep all our Service Men and Women and their Families in your thoughts and Prayers not just during the Holidays but every day.

Singing with the Little Apple Chorus at the American Legion was a great ending to another notable Veterans Day! About that "open ranks Inspection" thing --- just kidding. ♪

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**Chapter meetings begin at 7:30 p.m.
 Quartet/polecat practice begins at 7:00 p.m.**

Calendar of Events:

- November 19 Joint practice with Dutch maids
- November 26 – Thanksgiving – no meeting**
- December 3 – Chapter meeting
- December 6 Christmas Show with the Dutch Mill Sweet Adeline Chorus**
- December 10 – Chapter meeting
- December 14 – Chapter Board meeting
- December 17 Christmas Dinner and Installation of 2010 Officers**

Upcoming Events

- January 26–31 BHS Midwinter Convention, Tampa Florida**
- February 5–7 CSD Leadership Academy St. Joseph, Missouri**
- April 23–24 CSD Spring Convention Sioux City, Iowa**
- June 27–July 4 BHS International Convention, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**
- October 8–9 CSD Fall Convention, Mason City, Iowa**

Deadline for submitting articles for the next InCider is December 9

Thanks to the following for contributing articles–

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