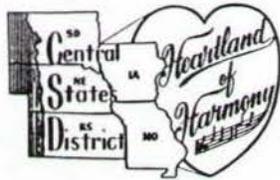


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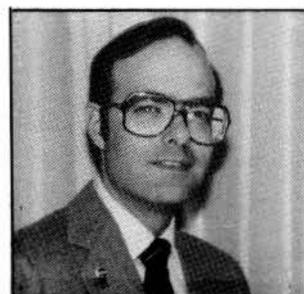
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## Signing On

by Dave Stock, Editor

### 50 Years and Counting



Happy 50th Anniversary, Central States District!

This is truly something to observe district-wide, not just at our fall convention in Springfield, Mo. in October. CSD President JIM NUGENT suggested many ways you might celebrate in his column a couple of issues ago; here are a couple more ideas.

- Have a party. You might have it at one of your chapter meetings as an extra special guest night. You could also make it a family event on some other evening, to help thank them for letting you enjoy this hobby every week.

- Have your older members talk to everyone about their personal barbershop stories. This is first-hand history you can't beat with any school course or reference book.

Whatever you do, wherever you are, remember also that it took the dedication of thousands of men who

came before us to get to this point. Think of them, also, during your celebrations.

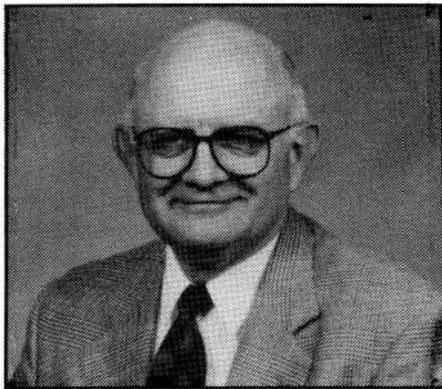
And after all the events and remembrances are over, and the Springfield convention is part of that long history, what then? Why, then you will go to that next chapter meeting and help get our next 50 years underway.

In another 50 years, when the 100th anniversary of the district is observed, someone else will have you to thank for helping to keep barbershop music alive and well, in your chapter, in the district, and in the Society. 



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## From the Heart

by Jim Nugent  
CSD President

This is another reminder to get your housing reservations and your ticket requests in for the Central States District 50th Anniversary Convention to be held in Springfield, Mo., October 11-13, 1996.



### Important convention schedule times you should note

This is a convention like no other. Friday will feature two quartet preliminary rounds, beginning at 2:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., followed by a 50th anniversary reception from 9:30 p.m. until midnight. On Saturday, the chorus contest will take place

beginning at 11:30 a.m., and—GET READY FOR THIS—the quartet finals will be moved up to 4:30 p.m.

You should also be aware that the House of Delegates meets at 8:00 a.m. on Friday. The CSD Board meets at 9:30 p.m. on Thursday.

All of this leads up to the fabulous HEART OF GOLD 50TH ANNIVERSARY GALA QUARTET SHOW produced by the Association of Central States Champions at 8:00 p.m. on Saturday.

#### Every seat reserved

Another twist is that ALL SEATING IS RESERVED, for ALL events. Seats will be assigned in order of the priority in which they are received. So, if your quartet wants to sit together with your significant others, you must place your ticket orders together.

The Springfield Chapter Host Committee headed by JON EWBANK, the ACSC organization headed by JOHN VAUGHN, and the CSD Convention team led by BILL HANSON have all been working exceptionally hard to bring this memorable event to you.

See y'all there.



## New Chapter Officers

by Jim Nugent  
CSD President

It is more important than ever that chapter officers attend COTS. As you read this, you are probably in the midst of officer elections. You probably realize that the new standard chapter bylaws require the election of a Chapter Vice President for Music and Performance, and a Vice President for Chapter Development. New classes at COTS will cover each of these new titles in depth.

The offices of President, Secretary, and Treasurer remain unchanged, although chapters may opt to combine the Secretary and Treasurer positions. What follows is a basic description of each of the two new positions.

### VP for Chapter Development

Responsible for marketing, membership development and services, and public relations. He is the interface with the district vice presidents for Marketing and Communication, and Membership and Outreach. He guides chapter committees to accomplish the chapter's goals. He provides leadership to set the pace for the chapter bulletin to improve chapter awareness of ongoing activities.

As the head of the chapter membership team, he must be fully knowledgeable of the duties and chapter membership and PR needs. He participates in planning the yearly calendar and the chapter budget. He attends COTS and other training. He is accountable to the board for his performance.

The new bylaws do not prohibit the election of a Membership VP or Program, but the new bylaws make it possible for smaller chapters to be more efficient if they wish.

### VP for Music and Performance

Responsible to the chapter for developing the chapter's music leadership, and maintaining an acceptable standard of capability in the chapter's performing units. He is the interface with the district vice president for Music and Performance. He will provide periodic articles for inclusion in the chapter bulletin.

As head of the chapter music team, he participates in the planning of the yearly calendar and the chapter budget, and attends COTS. His primary interfaces are with the musical director, the chapter president, the chapter board, and chapter music and performance committees. He will also have contacts with the district vice presidents of Music and Performance, Chorus Director Development, Contest and Judging, and Events. He is accountable to the chapter board for his performance.



# Springfield ... COTS ... on-line Birthday Parties: Then and Now

by Lud Einess  
CSD Executive VP

Following up on my article in the last issue of the Serenade, here are some pictures of the "Big Birthday Bash" in Salt Lake City. It was a wonderful party, and I do believe that everyone that attended had a great time.

Also while at the convention, BETTY and I went to the COTS faculty breakfast on Friday morning. It was great seeing old friends; the food was great, and the CASCADE CONNECTION quartet entertained us. This was my first exposure to the quartet, and I can tell you, they are a very entertaining. Their comedy routines are very funny, with quality singing.

### Another Springfield reminder

One more reminder to all of you to be at our 50th Anniversary Convention in Springfield, Mo. It's going to be a very special affair. The Springfield Chapter and the district convention team have done a great job of getting this convention organized.

### Come to COTS

Because of all the changes being implemented in chapter structures, it is especially important that ALL newly elected chapter officers attend our Chapter Operations Training Seminar (COTS) on November 23-24, at the Airport Marriott in Kansas City. Please reserve that weekend for this very important meeting. Remember, COTS is a legitimate chapter expense, and you won't want to miss it.

### Just a key click away

Finally, I am now on-line. If any of you want to reach me, my e-mail address is:

LUDE1@JUNO.COM

See ya all in Springfield!!!



TOP: District Presidents DON PYPER (Ontario), BRIAN O'LEARY (Northeast) and JIM NUGENT (Central States) welcomed everyone to the party. MIDDLE: CSD's cake was one of three that was available. BOTTOM: The GAS HOUSE GANG add to the festivities.

Photos provided by Lud Einess



Here are FREEFALL (left), and 12TH STREET RAG (right) on the international contest stage in Salt Lake City.

Photos courtesy of PROBE

"...nothing had been left in the dressing room."

## Ambassadors Win 3rd Place

*Editor's note: This article was condensed from the August, 1996 issue of the AMBASSADOR'S JOURNAL, bulletin of the St. Charles, MO Chapter, edited by RON GROOTERS*

In 1970, in Davenport, Iowa, the St. Charles Barbershop Chorus, then known as the DANIEL BOONE CHORUS, won its first recognition when they took 10th place in district competition, and won the Small Chorus Award. In those days, a singout could be questionable until a check was made to see if all the four parts would be present.

On July 6, 1996, in Salt Lake City, the St. Charles Barbershop Chorus, now known as the AMBASSADORS OF HARMONY, won their third international medal when they took 3rd place at the International Chorus Contest. The Ambassadors graced the stage with 141 singers, whose ages range from 10 to 76, and were the largest chorus in the contest. Among the Ambassadors competing, 14 new members appeared on the international stage for the first time and performed creditably. There certainly have been some changes made.

### Had a game plan

The chorus was participating in their sixth international competition, and medaled for the third straight year. Although the Ambassadors had hoped to improve their standing from the previous year's third place finish, there was little disappointment. The number one goal was to perform the contest songs the best we were capable of doing. The appearance on the contest stage was probably the best that the songs had been performed, and we gave the audience and judges everything we had to give. Nothing had been left in the dressing room. We had a game plan and did what we came to do. To create art and excite the crowd.

The Ambassadors appeared third in the contest. Although they would have preferred to appear later, it did provide an opportunity for them to hear all but two of the 22 choruses,

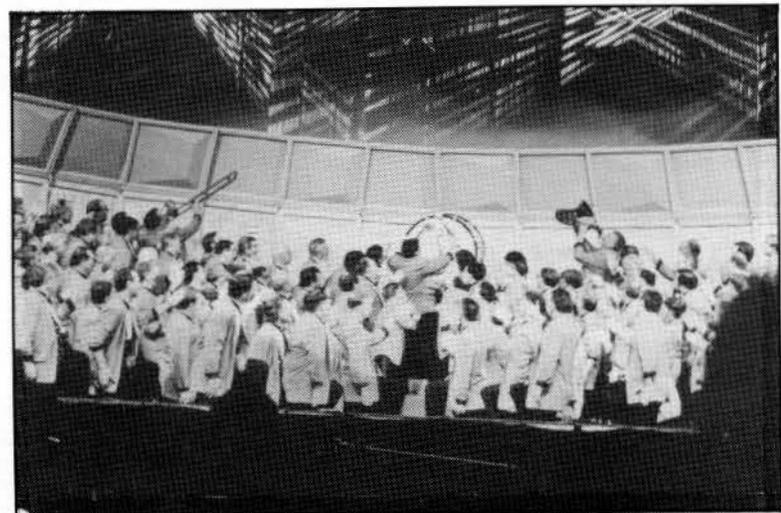
and therefore appreciate the high caliber of the championship quality of the contest, and enjoy the artistry being performed. Seeing the high quality of the competition makes the third place finish and medals even more special.

### Congratulations, quartets

Congratulations to the Central States quartets 12TH STREET RAG and FREEFALL for their fine

representation. FREEFALL won the right to be mike testers for the quartet semifinals. This was one of the finest contests we've had, and the Central States can be proud of the efforts of these fine quartets.

We would like to thank the Central States District for their support and encouragement, and to all who took time to attend the pep rally. **S**



Here is the AMBASSADORS OF HARMONY Chorus, under the direction of JIM HENRY, parading their way, Mardi Gras style, to a third place finish in the chorus contest in Salt Lake City.

*Photos courtesy of PROBE*

## Society Leadership Had Busy Schedule

### Society office UPDATE

The Executive Committee and Society Board of Directors had full agendas during their meetings early in the week at Salt Lake City. Numerous reports were received and reviewed—many of which had to do with the transition of Society leadership, scheduled to take effect in 1997. Among other actions, the 1999 midwinter convention was awarded to Gulfport, Miss. The dates will be January 25-31, 1999.



### SPBSQSA officers for 1997 named

The following Society officers will take office next January:

TIM HANRAHAN	President
CHUCK WATSON	Executive VP
JOHN SCHNEIDER	VP
ED WAESCHE	Treasurer
DICK SHAW	IPP

Society Board Members:

JOHN WALKER	DON GUBBINS
DALE SCHULZ	PHIL FISHER
RIC HAYTHORN	RUSS SEELY
JIM BAGBY	CHARLES METZGER
JOHN KRIZEK	

Two additional Board members will be elected this fall.

### Honorary members selected

Selected as honorary members of SPBSQSA and presented with appropriate credentials at the Saturday night quartet final session were JEROLD OTTLEY, director of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir, and JIM PIKE of THE LETTERMEN, a popular vocal group for decades. §

## PROBE Names 1996-97 Executives

Reprinted from the July-September, 1996 issue of *PROBEmoter*, a quarterly publication of the Association of Public Relations Officers and Bulletin Editors

WALDO REDEKOP, from the Ontario District, and presently PROBE's VP for Bulletin Editors, headed the slate of officers presented by Nominating Committee Chairman BOB ARTHUR at the annual PROBE meeting in Salt Lake City. The slate ran unopposed so Redekop will assume PROBE's presidency in the fall. His executive committee will consist of:

VP Bulletin Editors: DAVE STOCK, CSD, editor of the CSD bulletin, *Serenade* and the Omaha Chapter's *OMAHArmonizer*, and a certified Content Category bulletin judge.

VP Public Relations: GEORGE BROOMFIELD, NED, incumbent and NED communications officer.

VP District Communications: Not an elective office. Occupant of the office will be selected by the DCOs of the various districts when they meet in November. The office is presently held by JIM VLIET, DCO of the Illinois District.

Secretary/Treasurer: BRIAN LYNCH, incumbent, SPBSQSA Public Relations Manager, Kenosha.

Immediate Past President: DICK GIRVIN. §

### CSD's "Harold Hills"

## They Said They Would, And They Did!

Editor: SEAN ABEL's name was left off the list that the Kenosha provided last time around, so we'll try it again! Credit sharp-eyed JIM CHARTIER, Membership VP of the Sioux City, Iowa Chapter for catching the oversight

RON ABEL  
SEAN ABEL  
JAMES ANDERSON  
BRUCE BAEDKE  
JIM BAGBY  
BRIAN C. BAK  
EVAN BRINK  
JAMES A CHARTIER  
LYLE CHERRY  
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LUD EINESS  
GLEN FULKERSON  
ROBERT GNUSE  
JIM GRIFFITH  
AL HIGGINS  
R. L. JAWORSKI  
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ROD ROBERTS  
JON ROUSSELL  
CHUCK SCHERZ  
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PAUL D. STIBOR  
JEFF THOMPSON  
GARY W. VANCLEAVE  
DICK WEPKING  
DAN WILDER  
H. VINCENT YINGER



Hail to the Chief!

## Society President Coming to CSD Fall Convention

SPEBSQSA President TIM HANRAHAN will be the international representative at the CSD fall convention in Springfield, Mo., October 11-13, 1996.

Besides joining us for all the contests events and 50th anniversary celebrations, we hope that Tim will be able to attend the district board meeting on Thursday evening, and speak to the House of Delegates at their meeting on Friday morning.

### 40-year barbershopper

Tim was introduced to barbershopping 40 years ago by his brother-in-law, Past International

President LOU LAUREL, in El Paso, Texas. In 1958, he helped organize what is now known as GREATER CANAVERAL Chapter in the Sunshine District, where he has been active ever since. He has held numerous chapter and district positions (*your editor takes particular note that his first Sunshine District position was as district bulletin editor*), and has served at the international level since 1990.

For a more complete bio, see pages four and five of your January/February 1996 *Harmonizer*. ❧

They're going fast!

## Have You Been Pinned?

Those eye-catching, four-color lapel pins of our 50th anniversary logo are still available, but they're going fast. They are still just \$3.00 apiece, but they won't last forever.

You may even want to get one so you can "pin" the lady in your life. Just think of seeing all those "fraternity" pins that the ladies may be sporting in Springfield ... that would be such a treat to see!

Of course, you could wait until the fall convention and buy one there ... that is, if there are any left.

This will be a guaranteed hot item in Springfield (just look at the traffic in pins at the Olympics, to get a good idea).

Chapter presidents still have time to get a consignment shipment of 10 or more pins to help outfit their chapters prior to the fall convention.

MERRILL AITCHISON is standing by, waiting to take your calls at (319) 393-4093. He's also making hourly checks of his mailbox at 1625 47th Street, Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52402. ❧



## Attention, Senior Quartets

by Roger Lusk  
CSD Senior Quartet Chairman

The CSD Senior Quartet Contest will be included in the competition events at the CSD fall convention in Springfield. I encourage all registered senior quartets to participate. To qualify as a senior quartet, all members must be at least 55 years old, and the total ages of the quartet members must be at least 240 years.

### Please Write

I am putting together my report to the district, and I would like to recognize all of our current senior quartets. Please send your quartet's information to me at: 1106 Sunset Drive, Derby, KS 67037. ❧



## Attention: Chapter Nominating Committees

Society office UPDATE

Officer elections for 1997 will soon be upon us. As a reminder, your minimum slate of chapter officers for 1997 should consist of the following:

- President
- VP for Chapter Development
- VP for Music and Performance
- Secretary\*
- Treasurer\*

\* Secretary and Treasurer may be combined into one position.

The above slate is the minimum. A chapter may elect as many vice-presidents and board members as it deems appropriate to meet its needs. Also, the immediate past president should serve on the chapter board. ❧

Central States District 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Convention  
October 11-13, 1996  
**GENERAL AND QUARTET REGISTRATION FORM**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Membership # \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter/Quartet Name \_\_\_\_\_ Voice Part \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** All competitors are required to purchase at least a full registration. Early registrations of \$24 and \$36 are in effect through Sept. 26, 1996; late registrations of \$29.00 and \$41.00 apply effective Sept. 27, 1996. Single event requests will be filled after October 1, 1996. Registrations will not be processed without full payment.

Priority Seating	Seating	Seating	Seating	Seating	Seating	Seating	Seating	TOTAL
Full Registration (Competitors Package)	SUPER Registration (All Events)	Quartet Preliminary Friday Session A & B	District Finals Saturday Session A & B	50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Show Saturday Evening	Birthdays Bash Friday Night	Late Registration after Sept 27, 1996		

Full registration includes Fri. Night Quartet A & B & Sat. Finals A & B only. Super registration includes all events.

*Please circle dollar amount requested*

Registrant	Membership #	24	36	13	13	15	5	5	
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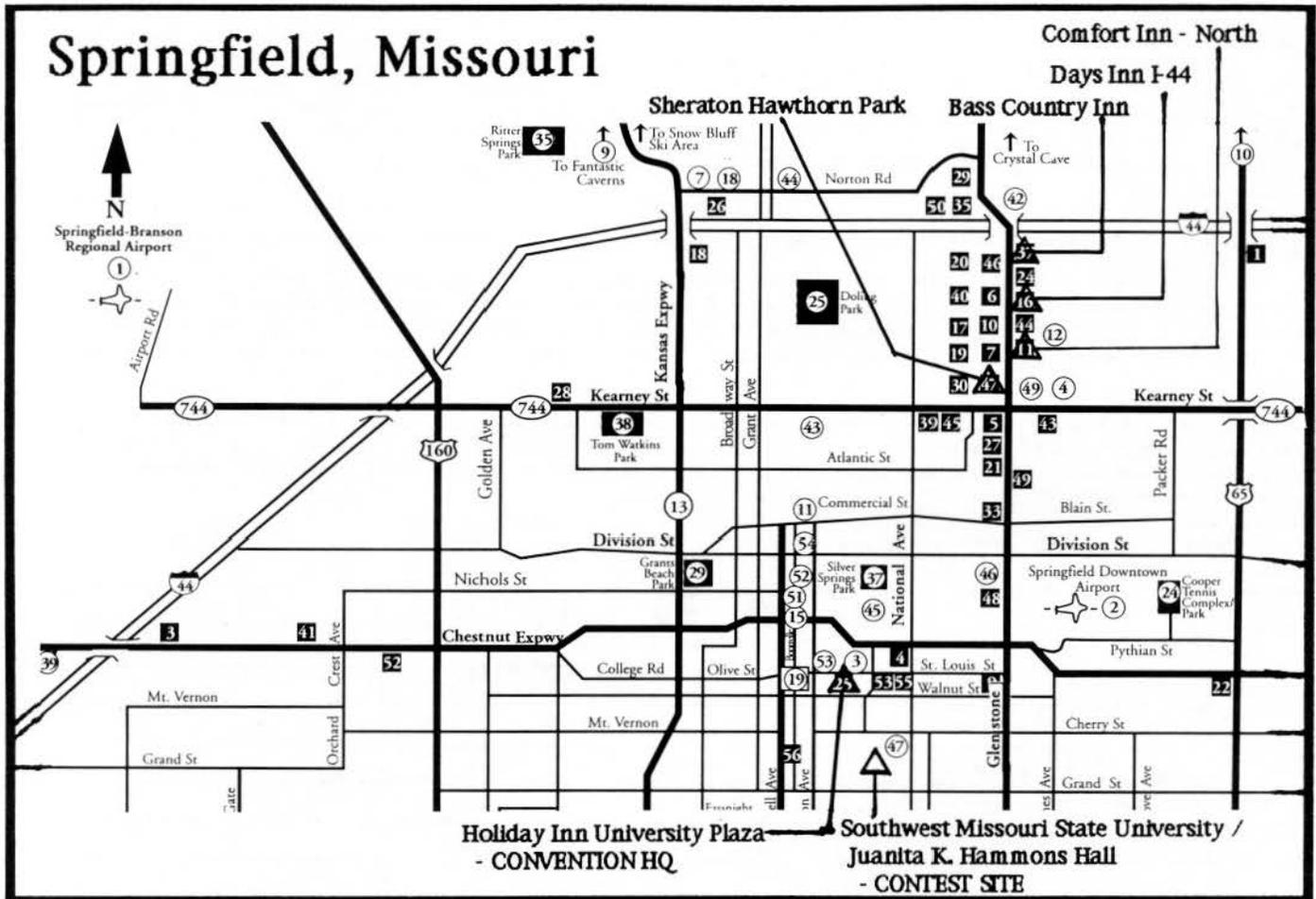
Mail Completed forms to:  
CSD Ticket Chairman  
Bob Swenson, 300 Yuma  
Manhattan, KS 66502-6238

Registrations and tickets are not refundable. All Contest & Show seats are reserved.

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## **CSD 1996 Fall Convention Tours!**

### **See What Makes The Ozarks One of The Nation's Most Popular Travel Destinations**

**I. Branson Show Tour, Fri., Oct. 11.** -- A hand clappin', foot-stompin' good time awaits you on 76 Country Music Boulevard. One of two shows to choose from: Mel Tillis & The Statesiders or Legends In Concert, an entertainment extravaganza that pays tribute to some of the biggest stars of all time. **The shuttle will depart the Headquarters hotel at 6 p.m. and arrive back about 11:30 p.m. Cost is \$31.00 per person**, which includes show ticket and transportation.

**II. Silver Dollar City, Sat., Oct. 12.** -- This 1880's theme park has something for everyone: thrill rides for the kids, lively stage shows, craft demonstrations, home-style food and shopping galore. **The shuttle will depart the Headquarters hotel at 8:00 a.m. and arrive back at approximately 3:00 p.m. Cost is \$35 per adult, \$25 per child (age 4-11)**, which includes admission to all Silver Dollar City attractions and transportation.

**III. Wilson's Creek/Bass Pro Shops, Sat., Oct. 12** -- Step back in time to relive the Ozarks' role in Civil War History with a visit to a museum and Wilson's Creek Battlefield. Then step forward in time to Missouri's most popular tourist attraction, Bass Pro Shops Outdoor World, where the attractions include a four-story natural stone waterfall, fish & wildlife museum, shopping for virtually any sports enthusiast and Hemmingway's Blue Water Cafe. **The shuttle will depart the Headquarters Hotel at 8:30 a.m. and arrive back at about 3:00 p.m. Cost is \$18.50 per adult, \$16.00 per child** which includes transportation and admission to the Civil War attractions.

**IV. Fantastic Caverns/Frisco Railroad, Sat., Oct. 12** -- Visit America's only drive-thru cave in a jeep-drawn tram, enjoy a picnic lunch, then explore Springfield's role in the history of the railroad. **The shuttle will depart the Headquarters hotel at 9:00 a.m. and arrive back shortly after 2:00 p.m. Cost is \$26.00 per adult, \$18.50 per child** which includes admission to Fantastic Caverns, the picnic lunch, the Frisco Railroad Museum and transportation.

**V. Main Street Antique Mall, Sat., Oct. 12** -- An Antique shopper's paradise is located just 15-minutes south of Springfield. Lunch is available in several of the shops you will visit. **The shuttle will depart the Headquarters hotel at 9:30 a.m. and arrive back at approximately 3:00 p.m. Cost is \$11.00 per person** which includes your transportation.

**Make your reservation and payment soon! Deadline is OCTOBER 1, 1996. Tours require minimum number of participants. If tour is canceled because the minimum is not reached, you will be contacted in regard to receiving a refund or switching to another tour. Please make your check payable to: Fall Tours '96. Mail check and reservation form to: Mike Dowler, Tour Chairman; Rt. 4 Box 5790; Marshfield, MO; 65706. For more information, call Mike Dowler at (417) 859-5604.**

**Name:**

**Address:**

**Phone #**

Indicate tour desired and number of tickets:

Branson Show -- Mel Tillis

\_\_\_\_\_ @ \$31.00 each Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Branson Show -- Legends in Concert

\_\_\_\_\_ @ \$31.00 each Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Silver Dollar City

\_\_\_\_\_ (adult) @ \$35 each

\_\_\_\_\_ (child) @ \$25 each Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Civil War/Bass Pro Shops

\_\_\_\_\_ (adult) @\$18.50 each

\_\_\_\_\_ (child) @\$16.00 each Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Fantastic Caverns/Frisco Railroad

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\_\_\_\_\_ (child) @\$18.50 each Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Main Street Antique Mall

\_\_\_\_\_ @\$11.00 each Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# First Harmony Explosion Camp a Success

## Society office UPDATE

The first Society-sponsored Harmony Explosion camp was held on the Ball State University campus, July 18-20. Sixty-five students from Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky, Wisconsin, Michigan and Ohio joined 17 teachers for the experience.

The students participated in four classes while the teachers participated in four classes of their own, in addition to observing rehearsals. Two quartets were on hand to help with instructing and counseling: ONLY FOUR WISE GUYS, second-place finisher in the 1996 MBNA America College Quartet contest, and UPTOWN SOUND, 1996 international semifinalist.

Created by the Youth Outreach Committee more than two years ago, the activity involved teachers, students and barbershoppers.

Chapters in a geographical area sponsored one teacher and four students (preferably a quartet) to the camp. Thus, each chapter established a good working relationship with the local high school teacher. The teachers benefited by experiencing the camp, as well as having a performing group when they return to their schools. Attendance by the

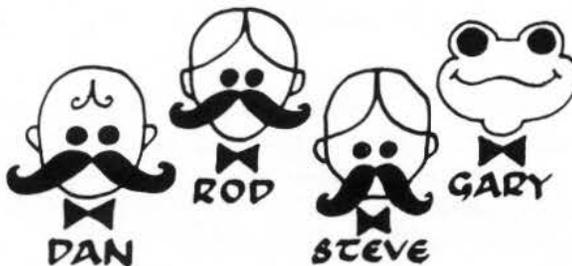
students and teachers for the camp was based on scholarships provided by their local chapters.

Plans are underway for another HX camp at Ball State University in July of 1997. Look for more details about this exciting project. Talk to your chapter about supporting this worthwhile effort. 



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\*GUARANTEE: If one member of the audience goes home without laughing, our fee will be ~~completely~~ refunded!

**49<sup>th</sup> Street Rag**

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Quartet Champs

Keith Schwehr  
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COTS' Youth Outreach Class:

# Worth the Trip

by Dan Warschauer  
CSD Youth Outreach Chairman

**Does this sound like you?**

"OK, I'm ready. Summer vacation is over. No more excuses. I'm gonna do it. I'm gonna help get some young guys involved in barbershopping. Yessiree. I'm gonna encourage everyone in my chapter to get involved. I'm gonna get teachers involved. I'm gonna get the community involved. I'm gonna be Mr. Youth Outreach in my area! I'm gonna get so many young guys involved there won't be enough room for all the quartets at next year's college quartet contest. OK. Here I go. First I'll ..... no. Wait. I better hold off on that. OK, what I'm gonna do first is .....no. I guess that might not work. I know! I'll just start by ..... Golly. How DO I start? And after that, what do I do? Do I have to do this alone? What if I need some help?"

**Here's the wind up ...**

Do you feel helpless to do anything about Youth Outreach? Do you feel alone, with no one to help you? Do you feel that no one but you cares about young men singing barbershop? Is that your problem, Bunky?

**... and the pitch**

Well, step right up and sign up for COTS! Join us at the Airport Marriott in Kansas City, Mo., and your problems will DISAPPEAR! You won't feel LONELY anymore. YOU'LL HAVE ALL THE SUPPORT IN THE WORLD. You WILL be MR. YOUTH OUTREACH in your area.

**You'll make a big hit**

You'll learn how to communicate with teachers, community leaders, and others whom you would like to involve in your vision. You will learn what you can do to help meet the CSD's Youth Outreach goals. You will learn where to go for resources, whom to call when things aren't going your way, or if you need some pointers. You will learn what others have done to help young people in their area get started in barbershopping. You will have a chance to share your ideas with others interested in promoting Youth Outreach. You will feel encouraged and confident to set out on your own. And you will have a fantastic feeling of accomplishment.

COTS is the answer to all your Youth Outreach questions.

COTS. It's not just for presidents anymore. See you in Kansas City. 

**Music, of all the liberal arts, has the greatest influence over the passions, and it is that to which the legislator ought to give the greatest encouragement.**

Napoleon Bonaparte  
(1769 - 1821) Emperor of France



*Barbershop Quartet*  
**Freefall**

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## Too Busy to Sing in a Quartet?

*Society office UPDATE*

One of the more common reasons given by members who have never sung in an organized quartet not to give it a try is that they don't think their occupation would allow enough free time. If this is your concern, you might consider the following list of occupations taken from just the first few pages of the roster of the Association of International Champions:

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|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Programmer Analyst               | Field Representative    |
| Music Teacher                    | Broadcast Editor        |
| Anaesthetist                     | Systems Manager         |
| Producer/Singer/Arranger         | Government Clerk        |
| Realtor                          | Letter Carrier          |
| Retail Store Manager             | Furniture Refinisher    |
| Marketing Research Manager       | Fiber Optics Technician |
| Public Relations Account Manager | District Sales Manager  |
| Sales Manager                    | Studio Vocalist         |
| Company Chairman                 | Director of Production  |
| Engineer                         | Draftsman               |
| Software Specialist              | Franchise Owner         |

What a loss it would have been if these men had used their professional careers as an excuse not to try singing in a quartet. Next time you hear someone turn down a chance to join a quartet because of being too busy, remind him of the above. §

## Staff Position Opening in Kenosha

*Society office UPDATE*

The Society is searching for a new member of the leadership team in Kenosha. The position of *Director of Music Education and Services* is now open.

This position requires a person who has complete knowledge of our Society and the barbershop quartet style of singing. He should have quartet and/or chorus-directing experience. He should have an advanced degree in music or its equivalent. He should also be a known leader, a visionary and an administrator.

The position requires relocation to Kenosha, some travel, and good IBM computer skills. Please forward your complete resume, *personal and confidential* to:

SPEBSQSA

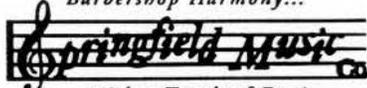
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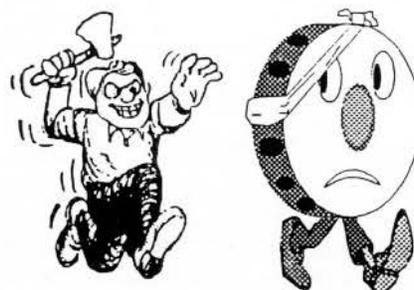
## Pitch Pipes Not Guaranteed Forever

*Society office UPDATE*

Picked up from an erroneous posting on the Harmonet, a notice was carried in *PROBE* earlier this year to the effect that Master Key pitch pipes purchased through the Society carried a lifetime repair guarantee. This notice was reprinted in many chapter and district bulletins. As a result, the Wm. Kratt Co. has been flooded with used pipes

for free repair—many rusted, corroded and ancient beyond belief.

Master Key pitch pipes are *only* warranted to be free of defect upon purchase, and will be repaired or replaced free of charge on that basis, *not* after use. Always include a copy of your sales receipt with a returned pipe, whether to the Wm. Kratt Co. or to the Harmony Marketplace. 



## Chapter Anniversaries

Chapter	Years	Date
Denison, IA	32	Sep 1 '64
Omaha, NE	53	Sep 4 '43
Fremont, NE	24	Sep 5 '72
Lexington, NE	10	Sep 23 '86
Pierre, SD	1	Sep 30 '95
Overland Park, KS	37	Oct 1 '59
McPherson, KS	22	Oct 2 '74
Ames, IA	29	Oct 3 '67
Norton, KS	12	Oct 5 '84
St. Louis #1, MO	58	Oct 8 '38

### DIRECTOR WANTED

Davenport, Iowa Chapter, CHORDBUSTER CHORUS, is seeking a new director. Chapter's vision is to grow while expanding on a solid base of musical and performance skills. Applicants should send resumes to: Tom Fleming, P.O. Box 183, Osco, IL 61274; (309) 522-5859



## Habitat Harmony

Gary      Kirby      Marv      Fran  
(308) 234-5376

Fran Wilson - 3411 Ave. M, Kearney, NE 68847

### DIRECTOR WANTED

The PRIDE OF IOWA (SPEBSQSA), an 80-man growing chapter located in the Des Moines Metro area (400,000 pop.) is seeking a director who is interested in guiding our chorus to higher levels of competition and performance. Our excellent administration and strong music team is committed to improving our singing and performance capabilities. Interested individuals should have experience in barbershop chorus directing and be willing to relocate. The area has excellent job opportunities in insurance, sales, software development, and education (Drake University, Iowa State). Help is available to assist with job search. Contact Gene Lutz, Music V.P. at 120 8th Street S.E., Altoona, Iowa 50009. Phone 800-350-4213, fax 515-967-4213, email lutzrx@aol.com.

**CSD Serenade**  
 c/o SPEBSQSA, Inc.  
 6315 3rd Avenue  
 Kenosha, Wisconsin 53143-5199



Editor's address is on page two

### 1996 Chapter Shows

September 23 Iowa City, IA  
 November 1-2 Dubuque, IA  
 November 2 Sloux City, IA

Jan 31 - Feb 1

### Special Events

1997

South Dakota Music Festival  
 Sloux Falls, SD  
 Feature quartet: CASCADE CONNECTION

**YOUR WAIT IS OVER; HERE IT IS!**

## CSD 50TH ANNIVERSARY CONVENTION



**SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI**  
**OCTOBER 10 - 13, 1996**



### CSD & Society Events

#### CSD Conventions

1997 Spring April 11-13  
 Omaha, NE  
 1997 Fall Oct 3-5  
 Des Moines, IA  
 1998 Spring April 17-19  
 Topeka, KS  
 1998 Fall October 9-11  
 Omaha, NE

#### CSD COTS

1996 Nov. 23-24  
 Kansas City, MO

#### Society Conventions

1997 June 29-July 6  
 Indianapolis, IN  
 1998 June 28 July 5  
 Atlanta, GA

#### CSD Mini Harmony College

\*\*\* TO BE ANNOUNCED \*\*\*

#### Midwinter Conventions

1997 Jan. 20-26  
 Sacramento, CA  
 1998 Jan. 19-25  
 Tampa, FL

# COTS 97

**Chapter Operations Training Seminar**

**November 23-24, 1996**

**Kansas City Airport Marriott, Kansas City, Missouri**