



# The MVEer Monthly

June, 2015

## Interview with soon to be new member Nick Ganswindt

**MVEer asks:** Nick, everyone will notice a distinct similarity between your last name and Patrick, Scott, and Jeremy Ganswindt's. What is your relationship with these other Ganswindts?

**Nick replies:** Patrick is my dad and Scott is my uncle and Jeremy is my cousin. We're all very close and share the happiness that comes with barbershop. The entire Ganswindt family enjoys singing a lot.

**MVEer asks:** Nick, please tell us about your musical background? Were you in other choruses or quartets before?

**Nick replies:** I've been singing since preschool, including my church Angel Choir, Saints & Sinners, and Men's Choir. I've played hand bells in church since grade school. I began playing the trumpet in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade. I added the tuba for my last year in high school. I enjoyed participating in State Marching Band competitions as a member of the **Waukesha West Cadets**. I joined choir junior year as a bass in the most prestigious choir, the **Waukesha West Mastersingers**. With the student-led **West Side Gents** (photo below), I sang more recent pop songs *a cappella*. That was a blast.



**MVEer asks:** Aside from singing, what are your other hobbies or interests?

**Nick replies:** During the winter season, I'm a huge skier and snowboarder. I usually tried to ski 2 to 3 times a week. When the weather warms up, I enjoy just being outside, whether that means riding my bike or swimming! During any of these activities, I am always listening to some type of music. I like any chance to travel, especially to new places.



□  
**West Side  
Gents**

From Waukesha  
West High  
School

## **Performance at Cudahy High School –**

Wednesday, May 27, 2015 by Brian Plehm

Thank you all for your willingness to perform at my final concert of the year!!! This concert is a pops concert. This will include pop charts from today and yesterday. Some songs you'll hear are: Can't Stop the Beat (Hairspray), She will be Loved (Maroon 5) and Disney Medley which includes songs from Disney Broadway shows. This will be a great performance opportunity and hopefully this will give us another opportunity to hear a different stage.



**Cudahy High School** is located at **4950 S Lake Dr.** in Cudahy. Call time is at **6:15pm**, and we will perform around 7:20ish depending on how fast or slow the first section of the concert will go. You will meet in the orchestra room which is basically backstage. All of these things will be marked. Don't forget to wear your Black/Gray Clothes with the blue accent.

Parking will be as follows: There is a circle drive in located where the sign for the high school is, follow that drive around and there is plenty of parking on the side and behind the building. You will come in the brown side door (this will be marked), or you can come in the front.

I'm very excited for this opportunity and I can't wait to show my students what I do for fun on Monday nights, which I talk about all the time. Thank you all again for being able to do this! We will be signing the two-song set for international, but you don't have to be going to international to sing.

If you have any questions you can text/call me (262-347-6435) or email: [plehnbm06@gmail.com](mailto:plehnbm06@gmail.com)

**Brian Plehn,**  
*Justin Femenich,*  
**Derek Balke,**  
& *Stephen Vandenberg*  
*all sing a tag with*  
**The Fonz.**  
**Brew City Buzz**





## Buffalo Wild Wings in Brookfield on Thursday

June 18 by Scott Ganswindt



We have set up our next restaurant fundraiser event to help the MVE raise the money we need to continue to grow in our performances and our ability to positively affect the lives of all those who experience us. On **Thursday, June 18** the **Buffalo Wild Wings in Brookfield** will be hosting us and all of our guests from 3:00 until close. We will get 10% of all food and beverages purchases (this includes alcohol) given back to the chorus. The address is **16750 W. Bluemound Rd.** They even have an outdoor covered patio if the weather allows. These outings are a great opportunity for us to get together outside of rehearsal in a social setting. I would also like for you to consider inviting all of your friends and family as well. Many of us sell these people tickets to our show. If they are willing to support us in that way, there is a good chance that they will be interested in supporting us here as well. It can't hurt to ask.

*Editor's Note: This is **not** the same Buffalo Wild Wings we went to near Mayfair Mall last year.*

A Very Busy June 2015 Calendar for the MVE						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
May 31	1 <b>7PM Rehearsal</b>	2	3	4 <b>7:30PM Bass/Bari Sectional</b>	5	6
7 <b>Noon w/ James Estes</b>	8 <b>7PM Rehearsal</b>	9	10 <b>6:45PM Board Mtg</b>	11	12	13
14	15 <b>7PM w/ Renée Porzel</b>	16	17	18 	19	20
21	22 <b>7PM Rehearsal</b>	23	24	25 <b>7PM extra Rehearsal</b>	26	27
28	29	30	On the road to Pittsburgh to sing with beauty, storytelling, and emotion.			

**Spring Show Photos** by Laura Bartkowiak



MVE at the Humphrey  
Scottish Rite Auditorium

*Vocal Spectrum* ↓



**Midnight Croon** ↓



**Drastic Measures** ↓





↑ Brew City Buzz

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↖ Highpoint

**Engagement at the Afterglow** – from Tim Zielke’s posting on MVE.org



During the MVE performance of *My Romance* at the Twilight Show April 25, 2015 – Our membership VP **Derek Balke** proposed to Epix Baritone **Sarah Nagel** – Watch the video here:  
[https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B\\_6IECibY\\_luZzBvVzFMTm5TaW8/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B_6IECibY_luZzBvVzFMTm5TaW8/view)

Spoiler alert – She says Yes!

**Congrats to Derek and Sarah!**

**Epix Updates** - Epix performed on our spring show with Brew City Buzz, with Sarah Wynstra substituting for Cathie Zimmerman, the Bass of Epix.



And in Grand Rapids, Michigan on May 8, Epix won the Midwest Harmony Region 3 quartet contest! Congratulations **Epix Quartet!**

