



The MVEer Monthly

November 2017

November Calendar

Monday, November 6, 2017 Rehearsal, **7:00pm (Packer's Night)** at St. Luke's

Monday, November 13, 2017 Rehearsal, 7:15pm at St. Luke's

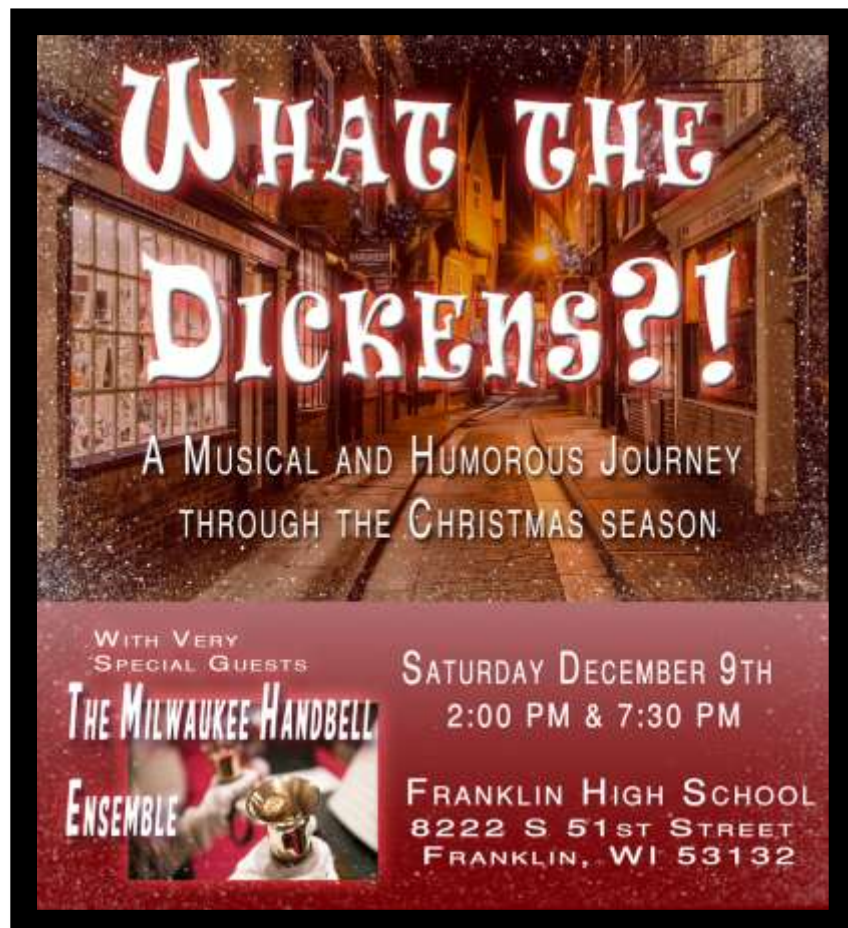
Tuesday, November 14, 2017 Board Meeting, 7:00pm at St. Luke's all welcome.

Monday, November 20, 2017 Rehearsal, 7:15pm at St. Luke's

Monday, November 27, 2017 Rehearsal, 7:150 at St. Luke's

Monday, December 4, 2017 Rehearsal, 7:150 at St. Luke's

Saturday, December 9, 2017 **What the Dickens?!** at Franklin High School





MVE Wins in Rochester!

Singing *Try a Little Tenderness* and *Naughty Angelina*, the 28 guys in Rochester scored 81.3, improving from the score in 2016 of 80.8, with 42 on the risers. With the chorus singing seventeenth of eighteen choruses in the line-up, we had a sensible call time of 10:55am.

Our warm-up room was in the chorus' hotel, The Hilton Garden Inn. **Brian Plehn** got us in good singing voice and had us sing our set. Added words of encouragement were provided by **Mike Lietke** and **Patrick McAlexander** before we headed over to the remodeled and expanded **Rochester Civic Center**, now renamed as the **Mayo Civic Center**.



The 84 million-dollar expansion project begun in 2015 didn't change the performance venue for us this year, which feels like a sporting facility, but we learned that in the next two years when the **LOL District Contests** returns to

Rochester, we will be in a 1939 auditorium called *Preservation Hall*. But the hall got a 2.2 million-dollar upgrade in acoustics, projection, lighting, food services, and seating in 2017 for 1,084 people.

The chorus felt good after our performance and we received absolutely top-notch evaluation advice from the judges after the performance, not just on our two songs, but things to work on for the future.



We had **Marty Lovick** discuss performance, **Alan Gordon** singing, and **Kevin Keller** on music. A most impressive eval-team indeed!

And a wonderful weekend of singing was had by all. We got to bring back the trophy and the beautiful trophy case that **Bob Krantz** built.

The Trophy is displayed here in our St. Luke's Lutheran practice room along with plaques at AAA Plateau winner and Chorus Contest Winner.

Yeah MVE!



Quartet Contest Recap

We had three quartets with current MVE members and countless others with former or inactive members. Winning the contest was **The Border Project** with past MVE member **Paul Hultgren**.

Coming in third was **All This Mess** with both **Ashley York** and **Jim Lewis** as past MVE members.

Closing Time came in fourth with MVE member **Nate Peplinski** singing tenor singing *Kentucky Babe; So Long, Farewell, Goodbye; Down by the Old Mill Stream; and Who Told You*. Congrats Nate.

Chord-tastrophe came in six with MVE members **Patrick McAlexander, Matt Record, and Zack Rolf** singing *When She Loved Me; Bye Bye Blues; Wedding Bells are Breaking Up that Old Gang of Mine; and Love Me and the World is Mine*. Great work guys.

North Shore were mic-testers in the Finals as they came in eleventh. They featured three past MVE members, **Joel Krueger, Jim Vandenberg, and Smite Smithlin**.

One Minute to Midnight came in fourteenth with all four members of the MVE, **Kevin Morrissey, Nate Peplinski** (lead this time), **Brian Plehn, and Derek Balke**. They sang *When You and I Were Young, Maggie and Old Barbershop Medley*.

No Pun Intended came in fifteenth with former MVE members **Mike Hansen, Todd Wollin Sr., and Paul Zeinen**.

Grand Delusions came in twenty-second with



MVE members **John Blitz** and **Jim Schmidt** singing *After You've Gone* and *For All We Know*.

I apologize if I missed other MVE members or former MVE members. But we see that at least 8 of the 24 quartets had significant MVE participation. Well done quartets.



And to top it all off, we had the joy of hearing our favorite quartet of 15-year-olds, **Vintage Mix**. They sang after the quarter finals as a step to enter the **BinG!** contest in Germany. BinG! hosts a **world mixed championship** for quartets and choruses in Munich.

Steve Johnson, is not only our current Chapter President, but he is also the **LO'L District VP of Contest and Judging**. At the District meeting he announced to the whole District that the LO'L Board had authorized a mixed quartet contest in Greendale. Steve is the Contest Chairman for the combined **Division One/Packerland Divisions** contest and LO'L International Quartet Prelims contest. In conjunction with that contest, Greendale will host the first ever LO'L **Mixed Barbershop Quartet Contest** in our District.

The dates of the contest are **May 4 - 5, 2018**. Maybe you too want to form a mixed quartet for this event? It is great to be LO'L path breakers.

Hear Yea, Hear Yea /Great Men of the MVE !

Now is the time for all active, sometimes active, and inactive members of our outstanding BHS chapter chorus to sell, sell, sell !

Yes, we need you to step up and speak with your family, chorus patrons, and friends. Ask them to please support our two upcoming Christmas shows by purchasing as many event tickets as possible. (Remember we have a **2:00 pm** and a **7:30 pm** shows)

We have three classes of seating:

- Reserved Floor (\$25)
- Non-Reserved Floor (\$20)
- Balcony (\$18)

If you purchase any non-reserved floor seats or balcony seats before Thanksgiving, you may **deduct \$2** from the listed price.

What the Dickens, you say? Yes, that is the title of the show that promises to be fun for people of all ages.



Please contact me directly if you need any tickets, special consideration to facilitate the sale of tickets, or just want to brag about how many show tickets you have sold!

Your customers can get tickets by phone, website, or email. If by phone, have them call the chorus phone number (**1-414-367-7097**). If by website, have them purchase our Christmas show tickets from www.mve.org. Or by e-mail, have them use the following e-mail address tickets@mve.org. And you can buy tickets every Monday night directly from me. Make sure they mention your name so you get credit for the sale!

Tom Rogina, Christmas Show Ticket Chairman

Director Search

Come to the January practices! There will be three candidates auditioning as Directors at our Monday night rehearsals. We will be coached on a new song. Information on the names of the candidates and the dates will be coming soon.

Midnight Croon Closes the ADC Show in Rochester



The final performance in the ADC (Association of District Quartet Champions) show that followed the District Quartet Finals went to our own **Midnight Croon**. With **Cody Whitlock's** new job responsibilities in Madison, **Patrick McAlexander** is the newest tenor for **Croooooooooon**. Patrick arranged *Summer Wind*, which was the first song

they sang at the ADC Show. It was perfect.

A Tuba Joke – Dick's Favorite of the Month

Supportive parents gave their son **Tuba lessons** after school. "How did it go," they asked. The kid said, "We learned how to play G today."

After the next lesson, they asked how it went. "We learned how to play C today." They smiled.

But after the third lesson, the boy didn't come home until quite late. "What happened?" they worriedly asked. "I had a gig," replied the proud tuba player.

