



The MVEer Monthly

October 2017

October Calendar

Monday, October 2, 2017 Rehearsal, 7:15pm at St. Luke's

Monday, October 9, 2017 Rehearsal, 7:15pm at St. Luke's

Tuesday, October 10, 2017 Board Meeting, 7:00pm at St. Luke's all welcome.

Monday, October 16, 2017 Rehearsal, 7:15pm at St. Luke's

Monday, October 23, 2017 Rehearsal & Send-off, 7:00 at St. Luke's

Saturday, October 28, 2017 Land O' Lakes District Contest in Rochester, Minn.

Monday, October 30, 2017 Rehearsal for Christmas Show, 7:15 at St. Luke's

Saturday, Oct 28th at Rochester – Chorus Draws

CHORUS COMPETITION SCHEDULE

Rochester, MN - Sat - Oct 28, 2017

<u>Chorus</u>	<u>Pick up at</u>	<u>time</u>	<u>Ready Rm A</u>	<u>Ready Rm B</u>	<u>On-Sage Time</u>
Mic Joe B/Brigade	Mayo Civic			8:20 - 9:55	10:00 AM
1 Rochester	Mayo Civic		8:30 - 10:05		10:10
2 Dunn Cty	Mayo Civic			9:55 - 10:15	10:20
3 Stevens Pt	Hilton	9:50	10:05 - 10:25		10:30
4 Madison	Doubletree	10:00		10:15 - 10:35	10:40
5 Willmar	Holiday Inn	10:10	10:25 - 10:45		10:50
6 Polk Cty	Mayo Civic			10:35 - 10:55	11:00
7 Mankato	Doubletree	10:30	10:45 - 11:05		11:10
-----Ten Minute Stretch Break-----					
8 Racine	Mayo Civic	10:40		10:55 - 11:15	11:20 AM
9 Oshkosh	Holiday Inn	10:50	11:05 - 11:25		11:30
10 Manitowoc	Holiday Inn	11:00		11:15 - 11:35	11:40
11 St Paul	Mayo Civic		11:25 - 11:45		11:50
12 St Cloud	Mayo Civic	11:20		11:35 - 11:55	12:00 NOON
13 West Allis	Kahler 1	1:30	11:45 - 12:05		12:10 PM
----- Intermission 30 Minutes -----					

Chorus	Pick up at	time	Ready Rm A	Ready Rm B	On-Sage Time
14 Minneapolis	Doubletree	12:05		12:25 - 12:45	12:50
15 Appleton	Holiday Inn	12:15	1	2:35 - 12:55	1:00
16 Stillwater	Hilton	12:25		12:45 - 1:05	1:10
17 Greendale	Hilton	12:35		12:55 - 1:15	1:20 PM
18 Fargo-Moorhd	Centerstone	12:45		1:05 - 1:25	1:30
Hall of Fame					1:45
Harmony Foundation					2:00
Contest results					2:15

Friday October 27, 2017 Quartet Contest Draw

1 Crayons	10 Seasonal Blend	20 Top Secret
2 North Shore	11 Lake Effect	21 Hakuna Fermata
3 Gambit	12 Sound Image	22 Closing Time
4 One Minute to Midnight *	13 Three of a Kind	23 Crosstown Alliance
5 Vocal Fury	14 No pun intended	24 Note'orious
6 St. Anthony Main	15 The Border Project	25 Chord-tastrophe**
7 Cranial Cabbage	16 Just One More!!	26 Croix Four
8 Mid-Life-Crisis	17 St. Croix Crossing	
9 GRAND DELUSIONS	18 All This Mess	
	19 PunchLine	

*** Brian Plehn, Nate Peplinski, Derek Balke, and Kevin Morrissey.**

****Patrick McAlexander, Matt Record, Zach Rolfs and Dennis Haight.**

Who is Nominated to Serve? Steve Johnson reads the list for 2018.

Immediate Past President Steve Johnson
 President Derek Balke
 Secretary Dick Marcus
 Treasurer Jim Ansay
 Membership Tom Weber
 Marketing Jim Franklin
 Music Harry Hanson
 Members at Large Bob Fichtner, Tom Rogina & Randy Teutschmann

National Anthem at the Brewer's Game - Photos by Carley Doerr

The MVE had center stage to 42,422 (more than capacity crowd of 41,900). Often, when we have sung the stadium in the past, it is just filling up. This time, we were right before the start of the game and the place was rocking. The audience loved our rendition of the *The Star-Spangled Banner* as 30 of us, sweating in black long-sleeve shirts rolled up and dark blue jeans bounded onto home plate to sing. Our guide, Tom, said that the booth loved it as much as the crowd.

Before the game, we had a fabulous tailgate party organized by **Scott & Ilana Ganswindt**, and then warmed up in the Brewer's Interview Room. **Brian Plehn** warmed us up, moved us around, and got us ready for action.



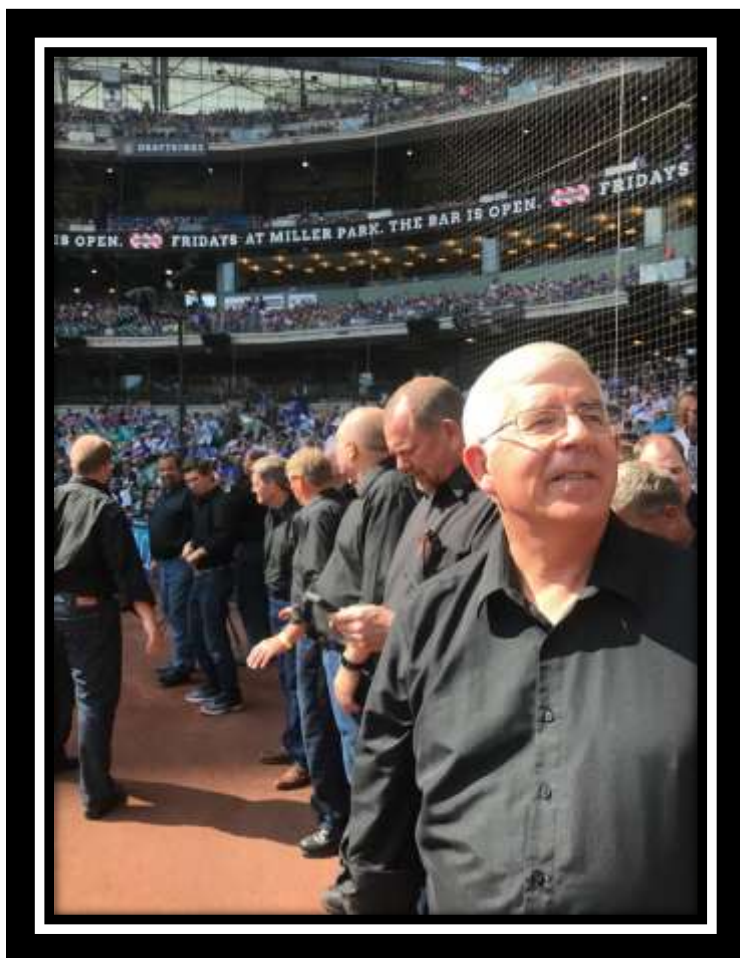
A great outing for the MVE even though those Cubbies beat us 5-zip. At least **Cody** was happy.



Here are a few more pictures courtesy of **Randy Will** that I think you'll like.



A short wait before our performance. And even though we lost the game, we had a great experience.



An Interview with James Pruszka

MVEer asks: How did you find out about the Midwest Vocal Express, James?

James replies: I sang in the Cudahy High School choir with **Brian Plehn**. I graduated this past June. I sing tenor and plan very soon to audition for the chorus.

MVEer asks: Have any other musical background?

James replies: Yes, always. At four and onward, I played keyboard. I sang in elementary, middle, and High School.

MVEer asks: Are you looking for work now, James?

James replies: I am job searching before college in a year. I hope to find something in technical support or perhaps music somewhere. If anyone has a line on a position, please let me know at: james.pruszka@gmail.com.

MVEer asks: Tell us a bit about your family please.

James replies: I live with my parents in Cudahy. We lived in West Allis when I was tiny, but have lived in Cudahy for the majority of my life.



MVEer asks: James, have you some hobbies?

James replies: Well, singing, of course. But I also compose my own music, Jazz music. I am a percussionist and I play piano. I love video games, such as Heroes of the Storm, which includes humans and orc-like creatures with magical powers. I also enjoy 3-D videos.

MVEer comments: We are so glad that you are intending to add your voice with us. We are glad to have you, James. Maybe somebody in the chorus knows of a job you could have, I hope.

James ends: I love our motto of *Storytelling Through Song*. I hope to know more about another motto I have heard, *Being MVE*.

