



# The MVEer Monthly

February, 2013

**The Tour is On: August 23-25** Central Standard (Kansas City CSD), and **Sound of Illinois** (Bloomington, ILL), and the **Mighty MVE** in a 3 venue tour.



*Central Standard*



Sound of Illinois



Midwest Vocal Express

In one of the coolest things we have ever done in our 25 year history, we will be marking our anniversary by embarking on a 3-day, 3-city, 3-state, 3-chorus tour.

## **Changing Lives: *Easy Days* Shows the Way**

**Easy Days** is the busiest quartet in our chapter based on the *most performances* including being featured most every Wednesday at the lunch hour at **The Greendale Visitor Center**. From left to right, Easy Days has Bill Kilbourne (tenor), Frank Marzocco (lead and the founding director of the Midwest Vocal Express), Dick Riege (bass), and Bo Gibson (baritone).

The photo to the right is from a Christmas Show for the ***Better Business Bureau of Wisconsin***, celebrating their 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in period clothing this December.

**MVEera asked Bo Gibson:** How do you know that **Easy Days** performances change lives?

**Bo replies:** Well, recently we did a performance for a 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration. We know that it made a difference in her life from the letter we received from her daughter.



**MVEer asked:** Can you share that with us?

**Bo replies:** Sure, the letter said:

“**Easy Days** played a big part in making my Mother's 90th birthday party a success. My goal in having the party was to make her laugh so hard she cries and give her something to talk about for the rest of her life. The party succeeded across the board. She so enjoyed your performance. The only thing missing was if my Dad had been there to dance with her. In her words - they sang so many of my favorites, their jokes weren't dirty, I didn't have to worry about what they were going to do or say, they were such nice guys. Thought you guys should know you are batting a thousand! And, she is still talking about you in person and in all of her Christmas card messages, telling the no-shows what a great performance they missed. Way to go!

“Everyone at the party had only good things to say about **Easy Days**, from the keeping time with hands and feet of the 2 youngest at a year old to the oldest, Mom's 96 year old aunt. There were several professional performers in the group and they gave you an A as well. I watched the audience reactions and you had everyone's full attention. ... And lastly, I need to add my thanks. You not only made the day for a 90 yr old but also for a 66 yr old. Merry Christmas, Susan Reske”

**MVEer said:** Bo, that's wonderful. **Easy Days** and you, keep on changing lives.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Groundhog Day 
3 Super Bowl Ravens vs. 49ers 	4 <b>MVE Rehearsal at 7PM</b>	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 <b>MVE Rehearsal at 7PM</b>	12 Mardi Gras	13 Ash Wednesday	14 Valentine's Day 	15	16
17	18 President's Day <b>MVE Rehearsal at 7PM &amp; Board Meeting 9:30PM</b>	19	20	21	22	23
24 Purim	25 <b>MVE Rehearsal at 7PM</b>	26	27	28	Those barbershop songs are great things: A quartet or a chorus that sings— Tenor, lead, bass, and bari's Close harmony marries Four notes, and the chord locks and rings.	