



# The MVEer Monthly

February, 2018

## February Calendar

Monday, February 5	Rehearsal (repertoire songs & fun too)	St. Luke's at 7:15pm
Monday, February 12	Rehearsal	St. Luke's at 7:15pm
Monday, February 19	Rehearsal	St. Luke's at 7:15pm
Monday, February 26	Rehearsal	St. Luke's at 7:15pm
Tuesday, February 27	MVE Board Meeting - all welcome	St. Luke's at 7pm

## Google Link for Songs – Harry Hanson

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1Nd7RLzctGoGkxvH1McDhO2LuDZOQRXA1>

## Director Audition Nights Were Thrilling – Dick Marcus

The three successive January director audition nights offered excellent teaching in vocal production, understanding rhythms and musical styles, tag performance, huge progress on "If I Can Dream," and sheer excitement. We had such great candidates, it was just amazing. Here are some photos from those nights.

**Patrick McAlexander; Brian Plehn; and Bryan Ziegler.** (Photos shown in order of their January audition nights.)

*Patrick McAlexander*





*Brian Plehn*



*Bryan Ziegler*

## Two Ziegler Clans

Pictured (left to right) are **Mike Ziegler**, **Bryan Ziegler**, **Walt Ziegler** and **Harold Ziegler**. Not only was this Bryan Ziegler's audition night, but the chorus got to clap **59 times** for Harold and **35 times** for Walt, for their long-standing membership in the Barbershop Harmony Society and the MVE. Congratulations Harold and Walt. You guys rock.



## Rookie of the Year

Pictured below is **James Pruszka**, holding his Rookie of the Year trophy. James was a student at Cudahy High School under **Brian Plehn**, and has since graduated. Congratulations James!



See the interview on page 5 of our October 2017 newsletter for more about James Pruszka. <https://people.uwm.edu/marcus/files/2017/11/MVE-October17-28rkvq7.pdf>

## **Hoops Mania**

Hoops mania is starting again. But it took three guys to replace **Cody Whitlock**.

**Dennis Monroe, Scott Ganswindt** and **Jake Umhoefer** will lead us in a basketball fundraiser.

See Scott for tickets. March Madness is coming!!



## **Four Upcoming Events by the MVE** – Jim Franklin, VP of Marketing and PR

**Division (and Prelim) contest:** *We are hosts, and the MVE must sing at the contest in order to be able to compete at District this year!*  
Place: Franklin H.S. - Saber Center. May 4-5th.

**MVE Spring Show:** May 18th and 20th. These *dinner* shows will be quartet heavy, and will once again *showcase* our internal quartets.

**Singing Valentines:** *See Dale Heinen or Bob Fichtner if you have customers for this.*



## **Acapocalypse** – Friday, April, 6, 2018

Acapocalypse is a national A Cappella Festival held every other year, hosted by **Port Washington High School**. The MVE were invited to appear on their

inaugural Friday show in 2016 (see picture on page 4), and were greeted with cheers and ovations, sometimes in the middle of a song, by several hundred acapella fans. They have invited us back, so don't miss performing on Friday evening, April 6, 2018.



### **Some Tenor Humor**

**Q1 Where is a tenor's resonance?**

Where his brain should be.

**Q2 How can you tell when a tenor is really stupid?**

When the other tenors notice.

**Q3 What is the definition of a major second?**

Two tenors singing in unison.

