



The MVEer Monthly January, 2015

Some Photos from our MVE Christmas Show –December 13, 2014



Cool, and at times whacky jazz from the **Vocal Jazz Ensemble** from UW Whitewater joined us.

Also our favorite mixed quartet, **Vintage Mix**, of four talented 13 year-old stars.



We all enjoyed our excellent MVE quartets (in order below): **Drastic Measures**, **Brew City Buzz**, **Highpoint**, and District Champion Quartet **Midnight Croon**.



And the MVE!

January 3, 2015 at the Marcus Center for the Performing Arts

The chorus and Vintage Mix were hired to perform at an inaugural party for Governor Scott Walker and Lt. Governor Rebecca Kleefisch. Wearing both red and blue ties symbolizing our support for all political parties, we sounded great in a room with excellent acoustics. While some economists say there ain't no such thing as a free lunch, we got free dinners, free Brandy Alexanders, free Grasshoppers, and a fun outing indeed.



For the shifting origin of Blue & Red (and other colors for parties), see: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Red_states_and_blue_states But that piece fails to mention what Tim Russert's book said about the origin. He told of his choice of colors on the map based on hearing aids worn by his father, in his book Wisdom of our Fathers. The left hearing aid is Blue & and has an L. The right hearing aid is Red and has an R. Now you know the rest of the story. P.S. Kandy has hearing aids with these as well.

Annual Banquet and Installation of Officers – Jim Schmidt

Our annual banquet and installation of officers will take place on Friday, **January 23, 2015**. It will be at **Klemmers Banquet Center** at **10401 W Oklahoma Ave** in West Allis. (It is located just 1.5 blocks west of the I-894 bypass, on Oklahoma Ave.)



Cocktails are from 6 - 7PM with Dinner at 7 PM, and our program to follow. The cost per person is \$26 and the meal choices are Filet Mignon, Chicken *ala* Klemmer, or Salmon filet. See the form below for all the information. I will have extra forms at rehearsal starting tonight for your use. We would like everyone sign up and pay (check or cash) before we take our holiday break if at all possible. **The drop dead date to sign up is Monday, January 12th.**

This is a chance for all of us to review the past year and look forward to what's in store for 2015 and to see your new board officially installed. This is also where we present the chapter awards for the year. The *Do It Award*, the *President's Award*, the *Director's Award* and the top award for our chapter, the *Bow Tie or Barbershopper of the Year*.

I would love to see all of you there to help celebrate our accomplishments this year including winning the District Chorus Championship.

Restaurant Outing on Thursday January 29, 2015 at California Pizza Kitchen - Bayshore Town Center.



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Barbershop and the New York Stock Exchange by Dick Marcus

Every year since 1929, on the last trading day for the year and on the shortened trading day of Christmas Eve a quartet sings **Wait 'Till the Sun Shines Nellie**. Although the tune was written in 1905 it still evokes a positive hope "when the cloud go drifting by."



On a Sunday morn sat a maid forlorn
 With her sweetheart by her side,
 Through the windowpane, she looked at the rain,
 "We must stay home, Joe," she cried.
 "There's a picnic, too, at the old Point View,
 It's a shame it rained today."
 Then the boy drew near, kissed away each tear,
 And she heard him softly say:
 "Wait till the sun shines, Nellie,
 When the clouds go drifting by,
 We will be happy, Nellie,
 Don't you sigh.
 Down Lover's Lane we'll wander,
 Sweethearts you and I.
 Wait till the sun shines, Nellie,
 Bye and bye."

Though the song is a love song, the aspect of something new coming was comforting to stock traders at the end of 1929. Art Cashin from UBS has been a trader on the floor for 50 years and helps to keep barbershop alive on Wall Street.

January 2015						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Marcus PAC Inaugural Singout
4	5 Practice 7PM Cancelled	6	7	8	9	10

January 2015						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
11	12 Practice 7PM	13 6:30PM Board Meeting	14	15	16	17
18	19 Practice 7PM	20	21	22	23 Annual Banquet, Installation of Officers, and Awards	24
25	26 Practice 7PM	27	28	29 California Pizza Kitchens in Bayshore Town Center	30	31

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<https://plus.google.com/photos/109798808074899518042/albums/6093578257280111121>