



The MVEer Monthly

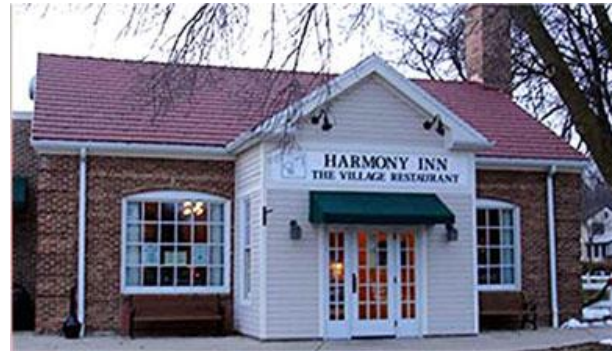
June 2012



Top events for **June** include (1) coaching with Sean Devine, (2) preparation for the International Contest in early July, and (3) our Saturday, June 2nd singout at Mitchell Airport for the Honor Flight. NOTE: Early Birds @ 6PM for all June practices.

Sean Devine is back on Monday, June 25 for a tune up right before our International Set in Portland. With costume beards, hats, and whatever on, he'll urge us to go beyond our default face.

Harmony Inn sadly closes on June 1 (<http://www.jsonline.com/business/bartolotta-to-open-mequon-greendale-restaurants-k05f64k-151975375.html>) to reopen by Joe Bartolotta as a supper club. The décor and the menu will be the same at both of the newly Bartolotta-acquired *Riverside Restaurant* in Mequon and the *Greendale Harmony Inn*, as will the name, which hasn't been finalized yet. The Harmony Inn features many MVE and Barbershop memorabilia and cutouts of our quartets. The chorus and the Quartet Club (the QC) have performed and held events at the Harmony Inn over the past several years. Standing in front of our huge MVE chorus picture are members of the QC practicing for likely the last time at the Harmony in on May 25, 2012. The QC will continue across the street at the Reiman Visitor Center as they work out longer-term plans.



Also in the MVE Room were photos of our chorus contests. Modeling the photos are Randy Will and Dan Fenske, giving us their best Vanna White impressions.



P-Team for 2012 -- Josh recently announced the following men who will be serving on the MVE Performance team for 2012:

- Musical Director - Josh Umhoefer
- Music Vice President - Steve Johnson
- Tenor Section Leaders - Paul Oestreich & Ashley York
- Lead Section Leaders - Brad Charles & Jim Schmidt
- Baritone Section Leaders - Dave Bittrich & Curt Struyk
- Bass Section Leaders - Jim Franklin & Scott Ganswindt
- Presentation Team - Mike Lietke & Ashley York
- Learning Tapes - Harry Hanson



Congratulations Team – As Tony the Tiger says, "You're Greeeeaaaaatttt!!!"

A VISIT FROM A LEGEND – Afterglow Thoughts by Bill Kilbourne

May 19th was a most worthwhile day for the MVE. Our spring show was a great success with the MVE performing for a full house. **Metropolis** was, as usual, a big favorite with both chapter members and general audience.

Then in the evening we held our Afterglow. Quartets from the chapter as well as Sweet Adelines International, entertained. The Chorus too joined in with "The Polka Medley".

The night was still young, and no one wished to cap it off with our headliner quartet just yet....What to do?

Well, hidden amongst the tables at the back of the room was a modest gentleman, with a long and storied history with SPEBSQSA. A few years ago...well OK, a lot of few years ago...he was the lead of the **Midnight Oilers**.

Just the name characterized the personality of that quartet. They were four men who seriously made a point of "not taking anything seriously." With their madcap approach to singing BHS shows and his wild Irish Stories, the Midnight Oilers entertained all over the country.

Enough fun and games. Our guest then joined as Tenor of **The Chicago News**. And behold, Chicago News proved to have great singers and performers, winning the **Gold Medal** in 1981. He found his place in life. He put the sparkle into the great singing of the other three.



This milestone was followed with three Gold Medals as a Senior Quartet Champions: **Old Kids on the Block** in 1991; **New and Improved Industrial Strength Mini Chorus** in 1994; and **Chicago Shuffle** in 2002.

But, I digress, so back to the Afterglow. What to do? The solution was simple. "Ray, tell us a couple of stories".

Mr. Ray Henders, Tenor extraordinaire, then blessed us all with a number of his Irish stories. Those new to the BHS hobby fully enjoyed and laughed at the stories. Those of us who have sung with Ray, competed against him, shared the stage with him or just plain grew up with him remember the stories as told in 1972, or 84 or 96 or whenever, and still laughed again.

Thanks Ray for giving us a lifetime of fun and great memories.

~ June 2012 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
May 27	May 28 	May 29 MVE Practice at 7PM	May 30	May 31	1	2 Honor Flight at 5 AM
3	4 MVE Practice at 7PM	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 MVE Practice at 7PM	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 MVE Practice at 7PM	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 Sean Devine Coaching at 7PM	26	27	28	29	30

For ideas and suggestions for the July **MVEer Monthly**, please contact Dick.Marcus@mve.org.