



The MVEer Monthly

July 2018

Calendar

Monday, July 2	No Rehearsal	Off for International Convention
Monday, July 9	No Rehearsal	Off for International Convention
Thursday, July 12	Rehearsal	St. Luke's at 7:00 pm for the Gazebo
Saturday, July 14	Gazebo Performance in Greendale	(call 6pm at St. Luke's and show at the Gazebo at 7pm).
Sunday, July 15	Picnic at Scout Lake Park at 2-6pm	(see article on p. 5)
Monday, July 16	Rehearsal	St. Luke's at 7:00 pm
Monday, July 23	Rehearsal	St. Luke's at 7:00 pm
Tuesday, July 24	MVE Board Meeting – all welcome – 7pm @ St. Luke's	
Monday, July 30	Rehearsal	St. Luke's at 7:00 pm

MVE Happenings – President Derek Balke

The Christmas concert is coming up on Dec. 8th, 2018 at the Saber Center at Franklin H.S. The team of Mike L. and Niel J. are heading up the show and have lots of ideas to work on. What they need from us is help. Back end, Front end, staging, etc. Why am I saying this in JUNE? Because this is when the planning starts. Be proactive. Ask them what needs to be done. Please.

"20 more DUDES on the risers":

I applaud you all for bringing in the great singers I've been hearing on the risers lately. It is amazing to see the new faces and overall change in sound. (See Tom, I DO listen to my riser mates when singing...).

I say this as I am hoping you won't rest over the upcoming break. There are picnics and fireworks, and family gatherings, and parties, and festivals, and fairs and... If you see someone that can sing, slip them a business card. Talk to them. I guess what I am asking is to be PRESENT in the moment. We can DO this.

Also in the works:

Greendale show: July 14th - Greendale Gazebo
<http://greendaleentertainment.com/gazebo-series/>

- Extra rehearsal: July 12th at the Church. **Please put this in your calendar.**

Brewers National Anthem: Sept 8th- game is at 6pm. Scott is taking money for this!

District contest: Oct 26-27. Rochester. Last week was the final chance to book through Tom Weber. At this point, please book yourself with hotel and contest.

MVE New Member Interview with Jeffrey Reifsnyder

MVEer asks: Jeff, you joined us lickety-split. You must have had a background in singing and barbershop. Tell us how you got involved in barbershop?

Jeff replies: I have a very musically inclined family, and have been a singer all my life. My Dad's parents were heavily involved in a group called the *Sanger Gospel Choir*, and my sister and I were in almost every musical program our schools offered. My first barbershop exposure was a high school quartet, called **GQ**, back in Lewistown, PA. GQ stood for Gentleman's Quartet not GQ, the Girl's Quartet that is so popular now.



I sang through college and returned to barbershop after college as I've moved around the country. Some highlights include bass section leader of the **Houston Tidelanders**, founding president of **Space City Sound**, a brief stint with **Vocal**

Revolution, and numerous quartets through all of that.

MVEer asks: You mention college. Where did you go?

Jeff replies: I went to the **Webb Institute** in Glen Cove, NY (a small city on Long Island) for a dual degree in Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering (<http://www.webb.edu/>). It is a



Jeff & his friends singing with **Joe Connelly** on Jeff's birthday.

specialized engineering program in both marine

engineering and naval architecture and very small; averaging 90 total students in a year. My graduating class was the largest ever, and we only had 24!

The Dean of the school had a very enjoyable little choir, attracting about 20 students most years, which is 22% of the whole school and even more impressive! We were called the Webb Family Singers, which we lovingly referred to as **The Woofs**. We were SATB and sang mostly Broadway show tunes; our Dean was a big fan of musicals.



MVEer asks: Jeff, tell us more about that musical family you came from?

Jeff replies: Well, I have one sister, **Katie**, who is three years older. She is a middle school music teacher back in my old school district at Mifflin County Middle School in Lewiston, PA.



Our wedding day in 2016 with our great families.

MVEer asks: Are you married?

Jeff replies: Yes, for a little over two years. My wife's name is **Jessica**. We are so excited to be in the first trimester of our first child! Jessica is from Houston, where we met. Moving to Wisconsin a few months ago wasn't that much of a shock to her as she originally lived in the U.P. of Michigan, and still has a lot of family up there.

MVEer asks: Why did you move to Wisconsin?

Jeff replies: Jessica and I moved to **Fond du Lac** because I accepted a position with **Mercury Marine**. I am manager of hydrodynamics, which includes both propeller design and the performance test group that both report to me.

We moved here from Boston, where I was Naval Architect for an aquaculture firm called **InnovaSea** for a year and half and singing with **Vocal Revolution**. Before that, I lived and worked in Houston for a small engineering consulting firm. I'm hoping to stay here a long while; feels a lot more like home than Houston and Boston did!

MVEer asks: What part do you sing?

Jeff replies: I am a bass.

MVEer says: Jeff, we are so glad to have you join us in the MVE. You are just what we need.

And, if ever the opportunity lends itself, I know that most of us would love to join you on a test ride on a speed boat sometime with a huge **Mercury Marine** motor touring Lake Winnebago singing tags.



Space City Sound in our first gig ever! This was a joint event with the Houston Tidelanders.



Space City Sound in our second gig ever. We are singing *Ave Maria* like we were bosses.

Editor's Note: For more on Space City Sound where Jeffrey is the Founding President go to: <http://www.spacecitysound.org/> or <https://www.facebook.com/SpaceCitySound/>

Greendale Gazebo on Saturday July 14

Remind your guests to bring folding chairs, bug spray, and to get there well before 7pm for a good spot. Singers should meet at St. Luke's Lutheran at 6PM. We walk over to the Gazebo together. Park near the church. The Greendale Gazebo Park is located in the heart of downtown Greendale on the corner of Schoolway and Broad Street (**5710 Broad Street**) in Greendale, WI.



MVE Picnic on Sunday July 15 from 2-6 PM

You asked for an MVE picnic, and you are going to love **Scout Lake Park in Greendale**. This isn't the park behind the Greendale village stores. It is closer to St. Alphonsus School and Parish. The address is: **5902 W. Loomis Road** Greendale, WI 53129. The parking lot is at the south end of the lake with entrance off of Loomis Rd (36).



There will be a grill, so bring stuff to grill, salads to share, and games you like to play outside – corn-hole, badminton, horse shoes, and tag. All are welcome to join in the fun. If you can't come for the whole time, come for what part of it you want. Summer is here and the MVE loves summer.

Live Stream the International Contest in Orlando – Mike Lietke

Gents - Those who have watched international contests on the web in the past know it has tended to be a \$100 purchase or so. This year, it is \$30! Sign up with Flo Voice on the link below. You will have a subscription for a month, and then cancel it. This gives you special access to performances that will not show up on the YouTube Channel for Months. Easy. Do yourself a favor and catch these great groups with your friends. <http://www.barbershop.org/orlando/live-stream/>

Tuesday July 3rd International Barbershop Harmony Quartet Contest

The order is given at: <http://www.barbershop.org/orlando/contests/quartet-contest/>

After Hours, The Committee, and Midnight Croon all are in the evening on Tuesday as follows in the order of their performances:

MVE Quartets competing in Orlando next week are:

After Hours (Tim Beutel, Drew Ochoa, Bryan Ziegler, Dan Wessler)

19. After Hours (ILL) (5:48 p.m. Central Time)

<https://www.facebook.com/ahquartet/>



The Committee (Mike Lietke, Matt Carlen, Kevin McClelland, Brett Mulford)

23. The Committee (ILL) (6:24 p.m. Central Time)

<https://www.facebook.com/thecommitteesings/>



Midnight Croon (Patrick McAlexander, Tim Zielke, Josh Umhoefer, and Jake Umhoefer)

33. Midnight Croon (LOL) (8:14 p.m. Central Time)
<http://midnightcroon.wixsite.com/midnight-croon>



Watch them wow the audience, judges, and our hearts. Hear them ring those chords. As MVE Chapter President **Derek Balke** says, BREAK a LIP, gentlemen!

Over a Hundred Years of Barbershopping



Darryl Cremer and **Duane "Duke" Enders** recently were given their BHS renewal cards. Darryl got his **51** year card and Duke got his **54** card. That is more than 100 years in one photo and more than 100 claps from the heroes on the risers for our great colleagues.

Congratulations Darryl and Duke on your continued love of singing, story-telling through song, and of our hobby. We love your humor and joy.

Photo by Derek Balke.

Cartoon Corner:



My advice, Thomas. Never get a haircut from a barbershop quartet.

10 Short Musical Jokes:

1. Marriage is like singing a **David Wright** arrangement. It looks easy until you try it.
2. What do you call a **computer** that sings with powerful emotion? **A-Dell**
3. **Opera** is when a guy gets stabbed in the back and, instead of bleeding, he sings.
4. What do you call a **fish** that needs help with his vocals? **Autotuna**
5. What kind of music are **balloons** afraid of? **Pop Music.**
6. What do you call very **bad vocals** only harmonized? **A-crapella!**
7. How many **tenors** does it take to change a light bulb? **Six. One to do it, and five to say, "It's too high for him."**
8. Did you hear about the **karaoke singer** who sang in tune? **Neither did I.**
9. What do you call an elf who sings? **A wrapper!**
10. What is the missing link between the bass and the ape? **A baritone.**



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PARKS

GRANGE AVENUE



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LOOMIS ROAD

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Scout Lake Park

5902 W. Loomis Road
Greendale, WI 53129

Unit Office: (414) 425-7303

-  Park Land
-  Shrubs & Trees
-  Parking Lot
-  Park Building
-  Reservable Picnic Area
No staking allowed!
Use sand bags, weights, or water barrels
-  Restrooms
-  Tot Lot / Play Area

0 75 150 300 450 600 Feet

PARK ACREAGE: 64.3

Distance around lake: 0.5 mi

Picnic Reservations
(414) 257-8005

Parks Information
(414) 257-PARK (7275)
countyparks.com

Save Energy- Ride the Bus!
Use the Trip Planner at ridemcts.com

Pier

Scout Lake Pavilion

Helios
• Multigym

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