



The MVEer Monthly February 2019

February 1, 2019 Installation & Awards Banquet – Dick Marcus

We had a great turnout for our 2019 Installation Banquet at Klemmer’s Banquet Hall this year. One special draw was that this is our 30th Anniversary Year. **Derek Balke** asked members to tell what special memories people had from the chorus.

Both members and family members offered memories from singing *Mary Did You Know* in a VLQ at Holy Hill to **Scott Ganswindt** recalling times his son Jeremy sang with him. Others remembered especially moving performances at District way out in Fargo, North Dakota; to walking back in the sweltering heat with green make-up dripping down after the *Green Army Set* in Montreal as watchers wondered and gawked at us; to our *March of the Penguins* in full costume waddling from one distant building to the stage; and several others who recalled with fondness working with Harry Hanson to make costumes for the *Fish Set* or the *Penguins Set*.



The great **Joe Liles** was our installer. He reminded us of **Maslow’s hierarchy of needs**, many of which are realized by being in a great chorus like the **MVE** as members. We want



all to have a sense of belonging and love, which our chorus can give. We want to be needed and have esteem. The successes of our chorus provide a sense of self-actualization.

Installation means that our Board of Directors was installed. **Joe Liles** installed (top row L-R) **Steve Johnson**, immediate past president; **Robb Thiel** as VP of Music; **Tom Weber** as VP of Membership; **Tom Rogina** as BMAL; **Jim Franklin** as VP of Marketing &



PR. (bottom row) **Derek Balke** as President; **Dick Marcus** as Secretary; and **Jim Ansay** as Treasurer. Also installed were **Bob Fichtner** (BMAL) and **Matt Post** (BMAL), where the weird BMAL means *Board Member at Large*. We can see some of the board members, including **Bob Fichtner** in this picture on the far left.



Our great **P-Team** for 2019 posed a photo.



The team (L to R) is **Bryan Ziegler** (director), **Mike Lietke**, **Harry Hanson**, **Brian Plehn**, **Scott Ganswindt**, **Patrick McAlexander**, **Robb Thiel**, **Steve Johnson**, and **Jim Franklin**. Thank you to P-Team for our great songs and for designing our great performances.

But Installation Banquet also includes a number of Awards given annually. The first was given by **Derek Balke**, Chapter President, called **The President's Award**. It went to **Dick Marcus** for these newsletters.



The winner of **The Russ A Foris Director's Award** was given by **Bryan Ziegler** to **Jim Franklin**. Bryan called Jim his right-hand-man for helping out and providing insights.

The next award is an *oil can*, which was given by last's year **Do-It Award Winner. Tom Rogina** won it last year and this year's winner is **Tom Weber**.



The BOTY Award, or the **Barbershopper of the Year Award** includes a mug as well as a trophy. The winner is decided by all the past winners who come with their mugs to toast the winner.

The **Barbershopper of the Year** was **Tom Rogina**. With all the BOTY of the past at the Banquet joining Tom, a couple pictures appear on the next page.

Director's Award





BOTY Winners



Congratulations **Tom Rogina** and to all the BOTY winners from the past.

Before the Banquet was a fun bingo-style game of finding someone who still uses a flip phone or who has run a Marathon. Here are some frenzied people actively filling out their bingo cards. The contest winner was **Bonita "Bonnie" Ziegler**.



If you'd like to look at over 60 photos from the event, you can click this link:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/139497473@N05/albums/72157706314081595>

If you see an icon that looks like a TV with a small ▶ in it in the upper right-hand corner, when you click it, the photos will be displayed as a slide show one at a time. Photos can be downloaded by clicking on the photo you want and then clicking the down arrow in the lower right-hand corner.

Dinner was lovely. It was soup and salad for all, and either steak, salmon, or vegetarian and included an ice cream dessert. Here are a couple pictures from dinner.



There was a presentation in pictures of 2018 given by **Dick Marcus**. That presentation can be accessed if you go to: <http://people.uwm.edu/marcus/mve-monthly/> and find the phrase (***For the Installation Banquet presentation click***) part way down the page and click the item right after it.

As this is our **30th Anniversary Year**. Fortunately, **Tim Zielke** with help from our **Marketing Team** came up with our logo for the year. Chapter President **Derek Balke** presented it. It is already on this Newsletter for those *perspicacious* (a **Mike Lietke** word) enough to see it. Or it is given right here. Thank you, Tim Zielke!



Calendar for February

Monday, February 4 Rehearsal St. Luke's at 7pm
Monday, February 11 Rehearsal St. Luke's at 7pm
Monday, February 18 Rehearsal St. Luke's at 7pm
Monday, February 25 Rehearsal St. Luke's at 7pm
Tuesday, February 26 Board Meeting *(all are welcome)* St. Luke's at 7pm

And mark also a special coaching on **Saturday, March 9 from 9 am-4pm** with **Cy Wood** on choreography!



Hoopsmania is Back, Man



Scott Ganswindt has tickets to sell at \$20 each. Get your friends and family to play. Fill in the stub and turn in your completed tickets. Pick up 10 cards TONIGHT. Or contact Scott at siganswindt@sbcglobal.net. You don't have to be a basketball fanatic to win.



Gushing Comments on *That I Ever Saw* – Dick Marcus

As we practice the beautiful love song, "That I Ever Saw," perhaps it is good to reflect on the emotion of the piece. I checked some YouTube videos of it, but the best, most gushing comments came from the leader of knitting club by **The Blithering Knitiot**, She heard the song and said:

I just started a new piece of music today with my kids. A lovely piece called "That Ever I Saw" by **Darmon Meader**. The dedication by the composer is: "Dedicated to my wife, Lori Lynn, written on the occasion of our wedding" ***(Could that be just a little more romantic? I think not...)***

This is the text ***(I just had to share it, since they are as lovely as the music itself):***

She is gentle and also wise;
of all other she beareth the prize,
That ever I saw,

To hear her sing, to see her dance!
She will the best herself advance
That ever I saw.

To see her fingers that be so small!
in my conceit she passeth all,
That ever I saw.
That ever I saw.

Nature in her hath wonderfully
wrought.

No, never such another bought
That ever I saw.

I have seen many that have beauty
Yet there is none like to my lady
That ever I saw.

Therefore I dare to boldly say,
That I shall have the best and fairest
may
That ever I saw,
That ever I saw.

**(Now girls, wouldn't that just
make you swoon???)**

The kids were just as excited as I was about their sound, which always makes for a great day. I love it when they realize that they can make beautiful music, and it's not a struggle to do so. It's like a big lightbulb turning on. And it makes me really happy that I do what I do. (That seems to not have happened too much this year. Maybe there's a change in the air???)

https://blitheringkniot.typepad.com/blithering_kniot/2007/04/words.html

More on Darmon Meader



The arranger, **Darmon Meader**, is recognized in both the jazz vocal and instrumental worlds as a highly respected vocalist, arranger and saxophonist. Darmon has achieved international recognition as the founder, musical director, chief arranger, composer, producer, saxophonist, and vocalist with **New York Voices**. <http://darmonmeader.com/bio/>

Barbershop Joke of the Month →

This meme features a muddled-headed **Keanu Reeves**.

