



The Good Times Start Here

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JOE BARBERSHOPPER

Bruce Odell will host a special presentation for the Good Times Chorus and other Twin Cities area barbershoppers on Saturday, March 7, 2009. Don't miss this opportunity to be motivated by one of the most dynamic and entertaining LOL personalities you will ever meet.

Bruce has sung in LOL District Champion quartets, international competition and the Seniors Champion quartet, Downstate Express.

Your spirit will be lifted and your musical knowledge will be expanded to regions unexplored.

It begins at 9am next Saturday and will end sometime in the afternoon at the Eagles 3208 in Bloomington.



Downstate Express 2004 Seniors Champions

(L to R) Ed Wirtz Jr., tenor; Bruce Odell, lead; Gary Rogness, bass, and Richard Treptow, baritone

Staying together

The only score these champs track is how much fun they're having

For a group that was formed almost entirely by accident, Downstate Express is having a long, successful run! But in our 23 years together, our best success has not been winning our district championship, our multiple appearances on the international stage or even winning the 2004 International Seniors Quartet Championship. We still count our biggest success as the fact that we're still intact and still having the time of our lives singing together.

Bruce Odell, lead, has been quartetting in the Society continuously since he joined in 1964—in only three quartets. He lives in Winona, Minn., with his wife, Karen, and is a member of the Winona Area Barbershop Chorus, for which he is a former director. He has 20 Man of Note awards and has served as a clinician, faculty member for many Land O' Lakes schools and programs, and as coach for many choruses and quartets.

From the Downstate Express Website

DATES to Remember

- Don't forget to sign up for these events
- 10,000 Lakes Div
- Mar 27-28 Stillwater
- Dist Conv -May 1-3
- Fishing-May 8-10
- Comedy Contest-May 12
- Mini-HEP Jun 19th
- TWINS -Sun-Aug 16th
- Wives Trip-Sep 18
- Breezy Point

Sunshine Notes

Ron Schoeneman moved to Martin Luther Manor, 1401 E. 100th Street, Bloomington in February. Stop in and visit if you can. He enjoys company and misses the opportunity to sing with us. The Wizards entertained him on Valentines Day.

Gene Tietze is a permanent resident at the Masonic Home in Bloomington and always likes visitors. Random Sample sang for him recently.

Tom Tierney is recuperating at home. Give him a call.

If you have news about others, please forward it to me for sharing here.



Meet Dale Egertson

Darrell joined SPEBSQSA (BHS) at the invitation of Harold Ulring 32 years ago. Over the years he has been a member of four choruses: Minneapolis Commodores, Denver Tech, Great Northern Union, and now Bloomington. He retains inactive membership in the Commodores and GNU. With the 1st three choruses he has competed in the International over 20 times and has seven bronze medals.

Darrell has sung in only one registered quartet, the Minnesota Jubilee, 1979-1984. In 1980 it won the Novice Championship at both Division and District levels, and "made the cut" every time it competed at District with seventh place being the best placement.

HELP IS ON THE WAY!!!!

The Pentagon announced TODAY the formation of a new 500-man elite fighting unit called the United States Redneck Special Forces (USRSF).

These mostly Southern boys will be dropped off into Iraq and will be given only the following facts about terrorists :

1. The season opened today.
2. There is no limit.
3. They taste just like chicken.
4. They don't like beer, pickups, country music, or Jesus.
5. They are directly responsible for the death of Dale Earnhardt.

The Pentagon expects the problem in Iraq to be over by Friday .

Applications are available at your local Wal-Mart sporting goods counter.

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JIM's Jottings

Recently, when I went to McDonald's ,I saw on the menu that you could have an order of 6, 9 or 12 Chicken McNuggets. I asked for a half dozen nuggets. "We don't have a half dozen nuggets," said the teenager at the counter. "You don't?" I replied. "We only have six, nine, or twelve," was the reply. "So I can't order a half dozen nuggets, but I can order six?" "That's right." So I shook my head and ordered six McNuggets.

Police in Radnor , Pa . interrogated a suspect by placing a metal colander on his head and connecting it with wires to a photocopy machine.The message "He's lying" was placed in the copier, and police pressed the copybutton each time they thought the suspect wasn't telling the truth.Believing the "lie detector" was working, the suspect confessed.

A mother calls 911 very worried, asking the dispatcher if she needs to take her kid to the emergency room, the kid was eating ants. The dispatcher tells her to give the kid some Benadryl and it should be fine.The mother says, "Okay, but, I just gave him some ant-killer....."Dispatcher: "Rush him in to an emergency room!"

**Life is tough.
It's tougher if you're stupid...**

**JOE BARBERSHOP
COMING to Bloomington**

TFLBTMOT

**Your chance to perform at the
10,000 Lakes Division Contest
could be with the Lunch
Bunch directed by Bob Spong.
They will be the mic testers
for the Saturday chorus con-
test. They meet every Thurs-
day at 11:30am at the Moose
on Monroe in Mpls. For lunch
and some singing.**

Red T-shirts required

**Make this your soapbox. Contribute to the newsletter and
tell us what you think can be done to improve our music
and increase our membership.**



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Now retired, Darrell and his wife Helga travel for extended periods, making commitment to a chorus or quartet difficult, but he still loves to sing in a quartet whenever possible. On each of two extended cruises he managed to organize a quartet. Both quartets enjoyed performing at various dinner tables and were invited to sing ahead of the evening stage shows and participated in talent shows.

In addition to singing and traveling, Darrell's other passions include golfing. Darrell and Helga have two sons and three grandsons who all live in the Twin Cities area.

Russ & Sandy Renew Their Vows After 50 Years



Russell and Sandra Settevig renewed their marriage vows in St Paul at Cherokee Park United Church on January 31, 2009. The event was hosted by their children and attended by many friends and relatives.

The 1st verse of this special song says it all.

***From a farm in central Minn,
From Long Island on the Sound,
What a happy blend they've been,
Joy for fifty years they've found.
Settevigs for you we raise,
Golden Wedding prayers and praise.***

Congratulations

**SING for the TWINS game
SUNDAY—AUG 16th, 2009**

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the second Tuesday of every month.
Extra issues may be published if situa-
tions demand immediate circulation.**

**Tell us about yourself or an event re-
lated to barbershopping which may be
of interest.**



Random Sample improvised with Dean and Hans singing baritone and lead, respectively on February 13th and 14th while delivering their valentines. If you don't think it was fun, just ask Hans.

Valentines

Singing for Ron Glaeser at the Vet's Home was one of the most gratifying gigs on the 14th for the Wizards. Ron even sang a couple with the quartet and was beaming effusively as we left.



Wayne's World of Digital

<http://public.fotki.com/waynelr6/barbershop/showtime-1/showtime-2008/>

<http://public.fotki.com/waynelr6/barbershop/>

<http://waynelr.smugmug.com/> *Personal photo site*

<http://www.sing4u.com/> *Chapter website maintained by Bob Breid*

<http://www.sing4me.net/> *Singing Valentines*

Bloomington Chapter BHS

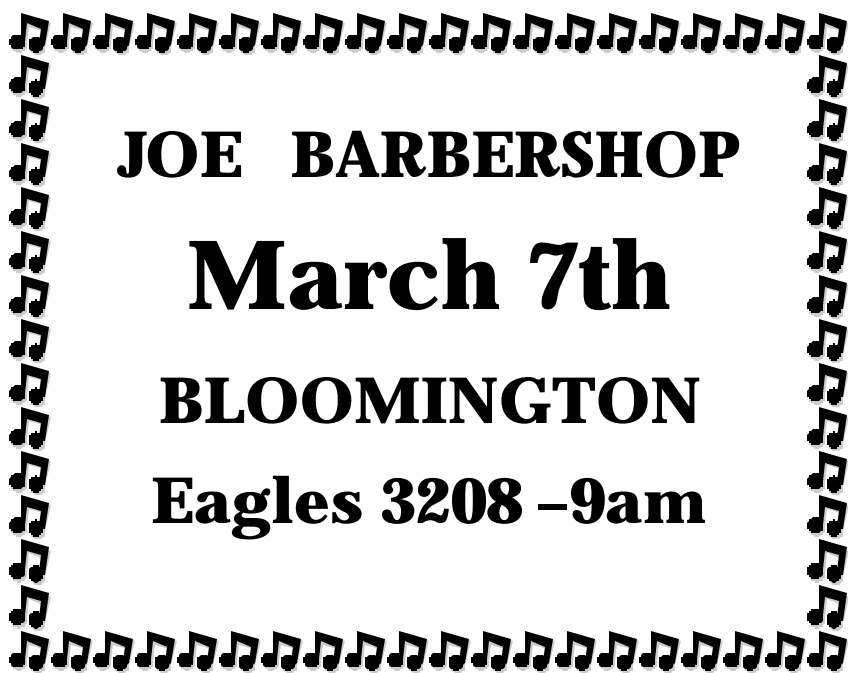
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JOE BARBERSHOP

March 7th

BLOOMINGTON

Eagles 3208 -9am

Check out our newly updated website at www.sing4u.com

Come to the POINT

Spring Convention, International Prelims & Packerland Division Contest

May 1-3, 2009 Stevens Point, WI

See your *Pitchpiper* for registration details

Wanted - Singers for 2009