



Pride Piper

Act II

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Waterloo, Iowa

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There Will Always Be A Place For You!

Remember the Headlines Last March?

2020 Concert Cancelled!!



As the finishing touches of **Pizazz 2020** were under completion, Covid-19 forced the cancellation of PI's Spring Concert! It was a great disappointment for the chorus, guests and the community! However, the emphasis **"There Will Always Be A Place For You"**

still holds true. As the Chorus strives to stay connected during this time of the pandemic, the PI Board is taking action to reach out to members to let them know they are thinking of them and want to get back on the risers as soon as that can be done safely. They are hopeful their next concert may be an outdoor event with lots of space for social distancing. Be sure to check out future issues of the Pride Piper Act II for any updates!!

Once upon a time.....

During the 80's, prior to appearing on the contest stage, an average guy, who did not feel he had any musical authority, wanted to inspire the rest of the members of the Chorus.....



How could he do this?
How is the Chorus feeling?
What is the inspiration needed?
What is the objective?

BRING THE GOLD HOME TO WATERLOO!!

And hence, **IC Gold** was born!! IC Gold began submitting articles to the Pride Piper that were encouraging, thoughtful, inspiring; exactly what The Proud Image needed! To take it a step further, another member wondered, what would IC look like? Perhaps an evangelist, a rapper? He visited the costume shop in Cedar Falls where he gathered articles for the perfect look, searched his wife's and his mother's jewelry boxes for the most gaudy, ropy beads, bracelets and necklaces to complete his ensemble, to create IC GOLD! The fun was only beginning! IC Gold not only became a regular contributor to the Pride Piper, but now made appearances at pep rallies and after parties! The inspiration and fun provided to the Chorus was priceless! You may even hear from IC Gold, himself in future issues of the Pride Piper Act III!

THE INSIDE SCOOP ON TWO OF OUR MEMBERS



From the Bass Section, Meet Charter Member, John Timm, who is best known by the members of the PI, for his deep, booming voice. His renditions of “*O’ Man River*” and “*16 Ton*” have been enjoyed by countless audiences.

John retired as an electrician/supervisor from John Deere in 1985. He has been married to his wife, Trudy for nearly 60 years. They have three sons, Randy, Terry, and Troy, seven grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

John has been singing in the choir at Trinity Lutheran Church since the age of eleven. He most recently sang a solo during the Christmas Eve Service this past December. Back in 1952 when he was in high school, he remembers singing the first tenor part of “*When Irish Eyes Are Smiling*.” John is also a member of another local singing group, The Doo Wops.

John’s friend from church, Jerry Easter, invited him to a chapter meeting in 1978. He became a charter member and has been singing with the Chorus ever since. His favorite memory of singing with the Proud Image is when his son, Terry, joined the Chorus and together they sang on stage in Kansas City in 1980, winning the Central States District Championship.

He truly loves the comradery and friendships that he has formed over these past 40+ years and the unique sound of barbershop harmony. His favorite hobby, other than singing barbershop, is wood working and refinishing furniture. Perhaps his most cherished project is the dining room hutch he made for his wife, Trudy, which is proudly displayed in their home.

John Timm, bass extraordinaire of The Proud Image Chorus!



Willie Washington, Our Featured Lead....

And I just heard the best news ever from Willie! Says Willie “I just can’t wait for The Proud Image to be able to meet and sing again.”

This guy is a lead of all leads; his very favorite song the PI sings is “*I’ll Walk With God*.” He truly loves all of the other styles of music they sing.

Willie was a patrol officer with the Waterloo Police Department for over 30 years. Since his retirement, you can find him doing part time delivery work for the floral department, College Square HyVee.

Willie and his wife, Ethel, enjoy their children and grandchildren. Ethel is retired and prior to the pandemic, enjoyed doing volunteer work.

Willie didn’t just started singing, in the 70’s and 80’s, he has sung with other groups including the choir of Union Missionary Baptist. They currently are members of Grace Fellowship Church.

Because it is important to Willie to stay in good shape, you can often find him working out at the gym. Traveling is a big highlight, especially if someone else would pay for it!! He and Ethel have traveled to Aruba, Cozumel, but feel the Caribbean vacations are the best.

Way back when, Jerry Easter was instrumental in getting Willie to quite a few rehearsals. However, it wasn’t until Al Ferden and Denny Craun came along that Willie finally decided to become a member of the Proud Image. He is very thankful he did!

He does have a secret wish—to be able to sing Bass, just like John Timm. A real highlight of Willie’s was singing on contest stage in Iowa City.

SWEET MEMORIES FROM APRIL 26, 1980 BY LINDA CRAUN...

FIRST CONTEST FOR BLACK HAWK METRO, Central States District Convention, Kansas City, Missouri Several wives had taken the city bus to Crowne Center in Kansas City Saturday morning, the same day as chorus competition which didn't start until 1:30 p.m. Debbie Andersen (Kevin Andersen's wife at the time) and I caught the bus to go back downtown, so we could get ready for the competition. The bus headed out away from downtown, but we just figured it looped around like it does in Waterloo. We were on it for quite some time when the bus driver parked and got off the bus. When we questioned him, he said this was the end of the line; we asked how we could get back downtown. He told us where we could catch another bus. At the first bus pickup we stopped at, there was a very disheveled man asleep with a brown paper bag on the bus bench. We decided to walk further down the street. We talked about calling a taxi, but the buildings were dark with bars on the windows (this was before cell phones). Finally, a bus came along and we got on. We asked; it would end up back downtown.

We're at 79th Street and we only have half an hour to get downtown. Does this bus pick someone up at every corner? It sure seemed like it stopped at every single corner and the bus wouldn't move until the person found a seat. By the time we got downtown, we were already late for the chorus competition. We had to go back to our hotel rooms because we didn't have our badges to get into the competition, so we went ahead and changed into our red, black and white. On the elevator going down, I started laughing; Debbie looked at me horrified and asked how I could laugh. I told her if I didn't laugh, I was going to sob. Anyway, we made it to the contest, but we missed the Proud Image performance.

However, we were there for the celebration! Back then, they announced the top 5 choruses, in no particular order, and then they announced No. 5 through No. 1. You had to be one of the top 5 choruses to compete in the Fall; that was the chorus goal. Proud Image went crazy (screaming, whooping, clapping) when they were named in the top 5. Then the emcee asked that Proud Image settle down so he could announce the order of the 5 choruses: No. 5, Spirit of St. Louis; No. 4, Sioux Emperians; No. 3, Air Capitol; No. 2, Daniel Boone; NO. 1, BLACK HAWK METRO!!! Pure pandemonium—jumping up and down, hugs, jumping over seats!!

If you are the No. 1 chorus, you perform in the Saturday evening show, so we did get to see their performance.

(An aside, Kevin Andersen still has the pocket knife that Debbie bought for him on that shopping trip.)

Editor's Note:

Thanks Linda, after reading your article, I feel like I am reliving that Saturday. Such wonderful memories we have, and the friendships that have grown from the PI. *Marie Easter*



**Ella Fitzgerald
once said,
"The only thing
better than singing is
more singing!"**

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MUSIC COMMITTEE UPDATE

We reviewed the song list we had been working on before our chorus' plans were put on hold. As a reminder, here is the list:

1. *There Will Always Be A Place For You*
2. *Oh Danny Boy*
3. *Sixteen Tons*
4. *Stand By Me*
5. *Smilin' Through*
6. *The Longest Time*
7. *Little Pal*
8. *I'm Sitting On Top Of The World*
9. *Forgive Me*

We've discussed adding two more songs that we are familiar with, to round out the list, and those are:

10. *Over The Rainbow*
11. *Gospel Medley*

Continue to listen and sing with your tracks, even if it's only a couple of songs each week. Keep the songs fresh in your mind. We have talked about, hopefully, presenting a free concert near late summer if COVID is put to rest. These would be the songs we would sing. If you've misplaced your tracks, email Denny Ernster at dernster57@outlook.com. We also brainstormed some possible songs for a concert down the road. Here is the link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r02Ind3cw7E>

Enjoy!

Dan Bogart, VP of Music

Music Committee Members:

Dave Boyd, Steve Klawonn, Denny Craun

*Many of you may know or remember a favorite chorus barbershop tag...
"To Reach the Unreachable Star"*

THE FINAL TAG

Just as in barbershop music, a tag is a dramatic variation in the last section of a song; so this last section will be dedicated to updates on chorus members! Let us know if you have a "note" you would like added!

*** Charise Boyd is back home after having knee surgery. She is doing well with the assistance of a walker and receiving physical therapy.*

*** Thoughts and prayers go out to Jeff Morgan after undergoing and recovering from triple bypass surgery in Iowa City.*

*** We want to send our prayers and best wishes to Mark Lyman who will be having a cochlear implant in early March.*

A Message from Marie

LEADERSHIP! IT'S IMPORTANT!

I KNOW EACH ONE OF YOU GUYS ARE IN THE PROUD IMAGE BECAUSE YOU LOVE TO SING.

HOWEVER, BEHIND THE SCENES WRAPPED AROUND THE SINGING PART IS YOUR ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM. IT IS PROVEN TO BE A WELL-OILED MACHINE WHEN ALL LAYERS ARE IN PLACE, CHAPTER, DISTRICT AND INTERNATIONAL.

ENJOY THIS ARTICLE FROM YOUR CSD PRESIDENT, DUANE LAWSON, IF YOU DON'T ALREADY KNOW HIM, THIS IS A GREAT TIME TO MAKE A NEW SINGING FRIEND
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Message from CSD

President Duane Lawson

I would like to say that after 30 years of singing Barbershop, that entering my first year as The Central States District President during a pandemic was everything I had ever hoped for. There is always hope!

I will say that I am very proud of the 2021 CSD Board of Directors and Program Administrator Team.

We have been working hard to come up with opportunities for our district. CSD is working with Harmony Hall to create a Leadership Academy that is hosted through Virtual Midwinter. Everyone wanted to offer a live event, but we feel this is the best option in our current environment.

We are also creating a Quartet Only Competition to replace our Spring Convention in Lee's Summit, MO. Look for information as the event will be broadcasted so you may cheer for our CSD quartets.

My hope is that we will have a safe environment for our Fall Convention in Lawrence, KS. Can you believe we will celebrate our 75th Anniversary!! Keep connecting with your chapter and with your barbershop family! If there is anything I or the district leadership can offer you or your chapter, please let us know.

Duane Lawson

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!



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March/April P.I. Calendar

March 2 – Board Meeting 7:00 pm

March 16 – Chapter Meeting 7:00 pm

April 6 – Board Meeting 7:00 pm

April 20 – Chapter Meeting 7:00 pm

All meetings are via Zoom. Members should receive an invitation with sign in info by email prior to the meeting date.

Check out PI's website: www.proudimagechorus.org
Thank you to Jace Hicok for keeping this updated!

***PLEASE NOTE:** The deadline to submit articles for the May/June Issue of the Pride Piper Act II is April 15th. We encourage members to submit newsworthy articles by contacting:
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Black Hawk Metro, The Proud Image Chorus
Under the Direction of David Boyd



1985 Central States District Champions with their arrangement of *St. Patty's Day Parade!*

MAY THE ROAD
RISE TO MEET
MAY THE YOU
WIND BE ALWAYS AT
YOUR BACK
MAY THE SUN SHINE WARM
UPON YOUR FACE
THE RAINS FALL UPON YOUR
SOFT FIELDS
AND, UNTIL
WE MEET AGAIN
MAY GOD HOLD YOU
IN THE PALM OF HIS HAND