



# PRIDE PIPER ACT II

Black Hawk Metro - Waterloo, Iowa

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## “BACK TO BARBERSHOP” – September 25, 2021



After several months with no regular rehearsals, no events, no contest, the Proud Image stepped up to the plate as the spring/summer months rolled around. The goal to share their love of four-part harmony prevailed and plans escalated to present a free concert to not only their loyal boosters but the whole Cedar Valley community. They presented “**Back to Barbershop**” on September 25<sup>th</sup> with guest quartets from Dubuque and Des Moines and our own, At Last. Waterloo’s Cedar Valley Church on Ansborough was the scene of a great afternoon of barbershop harmony and a receptive audience to welcome the sounds of the award-winning PI Chorus under the direction of David Boyd! It was a WIN-WIN!!

Photo above is from “Back to Barbershop” Concert. Photo on top left of the next page shows men receiving final instructions and encouragement from Director, David Boyd prior to the Chorus taking to the stage. Second photo is Collective Sound, guest quartet from Dubuque and Antique Harmony, current CSD Senior Quartet Champions from Des Moines. And finally, bottom photo, our own chapter quartet, At Last!



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### **When Opportunity Knocks! By President Steve Klawonn**

In the long and storied history of the Proud Image Chorus, there have been, time and again, situations that have arisen that have been instrumental in shaping us into the Barbershop tradition that we all value and hold dear. Our hard work and championship work ethic has molded us into a chorus that has high expectations and respect throughout the Central States District of the Barbershop Harmony Society. It is through these transformative moments, that we continue to move forward and maintain excellence in harmony, entertaining crowds year after year and basking in the delight of the applause as our musical style touches all those who listen.

The leadership of the Proud Image was recently approached by the Mason City Chapter, about a possibility of working together that would benefit both choruses as we seek to navigate the future. As we come out of the pandemic and seek to promote our musical hobby, we are looking for “out of the box” thinking that will ensure the future of both chapters. Their proposal to us is as follows;

1. While we maintain the identity of each chorus within its’ community, that we join forces and sing together in order to increase the quality of our product and provide an awesome opportunity to sing in a very large chorus.
  - a. Mason City will continue to rehearse on Monday evenings.
  - b. Proud image would continue to rehearse on Tuesday evenings.
  - c. The music committees of each chorus will meet together and formulate a show package that is agreeable for both choruses and we will learn each song separately, coming together when near the show dates to blend it all together.
  - d. In an effort to have common music interpretation and singing style and quality, Dave Boyd has agreed to becoming the director of Mason City while continuing his championship duties with Proud Image.

2. Mason City is planning their spring show for April 9th. It is expected that members of Proud Image will sing on their show and in turn, two or three weeks later, Members of Mason City would come down and sing with us for our show.

3. It is the expectation of Mason City that with continued recruitment of both choruses and coming together as a single chorus unit, that we could have 80 – 100 men on stage to delight our audiences.

4. Mason City also expressed the desire of about 25 members of their chorus to actually compete in District Contests under the Proud Image banner in the future.

I would suggest that the number 25 will be a minimum and might well extend to an even greater number that will make Proud Image a dominate force once again in the Central States.

5. When it comes to our stage uniform, Mason City assures us they have well over 100 new uniforms that have not been used and will be available to our hybrid choruses.

Wow! What a difference it can make for all involved when we join our voices in harmony and promote the single greatest hobby available today. The board of Proud Image has meet and unanimously agreed that this is a positive step forward for the future of both choruses and when it was discussed in a chapter meeting a few weeks ago, was also very well received. What a monumental opportunity we have before us to increase membership and our musical footprint in our communities.

If you have questions that have not been addressed, we will be setting up a question/answer session with some members of the leadership of Mason City to help guide us through the proposal. You can also address any questions to myself, anyone member of our board, or Dave Boyd.

With that let us take the pitch... and always strive to “Keep the Whole World Singing!”

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### **Please meet one of the newer members of The Proud Image.**

Welcome to Bill Charlton, a versatile singer who has been in the bass section, but is transitioning to baritone.

When he isn't singing, or busy with his family, he can be found as a Quality Manager at D LaPorte, North America. Bill and his wife, Christina, just celebrated their 11<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. They are the parents of nine year old daughter, Myka and seven year old son, Merrick. Myka likes to sing as well as Bill and Christina who both have enjoyed singing with the St. Edward's Choir.

In 2017, Christina was overwhelmed when she heard the Proud Image perform at the Boys & Girls Club event at Gallagher Bluedorn. Afterward she talked with Director, David Boyd. She shared with Dave that her husband could sing and needed to be in this group. The late Bob Trettin and John Timm, with their delightful bass voices, took Bill under their wings. And just like that, a great new member is singing with PI.

Bill is quartetting now, singing baritone in the newly formed Saturday Night Special, and is looking forward to the growth of this quartet. He doesn't only sing, but has had administrative duties as well, serving as Board Member At Large about three years ago.

He loved singing on contest stage in St. Charles, Mo, hearing and experiencing some of the great quartets and choruses. Sounds as though this was an eye-opening experience for him. His favorite music is traditional barbershop music, pole cat songs. There was a break taken from about Oct '19 to Spring of '21 for family, work, life; but he missed the camaraderie of the guys in the Proud Image, sooo he is back on the risers, and I suspect very well received.

He is originally from Lake Mills, IA., attended Northwestern College, transferred to UNI. In the spare time Bill has, he enjoys woodworking, making signs, furniture. In this interview, I learned about Bill, saw the coasters he makes, and guess what, since I believe in supporting my own, an order has been

placed. If you don't know Bill, take some time to visit with him, will be time well spent.



### **Introducing Long-Time Lead, Craig Holdiman.**

After one year of teaching 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade science, his career turned to appraising and he never looked back! Many of you are familiar with Holdiman Appraisals which Craig started 48 years ago.

Craig is married to his wife, Sharon. They have two children and three granddaughters, all of Waterloo. Craig has been involved in the community as part of the Planning and Zoning Commission, School Board and is still active in the Exchange Club. He is a member of First Congregational Church in Waterloo.

Craig was introduced to barbershop back in 1994 when former member, Jack Megason, invited Craig to a concert of the Proud Image Chorus. It was in 1995 that Craig was joined the chorus at the urging of his wife, Sharon.

Craig's fondest memory with the PI is winning the Small Chorus District Contest in Lincoln, Nebraska. The camaraderie he shares with the members is what he loves most about singing with the chorus. He has held several positions, such as president, board member at large, but remains secretary treasurer for many years. Craig was presented the prestigious award, Barbershopper of the Year in 2002 and in 2013. His favorite song, For the Longest Time.

In addition to singing with the chorus, Craig enjoys photography. Craig Holdiman, a dedicated member of the PI Chorus!!





INSTALLATION OF THE PI BOARD MEMBERS WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup> AT THE CEDAR FALLS WOMAN'S CLUB, 304 CLAY ST. IN CEDAR FALLS BEGINNING AT 5:30 P.M. WITH DINNER AT 6:00 P.M. THE COVETED BARBERSHOPPER OF THE YEAR WILL ALSO BE AWARDED AT THIS EVENT.



Membership VP, Eric Boyd is a third generation barbershopper. He grew up with the music of four-part harmony in the barbershop style and is lead in the Chorus. He has made life-long friends through his experience with the PI. As

VP of Membership, his goal is to see the chorus numbers grow. Eric states, "I know it has been a crazy year dealing with Covid. I wanted to keep everyone positive. I think we have an exciting year to come. This merger (see President's article, P.3) can be a game changer! I would like to encourage everyone to bring guests and remember every Tuesday is a guest night." If you have sung in your high school chorus, your church choir or even like to sing in the shower, consider visiting a rehearsal with the Proud Image Chorus. They meet at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday evenings at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 4031 Lafayette Road, in Evansdale. Call Eric at 319-504-4645. I am sure he would love to share his story and invite you to join the men of the Proud Image Chorus! And members, a personal invitation is a great way to grow numbers! See you Tuesday!

A note from Lyle Schwery, lead from Harmony Delegation regarding their Virtual Show. Our ship is ready to sail! Here is the link to our barbershop chorus virtual show. It was a lot of fun to produce and think you will enjoy it. Please feel free to share it. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MdZApw21rM8>

*Ladies' Corner*.....

Please mark your calendars for Tuesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. for a Christmas Coffee for just the ladies at Prince of Peace. This will be a white elephant gift exchange. Please bring a sample of your favorite treat to share.

**CHRISTMAS COFFEE**

Tuesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 4031 Lafayette Road, Evansdale

Ladies of the Proud Image are invited to a Christmas Coffee.

Please bring a plate of holiday treats to share and A wrapped white elephant gift to exchange.

**THE FINAL TAG**

The Chorus extends its deepest sympathy to the family of Doug Boelman who was a member of the PI and passed away last month.

We want to extend our sincere sympathy to Pam and Den Craun, Jr. on the loss of Pam's dad, Larry McKinney.

We also want to send our heartfelt condolences to the family of Brian Walther. Brian, was the son of the late, Harlan Walther and his wife, Norma. Harlan was a charter member of the Chorus.