



PRIDE PIPER ACT II

Black Hawk Metro Waterloo, Iowa

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**SAVE THE DATE – APRIL 23, 2022 - SPRING SHOW – CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL
Proud Image and River City Choruses with Featured Quartet: Harmonium**

OPPORTUNITY BECOMES REALITY

After experiencing a pandemic like none of us has ever seen, The Proud Image Chorus continues with its championship work ethic which has molded them into a chorus with high expectations and gained the respect throughout the Central States District and Barbershop Harmony Society. It is through these transformative moments that they continue to move forward and maintain excellence in harmony.

A few weeks ago, Proud Image Chorus along with River City Chorus from Mason City agreed to join forces. This will allow them to navigate the future and promote their musical hobby in order to increase their quality of product and provide an awesome opportunity to sing in a chorus which will more than double its size! Long time Waterloo resident, David Boyd, formerly of Mason City, is the director of both choruses.

Preparations are now underway for their upcoming Spring Shows, "Back in Harmony" which will be presented by Waterloo's own Proud Image Chorus along with River City Chorus. The first shows will be held April 9th in Mason City at NIACC Auditorium with guest quartet Midtown. Central Middle School, 1350 Katoski Dr., in Waterloo will be the venue for the show to be held locally on April 23 with guest quartet Harmonium. Photo shows a recent joint rehearsal



Say, 'I Love You' with a Singing Valentine! Send a quartet from the Proud Image Chorus to sing a song and deliver a rose to your special someone, at the place of your choice, on Monday, February 14th. Prices starting at \$40. Make your reservation by calling 515-979-9054! Operators are standing by!



JOINT REHEARSALS – RIVER CITY WILL TRAVEL TO WATERLOO ON FEB. 5TH AND MARCH 5TH FOR ALL DAY JOINT REHEARSALS IN PREPARATION FOR THEIR UPCOMING SHOWS, BACK IN HARMONY. A LIGHT LUNCH OF PULLED PORK SANDWICHES, BAKED BEANS, AND A VEGGIE TRAY PLUS WATER/COFFEE WILL BE SERVED ON FEBRUARY 5TH.

Black Hawk Metro's, Proud Image Chorus is Pleased to Announce its Slate of Officers for 2022.



They were installed during a buffet dinner by a past president, Denny Craun, Sr. which was held at Cedar Falls Woman's Club last month. The Board includes: Steve Klawonn, President; Dan Bogart, Music Vice-President; Eric Boyd, Membership Vice-President; Craig Holdiman, Secretary/Treasurer; Phil Porter, Communication Vice-President; Dave Hamblin, Don Lubbert, and Craig Patterson, Board Members at Large.

OFFICERS – PLEASE NOTE - BOARD MEETINGS – 3RD TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH

2021 BOTY AWARD PRESENTED

The coveted Barbershopper of the Year Award was presented at the Installation Dinner by last year's BOTY, Jons Olsson.

This year's winner sings tenor. In 2000, his novice quartet was named champions of the CSD in that division. Music has been a huge focus in his life including junior high honor choirs, All-State singer and singing barbershop in high school. According to this individual, "singing is life and the rest is just details."

His priority has been to join local choruses in the community wherever he has lived. He directed Ottumwa's River Valley Harmonizers for over ten years. Six years ago, he moved to the Cedar Valley and joined The Proud Image Chorus, shortly thereafter. He has devoted countless hours to many aspects of the PI while holding several positions on the Board including Music VP, Show Chairman, two years, current President and will begin his second term in 2022. With his versatile vocal range, he sings tenor, not only in the Chorus, but in his chapter quartet, At Last. He and his wife live in Evansdale where he serves as Pastor of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church. He and Natalie are the parents of daughter, Katie and twins, Melinda and Elizabeth and grandparents to David and Jesse. When he finds the time, he loves to quilt and has made over 60 quilts. Please help me in congratulating this well-deserving recipient of the 2021 Barbershopper of the Year Award for Black Hawk Metro's Proud Image Chorus, Steve Klawonn.



Pictured is Steve Klawonn, recipient of 2021 BOTY AWARD which was presented by 2020 winner, Jons Olsson.

The Pride Piper

ANOTHER SIGHTING OF IC GOLD!

Mary Trettin, here, reporting live from an undisclosed location in Waterloo. There have been sightings of IC Gold in the area. Some of you may remember that he was on the scene several years ago when the Chorus was headed to the International Convention in Salt Lake City! He was inspirational and motivational as he gave the Chorus a boost in getting ready for singing on that stage!

I cannot reveal my sources, but a few days ago, I was able to get some thoughts from IC. Here is what he had to say: *"Things are really moving forward toward the upcoming spring shows in April. To say, I'm excited to see it all come together in a few short months is truly an understatement!"*

The effect of joining the River City Chorus and our Proud Image will surely pay big dividends. I'm still imagining the power of 60-80 singers on the risers. Plain and simple – AWESOME!!

It takes more than a little effort by many men to not only 'leave the music,' but also 'the behind the scenes' efforts of several key people in key positions. Learning the music is just one piece of the puzzle. Each member also has the responsibility to help with the 'behind the scenes' workload, whether it be in stage preparation or quartet procurement, there's a job for each member.

*Currently there is a huge need for each member to step up and offer some time and expertise in several areas. I urge you to immediately contact President, Steve Klawonn and make yourself available. Let's share the load and help make this the very best PI show ever! Then you will see **gold**, like **IC Gold**!!*

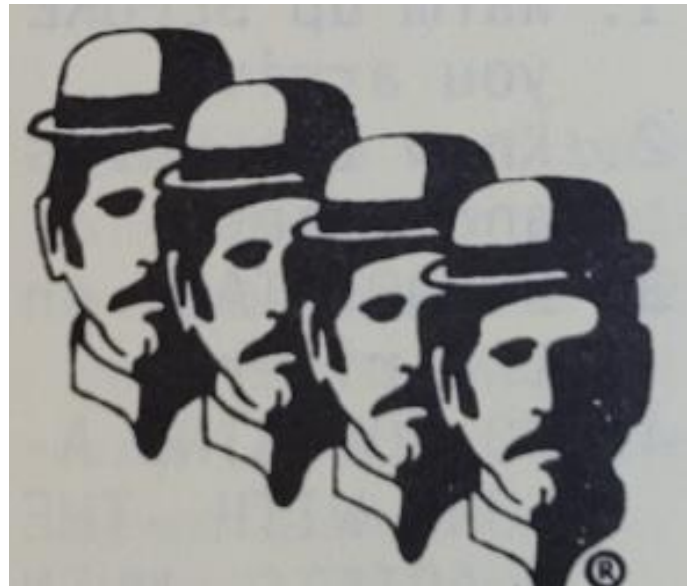
Keep your fingers crossed that someday, we will be able to meet IC Gold in person!!!

Signing off, Mary Trettin, Reporter for Pride Piper Act II

ATTITUDES FOR SUCCESS

Pride
Respect
Optimism
Unity
Discipline

Involvement
Motivation
Ambition
Goodwill
Enthusiasm



WE HAVE WHAT IT TAKES!



There will be two shows at NIACC Auditorium in Mason City when both choruses join together on Saturday, April 9th at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Please check out www.rivercitychorus.org for ticket info.

FINAL TAG....

BIRTHDAYS –

CRAIG HOLDIMAN - JAN. 31

VICKI BOGART – FEB. 22

DENNY ERNSTER – FEB. 27

LYNN PATTERSON – FEB. 27

ANNIVERSARIES –

WILLIE AND ETHEL WASHINGTON – JAN. 8

***Members, please let us know your birthday as well as your spouse's and anniversary date so that it may be added to the Final Tag each month! Thank you!



Both of your editors celebrated milestone birthdays recently. Marie turned 80 in November and Mary turned 75 in December!