



# PRIDE PIPER ACT II

Black Hawk Metro Waterloo, Iowa

November/December 2022

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## “A BARBERSHOP CHRISTMAS” COMING SOON!

Over the years, the men of the Proud Image Chorus have continued to give back to the community by singing the National Anthem at various sporting events, providing special music at local churches, presenting musical selections for senior citizens, to mention just a few. This year they have taken this concept to a new level! As discussions materialized to benefit a local charity, House of Hope stood out among others. The mission of House of Hope is to provide single mother families and women who age out of foster care with individualized support, transitional housing independence and a permanent home. The vision is to end the cycle of homelessness in the Cedar Valley. House of Hope is 100% community funded. It is with great pride the entire proceeds from **“A Barbershop Christmas”** will be presented to House of Hope!



The Proud Image Chorus  
and River City Chorus  
*present*

## A BARBERSHOP CHRISTMAS

Sunday, December 4, 2022

3:00 PM (Doors open at 2:30 PM)

Cedar Valley Church

3520 Ansborough Ave.

Waterloo, IA 50701

Tickets only

**\$5**

**ORDER TICKETS AT:**  
**(515) 979-9054 or**  
**pichorus@gmail.com**

All ticket sales  
and a free will  
offering will  
be given to  
House of Hope.

  
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of Hope**  
Empowering Women.  
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Enriching Communities.

## JOINING VOICES! BY RIVER CITY'S DENNIS STAUDT



I think it was in the summer of 2021 that I attended a planning meeting of the River City Chorus. Everyone was starting to emerge out of the pandemic, and it was time to see what was ahead for the chorus. Not much had been happening for the past year and a half, singing wise. So of course, a good number of singers had taken it off of their priority list.

The group agreed that we should try to do a spring show in 2022. Problem was, we were looking at maybe 20-25 guys on stage coming out of covid. Not too exciting. That's when some of the chorus leaders brought up the idea of joining forces with a neighboring group.

Initially, I was excited but somewhat skeptical. What songs? What to wear? How to schedule rehearsals and joint rehearsal time? But the leadership teams from both chapters were up to the task, working together; planning, organizing all the logistics.

The fruits of this planning became evident to me at our first joint rehearsal, in Waterloo sometime in March 2022. There was a little nervous energy in the room as guys arrived, meeting each other for the first time. But when 50+ of us got on the risers and started warmups, it was evident that we had something special here. The big, rich fullness of sound cannot be duplicated any other way. Though the joint rehearsal was a bit rough around the edges, it had the energy that you will not find in a smaller group.

You know the rest. The three April shows were indeed a highlight of my singing years: the energy, the sound, the friendships created. A few of us were talking after the shows and agreed - it is worth the inconveniences to sing in a big chorus.

So here we are again - joint Christmas shows! What started out slowly is gaining momentum as guys are doing a great job getting off their music. Thanks to the Proud Image guys for your dedication in attending rehearsals, both at Waterloo and Mason City! Let's make December 4 another memorable day for our audiences (and ourselves). It's a joy singing with you fellows.

## JOINT REHEARSALS

After successful spring concerts held both in Waterloo and Mason City, rehearsals are well underway for the upcoming Barbershop Christmas concert which will be held to benefit local charities on December 4<sup>th</sup> in Waterloo at 3:00 p.m. and Osage, Iowa at 7:00 p.m. The House of Hope will receive 100% of the proceeds from the concert in Waterloo. Thanks to John Vaughan for these photos which were taken at the recent joint rehearsal held in Roseville.



## GUEST NIGHT DECEMBER 13<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM

Men, in the Cedar Valley, who enjoy singing and would like to find out more about becoming a part the Proud Image Chorus, are invited to a special rehearsal designed just for you!! If you have sung in your church choir, high school chorus or in the backyard, please mark the 13<sup>th</sup> on your calendar. We would love to have you join us for an evening of fun, fellowship and singing! Please call 515-979-9054 with your questions or stop by the rehearsal site at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 4031 Lafayette Rd, Evansdale Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.



## Benefit Concert for House of Hope

**One hundred percent** of the proceeds from “A Barbershop Christmas” will be donated to House of Hope. The House of Hope had its origin 25 years ago when community church leaders formed Christian Community Development (CCD). They were aware of the growing problem of homelessness among single mothers in the Cedar Valley and created a support system.

The mission of House of Hope is to provide single mother families and women who age out of foster care with individualized support, transitional housing, independence, and permanent homes.

Their vision is to end the cycle of homelessness in the Cedar Valley with respect, empowerment, stewardship and accountability.

The goal of the House of Hope is to empower women, build their future and enrich communities. House of Hope provides a home, a community and a transformation for single mother families in homelessness and women 18-24 who age out of foster care.

The House of Hope helps empower single mothers to give them and their children a chance at self-sufficiency to break the cycle of poverty and homelessness. Every woman is expected to obtain a degree or employment to work towards independence. Because these women are capable, expectations are high. The House of Hope is proud to share that it is possible to go from Homeless to Homeowner in the span of two years, as demonstrated by some of the women.

Through House of Hope, the women are provided child care and transportation, receive employment readiness programs, health, wellness and finance programs, all which help build self confidence and self-esteem. The success rate is 92%. This program is 100 % community funded.



Photos provided by House of Hope.

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House of Hope Executive Director, Karin Rowe and Chorus Director, David Boyd, met with PI's Promotion Coordinators, Marie Easter and Mary Trettin.

The Proud Image Chorus will also be collecting toys from their members for the children at House of Hope for Christmas. These toys will be wrapped at a special gathering of the ladies on Tuesday, December 13th. This will be held at Prince of Peace during the Guest Night open rehearsal.

### GIFT WRAPPING PARTY!

**To the Ladies of the Proud Image Chorus:** The members of the Chorus are being asked to donate Christmas gifts for the children at House of Hope. Then, at 7:00 p.m. on December 13<sup>th</sup>, we would like to extend an invitation to the ladies to help wrap these gifts at Prince of Peace during rehearsal/Guest Night. You will be receiving [more information about this event November 1<sup>st</sup>.](#)

**Marie Easter adds:** Ladies, this will be a fun evening to benefit House of Hope and a great opportunity to get to know each other better to create friendships that can last a lifetime! My invitation to you is join in; you will be welcomed!

**November 28<sup>th</sup> – be sure to tune in to the Noon News Interview on KWWL when PI President Steve Klawonn and House of Hope Executive Director, Karin Rowe will showcase “A Barbershop Christmas.”**



## GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY



October 7<sup>th</sup>, the men of the Proud Image sang the National Anthem before the UNI Women's Volleyball Team took on Bradley Braves to win the series 3-0.

### THE BOARD OF THE PROUD IMAGE CHORUS MEETS AT 6:00 P.M. THE THIRD TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

PRESIDENT – STEVE KLAWONN  
MUSIC VP – DAN BOGART  
MEMBERSHIP VP – ERIC BOYD  
COMMUNICATION VP – PHIL PORTER  
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DAVE HAMBLIN  
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CRAIG PATTERSON

MUSIC COMMITTEE: DAN BOGART, DAVE BOYD, DENNY CRAUN, SR., STEVE KLAWONN

**Members, mark your calendars: Installation of New Officers will be held on Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at Cedar Falls Woman's Club beginning at 5:30 pm, with dinner at 6:00 pm. All members of the Proud Image and your guest are invited to attend. More information will be emailed. Reservations are required.**

**SAVE THE DATES for April 15 and April 22<sup>nd</sup> when The Proud Image and River City Choruses will present their Spring Concerts in Waterloo and Mason City!**

Men who enjoy singing and would like more information about joining the Proud Image Chorus are invited to call 515-979-9054. The Chorus, under the direction of David Boyd, rehearses Tuesday evenings at 7 pm at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 4031 Lafayette Road, Evansdale. The Proud Image Chorus is an all-male barbershop chorus out of Waterloo and the Black Hawk Metro Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society. The Chorus was founded in 1979, has appeared at International Contest three times and has been the Central States District champions of the Barbershop Harmony Society eight times. Please note the next scheduled **Guest Night is December 13<sup>th</sup>!**

If you would like to book the chorus for an upcoming event, the number to call is 515-979-9054.

We are continuing to collect birthday and anniversary dates from our members. If your special date is not on our list, please email pichorus@gmail.com with your information. Thank you!

### FINAL TAG...SENDING SPECIAL WISHES

#### *HAPPY BIRTHDAY:*

Don Lubbert – November 8th  
Marie Easter – November 17th  
Doreen Ferden – November 19th  
Mary Trettin – December 25<sup>th</sup>

#### *HAPPY ANNIVERSARY*

Dan and Vicki Bogart – November 12th  
Steve and Natalie Klawonn – November 22<sup>nd</sup>

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This photo of John and Trudy Timm was taken for their 61<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary which was celebrated on October 21<sup>st</sup>.