

BARBERSHOP POINTERS

Stevens Point, Wisconsin chapter of Barbershop Harmony Society, Inc.

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Dr. Theimer Redux

The last issue of Barbershop Pointers left us with a raft of notes taken by Kevin during our first visit by Dr. Theimer. Instructions were to hit the high spots with a refresher course, but that evening was so packed with good material and Kevin's notes so extensive, that it was decided to do it in installments.

This was probably a good thing, especially with a return visit by Dr. Theimer planned on **August 17**. Be sure to mark your calendar and be a part of the continuing march towards excellence.

One item that Dr. Theimer gave us and we have seen as a recurring theme, is the maintenance of the "inner pulse" that has shown up often in the past month. It has helped a lot in keeping synchronization less of a problem.

Another illustration that we learned during that first visit was to visualize that four mile wide cavity in the back of our throat right where it joins the mouth cavity. That resonance chamber that allows the sound to start that journey forward and project with much more ease than you might have thought possible. Kinesthetics even played a role here when we were instructed to make that 'container' by placing both hands just below our ears in order to help visualize that chamber.

We seem to sense that happening from time to time, so keep experimenting with that feeling you get when that happens. Over time it will become second nature.

In reviewing Kevin's notes from that first meeting, I found a very important point that I have iterated over the years. The underlying theme by Dr. Theimer that night was that we can do

it. You can do it. Without saying it directly, it was there in just about everything he said to us. So I'll say it again. If you get to the point that you think you can't do a particular exercise or sing a certain way, I say "NONSENSE"! Just do it! You'll be surprised at what happens.

And remember, use the breath rather than control it. Jim DeBusman once told a Harmony Explosion camp, "The breath is more important than the note." Think about that and then think about what Dr. Theimer said about using the breath.

But, getting to that note makes it even more interesting. Dr. Theimer advises that the first note is merely a point of departure. If we make that first note too important, then we've achieved our goal right at the beginning. Where do we go from there? Mmmmmmmmm.....more to think about.

Riverfront Rendezvous 2009



Results from this year's pizza sale are reported to be similar to last year's sales.

There was some strange goings on as evidenced by the pictures below.



Who what that masked man anyway! (applies to either picture!)



I didn't catch the first name, but he came up to your editor and announced himself as being Dan Schobert's son. He had a nice bass voice too. Not that basses should be granted superhero status, but it wouldn't hurt to put the arm on him sometime.

Anaheim 2009

While most of us could make it out to Anaheim over the July 4 weekend, many were at Kevin Morrissey's to watch much of the web cast presented by our Society. Daytime viewing became a challenge, but the evening competitions were great once the sun

went down. As seen in the following pictures, there was a reasonable (or unreasonable) amount of fun to be had.



"Rubber Ducky, I'm Awfully Fond of You"



Ducky wasn't up to the challenge.



Kids had a great time!



As did the grown-ups.



Future Director?

CHAPTER VISION

To continue to be a highly respected male choral organization, dedicated to:

- Maintaining the Barbershop tradition.
- Pursuing vocal improvement.
- Seeking opportunities for community involvement.
- Recruiting new members and retaining current members.
- Promoting personal development.
- Entertaining our audiences.
- Preserving the joy of Barbershop singing.

CHAPTER MISSION STATEMENT

The Stevens Point Chapter shall dedicate itself to striving for performance excellence, by continually improving the vocal and visual quality of its musical presentations.

The chapter shall strive to attract the kind of new members who will contribute their energy, talent, and a strong desire for excellence.

The chapter leadership, reflecting the interests of the membership, shall commit itself to maintaining an effective organization that ensures opportunities for improved singing, for quartet participation, and for promoting the Barbershop music style.

Northern Gateway Chapter Officers 2009

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**How many of you
Point members
have seen that in
a document at
some time or
another?**

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contain YOUR
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contribution.**

Reminder:

**This year, you
can attain 1/2
point per article
used in this
newsletter
toward point
accumulation for
Barbershopper of
The Year.**

**It just might give
you that edge!**



PLAN FOR FUTURE EVENTS

August 2, Chapter Picnic

August 17, Vocal Clinic with Dr. Axel Theimer

**October 3, 2009 Harvest of Harmony
Sentry Theater**

**October 23-25, Fall District Contest/Convention
Rochester, MN**

December 11, SPASH Concert

December 12, Christmas Party

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