



# The QuarterNote



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## From the Editor's Desk

Dear Friends of the Founders Chorus; its spring again. Grass is turning green (gotta mow this weekend – ugh!), the robins have returned waking us up earlier than we'd like, March Madness has come and gone and the "boys of summer" are on the diamond once again (GO RED SOX!!).



On top of all that, the Barbershop Harmony Society's contest season is in Full Swing! In San Marcos, TX, the weekend of March 19, four of our SouthWestern District Quartets qualified for the "Really Big Dance" at Louisville. **"Saturday Evening Post"**, Tulsa's own **"Cooligans"**, **"Sterling"** and **"McKinley Street Function"** all made the cut and will represent us at the SPEBSQSA International Quartet Contest. Also representing the "District of Champions" will be **"MaxQ"** and **"L'Audible"**, who were unable to compete in San Marcos because of scheduling conflicts, and opted to compete in other districts' International Prelims. That makes a total of **SIX** quartets from our SouthWestern District.

The boys in the chorus haven't been asleep at the wheel though. At the NE

Divisional Contest in Hot Springs, The Founders Chorus qualified for District competition with an outstanding performance of "Smiling Thru" and "Ain't Misbehavin'" and wowed the audience with their smooth choreography and wonderful unit sound. We'll take the same package to Dallas in October and only be better! And here's some really outstanding news! For the first time in a long, LONG while, **TWO** quartets from The Grand Old Chapter have qualified to compete in the District Contest.



**"Dave & Company"** and **"Final Note"** both made the cut for the "Big Dance" in Dallas. Both quartets are working hard to make a good impression on the judges and hope to make it into the Top Ten.

## Founders Chorus Web Site redesigned

Our Chapter Webmaster has redesigned our site, making it easier to read and navigate. We're always on the lookout for new and cutting edge ways to communicate our mission to barbershoppers and all fans of accapella singing. Check it out at [www.swd.org/founders](http://www.swd.org/founders).

## "Mo" Show a BIG Success

Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup> brought "A Tribute to 'Mo'" to the Scottish Rite. A nearly capacity crowd was there to hear the story of the life and times of the late Morris "Mo" Rector. In attendance was Grady Kerr, SWD Vice-President for Marketing and

Public Relations and Historian. Grady is writing a book about Mo and will be using some of the material from the show – can't wait to read his next best-seller. For some really GREAT pictures taken at the show and the afterglow at Ricardo's Restaurant, please log on to:

[http://public.fotki.com/dwwagner/spebsqsa/tribute to mo rector/tribute/](http://public.fotki.com/dwwagner/spebsqsa/tribute%20to%20rector/tribute/).

### **Union Schools and YMIH**

Our Young Men In Harmony program is producing results again this year in Union Public Schools. This year 6 boys and one vocal music teacher have signed up to attend the SWD Harmony Explosion Camp in Denton, TX. The camp, held at TWU is a total immersion for 3½ days in four-part accapella singing for over 100 middle and high school aged boys from throughout our district (OK, TX, AR, LA, and NM). [Dr Ben Ayling](#), Choral Music Education Specialist at Kent State University, is the head clinician and the always entertaining [Dallas Knights](#), will repeat as the teaching quartet. Our representatives from Union will be having the time of their lives and we hope will gain a greater appreciation for our uniquely American style. For more information on this outstanding educational opportunity and experience, log on to [www.swd.org/html/ymih.htm](http://www.swd.org/html/ymih.htm).

### **Upcoming Events** "

We're not letting any grass grow under our feet for the rest of the year. In addition to preparing for contest in October, the Founders Chorus will present a Parade of Quartets cabaret show at John Knox Presbyterian Church (2929 E. 31<sup>st</sup> St.) on September 25<sup>th</sup>. The show will be a showcase for our chapter quartets, featuring "**Final Note**" and "**Dave & Company**", our entries in the District contest. Further information will be available as we get closer to the date in upcoming issues of "**The QuarterNote**" and on our website.

Also for fans of barbershop in SE Kansas, the Founders Chorus has been invited

back to **Coffeyville Community College** for a special seasonal Performance of "Holidays In Harmony". Show date will be **December 10** at the Spenser-Rounds Theater on the campus of CCC. Information will be on the CCC website [www.ccc.cc.ks.us/](http://www.ccc.cc.ks.us/), or by calling (620) 251-7700.

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