



## The MVEer Monthly **September 2021**

### **MVE Golf Outing**

Happy to say we are going to build on the success of last year's MVE Golf outing by doubling down and doing it again! This year, we will be at **New Berlin Hills Golf Course**. [13175 W Graham St, New Berlin, WI 53151](https://www.newberlinhills.com)



### **Saturday, September 18, starting at about 9:30am for the first tee time**

The cost will again be \$60 this year - same as last. This will include a cart and cover the hole prizes and other falderol. Those who may not golf but might like to see some friends could choose to meet us starting at about **1:30pm**.

More information to follow, but in the meantime - let me know of your interest ASAP. "Old guard" MVE members, please think about the lapsed members that we would like to see again and invite them out. Please do this early. I will grab more tee times if needed, which would be a great problem to have.

THIS IS NOT JUST FOR GOLFERS WHO PLAY A LOT. There are a lot of folks who teed it up for the first time in years last year (or first time ever???). All had a good time.

Hoping to encourage folks to come on out and enjoy a safe and enjoyable afternoon in the great outdoors. I would be happy to have any volunteers who could assist in this, or who might have a great couple of door prizes to add to the pile. (We're looking at you, **Milwaukee Electric Tool** folks).



Send your questions my way please. Mike ([mikelietke@hotmail.com](mailto:mikelietke@hotmail.com))

### **No Rehearsal on Labor Day**

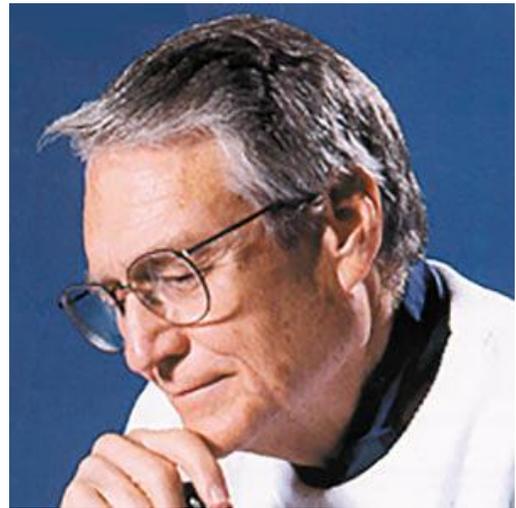
Monday, **September 6** is Labor Day. No rehearsal, but practice, practice, practice.



Joe Liles was a great man, a great Barbershopper, and a friend to the Midwest Vocal Express.

"The song has ended, but the melody lingers on..." for beloved Barbershopper Joe Liles, who passed away August 9 in his home, with Kay, his wife of 47 years, at his side.

There are no words, no notes, no harmonies large enough to encompass the breadth of Joe's influence on the **Barbershop Harmony Society**, and on the barbershop art form. In addition to hundreds of original songs, and hundreds of arrangements, his fingerprints are on untold more works that he brought to print as **Music Publications Editor**, as a teacher, mentor, and colleague to other arrangers.



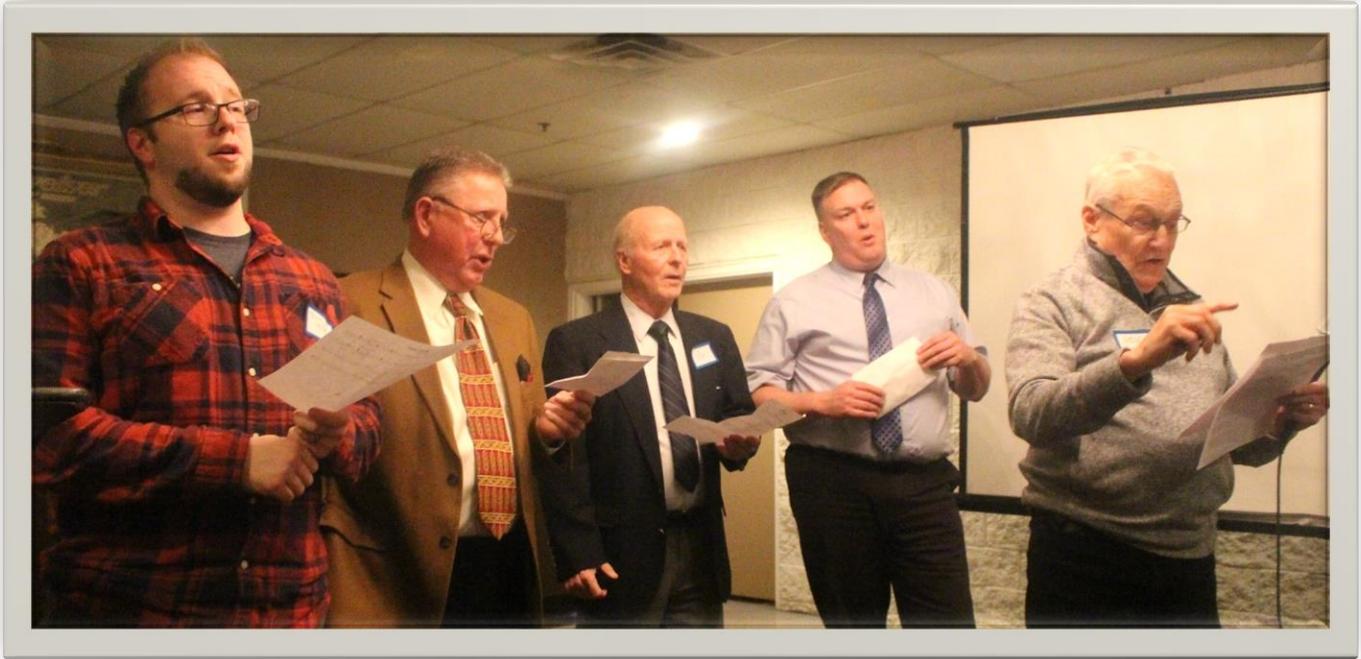
A member of the **BHS Hall of Fame**, a seniors quartet champ, a past **Society Executive Director**— any list of accomplishments falls woefully short of describing the man, whose quick wit and groan-worthy puns fired at maximum intensity right up to his final days. Joe's friends around the globe (numbering in the tens of thousands) will remember him for being keenly interested in each life, each person he met. Because although he loved barbershop, he loved Barbershoppers even more. Joe passionately, devoutly, with every breath, wanted more people singing, in every combination—men's, women's mixed—in every style. He directed **SPEBSQSA choruses** and **Sweet Adelines Choruses**. He created music for church groups, for high school groups, for people he'd never met but who had found him.

Indeed, Joe's entire musical output can be described in the titles of two of his original compositions: "*Let There Be Music! Let There Be Love!*" and "*Teach the Children To Sing.*"

If we—his friends, musical heirs, and mourners—achieve even a fraction of those aims, we will have lived a Joe Liles life. [From: [Joe Liles Obituary \(1930 - 2021\) - Kenosha, WI - Kenosha News \(legacy.com\)](#) ]

## **Joe Liles' Tag for the MVE**

On February 1, 2019 at Kremmer's Banquet Hall, **Joe Liles** oversaw the Installation of Officers of the MVE as our **Installing Marshall**. That installation coincided with our 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Of course, Joe wrote a tag for us and helped us all sing it. In this photo, Joe is assisted by **Brian Plehn, Dennis Monroe, Jim Ansay, and Niel Johnson**.



In a way to honor **Joe Liles'** contributions to the Society and to the MVE, our director **Bryan Ziegler** had us in August return to the tag Joe Liles wrote for us and sing it again.

Here is that tag:

**MVE TAG**

Words, Music and Arrangement by JOE LILES

Tenor Lead

1 2

Thir - ty years of ring - in' bar - ber - shop

Bari Bass

chord! bar - ber - shop,

3 *slowly and freely* 4 (2)

chords, ring - in' chords!

chords!

sing - in' chords!



## **Wedding Bells** – Dick & Judy

**Judy Bozich** and **Dick Marcus** were married on Saturday, July 31 in Shorewood, WI and their reception was a **Joey Gerard's** in Greendale. They both have houses, but plan to sell them and find a new home in the Milwaukee area.



**Judy** and **Dick** honeymooned in Milwaukee, Charleston, and Savannah. You know that Dick likes to take pictures, so if you wish to see many more, go to these two Flickr albums:

[Honeymoon Events | Flickr](#) and [Our Wedding and Reception | Flickr](#) Neither Judy nor Dick are proficient at golf, but you all can meet us both at the **MVE Golf Outing** when we plan to have *the lowest cost per stroke* of any couple on September 18.

## **Humor Corner** – A Few Related to COVID and the Delta Variant

1. The world has turned upside down. Old folks are sneaking out of the house, and their kids are yelling at them to stay indoors.
2. I never thought the comment, "I wouldn't touch him/her with a six-foot pole" would become a national policy, but here we are!
3. I washed my hands so much because of COVID-19 that my exam notes from 1995 resurfaced.
4. Two grandmothers were bragging about their precious darlings. One of them says to the other, "Mine are so good at social distancing, they won't even call me."



Your editor, also known as *Duck* Marcus