



The Greendaler Monthly April 2023

Meet the Tenors of Forward Harmony - courtesy of Matt Nagel



Gwen Torkelson, Angie Williams, and Sarah Konicek in the back row.

Laural Peterson & Rochelle Hackmann in the front row.

MVE & FH are Tooting on Straws?



Yup. **Director Bryan Ziegler** is using straws with his choruses. It is part of a series of researched warmups called **SOVT Exercises**, or **Semi-Occluded Vocal Tracks** – a fancy way to say that the mouth is “partially closed.” It doesn’t stand for the Soviet Union. In straw phonation, you make sounds through the straw.

There are **four main benefits** to straw phonation that you can read about below. There are several benefits for doing this including during straw phonation there is **less impact, collision, and stress on the vocal folds**. For an extended discussion of the benefits, see the Voice Science article: [Straw Phonation - VoiceScienceWorks](#)

And Also New Respiratory Muscle Exercises



Bryan Ziegler says: Here are the videos from which I pulled the breathing exercises we used in Rehearsal. There's a bit of overlap, but they're all there (and there's a couple extras!): Video is 12.5 minutes: [\(104\) Respiratory Muscle Exercises - YouTube](#)

Dance Practice Videos – Suggested viewing by Mike Lietke

Macarena – VERY stylized version of the dance. Ours will be simpler but has the same vibe.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UoUmyY6CQRo>

Cupid Shuffle (Watch starting at about 1:00)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h24_zoqu4_Q

Electric Slide (Boston Bus Stop for Bruce V)

<https://youtu.be/5jBkoEMOSSE>

Editor's Suggestion: Check out [How to Do the Macarena: 16 Steps \(with Pictures\) \(wikihow.com\)](#) A way to prepare for our Choreo on April 22 at 10am to 4pm.



I Won't Dance

<https://youtu.be/6CTR3d2Ly80>

Wedding Day

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JKboiPJsr18>

Calendar of Scheduled April Events & Guest Nights – FH & MVE

Monday, April 3, 2023 – MVE Rehearsal at 7pm at Elm Grove Lutheran (EGL)

Easter – Sunday, April 9th

Monday, April 10 – MVE GUEST NIGHT/Reunion Night at 6:30 & MVE Rehearsal at 7pm at EGL

Sunday, April 16 – FH GUEST NIGHT at 5:30 and FH Rehearsal at 6-9pm at EUCC

Monday, April 17 – MVE Rehearsal at 7pm at EGL

Saturday, April 22 – MVE Choreo Rehearsal at EGL from 10am – 4pm

Sunday, April 23 – FH Rehearsal at 6-9pm at EUCC

Monday, April 24 – MVE Rehearsal at 7pm at EGL

Tuesday, April 25 – Board Meeting from 7-8:30 via Zoom

Sunday, April 30 – FH Rehearsal at 6-9pm at EUCC

Monday, May 1 – MVE Rehearsal at 7pm at EGL



Meet the Tenors of the MVE - courtesy of Dick Marcus

The Tenor Section wins the **100% Name Tag** Participation Award.



But in case you can't read them they are (L to R) **Mike Lietke, Jim Ansay, and Nick Roe**



Happy Birthday to Bryan Ziegler & the Greendale Chapter



The Chapter sings Happy Birthday to you, Bryan, and to us on Wednesday, **April 29, 2023**, our official charter date.

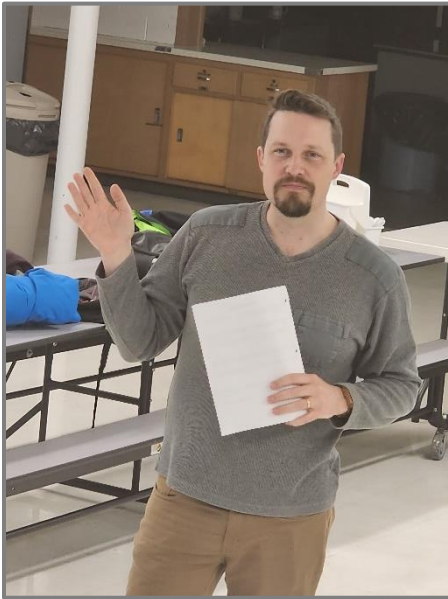
Eric Dalbey Coaches FH and the MVE – Dick Marcus

On both Sunday, March 26 and Monday, March 27, **Eric Dalbey**, the outstanding Lead from **Vocal Spectrum**, coached both choruses.

Comments that I heard from **Matt Nagel** were, "that was the fastest 3 hours I can remember", and from **Brian Lynch**, that, "Wow, that was such fun." The combination of **Bryan Ziegler** directing with **Eric Dalbey** suggesting changes worked wonders.



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Guest Nights Coming Up

Invite those you think might be interested in singing with us either to the **FH Guest Night** on Sunday, April 16th or the **MVE Guest Night and Reunion for Russ Foris** on Monday, April 10th. The two reunion songs are Polka & The Tin Roof Blues. Call your friends and former members.

Carroll University June 3, 2023 **FH & MVE Concert at 7PM!**



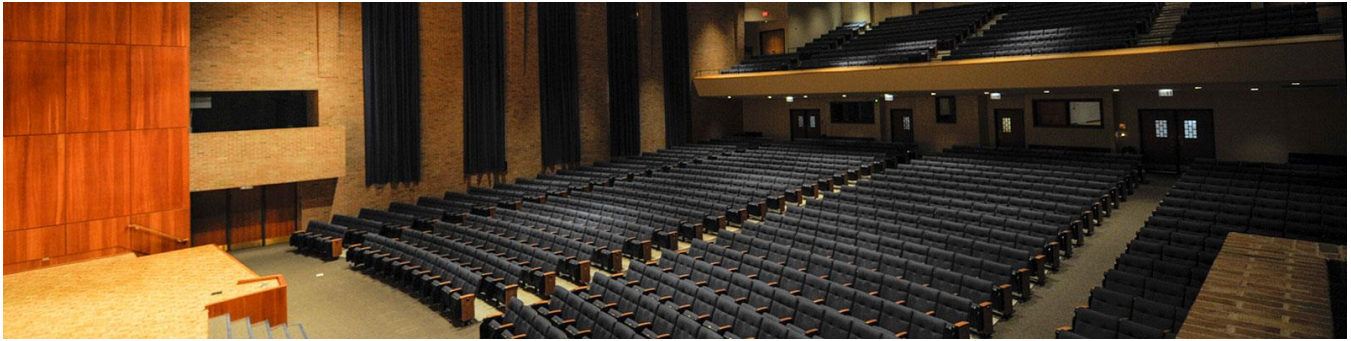
CARROLL
UNIVERSITY



Shattuck Music Center is home to Carroll's music program. The facility contains the Dorothy Goff Frisch Recital Hall, a music library, the Russell Memorial Chapel, an auditorium, a Shantz 69-rank organ and Steinway grand piano, and updated sound, light and video systems, as well as updated digital equipment systems in the piano lab. *[Editor's Note:*

The cross symbol with a dove above it on the Shattuck Music Center is the symbol used by the Presbyterian Church, and Carroll Univ. is a Presbyterian University.

- **Address:** 218 North East Avenue, Waukesha, WI 53186
- **Built:** 1967
- **Named for:** S. Frank Shattuck, a Carroll long-time trustee from 1905 - 1976.
- **Wisconsin's First 4-year University in 1843**, with currently 3,350 students.



The Shattuck Auditorium is very impressive indeed. Let's get our friends, family, and others we chat with to get excited to come on Saturday, June 3 at 7pm. It will be amazing.

Where is Carroll University?

Whether coming from the west or the east on I-94, most exits from I-94 have roads that lead to downtown Waukesha, about 4 miles south of I-94. Carroll is near downtown Waukesha, but just to the east of it. Your GPS should get you to **218 North East Avenue, Waukesha, WI** in excellent fashion.



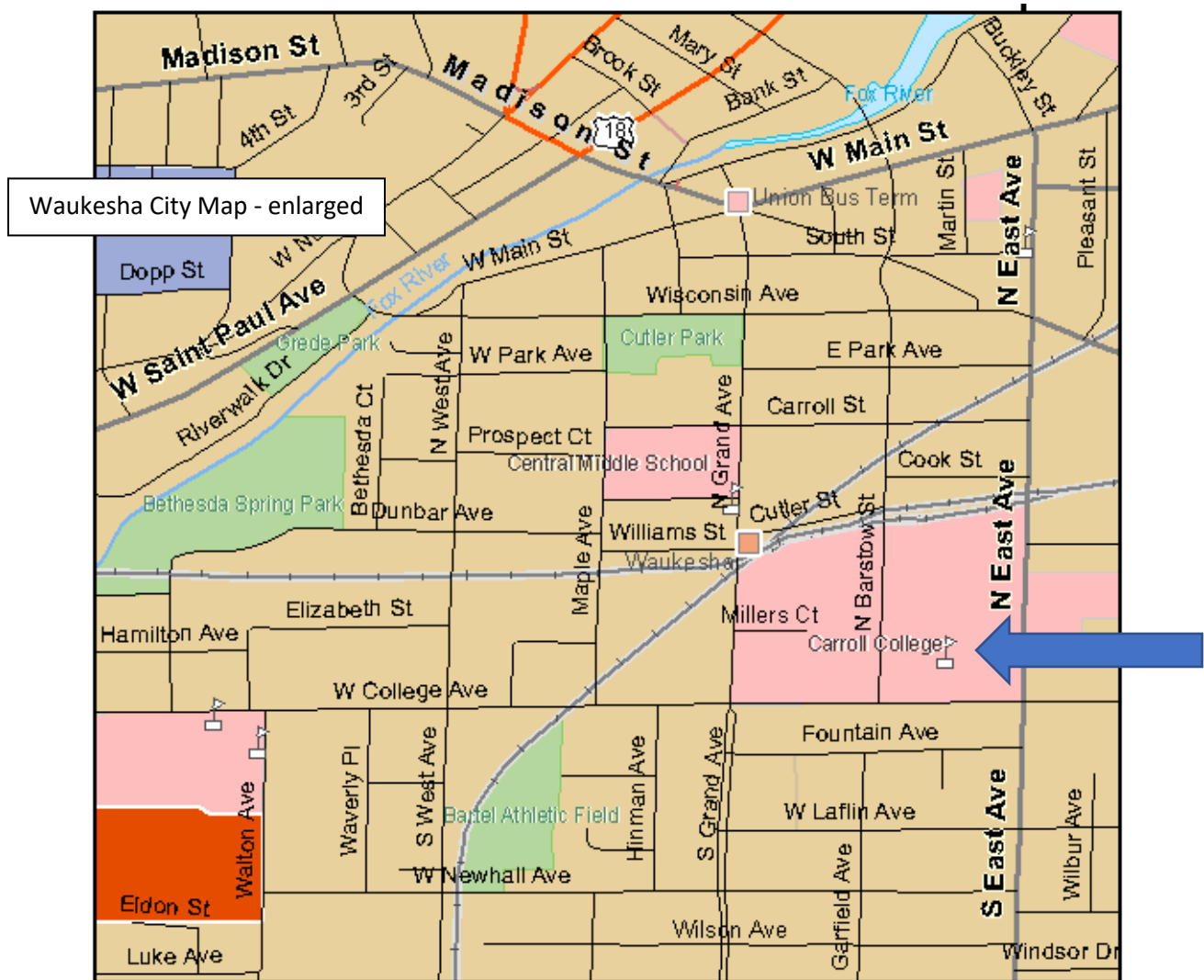
Typically, coming from Madison, one good exit is **284** to **County Highway J**, south. From Madison, it is 65 miles and takes 1 hour 6 minutes. [driving directions - Search \(bing.com\)](#)

Typically, coming from Milwaukee, one good exit is **297, head right on the ramp to County Highway JJ/US-18/WI-164**. It is 19 miles and 25 minutes. [driving directions - Search \(bing.com\)](#)

Next newsletter will try to have some parking information at **Carroll University**.



See map close up, next page.



MVE with Eric Dalbey and Brian Ziegler – courtesy of Aaron Davis



Interview with Rochelle and Chip Hartmann

Greendaler asks: We are very happy to get to know you both better. **Chip** sings both with MVE as a bass with **Forward Harmony**. **Rochelle**, what part do you sing and how did you get started in barbershop singing?

Rochelle says: I sing Tenor in **Forward Harmony**, **Crosstown Harmony** & the quartet **Cool Beans**. I've been singing all my life.

I started in church & school. I got private voice lessons when I was in high school. I took piano lessons in grade school (although I'm not that good a player.) I sang in school choirs in grade school & high school, some solo experiences in both grade school & high school. After high school I went on to UW-Milwaukee and majored in voice. That was short lived as opera was not my passion. My parents took me to **Menoharmonee** shows starting at age 12. I found & joined **Harmoni-Q** chorus in the mid 90's. I met fabulous women who loved music as much as I did & I had a blast learning about barbershop harmony! A pickup quartet was my first experience & we sang at a chorus event, it was fun & I wanted more.

I started a quartet that year named **Trouble** with 3 other women who I've been great friends with ever since. We had to change our name the next year because someone registered that name before we did so we changed our name to **Intoxicatin' Rhythm**. For many years that quartet name stayed with us but some of the members changed a few times. We competed & sang together all over the city for 10 years. **Harmoni-Q** Chorus merged with **The Milwaukee Skyline Chorus** & became **The Milwaukee Showcase Chorus** in the late 90's. We took the chorus on tour in 2008 to Russia & that was an amazing experience.



I sang with a new quartet in called **Twitch** in 2011 & 2012 we took 3rd place both years at the regional competitions had a good time together but decided to go our separate ways at that time. I then sang in a quartet named **Epix** with 2 other members of **Forward Harmony** & we took 1st place at regional 3 years in a row and competed at international.

In 2013 **Milwaukee Showcase Chorus** merged with **Crosstown Harmony** chorus & I've been singing with them ever since. I sang in a quartet named **Ruckus** & then another one named **Gems** after that. I've delivered singing Valentine's every year except for during Covid. Last year I joined an established Quartet named **Cool Beans**. I've known all three of these ladies for years & we are having a great time getting to know each other better. Having so much fun! Right now, we're very busy getting ready for our Regional Competition next month. I also sing in our church choir with Chip & his parents.



Greendaler asks: Thanks, **Rochelle**, wonderful experiences for sure. Same for you **Chip**, how did you get started singing?

Chips replies: I sang with **MVE** in the nineties and left the chorus when I moved to Madison, WI for work. I also sing bass in our church choir. I recently rejoined MVE at the same time that we both started singing with **Forward Harmony**.



Greendaler asks: We'd like to know what you both do for a living?

Rochelle says: I am a Homemaker & I also sell **Young Living Essential Oils**

Chip says: I lead a team of appliance technicians for the southeastern Wisconsin area.



Greendaler asks: Tell us a bit about your family?

Rochelle or Chip says: We have 2 boys. One is 25 and works at the **Howard Company** running a crew that builds the outdoor menus for fast food restaurants & the other is 18 and a Senior at **Wisconsin Lutheran High School**, He's trying to decide if he should be a Mechanic or a Steamfitter. We also have a cat & her

name is **Kyra Taffy**. We usually just call her **Fat Kitty** because she is almost 20lbs.

Greendaler asks: Where did you both grow up and how did you meet? How long are you married?

Rochelle says: I grew up in Muskego, WI & we recently inherited my childhood home. We've been married for 20 years.

Chip adds: I was born in New Ulm, MN. My family moved to Bay View, WI when I was 3 years old. We moved to Greenfield, WI when I was 7 years old. The first time I met Rochelle was in the late '80's when she delivered a Domino's pizza through the drive thru window while I was working at Burger King. Our lives took many unrelated turns until we got married in 2002 and moved to Lake Geneva, WI.



I proposed to Rochelle during intermission at one of **The Milwaukee Showcase Chorus** performances at the **South Shore Yacht Club**. Her director, **Frank Marzocco**, said that I had to wait until after her solo in the first half of the show. We moved back to the Milwaukee area in 2013 and currently live in Muskego, WI.

Greendaler asks: What has been the best part of singing together in **Forward Harmony**?

Rochelle and Chip say: Singing together with the learning tracks on the drive out to Dousman. We also both enjoy the camaraderie with old friends and new friends in **Forward Harmony**.

Greendaler says: We are so happy you are both a part of the Greendale Chapter, **Forward Harmony**, and the **Midwest Vocal Express**. You are a fun couple.

Forward Harmony Photo with Eric Dalbey on March 26 – courtesy of **Sarah Balke**

Can you find both **Rochelle** and **Chip** in the following picture? They are there!



Humor Corner – Dick Marcus

A popular suggestion for next year's set in the MVE for many years has been "**A**



Pirate Set, Arrgg!." Well, an MVE singer who frequently arranges the Lights and Sounds at our concerts is **Curt Campagna**. Here he is photographed in Tampa Bay, Florida when the Mayor of the City had to hand over the keys to the city to him. He's got his costume all prepared for a **Pirate Set**, for sure. Thanks, **Curt**, for helping out so well for our concerts. [Curt Campagna | Facebook](#)

get his ear pierced?

JOKE: How much does a pirate pay to

Well, **a buck an ear**, of course! *The National Speak Like a Pirate Day* is September 19. Arrgh!