



## Greendaler Monthly September 2023

### Interview with Kathryn (Record) Ziegler and Bryan Ziegler

*Greendaler asks:* How did you two first meet?

*Kathryn replies:* We met at **Tim Zielke's**

Christmas party. I remember standing in the kitchen and seeing Bryan across the way. I was at the party simply to be my brother's (**Matt Record**) designated driver, so I leaned over to him to ask who that (Bryan) was. He told me it was **Bryan Ziegler**, the director of MVE, and the baritone of **After Hours**. My brother had shown me many hours of AH, so I knew I recognized him from somewhere! I spent the next hour or so listening to my brother and Bryan talk about football and barbershop, but when we got to the second house (it was a really cool party), Bryan and I started talking and didn't stop the rest of the night.

*Bryan adds:* The Greendaler actually captured our first picture together that night, and she drove me home as well!



December 8, 2019, at Tim Zielke's house

*Greendaler asks:* Kathryn, we know Bryan was a barbershopper since age 9, but how did you get involved with singing?

*Kathryn replies:* My whole family is musical, so we always sang in the car and had music

playing all the time at my house. In terms of barbershop, my grandfather is a barbershopper, and brought me to my first international in Montreal when I was just about to turn 8. He also sent my brother and me to a **Harmony Explosion** camp when I was entering my sophomore year of high school, and we went to international again in Kansas City to watch his chorus, the **Narragansett Bay Chorus** compete. I sang in chorus throughout school and was in an *a cappella* group in high school! When I moved to Madison I joined the **Yahara River Chorus** for a little bit, then of course had to join **Forward** since I saw how much work went into making it a reality!



*Greendaler asks:* While you were dating, COVID hit. What was dating like in a time of social distancing?



*Bryan says:* The pandemic, in combination with living further apart than we wanted to be (I was in Pewaukee, Kathryn in Madison) definitely made it harder on our already less-than-coordinated work schedules. We decided to FaceTime every night during the pandemic, and that really brought us closer together and strengthened our relationship as it was growing.

*Kathryn adds:* The pandemic started just about 3 months into us dating. The first month of the shutdown was the hardest for us since we didn't get to see each other. FaceTiming every night definitely helped us to grow our relationship and showed me just how much he meant to me. You had to be very intentional with who you saw during the pandemic, and Bryan was one of my top priorities.

*Greendaler asks:* We know you got married on June 25, 2023, out east somewhere. Can you tell us a bit about that day?

*Kathryn says:* We got married in my home state of New Hampshire, and it was truthfully the most wonderful day! My parents walked me down the aisle to my childhood piano teacher/family friend playing "Ma Belle Evangeline" from Princess and the Frog. Our ceremony included special moments including my Gramma being the officiant, both of us saying vows to the kids, as well as each other, Bonita doing a reading, my Nana doing a reading, and my mom introducing our peanut butter and fluff unity ceremony. Once we were officially married, we walked down the aisle together to "Happily Ever After," a song from one of my favorite fireworks shows at Disney!



*Bryan adds:* The day was absolutely perfect. We watched the weather reports leading up to the big day, and the chance for rain just kept creeping down - it didn't rain at all that day! Our first dance was a special song for us, because we sang it! The song was "Dance With Me" by Mandi Mapes. I arranged the song and sang the instrumental parts while Kathryn sang the melody. It took some people a while to realize it was us singing, but it was so special when it dawned on them!



Greendaler asks: The creation of **Forward Harmony** has you both singing together. How has this experience been for you?



*Kathryn answers:* It's amazing seeing Bryan up there every (other) weekend. He is such a natural director, and I cannot help but smile when people laugh at his horrible jokes. I am just so darn proud of him, and love singing with him. Our drives to and from rehearsal are usually filled with brainstorming and dreaming for the future of Forward, and how we can make it work to use the rainbow suit for many years to come.



*Greendaler says:* Those of us in Wisconsin that didn't go to the wedding in New Hampshire loved the get-together at Bryan's parents' home in Pewaukee on Sunday, August 6. What were some of the high points of that celebration?

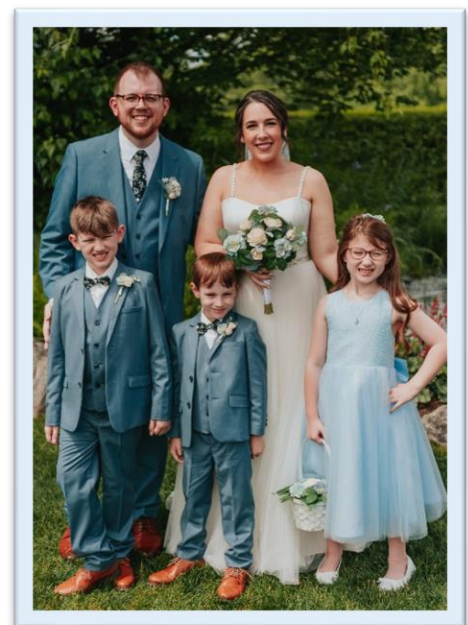


*Bryan says:* It was so great to see so many people from **MVE**, **Forward**, **Capitol Chordsmen**, along with our friends and coworkers there! My kids had a blast getting to know everyone (they're not very social, are they?), and we laughed and chatted all day! We couldn't have asked for a warmer celebration. It was especially cool for me to have all

of my sisters there with their kids, it was definitely a house full of love that weekend!

*Kathryn adds:* I got to meet two of my sisters-in-law for the first time that weekend, so that was super special. I loved as the evening wore down and more **Forward Harmony** friends kept showing up. **The Greendale Chapter** is full of such funny, kind, lovely people, and it was so great getting to talk with you all more that day! It was certainly a great day to be a Greendaler!

*Greendaler says:* Thank you for your care and enthusiasm for the Greendale Chapter. And thank you for this lovely interview.





These photos were some of Kathryn's favorites from the wedding and one other on the first day they met. **Congratulations Kathryn & Bryan.**

## **Calendar of Scheduled Sept Events – FH & MVE & Both**

**Monday, August 28 – MVE Rehearsal at 7pm at EGL**

**Monday, Sept 4 – LABOR DAY – no rehearsal**

**Sunday, Sept 10 – FH Rehearsal at 6-9pm at EUCC**

**Monday, Sept 11 – MVE Rehearsal at 7pm at EGL**

**Monday, Sept 18 – MVE Rehearsal at 7pm at EGL**

**Sunday, Sept 24 – FH Rehearsal at 6-9pm at EUCC**

**Monday, Sept 25 – MVE Rehearsal at 7pm at EGL**

**Wednesday, Sept 27 – Greendale Board Meeting at 7pm**



## **Our Upcoming Performances for your Calendar:**

- **Land O' Lakes District** in Bloomington, MN, Fri. & Sat., Oct 13 - 14

Go to [2023 Fall Convention \(loldistrict.org\)](http://2023FallConvention(loldistrict.org)) for our convention schedule, hotel photos, and a photo of **Forward Harmony!** Our call times come later, but Friday has a 6:30pm – 9pm Quartet Prelim contest in the Ballroom. And Saturday, both **FH & MVE** compete in the **Chorus Contest** in the morning 10am-12:30pm in the Ballroom, and the great dinner that night is 6:30-7:15pm, with the Showcase at 7:15-9pm in the Ballroom. The **Quartet Finals** is in the afternoon, 1:30-3:30. It will be a great convention.

- **Our Christmas Show** – Saturday evening, December 16



Will be at **Pewaukee High School**, where Bryan graduated at **510 Lake St, Pewaukee, WI 53072.**



## Photos from Past Events and Performances of Note

- **Delafield Performance at Liberty Park on Friday, July 28**

Even with the threats of storms, **4Frenz Quartet**, **Checkmate Quartet**, **Forward Harmony**, and **MVE** Choruses all performed in Delafield. **Bob Krantz** helped get us there. Then we had a fun time in our Afterglow at **Revere's**. Here are photos from our revelries.





- **Sunday, August 6, 2023, at Walt & Bonita Ziegler's in Pewaukee**



- **Monday, August 14, 2023, for Tag Night at the MVE**

