



The Greendaler Monthly October 2023

New Faces on the Risers at the MVE



Left to Right:

John Swallow, Jonah Jaeger, Steven Theo, & Joey Biwer

Below, learning new Christmas songs.



Calendar of Sept & Oct Events & Contest – FH & MVE & Both

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

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

Sunday, Oct 1, is our Chapter GOLF OUTING – see article pages 6-8.

Monday, Oct 2 – MVE Rehearsal at 7pm at EGL

Wednesday, Oct 4 – Board Meeting from 7-8:30 via Zoom

Sunday, Oct 8– FH Rehearsal at 6-9pm at EUCC

Monday, Oct 9 – MVE Rehearsal at 7pm at EGL

LOL District – Bloomington, MN Friday & Saturday, Oct 13-14

Monday, Oct 16 – MVE Rehearsal at 7pm at EGL

Sunday, Oct 22 – FH Rehearsal at 6-9pm at EUCC

Monday, Oct 23 – MVE Rehearsal at 7pm at EGL

Wednesday, Oct 25 – Board Meeting from 7-8:30 via Zoom

Monday, Oct 30 – MVE Rehearsal at 7pm at EGL



Fall Contest Information – Bryan Zieger

Chords men, MVE, and Forward:

It's that time of year where we get to show off our hard work in front of our home crowd at the fall District contest! The draw and stage times have been released, so I've put together a timeline of who needs to be where and when so that we can all have a great time!

The information packet I received is attached. A couple of slight changes from last year to note (*editor – you can access this PDF through this link or on Bryan's email*): <https://sites.uwm.edu/marcus/files/2023/09/2023-LOL-District-Info.pdf>

- Apparently there will be a raised platform for choruses this year. Tall Tom, watch your head :)

- The results of the chorus contest will not be read until **after the quartet finals are done**. They will then read the results of both the chorus and quartet contests.

FRIDAY NIGHT QUARTET CONTEST

Cheer on our chapters' quartets as they do us proud!

1. Thrift Store Four
7. Pour Four More
9. 4Frenz
10. Mike Check
16. By Request
20. Checkmate
24. Fifth Quarter
26. Lakefront

Also be sure to check out some of our past District Champs who are competing to qualify for International!

2. Coulee Classic
8. First Ave
19. Vocality
20. Checkmate

SATURDAY MORNING

Saturday morning, all three choruses will gather for a group warm-up at **8:15am** in the **Riverside Room** - this is on the main floor, not the 2nd floor (where the contest is held).

Chordsmen and MVE - come mostly dressed (not quite stage ready, but come dressed enough that you don't have to take anything off to be ready for stage)

Forward - You do not need to come dressed for stage at the warm-up (unless you want to stay and watch). There will be plenty of time for you to go back to your room and dress before your warm-up room is ready.

Timeline:

8:15 - 8:55: All-chorus Warm-up (Riverside Room)

8:55: Forward dismissed.

9:00 - 9:30 : Chordsmen meet in Warmup Room I

9:00 - 10:10 : MVE stay and continue rehearsing (remain in Riverside Room)

9:35 - 9:45 : Chordsmen in ready room

9:50 : Chordsmen on stage

10:15 - 10:25 : MVE in ready room

10:30 : MVE on stage

10:40 - 11:25 : Forward reconvene and warmup (Riverside Room)

11:30 - 11:40 : Forward in ready room

11:45 : Forward on stage

The rest of Saturday we'll spend celebrating our successes, congratulating our new quartet champs, and cheering on each and every group we come across, being the incredible ambassadors of the joy of singing we are!

I'm so thrilled to stand in front of all three of these groups again, and I can't wait to show the LOL what kind of music we make in SE Wisconsin!

Bryan

Showcase and ADC Show

The featured quartet for the weekend will be **Happiness Emporium** celebrating their **Golden Anniversary as Land O' Lakes District Champions in 1973** and crowned as **International**

Champions in 1975. We are blessed with so many great quartets from our own Association of District Champions that we've decided to incorporate their performances into the Showcase program. We will again host the Showcase dinner and the program will have expanded seating for those who only want to attend the program.



Interview with John Ward of the Midwest Vocal Express

Greendaler asks: John, how long have you been an **MVEer** and how did you get started singing? Were you always a lead?

John says: This is my **25th year** with **MVE**.



I sang with **the Florentine Opera Company Chorus** for 15 years from 1970-1985.

I sang first tenor (lead). I sang many operas in Italian, French, German, and English. I joined the **MVE** when we became empty nesters.

Greendaler asks: What branch of the military were you in? And tell us about your **Honor Flight** this year, please.

John replies: I joined the **Marine Corps** right after high school so I could get the GI Bill. My **Honor Flight** was May 20 of this year. I went with my son, **Jeff**, and saw many of the memorials in DC including the **Vietnam Memorial**.

Greendaler asks: Are you retired? Where did you work before that? And where were you from?

John says: I've been retired for 15 years. I was an early childhood **teacher in Franklin** for 20 years and worked at the **Greendale DMV** for 10 years.



I grew up in **Sheboygan**, went to **UWM** after the **Marines**, and settled in **Greendale**.

Greendaler asks: We remember your wife and your constant care for her. How long were you married and when did she pass?

John replies: My wife **Norma** and I were married for 47 years. She passed away January 16, 2020, just two months before the Pandemic from Alzheimer's.



Greendaler asks: Yes, we admired you as you were so helpful to **Norma** for many years in her struggles. Tell us a bit about your adult kids, please.

John says: My son, **Jeff**, works for **Oracle** and lives near Wrigley Field in Chicago while my daughter, **Andrea**, runs the **Willow Creek Ranch** ([Willow Creek Ranch – Where life reins, miracles happen!](#)). Neither are married so there are no grandchildren.

Greendaler asks: I think you volunteer some places. Where are they?

John adds: Well, I volunteer at the **VA Hospital Library** 8 hours per month and at the **USO at the Airport** also 8 hours per month.

Greendaler asks: Thank you, John. As a chapter, we all are like an extended family. How does being a long-time member of the **Greendale Chapter** help enhance your life?

John replies: The **MVE** gave me many opportunities to travel to different states and Canada while giving me the opportunity to earn 3 medals.

Greendaler says: Thanks, John. For many years, you were the librarian for the music in the chapter. You worked and seldom got noticed for your kindness to us all. Thank you from all of us for your consistent presence and encouragement to us.



GOLF OUTING!!! It's Back – Mike Lietke

New Berlin Hills Golf Course | 13175 W. Graham St., New Berlin, WI 53151

We will be returning to **New Berlin Hills Golf Course** on **October 1** – I apologize profusely for it being on a **Sunday**, but so it is. We will try to get Saturday again next year. Tee Times Start at 9:04 sharp - PLEASE be there by 8:30 so that we can get all the payment, instructions and such out of the way. This is just us folk. It is not filled with great golfers. Come on out and give it a shot.

I need to know who is playing. As always, this is a family event, so spouses, singing friends, kids... bring em.

- It will be a scramble, meaning all 4 golfers hit their shot, and then the foursome decides which is the best position. From that best position, all four hit their next shot until it is in the hole.

- I have reserved 32 spots (8 tee times). If we get more players.... GREAT! We will try to get more tee times.
- The cost is \$60 per golfer. This is down \$5 from last year (I know, right?), because the greens fee dropped by a similar amount/ You can pay me cash, Venmo, or check.
- There will be 3 hole prizes: Longest drive in fairway, women; closest to the pin in 2; longest putt
- Just like last year, we will also have prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. The places will be interesting, however. As you hand in your card, you will draw a card from the deck. That number will have equate to strokes-relative-to-par number on it. If you get a red card, just like in pro golf, it equates to an under-par score. If it is Black, it is an over par score. Since there are 13 cards in a suit, we will have two suits, and the Jack is 11, Queen is 12. Both kings will be Even Par.

The first-place team will be that team whose actual strokes to par come closest to the drawn number. Once again (as always), any ties will be settled on the putting green in a putt-off until the victors have announced themselves through their superior ~~luck~~ Skill.



This is a lot easier to pull off than it is to explain. Trust me. The one thing this should do is allow everybody a chance at the prizes.

- We will make the best prize for the **best story from the day**. Once again, a person should not let the truth get in the way of a good story. This is an audience-voted award, so be ready.
- Our first tee time is at 9:00am. Please be there at least a half hour early. I will take payment from the time I get there (8:15) until 8:45. If it is later than that, I will get it after the round.

After we are done, we will come to the **Lietke Patio** for festivities and prizes. It is also in New Berlin, at **3953 S. Camrose Ave., New Berlin, WI.**



We believe this will start around 2:30, but if you are there before we are, please go around back and make yourself comfortable. Pop open a beverage or something - we'll be there soon. We will have some food and some other stuff, but please bring whatever you like that makes

you happy. We can fire up the grill, whatever...

Happily, I have also been told some folks that might not be golfing might be coming over. That's great! It's about the social aspect of it.

Hopefully we'll even hear some singing. Let me know what I have forgotten.

Mike (mikelietke@hotmail.com)

Editor: To get you exciting for the October 1, 2023 Golf Outing, here are some photos from the Golf Outing in September 2022 and a few other pics @ [Our MVE Golf Outing & Other Photos | Flickr](#)

Calling on Quartets – Bonita Ziegler

The Oconomowoc Festival of the Arts is looking for a quartet to fill one hour of entertainment at their festival next summer.



The dates are Aug 17 & 18 from 10:00am-5:00pm. They would like a quartet to perform on one of their stages for an hour sometime during those days. It would be gratis, but a wonderful way to spread the barbershop cheer! Text Bonita 414-852-9037 if you'd like contact info for this event. Thanks!

[Oconomowoc Festival of the Arts Home - Oconomowoc Festival of the Arts \(oconomowocarts.org\)](http://oconomowocarts.org)

Halloween Corner – Rules from the Risers

