

**ILL District YIH Report
March 2017**

- ✓ Upcoming festivals:
 - **September TBD:** Festival, Sterling, IL (contact Kevin Deets, kjdeets@frontiernet.net)
 - **October TBD:** Festival, Fox Lake, IL (contact John Cain, cainjret@comcast.net)
 - **October 16:** Festival, Charleston, IL (contact Tom Woodall, twoodall@eiu.edu)
 - **October 26:** Festival, Bloomington, IL (contact Doug Ferrier, doug.ferrier.g3dx@statefarm.com)
- ✓ Mt. Zion High School will be hosting “Acapalooza”, an evening of a cappella harmony on Saturday, May 13th. The event is a fund-raiser for the school’s quartet/ensemble program and is being organized by Rich Hansen (faculty member and quartet/ensemble sponsor). All district barbershoppers are invited and a \$10 admission price will be taken at the door. The concert will begin at 7:00pm in the H.S. auditorium and will feature student groups as well as guests *The Sound of Illinois* and special guest – *FOREFRONT*. Contact Rich at hansenr@mtzschools.org for more information.
- ✓ Harmony Foundation denied grants to Coles County and Bloomington for the first time. This is due to the overwhelming requests that HF is receiving from around the country to sponsor YIH events. They are more willing to help newer endeavors rather than established ones like ours. They are encouraging us to seek out local community and state foundations/sources for festival income. It is vitally important that the district keep money allocated for our festivals in the budget.
- ✓ This is a reminder that all YIH event sponsors are required to have their workers view the updated sexual molestation prevention training video – which can be done individually at home. Each worker will have to take the test online and submit their quiz answers. Timing is important – this needs to be done well before the event itself. Grant money from BHS and Harmony Foundation require this now!
- ✓ All event sponsors should submit their event to the district calendar and alert the DVP of YIH and District President and Treasurer (if requesting funds to help defray costs) in advance of the budget approval for each year.
- ✓ All festival coordinators receiving district monies should submit to Jim Wagner (district treasurer) an expense form that shows expenses and income within two weeks after the conclusion of the event.
- ✓ As the new district VP of YIH, I look forward to continuing my service the youth of our state.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Adams
ILL Dist. VP - YIH