

**ILL District YIH Report
February 2017**

- ✓ Upcoming festivals:
 - **March/April:** Youth Quartet Contest and Mixed Festival, Peoria, IL (contact Michelle Adams, harmony@hotmail.com)
 - **September :** Festival, Sterling, IL (contact Kevin Deets, kjdeets@frontiernet.net)
 - **October :** Festival, Fox Lake, IL (contact Loren Shevitz,)
 - **October :** Festival, Charleston, IL (contact Tom Woodall, twoodall@eiu.edu)
 - **October 27 :** 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@mtzschoools.org for more information.
- ✓ The annual High School quartet contest will be held on Friday evening of the Illinois District Spring Jamboree. This year, the competition will be open to both ladies and men’s high school quartets, with placements being presented in both categories. On Saturday of the Jamboree, a mixed festival will take place during the day and students will perform on the evening show. The charge of \$15 per student will cover the cost of the clinician and music. This is not a school sponsored event and current members of the Illinois District, under the age of 26, are encouraged to participate.
- ✓ 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 for the youth of our state.

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Adams
ILL Dist. VP - YIH