

**ILL District YIH Report  
August 2017**

- ✓ Upcoming festivals:
  - **September 13** : Festival, Sterling, IL (contact Kevin Deets, [kjdeets@frontiernet.net](mailto:kjdeets@frontiernet.net))
  - **October** : Festival, Fox Lake, IL
  - **October** : Festival, Charleston, IL (contact Tom Woodall, [twoodall@eiu.edu](mailto:twoodall@eiu.edu))
  - **October 26** : Festival, Bloomington, IL (contact Evan Patrick, [evanpatrick13@gmail.com](mailto:evanpatrick13@gmail.com))
- ✓ On Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, Mt. Zion High School hosted “Acapalooza”, an evening of a cappella harmony . The event was a fund-raiser for the school’s quartet/ensemble program and was organized by Rich Hansen (faculty member and quartet/ensemble sponsor). The concert featured student groups as well as *The Sound of Illinois* and special guest – *FOREFRONT*. The program also included a very impressive video of the history of barbershop at Mt. Zion HS. The evening was well attended, a reflection of the strong support for the music department at the high school.
- ✓ The annual High School quartet contest was held on Friday evening of the Illinois District Spring Jamboree. This year, the competition was open to both ladies and men’s high school quartets, with placements being presented in both categories. Six quartets, 4 men’s and 2 ladies, competed. The winners of both were quartets from Mt. Zion High School. Judges were Patrick Haedtler, Cindi Slowik, Tori Adams, and Jim Bagby. Brian Lynch, International faculty, was also in attendance and recorded each group for submission to the Barbershop Harmony Youth Quartet Contest to be held in Las Vegas. On Saturday of the Jamboree, a mixed festival took place during the day and approximately 40 students performed on the evening show. The charge of \$15 per student covered the cost of the clinician (Oliver Merrill), lunch and music. This was not a school sponsored event and current members of the Illinois District, under the age of 26, were encouraged to participate.
- ✓ On July 4, 2017 *Bass-ically*, a youth quartet from Bloomington, Illinois, competed in the Youth Barbershop Quartet Contest in Las Vegas, NV.
- ✓ 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.

Respectfully submitted,  
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