

Sacred Harp Singsings

2012 & 2013

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HOW TO SUBMIT MINUTES

Minutes are compiled and submitted by the secretary of the singing. Please familiarize yourself with the general format and style of the minutes of other singings and use the same format and style for your minutes.

- **Name/Location/Date/Time** Start the minutes with exactly three lines showing: 1) the name of the singing, 2) the location, and 3) the calendar date(s) on which it was held. Do *not* use all-caps.
- **Breaks** Indicate breaks using RECESS or LUNCH, capitalized as shown, and on a line by themselves.
- **Multi-Day Singings** Indicate the start of a second or third day of singing with the day and date spelled out on a line by itself.
- **Names** Verify the spellings of all names. Do not put state names or abbreviations after singers' names. Do not insert commas between the name and the first song number.
- **Song Numbers** List songs only by number. List the name of a song only if the song does not appear in a printed singing book. If two songs begin on the same page, be sure to add lower-case "t" for top or "b" for bottom to the page number. For example: 31t or 49b. If a particular song is the only song beginning on its page, a "t" or "b" should not be used. For example: 306 (not 306b).
- **Other Singing Books** Use abbreviations listed on page 42.
- **Memorial Lesson** When listing those memorialized, please indicate the state of origin and year of death if known.
- **Officers** List officers at the end of the minutes, ending with the name of the secretary.
- **Brevity** Please be brief with any descriptions of business sessions, resolutions reports, memorial lessons, and expressions of thanks. Submitted minutes will be edited as needed for space reasons.
- **E-Mail Instructions and Deadlines** Please see next page.
- **Payment** Each singing must pay a fee to appear in the minutes and receive 10 copies of the minutes book per singing day. Minutes sent without payment will not appear in the book.
- **Fees** \$45 per singing day to have books mailed within the USA
-or- \$30 per singing day if you will pick up the books in person
-or- \$15 per singing day if you prefer not to receive books.
- **Check Payable to:** **Sacred Harp Minutes**
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E-MAIL INSTRUCTIONS

Please read and follow these instructions carefully:

E-mail format

- Type or paste directly into the e-mail. **Do not send attachments.**
- The first 3 lines should contain: Singing Name, Location, Date.
- Use 2 returns to make a blank line between all other paragraphs.
- Use 2 spaces between sentences.

Style All styles will be applied during book production.

Use ***plain text only*** in the minutes that you send us:

- Do not use bold, italics, underline, or other special formatting.
- Do not center the title.
- Do not type the title in upper case.
- Do not use “smart quotes”.
- Show long dashes (—) as two hyphens (--).
- Show bulleted items with a * at the start of the paragraph.

Need Help? A web page with examples of well-formatted minutes can be found at: <http://fasola.org/minutes/>

Editor’s E-Mail Address Along with the minutes, or any time during the year, please e-mail directory updates, local singing information, names & addresses, birthdays, questions, or any other minutes-related correspondence to: minutes@fasola.org

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DEADLINES

Please send minutes immediately after the singing. The deadlines are:

January-October singings

The 15th of the following month.

November singings

The Friday following the singing.

December singings

The 2nd Sunday in December, 5pm (Central time). Singings held after the 2nd Sunday will be in the following year’s book.

SACRED HARP SINGINGS

2013 DIRECTORY

ANNUAL SINGINGS

✦ This symbol indicates that directions to the singing are found on page 39. Fifth Sunday singings are included here by their dates, and, in addition, are listed in a separate section starting on page 26, with explanations of the formulas for determining their dates.

January

First Sunday and Saturday before

Tue., 1st—New Year's Day Singing—Walnut Hills Christian Church—1438 East McMillan—Cincinnati, Ohio—From I-75 or I-471—Follow interstate to downtown—East on U.S. 50 (Columbia Parkway)—Left at first light (Kemper Lane)—At top of hill, right onto McMillan at light—About 0.5 mile to church at Ingleside—From I-71 southbound—Exit at Taft (Exit 3)—From ramp, make four successive rights onto Taft, Reading, Oak, and May—Go 2 blocks, then left on McMillan—About 1 mile to church at Ingleside—Always on New Year's Day—Info: John Bealle

Tue., 1st—New Year's Day Singing—St. Peter's Episcopal Church—4250 North Glebe Road—Arlington, Virginia—3:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.—Potluck at 6:00 p.m.—Info: Mary Ann Daly

Tue., 1st—New Year's Day Singing—11:15 a.m.-4:00 p.m.—Mapperley Parish Church, Nr Ilkeston, Derbyshire, United Kingdom—Info: Helen Brown

Tue., 1st—New Year's Day Singing—10:00 a.m.—Hollingsworth Home, 1547 Adams Clarke Rd, Commerce, Georgia—The Georgian Harmony—Info: John Hollingsworth

Sat., 5th—Covington County New Year's Singing—Evergreen Baptist Church, Seminary, Mississippi—*Cooper Book*—About 5 miles south of Collins, Mississippi—First Saturday

Sun., 6th—Shady Grove Annual Singing—Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church—Winston County, Alabama—The first Sunday of each year ✦

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 12th, 6:00 p.m.—Lillian Calvert and Irene Woodley Memorial Singing—Pleasant Hill Primitive Baptist Church—Bordo (Walker County), Alabama—Saturday night before the second Sunday in January ✦

Sun., 13th—Uncle Jack Kerr and Henry Kerr Memorial—Camp Ground Methodist Church, 24581 County Road 49, Muscadine, Cleburne County, Alabama—9:30 a.m. CT—Take U.S. Hwy. 78 to Fruithurst—Turn north onto County Road 49—Dutch Treat Singing—Meals are served at the church for a very reasonable price.

Sun., 13th—Anniversary Singing—10:00 a.m.—Kilbourn Park Fieldhouse, 3501 N Kilbourn Ave, Chicago, Illinois 60641

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 19th—Auburn Sacred Harp Singing—9:30 a.m.—St. Dunstons Episcopal Church, 136 E. Magnolia Ave, Auburn, Alabama—Info: Fred Hoerr

Sat., 19th & Sun., 20th—All-California Sacred Harp Convention—10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.—San Diego Area—Convention rotates San Diego (2013); Los Angeles (2014); San Francisco (2015);—Info: Laura Boyd Russell (Los Angeles), Rebecca Edwards (San Francisco) and Carla Smith (San Diego)

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 26th—William J. Reynolds Sacred Harp Singing—9:30 a.m.—Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary—Cowden Hall—Fort Worth, (Tarrant County), Texas—Dutch Treat—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*—Last Saturday in January—Info: Timothy Studstill

Sat., 26th & Sun., 27th—W.L. Green Memorial and Baldwin County Cooper Book Singing—9:30 a.m.—Bay Minette Church of Christ Fellowship Hall—Pine and First Street—Bay Minette, Alabama—Info: Bill Hogan

Sat., 26th & Sun., 27th—Keystone Convention—Merion Hall, St. Philomena Catholic Church, 41 E. Baltimore Ave, Lansdowne, PA—Saturday 10:00 a.m., Sunday 9:30 a.m.—Info: Rachel Hall or Becky Wright

February

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 2nd—Rotunda Singing—9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.—Alabama Department of Archives and History—between Adams and Washington streets, Montgomery, Alabama—Lunch provided with \$5.00 donation—Four books used: *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition/Cooper Book/Christian Harmony/Colored Sacred Harp*—

Info: Bill Hogan / Joey Brackner

Sun., 3rd—Burnham and Brown Memorial—9:00 a.m.—Wesley Foundation—Jacksonville (Calhoun County), Alabama—Driving north on Hwy. 21, go through the square—Once past Mountain Street, look for the Wesley Foundation building on the left. Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish to help with lunch—

Info: Pearl Guier

Sun., 3rd—J.D. Starnes Memorial—Mount Hope Missionary Baptist Church—Walker County, Alabama—Four miles northeast of Sipsey. Take Hwy 69 South, turn onto Hwy 91 at Bug Tussle (between mile markers 222 and 223), go about 2 miles and bear right onto Cullman County Road 15. Go approximately 3 miles and church will be on the right

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 9th—Emory University—10:00 a.m.—Cannon Chapel—Decatur, Georgia—Info: John Plunkett or Elise Eskew.

Sat., 9th—Minnesota State Midwinter Singing—9:30 a.m.—*Cooper Book*—St. Anthony Park UCC, 2129 Commonwealth Ave., St. Paul—

Info: fasolamatt@yahoo.com

Sat., 9th—Baylor University Singing—Truett Seminary Great Hall, Baylor U, Waco, Texas—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*—Info: David Music

Sat., 9th—East Sandwich Sacred Harp Singing—10:00 a.m.—Community House at the East Sandwich Friend's Meeting House, East Sandwich, Massachusetts—

Info: Justin Levi

Sat., 9th—Oldham Sacred Harp Singing Day—10:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.—Oldham Baptist Church, Chaucer St., Oldham, Lancs., UK—Info: Hannah Land

Sun., 10th—Roy Avery's Memorial/Birthday Singing—Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church—Tallapoosa County, Alabama +

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 16th—Alabama Collegiate Singing—9:30 a.m.—Canterbury Episcopal Chapel and Student Center, 812 5th Ave, Tuscaloosa, Alabama—Info: Nikos Pappas

Sat., 16th & Sun., 17th—Pacific Northwest Convention—9:30 a.m.—Seattle area, Washington—Singing school and singing on Saturday, and all day singing on Sunday—Info: Karen Willard

Sun., 17th—Lincoln's Birthday Singing—1:00 p.m.—University of Chicago—Ida Noyes Hall—Chicago, Illinois—(Note: this singing is in connection with Folk Festival and will alternate with first, second, or third Sunday)—Info: Cathryn Bearov
Sun., 17th—State University of West Georgia Singing—9:30 a.m.—Food Service Building (Z-6), 1061 Maple St, Carrollton (Carroll County), Georgia

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 23rd—J.L. White Sacred Harp/Eclectic Harmony I and II—10:00 a.m.—Hardeman Primitive Baptist Church—3965 Glenwood Road—Decatur, Georgia—Info: John Plunkett or Laura Akerman +

Sat., 23rd—New York Regional (Midwinter) Singing—10:00 a.m.—Clinton, New York—St. James Episcopal Church, 9 Williams Street—Info: Barbara Swetman or Ron/Margaret Bornick.

Sat., 23rd—South Yorkshire Sacred Harp Singing Day—10:30 a.m.—Wood Lane Countryside Centre, Wood Lane, Stannington, Sheffield, South Yorkshire, United Kingdom—Info: Sarah West

Sat., 23rd & Sun., 24th—Texas State Convention—Saturday—10:00 a.m.—Sunday—9:30 a.m.—Coker United Methodist Church, 231 E. North Loop Road, San Antonio, Texas—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*—Info: Kevin Powell

Sun., 24th—University of Georgia—Visitor Center, Botanical Gardens—Athens, Clarke County, Ga.—Turn right at intersection of Highway 129 and 441 (Milledge Avenue Extension)—Go 1 mile to Botanical Garden sign—Turn right—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition/Social Harp* books used—Info: John Garst

March

First Sunday and Saturday before

Fri., 1st—Sun. 3rd—Ireland Sacred Harp Convention—Friday evening singing school—Saturday and Sunday—Aula Maxima, University College Cork, Cork, Ireland—9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. each day—

Info: Sadhbh O'Flynn or Eimear O'Donovan

Sat., 2nd—North Carolina Sacred Harp Convention—Pullen Memorial Baptist Chapel, 1801 Hillsborough St., Raleigh, North Carolina—Info: Kathy Kaiser

Sat., 2nd—Emmaus Primitive Baptist Church—Thomaston (Upson County), Georgia—From square in Thomaston—Turn west on Georgia Alternate Highway 74—Go 0.7 miles and turn right on Hannah Mill Road—Cross railroad tracks and immediately turn left on Emmaus Church Road—At the stop sign, go left—Church is on the right

Sat., 2nd & Sun., 3rd—Ohio State Convention—Saturday 10:00 a.m.—3:30 p.m., Sunday 9:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m.—(Dayton Singers), Brookville, Ohio—First Sunday and Saturday before in March—Convention usually alternates between Cincinnati (2014), Columbus (2015), Dayton (2016)—Info: John Bealle

Sat., 2nd & Sun., 3rd—Tucson Singing—9:30 a.m.—Sonora Cohousing—501 E. Roger Rd. (at 1st Ave.), Tucson, Arizona—1991 Edition—Info: Paige Winslett

Sun., 3rd—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rogers Memorial—9:30 a.m.—Ephesus School Auditorium—Ephesus (Heard County), Georgia—On Georgia Hwy. 100

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 9th—Smith Memorial Singing—10:00 a.m.—New Harmony Community Center—Smith County, Texas—Northwest of Tyler on Farmers Market Rd. 724 in the New Harmony community—Between State Hwy. 64 and 110—*Cooper Book and 1991 Edition*—Changed from a two day convention—Info: Gaylon Powell

Sat., 9th—Olympia All-Day Singing—Olympia, Washington—Info: Chase Arevalo, Ossa Solomon

Sat., 9th & Sun., 10th—Missouri State Convention—9:30 a.m.—St. John's United Church of Christ—Pinckney, Missouri—11.5 miles west of Marthasville, on Hwy. 94—Info: Karen Isbell or Becky Browne or Paul Figura

Sat., 9th & Sun., 10th—Western Massachusetts Sacred Harp Convention—9:30 a.m.—Northampton Center for the Arts, 17 New South Street, Northampton, Massachusetts—Info: John Holbrook, Christine Andrews

Sun., 10th—Oxford Singing—Oxford (Lafayette County), Mississippi—Choral Room—Scruggs Music Building, University of Mississippi—0.5 miles north of Hwy 6 (US 278) at Old Taylor Road Exit—Info: Warren Steel

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 16th—Hoboken Annual Singing—9:00 a.m.—Hoboken Elementary School Auditorium—Church Street—Hoboken (Brantley County), Georgia—*Cooper Book*—From U.S. 82 eastbound, turn north on Kelly (at the flashing caution light)—Cross railroad tracks—Turn left on Chicago and enter the parking lot of the school on the right—Info: David Lee.

Sat., 16th—South Carolina State Singing in Memory of William Walker—10:00 a.m.—Burwell Building—Wofford College—North Church Street—Spartanburg, South Carolina—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition/Christian Harmony*—Info: Robert Kelley

Sat., 16th—Hurst All-Day Singing—10:30 a.m.—Winnersh Community Centre, New Road, Wokingham, Berkshire, UK—Info: Michael Walker

Sat., 16th, p.m.—Stephenson, Wall, and Hocutt Memorial Singing—Pleasant Grove Primitive Baptist Church—Boldo (Walker County), Alabama +

Sun., 17th—Zion Hill Primitive Baptist Church—9:30 a.m.—near Snead Cross Roads, Alabama, Off Hwy 75, Turn west at Blount County line—Follow signs—Info: Susan Harcrow

Sun., 17th—Godsey Sisters Memorial (Leona Horton, Maude Adams, Delia Watts, and Mina Adams)—10:00 a.m.—Shady Grove Church—Double Springs (Winston County), Alabama +

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 23rd—Higher Ground Singing—10:00 a.m.—Centenary United Methodist Church, 301 N. 7th St., Terre Haute, Indiana—Info: Darrell Swarens

Sat., 23rd—Pike's Peak Sacred Harp Singing—9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.—Chapel of Our Savior (in the Broadmoor), #8 4th Street, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80906—Denson and Cooper Books—Info: Pete Mathewson

Sat., 23rd—Vermont State Singing—Burlington, Vermont—Note: Singing is on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in March, unless it's Easter, then it's a week earlier—Info: Lynette Combs

Sat., 23rd—Holmfirth Sacred Harp Singing Day—10:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m.—Wooldale Community Centre, Robert Lane, Wooldale, Holmfirth, West Yorkshire—United Kingdom—Info: Cath Ingham/Chris Brown/Judy Whiting

Sat., 23rd—Pittsburgh Regional All-Day Singing—Second United Presbyterian Church of Wilksburg, 300 Hay Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania—Info: Gerald Hoffman

Sat., 23rd & Sun., 24th—Georgia State Convention—9:30 a.m.—Emmaus Primitive Baptist Church, Carrollton, Georgia—Info: Matt Hinton/John Plunkett/Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg

Sun., 24th—Palm Sunday Singing—10:30 a.m.—Finstock Village Hall—Nr Whitney—Oxfordshire—United Kingdom—Info: Mandy Townsend

Fifth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 30th—Georgian Harmony Singing—Roberta Civic Center, South Matthews St., Roberta, Georgia—Info: John Plunkett

Sat., 30th—Iowa All-Day Singing—Blue Point Church at the Poweshiek County Fairgrounds, 425 East Street, South, Grinnell, Iowa—Singing held on Saturday before Easter Sunday—Info: Bruce Voyles

Sat., 30th & Sun., 31st—Southwest Texas Convention—Bethel Primitive Baptist Church—McMahan (Caldwell County), Texas—*Cooper Book*—On Farmers Market Road 713—Between Bastrop and Luling—East of Lockhart—First fifth Sunday in the spring (March or later)—Info: Tom Owen

Easter Sunday

Sun., 31st—Ivey Memorial—9:30 a.m.—Liberty Church—Henagar (DeKalb County), Alabama—First fifth Sunday of year—Info: David Ivey or Rodney Ivey +

Sun., 31st—Parker, Hollis, Putman Memorial—9:30 a.m.—Liberty Church (McCormick)—Jefferson County, Alabama—First fifth Sunday of year—Info: Velton Chafin +

Sun., 31st—Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Church—Old Chicora, Florida—Fifth Sundays—*Cooper Book*—Info: Mary Ellen Schrock +

April

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 6th—Jones Memorial Singing—Cool Springs Primitive Baptist Church—Opp (Covington County), Alabama—0.5 miles east of Opp on Hwy. 84 east and Cool Springs Rd.—Info: Mike Jones, Wayne Jones

Sat., 6th—Harpeth Valley—Priestley Miller Memorial Singing—9:30 a.m.—Radnor Primitive Baptist Church, 503 Brewer Drive,—Nashville (Davidson County), Tennessee—Singing School on Friday night—7:00 p.m.—Teacher—Judy Caudle—From I-65—take Exit 74A (Old Hickory Blvd. east) turn left onto Edmondson Pike (2.2 mi.), turn right on McMurray Dr. (1.1 mi.), turn left on Brewer Dr. From I-24, take Exit 59 and go left on Bell Rd, turn right on Nolensville Rd. (3.3 mi.), turn left on Brewer Dr. (.5 mi.) Church (.6 mi.) Signs will be posted. Changed to Saturday before the first Sunday in April—Info: Tim Reynolds

Sat., 6th—Brazos River Singing—10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.—Martin Luther Lutheran Church—202 Luther Lane, Carmine, Texas—20 miles west of Brenham on Hwy 290—Info: Gaylon Powell

Sat., 6th—FaSoLa Omaha All-Day Singing—10:00 a.m.—St. Vincent Lehren's Orthodox Church, Omaha, Nebraska—Info: Cindy Miserez

Sat., 6th & Sun., 7th—Potomac River Convention—Saturday session 1:00 p.m.—Sunday session 10:00 a.m.—The Great Falls Grange, 9818 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls, Virginia 22066—Info: Carly Goss

Sun., 7th—Bethel Primitive Baptist Church—Calhoun County, Mississippi—Hwy. 9—one mile north of Bruce—Church is on the right

Sun., 7th—Edwardsville Baptist Church—9:30 a.m.—Edwardsville (Cleburne County), Alabama—Six miles east of Heflin—Just off U.S. Hwy. 78

Sun., 7th—Old Enon Church—10:00 a.m.—Winston County, Alabama—North of Lynn—From U.S. 278 in Natural Bridge—Take Hwy. 5 south to Lynn—Turn East on County Road 25—Go approximately 2 ½ miles—Turn south on Rufus Mann Parkway—note sign for Old Enon Church—Go 1 ½ miles to church. If singing date falls on Easter Sunday, the singing will not be held that year.

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Fri., 12th p.m.—6:30 p.m. ET—Antioch/Shiloh Memorial—Antioch Baptist Church, 1055 Old Hwy 100, Waco, Haralson County, Georgia—South of Tallapoosa—From I-20 take exit #5 for Georgia Hwy. 100 and go south—Turn right on Carlton Johnson Road (at J&J/Don's Shoppette) to Old Hwy. 100—Turn left—The church is on the left—Friday night before the second Sunday in April—alternates between Antioch Baptist Church (odd year) and Shiloh Primitive Baptist Church (even year).

Sat., 13th—State Line Church—9:00 a.m. CT—Cleburne County, Alabama—From west to east—Take U.S. Hwy. 78 to the Georgia State Line—*immediately* turn around and come back to first road to the right (Co. Rd. 69)—Go to the second road on the right (dirt—NOT paved—County Road 207) and turn right—Go approximately 500 yards and church will be on left—If you are coming from the east—Go to Georgia State Line and follow the same directions—Info: Pam Nunn

Sun., 14th—Antioch Baptist Church—9:00 a.m.—Ider (DeKalb County), Alabama—Take I-59 north—Exit right at Exit 231—Turn left onto Hwy. 40/117—Go 1.4 miles and turn right on Hwy. 117—Go 9.5 miles (You will cross Hwy. 75)—Turn right onto Hwy. 141—Go 3.9 miles—Turn right onto County Road 783 and immediately back left onto County Road 782—Church is on left

Sun., 14th—County Line Church—near Corner, (Jefferson County), Alabama +

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 20th—Middle Georgia Sacred Harp Singing—10:00 a.m.—Union Primitive Baptist Church, Goggans, Georgia—Johnsonville Road between I-75 and Barnesville—Info: Harry Eskew

Sat., 20th—Rhode Island All Day Sacred Harp Singing—10:00 a.m.—Providence Friends Meeting House, 99 Morris Ave, Providence, Rhode Island—Info: Charles Cofone

Sat., 20th—Sharon Jordan Leach Memorial Singing—10:00 a.m.—Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church—Marshall County, Alabama—2237 Guntersville Road, Arab, Alabama—2 miles east of Arab—off Ala. Hwy 69, follow signs

Sat., 20th—Futral, Nelson, and Henry Memorial Singing—10:00 a.m.—Smyrna Primitive Baptist Church—Goodwater, Alabama—From Hwy. 9, turn east in Goodwater on Hackneyville Road—Go approximately 5 miles to County Road 83, turn right (church sign there), go approximately 0.25 miles, church is on left. The singing was changed from Sunday to Saturday

Sun., 21st—Enon Primitive Baptist Church—Chickasaw County, Mississippi—South of Hwy. 8—8 miles east of Houston—From Hwy. 8—Turn south on County Road 190—Church is on the left

Sun., 21st—Old Harmony—9:30 a.m.—Old Harmony Primitive Baptist Church, 3490 County Road 60, Heflin, Cleburne County, Alabama—Approximately 10 miles east of Heflin—Take Exit 210 (Ranburne/Muscadine, exit off I-20)—Take first road on right (County Road 60)—Go 1 mile—Church on right

Sun., 21st—New Haven Singing—New Haven, Connecticut—Info: Ian Quinn

Sun., 21st—Pine Grove Church—9:30 a.m.—Lookout Mountain—Near Collinsville—DeKalb County, Alabama—Info: Rodney Ivey +

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 27th—Oak Grove Primitive Baptist Church—Birmingham/Hopewell Road—North of Alpharetta (Fulton County), Georgia +

Sat., 27th—New York Regional (Spring)—10:00 a.m.—Rochester Mennonite Meetinghouse, 111 Hillside Avenue, Rochester, New York—

Info: Chris Haller, Thom/Eileen Metzger

Sat., 27th—York All-Day Singing—York Friends Meetinghouse, 135 W. Philadelphia St, York, Pennsylvania—Info: Lamar Matthew or Erin Kelly

Sat., 27th & Sun., 28th—East Midlands Sacred Harp Convention—10:00 a.m.—Singing from The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition and Cooper Edition—Village Hall—Kegworth, Leicestershire—United Kingdom—0.5 miles SE of M1 junction 24—5 minutes from East Midlands Airport and 45 minutes from Birmingham International Airport—Info: Ian West

Sat., 27th & Sun., 28th—Rusk County Convention—Saturday, Redland Church, Laneville, Texas—*Christian Harmony*—Sunday, Pine Grove Church, Henderson, Texas—*Cooper Book*—Fourth weekend in April unless falls on Easter, then third weekend in April—Info: Robert Vaughn or Gaylon Powell

Sat., 27th & Sun., 28th—Bob Meek Memorial/Harrold's Creek Shape Note Convention—9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.—Harrold's Creek Baptist Church—Brownsboro, Kentucky—Held on the weekend before the first Saturday in May (because of Derby weekend). *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition, Southern Harmony, and Cooper Book*—From Louisville—Take I-71 North—Go to exit 14—Turn left—Go 1.5 miles past Christian Church on right—Church will be on left—Info: Michele Cull

Sun., 28th—Friendship Church—Winston County, Alabama—Eight miles southeast of Haleyville—On Hwy. 195—Turn south at church sign, go 2 miles, church on left—Going north—look for church sign, go south 2 miles

Sun., 28th—Alewine-Laminack Memorial—9:30 a.m. CT—St. Michael Lutheran Church, 2213 County Road 14, Muscadine, Cleburne County, Alabama—Lunch 12:00 noon CT—Take U.S. 78 to Fruithurst—Turn north (County Road 35) at post office—Go to County Road 49—Follow County Road 49 north to County Road 14 (Rosewood Community)—Turn right—Go approximately 2 miles—Church on left

Sun., 28th—Golden Gate Singing—Potrero Hill Neighborhood House—<http://fasola.org/sf/goldengate/>—Info: Mary Gowins

May

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 4th—Huntsville Sacred Harp Singing—9:30 a.m.—Location to be announced—Huntsville, (Madison County), Alabama—Singing held on Saturday before the first Sunday in May—Info: David Ivey

Sat., 4th—Northwest Arkansas Convention—10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.—St. John's Episcopal Church—707 W. Central Ave—Harrison, Arkansas—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*—Info: Syd Caldwell

Sat., 4th—Portland Sacred Harp Singing—9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.—The Little Church—5138 NE 23rd Avenue, Portland, Oregon—Info: Heather Ikeler

Sat., 4th—Augusta Sacred Harp Singing—Augusta Old Line Primitive Baptist Church, Martinez, Georgia—Info: Diane Goldman

Sun., 5th—Poplar Springs Baptist Church—Reid (Calhoun County), Mississippi—Hwy. 341—South of Reid—Dinner, followed by singing at 1:00 p.m.

Sun., 5th—Shady Grove Baptist Church—Dutton (Jackson County), Alabama +

Sun., 5th—Shady Grove (Keeton Cemetery)—Walker County, Alabama +

Sun., 5th—Mt. Zion Primitive Baptist Church—Clay County, Alabama +

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Fri. night, 10th & Sat., 11th—Memphis Weekend Singing—Location to be determined, Memphis, Tennessee—Info: Matt Bell

Sat., 11th—Los Angeles Regional Singing—San Pedro, California—

Info: Larry Arnstein

Sat., 11th—Furman University *Sacred Harp/Christian Harmony* Singing—Herring Pavilion, Furman Campus—Greenville, South Carolina

Sat., 11th—Boston Singing—10:00 a.m.—Newton Highlands Congregational Church, 54 Lincoln St—Info: Joanna Lampert

Sat., 11th—Mid-Michigan Singing—Faith Lutheran Church, Okemos, Michigan—Info: Bob Borcherding/Anne Missavage

Sun., 12th—Old Flatwoods Primitive Baptist Church—10:00 a.m.—3 miles south of Nauvoo, Alabama—Info: Jimmie Gilmore †

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Fri., 17th p.m., & Sat., 18th—Garden State Singing Convention—Montclair Friends Meetinghouse—289 Park Street at Gordonhurst Ave., Montclair, New Jersey—Friday night 7:00-9:30 p.m.—Saturday 10:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.—Info: Claire Simon

Sat., 18th—Newton County Georgia Singing—Southeast of Covington, Newton County, Georgia—Shoal Creek Primitive Baptist Church—14 miles southwest of Covington, Georgia—Take I-20 East of Atlanta to Exit 98—Turn right onto Hwy. 11 south to four-way stop sign—Turn left onto Hwy. 278—Take first right turn onto County Road 229—Go 5.5 miles—Shoal Creek Church is on left

Sat., 18th—Providence Singing—10:00 a.m.—Cullman, Alabama—Mt. Olive Primitive Baptist Church—corner of St. Joseph Street and Brunner Street—Info: Kenneth Fannin

Sat., 18th—Kentucky State Sacred Harp Convention—Pisgah Presbyterian Church—Versailles, Kentucky—Near Lexington—Info: Charles Coulston

Sat., 18th—Goodshaw Sacred Harp Singing—10:30 a.m.—Goodshaw Baptist Church, Chapel Street, Goodshaw, Rossendale, Lancashire, UK—

Info: Chris Brown/Judy Whiting

Sun., 19th—Cane Creek Church—Cleburne County, Alabama—3.5 miles east of Heflin on U.S. Hwy. 78—From west to east, turn left just beyond mile marker 180. Church is located between mile marker 180 and 181.

Sun., 19th—Liberty Hill Church—Lamar County, Georgia—Please bring a dish to share †

Sun., 19th—Concord Baptist Church—12:00 Noon—Dinner, singing at 1:00 p.m.—Calhoun County, Mississippi—West of Hwy. 32 at Ellard—In Ellard—Take County Road 23 west to church.

Sun., 19th—Rocky Mount Homecoming—Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church—Daviston, Tallapoosa County, Alabama †

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 25th—Mount Pisgah Singing Society—9:00 a.m.—11322 Veteran's Memorial Pkwy, Lafayette, Chambers County, Alabama—*Cooper Book*—14 miles north of Lafayette and 7 miles south of Roanoke on U.S. Hwy. 431 at Stroud

Sat., 25th—The Piccolo Spoleto Singing—10:00 a.m.—Charleston, South Carolina—Gage Hall, 4 Archdale Street—Info: Michael Walker

Sat., 25th—Lewes Sacred Harp Singing Day—10:00 a.m.—South Malling Parish Church, Church Lane, Lewes, E. Sussex, United Kingdom—Info: Rachel Jordan

Sat., 25th & Sun., 26th—John Merritt Memorial Singing—Vicksburg, Mississippi—Location TBA—Info: Mark Davis or Henry McGuire

Sat., 25th & Sun., 26th—Midwest Convention—9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m., both days—Chicago, Illinois—Info: Ted Mercer or www.chicagosingsings.org

Sun., 26th—Gum Pond Decoration Day Singing—9:45 a.m.—Gum Pond Primitive Baptist Church, 2086 Gum Pond Rd., Eva, (Morgan County), Alabama—

Info: Judy Caudle +

Sun., 26th—Darien Primitive Baptist Church Homecoming and Singing—10:00 a.m.—Tallapoosa County, Alabama—From Wadley, travel west on Hwy. 22 just past mile marker #142—Turn left at Cotney's old store on Mountain Spring Road—Church will be less than one mile on the left—Info: Don Clark

Sun., 26th—The Big Singing—10:00 a.m.—*Southern Harmony*—Marshall County Courthouse on the Square, Benton, Kentucky—Info: Tim Reynolds

Mon., 27th—Memorial Day—Jack C. Smith Memorial Singing—10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.—Oakhurst Baptist Church—222 East Lake Drive—Decatur, Georgia—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*—Info: John Plunkett

June

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 1st—Northern Shenandoah Valley—10:00 a.m.—Grace Episcopal Church, 110 N. Church St, Berryville, Virginia—A set date of Saturday before the first Sunday in June—Info: John delRe/Kelly Macklin

Sat., 1st—Hill Roane Memorial—Sherman Baptist Church—Calhoun County, Mississippi—On Hwy. 32, 10 miles west of Bruce—Dutch treat: singers bring lunch.

Sat., 1st—Shaker Meetinghouse and Francis Bliss Birthday singing—Sabbathday Lake Shaker Village Meetinghouse, New Gloucester, Maine—Info: Barb Ames

Sat., 1st & Sun., 2nd—Holly Springs Primitive Baptist Church—9:30 a.m.—Near Bremen, Carroll County, Georgia +

Sun., 2nd—Liberty Decoration Day Singing—9:30 a.m.—Liberty Church—Henagar (DeKalb County), Alabama—Info: David Ivey +

Sun., 2nd—Parker Family and Sherry Guthery Memorial Singing—9:30 a.m.—Fellowship Church, Cullman County, Alabama—8-10 miles west of Cullman just off Hwy. 278

Sun., 2nd—Shenandoah Harmony Singing—10:00 a.m.—Millwood Community Center, 1610 Millwood Rd, Boyce, Virginia—Info: John delRe or Kelly Macklin

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 8th—New York State Regional Singing—10:00 a.m.—Old Songs Community Arts Center, 37 South Main Street, Voorheesville—Info: Jean Seiler

Sat., 8th—Raymond Hamrick Birthday Georgian Harmony Singing—Roberta Civic Center, South Matthews Street—Info: John Plunkett

Sat., 8th—Newcastle Singing—10:00 a.m.—St. Bartholomew's Church Hall—Station Road, Benton, Newcastle upon Tyne, United Kingdom—Info: Cath Tyler

Sat., 8th & Sun., 9th—Hopewell Homecoming—9:00 a.m.—Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church—3596 Airport Road, Altoona, Blount County, Alabama—Info: Nate Green +

Sun., 9th—Alpharetta Singing—Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church, Alpharetta (Fulton County), Georgia—exit GA 400 at Old Milton Parkway, go east to Hwy 120, turn left, church is ¼ mile on left—Info: Helen Bryson

Sun., 9th—Oak Springs Church—Calhoun County, Mississippi—3 miles north of Derma

Sun., 9th—Aldridge Memorial—Pleasant Hill Church (Johnson Schoolhouse)—Fayette County, Alabama—Info: Elene Stovall, Bridgett Kennedy, or Joan Aldridge +

Sun., 9th (4:00 p.m.) - Thu., 13th (8:30 a.m.)—Camp Fasola—Adult Session—Camp McDowell—Double Springs, Alabama—Community Singing (all are invited) on Wed., June 12th—7:00 p.m.—Info: David Ivey—<http://fasola.org/camp>

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Thurs., 13th, Fri., 14th & Sat., 15th—National Sacred Harp Singing Convention—9:30 a.m.—First Christian Church of Birmingham, 4954 Valleydale Road, Birmingham, Alabama—Info: Mark Davis

Sat., 15th—Moore, Graves, and Calvert Memorial—Addington Chapel Methodist Church—Cullman County, Alabama—from I-65 take exit 299-go south on Hwy 69 toward Jasper approximately 10.8 miles—turn right onto County Road 59-go 1.5 miles, church will be on your right.

Sat., 15th—Exeter All Day Singing—Exeter Friends Meetinghouse—Exeter Township—Berks County, Pennsylvania—U.S. 422 to Baumstown—Follow signs to Daniel Boone Homestead—Continue past homestead 1 mile to Meetinghouse Road—Left on Meetinghouse Road 0.2 miles to Meetinghouse on right—Set date of Saturday before the third Sunday in June—Info: Ted Stokes

Sun., 16th—Zion Hill Memorial Singing—10:00 a.m.—Zion Hill Baptist Church—Brachfield (Rusk County), Texas—*Cooper Book*—About 12 miles southeast of Henderson—Take Farm to Market Road 840 to Brachfield from Henderson—Turn right at the Welch Cemetery on Farm to Market Road 1798 (aka County Road 368)—Church is on the left—Info: Robert Vaughn

Sun., 16th—Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church—10:00 a.m.—Near Ephesus—Heard County, Georgia—Take Georgia Hwy. 100 south to Ephesus School—Turn left onto Ephesus/Roosterville Road—Go 2.5 miles, turn right.

Sun., 16th—Clifford Wakefield Memorial—King School House (Mt. Vernon Baptist Church)—Winston County, Alabama +

Sun., 16th—Macedonia Primitive Baptist Church—Macedonia Community (Jackson County), Alabama—4 miles south of Section—7 miles northwest of Fyffe on county road to Section.

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 22nd—Salem United Methodist Church Singing—9:30 a.m.—Near Cedar Bluff, Cherokee County, Alabama—On Alabama Highway 9 between Cedar Bluff, Alabama and the Georgia state line—7 miles from Cedar Bluff and 1 mile from the Georgia line—Info: Henry Johnson

Sat., 22nd—Oxford Sacred Harp Singing—10:00 a.m.—Seacourt Hall—Botley, Oxford, England—Info: Edwin/Sheila Macadam.

Sat., 22nd—Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church—Winston County, Alabama +

Sun., 23rd—DeLong-Roberts Memorial Singing—Ebenezer Primitive Baptist Church, 2325 Roberts Road, Dunwoody, Georgia—exit GA 400 at Northridge. From Atlanta, go straight across exit to corner of Roberts and Spalding Drive—Info: Jesse Roberts

Sun., 23rd—New Hope Church—Cullman County, Alabama +

Sun., 23rd—Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church—Fayette County, Alabama +

Sun., 23rd—Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church—*Cooper Revision*—CR 368, southeast of Henderson, Texas—Info: Robert Vaughn

Fifth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 29th—Independence Day Singing—Mt. Herman Primitive Baptist Church—New Liberty Community (Calhoun County), Mississippi—North of Hwy. 8—3 miles west of Vardaman

Sat., 29th & Sun., 30th—Union Musical Sacred Harp Convention—10:00 a.m.—Sweetwater Memorial Chapel, 1000 Pleasant Hill Road, Lawrenceville, Georgia—**Date change for 2013 only.** Will return to formula (First fifth Sunday after Labor Day and Saturday before) in 2014—Info: Jeannette DePoy or Jesse P. Karlsberg
Sun., 30th—Mount Pisgah—Sylvester (Worth County), Georgia—10 miles southwest of Sylvester—From I-75—Take Hwy. 112 to Ashburn and through Sylvester—Turn left on Evergreen/Doerun Road—Go 5.5 miles—Church on right—Always the second fifth Sunday each year
Sun., 30th—Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Church—Old Chicora, Florida—Fifth Sundays—*Cooper Book*—Info: Mary Ellen Schrock +

July

First Sunday and Saturday before

Mon., 1st—Independence Day Singing—9:00 a.m. CT—Camp Lee, Lakeview Lodge, Anniston, Alabama—from I20, exit 188, turn north to Choccolocco Road turn right, go 2.2 mi. Sign for camp on the left—Lunch is Dutch Treat \$8.00 each
Mon., July 1st (4:00 p.m.) - Fri., July 5th (9:00 a.m.)—Camp Fasola (Youth Session)—Camp Lee—Anniston, Alabama—Community Singing (all are invited) on Thurs., July 4th—7:00 p.m.—Info: David Ivey / <http://fasola.org/camp>
Thu., July 4th—Independence Day
Sat., 6th—Pioneer Valley Singing—10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.—First Congregational Church Chapel, Sunderland, Massachusetts—Info: Sheila Kelley
Sat., 6th & Sun., 7th—Henagar-Union Convention—Saturday 9:00 a.m. and Sunday 9:30 a.m.—Liberty Church—Two miles north of Henagar—DeKalb County, Alabama—Info: David Ivey +
Sun., 7th—Cross Roads Baptist Church—9:30 a.m. EDT—North of Tallapoosa—Haralson County, Georgia +

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Fri. p.m., 12th p.m. & Sat., 13th—Quebec Convention—Location TBA—Quebec, Canada—Info: Chuck Neville
Sat., 13th—Flat Shoals Primitive Baptist Church Singing—Flat Shoals Primitive Baptist Church—2052 Fairview Road, Stockbridge, Georgia—Info: Jesse Roberts
Sat., 13th & Sun., 14th—Cullman County Singing Convention—9:30 a.m.—Cullman County Courthouse—Cullman, Alabama
Sun., 14th—Hardeman Primitive Baptist Church, Decatur (DeKalb County), Georgia—Preaching at 10:30 a.m.—Lunch at 12:15—Singing 1:15 p.m.—*J.L. White Book* +

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Thurs., 18th—Capitol City Shape Note Singing—10:00 a.m.—Loeb Reception Center (near Kiwanis Park)—310 Columbus Ave.—Montgomery, Alabama—Bring a sack lunch for the noon lunch break—Sponsored by the Alabama Center for Traditional Culture—Always held on the third Thursday in July—Info: Joey Brackner
Sat., 20th—Walker County Convention—Boldo United Methodist Church, Gray Street, Boldo, Alabama—Info: Velton Chafin
Sat., 20th p.m.—Elder Bernard Moon Memorial—Dorsey Creek Primitive Baptist Church—Bremen, Alabama—*Cooper Book*—Hwy. 69
Sat., 20th—Spivey Hall Singing—Spivey Hall—Clayton College and State University—Morrow, Georgia
Sat., 20th—Michiana Singing—9:30 a.m.—Southwest Bible Church, 24899 County Road 40, Goshen, Indiana—Take State Road 119 southwest out of Goshen to

County Road 40, turn right. Church is approx. 1/8 mile on right—

Info: Samuel Sommers

Sat., 20th & Sun., 21st—Gwehelog Sacred Harp Singing—Saturday 10:00 a.m.—Sunday 10:30 a.m.—Gwehelog Methodist Chapel, nr Usk, United Kingdom—

Info: Chris Brown/Judy Whiting

Sun., 21st—Kalamazoo Singing—9:30 a.m. EDT—Western Michigan University—Wesley Foundation (on campus)—Kalamazoo, Michigan—Follow campus directions towards the Fetzer Center—Wesley Foundation is nearby—

Info: Bill/Martha Beverly

Sun., 21st—Chafin, Harbinson, Hollis Memorial Singing—New Prospect Church—Near Bremen—Cullman County, Alabama—From Cullman—Take Hwy. 69 south—Go past landfill—Take County Road 8 south—Go 1 mile (First paved road)—Take left and go 0.6 miles.

Sun., 21st—Hillabee Convention—Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church—Daviston (Tallapoosa County), Alabama †

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 27th—Cotaco Convention—10:00 a.m.—Gum Pond Primitive Baptist Church—2086 Gum Pond Rd. (Morgan County) Eva, Alabama—

Info: Judy Caudle †

Sat., 27th—Marilou and Don Jolly Memorial—Old Poway Park—Poway (San Diego County), California—From I-15 take Poway Road exit eastbound—Go approximately 4 miles—Turn left on Midland Road—The park is on the left—

Info: Carla Smith

Sat., 27th—Chickasaw County Convention—Enon Primitive Baptist Church—Chickasaw County, Mississippi—South of Hwy. 8—8 miles east of Houston—From Hwy. 8 turn south on County Road 190—Church is on the left.

Sat., 27th—Maine Singing—10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.—Union Town House, Townhouse Rd, Union, Maine—Saturday before the last Sunday in July—

Info: Kathie Pilobosian or Chris Holley

Sat., 27th—Central Pennsylvania Singing—Progress Grange Hall, 217 South Pennsylvania Ave, Centre Hall, Pennsylvania—about 8 miles east of State College—

Info: Hal Kunkel

Sat., 27th—Swannanoa Gathering Singing—10:00 a.m.—Warren Wilson College, Swannanoa, North Carolina—*The Sacred Harp*, 1991 Edition/*Christian*

Harmony/Southern Harmony—Info: Jane Spencer

Sat., 27th & Sun., 28th—Mt. Zion Memorial—10:00 a.m.—Mt. Zion United Methodist Church—Mt. Zion (Carroll County), Georgia—8.5 miles west of Carrollton on Hwy. 16—Behind school

Sun., 28th—D.H. Mansfield Singing—10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.—Union Town House, Townhouse Rd, Union, Maine—American Vocalist and *The Sacred Harp*, 1991 Edition—Last Sunday in July—Info: Peter Golden or Chris Holley

Sun., 28th—John Etheridge Singing (in Memory of Winston Jones and Doss Bryan) (*Cooper Book*)—Valley Grove Primitive Baptist Church—Opp (Covington County), Alabama—10 miles north of Opp on Hwy. 331—Info: Wayne Jones, Tim Jones

August

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 3rd—Eugene Singing—9:30 a.m.—Eugene, Oregon area—Location to be announced—Saturday following the fourth Sunday in July—Info: Steve Helwig

Sat., 3rd & Sun., 4th—Chattahoochee Sacred Harp Convention—9:30 a.m.—Wilson's Chapel—Southeast of Carrollton (Carroll County), Georgia—From the

southeastern section of 166 (Carrollton bypass) turn south on OLD Newnan Road, at fork, bear left onto Cross Plains Rd—at three way intersection, bear right onto dirt road, Chapel on left. From Alabama—Exit I20 at US Hwy 27, turn right, go about 10 miles, turn left at light onto Linda Lane, continue several miles until light at Old Newnan Road, turn left, after passing Cross Plains on right, keep straight after sharp curve, Chapel on left—Info: John Plunkett, Richard DeLong
Sun., 4th—Fayette County Convention—9:30 a.m.—Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church—Fayette County, Alabama †

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 10th—Calhoun County Convention—Bethel Primitive Baptist Church—Highway 9, one mile north of Bruce, Mississippi—church is on the right.

Sat., 10th—Geneva All-Day Singing—Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva, 102 South Second, Geneva, Illinois—Info: Ryan Wheeler

Sat., 10th—Lamar and Pickens County Convention—Zion Primitive Baptist Church—Pickens County, Alabama †

Sat., 10th & Sun., 11th—East Texas Sacred Harp Convention—Henderson Civic Center, 1005 Hwy 64, Henderson (Rusk County), Texas—*Cooper Book*—Info: Robert Vaughn

Wednesday after second Sunday

Wed., 14th—Elmore Center Singing—Elmore Center United Methodist Church—Pickens County, Alabama—4 miles south of Gordo on County Roads 9 and 21—This is reputed to have begun in 1845

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 17th—Mt. Rainier Singing—*Cooper Book*—Buckley Hall, 127 N. River Ave., (between Main St. and Cottage St. N, Buckley, Washington—Info: Karen Willard

Sat., 17th—*Cooper Book* Singing—Ramah Primitive Baptist Church—Lenox (Conecuh County), Ala.—On County Hwy. 6, about 4 miles west of I-65 near Lenox—Info: Hubert Nall

Sat., 17th—Rome Primitive Baptist Church Singing—10:00 a.m.—Eight miles north of Rome, Georgia, on US 27—Info: B.M. Smith

Sat., 17th—Kitchens Memorial—Zion Rest Primitive Baptist Church, Jasper, Alabama—Info: Linda Sides

Sun., 18th—Willard Birthday Singing—Buckley Hall, 127 N. River Ave., (between Main St. and Cottage St. N, Buckley, Washington—Info: Karen Willard

Sun., 18th—Cleburne County Convention—9:30 a.m.—Edwardsville Baptist Church—Edwardsville, Cleburne County, Alabama—Info: Cecil Roberts

Sun., 18th—Emma Beasley, Belton Beasley, and Phillip Lee, III Memorial—Concord Primitive Baptist Church—Winfield (Marion County), Alabama—Info: Sarah Beasley †

Sun., 18th—Cedar Creek Church—Crisp County, Georgia—9 miles southwest of Cordele, off Cordele/Albany Hwy—Take Hwy. 300 from I-75 heading south—Go 11 miles—Church will be on the right.

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 24th—Central Ontario All-Day Singing—9:30 a.m. EDT—Detweiler Meetinghouse—3445 Roseville Road—North Dumfries Township (near Kitchener/Waterloo), Ontario, Canada—Info: Pleasance Crawford or Gillian Inksetter

Sat., 24th & Sun., 25th—Mississippi State Convention—Antioch Primitive Baptist Church, Near Forest (Scott County) Mississippi—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition, Cooper Book* and *Christian Harmony*—Info: Mark Davis

Sat., 24th & Sun., 25th—Lookout Mountain Convention—9:00 a.m.—Pine Grove Church—Near Collinsville—DeKalb County, Alabama—Info: Rodney Ivey +

September

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., Aug 31st—Maiden Creek Friends Meetinghouse—Near Leesport—Berks County, Pennsylvania—Saturday of Labor Day Weekend—Info: Ted Stokes

Sat., Aug 31st—New Providence Primitive Baptist Church—Ringgold, Louisiana—1991 Edition and Cooper books—Info: Robert Vaughn

Sat., Aug 31st—Georgian Harmony Singing—Liberty Hill Church/Community House, Barnesville, Georgia—Info: John Plunkett or Oscar McGuire

Sun., 1st—Clear Creek West Convention/Mulberry River Convention—Old County Line Church, Jefferson County, Alabama—Convention held in even years at Pleasant Hill Church (Johnson Schoolhouse), Fayette County, Alabama, and in odd years at County Line Church, Jefferson County, Alabama+
Info: Velton Chafin or Danny Creel

Sun., 1st—Shiloh-Littlevine Singing—Shiloh Primitive Baptist Church—South of Tallapoosa, Georgia, off Hwy. 100—From I-20—Take Exit #5 and go South on Hwy 100—1.4 miles to Shiloh Church Road—Turn right—0.8 miles to church.

Sun., 1st—Haynes Creek Church—Rockdale County, Georgia—10 miles north of Conyers on state Hwy. 20—Turn left on Rosebud Road, approximately 3 miles, church is on left.

Sun., 1st—Fox Valley Folk Festival Singing—11:30 a.m.—Island Park—Geneva, Illinois—Always the Sunday before Labor Day.

Mon., 2nd (Labor Day)—Shoal Creek Church—9:30 a.m.—Talladega National Forest—Near Edwardsville—Cleburne County, Alabama—From West to East—Take Hwy. 78 east to Heflin and then into Edwardsville—Go through Edwardsville, just past mile marker 183, and turn north onto County Road 61 which is directly across the road from the volunteer fire department. There is a sign for Talladega National Forest—Go 5.6 miles, cross the creek, go 0.4 miles and look for a sign for the church. Turn right at the church sign onto a dirt road leading to the church—Info: B.M. Smith/Cecil Roberts

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 7th—*Cooper Book* Singing—Little Flock Church, Molino, Florida—Barrineau Park Road, 1.5 miles West of US Hwy. 29—Info: Hubert Nall

Sat., 7th—Rivanna River Sacred Harp Singing-10:00 a.m.-Charlottesville, Virginia—Info: Diane Ober, John Alexander

Sat., 7th & Sun., 8th—United Sacred Harp Musical Association (United Sacred Harp Singing Convention)—Atlanta, Georgia—Location to be announced—David Ivey/Matt Hinton

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 14th—Pioneer Day Sacred Harp Singing—10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.—Gray Court, South Carolina—From the Greenville area, take I-385 south to exit 19, about 11 miles from I-85. Take SC Hwy. 14 to Owings, about 2 miles into Gray Court. Continue through the traffic light for about one quarter mile. Parking area will be on the left, then follow the signs—second Saturday in September—Info: Leon Carnell

Sat., 14th—New York City All Day Singing—9:30 a.m.—Location TBA—Info: Aldo Ceresa

Sat., 14th—Lee Rogers Memorial Singing—10:00 a.m.—*Christian Harmony*—Home of John and Elsie Hollingsworth, 1574 Adams Clarke Road, Commerce, Georgia—Info: John Hollingsworth

Sat., 14th—Pasadena United Methodist Church—10:00 a.m.—1062 Fairmont Parkway—Pasadena, Texas—Info: Crystal Meadows
Sat., 14th & Sun., 15th—Illinois State Convention—Taylorville, Illinois—Christian County Historical Society Museum—Third Sunday and Saturday before—Info: Berkley Moore or Janet Fraembs
Sat., 14th & Sun., 15th—United Kingdom Sacred Harp Convention—Framwellgate School, Newton Drive, Framwellgate Moor, Durham—Info: Cath Tyler, Michael Walker
Sun., 15th—Cornelius Benjamin Keeton and Travis Keeton Memorial Singing—Shady Grove (Keeton Cemetery)—Walker County, Alabama +
Sun., 15th—J.L. White Sacred Harp Singing—10:00 a.m.—Hardeman Primitive Baptist Church—3965 Glenwood Road—Decatur, Georgia—*J.L. White Book*—Info: John Plunkett or Sandra Wilkinson +
Sun., 15th—Smyrna Annual Sacred Harp Singing—10:00 a.m.—Smyrna Primitive Baptist Church—Goodwater, Alabama—From Hwy. 9, turn east in Goodwater on Hackneyville Road—Go approximately 5 miles to County Road 83, turn right (church sign there)—Go approximately 0.25 miles, church is on left

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 21st—West Texas Singing—Crosbyton Primitive Baptist Church, 401 S. Emerald St., Crosbyton, Texas—10:00 a.m.—*1991 Edition*—Info: Kathy Taylor
Sat., 21st—Hamrick Memorial Singing—This singing has been discontinued
Sat., 21st & Sun., 22nd—Minnesota State Convention—9:30 a.m.—Saturday—Location TBA—Sunday—Shakopee, Minnesota—Fourth Sunday and Saturday before
Sat., 21st & Sun., 22nd—Rocky Mountain Convention—9:30 a.m.—Left Hand Grange Hall, 195 Second Ave, Niwot, Colorado—Convention alternates between Colorado and New Mexico.
Sat., 21st & Sun., 22nd—Alabama State *Christian Harmony* Convention—9:30 a.m.—Union Baptist Church, 3351 Warrior Jasper Road, Warrior, Alabama—I-65 to exit 282—Church is 7.6 miles west on Warrior-Jasper Road (approximately 5 miles east of Hwy 78—Info: Emily Creel
Sat., 21st & Sun., 22nd—Poland Convention—Warsaw, Poland—Info: www.sacredharp86.org
Sun., 22nd—Gum Pond Primitive Baptist Church—10:00 a.m.—2086 Gum Pond Rd., Eva, Morgan County, Alabama—Info: Judy Caudle +
Sun., 22nd—Winston County Convention—Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church +

Fifth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 28th—Young People's Singing—9:30 a.m.—Hoboken, Georgia—Location to be announced—This singing is held on Saturday before first fifth Sunday after July 4th—Info: Riley Lee
Sat., 28th—Indiana *Cooper Book* Singing—Flora, Indiana—Info: Brad Bahler
Sat., 28th—Mountain Heritage Day Singing—10:30 a.m.—Administration Building—Western Carolina University—Cullowhee (Jackson County), North Carolina—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition/Christian Harmony*—Always the last Saturday in September—Info: Ed Smith
Sat., 28th & Sun., 29th—Southwest Texas Convention—Location TBA—Austin, Texas—Fall Session—*Cooper Book*—(August, September, or October)—Last fifth Sunday before Thanksgiving—Info: Alexa Gilmore or Gaylon Powell
Sun., 29th—Lacy Memorial Singing—9:30 a.m.—Fuller Cemetery—Ider, Alabama—Just off AL Hwy. 117—1 mile north from intersection of Alabama

Highways. 117 and 75—Church is just west of AL Hwy. 117—Follow sign—First fifth Sunday after July 4th—Info: Reba Windom

Sun., 29th—Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Church—Old Chicora, Florida—Fifth Sundays—*Cooper Book*—Info: Mary Ellen Schrock †

October

First Sunday and Saturday before

Fri., 4th and Sat., 5th — or — Sat., 5th & Sun., 6th—New England Convention—9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.—Location to be announced—Date for this singing is selected by the host singers—Friday and Saturday OR Saturday and Sunday before the first Monday in October—Info: info@neconvention.net

Sat., 5th—*Cooper Book* Singing—Shady Grove Baptist Church—9:30 a.m.—Between Dutton and Section—Jackson County, Alabama—Info: Syble Adams †

Sat., 5th—Smyrna Baptist Church Sacred Harp Singing—Rusk County, Texas—*Cooper Book*—Church is on FM Road 2496—5 miles west of Mount Enterprise—Info: Robert Vaughn

Sat., 5th—Church Music Heritage and Fall Festival—10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.—Methodist Church—Church Street—Petersburg, Tennessee—Petersburg is located east of US 431 between Lewisburg and Fayetteville—Saturday before the first Sunday in October—Info: Tim Reynolds

Sat., 5th—Northwest Pennsylvania Singing—First Universalist Church of Girard, 107 Myrtle St, Girard, Pennsylvania—Info: Gerald Hoffman

Sun., 6th—South Georgia Sacred Harp Singing Convention—Liberty Hill Church—Lamar County, Georgia—Info: Oscar McGuire

Sun., 6th—Alexander, Hullett, Lowe, Brothers, Wooten Memorial—Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church—3596 Airport Road, Altoona, Blount County, Alabama—Info: Nate Green †

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 12th—Tallahassee Singing—9:30 a.m.—*Cooper Book*—Tallahassee Museum of History and Natural Science—Tallahassee, Florida—Info: Alice/Tor Bejnar

Sat., 12th—Savannah All Day Singing—Faith Primitive Baptist Church—3212 Bee Road—Savannah, Georgia—Take Victory Dr. to Bee Rd, near Daffin Park—Go south on Bee Rd.—Church is 1/3 mile on left.—Saturday before the second Sunday—Info: Gene Pinion

Sat., 12th—Columbia Singing—Dripping Springs Christian Church—2701 Dripping Springs Rd., Columbia, Missouri—Info: Wendy Hofmann or Lou/Penny Kujawinski

Sat., 12th—Sheffield Sacred Harp Singing Day—11:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.—Our Lady and St. Thomas Church, Meadowhead, Woodseats, Sheffield, United Kingdom—Info: Carmel Wood

Sat., 12th—Sacred Harp Singing—New Echota Historic Site—10:00 a.m.—Supreme Courthouse—Hwy 225, Calhoun, Georgia—Singing held on second Saturday in October—Info: Judy Mincey

Sat., 12th—Middle Tennessee Sacred Harp Singing—9:30 a.m.—King's Chapel—Hwy 96, Arrington, Tennessee—Info: Ron Harper

Sat., 12th p.m. and Sun., 13th—Tennessee State Convention—Second Creek Primitive Baptist Church—280 Second Creek Road, Five Points, Tennessee—Saturday night—*Cooper Book*—Sunday—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*—From Lawrenceburg: Take US 43 south. In Leoma, turn left onto Tennessee Hwy. 98 and go about 7 miles—turn right onto Second Creek Road—Cross Five Points—Liberty Grove Road at the Stop sign—Go about 1 mile to church on right.

Sun., 13th—Cates and Brown Memorial—9:30 a.m. CT—Muscadine Methodist Church—Muscadine (Cleburne County), Alabama—Take U.S. Hwy. 78 to Muscadine—Turn south on County Road 49—Go 1 mile—Church on right.

Sun., 13th—Chestnut Grove Church—10:00 a.m.—Near Ider—DeKalb County, Alabama—3 miles south of Ider—Off Hwy. 117

Sun., 13th—Taylor United Methodist Church—Taylor (Lafayette County), Mississippi—8 miles south of Oxford—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 19th—Tri-State Convention—9:00 a.m.—Florida—Location to be Announced—*Cooper Book*—Info: Morgan Bunch, Mary Whitehurst, Russ Scholz

Sat., 19th—Shapers Sacred Harp Singing Day—United Kingdom—Venue to be confirmed—Info: Steve Fletcher

Sat., 19th—Duluth Singing—Duluth Superior Friends Meeting, 1802 East First Street, Duluth, Minnesota—10:00 a.m.—Info: Bonnie Ambrosi

Sat., 19th and Sun. 20th—New York State Convention—Ithaca area—Location TBA—Info: Ginny Huszagh

Sat., 19th & Sun., 20th—Pacific Northwest Convention, Oregon—9:30 a.m., both days—Laurelhurst Club, 3721 SE Ankeny St., Portland, Oregon—Saturday a.m. devoted to singing school, normal singing Saturday afternoon and all day singing on Sunday—Info: Jessica Beer or Dan Thoma

Sun., 20th—Andrew's Chapel—Upson County, Georgia—6.1 miles southeast of Thomaston on Hwy. 74—Turn right on the Rock Road to first stop sign—Bear left—1 mile to school—Bring covered dish.

Sun., 20th—Reid Memorial Singing—County Line Church—Jefferson County, Alabama +

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Fri., 25th and Sat., 26th—Alaska Sacred Harp Convention-United Methodist Church, Sitka, Alaska—Info: Kari Lundgren

Sat., 26th—Seed and Feed Sacred Harp Singing—10:00 a.m.—Emory Presbyterian Church—1886 North Decatur Road—Atlanta, Georgia—From I-85—Take the Clairmont Rd. exit and go south (passing the VA Hospital on the right) to the intersection of Clairmont and North Decatur Road. Turn right on North Decatur.

Church is 0.5 miles west of the Clairmont/North Decatur intersection, at the corner of North Decatur and Westminster Way—Info: Kelly Morris or Laura Akerman

Sat., 26th—Putnam, Light, and King Memorial—10:00 a.m.—Mt. Oak Methodist Church—Marshall County, Alabama—6 miles northwest of Arab—Turn west off Alabama Hwy 231 onto County Road 418 at Discount Warehouse Grocery, also called Ruth Eddy Road—Church is on the left.

Sat., 26th—Bloomington All-Day Singing—10:00 a.m.—Friends Meetinghouse—Bloomington, Indiana—Info: William Shetter or John Hoerr

Sat., 26th—Northwest Arkansas Fall Singing—9:30 a.m.—Chapel, First United Methodist Church, 206 W. Johnson, Springdale, Arkansas—Info: Holly Childs, Sydney Caldwell

Sat., 26th—Pratt-Woodard Memorial Singing—10:00 a.m.—Houston Congregational Church, Houston, Alabama—From I-65 turn west on Hwy 278, then turn south on Hwy 63, the church is on the east side of road—Info: Richard Mauldin

Sat., 26th—Sadsbury Cooper Book Singing—Old Sadsbury Friends Meeting House, Christiana, Pennsylvania—Info: Laura Densmore

Sat., 26th—Northwest London Sacred Harp Singing Day—10:30 a.m.—Location to be announced—Info: Michael Walker

Sun., 27th—Jordan Chapel—This singing has been discontinued

Sun., 27th—Mr. and Mrs. Joe Myers/W.A. Parker Memorial Singing—New Hope Primitive Baptist Church—Walker County, Alabama †

November

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 2nd—Little Hope Primitive Baptist Church—Near Huntington—Angelina County, Texas—*Cooper Book*—4 miles on Farm to Market Road 1669 out of Huntington—Info: Burl Russell

Sat., 2nd—Velton Chafin Birthday Singing—Liberty Church (McCormick), Sumiton, Jefferson County, Alabama †. 1991 Edition and Cooper Book—Info: Velton Chafin

Sat., 2nd—Denney Memorial—10:00 a.m.—Emmaus Primitive Baptist Church—Carrollton (Carroll County), Georgia—Take I-20 to Georgia, exit 11—U.S. Hwy. 27 south for about 13.5 miles—turn right on Oak Grove Road—Go about ½ miles—turn left on Oak Grove Church Road and go about ½ miles. Church is on the left—Info: Tony Hammock or Philip Denney

Sat., 2nd—University of Chicago/Hyde Park Sacred Harp Anniversary Singing—9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.—Chicago, Illinois—Augustana Lutheran Church, on 55th St. between University and Woodlawn—Always Saturday before the first Sunday in November—Info: Cathryn Bearov

Sun., 3rd—Holly Springs Primitive Baptist Church—9:30 a.m.—Near Bremen—Carroll County, Georgia—Info: Phillip Langley †

Sun., 3rd—New Hope at Mt. Ebron Church Singing—10:00 a.m.—New Hope Missionary Baptist Church—Near Double Springs—Winston County, Alabama—3 miles west of Double Springs on Hwy. 25—Double Springs to Lynn—Info: Richard Mauldin

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 9th—Immanuel Baptist Church—222 Belle Meade Boulevard—Nashville, Tennessee—Between Harding Road, U.S. 70, and Harding Place

Sat., 9th—Southern Wisconsin Singing—Plum Grove Church, Folklore Village Farm—3210 County Highway BB—Dodgeville, Wisconsin—County Highway BB, south of US Highway 18/151, between Ridgeway and Dodgeville.—Info: James Page

Sat., 9th—Dallas County Singing—9:30 a.m.—Cochran Chapel United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 9027 Midway at N W Hwy, Dallas, Texas—Southwest corner of the intersection, enter from Midway Rd—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*—Info: Cheryl Foreman or Sonny Erwin

Sat., 9th—Stapleford Sacred Harp Singing—St. Luke's Church—Moorbridge Lane, Stapleford, Nottingham, United Kingdom—Info: Helen Brown

Sat., 9th—James River Convention—Richmond, Virginia—Saturday before the second Sunday in November—PLEASE NOTE: Changed to a one day singing—Info: Stephen McMaster or Pat Temple

Sat., 9th—Berkshire Foothills Singing—10:00 a.m.—Old Meeting House, Granville, MA, see WMSHC.org—Info: Christine Andrews or Joanne Fuller

Sat., 9th—Boiling Springs Convention—Mt. Zion Primitive Baptist Church, Clay County, near Ashland, Alabama—Info: Eugene Forbes †

Sun., 10th—Oak Hill Baptist Church and Calhoun County Convention—9:30 a.m.—County Line Road—Near Oxford—Calhoun County, Alabama—Get on Hwy. 21 South in Oxford—Go under I-20—Take left at light onto Friendship Road—Cross 3 bridges to traffic light—Turn right onto Cheaha Drive—Go 5/6 blocks—Turn left onto County Line Road—Church on right

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 16th—Elmore County Convention—*Cooper Book*—First Presbyterian Church—Wetumpka, Alabama—Info: Bill Hogan

Sat., 16th—West Yorkshire Sacred Harp Day—West Lane Methodist Chapel—Haworth, United Kingdom—Info: Chris Brown/Judy Whiting

Sat., 16th—7:00 p.m.—Cross Roads Church—North of Tallapoosa—Haralson County, Georgia—Saturday night before the third Sunday in November—Info: Donna Bell / Cecil Roberts +

Sun., 17th—Davis Memorial—10:00 a.m.—Harmony Primitive Baptist Church—Harmony Church Road—Calhoun (Gordon County), Georgia—From I-75 Exit 315 (Red Bud Road, GA 156)—Go east on Hwy. 156 to first traffic light—Turn right onto Harmony Church Road—Go about 100 yards—Church on left—Info: Judy Mincey

Sun., 17th—Wakefield Memorial—King's School House (Mt. Vernon)—near Lynn, Winston County, Alabama +

Thurs., 21st—Thanksgiving Day

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 23rd—Thanksgiving Sacred Harp Singing—10:30 a.m.—Jordans Village Hall, Green Road West, Jordans, Buckinghamshire—UK—Info: Sheila/Edwin Macadam

Sat., 23rd & Sun., 24th—Alabama Sacred Harp Musical Convention—9:00 a.m.—Jefferson State Community College—Eugene Fitzgerald Student Center (Jefferson Campus)—2601 Carson Road—Birmingham, Alabama 35215—Info: David Ivey

Sat., 23rd—3:00 p.m.—Sacred Harp Musical Heritage Association (SHMHA)—Annual Meeting—Jefferson State Community College—Eugene Fitzgerald Student Center (Jefferson Campus)—2601 Carson Road—Birmingham, Alabama 35215

December

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., Nov 30th—Sacred Harp Singing—Heights Church of Christ—1548 Heights Blvd.—Houston, Texas—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition/Cooper Book*—Info: Crystal Meadows

Sat., Nov 30th & Sun., Dec 1st—Florida State Sacred Harp Convention—Holiday Inn—2001 Cove Boulevard—Panama City, Florida—*Cooper Book*—For reservations call 850.769.0000

Sat., Nov 30th & Sun., Dec 1st—Georgia State Christian Harmony Convention—9:30 a.m.—Harmony Primitive Baptist Church—Calhoun, Georgia—Info: John Plunkett

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 7th & Sun., 8th—Joseph Jackson Beasley Memorial—Concord Primitive Baptist Church—Winfield (Marion County), Alabama—Info: John Beasley +

Sat., 7th—Lehigh Valley All-Day Singing (Shenandoah Harmony)—10:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.—Bethlehem, PA, location TBA—Info: Daniel Hunter

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 14th & Sun., 15th—No listings

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 21st & Sun. 22nd—No listings

Tue., 24th and Wed., 25th—Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

Fifth Sunday and Saturday before

Sun., 29th—Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Church—Old Chicora, Florida—Fifth Sundays—*Cooper Book*—Info: Mary Ellen Schrock +

Tue., 31st—7:00 p.m.—Wootten Family New Year's Eve Singing—Antioch Baptist Church—Ider (DeKalb County), Alabama +

Tue., 31st—6:00 p.m.—New Year's Eve Singing—Hollingsworth Home, Ila, Georgia—*The Sacred Harp*, 1991 Edition/*Christian Harmony*—

Info: John Hollingsworth

FIFTH SATURDAY/SUNDAY SINGINGS

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| First Fifth Weekend | Saturday, March 30 Sunday, March 31 |
| Second Fifth Weekend | Saturday, June 29 Sunday, June 30 |
| Third Fifth Weekend | Saturday, September 28 Sunday, September 29 |
| Fourth Fifth Weekend | Saturday, December 28 Sunday, December 29 |

First Fifth Weekend (Regular Singings)

Liberty Church—Henagar, Alabama—First fifth Sunday of year

Parker, Hollis, Putman Memorial—Liberty (McCormick)—Sumiton, Alabama—First fifth Sunday each year

Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Church—Old Chicora, Florida—Fifth Sundays—*Cooper Book*—Info: Mary Ellen Schrock +

Southwest Texas Convention—Bethel Primitive Baptist Church—McMahan, Texas—*Cooper Book*—First fifth Sunday in the spring (March or later)

Second Fifth Weekend (Regular Singings)

Mount Pisgah—Sylvester, Georgia—Second fifth Sunday of each year

Union Musical Sacred Harp Convention—Held at different locations—Atlanta, Georgia area—First fifth Sunday and Saturday before, after Labor Day—**Date**

Change for 2013 only

Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Church—Old Chicora, Florida—Fifth Sundays—*Cooper Book*—Info: Mary Ellen Schrock +

Third Fifth Weekend (Regular Singings)

Young People's Singing—Hoboken, Georgia—Saturday before first fifth Sunday after July 4th

Lacy Memorial Singing—Ider, Alabama—First fifth Sunday after July 4th

Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Church—Old Chicora, Florida—Fifth Sundays—*Cooper Book*—Info: Mary Ellen Schrock +

Southwest Texas Convention—Austin, Texas—Fall Session—*Cooper Book*—First fifth Sunday and Saturday before, of the fall (August, September, or October)—Last fifth Sunday before Thanksgiving

Fourth Fifth Weekend (Regular Singings)

Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Church—Old Chicora, Florida—Fifth Sundays—*Cooper Book*—Info: Mary Ellen Schrock +

LOCAL SINGINGS

Alabama

Anniston—Second Tuesday night in December—6:30 p.m.—Norwood Hodges (Golden Springs) Community Center, Spring Valley Road—Info: Pam Nunn

Auburn—One Friday night in March and September—St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church—136 E. Magnolia Avenue (just north of College Street—7:00 p.m.—Info: Karen Clark/Fred Hoerr

Birmingham: First Tuesday in month—Southside Baptist Church, Heritage Room—19th Street and 11th Avenue South, near Five Points—6:30 p.m.—Info: Elene Stovall

Fayette: Second Sunday night—6:00 p.m.—Mt. Lebanon Church—Bluff Road off Hwy. 107—8 miles northwest of Fayette—Info: Larry Ballinger

Ft. Payne: Last Tuesday of each month—March through October—6:30 p.m.—Senior Center (Council on Aging building)—600 Tyler Avenue, South—From I-59, take exit #218 (Hwy. 35)—Take Hwy. 35 to U.S. Hwy. 11 (Gault Avenue)—Turn east on 8th Street, South (at O'Reilly's Auto Parts). Proceed to Tyler Avenue and turn left. The building is 2 blocks on the left.

Henagar: First Sunday night—October through April—Liberty Church—5:30 p.m.—Info: Rodney Ivey or David Ivey

Huntsville: Friday Night—February 1, April 5, August 2, November 1—7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.—Burritt Museum—3101 Burritt Drive, on Monte Sano Mountain—Take U.S. 431 south (Governors Drive) to top of Monte Sano Mountain—Turn north onto Monte Sano Boulevard—Turn onto Burritt Drive—Info: David Ivey

Ider: Second Sunday night—October through March—Antioch Church—5 miles north of Ider—Left on Hwy. 75—Info: Terry Wootten

Jasper: Saturday night before second Sunday in January—Memorial Singing—Mrs. Luther Calvert and Mrs. Jim Woodley—Pleasant Grove Church—Boldo Community—5 miles east of Jasper—Hwy. 69.

Jasper: Saturday night before the third Sunday in March—Boldo Memorial Singing—Stephenson and Wall Memorial—Pleasant Grove Primitive Baptist Church—Five miles east of Jasper—Hwy. 69.

Montgomery area: Each third Tuesday—7:00 p.m.—Fellowship Hall, First Presbyterian Church, 10 River Bridge Road, Wetumpka, AL—Info: Bill Hogan

Alaska

Fairbanks: Sundays—7:00 p.m.—Info: Charley Basham or Robert Sullivan.

Sitka: Second Sunday—3:30-5:30 p.m.—Sitka Pioneers Home Chapel—Info: Kari Lundgren

Arizona

Tucson: Most first and third Saturdays—2:00-5:00 p.m.—Sonora Cohousing—501 E. Roger Rd.—Info: Paige Winslett, tucsonfasola@earthlink.net

Arkansas

Big Fork: First Sunday—2:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m.—Info: Verla Huckaby or Flora Burns

Mena: Second and Fourth Thursdays—6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.—Info: Verla Huckaby

Springdale: Second Sundays—1:30-4:00 p.m.—General Store at the Shiloh Museum, 118 West Johnson Ave.—Info: Sydney Caldwell

California

- Claremont:** Fourth Sunday—4:00-6:00 p.m.—Claremont Presbyterian Church, 1111 N. Mountain Ave—Info: Church office 909.624.9693, please call to confirm
- Davis:** Second and fourth Fridays—7:00-9:30 p.m.—Email or call for location—Info: Matthew Lawson, mmlawson@ucdavis.edu
- Fresno:** Second Sunday—Location varies—Info: Linda Booth, lbooth@comcast.net
- Healdsburg:** First Sundays—1:00-3:00—Old Felta Schoolhouse, 1034 Felta Rd.—Info: Mary Anne Ciavonne, ciavonne@sonic.net
- Los Angeles (Culver City):** Every Thursday—7:00-9:00—Info: David Olson
- Los Angeles (East side):** First Sunday—3:30 p.m.—6:00 p.m.—Info: Laura Boyd Russell
- Los Angeles (West side):**—Third Sunday—3:00-5:50 p.m.—Info: Laura Boyd Russell
- Los Angeles (Santa Monica):** Saturday before second Sunday—4:00-6:00 p.m.—Learners Workshop style—Info: Laura and Rick Russell
- Monterey:** Third Sunday—3:00-6:00 p.m.—Info: Michael Armstrong; Jack and Kathy Herbig
- Sacramento:** Approx. every other First Sunday—1:00 p.m. potluck—Singing, 2:00—4:30 p.m.—Held at home of Susan Jones and David Wright—Info: susanjones533@gmail.com
- San Diego:** First Sundays—4:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.—Los Penasquitos Ranch House, at Canyonside Community Park, 12350 Black Mountain Road—Info: Susanna Ball
- San Diego:** Second Sundays—4:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.—San Diego Moose Lodge, corner of 30th and Date Streets—Info: Jerry Schreiber
- San Diego:** Third Sundays—3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.—Adobe Chapel, 3950 Conde St, in Old Town San Diego—Info: Jerry Schreiber
- San Diego:** Fourth Sundays—4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.—Tierrasanta Lutheran Church, 11240 Clairemont Mesa Blvd—Info: Susanna Ball
- San Francisco:** Third Sundays except Jan.—1:30—4:30 p.m.—St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, 101 Gold Mine Dr.—Info: Julian Damashek
- San Francisco Bay Area-Peninsula/South Bay:** Second Sundays—11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. and Fourth Sundays—4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. (hosted lunch following)—Info: Terry Moore
- San Francisco Bay Area-University of California/Berkeley:** Every Monday—7:30—9:30 p.m.—location near UC Berkeley Campus—Info: Hal Eisen
- Santa Barbara:** First Saturday of each month—7:30-10:00 p.m.—808 California Street—Call in advance to confirm—Info: Tom/Victoria Ostwald
- Santa Cruz:** First and third Sundays—2:00-4:00 p.m.—Info: Shelly Phillips

Colorado

- Arkansas Valley:** Third Mondays—6:30-8:30 p.m.—417 Carson Ave, La Junta, CO—singing from the 1991 Edition and Cooper Book—Info: Pete Mathewson
- Boulder:** Second Friday of every month—7:00-9:00 p.m.—Call for location—Mary Lou Van Laanen.
- Colorado Springs:** Second Sunday—1:30-3:30 p.m.—Pikes Peak Primitive Baptist Church—12th and Pikes Peak—Info: Pete Mathewson
- Denver:** All Mondays except first—6:40-8:40 p.m.—St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 2015 Glenarm Pl.—(1991 Edition, Norumbega, Cooper, and Christmas Harp in season)—Always confirm—Info: Sharon Kermiet
- Fort Collins:** First Monday—7:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m.—St Luke's Episcopal Church—2000 Stover—Info: Hill Grimmert

Connecticut

Middletown: First Sunday—2:30—5:00 p.m.—Memorial Chapel, Wesleyan University—294 High Street—Info: Neely Bruce

New Haven: Every Monday—7:00-9:30 p.m.—Room 210, W.L. Harkness Hall (corner of College Street and Wall Street—Info: Ian Quinn)

Newtown, other places: Meets occasionally—Connecticut Valley Harmony.

District of Columbia

Downtown: Third Tuesday—7:00-9:00 p.m.—Capitol Hill Presbyterian

Metropolitan area: Fourth Sunday, except December—4:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.—Potluck 6:00 p.m.—Usually at St. Peter's Episcopal Church—4250 North Glebe Road—Arlington, Virginia—Sponsored by Folklore Society of Greater Washington (FSGW) (Membership not required)—Info: Mary Ann Daly www.fsgw.org

Florida

Panama City: Fourth Tuesday—7:00-9:00 p.m.—Peoples First Community Bank branch in Callaway/Parker—Info: Mary Whitehurst

Tallahassee: Friday before third Sunday in each month, except June—Holy Comforter Episcopal Church, 2015 Fleischmann Rd—please call to verify—Info: Alice and Tor Bejnar—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*, Christian Harmony, or other shape note books

Georgia

Albany: Third Saturday except December—6:00-8:00 p.m.—St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 212 N. Jefferson St. (enter through bell tower doors)—Info: Laurin Harrison

Atlanta: First and third Wednesday night—every month—6:30 p.m.—Location varies—Info: Matt Hinton or John Kelso or Jesse P. Karlsberg

Alpharetta: Friday before the third Sunday—S.O.F.A. Singing—September, October, February, and April—7:30 p.m.—9:30 p.m.—Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church—Take Georgia Hwy. 400—Exit 10—Old Milton Parkway—Alpharetta—Go east on Old Milton for 2.6 miles—Turn left at light onto Kimball Bridge Road—Go 0.2 miles—Church on left—Info: Faye Holbrook

Athens: Monthly evening singings, dates and locations vary—Info: John Hollingsworth

Decatur: First Thursday (Except date TBA for December and possibly other months if first Thursday falls on or near a holiday)—7:30 p.m.—9:30 p.m.—Emory Presbyterian Church Baptist Church—1886 North Decatur Road,—Info: John Plunkett

Hoboken: Saturday before the third Sunday in each month—Hoboken Elementary School—7:00 p.m.—Take 82 East to Hoboken to the second caution light—Turn left on Kelly—Cross R.R. tracks—Take second paved street to the left—Go to the end of the block—The school and parking are on the right—

Info: David/Kathy Lee Clarke/Julie Lee or Johnny/Deloree Lee

Savannah: Saturday before second Sunday each month—2:00-4:00 p.m.—Fellowship Hall, Faith Primitive Baptist Church—3212 Bee Road—Info: Gene Pinion

Valdosta: First Friday night every month—Cooper Book—Trinity Presbyterian Church—Info: Lee Bradley

Illinois

Chicago area: Second and fourth Sunday of each month—3:00—5:00 p.m.—Info: Susan Geil

Chicago: Third Sunday—4:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.—Various locations—

Info: Cathryn Bearov

Fox Valley: First and third Tuesday—7:00—9:00 p.m.—Cornerstone Church, 41W170 Russell Rd, Elgin—Info: Ryan Wheeler

Hyde Park/Chicago: Weekly—Thursday—7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.—Location varies—
Info: Cathryn Bearov

Springfield Area: Year round irregular singings at various sites—Monthly singings at Lincoln's New Salem Historical Site—Info: Becky Schildman or Pete Ellertsen

Indiana

Bloomington: Second and fourth Sundays—2:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.—St. Mark's United Methodist Church—100 Hwy. 46 Bypass—Info: Marlen Rust

Fishers (Indianapolis area): Second or First Tuesday (depending on Museum programming)—5:30-7:00 p.m.—at Conner Prairie—Museum, 13400 Allisonville Road—Missouri Harmony, 1991 Edition—Info: Always check with Sarah Morin

Goshen: First Sunday in each month—4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.—Matthew Lind residence, 407 1st St., Goshen—Info: Matthew Lind or Samuel Sommers

Howard County: Second Sunday afternoon of each month—2:00-5:00 p.m.—Bahler residence—4903 N. County Road 200 E., Howard County, near Kokomo—
Info: Brad Bahler

Iowa

Cedar Rapids: Fourth Saturdays—10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.—Peoples Church, 600 3rd Ave. SE—Info: Bryan Davis

Fairfield: Every Sunday—7:30-9:30 p.m.—Location varies—Info: Jennifer Hamilton

Grinnell: Second Saturdays—1:00 p.m.—Info: Martha Pinder

Iowa City: First Saturdays—3:30-5:30 p.m.—Location varies—Info: Callie Garnett

Kansas

Lawrence: Third Sunday—1:30 p.m.—3:30 p.m.—usually at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 2211 Inverness Dr—Info: Brad Levy

Kentucky

Berea: Sundays—2:00 p.m.—Union Church—Corner of Main and Prospect—
Info: Kent Gilbert

Lexington: Second Sunday—September through May—3:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.—Chapel Hill Presbyterian Church—3534 Bates Creek Road—Info: Mary Brinkman or Keith MacAdam

Louisville: Every third Sunday of the month—3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.—Ohio Valley Shaped Note Singers—Vine Street Baptist Church—Info: Michele Cull

Louisiana

Baton Rouge: Third Sundays—2:00-4:30 p.m.—St. Alban's Chapel on the LSU campus—Info: Charlene Heaton

Maine

Belfast: Second Mondays—7:00-9:00 p.m.—First Congregational Church—Spring Street entrance, first floor, Fellowship Hall—Court and Spring Streets—
Info: Bobbie Goodell/Sumner Roberts

Damariscotta: Fourth Sunday—2:00-5:00 p.m.—Location varies—
Info: Barb Ames or Corrone Bryant

Portland: First Sunday—1:00-4:00 p.m.—Portland New Church, 302 Stevens Avenue—Info: Vicki Adams or Chris Holley

Waterville: Third Sunday—2:00-5:00 p.m.—First Baptist Church, 1 Park Street—
Info: Peter Golden

Maryland

Baltimore: Second Sunday—4:00-8:00 p.m.—Christ United Methodist Church of the Deaf—1040 South Beechfield Ave.—Info: Elizabeth Cusick

Baltimore: Every Thursday—7:00-9:30 p.m.—Peace Chapel of the Cathedral of the Incarnation, 4 E. University Parkway—Info: Carly Goss

Baltimore: Every Thursday night—7:00—9:30 p.m.—Peace Chapel of the Cathedral of the Incarnation, 4 E. University Pkwy—Info: Kevin Griffin Moreno

Sandy Spring: Third Sundays—4:00-6:00 p.m.—17801 Meetinghouse Road, in the small schoolhouse behind the Community Building—Info: David Greene

Massachusetts

Amherst: First Sundays—2:00—4:30 p.m.—First Congregational Church—165 Main Street—Info: Linda Shea

Boston: Second Monday—7:45 p.m.—10:00 p.m.—Andover-Newton Theological School (in Newton)—Info: Bob Parr or Bill Holt

Boston: Second Sunday—4:00-7:00 p.m.—Christ Church Unity, 70 Colchester Street, Brookline—Info: Joanna Lampert or Elizabeth Stoddard or www.wmshc.org

Greenfield: Fifth Sundays—*Cooper Book*—1:30-4:30 p.m.—Second Congregational Church, Court Square—Info: Laura Timmerman

Lenox: Third Sunday—Singing School 1:00-2:00 p.m.—Regular Singing 2:00-4:00 p.m.—55 Main St—Info: Allison Steel

Leyden: Every fifth Thursday—910 Greenfield Rd.—Potluck supper at 6:00 p.m.—singing from 7:00-10:00 p.m.—Various books used—Info: Laura Timmerman

Newbury: Third Sunday—3:00-5:30 p.m.—First Parish Church—20 High Road—1991 ed.—Info: Chris Noren

Northampton: Every Tuesday—7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.—Helen Hills Chapel, Smith College—Info: Mary Gowins or www.wmshc.org

Michigan

Ann Arbor: Second Sunday—2:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.—The Ark Coffeehouse—316 S. Main—(734.761.1800)—Info: Charlotte Wolfe

East Lansing: First & third Tuesdays—7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.—Edgewood United Church, 469 North Hagadorn Rd—Info: Bob Borcherding

Kalamazoo: Third Sunday—4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.—Pot luck dinner following—529 Pinehurst Blvd.—Info: Bill and Martha Beverly

Minnesota

Duluth: First Sundays—2:00-4:00 p.m.—Duluth Friends Meeting House, 1802 East First St—Info: Larry Spears

Minneapolis (Dinkytown): Tuesday nights—5:30-7:30 p.m.—Cooper Book—University Baptist Church—1219 University Ave. SE—near the campus of the University of Minnesota—Info: Matt Wells

Minneapolis (Dinkytown): Fourth Sundays—5:00-7:00 p.m.—University Baptist Church—1219 University Ave. SE—near the campus of the University of Minnesota—Info: Matt Wells

Minneapolis (Saint Paul): Second Sundays—5:00-7:00 p.m.—Saint Sahag's Armenian Church, 203 N. Howell Street—Info: Matt Wells mnfasola.org

Mississippi

Bruce: Third Sundays—November through March—1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.—Bethel Primitive Baptist Church—Info: Warren Steel—Mark Davis—Hugh Bill McGuire

Houston: First Sundays—December through March—1:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m.—Enon Primitive Baptist Church—Info: Elder Charles Porter

Oxford: Second Tuesdays—November to February—7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.—Info: Warren Steel

Southaven: Third Sundays—September to May—2:00-4:00 p.m.—Banks House Art Gallery, 564 W. Commerce, Hernando, MS—Info: Bobby Neyman

Missouri

Columbia: Second and Fourth Tuesdays—7:30 p.m.—Trinity Presbyterian Church—Rollins Rd.—Info: Wendy Hofmann or Penny/Lou Kujawinski

Hannibal: Second Sunday—2:30-5:00 p.m.—location varies—Info: Amy Foreman or Thomas Schultz

Kansas City: See listing under Lawrence, Kansas

Saint Louis: First, third, and fifth Mondays—7:00—9:30 p.m.—Sacred Harp, 1991 edition and Missouri Harmony, 2005—Info: Paul Figura / Dave Ressler

Montana

Missoula: Third Sundays—3:00-5:00 p.m.—Blessed Trinity Catholic Church, 1475 Easton—Info: Beverly Young

Nebraska

Lincoln: Third Sundays of each month—2:00 p.m.—CGS Music Store, 1244 High Street, lower level—Info: Aura Lee Furgason

Omaha: Second Sunday of the month—2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.—Fourth Saturday night—7:30 p.m.-10:30 p.m.—St. Vincent's Orthodox Church—2502 North 51st Street—Info: Jim Solheim or Kathy Wood

New Hampshire

Hanover: Second Thursdays—7:00-9:30 p.m.—Hanover Friends Meetinghouse—Info: Dan Hertzler

Peterborough: Fourth Sunday—1:30-4:00 p.m.—Location varies—Info: August Watters

New Jersey

New Hope: First Sunday—2:00-5:00 p.m.—St. Phillip's Church, 10 Chapel Road, New Hope, PA—Info: Leon Pulsinelle

Princeton: Third Sunday—1:30 p.m.—October-July-Edith Memorial Chapel, Lawrenceville School Campus, Craven Lane at Route 206, Lawrenceville, New Jersey—Info: Leon Pulsinelle

Upper Montclair: Fourth Sunday—2:00 p.m.—5:30 p.m.—Montclair Friends Meetinghouse—289 Park Street—Info: Gina Balestracci

New Mexico

Albuquerque: Second and fourth Sundays—2:00—5:00 p.m.—Immanuel Presbyterian Church-114 Carlisle SE—Info: Nancy Nortz or Ed Stevens

Las Cruces: Second and fourth Thursday—6:00 p.m.—Unitarian Universalist Church, 2000 S. Solano Drive—Info: Eric Morgan

New York

Albany (Clifton Park): Second Saturday in September, First Saturdays from November through June, (no October singing)—6:30-9:00 p.m.—Jonesville United

Methodist Church, 963 Main Street, Clifton Park, New York—

Info: Jean Seiler/Mary Skidmore

Altamont: June: Friday, 23rd—Saturday, 24th—Sunday, 25th—Old Songs Festival—Altamont Fairgrounds—Altamont, New York—Morning singing, workshops—Always held the last full weekend in June, the last Sunday and the Friday and Saturday before.

Annandale-on-Hudson: Every Sunday—3:00-5:00 p.m.—Bard College Music Building—Info: Ben Bath

Buffalo: Third Sunday—4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.—At the home of Vince Kuntz—Elmwood West Ferry, neighborhood of Buffalo—Info: Vince Kuntz

Clinton: First Wednesday—7:00-9:00 p.m.—St. James Episcopal Church—9 Williams St.—Info: Barbara Swetman or Margaret and Ron Bornick

Huntington Station: Second Sunday—1:30 p.m.—5:30 p.m.—Bethany Presbyterian Church—425 Maplewood Road—Info: Terry Ryan

Ithaca: First, Third, and Fifth Sunday—2:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.—First Baptist Church—123 East Court St.—Info: Ginny Huszagh

Kingston: Meets twice a month—Second Wednesday and Fourth Tuesday—7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.—Holy Cross Episcopal Church—Info: Jim Ulrich

New York City (Brooklyn): Second Sundays—Joe Beasley Singings—St. Paul's Church Hall or Rectory—199 Carroll Street at the corner of Clinton Street—South Brooklyn, New York—2:00—5:00 p.m. Potluck snack at break—Info: Brenda Peña

New York City (Lower East Side): First Saturdays—2:00-5:00 p.m.—The Living Room, 154 Ludlow St.—Info: Aldo Ceresa

New York City (Midtown Manhattan): Third Sunday (except July and August)—2:30-5:00 p.m.—St. Bart's Church, 109 East 50th Street—Info: Aldo Ceresa

New York City (Metro Area): Fourth Sunday, 2-5:30 p.m.—Montclair Friends Meeting—289 Park Street at Gordonhurst Ave., Montclair, New Jersey—

Info: Gina Balestracci

Plattsburgh: Sunday (floating)—Unitarian Universalist Church—4 Palmer St.—1-4:30 p.m.—we have refreshment break—Info: Bruce Kokernot

Rochester: Second Sunday—2:00—5:00 p.m.—Mennonite Fellowship Church—111 Hillside Ave.—Rochester, New York (between Brooks Ave. and Chili Ave.)—

Info: Chris Haller or Thom Metzger or Sue Hengelsberg

West Falls (near Buffalo): Second Tuesday—6:30-8:30 p.m.—Aurora Waldorf School, 525 West Falls Road—Info: Catherine Reimers or Joel Franklin

North Carolina

Asheville: Date varies—6:30 p.m.—Location varies—

Info: Rachel Rudi / Jonathan Wood

Durham: Second Sundays—2:00-4:00 p.m.—First Baptist Church, 305 E. Main St.—Info: ncshapenote.org

Durham: Thursday evenings—7:30-10:00 p.m.—Location varies—

Info: Kathy Kaiser

Raleigh: Fourth Sunday—2:00-4:00 p.m.—Friends Meeting House, 625 Tower Street—Info: ncshapenote.org

Swannanoa: Third Sundays—September through May—3:00-5:00 p.m.—Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church, Fellowship Hall—Info: Sarah and Kevin Kehrberg

West Jefferson: First and third Mondays—7:00—9:00 p.m.—Ashe County Arts Center—Carolina Christian Harmony—Info: Sharon Kellam

Winston-Salem: First Sunday—7:00-9:00 p.m.—St. Anne's Episcopal Church, 2690 Fairlawn Drive—Info: Tom Dillon

Ohio

Cincinnati: Second Sundays—4:30 p.m.–7:30 p.m.—Community Friends Meeting, 3960 Winding Way—Info: tinyurl.com/CincinnatiSacredHarp

Columbus: Second Sundays—4:00-6:00 p.m.—St. James Episcopal Church, 3400 Calumet St—Info: Michael Darby / Laura Russell columbussacredharp.org

Dayton: Fourth Sundays (September—May)—3:00—6:00 p.m.—Lutheran Church of Our Savior, 155 East Thruston Blvd (Oakwood)—Info: John Bayer

Oklahoma

Oklahoma City: Info: Nancy Powell/Claire Powell

Oregon

Eugene: Second and fourth Thursdays—7:30-9:00 p.m.—East Blair Housing Co-operative in the Community Space. Walk west in the alley to the first building on the right.—Info: Jean Murphy

La Grande: Second Sundays—6:00 p.m.—The Olde Meeting House (Quakers/Friends)—Info: Carla Arnold

La Grande: Every other Tuesday—4:30-6:30 p.m.—In a private home, location changes—Info: Carla Arnold

Portland: Every First Sunday—2:00-4:00 p.m.—Waverly Heights UCC, Fellowship Hall, 3300 SE Woodward—Cooper Book

Portland: Every Second Sunday—5:00-7:00 p.m.—People's Co-Op—3029 SE 21st Ave, Community Room

Portland: Every Third Sunday—2:00-4:00 p.m.—Cedar Hills UCC, 1169 SW Park Way—*Cooper Book*.

Portland: Every Fourth Sunday—4:00-6:00 p.m.—McMenamins Kennedy School, Community Room (SE Corner of the building), 5736 NE 33rd—Call for details—Info: Jessica Beer

Portland: Every Fifth Sunday—3:00-5:00 p.m.—Peninsula Baptist Church, 2653 N. Lombard

Portland: Every last Thursday—7:00-9:00 p.m.—McMenamins Kennedy School, Community Room (SE Corner of the building), 5736 NE 33rd—Info: Jessica Beer

Salem: Every Monday—7:00-9:00 p.m.—

Info: Melissa Stephenson or www.salemsacredharp.org

Pennsylvania

Bethlehem: Each second Sunday, 5:30-8:00 p.m.—the Café of Touchstone Theatre, 321 E. 4th Street—(please confirm date and location)—Info: Daniel Hunter

Dougllassville (near Reading): Third and fourth Sundays—6:30 p.m.—Exeter Friends Meetinghouse, 191 Meetinghouse Road—Berks Sacred Harp Singers—Info: Ted Stokes

Edinboro: Fourth Sunday of each month—2:00-5:00 p.m.—5170 Crane Road (just north of town, off 99), Edinboro—Info: Gerry Hoffman

New Hope: First Sunday—2:00-5:00 p.m.—St. Phillip's Church, 10 Chapel Rd—Info: Leon Pulsinelle

Philadelphia (Havertown): Second Fridays—7:30 p.m.—9:30 p.m.—St. James Church—Havertown—Info: Marian McKenzie and Walter Smith

Philadelphia (West Philly): Fourth Thursday—7:30-9:30 p.m.—The A-Space, 4722 Baltimore Ave—Info: Elizabeth Stokes

Pittsburgh: First Saturday—1:30—4:30 p.m.—532 S. Trenton Ave—Info: Penny Anderson

State College: Second and fourth Mondays of each month—7:00-8:30 p.m.—University Mennonite Church, 1606 Norma St.—Info: Hal Kunkel

West Chester: First and Third Mondays (usually)—7:00-9:00 p.m.—Birmingham Friends Meetinghouse, a few minutes south of West Chester—The singings are held twice a month, but call ahead for we shift the dates because of Monday holidays.—Info: Laura Densmore

Wilkes-Barre (Dallas): Meets irregularly—Info: David Martin

Rhode Island

Providence: Fourth Sundays—3:00-6:00 p.m.—Providence Friends Meeting House, 99 Morris Ave (corner of Olney St)—Info: ri-sacredharp.net/singings.html

Providence: Weekly—Thursdays during the school year (Sep-early Dec and late Jan-April)—Brown University Campus—5:00-7:00 p.m.—Info: ri-sacredharp.net/singings.html

South Carolina

Charleston: Fourth Saturdays (occasionally Third)—2:00-4:00 p.m.—Circular Church, 150 Meeting Street—Info: Tom Ivey

Greenville: Friday night before the third Sunday each month—7:00-9:00 p.m.—First Christian Church—704 Edwards Rd. 29615—Info: Leon and Frances Carnell

Tennessee

Cleveland/Chattanooga: Second Saturday, except June and July—2:30-4:30 p.m.—Location TBA—Info: Daryl Chesney

Johnson City: Third Sunday—3:00-5:00 p.m.—Carolina Christian Harmony—Munsey Memorial Methodist Church, Main and Market—Info: Don Wiley

Knoxville: (New Harp of Columbia)—Info: Sara Baskin

Memphis: Third Thursday—8:00-9:30 p.m.—Berclair Civic Club, 743 Novarese Rd—Info: Matt Bell

Nashville: First Sundays—3:00-5:00 p.m.—Room 124, Belmont United Methodist Church—2007 Acklen Ave, Nashville, Tennessee—Info: Sandie Scott

Texas

Austin (Travis Co.): Every Wednesday evening—Fellowship Hall—Hyde Park Christian Church—610 E. 45th St.—7:00—9:00 p.m.—Info: Gaylon Powell

Buda: Third Friday evening—Southern Hills Church of Christ, 3740 FM 967, 4 miles west of Buda, Texas—7:00—9:00 p.m.—

Info: Lindsey Wiggins or Gaylon Powell

Dallas: Third Saturday—2:00-4:30 p.m.—(1991 Edition/Cooper Revision)—Highland Park Presbyterian Church, 3821 University Blvd—

Info: Sonny Erwin or Cheryl Foreman

Fort Worth: Second Saturday—3:00-5:00 p.m.—King of Glory Lutheran Church, 1659 Sandy Lane—(1991 Edition)—Info: Chloe Webb

Henderson: First Monday evening (quarterly January, April, July, and October)—Cooper Revision—Zion Hill Baptist Church, off FM 840 on CR 368, Southeast of Henderson, Texas—6:30—8:30 p.m.—Info: Robert Vaughn

Houston: First Sunday afternoon—2:00-4:00 p.m.—University of Houston, Mall Chapel (room 201) A.D. Bruce Religion Center—Practice singing—*Cooper Book/The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*—From I-45, take the Cullen Blvd. exit and turn towards the University, go cross Elgin, pass the stadium, cross Holman, turn left into entrance #13—Info: Barbara Smith

Kennard: Second and Fourth Tuesdays—7:00-8:00 p.m.—(covered dish at 6:00 p.m.)—Kennard Auto, corner of Main and Broadway—(Cooper Revision)—
Info: Jerry/Margaret Wright

Mount Enterprise: First Monday evening (quarterly March, June, September, December)—Cooper Revision—Smyrna Baptist Church, on FM 2496, 5 miles West of Mount Enterprise, Texas—6:30—8:30 p.m.—Info: Robert Vaughn

Nacogdoches: First Monday evening (quarterly February, May, August, November)—Cooper Revision—Corinth Primitive Baptist Church, FM 941, 0.7 miles South of U.S. Hwy. 59, Appleby, Texas—6:30—8:30 p.m.—
Info: Robert Vaughn

San Antonio: First Saturdays (except December)—3:00-5:00 p.m.—Coker United Methodist Church, Wesley Bldg, 2nd floor, 231 E. North Loop Road—
Info: Mike Hinton or Janie Short

San Marcos: Third Saturday morning—Cooper Revision—First United Methodist Church, 129 West Hutchison, San Marcos, Texas—10:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.—
Info: Morris Nelms

Texarkana: Contact for date or time—*1991 Edition*—Fellowship Hall, Williams Memorial United Methodist Church, 4000 Moores Ln.—Info: Don/Diane Ross

Waxahachie: First Saturdays—10:00 a.m.-Noon—First United Methodist Church—
Info: Jeremy Boyd or Ron Ryan

Utah

Provo: Second Tuesdays—7:00-9:00 p.m.—St. Mary's Episcopal Church—50 West 200 North—Info: Stan/Jenny Jensen

Salt Lake City: First Tuesdays—7:00-9:00 p.m.—All Saints Episcopal Church, 1710 Foothill Dr.—Info: Stan/Jenny Jensen

Salt Lake City: (*Cooper Book*)—Fourth Tuesdays—7:00-9:00 p.m.—Home of Lynn and Pam Carson, 1480 Edison (1480 South 145 East)—Info: Stan/Jenny Jensen

Vermont

Brattleboro: First and Third Sundays—7:00-9:00 p.m.—KidsPlayce, 20 Elliot St—
Info: Cuvv Lever

Burlington: Every Tuesday—6:30-8:30 p.m.—Ira Allen Chapel, 26 University Place—Info: Kerry Cullinan

Derby Line: Fourth Sundays—Universalist Unitarian Church Hall—3:00 p.m. with a pot-luck, the church is about 500 feet from the International Border Line between Canada and the US—call/write to confirm—Info: Troad (Julia Richmond)

Glover: Second and fourth Tuesdays and Thursdays—Singing is held on Second Thursday in the winter, 7:00 p.m.—and every Tuesdays in the Summer—7:30 p.m.—Bread and Puppet Farm—Rt. 122—Info: Linda Wells

Middlebury: Second Sundays—1:00-3:00 p.m.—Middlebury College Mahaney Center for the Arts, Room 221—Info: Deb Moody

Norwich: Fourth Sunday—1:30-4:30 p.m.—St. Barnabas Church parish hall—
Info: Dan Hertzler (See also Hanover, New Hampshire)

Plainfield: Second Sundays—September through June—3:00-5:00 p.m.—Plainfield Community Center, 153 Main St.—Info: Pat Mayhew or Ann Flight

Virginia

Arlington: See District of Columbia

Charlottesville: Second Saturday—9:30-11:30 a.m.—Thomas Jefferson Memorial Church, 717 Rugby Rd—Info: Diane Ober or John Alexander

Charlottesville: Fourth Thursday—7:30-9:00 p.m.—Friends Meeting House, 1104 Forest St—Info: Diane Ober or John Alexander

Northern Shenandoah Valley: First Saturday—4:00 p.m.—Potluck at 6 p.m.—Close to Winchester and Berryville—Info: John delRe and Kelly Macklin

Richmond Sacred Harp Singers/Ashland: Third Saturday—1:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.—St. John's Church, 2401 East Broad St.—First and Third Tuesday—7:00-9:00 p.m.—varying locations—Info: Leyland delRe

Washington

Mercer Island: Fourth Sunday—3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.—Info: Kathy Vlach

Olympia:—Info: olympiasacredharp@yahoo.com

Puyallup: First Sunday—4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.—Christ Episcopal Church—Corner of 5th and West Pioneer—Info: Karen Willard

Seattle: Second Sundays—6:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.—Info: Jack Lofton or Kathy Vlach

Spokane: Second Sundays—1:30-4:00 p.m.—Good Samaritan Center, 17121 E. 8th Avenue, Spokane Valley—Info: Greg Saue

Whidbey Island: First Sundays—3:00-5:00 p.m.—Langley Methodist Fellowship Hall, Anthes Street—Info: Bruce Rowland

Wisconsin

Madison: First and third Sundays—3:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.—usually at the Guild Hall, Grace Episcopal Church—116 West Washington Avenue—

Info: Jim Page or Julie Vea

Australia

Melbourne: First Sunday—4:00-6:00 p.m.—Brunswick Uniting Church, Sydney Road (opposite the Town Hall)—

Info: Natalie Sims/Shawn Whelan, sacred_harp@yahoo.com.au

Blackwood: Usually Third Sunday—1:00-2:00 p.m.—Blackwood Uniting Church, Martin Street

Sydney: Last Sundays—1:00-3:00 p.m.

Canada

Grafton, Ontario: Second Sunday—7:00-9:00 p.m.—Grafton Community Centre, 135 Old Danforth Rd. (off Hwy. 2)—Info: Elizabeth Barlow

Guelph, Ontario: Third Friday each month—7:00-9:00 p.m.—St. James Anglican Church (corner of Paisley and Glasgow) Location may change, call to confirm—Info: Sue Woodward

Orangeville, Ontario: Alternate Saturdays, 2:00-4:00 p.m. 50 Second St, Orangeville—call or email—Info: Steve or Nicoletta Rogers

Toronto, Ontario: Third Wednesdays—7:30-9:30 p.m.—Bloor Street United Church, 300 Bloor (at Huron)—Info: Pleasance Crawford

Germany

Frankfort am Main: Every other Sunday—Kloster Liebfrauen, Scharfengachen 3, 60311 Frankfurt am Main—Info: sacredharpfrankfort.de

Ireland

Cork: Every Monday from October-March—4:00-6:00 p.m.—O'Riada Hall, UCC School of Music Building, Sunday's Well Road—Info: corksacredharp.com

Cork: Every Thursday—7:00-9:00 p.m.—Camden Palace, Camden Quay—Info: corksacredharp.com

Dublin: Every Friday—7:00-9:00 p.m.—Exchange Dublin, Exchange Street Upper, Temple Bar—Info: corksacredharp.com

Poland

Warsaw: Every Monday—7:30 p.m.—Freta 10, Dominicans friary—
Info: Magdalena Gryzsko—Facebook (search for “Sacred Harp Poland”)

United Kingdom

Derby: First Friday monthly—Info: Helen Brown

Herts: First Friday monthly—7:30-10:00 p.m.—Fairview Sacred Harp Singers, 176
Fairview Road, Stevenage, Hertfordshire—

Info: Steve/Mary Welch or Steve Fletcher

London: Second Tuesdays—7:00 p.m.—St. Mary’s Church, Parish Centre, 18
Neasden Lane—Info: Michael Walker

Newcastle upon Tyne: Last Tuesday each month—7:30 p.m.—Coleman Education
Centre, St. Oswald’s Hospice, Regent Avenue, Gosforth—Info: Cath Tyler

Oxford: ‘Teenth’ Thursday each month—7:45 p.m.—30 Eynsham Road, Botley—
Info: Sheila/Edwin Macadam

West Yorkshire, Oldham, and Sheffield: Third Fridays—7:30 p.m.—Locations in
West Yorkshire, Sheffield or Oldham—

Info: Hannah Land or Chris Brown/Judy Whiting

DIRECTIONS TO CHURCHES WITH MULTIPLE SINGINGS

Alabama

Concord Primitive Baptist Church—Winfield (Marion County), Alabama—0.7 mile south of County Road 14—From Hwy. 78 in Winfield—Take Hwy. 129 North—County Road 14 turns west off Hwy. 129, then left at Church sign—Church is 0.7 mile on right

County Line Church—(Jefferson County), Alabama—Near Corner, off Miller Road—9 miles west of Warrior—Exit 284 off I-65 (Hayden/Corner Exit)—Turn left off the ramp—Turn right (Blount County Road 8)—Go approx. 7 miles—Turn left on Miller Road—Church is on right

Gum Pond Primitive Baptist Church—(Morgan County), Alabama—2086 Gum Pond Road, Eva, Alabama, 35621—Located on the eastern side of Gum Pond Road in Morgan County, Alabama—From Alabama Hwy. 67, turn on Gum Pond Road at mile marker 16 between Ryan and Florette—Go about 4 miles to the church—From Alabama Hwy. 69 at Fairview, turn north on County Road 1527 (Wesley Ave., north)—Go about 3.5 miles, turn right on County Road 1544—About 3.5 miles to church

Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church—(Blount County), Alabama—3596 Airport Road, Altoona—6 miles east of Oneonta—1 mile east of Oneonta Airport—From I59—Take Hwy. 231 north—Go beyond mile marker 248—Take first paved road on right at sign for Robin Hill Baptist Church—Go to dead end—Turn right—Church is on left

King School House—Mt. Vernon Baptist Church (Winston County), Alabama—Near Natural Bridge—3 miles east of Natural Bridge—turn on County Road 357 between mile markers 30 and 31, off U.S. Hwy. 278

Liberty Church—Henagar (DeKalb County), Alabama—2 miles north of Henagar on Liberty Road—From Henagar Crossing—Take Hwy. 40 west 0.6 mile to the Farmers Telephone Cooperative—Turn right and go to dead end—Turn right—Take first left past Henagar Methodist Church (Liberty Road)—Church is on right after 1.3 miles

Liberty Church—McCormick (Jefferson County), Alabama—2.5 miles southwest of Sumiton—Turn off Hwy 78 onto Hollis Goodwin Road—Go .7 mile (past New Horizon Funeral Home and cemetery) to McCormick Road—turn left—Church is on left

Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church—(Fayette County), Alabama—8 miles northwest of Fayette—Take State Highway 18 west from Fayette—Turn right, north, on State Highway 107—Go approximately 4 miles—Turn right on Mt. Lebanon Road (you will have passed Ballinger Road about midway)—There should be a sign—Church is on the left

Mt. Zion Primitive Baptist Church—(Clay County), Alabama—6 miles southwest of Ashland—From Interstate 20 at Oxford, exit 185, drive south on AL Hwy. 21 to Talladega. Turn east on AL Hwy. 77 to Ashland. In Ashland, turn south on AL Hwy. 9, turn right, west, on County Road 5. The church is a little over a mile on the left

New Flatwoods Church—(Walker County), Alabama—3 miles south of Nauvoo—Just east of Hwy 11—Nauvoo to Carbon Hill

New Hope Church—(Cullman County), Alabama—Five miles south of Jones Chapel off Hwy. 278, the highway from Jones Chapel to Crane Hill—Church is on the right

New Hope Primitive Baptist Church—(Walker County), Alabama—12 miles northeast of Jasper—1 mile south of Hwy. 69 on Sipsey Road

Old Flatwoods Primitive Baptist Church—Nauvoo (Walker County), Alabama—3 miles south of Nauvoo—Hwy. 11—Nauvoo to Carbon Hill—There is a sign for the church on Hwy. 11

Pine Grove Church—Lookout Mountain, near Collinsville (DeKalb County), Alabama—Take I-59 and turn east on Hwy. 68 (exit 205)—Follow signs to U.S. 11—Go south on U.S. 11—Look for sign to church between mile markers 210 and 211 (turn is almost directly in line with mile marker 211, Hwy. 469)—Go 2.6 miles, follow signs

Pleasant Grove Primitive Baptist Church—Boldo (Walker County), Alabama—6 miles northeast of Jasper—On Hwy. 69—Follow Hwy. 69 into Boldo—The church is on the right, next to the fire station

Pleasant Hill Church (Johnson Schoolhouse)—(Fayette County), Alabama—From Birmingham, take I-59/20 to US Hwy 78(Arkadelphia Road) go west approx. 52 miles to Carbon Hill—turn south at sign for Fish Hatchery (4th St. SW)—turn right on Co. Rd. 63—go 4.7 miles to Pleasant Grove Church—turn right on Co. Rd. 44 for 1.6 miles to Pleasant Hill Loop Rd. Church is on right

Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church—(Tallapoosa County), Alabama—3 miles southwest of Daviston—Hwy. 22 to Daviston—Take County Rd. 79 south to crossroads—Church on right—From Alexander City—Hwy. 22 east to Germany Ferrys Rd.—Take right—Church on left

Shady Grove Baptist Church—Dutton (Jackson County), Alabama—Between Section and Dutton—Off Alabama Highway 71 on the west side—Turn at church sign

Shady Grove—Keeton Cemetery (Walker County), Alabama—1.5 miles east of New Flatwoods Church on Hwy. 11—Nauvoo to Carbon Hill

Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church—(Winston County), Alabama—3 miles north of Double Springs on Hwy. 195

Zion Primitive Baptist Church—(Pickens County), Alabama—8 miles north of Gordo—turn onto County Road 49—Church is .25 miles west of Hwy. 159

Florida

Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Church—Old Chicora, Florida—I-75 south to Hwy 674, then east on 674 to Fort Lonesome (from I-4 go south on Hwy 39) where 674 and 39 cross, east on Hwy 674 five miles to Bethlehem Road, then north one mile to church

Georgia

Cross Roads Church, north of Tallapoosa, Haralson County, Georgia—Take Hwy 100 North from Tallapoosa for 8.6 miles to Cross Roads Church Road (just beyond mile marker 15)—Turn left—go 2.6 miles—Church is on right at intersection of Cross Roads Church Road and Steadman Road

Hardeman Primitive Baptist Church—3965 Glenwood Road—Decatur, Georgia—From I-285, Exit 44, west (toward Atlanta) on Glenwood Rd. 1.4 miles—Church is on left—From I-20, Exit 61, east on Glenwood Rd. 4.2 miles—church is on right—Church is between Columbia Dr. and Candler Rd

Holly Springs Primitive Baptist Church—Near Bremen, (Carroll County), Georgia—2 miles south of Bremen off Hwy. 27—Exit #11 off I-20 and turn south

on Hwy. 27—Go to top of hill at BP service station—Turn left—Go to dead end, turn left

Liberty Hill Church—Lamar County, Georgia—On Highway 36—

Approximately 5 miles west of I-75—Take either High Falls exit or Barnesville / Jackson exit 201 and go west toward Barnesville—Church is on the left

Oak Grove Primitive Baptist Church—Birmingham/Hopewell Road—North of Alpharetta (Fulton County), Georgia—From Hwy. 9 in Alpharetta, turn left

(west) on Academy (aka Milton) for a block—Turn right on Canton—Follow Canton as it becomes Hopewell Road for about 5 miles to the four-way stop—Turn left to continue on Hopewell Road—Turn left on Birmingham Road—Church is about 2 miles from the intersection on the right

How other singing books appear in the Minutes

Song numbers listed in the minutes are from *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition* unless another book is named in the title of the singing.

When multiple books are used at a singing, songs from books other than *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition* are indicated by an abbreviation in parentheses after the number, for example: 517 (WB).

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| ACH | American Christmas Harp |
| AH | The American Harmony |
| AV | American Vocalist |
| CB | Cooper Book |
| CH | Christian Harmony |
| CHa | Alabama Christian Harmony |
| EH 1 | Eclectic Harmony |
| EH 2 | Eclectic Harmony II |
| SoH | Southern Harmony |
| GH | Georgian Harmony |
| HS | Harmonia Sacra |
| ICH | Ingalls Christian Harmony |
| JB | James Edition Book (#25 — Great Roll Call) |
| KsH | Keystone Harmony |
| KH | Kentucky Harmony |
| LD | Lloyd's Hymnal |
| MH | Missouri Harmony |
| NH | Northern Harmony |
| NHC | New Harp of Columbia |
| OSH | Old School Hymnal |
| ScH | Social Harp |
| WB | J.L. White Book |

SACRED HARP SINGINGS

2012 MINUTES

WOOTTEN FAMILY NEW YEAR'S EVE SINGING

Antioch Baptist Church, Ider, Alabama

December 31, 2011-January 1, 2012

The 50th session of the Wootten Family New Year's Eve Singing was called to order by Jared Wootten and Jamey Wootten leading 82t. Jared Wootten welcomed everyone and led 45t. The opening prayer was offered by Terry Wootten.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Co-chairmen—Jared Wootten and Jamey Wootten; Secretary—Judy Caudle.

Leaders: Jared Wootten and Jamey Wootten 31t; Chris Holley 68b; Bridgett Kennedy 186; Darrell Swarens 208; Linda Thomas 217; B.M. Smith 389 (for Lonnie Rogers); Duane Chesney 155; David Carlton 48t; Boyd Scott 358; Judy Caudle 48b; Ed Thacker 532; Laura Densmore 313t; Andrew Farris 120; Russ Pope 117; Keith Willard and Jenny Willard 137 (for all service men and women); Daryl Chesney 503; Roger Crabtree 448t; Vella Dailey 452; Jerry Creason and Anne Sibole 47t; David Hufstetler 47b.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Jamey Wootten leading 56t. Leaders: Aaron Little 515; Jackson Harcrow and Jeffrey Wootten 270, 460; Andrew Mashchak 373; Loyd Ivey 426b; Charles Stiefel 445; Kennedy Wootten 101t; Louis Hughes 496; Jeff Breting 146; Cheyenne Ivey and Serenity Manning 76b, 178; Hayden Wootten and Cole Wootten 138t; Jeanette Dollar 290; Nate Green and Norma Green 418 (for Bud Oliver); Ann Mashchak 569b; Sarah Vaughn and Aaron Wootten 59, 39t; Hobert Ivey 480; Sharon DuPriest 300; Donna Wootten 81t; Susan Cheronos 40; Claudene Townson 176b; Terry Wootten and Karlie Mann 345b; Jimmy Haynes and Levon Wootten 49b; Elene Stovall 30b. The blessing before the evening meal was offered by Bro. Shankles.

DINNER

Jared Wootten led 108t to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Jenny Mann "Sweet Beulah Land"; Rodney Ivey 492; David Sailors and family 330t, 215; Reba Windom 542; Dewayne Wootten 441; Marty Wootten 472; Eloise Wootten 456; Verlon Stiefel and Mary Ruth Stiefel 376; Shane Wootten 176t; Syble Adams 572 (CB); Roger Crabtree and Rueben Beery 282, 143; Kathe Pilobosian 112; Judy Caudle 500; Laura Densmore 201; B.M. Smith 475; Reba Windom, Syble Adams, and Eloise Wootten 196 (in memory of Uncle Mac); Jenny Willard 318; Rodney Ivey 465 (CB); Louis Hughes 314; Jeffrey Wootten 306; Darrell Swarens and Bridgett Kennedy 198; Ed Thacker and Margaret Thacker 400 (for Margaret's mother); Terry Wootten 348b, 551, "Star of Bethlehem", 340, "Pass Me Not". The closing prayer was offered by Shane Wootten, and the class was dismissed. Co-chairmen—Jared Wootten and Jamey Wootten; Secretary—Judy Caudle

NEW YEAR'S EVE SINGING
Home of John and Elsie Hollingsworth, Ila, Georgia
Saturday, December 31, 2011

The 6th annual session of the New Year's Eve Singing at the Hollingsworth home was called to order by John Hollingsworth leading 260b (CH). Eddie Mash offered an opening prayer. John Hollingsworth welcomed the class.

In the first session, all songs selections were from *The Christian Harmony* (2010 edition). Leaders: Robert Kelley 43 (CH); Eddie Mash 49 (CH); Mildred Chandler 189 (CH); Mary Baumeister 61t (CH); David Libbey 546b (CH); Jane Spencer 198 (CH); John Plunkett 440t (CH); Shannon Primm 105t (CH); Judy Mincey 258 (CH); Erin Mills 147 (CH); Lauren Bock 155 (CH); Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 54 (CH); Michael Spencer 404 (CH); Bill Hollingsworth (with Marcia and Jim) 289 (CH); Robert Kelley 403t (CH); Eddie Mash 509b (CH); Bill Hollingsworth 369 (CH) (for Mildred Chandler); Mary Baumeister 163 (CH) (for Alexander Garden); David Libbey 432b (CH); Jane Spencer 197; John Plunkett 54 (CH); Shannon Primm 481 (CH); Judy Mincey 546t (CH); Lauren Bock 402b (CH); Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 325t (CH); Michael Spencer 163b (CH); Bill Hollingsworth 74 (CH); Greg Walton 483 (CH).

RECESS

For the two next sessions, *The Sacred Harp*, 1991 revision was used. John Hollingsworth brought the class back to order leading 138t. Leaders: Robert Kelley 185; Eddie Mash 365; Mary Baumeister 84; David Libbey 178; John Plunkett 107; Shannon Primm 367; Judy Mincey 412; Annaliza Cull 448t; Michele Cull 273; Lauren Bock 162; Jane Spencer 225b; Mary Helen Dupree 30t; Erin Mills 76b; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 202; Michael Spencer 191; Bill Hollingsworth 439; Robert Dupree 384.

RECESS

John Hollingsworth led 230 to bring the class to order. Leaders: Robert Kelley 573; Eddie Mash 572; Mary Baumeister 26; David Libbey 504; Shannon Primm 564; John Plunkett 33b; Lauren Bock 167; Judy Mincey 140; Annaliza Cull 268; Michele Cull 168; Jane Spencer 51; Erin Mills 267; Mary Helen Dupree 32t; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 136; Michael Spencer 166; Bill Hollingsworth 507; Robert Dupree 569b. The class retired for the night.

Chairman—John Hollingsworth; Acting Secretary—Shannon Primm

NEW YEAR'S DAY SINGING (THE GEORGIAN HARMONY)
Home of John and Elsie Hollingsworth, Ila, Georgia
Sunday, January 1, 2012

The 4th annual New Year's Day Singing was called to order by Bill Hollingsworth leading 104. All songs led were from *The Georgian Harmony* by Raymond Hamrick. John Plunkett offered the invocation.

The serving officers were re-elected by acclamation as follows: Chairman—Bill Hollingsworth; Vice Chairman—John Plunkett; Secretary—Judy Mincey. Leaders: Bill Hollingsworth 1; Rob Kelley 2; Eddie Mash 13; Helen Bryson 50; Mary Baumeister 14; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 116; Lauren Bock 34; Christy Sinksen 56; Margie Dietz 43; John Plunkett 60; Shannon Primm 4; Annaliza Cull 109; Michele Cull 11; Mary Brownlee 33; Judy Mincey 90; Mary Helen Dupree 16; Jane Spencer 15; Erin Mills 101; Oscar McGuire 26; Raymond Hamrick 94.

RECESS

Leaders: Bill Hollingsworth 113; Mike Spencer 9; Matt Hinton 54; John Hollingsworth 22; Rob Kelley 63; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 3; Helen Bryson 42;

Mary Baumeister 87; Eddie Mash 19; Lauren Bock 95; Christy Sinksen 114; Margie Dietz 118; Matt Hinton 66; John Plunkett 92; Shannon Primm 47; Mary Brownlee 6. The blessing before the noon meal was offered by John Plunkett.

LUNCH

Leaders: Bill Hollingsworth 29; Judy Mincey 72; Jane Spencer 38; Lauren Bock 97; Oscar McGuire 49; Mike Spencer 48; Raymond Hamrick 65; Matt Hinton 107; Rob Kelley 28; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 68; Mary Baumeister 80; John Plunkett 81; Eddie Mash 111; Christy Sinksen 46; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 51 (for Margie Dietz); Shannon Primm 99; Mary Brownlee 25; Judy Mincey 44; Mary Helen Dupree 62; Jane Spencer 24; Lauren Bock 36; Bill Hollingsworth 52; Mike Spencer 64.

Bill Hollingsworth led 45 as the closing song. The benediction was offered by John Plunkett, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Bill Hollingsworth; Vice Chairman—John Plunkett; Secretary—Judy Mincey

SHADY GROVE ANNUAL SINGING

Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Winston County, Alabama Sunday, January 1, 2012

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church was held on the first Sunday in January. Kermit Adams called the class to order leading 36b. The morning prayer was offered by Ottis Sides.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Kermit Adams; Vice Chairman—Parnell Berry; Arranging Officer—Margaret Keeton; Secretary—Roma Rice.

Leaders: Kermit Adams 39b; Don Keeton 145b, 112; Matthew Cook 77t, 145t; Betty Baccus 101t, 100; Carly Westmoreland 38b, 59; Linda Sides 56t, 225t; Warren Steel 224, 179; Parnell Berry 177; Ottis Sides 475, 235; Theresa Westmoreland 434, 460.

RECESS

Parnell Berry led 176t to call the class to order. Leaders: Lisa Geist 171, 546; Gravis Ballinger 334, 203; Ernestine Parker 569b, 81t; Glenn Keeton, Isabella Keeton, and Matthew Keeton 30t, 108t; Larry Ballinger 163b, 180; Faye Donaldson 129, 138; Glenn Keeton 137, 215; Lena Keeton 482, 88t; Josie Hyde 298, 442; Margaret Keeton 527, 517.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Kermit Adams leading 418.

Leaders: Ottis Sides 61, 530; Don Keeton 490; Warren Steel 326, 428; Matthew Cook 282, 47b, 314; Linda Sides 76b, 270; Theresa Westmoreland 338 (in memory of Agnes Hocutt); Gravis Ballinger 120, 297; Glenn Keeton 504 (for Ashley Keeton); Don Keeton 498; Warren Steel 284; Roma Rice 45t; Kermit Adams 426t.

Kermit Adams led 46 as the closing song. Matthew Cook offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Kermit Adams; Vice Chairman—Parnell Berry; Secretary—Roma Rice

CINCINNATI NEW YEAR'S DAY SINGING

Harriet Beecher Stowe House, Cincinnati, Ohio Sunday, January 1, 2012

The annual Cincinnati New Year's Day Singing was called to order at the Harriet Beecher Stowe House by Linda Coppock leading 107. Song selections are from the Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition, and the *Missouri Harmony*. The opening prayer was offered by Claire Outten.

Leaders: Kay Huener 273; Debbie Hall 186; Judy Schuetz 86; Eloise Clark 300; Karen Carrelli 361; Cecilia Kramer 142; Bob French 47b.

Linda Coppock and John Bealle gave a history of the house and the seminary founded by Harriet's father. They also discussed Lowell Mason, and the evolution of congregational singing in the US.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairperson—Linda Coppock; Treasurer—Judy Schuetz; Secretary—Kay Huener.

Leaders: John Bealle 212; Ed Walton 143; Rich Overturf 100; Michael Darby 31t (He mentioned that this song is two hundred years old this year); Wayne Dell 268; Jim Coppock 91; Michael Domino 208; Rene Philips 282; Claire Outten 383.

RECESS

Linda Coppock called the class back together by leading 147t and 135. Leaders: Anne Missavage 49t (in honor of Herb Borcharding); Janine Oakes 107; Laura Lee Earls 178; Mary Brinkman 313b; Michael Heber 276; Charles Carlston 222; Kay Huener 269; Debbie Hall 192; Judy Schuetz 344; Eloise Clark 195; Karen Carrelli 299; Cecilia Kramer 569b; Ed Walton 87; Rich Overturf 312b; Michael Darby 30b. Claire Outten offered prayer before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Linda Coppock called the afternoon session to order by leading 535. Leaders: Sean Doherty 40; Anne Missavage 480; John Bealle 250; Laura Russell 504; Randy Weber (hand out); Marky Aden 144; Ray Rechenberg 29t; Karen Arnett 171; Elizabeth Rechenberg 106; Andrew Palmer 47t; Janine Oakes 384; Mary Brinkman 178; Charles Coulston 551; Laura Lee Earles 277; Wayne Dell 271t; Mike Heber 37b; Shirley McKee 274t; Michael Domino 47 (MH); Bob French 496.

RECESS

Linda Coppock called the class back together by leading 114. Leaders: Kay Huener 38b; Jim Coppock 542; Sean Dougherty 93; Laura Russell 318; Anne Missavage 441; Cecilia Kramer 127 (MH); Fred Haver 184; Carol Medlicott 71.

Following announcements, Charles Carlston lead 136 (MH). Linda Coppock led 347 as the closing song, and dismissed the class with a closing prayer.

Chairperson—Linda Coppock; Treasurer—Judy Schuetz; Secretary—Kay Huener

NEW YEAR'S DAY SINGING

Holy Trinity Church, Mapperley, Derbyshire, United Kingdom Sunday, January 1, 2012

The class was called to order by Helen Brown leading 34b. Margaret Gillanders offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairperson—Helen Brown; Arranging Committee—Judy Whiting and Chris Brown; Secretary—Margaret Gillanders.

Leaders: Michael Walker 31t; Judy Whiting 312t (for Tony Parkinson); Margaret Gillanders 39t; Ted Brown 313t; Rosalind Oldham 84; Gillian White 47t; Benny Ross 128; Ruth Steggles 82t; Cath Saunt 38b; Linda Holmes-Davies 268; Chris Brown 277; Nadine Wills 38t; Helen Brown 563 (CB) (for Michael McGuigan); Margaret Gillanders 505 (CB); Michael Walker 54t (CB); Rosalind Oldham 199 (CB); Gillian White 573 (CB); Ted Brown 49b; Ruth Steggles 575 (CB); Benny Ross 166; Cath Saunt 63; Chris Brown 29b; Nadine Wills 500 (CB); Linda Holmes-Davies 178. Rosalind Oldham asked the blessing on the mid-day meal.

LUNCH

Hannah Land reconvened the class by leading 559 (CB). Leaders: Judy Whiting 268b (CB); Rosalind Oldham 140 (CB); Michael Walker 103; Helen Brown 142 (for Maria Wallace); Lyn James 235; Margaret Gillanders 98 (CB); Cath Saunt 159;

Chris Brown 319; Gillian White 497; Ted Brown 81t; Hannah Land 137 (CB); Nadine Wills 339; Benny Ross 540; Ruth Steggles 496.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Gillian White. The following deceased were remembered: Margaret Robinson, Jill Herbert, Marie Ivey, Linda Champ, Barbara Crawford, Gordon Corrick, Travis Keeton, Philip Hunt, Sally Joy Dennis, Grandma Symington, Mike Waterson, Elaine Newton, Phillip Higgins, Alex Cowan, Geoffrey Rossman, and David Ingham.

The following sick and housebound were named: Maureen Gamlin, Michael McGuigan, Steve Fletcher, Lonnie Rogers, Brenda Grimshaw, Tony Parkinson, Sue Reynolds, Maggie Watson, Albert Day, David Daykin, Tony Benson, Geordie Tyrell, Roger Norman, Henry Carr, Peter Schoonjans, and Maria Wallace. Michael Walker led 152, and closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Helen Brown 503; Hannah Land 399t.

RECESS

The class was called back together by Rosalind Oldham leading 488t (CB). Leaders: Linda Holmes-Davies 209; Michael Walker 376 (for Steve Fletcher); Margaret Gillanders 318; Cath Saunt 163b; Ted Brown 97 (for Lonnie Rogers); Nadine Wills 48t; Benny Ross 571 (CB); Chris Brown 441; Ruth Steggles 313b; Helen Brown 276; Gillian White 107; Hannah Land 430; Rosalind Oldham 45t (for Lonnie Rogers); Margaret Gillanders 472; Ted Brown 77t.

Following announcements and thanks, Helen Brown led 347 as the closing song. Rev. Simon White dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairperson—Helen Brown; Secretary—Margaret Gillanders

LILLIAN CALVERT AND IRENE WOODLEY MEMORIAL SINGING Pleasant Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Boldo, Alabama Saturday night, January 7, 2012

The 58th session of the Lillian Calvert and Irene Woodley Memorial Singing held at Pleasant Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Boldo, Alabama, was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Danny Creel leading 155. The opening prayer was offered by Henry Guthery.

A business session was held and the following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Yancey Jett; Secretary—Wanda Capps; Arranging Officer—Cindy Tanner.

Leaders: Yancey Jett 81t; Brenda Chafin 542; Glenn Keeton 428; Ronald Gilmore and Hazel Gilmore 276, 282; Elene Stovall 411; Amber Davis 142; Jim Aaron 163b; Linda Vines 215; Cheyenne Ivey 222; Seth Poston 358; Bea Carnathan 438; Emily Burleson 228; Scott Ivey 67; Wayne Horton 388; Randy Moon and Elsie Moon 143; Ottis Sides 530; Judy Caudle 564; Woodley Sisters (Jetty, Dorothy Nell, Doris, and Fay) 75, 120; Larry Ballinger and Lisa Geist 540, 528; Wanda Capps 73t; Eugene Forbes 318.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Yancey Jett leading 440. Leaders: Ann Jett 546; Rodney Ivey 267; Angela Myers 432; Tim Gilmore 306; Ken Tate 86; Velton Chafin 113; Jackie Tanner 314; Henry Guthery 304; Sarah Beasley 145b; Danny Creel 498; Betty Baccus 391; Seth Holloway 108t; Cindy Tanner 77t; Cindy Tanner, Danny Creel, Ann Jett, and Wanda Capps 475 (in memory of Flarce Creel), 111b (for Harrison Creel).

Yancey Jett led 129 as the closing song. Velton Chafin offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Yancey Jett; Secretary—Wanda Capps

UNCLE JACK KERR AND HENRY KERR MEMORIAL
Camp Ground Methodist Church
North of Muscadine, Cleburne County, Alabama
Sunday, January 8, 2012

The annual Uncle Jack Kerr and Henry Kerr Memorial Sacred Harp singing held at Camp Ground Methodist Church, north of Muscadine, Cleburne County, Alabama, on the second Sunday in January was called to order by Henry Johnson leading 59. Cecil Roberts offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Henry Johnson 88t; Tony Hammock 60, 61; Donna Bell 225t (for Lonnie Rogers), 101t; Robert Chambless 77t, 452; Karen Rollins 34b, 36b; John Plunkett 31b, 33b; Evelyn Harris 47t, 155; Jack Nelson 480, 438.

RECESS

Tony Hammock brought the class back to order leading 321. In a business session, a motion was made to keep the same officers as follows: Chairman—Henry Johnson; Vice Chairman—Tony Hammock; Secretary/Arranging Committee—Donna Bell. Leaders: Judy Chambless 114, 128; David Brodeur 143, 476; Rene Greene 216 (for Syd Caldwell), 276; Cecil Roberts 35, 82t; Fallon Cook 63, 40.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Henry Johnson leading 288. Leaders: Jeff Sheppard 293; Virginia Dyer 186, 112; Charlene Wallace 79, 85; Reba Windom 145t (for Bud Oliver), 299. John Plunkett offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session of singing began with Henry Johnson leading 147b. Leaders: Robert Chambless 84; Karen Rollins 76b; John Plunkett 107 (in memory of John Shippee).

Members of the Kerr Family were asked to come forward. Jolene Loescher (a granddaughter of Uncle Jack Kerr), welcomed everyone, and gave a brief report with expressions of gratitude to those who came to make this a special day. She recognized Mrs. Irene Snow, age 95, daughter of Jack Kerr. Another daughter, Mrs. Lois Bowman, was unable to attend, but listened via cell phone. Various members of the Kerr Family introduced themselves and explained their relationship to Uncle Jack and Henry Kerr. Mrs. Loescher noted that Jack Kerr was a founder of the Cleburne County Sacred Harp Convention in 1889. The Kerr Family led 108t and 323b.

Leaders: Judy Chambless 516; Jack Nelson 266; Rene Greene and Pam Nunn 192; David Brodeur 503; Fallon Cook 146; Cecil Roberts 303; Charlene Wallace 167; Jeff Sheppard 172; Virginia Dyer (Editor's note: no number listed) (for Lois Bowman); Tony Hammock 69t; Reba Windom 418; Donna Bell 274t (in memory of Dean Kerr Nelson).

Announcements were made. Henry Johnson led 45b as the closing song, and then offered the closing prayer. The class was dismissed.

Chairman—Henry Johnson; Vice Chairman—Tony Hammock; Secretary—Donna Bell

CHICAGO ANNIVERSARY SINGING
Kilbourn Park Fieldhouse, Chicago, Illinois
Sunday, January 8, 2012

The 28th session of the Chicago Anniversary Singing was held at the Kilbourn Park Fieldhouse, Chicago, Illinois, on the second Sunday in January. Jeff Breting called the class to order at 9:30 a.m. leading 340. Carol Munro Mosley offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Susan Matthews 59t; Ann Sleeva 228; Cathryn Bearov 114; Evelyn Lamb 171; Jim Helke 54; Michael Mosley 57; Cecilia Kramer 71; David Barford 280; Bruce Voyles 344; Orwin Youngquist 33t; Melissa Kelley 383; Ryan Wheeler 277; Bill Beverly 191; John Seaton 47t.

RECESS

Jeff Breting called the class to order leading 146. A business meeting was held to elect the following officers: Chairperson—Susan Matthews; Vice Chairperson—Evelyn Lamb; Memorial Lesson Officer—Cathryn Bearov; Finance Officer—Randy Neufeld; Arranging Committee—Jim Swanson, Anita Shaperd, Jeff Breting, and Ann Sleeva; Chaplain—Carol Munro Mosley; Secretary—Rochelle Lodder.

Leaders: Doug Stapleton 318; Leon Pulsinelle 345b; Micah Sommer 99; Nick Pasqual 139; Kelsey Sunderland 392; Peter Bradley 163b; JoDell Albi 195; Jim Page 193; Carol Munro Mosley 192; Marian Mitchell 532; Steve Warner 86; Sarah Davie 384. Marcia Johnson and Judy Hauff spoke on behalf of the founders, describing the early days of Chicago Sacred Harp, the first time Chicagoans traveled to Holly Springs, and getting together with the folks in Charleston to hold the first Illinois convention. Together with Sarah Davie, Ted Mercer, Ted Johnson, and Wendy Wahn, they led 189.

RECESS

Susan Mathews called the class to order leading 479. Leaders: Mark Dawson 377; Ann Miczulski 361; Ted Johnson 419; Elizabeth Rechenberg and Beegge Rechenberg 282; Lisa Grayson 411; Ian Quinn 447; Michael Appert 454; Ann Missavage 122.

Susan Geil spoke on behalf of the sick and shut-ins. She led 68b for the following: John Mereno, Charles Pietri, Robert Smith, Bob Scorgie, Bob Anderson, Gina Balestracci, Lonnie Rogers, Richard DeLong, John Merritt, Bud Oliver, Sammie Oliver, S.T. Reed, and Lessie Reed.

Cathryn Bearov conducted the memorial lesson. She said “We renew ourselves with lessons from the music we sing and with each other. We celebrate the lives and mourn the deaths of our fellows. We live, knowing we are better people for the gifts the dead gave to us. When you write to family members of those who have passed away, remember to write about the greatest lesson you learned from the one who is no longer alive. Remember also to pass that gift on to others. In this way, the square of Sacred Harp becomes a circle, a never broken ring of giving, receiving, and learning. It is precious. Guard it. Protect it. Grow it. Live it.”

She read the following names of the deceased, and led 330b in their memory: Herb Borchering—Missouri; Harvey Wahn, Sr. and Edward Harold Fitzgerald—Michigan; Margaret Slute—Colorado; George Jones—Texas; Joanne Bowman—Massachusetts; Bob Meek—Kentucky; Ernestine Pipkin, Marie Ivey, Travis Keeton, and Cecil Sanders—Alabama; Joyce Anderson and Robert E. McKee—Wisconsin; Frank Evans—Virginia; Becky Schieldman—Illinois; George and Lynell Stapleton—Georgia; Josephine Stapleton—Pennsylvania; Edith Roberts—Tennessee; Mary Collins—New York; and Florence Martin—unspecified. Carol Munro Mosley offered prayer to close the memorial lesson, and offered grace before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Susan Matthews brought the class back to order leading 84. Leaders: Julie Vea 269; Debbie Barford 163t; Richard Ivey 187; Marcia Johnson 504; Johanna Fabke 505; Judy Hauff 27t; Aldo Ceresa 456; Sue Kessell 365; Melanie Hauff 271t; Martha Beverly 542; Petrina Patti, Carolyn Dwyer, and John Dwyer 217; Jeannine Oakes 107; Carol Crawford 77t; Ted Mercer 464; Wendy Wahn 480; Ray Rechenberg 300; Randy Neufeld 270; Anna Pfau 528. Randy Neufeld spoke on behalf of the finance committee, and led 102.

RECESS

Michael Mosley and Charlotte Long called the class to order leading 29t. Leaders: Anne Heider 36b; Liisa Eckersberg 30t; David Stowe 178; Herb Schroeder, Carolyn Dwyer, and John Dwyer 332; Sarah Kierstead 105; James Crawford and Mary Crawford 546; Peggy Mistak 59; Charlotte Long 472; Rochelle Lodder 276; Jim Swanson 396; Molly Whedbee 73t; Anne Sleeva 569b; Leon Pulsinelle 485; Ian Quinn 76b; Aldo Ceresa and Peter Evan 550; Kelsey Sunderland and Richard Ivey 39b.

Susan Matthews led 62 as the closing song, and Carol Munro Mosley dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairperson—Susan Matthews; Vice Chairperson—Evelyn Lamb; Secretary—Rochelle Lodder

AUBURN SACRED HARP SINGING **St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church, Auburn, Alabama** **Saturday, January 14, 2012**

The annual Auburn Sacred Harp Singing was held at St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church, Auburn, Alabama, on Saturday before the third Sunday in January. The class was called to order by Fred Hoerr leading 59. Father John Wells Warren offered the morning prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Fred Hoerr; Vice Chairman—Karen Clark; Arranging Officer—Cathy Love; Secretary—Marty Hoerr.

Leaders: Fred Hoerr 31t; Robert Chambless 560; Bill Hogan 51; Marty Hoerr 148; Elene Stovall 200; Larry Ballinger 389; Ann Webb 282; Jack Nelson 513; Verona Andrews 274t; Jeff Sheppard 388; Karen Clark 43; Richard Ivey 42; Judy Chambless 386; David Ivey 48t (in memory of Wayne Morgan); Tori Gundlach and John Plunkett 344; Rodney Ivey 283; Emily Stutzman Jones 354b; Nate Green and Norma Green 348b; Lisa Geist 269; Chris Ballinger 270; Ken Kelly 480.

RECESS

Fred Hoerr brought the class back to order by leading 30b. Leaders: Matt Hinton 192; Judy Caudle 272; Jim Aaron 503; Erica Hinton 432; Earl Ballinger 212; Wendy Futral 35; Eugene Forbes 280; Leigh Cooper 392; Mark Godfrey 39b; Sharon DuPriest and Jeff Sheppard 556; Lauren Bock 167; Jesse Karlsberg 187; David Brodeur 454; Molly Ellis 56b; B.M. Smith 89; Scott DePoy 440; Reba Windom 182; John Plunkett 353; Karen Rollins 350; Cecil Roberts 86; Jeannette DePoy 179; Loyd Ivey 47t; Holly Mixon 268; Bea Carnathan 568; Sarah Beasley 340; Margaret Ray 318; Oscar McGuire 573; Samuel Sommers 449; Darrell Swarens 341; John Hoerr 163b.

LUNCH

Fred Hoerr brought the class back to order by leading 421. Leaders: Cathy Love 159; Angela Myers 383; Kelsey Sunderland 57; Susan Cheronos 107; Shane Wootten 110; Donna Wootten 314; Henry Johnson 322; Judy Caudle 310; Eugene Forbes 168; Emily Stutzman Jones 49b; Jesse Karlsberg 428; Nate Green and Norma Green

398; John Plunkett 466; Pam Nunn, Sharon DuPriest, and Reba Windom 216; B.M. Smith 284; Jeff Sheppard 285b; Holly Mixon 142; Henry Johnson 418; Tori Gundlach and Earl Ballinger 60; John Hoerr 300; Samuel Sommers 316; Darrell Swarens and Matt Hinton 507.

After announcements were made, Fred Hoerr and Karen Clark led 62 as the closing song. Father John Wells Warren offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Fred Hoerr; Vice Chairman—Karen Clark; Secretary—Marty Hoerr

ALL-CALIFORNIA SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION

Casa de Flores, San Carlos, California

January 14-15, 2012

Saturday, January 14

The 24th annual All-California Sacred Harp Singing Convention was held at the Casa de Flores in San Carlos, California, on the third Sunday and Saturday before in January. The class was called to order by Rebecca Edwards leading 47t. Dan Harper offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Rick Russell 276; Bob Brylawski 122; Laura Boyd Russell 201; Jeremy Knight 86; Gail Aagaard 503; Charley Basham 217; Clarissa Fetrow 51; Philip Gerrie 457; Sally Langendorf 75; Lynn Basham 99.

A business meeting was held and the following officers were elected: Chairman—Rebecca Edwards; Co-Chairman in absentia—Carolyn Deacy; Vice Chairman—Jerry Schreiber; Secretary—Betty Marvin. The following appointments were made: Arranging Committee—Hal Eisen and Julian Damashek; Chaplains—Dan Harper and Jim Friedrich; Treasurer—Terry Barber; Resolutions Committee—Kendahl Goldwater-Feldman and Deidra Montgomery.

Leaders: Terry Moore 112; Linda Booth 198; Jeff Begley 42; Karen Stingle 549; Will Fitzgerald and Bess Fitzgerald 39t (in memory of his father, Harold Fitzgerald); Nell Whitman 33b; Paul Kostka 504; Eric Xu 31t.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Deidra Montgomery leading 45t. Leaders: Jim Friedrich 273; Shelby Sampson 312b; Chris Thorman 474; Kendahl Goldwater-Feldman 148; Sean Francis Conway 178; Linda Selph 456; Jennie Brown 439; Jonathan Levy-Wolins 344; Gretchen Muller 565; Liora O'Donnell Goldensher 30b; Shelley Phillips 58; Greg Freeman 224; Claire Singleton 455; Terry Barber 536; Leland Kusmer 377.

RECESS

The class was called together by Mary Gowins leading 81t. Leaders: Hal Eisen 434; Betty Herman 442; Betsy Jeronen 426b; Jeri Segal 538; Joanne Orengo 472; Sarah Holden 59; Chris Cotter 192; Paul Lindholm 500; Steve Lazicki 74b; Solomon Ossa 318; Steve Cackley 312t; John Seaton 283; Anna Stoerch 96; Katie White 547; Kramer Klein 428. Chaplain offered the prayer for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The class was called back to order by Julian Damashek leading 76b. Leaders: Steve Helwig 214; Carla Smith 30t; Jerry Schreiber 245; Heather Ikeler 43; John delRe 348b; Mary Rose O'Leary 189; Ted Mercer 275t; Jon Giles 507; David Wright 464; Cornelia Stanton 473; Hugh McGuire 33t; Thom Fahrbach 279; James Baumgartner 183; Anne Heider 532; Gerry Hoffman 36t; Steve Warner 475; Karen Willard 483; Gosia Perycz 550; Deidra Montgomery 302; Tom McTighe 142.

RECESS

Liora O'Donnell Goldensher led 155 to bring the class to order. Leaders: Janet Herman 528; Gordon Rees 499; Betty Marvin 174; Gary Plouff 328; Inder Khalsa 131t; Michael Kaye 501; Mary Gowins 68b; Midge Harder 46; Robert Norman 282;

Rachel O'Leary 448b; Luke Miller 38b; Susan Willis-Powers 236; Erika Wilson 542; Maggie Dougher 82t; Sally Langendorf 40; Charley Basham and Lynn Basham 38t; Gosia Perycz 535; Jon Giles 326.

Rebecca Edwards led 323t as the closing song, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, January 15

The Sunday session of the All-California Sacred Harp Singing Convention was brought to order by Rebecca Edwards leading 129. Jim Friedrich offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Betty Marvin 171; Jerry Schreiber 327; Chris Thorman 229; Mary Gowins 460; Steve Warner 86; Kendahl Goldwater-Feldman 67; Gabriel Kyne 228; Inder Khalsa 272; Lucas Gonze 295; Linda Selph 215; Jennie Brown 564; Gretchen Muller 155; Hal Eisen 470; Jon Giles 546; Terry Barber 308; Hallie Wells 178; Erika Wilson 313b; Clarissa Fetrow 335; Linda Booth 28b.

RECESS

The class was called back together by Julian Damashek leading 32t. Leaders: Thom Fahrbach 411; Greg Freeman 274t; Anitra Kaye 480; Bob Brylawski 266; Mary Gowins 105; Liora O'Donnell Goldensher 95; Jackson Fleder 250; Karen Stingle 277; Sean Francis Conway 47b; Paul Lindholm 419; Tom McTighe 300; Anne Heider 454; Jeff Begley 83b; Steve Helwig 368.

RECESS

Melissa Stephenson led 49b to bring the class to order. Leaders: Dan Harper 84; Jeri Segal 448t; Marsha Genensky 457.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Mary Rose O'Leary leading 340 in honor of the following sick and shut-ins: David Fetcho, Jane Campbell, Lauren Stewart, Gregory Barber, Dixie Richardson, Sara Diamond, Carol Dellet, Rodney Willard, Barbara Willard, Lonnie Rogers, Gina Balestracci, Carol Hopper, Lou Rosenberg, George Mister, Sr., Jim Helke, and Steven Murdock.

Dan Harper led 32b in memory of the following deceased: John Ferard Leicester, Diane Luboff, Scott Wilson, Dolly McKissock—California; Pearl Kaye, Al Socolov, Judith Socolov, Jill Friedrich—New York; John Merritt—Mississippi; Marie Ivey—Alabama; Wally Jones—Oregon; Mary Lassila—Washington; Dr. Richard Sunshine—New Jersey; Katherine Keator—Massachusetts; Harold Fitzgerald—Michigan; Frank Evans—Virginia; Ruth Gonze—Maryland; Dorothy Ellis—Arizona; Waltraud Stoerch—Germany; Alexandra Perycz—Poland; and Alan Shapiro. Jim Friedrich closed the memorial lesson with a prayer.

Leaders: Cornelia Stanton 350; John Seton 47t; Maggie Dougher 117; Paul Ralston 236; Carla Smith 326.

LUNCH

The class was called back by Linda Selph leading 29t. Leaders: Eric Xu 168; Solomon Ossa 209; Bill Waddington 474; Laura Boyd Russell 384; Deidra Montgomery 181; Anna Stoerch 120; Lynn Basham 34b; Bess Fitzgerald and Will Fitzgerald 447; Jonathan Levy-Wolins 455; Sam Hyrkin 551; Claire Singleton 299; Gerry Hoffman 186; Kramer Klein 63; Rachel O'Leary 290; Gosia Perycz 208; Chris Cotter 498; Rick Russell 108b; Charley Basham 66; Jim Friedrich 481; Steve Cackley 156; Katie White 163b; Betsy Jeronen 573; Nell Whitman 385b.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Terry Moore leading 40. Leaders: John delRe 348t; Karen Willard 362; Ted Mercer 444; David Wright 391; Michael Kaye 146; Betty Herman 421; Midge Harder 35; Mary Rose O'Leary 217; Leland Kusmer 48b; Shelby Sampson 472; Peter Ross 99; Meg Duff 159; Erika Wilson 385t; Cornelia Stanton 87; Gerry Hoffman 83t; Carla Smith and Jerry Schreiber 94.

A business meeting was held. Resolutions were presented by Kendahl Goldwater-Feldman and Deidra Montgomery, thanking all who made the singing possible. The Treasurer reported that expenses had been met.

The Secretary reported that 211 people attended from 15 states (Alaska, California, Colorado, Illinois, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Virginia, and Washington) and one country (Poland), and that 179 songs were led by 94 leaders.

Announcements were made. Rebecca Edwards, Jerry Schreiber, and Betty Marvin led 62 as the closing song. Jim Friedrich offered a closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Rebecca Edwards; Vice Chairman—Jerry Schreiber; Secretary—Betty Marvin

NEW HOPE SINGING SCHOOL SINGING **New Hope Community Church, Jones Chapel, Alabama** **Sunday, January 15, 2012**

New Hope Community Church, located five miles south of Jones Chapel, Alabama, hosted a Sacred Harp singing school on January 13, 14, and 15, 2012. Dr. Tom Malone, from Massachusetts, conducted the singing school. More than sixty students and guests were in attendance at various times during the three-day singing school session. After the singing school, a singing was held on Sunday afternoon.

After a brief review of the singing school lessons, which were taught during the three days by Tom Malone, Butch White opened the afternoon singing by leading 37b. Prayer was offered by Reuben Williams.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Christopher Mann; Vice Chairman—Anna Grace Sipe; Arranging Officer—Nicholas Mann; Secretary—Theresa Westmoreland.

Leaders: Christopher Mann 32t; Anna Grace Sipe 178; Nicholas Mann 97; Benjamin Clay and Mary Frances Clay 87; William Clay 105; Eli Dyson 278t; Will Stallings 27; Bekah Lauren Clay 45t; Delone Cobbs 39b; Jennifer Clay 159; Essie Hollingsworth 72b; Hudson family 26; Nancy Tuck 335; Carly Westmoreland 59; Jim Pate 358; Pam Rosser 142; Leah Commer and Sarah Commer 47b; Linda Sides 225t; Ottis Sides 235; Dick Nail and Sarah Commer 288; Tom Malone 316; Geraldine Sharpton 318.

RECESS

The class was called back together by Christopher Mann leading 101t. Leaders: Danica Thornton 278b; Londa Pate 312b; Ernestine Parker 81t; Joyce White 323b; Butch White 503; Buell Cobb 74b; Tom Malone and Buell Cobb 313b; Theresa Westmoreland 39t; Judy Caudle 76t; Dylan Feezell 435; Beth Branscome 73b; Theresa Westmoreland, Tom Malone, Geraldine Sharpton, and Jennifer Clay 462; Tom Malone and Delone Cobbs 312t.

Christopher Mann led 347 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with closing prayer offered by Delone Cobbs.

Chairman—Christopher Mann; Vice Chairman—Anna Grace Sipe; Secretary—Theresa Westmoreland

NEW HARMONIES SINGING
Christ Covenant Church, Hernando, Mississippi
Saturday, January 21, 2012

Leaders: John Van Horn 63, 61; Hugh Bill McGuire 312t, 312b; Matt Bell “Golgotha” (Volume 1, No 2, The Trumpet), 326; Logan Green 313b, 142; Warren Steel 137, 70b; Mark Tew 139, 406; Cliff Hall 47b, 277; Kathryn Green 274t, 157.
RECESS

Bobby Neyman brought the class back to order leading 178 and 66. Leaders: Susanna Jones 40, 159; Barry Bianchi 45t, 72b; Bob Barber 282; John Van Horn 200, 67; Hugh Bill McGuire 503, 460. Prayer for the noon meal was offered by Matt Bell.
LUNCH

Matt Bell brought the class back to order leading 468 and 416. Leaders: Vicky Neyman 117; Warren Steel 179, 442; Mark Tew 268, 299; Cliff Hall 59, 288; Carol Barber 276; Rob Barber 128; Kathryn Green 324, 504; Susanna Jones 73t, 32t; Helen Beauchamp 318, 358; Melissa Beauchamp 56b, 133; Logan Green “Evergreen”, 547; Michael Jones 47t, 376; Robert Green 144, 222; Rachel Green 82t, 148; Shafer Green 106; Dalton Green 455, 126; Hugh Bill McGuire 236; Helen Beauchamp and family 107, 480.

Bobby Neyman led 62 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer offered by John Van Horn.

Chairman and Secretary—Bobby Neyman

W. L. GREEN MEMORIAL AND BALDWIN COUNTY
SACRED HARP CONVENTION (COOPER EDITION)
Church of Christ Fellowship Hall, Bay Minette, Alabama
January 21-22, 2012

Saturday, January 21

The W.L. “Bill” Green Memorial/Baldwin County Sacred Harp Convention was called to order by Bill Hogan leading 101t. He then gave a warm welcome to all in attendance, and led 36b. The opening prayer was offered by Roberta Strauss.

Leaders: Rodney Ivey 558; J.A. Mosley 572; Alice Mosley 484; Nate Green and Norma Green 95b; Mary Whitehurst 145t; Roberta Strauss 218; Nancy Hogan 145b; B. M Smith 559; Henry McGuire 464; Bill Kelley 100; Joan Aldridge 84; Henry Johnson 426b; Aubrey Barfield 230; Judy Caudle 478; Leigh Cooper 163b; Karen Rollins 136; Susan Cheronos 392 (in memory of John Merritt); Tim Jones 120; Karen Willard 91; Adrian Nall 235.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Bill Hogan; Vice Chairmen—J.A. Mosley and Rodney Ivey; Chaplain—Roberta Strauss; Secretaries/Arranging Committee—Nancy Hogan and Mary Whitehurst; Memorial Committee—Cheryl Foreman and Morgan Bunch.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Rodney Ivey leading 384. Leaders: Jesse P. Karlsberg 133; Tim Taylor 102; Paul Figura “Higher Ground” (composition by and in memory of John Merritt); Ken Kelley 404; Aurora Crook 388; David Ivey 416; Tommie Spurlock 376; Sue Bunch 293b; Judy Chambless 512; Richard Ivey 210; Sharon DuPriest 229; Daphene Causey 501; Morgan Bunch 428; Sonny Erwin 511t; Stanley Smith 225t.

The Chairman recognized Hugh McGraw, who asked members of the Bill Green family to join him in the square. Family members in attendance were Mrs. Beufa Green, Jenny Whitworth, Nate Green, Ricky Green, and Randy Green. Hugh told of Mr. Green’s contributions to Sacred Harp in relocating the book company from

Alabama to Georgia. Mr. McGraw presented a plaque from the Sacred Harp Publishing Company to Mrs. Beufa Green. Bill Hogan led 380t, which was written by Bill Green.

Leaders: Bridgett Kennedy 450; Kelsey Sunderland 567; Martha Beverly 140; Mark Godfrey 47b.

Bill Hogan recognized Cleo Murphy and the Southeast District Vocal Choir from Mobile, Alabama, (Cleo Murphy, Mary Murphy, Hester Gray, Mary Lucy, Sandra Steward, Annie Mae Smith, Terris Dillard, Willie Steele, and Edward Mitchell) who sang “Heaven on My Mind” and “I’ll Tell the World”. The class sang 369, and Roberta Strauss offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was opened by Bill Hogan leading 96. The Chairman thanked everyone for the wonderful lunch, and announced that cards were available to sign for the sick and shut-ins. Leaders: Shannon Guinn 220; Reba Windham 505; Stuart Ivey 522; Jeff Sheppard 497; Shirley Figura 67; Charlene Wallace 277; Karen Ivey 500; Lloyd Jones 463; Loretta Jones 138t; Sarah Beasley 519; Cheryl Foreman 30b; Ed Bass 447t; Scott Ivey 98; Lauren Bock 477; Robert Chambless 72; Kevin Dyess 63; Rick Foreman 108b; Voncille Nall 38t; Mary Amelia Taylor 99; Anne Drexler 282; Charlotte Naylor 186.

Announcements were made. Bill Hogan, Rodney Ivey, J.A. Mosley, and Roberta Strauss led 527 as the closing song. Roberta Strauss ended the Saturday session in prayer.

Sunday, January 22

The Sunday morning session was called to order by Bill Hogan leading 29b. After greetings, he gave a short devotional, reading Psalms 105, and then led 32t. Roberta Strauss offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Rodney Ivey 575; J.A. Mosley 101t; Alice Mosley 343; Nate Green and Norma Green 544; Mary Whitehurst 395b; Roberta Strauss 300; Nancy Hogan 324; Rick Foreman 543b; Voncille Nall 507b; Kevin Dyess 142; Robert Chambless 405; Anne Drexler 87; Henry McGuire 518; Lauren Bock 524; Ken Kelley and Will Kelley 434; Eva Padgett 47b; Ann Fox 500; Scott Ivey 443b.

RECESS

Bill Hogan brought the class back to order by leading 494. Leaders: Reba Windham 559; Cheryl Foreman 470; Kristen Kelley, Ken Kelley, and Will Kelley 573; Sarah Beasley 380t; Loretta Jones 285t; Lloyd Jones 45t; Karen Ivey 410; Shirley Figura 122; Stuart Ivey 361; Mark Godfrey 65; Martha Beverly 39; Kelsey Sunderland 137; Stanley Smith 200; Sonny Erwin 488t; Morgan Bunch 168; Judy Chambless 367; Richard Ivey 54t; Karen Willard 486.

Cheryl Foreman and Morgan Bunch conducted the memorial lesson. Morgan Bunch spoke for the sick and shut-ins. He commented on our web of connection to the people on the list, and noted how he felt the support of this connection personally during his surgery last year. He read Psalms 6:1-4. Those on the sick and shut-ins list are as follows: Jim Helke, Bud Oliver, Martha Jane Fowler, Lonnie Rogers, Juanita Hill, Wilburn Ellison, Leara Ellison, Faye Jones, Curtis Owen, and Edith Owen. Morgan led 465.

Cheryl Foreman spoke for the deceased. She commented how we remember these with sorrow and joy. Those who have gone before have served to mentor us both in the music as well as the traditions of Sacred Harp. Those of us who were drawn to Sacred Harp initially by the music, soon realized that we are continually drawn by the fellowships we develop. Each on the list of the deceased has influenced all of us. She led 288 in memory of the following deceased: John Merritt, Travis Keeton, Marie Ivey, Ernestine Pipkin, Melvin Stiefel, and Wayne Morgan—Alabama; Becky

Schildman—Illinois; John Shippee—Georgia; Bob Meek—Kentucky. Roberta Strauss closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Susan Cheronos 571; Bill Aplin and Vicki Aplin 567; David Ivey 491; Becky Briggs 377t; Sue Bunch 268b; Paul Figura 46. The class sang 369, and Roberta Strauss gave the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The class was called back to order for the afternoon session by Bill Hogan leading 290. Leaders: Tim Jones 461; Jesse P. Karlsberg 357; Sharon DuPriest 222; Tommie Spurlock 99; Adrian Nall 393; Leigh Cooper 464; Judy Caudle 86; Aubrey Barfield 365; Henry Johnson 426t; Cheyenne Ivey 77t; Bill Kelley 442t; Paul Figura and Shirley Figura 73t (in honor of Bud Oliver); Bridgett Kennedy 30b; Rick Foreman and Cheryl Foreman 276; Anne Drexler and Roberta Strauss 146; Bill Beverly and Martha Beverly 511b; Sonny Erwin and Judy Caudle 344; Karen Willard, Tracy Warner, and Tom Willard 505; Kelsey Sunderland and Richard Ivey 297; Kevin Dyess and Bobbie Maud Meacham 274t.

Announcements were made. Bill Hogan, Nancy Hogan, Rodney Ivey, J.A. Mosley, Alice Mosley, Nate Green, Norma Green, and Roberta Strauss led 323t. Roberta Strauss offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Bill Hogan; Vice Chairmen—J.A. Mosley and Rodney Ivey; Secretaries—Nancy Hogan and Mary Whitehurst

KEYSTONE SACRED HARP CONVENTION **Unitarian-Universalist Church of the Lehigh Valley**

Bethlehem, Pennsylvania

January 21-22, 2012

Saturday, January 21

The 14th annual Keystone Sacred Harp Convention was held on the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in January at the Unitarian-Universalist Church of the Lehigh Valley in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. The class was called to order by Tom Tucker leading 81t. John Kelso offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Dan Hunter 144; Rachel Hall 278t; Barb Hohenstein 495; Laura Densmore 142; Bethany Towne 411; Eric Hunter 419; Kimberly Haas 203; Lynne Hoyt 500; Doron Henkin 436; Roy Shockey 178; Ruth Wampler 282; Lamar Matthew 149.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Dan Hunter; Vice Chairperson—Rachel Hall; Treasurer—Hal Kunkel; Secretaries—Barbara Hohenstein and Tom Tucker.

RECESS

Sonia Chin called the class to order leading 106. Leaders: Linda Marker 117; Dan Coppock 76b; Elizabeth Stokes 48t; Sue Hanson 38t; Ames Bielenberg 56b; Jesse Krikorian 326; Ina Shea 27; Tom Stokes 134; Sara Wetzel 47t; Ted Stokes 68t; Julia Seidenstein 410t; John Alexander 354t; Liz Meitzler 269; Carl Baron 315; Gwen Gethner 66; Sam Kleinman 141; Claire Simon 107; Sara Whites-Koditschek 472; Terry Ryan 358; Nora Dunn 103.

RECESS

Ruth Wampler called the class to order leading 34b. Leaders: Hal Kunkel 87; Charles Biada 118; Becky Wright 349; Gerry Hoffman 306; Julie Botnick 89; Harry Scott 497; Nancy Mandel 275t; Guy Banks 260; Mary Helen Dupree 30t; Patrick Paglen 209; Erin Gum 274t; Jim Strube 348t; Emily Hale-Sills 183; Oliver Kindig-Stokes 211; Susan Bingham 168; Brian How 143. John Kelso offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Ted Stokes opened the afternoon session leading 32t. Leaders: Jennifer Hedrich 276; Stephen Hoyt 68b; J.R. Hartman 63; Tamara Harris 131b; Kelly Macklin 187; Ben Copenhaver 484; Will Gilman 47b; Barbara Swetman 71; Jim Glaser 322; Diane Mennella 318; Anna Pfau 384; Ian Quinn 270; Stephanie Fida 229; Cheri Hardy 455; Aimee Wilson 39t; Rowan Lupton 146; Ian McGovern 215; Paula Picton 377; Nathan Berry 85; Leyland delRe 96; Chris Holley 499.

RECESS

Becky Wright called the class to order leading 399b. Leaders: Jeff Gauthier 362; Kelly Kennedy 67; John delRe 272; Amy Valladares 504; John Kelso 376; Anna Nowogrodzki 335; Peter Golden 28t; Linda Shea 361; Dean Jens 26; Christine Andrews 58; Hal Kunkel 568; Patricia Callahan 119; Sonia Chin 208; Michael Nord 485; Rachel Speer and Calvin 176b; John Stokes 294; Tom Tucker 320; Dan Hunter 562.

John Kelso offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, January 22

The Sunday session of the Keystone Convention was called to order by Dan Hunter leading 59. Leyland delRe offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Rachel Hall 213t; Barb Hohenstein 36t; Becky Wright 65; Stephen Hoyt 105; Guy Bankes 556; Susan Bingham 446; Ted Stokes 197; Elizabeth Stokes 528; Jim Strube 409; Sam Kleinman 77t; Emily Hale-Sills 120; Claire Simon 481; Sara Whites-Koditschek (no number given).

RECESS

Leyland delRe called the class to order leading 100. Leaders: Hal Kunkel 82t; Oliver Kindig-Stokes 395; Harry Scott 457; Sonia Chin 498; Lamar Matthew 35; Bethany Towne 196; Sue Hanson 323t; Doron Henkin 133; Mary Helen Dupree 31b; Dan Coppock 304; Lynne Hoyt 370; Ian Quinn 371; Rowan Lupton 288; Chris Holley 123b; Stephanie Fida 460; Barbara Swetman 114; Ian McGullam 300; Jim Glaser 596b; Paula Picton 422; Terry Ryan 193.

RECESS

Oliver Kindig-Stokes brought the class back together by leading 79. The memorial lesson was conducted by Kelly Macklin and Ina Shea. Kelly Macklin led 368 for the following sick and shut-ins: Bob Koenig, Skip Trout, Gil Dupre, Janet Shea, Carla Willenzik, George Mister, Sr., Joseph Ost, Stephen Murdock, Gina Balestracci, John Grant, Tim Gilmore, and Keith Simon.

Ina Shea led 566 for the following deceased: Tom Maher, Stephen Scott, Minister Harold Wenger, Minister Samuel Shirk, Ruth Thomas, Elliott Weiss, and Michael Homan—Pennsylvania; Marie Rosse and Mary Duffy Andrews—Massachusetts; Frank Evans—Virginia; John Merritt—Mississippi; Bob Meek—Kentucky; Scottie Parker—New Jersey; Johney Kelso—Georgia; Max Kopchinski—Wisconsin; Jan Lefkowitz—North Carolina. Prayer for the deceased and the sick and shut-ins was offered by Leyland delRe.

Leaders: Clare Maher 535; Liz Meitzler 55; Amy Valladares 128; Gerry Hoffman 61; Jeff Gauthier 236; Jennifer Hedrich 335; Ames Bielenberg 315; John Alexander 317b. Ben Hartland offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Bethany Towne leading 205.

Leaders: Dan Hunter, Eric Hunter, Eugene Hunter, and Deborah Hunter 45t; Kimberly Haas 445; Laura Densmore 522; Michael Nord 383; Aldo Ceresa 411; John delRe 412; Anna Pfau 456; John Kelso 214; Anna Nowogrodzki 448t; Nathan Berry 163t; Linda Shea 328; Will Gilman 377; Kelly Kennedy 447; Ben Copenhaver 94; Patricia Callahan 560; Tamara Harris 513; Christine Andrews 271t; Peter Golden 324; J.R. Hardman 40.

RECESS

Kelly Macklin called the class to order leading 157. Leaders: Tom Stokes 360; Suzan Greenberg 71; Cheri Hardy 146; Brian How 313b; Rachel Speer, Dean Jens, and Calvin 48t; David Graff, Vicki Graff, and Abraham 410t; Julia Seidenstein 105; Kim Haas and Bethany Towne 299; Lorah Hopkins 183; Leyland delRe and John Kelso 298; Tamara Harris and Ben Copenhaver 110; Aldo Ceresa, Oliver Kindig-Stokes, and Ian Quinn 232; Elizabeth Stokes, Stephanie Fida, and Kelly Kennedy 218; Peter Golden, Patricia Callahan, Chris Holley, and Harry Scott 297; Christine Andrews, Linda Shea, Michael Nord, Cheri Hardy, and Amy Valladares 312b; John delRe, Jim Strube, Kelly Macklin, John Alexander, Liz Meitzler, Jim Glaser, and Erin Gum 404; Nathan Berry, Anna Pfau, Will Gilman, J.R. Hardman, and Alexa Copeland 290; Laura Densmore, Rachel Hall, and Becky Wright 542.

Dan Hunter, Bethany Towne, Barb Hohenstein, and Hal Kunkel led 56t as the closing song. Leyland delRe dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Dan Hunter; Vice Chairperson—Rachel Hall; Secretaries—Barbara Hohenstein and Tom Tucker

FEAST AND FASOLA

Home of Mark and Lori Graber, Delavan, Illinois Saturday, January 28, 2012

The annual Feast and FaSoLa Sacred Harp singing was held on Saturday before the fifth Sunday in January. Lori Graber called the class to order by leading 34b. Mark Graber welcomed singers with prayer and led 59.

Leaders: Pattie Sontag 178; Les Sontag 503; Janet Fraembs 40; Lori Graber 36b; Troy Plattner 168; Michael Appert 39t; Lori Graber 38t; Troy Plattner 38b; Janet Fraembs 474; Berkley Moore 71; Rochelle Lodder 195; Pattie Sontag 163b; Janet Fraembs 565; Mary Jeane McGuire 31t; Janet Fraembs 312b.

RECESS

Lori Graber led 276 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Pattie Sontag 277; Mark Graber 145t; Berkley Moore 145b; Peggy Brayfield 551; Lori Graber 13 (MH); Berkley Moore 142 (MH); Les Sontag 127 (MH); Pattie Sontag 180 (MH); Janet Fraembs 175 (MH); Peggy Brayfield 151 (MH); Terry Hogg 27 (MH); Rochelle Lodder 67 (MH); Lori Graber 135 (MH); Michael Appert 75 (MH); Pattie Sontag 136 (MH); Peggy Brayfield 109 (MH). Mark Graber offered a blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Lori Graber leading 128. Leaders: Rochelle Lodder 167 (MH); Martha Tyner 279; Janet Fraembs 56b; Terry Hogg 145 (MH); Don Bardsley 457; Barbara Moore 504; Berkley Moore 166 (MH); Mary Jeane McGuire 32t; Troy Plattner 155; Les Sontag 268; Mark Graber 66; Michael Appert 138 (MH); Jeanine Oakes 107; Peggy Brayfield "Little Pilgrim"; Lori Graber 208; Rochelle Lodder 347.

RECESS

Martha Tyner led 361 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Janet Fraembs 146; Don Bardsley 147b; Pattie Sontag 313t; Terry Hogg 133 (MH); Berkley Moore 267; Barbara Moore 84; Mary Jeane McGuire 33b; Troy Plattner 362; Les Sontag 496; Mark Graber 549 (in memory of Becky Schildman).

Peggy Brayfield led 323t as the closing song. The class thanked the Grabers for hosting Feast and FaSoLa. Mark Graber dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairperson—Lori Graber; Secretary—Mark Graber

IVEY MEMORIAL SINGING
Liberty Church, Henagar, Alabama
Sunday, January 29, 2012

The annual Ivey Memorial Sacred Harp Singing held at Liberty Church, Henagar, Alabama, on the first fifth Sunday was called to order by Richard Ivey leading 82t. Henry Johnson offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were previously elected to serve: Chairman—Richard Ivey; Vice Chairman—Shane Wootten; Secretary—Donna Wootten; Arranging Officer—Jackie Tanner.

Leaders: Richard Ivey 33b; Shane Wootten 74b (in memory of Eulas Ivey); Jackie Tanner 89; David Ivey and Rodney Ivey 39b (in memory of Marie Ivey); Loyd Ivey 34t; Donna Wootten 512; Nate Green and Norma Green 147b; Tony Ivey 144; Stanly Edwards 283; Karen Rollins and Denney Rogers 389 (for Lonnie Rogers); David Brodeur 472; Roberta Strauss 436; Hobert Ivey 426t; Molly Ellis 567; Eugene Forbes 168; Cheyenne Ivey 222; Gaston White 66; Daniel Lee 448t.

RECESS

Scott Ivey led 88t to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Henry Johnson 60; Floy Wilder 227; Jonathan Woods 569b; Judy Caudle 276; Gresham Davis 36b; Hubert Nall 128; Anne Drexler 277; Darrell Swarens 208; Shirley Figura 348b; Lomax Ballinger 67; Lynne deBenedette 426b; Tammy Heinsohn 294; Hayden Arp 408; Emily Woods and Jonathan Woods 162; Jackson Harcrow, Drew Smith, and Blake Sisemore 385b; Sandie Scott 340; Phil Summerlin 411.

RECESS

Blake Sisemore and Hayden Wootten led 145t to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Eloise Wootten 480; Jonathon Smith 444; April DuPriest and Sharon DuPriest 63; B.M. Smith 489; Paul Figura 314; Jeannette DePoy 293; Linton Ballinger 224; Susan Cheronos 209; Michael Thompson and Joyce Walton 456; Kelsey Sunderland 328; John Plunkett 107 (in memory of John Shippee); Steve Helwig 377; Ed Thacker 192; Scott DePoy 48t. Phil Summerlin offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Richard Ivey leading 56t. Leaders: Dennis George 434; Matt Hinton 142; Nathan Rees 211; Aaron Little 354t; Marian Biddle, Ivey Biddle, Martha Underwood, Doug Ivey, Loyd Ivey, Teresa Bethune, Lilly Underwood, and Adam Biddle 424; Bud Oliver 270; Claudia Dean 462; Jared Wootten and Jamey Wootten 440; S.T. Reed and Wayne Reed 176b; Judy Chambless 501; Reba Windom and Lynne deBenedette 542; Angela Myers 112; Susan Harcrow and Gabby Jenkins 215; Karen Freund and Rodney Ivey 300 (in memory of Jerry Enright); Shelbie Sheppard and Jeff Sheppard 327; Judy Mincey 492; Laura Clawson 186; Elene Stovall, Karen Ivey, and Gresham Davis 182; David Carlton 376 (in memory of John Merritt); Eschol Hughes 146; Sarah Jenkins, Joel Jenkins, and Leah Jenkins 77t; Lauren Bock 216; Stuart Ivey 546; Tat Bailey and Buell Cobb 436.

RECESS

Richard Ivey and Drew Smith led 101t to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 500; Daryl Chesney 454 (in memory of Herman and Eva Andersen); Rene Greene and Jeff Sheppard 137; Jerry Creason and Rodney Ivey 421; Syble Adams and Shane Wootten 496; Erica Hinton and Anna Hinton 40; Mary Ruth Stiefel 234; Levon Wootten 46; Rex Wilks and Bud Oliver 73t; Jeffrey Wootten 460; Eli Hinton 268; Coy Ivey 384; Daniel Wootten 47b; Verlon Stiefel,

Jeanette Dollar, and David Ivey 572 (CB); Phillip Ballinger 200; Leigh Cooper and Mark Godfrey 441; Cindy Tanner 76b.

Richard Ivey, Shane Wootten, and Loyd Ivey led 267 as the closing song. Tony Ivey offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Richard Ivey; Vice Chairman—Shane Wootten; Secretary—Donna Wootten

PARKER, HOLLIS, AND PUTNAM MEMORIAL
Liberty Church (McCormick), Jefferson County, Alabama
Sunday, January 29, 2012

The annual Parker, Hollis, and Putman Memorial Sacred Harp singing was held at Liberty Church, Jefferson County, Alabama, on the first fifth Sunday. The class was called to order by Henry Guthery leading 59. The morning prayer was offered by Butch White.

Henry Guthery welcomed everyone. The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Acting Chairman—Henry Guthery; Secretary—Margaret Keeton; Arranging Officer—Yancey Jett.

Leaders: Henry Guthery 101t; Larry Ballinger 100, 109; Butch White 30b, 34b; Linda Sides 32t, 277; Richard Mauldin 31b (for Velton Chafin and family); Richard Mauldin and Seth Poston 358 (in memory of John Merritt); Lisa Geist 391, 224; Don Keeton 477 (for Josie Hyde), 499; Faye Donaldson 129, 144.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Henry Guthery leading 546. Leaders: Seth Poston 275b, 124; Earl Ballinger 162, 176t; Betty Baccus 82t, 454 (for Willodean Barton); Gravis Ballinger 182, 270; Ottis Sides 530, 480 (for Jim Helke); Glenn Keeton, Isabella Keeton, and Matthew Keeton 475 (for Willodean Barton), 268 (for Percy Smith); Amber Davis and Claire Davis 389 (for Paula Springfield), 276; Wanda Capps 542, 203 (for Brenda Chafin); Scott Kennedy 347, 547; Margaret Keeton 456, 213b; Emily Burleson 213t, 111b (for Harrison Creel); Marlin Beasley 498, 406; Yancey Jett 127, 497. Glenn Keeton offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Henry Guthery leading 543 in memory of his wife, Sherry Guthery, on the anniversary of her death. Leaders: Larry Ballinger 77b; Butch White 448t; Linda Sides 76b, 225t; Lisa Geist 527; Don Keeton 145b; Faye Donaldson 138t, 430; Seth Poston 108t; Earl Ballinger 349 (in memory of Clarence McCool); Gravis Ballinger 49t, 112; Ottis Sides 378t, 145t; Glenn Keeton 86, 68b (for Velton Chafin); Amber Davis and Claire Davis 142; Wanda Capps 172; Scott Kennedy 287, 565; Emily Burleson 178, 490; Marlin Beasley 204; Virginia Watts 274t; Yancey Jett 440; Henry Guthery 512 (for Harrison Creel).

Henry Guthery led 521 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Ottis Sides, and the class was dismissed.

Acting Chairman—Henry Guthery; Secretary—Margaret Keeton

ROTUNDA SINGING
Alabama State Department of Archives and History
Montgomery, Alabama
Saturday, February 4, 2012

The 15th annual session of the Rotunda Singing was held on Saturday before the first Sunday in February at the Alabama State Department of Archives and History, Montgomery, Alabama. The following four song books were used: *The B.F. White*

Sacred Harp, Cooper Edition; The Christian Harmony; The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition; Colored Sacred Harp.

The first session of the day included selections from the *B.F. White Sacred Harp, Cooper Edition*. The class came to order singing 101t. Bill Hogan and Joey Brackner welcomed the class. Mr. Ed Bridges, Director of the Archives, spoke words of encouragement and support for the singing. Bill Hogan led 36b, and Danny Creel offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Bill Hogan; Vice Chairmen—Jim Carnes and Joey Brackner; Secretary—Nancy Hogan; Arranging Committee—Tommie Spurlock, Tim Cook, and Jim Carnes.

Leaders: Joey Brackner 63; Nancy Hogan 133; Tommie Spurlock 140; Stanley Smith 497; Frank Strickland 367; Ken Sundberg 340; Adrian Nall 505; Audrey Blakeley and J.T. Blakeley 85; Steve Grauberger 448.

The second session of singing was from the *Christian Harmony*. Leaders: Tim Cook 111b; Billy Thompson 178; Danny Creel 354; Mako Cook 70b; Waylon Blakeley 167t; Jonathan Blakeley 55b; Sarah Beasley 143; Henry Guthery 59b; Seth Holloway 157.

RECESS

The third session of singing was from *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*. Leaders: Jim Carnes 436; Jim Aaron 503; Robert Chambless 225t; Charlene Wallace 97; Chita Blakeley 216; Jack Nelson 560; Frank Strickland 384; Cathy Maddox 358; Ann Webb 282; Hubert Nall 40; Tim Taylor 228; Mary Amelia Taylor 480; Darlu Nall 497.

The fourth session of singing was from the *Colored Sacred Harp*. Leaders: Janice Jackson 19, 4, 3; Bill Hogan 9; Steve Grauberger 18; Ken Sundberg 24; Michael Rodgers 59; Stanley Smith 95; Janice Jackson and Stanley Smith 87; Stanley Smith "Give Me Just a Little More Time" (for Mrs. Bernice Harvey). Jim Carnes offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The fifth session of singing included selections from the *B.F. White Sacred Harp, Cooper Edition*. Leaders: Bill Hogan 380t; Alice Sundberg 276; Michael Rodgers 463; Bea Carnathan 559; Gavin Blakeley 189; Judy Chambless 563; Lacey Blakeley 77t; Janice Jackson 288; Haley Odom 277; Tommie Spurlock 99; Cooper Smith 348t; Carol Duvall, Liz, and Bill Hogan 355; Ladora Morris 571; Cooper Smith 388.

The sixth session of singing was from the *Christian Harmony*. Leaders: Bill Hogan 149; Henry Guthery 547 (in memory of John Merritt); Stanley Smith 325t; Jim Carnes 133; Nancy Hogan 81t; Robert Dupree 63t; Sarah Beasley 23b.

The seventh session of singing was from the *Colored Sacred Harp*. Leaders: Janice Jackson 24, 25, 74; Bill Hogan 12; Jim Carnes 65t; Janice Jackson and Stanley Smith 65b.

The eighth session of singing included selections from *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*. Leaders: Tom Ingram 127; Ercyl Vidrine 490; Michael Rodgers 178.

Announcements were made. Tommie Spurlock led 574 (CB) as the closing song.

The closing prayer was offered by Bill Hogan.

Chairman—Bill Hogan; Vice Chairmen—Jim Carnes and Joey Brackner; Secretary—Nancy Hogan

BURNHAM AND BROWN MEMORIAL
Wesley Foundation Student Center, Jacksonville, Alabama
Sunday, February 5, 2012

The annual Sacred Harp singing in memory of Uncle Bob Burnham, Leman Brown, and Ruth Brown was held on the first Sunday in February. The class was called to order by Pearl Guier leading 59. The opening prayer was offered by Ed Thacker. Leaders: Jeff Sheppard 46; Judy Caudle 37b; Pam Nunn 186; Cheyenne Ivey 76b, 176b; Robert Chambless 384 (for Coy Ivey), 70t; Cecil Roberts 105, 35; Loyd Ivey 201, 208; Margie Smith 108t, 225t; Susan Cheronos 107, 481; Henry Johnson 337, 338; Judy Chambless 527.

RECESS

Pearl Guier led 448b to bring the class back to order. A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Pearl Guier; Vice Chairman—Jeff Sheppard; Secretary—Judy Caudle; Arranging Officer—Pam Nunn.

Leaders: Jamey Wootten 36b; Scot Oliver 100; Margaret Thacker 480; Nate Green and Norma Green 347 (for Betty and Willard Wright); Lou Cotney 218; Maci Gouvitsa 354b; Robert Walker 350; Sandra Wilkinson 168; J.R. Hardman 159; Paula Oliver 182; Buell Cobb 88b; Charlene Wallace 269; Ed Thacker 383; B.M. Smith 204; Joan Aldridge 167; Cindy Tanner 220; Nathan Rees 374.

RECESS

The class was brought back together by Jeff Sheppard leading 187. Leaders: Angela Myers 564; Jeannette DePoy 129; Karen Rollins 472; Scott Ivey 163t; Judy Mincey 538; Blake Sisemore 436; Mark Noonan 312b; Lauren Bock 145t; Terry Wootten 317; Tom George 408; Jonathon Smith 442; Lela Crowder 300; David Ivey 316; Susan Harcrow 50t; Sharon DuPriest 189; Dennis George 373; John Kelso 428; Rodney Ivey and Bridgett Kennedy 31t (in memory of Ruth Brown and Felton Denney); John Plunkett 150. The blessing before the noon meal was offered by Cecil Roberts.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Jeff Sheppard leading 155. Leaders: Rene Greene 542; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 377; Richard Ivey 458; Reba Windom 546; Jackson Harcrow and Blake Sisemore 507; Bridgett Kennedy and Rodney Ivey 500; Virginia Dyer 193; Kenneith Calvert and Michael Rich 287; Ann Simpson 445; Cheyenne Ivey, Nathan Rees, and Scott Ivey 292; Jeannette DePoy, Susan Cheronos, and Judy Caudle 142; Rene Greene, Lauren Bock, and Richard Ivey 405; Terry Wootten, Loyd Ivey, and Karen Rollins 389 (for Lonnie Rogers); Judy Mincey, Henry Johnson, and Robert Chambless 348b (for Lonnie Rogers); Jackson Harcrow, Reba Windom, and David Ivey 456; Tom George, Jamey Wootten, and Scot Oliver 112; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg, Jonathon Smith, and John Plunkett 131b; Cecil Roberts, Dennis George, and John Kelso 146; Bridgett Kennedy, Sharon DuPriest, and Judy Chambless 99; Rodney Ivey, Margie Smith, and Blake Sisemore 176t; Susan Harcrow, Maci Gouvitsa, Joan Aldridge, and Mark Noonan 345b; Lela Crowder, Buell Cobb, and Angela Myers 425; Lou Cotney, Cindy Tanner, and Ed Thacker 498; Michael Rich, Virginia Dyer, and J.R. Hardman 81t; Nate Green, Norma Green, and Kenneith Calvert 418; Charlene Wallace, Paula Oliver, and B.M. Smith 318; Ann Simpson, Robert Walker, and Sandra Wilkinson 171.

Pearl Guier and Jeff Sheppard led 45t as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Cecil Roberts, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Pearl Guier; Vice Chairman—Jeff Sheppard; Secretary—Judy Caudle

J.D. STARNES MEMORIAL
Mt. Hope Baptist Church, Northeast of Sipsey, Alabama
Sunday, February 5, 2012

The annual J.D. Starnes Memorial Sacred Harp singing was held at Mt. Hope Baptist Church on the first Sunday in February. Ken Tate called the class to order leading 345b. Danny Creel offered the morning prayer.

The class organized by retaining the same officers as follows: Chairman—Ken Tate; Vice Chairman—Yancey Jett; Secretary—Margaret Keeton; Arranging Officer—Ann Jett.

Leaders: Ken Tate 37b; Yancey Jett 81t, 127; Don Keeton 335, 319; Ottis Sides 378t, 61; Faye Donaldson 225t, 138t; Margaret Keeton 220, 234 (for Josie Hyde); Betty Baccus 168, 101t; Julianna Jett 142, 410t; Seth Poston 108b, 358; Linda Sides 72b, 39t (for Johnnie Chafin); Ernestine Parker 87.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Yancey Jett leading 144. Leaders: Danny Creel 145t, 112; Ann Jett 146, 512 (for Harrison Creel); Ken Tate 418, 278t; Yancey Jett 270 (for Willodean Barton), 64 (in memory of Travis Keeton); Ottis Sides 475, 480; Don Keeton 490, 498; Faye Donaldson 176b, 430; Margaret Keeton 499, 179 (in memory of Travis Keeton); Linda Sides 277. Ronnie Starnes offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Yancey Jett leading 440. Leaders: Seth Poston 274t, 275b; Butch White 448t, 34b, 324; Betty Baccus 145b, 151, 317 (for Odie Horton); Danny Creel 34t, 56b; Ernestine Parker 77t; Ann Jett 136, 327, 269. Ken Tate and Yancey Jett led 378b (for Harrison Creel). Danny Creel offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Ken Tate; Vice Chairman—Yancey Jett; Secretary—Margaret Keeton

OLDHAM SACRED HARP SINGING DAY
Oldham Baptist Church, Oldham, Lancashire, United Kingdom
Saturday, February 11, 2012

The class was called to order by Hannah Land leading 32t. She offered the opening prayer. A singing school was conducted by Helen Brown, during which the class received instruction on the shape note system, the major and minor scales, and beating time. The class sang 49t, 39t, and 36b.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairperson—Hannah Land; Secretaries—Judy Whiting and Chris Brown.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Chris Brown leading 171. Leaders: Hannah Land 48t; Sarah West 47t; Michael Walker 435; Sarah Hill 176b; Margaret Gillanders 313t; Ian West 148; Maria Wallace 183; Ted Brown 303; Nadine Wills 49b; Michael McGuigan 448b; Joe Vickers 131t; Richard Percival 535; Ewan Paterson 277; Helen Brown 354t; Judy Whiting 492; Chris Brown 31t; Michael Walker 406; Margaret Gillanders 27. Michael Walker offered grace before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The class was called to order by Sarah West leading 159. Leaders: Ian West 145t; Sarah Hill 179; Ted Brown 445; Ruth Steggle 349; Michael McGuigan 156; Maria Wallace 142; Joe Vickers 313b; Nadine Wills 86; Ewan Paterson 117; Judy Whiting 71; Richard Percival 300; Helen Brown 176t; Chris Brown 298; Margaret Gillanders 556; Michael Walker 475; Sarah West 108b.

Jane Hutchins conducted the memorial lesson and the sick and housebound lesson. Hannah Land led 499 in memory of the following deceased: Linda Champ, Barbara Crawford, Gordon Corrick, Joe Reynolds, John Merritt, Marie Ivey, Stan Reeve, Philip Hunt, Phillip Higgins, Jock Knight, and Gerty Taylor.

The following sick and housebound were honored: Brenda Grimshaw, Tony Parkinson, Lonnie Rogers, Judy Chambless, Maggie Watson, David Daykin, Charlotte Walker, Peter Schoonjans, Maureen Gamlin, David George, Betty Hine, Kathy Armstrong, Cath Saunt, and Joan Mattock. Prayer was offered by Jane Hutchins, and the memorial lesson was closed.

Leaders: Ian West 101b; Ruth Steggles 454; Sarah Hill 319.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Ted Brown leading 111b. Leaders: Joe Vickers 40; Maria Wallace 155; Ewan Paterson 163b; Michael McGuigan 515; Ruth Steggles 208; Richard Percival 344; Nadine Wills 549; Helen Brown 77t; Judy Whiting 540; Hannah Land 228; Sarah Hill 124; Michael Walker 55; Ewan Paterson 162; Joe Vickers 547; Margaret Gillanders 318; Chris Brown 35; Ted Brown 97; Sarah West 76b; Helen Brown 534.

Announcements were made. Hannah Land led 62 as the closing song, and dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairperson—Hannah Land; Secretaries—Judy Whiting and Chris Brown

MINNESOTA MIDWINTER SACRED HARP SINGING (COOPER BOOK)

St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, St. Paul, Minnesota Saturday, February 11, 2012

The 13th session of the Minnesota Midwinter Sacred Harp Singing was held at St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, St. Paul, Minnesota. The class was called to order by co-chairmen Steve Luttinen and Will Gilman leading 210. Steve Schmidgall offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Paul Wyatt 314; Val Stoehr 484; Noelle Copeland 485; Jeff Bell 567; Pop Wagner 47b; Myles Alexander 53; Stacey Berkheimer 432; Michael Moore 442b; Andrew Hill 277; Kit Canright 218; Angie Payne 368t; Doron Henkin 386; Midge Olsen 478; Claudia Egelhoff 50t; Martha Henderson 355.

RECESS

Cathy Lutz called the class back together by leading 29t. Leaders: Kim Bahmer 571; Martha Beverly 522; Becca Gibson 38b; Melissa Kelley 380t; Guy Bankes 494; Eleanor Haase 575; Roberta Strauss 300; Leslie Williamson White 52t; Gordon Olsen 31t; Laura Densmore 482; Carol Buche 122; Paul Landskroener 155; Jim Goetz 128; Denise Kania 140; Kathy Lee 392; Doug Donley 424.

RECESS

Nathan Berry led 82 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Bill Beverly 304; Colette Miller and Francis Gurtz 543; Christine Stevens 441; Erin Kelly 486; Karen Edwards and Dan Edwards 99; Jeanette Nelson 199; Steve Luttinen and Will Gilman 77t. Doron Henkin offered prayer for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Steven Levine brought the class to order leading 55. Leaders: Karen Swenson, Patsy Bellman, and Becca Bellman 391; Jenny Willard 572; Kevin Bullock 505; Anna Pfau 511t; Steven Schmidgall 96; Cathy Lutz and six St. Thomas students 98; Darlene Dalton and Elouise Jerome 488b; Becky Browne 200; David Lee 273; Steve Copeland 427; Charlie Obert 216; J.R. Hardman 573; Matt Wells and three Concordia students 163t; Will Gilman 133; Alexa Copeland 138t; Paul Wyatt 39.

RECESS

Steven Levine led 559 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Roberta Strauss 414; Val Eng 383; Kevin Bullock 319; Anne Drexler 146; Steve Luttinen and Paul Kyllonen 500; Kathy Lee 374; Nathan Berry 502; Martha Beverly and Bill Beverly 422t; Jeanette Nelson 129; Steven Schmidgall 340; Guy Banks 410; David Lee 274t; Darlene Dalton 463; Doron Henkin 239; Charles Wells 38t; Laura Densmore and David Lee 527.

Announcements were made. The Treasurer's report indicated that expenses were met. The Secretaries reported that 71 tunes were led by 94 leaders from twelve states. The chairmen thanked people who had worked to make the singing a success, and those who traveled to be here.

Steve Luttinen and Will Gilman led 283t as the closing song, while those who wished took the parting hand. Steve Schmidgall offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Co-Chairmen—Steve Luttinen and Will Gilman; Secretaries—Karen Swenson and Stacey Berkheimer

EMORY SACRED HARP SINGING **Cannon Chapel, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia** **Saturday, February 11, 2012**

The annual Emory Sacred Harp Singing was held in Cannon Chapel, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia, on Saturday before the second Sunday in February. The class was called to order by John Plunkett leading 52t. Andy Morse offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: John Plunkett 452; Jesse Karlsberg 77b, 57; Lauren Bock 131b, 492; Bill Hollingsworth 569t, 354t; John Kelso 531, 370; Lillian Meacham 159, 117; Bob Goodman 145b, 63; Mark Noonan 86, 312b; Leigh Cooper 36b, 318; Elise Eskew 209, 384; David Brodeur 276, 163b.

RECESS

Jesse Karlsberg brought the class back to order leading 31t. John Plunkett called a business session to order, and the following officers were elected to serve:

Chairman—John Plunkett; Vice Chairman—David Brodeur; Secretary—Lauren Bock.

Leaders: Jonathan Wood 225t, 365; Mandy Brady 371, 373; Jeannette DePoy 472, 34t; Jenna Strizak 30t, 217; John Hollingsworth 37b, 408; Mark Godfrey 83t, 74t; Andy Morse 417, 176b; Scott DePoy 267, 72b; Malinda Snow 191, 287. Mandy Brady offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

John Plunkett brought the class to order for the afternoon session leading 284.

Leaders: Anne Carroll 500, 155; Hayden Arp 439, 316; Phillip Langley 222, 110; Amy Armstrong 38b, 32b; Rosemarie Yntema 142, 183; Lela Crowder 39t, 317; Jesse Karlsberg 432; Lauren Bock 434; Bill Hollingsworth 236; Mark Godfrey 442; Jeannette DePoy 224; Mark Noonan 47b; Andy Morse 448t; Leigh Cooper 112.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by David Brodeur leading 143. Leaders: John Kelso 212; Jenna Strizak 421; Scott DePoy 274t; Anne Carroll 95; Malinda Snow 269; John Hollingsworth 71; Hayden Arp 340; Jonathan Wood 74b; Rosemarie Yntema 228; Phillip Langley 546; Lela Crowder 65.

Following announcements, John Plunkett led 46 as the closing song. Jenna Strizak offered a closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—John Plunkett; Vice Chairman—David Brodeur; Secretary—Lauren Bock

BAYLOR UNIVERSITY SACRED HARP SINGING
George W. Truett Theological Seminary, Waco, Texas
Saturday, February 11, 2012

The 10th annual Baylor University Sacred Harp Singing was held in the Great Hall of the George W. Truett Theological Seminary on the Baylor University campus in Waco, Texas. Donald Ross gave a few introductory remarks about Sacred Harp, and taught a singing school prior to the start of the singing.

Dr. David Music called the class together leading 59. Dr. Swee Hong Lim offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were appointed: Chairman—Dr. David Music; Secretary/Arranging Officer—Diane Ross.

Leaders: Diane Ross 430; Sonny Erwin 480; Jerry Ryan 274t; Linda Booker 569b; Leon Ballinger 297; Kyle Hearn 268; Don Velleman 270; Tammy Powell and Annali Smucker 503; Reed Coates 175; J.T. Harechmak 63; Jane Goforth 30t; Jill Sims and Judy Zhou 49t; Catherine Rogan 328; Gaylon Powell 218; Janie Short 217; Lucy Murphy 128; Gary Rogan 99; Lindsey Wiggins 542; Donald Ross 546; Michele Rogan 215; Chris Nicholson 34b; Ben Griffin 84.

RECESS

Dr. David Music, Karl Utz, and Lauren Shively brought the class back to order leading 81t. Leaders: Jo Pendleton 479; Stephen Cowden 159; Jacob Sensenig and Emily Snider 35; Rick Watts 73b; Ron Ryan 441; Ben Copenhaver 254; Carter Cook 142; Zach Rogan 400; Beverly Coates 448t; Scott Curran 500; Gayle Avant 34; Vivian Rogan 178; Ron Bernucho 72b; Robert Vaughn 419; Sarah Huckaby 168; Mike Hinton 532. Jacob Sensenig offered the noon prayer.

LUNCH

Dr. David Music brought the afternoon session to order by leading 155. Leaders: Vickie Cook 224; Bruce Coates 566; Sadie Miller and Laurie Miller 319; Jeff Miller 29t; Carter Cook 312b; T.J. Harechmak 457; Chris Nicholson 32t; Michele Rogan 472; Dan Velleman 455; Janie Short 203; Ben Griffin 198; Gaylon Powell 440; Sarah Huckaby 568; Zach Rogan 299; Jane Goforth 79; Jerry Ryan 146; Catherine Rogan 442; Ben Copenhaver 444; Lindsey Wiggins 383; Reed Coates 133; Scott Curran 228; Lucy Murphy 58; Leon Ballinger 195; Vivian Rogan 163b; Sonny Erwin 454; Jo Pendleton 49b; Robert Vaughn 373; Linda Booker 490; Bruce Coates 313b; Vickie Cook 86; Mike Hinton 456; Gary Rogan 384; Beverly Coates 176b; Donald Ross 183; Tammy Powell 318; Kyle Hearn 282; Ron Ryan 495; Gayle Avant 569t; Diane Ross 350.

Dr. David Music offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Dr. David Music; Secretary—Diane Ross

ELDER ROY AVERY MEMORIAL SINGING
Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church, Daviston, Alabama
Sunday, February 12, 2012

The annual Elder Roy Avery Memorial singing was held on the second Sunday in February at Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church in Daviston, Alabama. Jack Nelson brought the class to order by leading 480 and 36b. He offered the morning prayer.

The following officers were elected: Chairman—Jack Nelson; Secretary—Judy Chambless.

Leaders: Jenny Acton 229 (CB), 30t; Fred Hoerr 313b, 277; Diane Avery 312b, 300; Brandon Acton 40, 112; Charlotte Bishop 196 (in memory of Roy Avery), 335; Buell Cobb 52t, 56t; Marti Hoerr 148, 503; Robert Chambless 303, 32t; Myrline Redmon 569b, 358.

RECESS

Jack Nelson brought the class back to order leading 318. Leaders: Nell Estes 186; Nell Estes and Diane Avery 560; Karen Clark 475 (in memory of Wayne Morgan and David Headrick), 535; Jacob Acton 294, 282. Elder Keeble offered a prayer, and Elder Staphelson preached.

LUNCH

Jack Nelson brought the class back to order leading 45t. Leaders: Myra Goss 100, 380; Ted Price 110, 440; Wendy Futral 369, 35.

Jack Nelson conducted the memorial lesson, leading 457 for the following sick and shut-ins: Jonathan Smith, Eugene Forbes, Floy Wilder, Jean Payne, Edna Phillips, Audress Gurley, Julietta Haynes, Coy Ivey, Lonnie Rogers, and Wygelia Sims and for the following deceased: Marie Ivey, Wayne Morgan, and Travis Keeton.

Leaders: William Futral and Wendy Futral 340, 341; Isabel Green 270, 47b; Sharon Whitehead 143, 480; The Avery Family 99, 53; Judy Chambless 107, 108t; Jenny Acton 571 (CB).

After announcements, Jack Nelson led 62 as the closing song. William Futral offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Jack Nelson; Secretary—Judy Chambless

LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY SINGING **University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois** **Sunday, February 12, 2012**

The 20th annual Lincoln's Birthday Singing was held on the second Sunday in February from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Ida Noyes Hall, University of Chicago, in conjunction with the University of Chicago Folk Festival.

Rachel Adelstein called the class to order by leading 84. She then conducted a brief singing school, using 45t to take the class through the notes one part at a time.

Leaders: Judy Hauff 37b; David Barford 196; Herb Schroeder 49t; Ted Mercer 159; Michael Appert 277; Lisa Cohen 148; Rafael Suarez 497; Jim Swanson 328; Nick Pasqual 178; Susan Matthews 34b.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairperson—Rachel Adelstein; Secretary—Evelyn Lamb.

RECESS

Susan Geil called the class back together by leading 52t. Leaders: Anne Heider 454; Melissa Marquardt 146; Melanie Hauff 203; Lisa Grayson 269; Michael Mosley 162; Rochelle Lodder 312b; Alexa Silverman 376; Anita Shaperd 95; Ann Sleeva 66; Ginny Landgraf 81t; Evelyn Lamb 496; Bob Sullivan 503; Peggy Mistak 105; Carol Munro Mosley 192; Jim Helke 186.

RECESS

Rachel Adelstein led 566 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Kris Richardson 335; Petrina Patti 217; Lisa Cohen 136 (Norumbega Harmony); Rachel Adelstein 108 (Norumbega Harmony); Susan Matthews 479; Michael Mosley 532; Judy Hauff 142; Jim Swanson 239 (Norumbega Harmony); Alexa Silverman 47b; Evelyn Lamb 99; Bob Sullivan and Peggy Mistak 59; David Barford 542.

Rachel Adelstein led 347, and the class took the parting hand.
Chairperson—Rachel Adelstein; Secretary—Evelyn Lamb

ALABAMA COLLEGIATE SINGING
University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Alabama
Saturday, February 18, 2012

The 14th annual session of the Alabama Collegiate Sacred Harp Singing was held at the Wesley Foundation Methodist Student Center on the campus of the University of Alabama on Saturday before the third Sunday in February. Tim Cook welcomed the class and led 32t. The morning prayer was offered by Ed Thacker.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Tim Cook; Vice Chairman—Ed Thacker; Secretary—Judy Caudle.

Leaders: Tim Cook 350; Ed Thacker 441, 532; Judy Caudle 121, 101t; Danny Creel 503, 34t; Larry Ballinger 50b, 278t; Angela Myers 314, 108b; Gravis Ballinger 34b, 89; Henry Guthery 527, 517; Margaret Keeton 171, 217; Lomax Ballinger 67, 277; Bea Carnathan 64, 341; Wayne Baines 340, 155; Jim Aaron 47b, 68b.

RECESS

Tim Cook led 99 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Elene Stovall and Gresham Davis 76b; Elene Stovall 172; Elene Stovall and Toney Smith 316; Eugene Forbes 495, 482; Kermit Adams 36b, 489; Nate Green and Norma Green 418 (for Bud Oliver), 145b; Tim Taylor 131t, 31t; Wendell Rinehart 457, 445; Ola Meadows 53, 426t; Margaret Thacker 39b, 565; Allison Davis 146, 436.

Tim Cook conducted the memorial lesson. He led 100 in memory of the following deceased: Lonnie Rogers-Georgia; John Merritt-Mississippi; Travis Keeton, Clarence McCool, Cecil Sanders, and Kathleen Taylor-Alabama.

Tim Cook spoke and led 403 in honor of the following sick and shut-ins: Carolyn Thompson, Bud Oliver, Sammie Oliver, S.T. Reed, Lessie Reed, Coy Ivey, Juliette Haynes, Harrison Creel, Johnnie Chafin; Betty Wright, Willard Wright, and Ernie Jett. Wendell Rinehart offered prayer to close the memorial service.

Leaders: Steve Adams 309, 378t; Sarah Beasley 159, 288. Danny Creel offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Tim Cook leading 448t. Leaders: Seth Holloway 348, 475; Bill Stewart 569b, 452; Robert DuPree 84, 40; Mako Cook 515, 347; Marlee Ray 186, 426b; Louise Crunk and Tim Cook 358, 348b; Tim Cook 200 (by request); Tim Cook and Ed Thacker 389 (in memory of Lonnie Rogers); Judy Caudle 551 (for Johnnie Ballinger); Angela Myers 480 (for Ola Meadows); Henry Guthery 549; Tim Taylor 189 (for Martha); Wayne Baines 283; Tim Cook 507 (for Josie Hyde).

Tim Cook led 323t as the closing song. Henry Guthery offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Tim Cook; Vice Chairman—Ed Thacker; Secretary—Judy Caudle

PACIFIC NORTHWEST
SACRED HARP CONVENTION (WASHINGTON)
Mercer Island VFW Hall, Mercer Island, Washington
February 18-19, 2012

Saturday, February 18

The 21st annual session of the Pacific Northwest Sacred Harp Convention, Washington, was called to order with opening remarks by Darlene Simpson-Brown and Bob Schinske, who led 34b. Ken Hallock offered the opening prayer.

The class held a business session, electing the following officers: Chairperson—Darlene Simpson-Brown; Vice Chairperson—Karen Willard; Treasurer—Alice Poinier; Secretary—Joanne Hoover; Arranging Committee—Kathy Vlach and David Wright, assisted by Marcia Stedman, Bon Vernarelli, and Alice Poinier.

A singing school on leading followed. Karen Willard discussed etiquette, and led 34b, 49t, 49b, 48t, and 155 to illustrate time signatures; David Wright concentrated on posture and arm movements, and led 405; Erika Wilson emphasized connecting with the class, and led 285t and 276. Erik Schwab assisted.

RECESS

Solomon Ossa called the class back to order by leading 81t. Leaders: Jinx McGuire 168; Erik Schwab 148; Betsy Jeronen 564; Chris Carter 470; Anna Stoerch 505; Bruce Rowland 426b; Jessica Hahl 192; Daniel Georgeson 457; Anne Huckins 102; Rosie Lindsay 460; Gregory Mulkern 89; Lea Kouba 35; Lyle Lindsey 84; Caroline Helmici 324; Nick Taylor 117; Mryka Hall-Beyer 504; Kevin Barrans 74t; Alice Poinier 207; Eric Xu 411; Karen Stingle 318. Ken Hallock offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Kramer Klein leading 74b. Leaders: Steve Helwig 200; Erika Wilson 377; Deidra Montgomery 389; Myles Alexander 129; Linda Jweinat 376; Eric Holt 47t; Robin Fox 542; Jonathan Levy-Wolins 189; Nancy Anderson 268; Thom Fahrbach 220; Kat Kohorst 49b; Jim Van Horn 297; Alice Poinier 31t; Tom McTighe 383; Mark Miller 422; Susan Helf 313b; Jim Friedrich 300; Joanne Hoover 228; Greg Saue 198; Nell Whitman 569b; Dan Harper 66; Beth Todd 501; Bill Walters 142; Kayla Young 267.

RECESS

Reed Schilbach led 61 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Bob Schinske 328; Kira Olson 107; Peter Schinske and Melissa Stephenson 333; Lindsey Wiggins 222; Joe Todd 106; Holly Baker 59; Katy Kanfer 165; Reed Coates 133; Jennie Brown 128; John Carson 163t; Clarissa Fetrow 39t; Stefan Bach 448t; Sarah Holden 384; Jack Lofton 528; Jean Murphy 344; Ken Hallock 26; Carolyn Flatley-Gilkey 503; David Wright 405; Marcia Stedman 36b; Cornelia Stanton 454; Steve Cackley 286. Darlene Simpson-Brown made closing remarks, and led 147 (CB) with Karen Willard. Ken Hallock offered the closing prayer.

Sunday, February 19

The Sunday session of the Pacific Northwest Sacred Harp Convention, Washington, was called to order by Darlene Simpson-Brown and Karen Willard leading 47t. Anne Huckins offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Joanne Hoover 64; Alice Poinier 312b; Shannon McGuire 47b; Lucinda Saue 178; Kailee Eeckhoudt 107; Allison Zoe Schneider 49b; Jim Friedrich 361; Kathy Vlach 171; Nell Whitman 86; Kramer Klein 105; Dorothy Robinson 456; Jonathan Levy-Wolins 542; Heather Ikeler 134; Steve Helwig 444; David Wright 193; Chase Arevalo 426b; Susan Helf 148; Bruce Rowland 513; Peter Schinske 99; Marla Elliott 273; Shawna Lee 422; Alissa Hartman 27; Chris Perez 117; Holly Baker 457; Greg Saue 163b; Kat Kohorst 56b.

RECESS

Jack Lofton called the class back to order by leading 335. Leaders: Nick Taylor 159; Clarissa Fetrow 448b; Anne Huckins 217; Anna Stoerch 475; Karen Stingle 475; Tom McTighe 440; Jinx McGuire 269; Eric Xu 192; Mryka Hall-Beyer 236; Reed Schilbach 318.

The memorial lesson was opened by Janice Bridges, who led a responsive reading to which the class replied, "We remember them," and read the names of the departed: Marie Ivey, Travis Keeton, Clarence McCool, John Merritt, Ernestine Pipkin,

Myrtle Wootten—Alabama; Leo Barrans—Alaska; Ana Dyson—California; Laura Anthony, Alan Brooks—District of Columbia; Lonnie Rogers—Georgia; Jack Hoadley—Indiana; Leo Kohorst—Minnesota; Sylvia Lewis—Nevada; Jill Friedrich—New York; Wally Jones, Mark Pearson—Oregon; Eileen Barrans, Wayne Barrans, Ross Bunnell, Paul Doede, Harry Elliott, Alan Gersten, Jackie Hanke, Karen Helweil, Mary Lassila, Connie Line, Jack Link, Charlie Rawls, Jim Rennick—Washington. Janice Bridges led 547 for the deceased.

Bob Schinske reminded us that even though there are strangers on the list, each name is precious to someone in the class, and led 441 for the following: Loyal Reynolds, Marilyn Murata, Shirley Flatley, Fumie Murata, Shisue Sugimoto, Rodney Willard, Barbara Willard, Dorothy Starkey, Rich Thaelke, Mother Felicitas, and John Grant. Anne Huckins closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Ken Hallock 32b; Erika Wilson 275t; John Carson 183; Jenna Bond Tompkins 278t. Anne Huckins offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Jinx McGuire called the class back to order by leading 38t. Leaders: Alice Poinier 315; Katy Kanfer 477; Betsy Jeronen 112; Kevin Barrans 367; Erik Schwab 216; Jennie Brown 362; Lindsey Wiggins 546; Thom Fahrback 507; Cornelia Stanton 282; Reed Coates 37b; Deidra Montgomery 434; Chris Cotter 483; Beth Todd 319; Heather Ikeler 492; Joanne Hoover 218; Dan Harper 268; Joe Todd 373; Marcia Stedman 215; Elizabeth Riggs 479; Jordan Singer 385b; Melissa Stephenson 144; Audrey Studt 300; Angie Johnson 178.

RECESS

The class was called together by Kevin Barrans, who led 354b. Leaders: Kathy Vlach 143; Shannon McGuire 455; Jim Van Horn 285t; Steve Cackley 130; Jessica Hahl 418; Dorothy Robinson 132; Desirae Fendel 333; Jack Lofton 240; Bob Schinske 480; Mark Miller 368; Karen Willard 506; Emily McKown 410t; Lucinda Saue 147t; Rosie Wilson-Briggs 122; Lisa Marcus 313b; Marla Elliott 146; Reed Schilbach 347; Reed Coates and Lindsey Wiggins 33b; Joe Todd and Beth Todd 179.

The class held a business session. The Treasurer reported that all expenses had been met. The Arranging Committee reported that singers had led 65 lessons on Saturday and 82 on Sunday. Registered attendees numbered 169, from twelve states and two Canadian provinces. The Resolutions Committee thanked everyone who had helped to make the convention possible. Announcements were made.

Darlene Simpson-Brown and Karen Willard led 62 as the closing song, and all who wished took the parting hand. Anne Huckins offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairperson—Darlene Simpson-Brown; Vice Chairperson—Karen Willard; Secretary—Joanne Hoover

UNIVERSITY OF WEST GEORGIA **Food Services Building (Z-6), Carrollton, Georgia** **Sunday, February 19, 2012**

The annual Sacred Harp singing at the University of West Georgia in Carrollton, Georgia, was held on the third Sunday in February. The class was called to order by Myron House, who welcomed everyone, and then led 59. Hugh McGraw offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Myron House 27; Jan House 143 (in memory of Vivian Rogers), 142; Donna Bell 135 (in memory of Lonnie Rogers), 97.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Myron House; Vice Chairman—Jan House; Secretary—Donna Bell.

Leaders: Myron House 136; Jan House 45t; Donna Bell 203; Tony Hammock 303 (for the Lonnie Rogers family), 389; Mike Spencer 420, 354t; Bill Hollingsworth 70t, 549; Phillip Denney 63, 84; John Hollingsworth 82t.

RECESS

The class was brought back together by Myron House leading 81t. Leaders: Mark Godfrey 39b; B.M. Smith 34b; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 153; Cecil Roberts 35; Glenda Collins, Bert Collins, and Alex Cash 101t; Charles Woods 283; Margie Smith 225t; Malinda Snow and Chelsea McCoy 138t; Sheri Taylor 114; Gene Duke 277; Jackson Harcrow 31t (for his daddy, Ricky Harcrow); John Plunkett 394; Shannon Primm 48t (for the Lonnie Rogers family and in memory of Jimmy Harrell); Kathy Williams 343; Leigh Cooper 112; Lauren Bock 158; Lela Crowder 475; Sandra Wilkinson 405; Oscar McGuire and Katie McGuire 515.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Myron House. He spoke and led 36b in memory of the deceased and in honor of the sick and shut-ins. The deceased remembered were Lonnie Rogers, Suzy Souey, Betty Ward, Jimmy Harrell, John Shippee, Cooper Howell, Kathleen Taylor, and Carlton Wilson. The sick and shut-ins honored were Bud Oliver, Sammie Oliver, Nick Griffin, Carlene Griffin, Lucy Garner, and Teenie Moody. John Plunkett closed the memorial lesson with prayer. The class adjourned at 11:30 a.m. for lunch in order to allow the singers time to drive to Ephesus, Georgia, to attend the funeral of Lonnie Rogers. The blessing of the noon meal was offered by Charles Woods.

LUNCH

The singing re-convened at 1:00 p.m. with only eight singers being present. Singers included Dick Plunkett, Giorgia Ragni, Stefano Vagnini, Joanne Ward, Myron House, Jan House, and Chelsea McCoy.

The class sang 62 as the closing song. Prayer was offered, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Myron House; Vice Chairman—Jan House; Secretary—Donna Bell

J. L. WHITE AND ECLECTIC HARMONY SINGING Hardeman Primitive Baptist Church, Decatur, Georgia Saturday, February 25, 2012

The 13th annual J.L. White and Eclectic Harmony singing was held at Hardeman Primitive Baptist Church on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in February. John Plunkett welcomed everyone, and noted that the Georgian Harmony would also be included. He called the class to order leading 30t (WB). Andy Morse offered the opening prayer.

For the first hour, songs were selected from the J.L. White book. Leaders: John Plunkett 31b; Malinda Snow 138b; Laura Akerman 485t; Henry Johnson 427t; Andy Morse 512; Judy Mincey 544t; Sandra Wilkinson 127; Billy Hollingsworth 34b; Nate Zweig 416; Russ Hanson 72b; Chris Wilhelm 438t; John Hollingsworth 380t; Robert Kelley 378b; Tony Hammock 154b; Hayden Arp 440b; David Libbey 374; Margie Dietz 339; Malinda Snow 155; Laura Akerman 428; Henry Johnson 427b; Andy Morse 138t.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—John Plunkett; Vice Chairman—Laura Akerman; Secretary—Malinda Snow.

RECESS

For the second hour, songs were selected from the Eclectic Harmony books. John Plunkett called the class to order leading 40 (EH1). Leaders: Judy Mincey 12 (EH2); Sandra Wilkinson 57 (EH1); Billy Hollingsworth 43 (EH2); Nate Zweig 40 (EH1) (deliberately led twice); Russ Hanson 54 (EH1); Chris Wilhelm 109 (EH1); Carol Hanson 71 (EH1); John Hollingsworth 49 (EH1); Robert Kelley 78 (EH1); Tony

Hammock 92 (EH1); Hayden Arp 50 (EH2); Margie Dietz 56 (EH1); Malinda Snow 66 (EH2). Tony Hammock asked the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

For the afternoon, songs were selected from any of the four books noted. Laura Akerman brought the class together leading 4 (EH1). Leaders: Henry Johnson 38b (EH2); Andy Morse 90 (EH1); Erica Hinton and Eli Hinton 55b (EH1); Judy Mincey 18 (EH1) (in memory of Lee Rogers); Sandra Wilkinson 498t (WB); Billy Hollingsworth 25 (GH); Nate Zweig 29t (EH2); Chris Wilhelm 3 (EH2); Robert Kelley 21t (EH1); Tony Hammock 27 (EH1); Hayden Arp 65 (EH1); David Libbey 109 (GH); Margie Dietz 335 (WB).

RECESS

John Plunkett brought the class together leading 9 (EH1). Leaders: Malinda Snow 111 (GH); Laura Akerman 17 (EH2); Henry Johnson 426 (WB); Andy Morse 79 (EH1); Judy Mincey 10 (EH1); Sandra Wilkinson 45b (EH1); Billy Hollingsworth 112 (GH); Nate Zweig 327 (WB); Chris Wilhelm 19 (GH); Robert Kelley 29 (GH); Tony Hammock 44 (EH1); Hayden Arp 62 (EH1); David Libbey 107 (GH); Margie Dietz 43 (GH).

After announcements, John Plunkett led 382t (WB) as the closing song. John Hollingsworth offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—John Plunkett; Vice Chairman—Laura Akerman; Secretary—Malinda Snow

SOUTH YORKSHIRE SINGING **Wood Lane Countryside Centre** **Stannington, Sheffield, United Kingdom** **Saturday, February 25, 2012**

The annual South Yorkshire Sacred Harp singing day was held at the Wood Lane Countryside Centre, Stannington, on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in February. The class was called to order by Sarah West leading 31b. Michael Walker offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Margaret Gillanders 39t; Ian West 84; Helen Brown 313t; Chris Brown 82t; Judy Whiting 171; Ted Brown 81t; Carmel Wood 270; Scott DePoy 448t; Liz Meitzler 142; Michael Walker 103; Colleen Jones 503; Michael McGuigan 31t; Jeannette DePoy 475; Ewan Paterson 163b; Maria Wallace 274t; Joe Vickers 178; Hannah Land 384; Phil Tyler 139.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Sarah West; Secretary—Margaret Gillanders.

RECESS

Ruth Steggles brought the class back to order by leading 148. Leaders: Benny Ross 421; Nadine Wills 445; Richard Percival 43; Cath Tyler and Byron Tyler 146; Jo Ellis 40; Ted Brown 391; Margaret Gillanders 564; Ian West 480; Liz Meitzler 30t; Scott DePoy 48t; Judy Whiting 354t.

Michael McGuigan conducted the sick and housebound lesson, leading 68b for Violet Thomason, Cathy White, Brenda Grimshaw, Tony Parkinson, Eugene Forbes, Cath Saunt, David Daykin, Roy Payne, Charlotte Walker, Kathy Armstrong, Maureen Gamlin, and Nan Elliott.

Ted Brown conducted the memorial lesson, leading 97 in memory of Lonnie Rogers, Stan Reeve, Peter Schoongans, Marie Ivey, Linda Champ, Barbara Crawford, Gordon Corrick, Joe Reynolds, and Phillip Higgins. Hannah Land offered a prayer to close the memorial lesson.

Leaders: Helen Brown 389; Chris Brown 72b; Jeannette DePoy 328; Ewan Paterson 277; Sarah West 424. Joe Vickers said grace for the midday meal.

LUNCH

Hannah Land began the afternoon session by leading 278b. Leaders: Michael Walker 41; Carmel Wood 195; Michael McGuigan 156; Colleen Jones 46; Maria Wallace 159 (for Cath Saunt); Phil Tyler 428; Joe Vickers 288; Ruth Steggles 454; Nadine Wills 133; Benny Ross 299; Richard Percival 361; Cath Tyler 556; Jo Ellis 186; Margaret Gillanders 534; Scott DePoy 201; Sarah West 430; Ted Brown 546; Liz Meitzler 67; Ian West 29t; Jeannette DePoy 99; Judy Whiting 492; Helen Brown 365; Ewan Paterson 49b.

RECESS

Chris Brown called the class to order leading 128. Leaders: Hannah Land 319; Carmel Wood 447; Michael Walker 434; Liz Meitzler 112; Cath Tyler 367; Ted Brown 77t; Maria Wallace 209; Phil Tyler 442; Michael McGuigan 515; Nadine Wills 339; Benny Ross 474; Ian West 501; Ruth Steggles 472; Richard Percival 168; Scott DePoy and Jeannette DePoy 318.

Sarah West led 56t as the closing song. Helen Brown dismissed the class with prayer. Chairman—Sarah West; Secretary—Margaret Gillanders

NEW YORK STATE REGIONAL SINGING (CLINTON) Hamilton College Fillius Events Barn, Clinton, New York Saturday, February 25, 2012

The New York State Regional Singing was held at Hamilton College Fillius Events Barn in Clinton, New York, on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in February. The class was called to order by Barbara Swetman leading 31b. Tom Malone offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Barbara Swetman 59; Kathy Collett 84; Margaret Bornick 77b; Barb Finnegan 479; Ron Bornick 228; Mary Skidmore 448b; Tarik Wareh 335; Ray Rechenberg 40; Joanne Fuller 168; Jean Seiler 217; Terry Ryan 350; Sally Langendorf 106; Carol Medlicott 206; Lucy Roberts 53; Melody Johnson 33b; Margie Thickestun 155; Laura Densmore 313t.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Co-Chairpersons—Barbara Swetman and Margie Thickestun; Secretary—Kathy Collett.

RECESS

Terry Ryan called the class back to order by leading 105. Leaders: Barbara Swetman 390, 391; Tom Malone 491, 150; Jason Law 481, 313b; Joanne Fuller 131b, 129; Tarik Wareh and children 49t, 274t; Sally Langendorf 75, 229; Lucy Roberts 163t, 378t; Ray Rechenberg 565, 276; Christian Goodwillie and Erika Goodwillie and children 74b; Ron Bornick 178, 334; Jean Seiler 146, 191; Carol Medlicott 112, 148.

LUNCH

Tom Malone called the class back to order leading 101t. Leaders: Margaret Bornick 162, 455; Terry Ryan 430, 38t; Melody Johnson 490, 216; Jacob Taylor 47b; Kathy Collett 47t, 192; Mary Skidmore 171, 272; Barb Finnegan 45t; Laura Densmore 522, 370; Charles Collett 131t, 269; Margie Thickestun 268; Jason Law 267; Tom Malone “Medlicott”; Sally Langendorf 72b.

RECESS

Ray Rechenberg called the class back to order leading 399b. Leaders: Carol Medlicott 440; Terry Ryan 466; Charles Collett 273; Ray Rechenberg 270; Brian Collett 218; Laura Densmore 315; Gracie Schell 107; Joanne Fuller and Hannah 179; Tarik Wareh 71; Lucy Roberts 445; Ron Bornick 454; Jean Seiler 299; Melody Johnson 207; Margaret Bornick 497; Kathy Collett 448t; Mary Skidmore 300; Barb Finnegan 159; Brian McCaffrey 457.

Announcements were made, with thanks offered to Margie Thickstun and Hamilton College for hosting the singing. Barbara Swetman led 347 as the closing song. She offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Co-Chairpersons—Barbara Swetman and Margie Thickstun; Secretary—Kathy Collett

TEXAS STATE SACRED HARP CONVENTION

College Station, Texas

February 25-26, 2012

Saturday, February 25

The Texas State Convention was called to order by Sarah Huckaby leading 34b, followed by Janie Short leading 171. The opening prayer was offered by Jeb Owen. Leaders: Cheryl Foreman 492; Rick Foreman 31b; Sonny Erwin 568; Catherine Rogan 120; Donald Ross 499; Tammy Powell 503; Baron Powers 268; Michele Rogan 67; Kevin Powell 455; Zach Rogan 299; Leon Ballinger 297; Linda Booker 494; Scott Curran 269; Beverly Coates 50b; Bill Bailey 313b; Vivian Rogan 176b; Ben Copenhaver 567; Kristie Powell 106; Bill Giesenschlag 59; Greg Bowles 39b; Sarah Huckaby 30b (for Billie Allen's grandmother, Vertie Dickerson).

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Sarah Huckaby; Vice Chairperson—Janie Short; Secretary/Treasurer—Cheryl Foreman; Memorial Committee—Donald Ross and Reed Coates.

RECESS

The class was brought back together by Janie Short leading 29t. Leaders: Robert Vaughn "Rogan" (in honor of Zach Rogan's recovery); Lindsey Wiggins 483; Kyle Hearn 186; Diane Ross 350; Ainsley Ross 145t; Riley Owen 32t; Silas Huckaby 388; Findley Ross 354b; Jackson Owen 401; Jane Goforth 143; Gary Rogan 406; Liz Owen 546; Gaylon Powell 383; Cassie Allen 316; Reed Coates 38t; Amanda Blevins 270; Ron Ryan 114; Alice Johnson 128; Billy Huckaby 208; Don Barker 452; Jeb Owen 475; Crystal Meadows 442. Donald Ross offered the noon prayer.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Janie Short leading 135. Leaders: Owen Ross 327; Amanda Bowles 99; Bruce Coates 35; Chris Nicholson 72b; Olivia Powell 282 (for Colby Bridges); Sarah Huckaby 542; Sonny Erwin 490; Catherine Rogan 454; Janie Short 480; Donald Ross 481; Garrett Powell 300; Tammy Powell 142; Baron Powers 85; Michele Rogan 430; Scott Curran 472; Linda Booker 569b; Zach Rogan 47b.

RECESS

The class was brought to order by Sarah Huckaby leading 76b. Leaders: Kevin Powell 77t; Leon Ballinger 280; Brody Ross 388; Jackson Owen 401; Silas Huckaby 421; Ainsley Ross 146; Riley Owen 58; Beverly Coates 77b; Bill Bailey 495; Jane Goforth 523; Robert Vaughn 112; Lindsey Wiggins 189; Bill Giesenschlag 45t; Kristie Powell, Sue Harju, and John Harju 274t; Kyle Hearn 192; Amanda Blevins 358; Chris Nicholson 479; Cassie Allen 72t; Ben Copenhaver 286; Liz Owen 328; Gaylon Powell 412; Amanda Bowles 344; Owen Ross 240; Crystal Meadows 384; Greg Bowles 535; Sarah Huckaby 318.

The closing prayer was offered by Owen Ross, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, February 26

The Sunday session of the Texas State Sacred Harp Convention was called to order by Sarah Huckaby leading 49t, followed by Janie Short leading 276. The morning prayer was offered by Greg Bowles.

Leaders: Cheryl Foreman 354t; Rick Foreman 28b; Sonny Erwin 113; Diane Ross 434; Reed Coates 547; Ron Ryan 342; Vivian Rogan 178; Bruce Coates 106; Gary Rogan 155; Jeb Owen 278t; Olivia Powell 532; Mike Hinton 456; Carter Cook 142; Garrett Powell 376; Billy Huckaby 198; Tammy Powell 217; Donald Ross 530; Vicky Cook 34b; Baron Powers 63; Michele Rogan 507; Kevin Powell 163b.

RECESS

Janie Short brought the class together leading 335. Leaders: Riley Owen 75; Ainslie Allen 217; Silas Huckaby 421; Findley Ross 354b; Jackson Owen 53; Brody Ross 388; Ainsley Ross 146; Beverly Coates 228; Liz Owen 273; Scott Curran 500; Linda Booker 32t; Bill Bailey 451; Amanda Bowles 39t; Cassie Allen 464; Lindsey Wiggins 385; Ben Copenhaver 291.

A memorial lesson was held. Donald Ross read the names of the following sick and shut-ins: Anthony and Priscilla Blevins, Coy Ivey, Don Buswell, John Grant, Eugene Forbes, Tom and Glenda Robinson, Vertie Dickerson, Tom Owen, Leland Owen, Doris Hanks, and Curtis and Edith Owen. Reed Coates led 340.

Reed Coates read the names of the following deceased: Suzanne Kerr and Harold Blevins—Texas; Marie Ivey and Ernestine Pipkin—Alabama; John Merritt—Mississippi; and Lonnie Rogers—Georgia. Donald Ross led 347. Prayer was offered by Reed Coates.

Leaders: Gaylon Powell 272; Jane Goforth 133; Kristie Powell and friend 270; Greg Bowles 38b; Amanda Blevins 148. Scott Curran offered the noon prayer.

LUNCH

Janie Short opened the afternoon session by leading 348b. Leaders: Sarah Huckaby 432; Ron Bernucho 128; Reed Coates 65; Ron Ryan 420; Vivian Rogan 84; Don Barker 82t; Gary Rogan 64; Bruce Coates 209; Olivia Powell 236; Sonny Erwin 441; Jeb Owen 491; Catherine Rogan 40; Riley Owen 274t; Garrett Powell 299; Carter Cook 312b; Mike Hinton 318; Billy Huckaby 448t; Amanda Blevins 36b; Jane Goforth 116; Baron Powers 81t; Tammy Powell and Sonny Erwin 454; Ben Copenhaver 210; Vicky Cook 282; Michele Rogan 444; Gaylon Powell 165; Beverly Coates 531; Amanda Bowles 294; Zach Rogan 203; Kristie Powell 564; Scott Curran 460; Lindsey Wiggins 182; Kevin Powell 200.

During the Sunday session, a business meeting was held. Vice Chairman Janie Short was promoted to Chairman, Gaylon Powell was elected Vice Chairman, and Cheryl Foreman was elected as Secretary/Treasurer. The Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

Convention members voted to move the convention permanently from College Station to San Antonio, effective February, 2013. The new location of the Texas State Sacred Harp Convention will be Coker United Methodist Church, 231 E. North Loop Road, San Antonio, Texas.

The officers led 62 as the closing song. A closing prayer was offered, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Sarah Huckaby; Vice Chairperson—Janie Short; Secretary—Cheryl Foreman

UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA **State Botanical Garden, Athens, Georgia** **Sunday, February 26, 2012**

The 40th annual meeting of The University of Georgia Singing was held in the visitor center of the State Botanical Garden, Athens, Georgia, on the fourth Sunday in February. The class was called to order by John Hollingsworth leading 86 (ScH). The opening prayer was offered by John Plunkett, followed by welcoming remarks from the Chairman.

A brief business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—John Hollingsworth; Vice Chairman—Michael Spencer; Secretary—Shannon Primm; Arranging Officer—Judy Mincey.

The Social Harp, compiled by Hart County native John Gordon McCurry, was used for all lessons of the first two hours. Leaders: John Hollingsworth 152 (ScH); Michael Spencer 200 (ScH); Shannon Primm 193 (ScH); John Plunkett 218t (ScH); Judy Mincey 53 (ScH); Robert Kelley 153 (ScH); Lauren Bock 34 (ScH); Oscar McGuire 74 (ScH); Jackie Elsner 37 (ScH); B.M. Smith 84 (ScH); Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 31 (ScH); Chris Wilhelm 184 (ScH); Jane Spencer 51 (ScH); Bill Hollingsworth 182 (ScH); Martha Ann Stegar 155 (ScH); Bruce King 156 (ScH); John Hollingsworth 250 (ScH); Michael Spencer 253 (ScH); Shannon Primm 75 (ScH); John Plunkett 28 (ScH); Chris Wilhelm 44 (ScH); Robert Kelley 35 (ScH); Karen Redwine 114 (ScH); Margie Dietz 186 (ScH); Nate Zweig 85 (ScH).

RECESS

The class reconvened with John Hollingsworth leading 159 (ScH). Leaders: Bill Hollingsworth 137 (ScH); Judy Mincey 198 (ScH); Lauren Bock 195 (ScH); Oscar McGuire 158 (ScH); Jackie Elsner 190b (ScH); B.M. Smith 148 (ScH); Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 170 (ScH); Chris Wilhelm 199 (ScH); Bruce King 173 (ScH); Martha Ann Stegar 87 (ScH); Jane Spencer 61t (ScH); Karen Redwine 63 (ScH); Margie Dietz 101 (ScH); Nate Zweig 185 (ScH); John Hollingsworth 79b (ScH). John Hollingsworth asked the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition, was used for the remainder of the singing. John Hollingsworth called the class back to order leading 138t. Leaders: Bill Hollingsworth 236; Michael Spencer 278t; John Plunkett 197; Shannon Primm 186 (in honor of Elsie Hollingsworth); Judy Mincey 492; Robert Kelley 375; Lauren Bock 272; Jackie Elsner 569b; Oscar McGuire 441; B.M. Smith 318; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 208; Chris Wilhelm 376; Martha Ann Stegar 198; Bruce King 268; Karen Redwine 494; Margie Dietz 58; Kevin Kelly 66; Christy Sinksen and Paul Sinksen 448t; Leif Carter 38b.

RECESS

John Hollingsworth called the class back together by leading 114. Leaders: Jane Spencer 53; Michael Spencer 166b; Shannon Primm 284; John Plunkett 391; Robert Kelley 386; Lauren Bock 407; Nate Zweig 155; Oscar McGuire 485; B.M. Smith 348b; Chris Wilhelm 228; Leif Carter 63; Margie Dietz 347; Karen Redwine 161; Rick Littlefield and Judy Mincey 178.

After announcements, John Hollingsworth led 62 as the closing song. John Plunkett offered a closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—John Hollingsworth; Vice Chairman—Michael Spencer; Secretary—Shannon Primm

EMMAUS PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Thomaston, Georgia
Saturday, March 3, 2012

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Emmaus Primitive Baptist Church was held on Saturday before the first Sunday in March. Wayne Watson brought the class to order leading 63. The opening prayer was offered by Elder Chad Lockwood. Leaders: Wayne Watson 480; Helen Bryson 70t, 34b; Jason Hollis and Maggie Hollis 77t, 81t; Leigh Cooper 42, 39t; Mark Godfrey 277, 312b; Faye Hollis 78, 155; David Brodeur 178 (in memory of Melvin Kersey), 284; Laura Beth McKinley and Martha Harrell 503, 354b; Bill Hollingsworth 269, 285t; Lauren Bock 75, 362.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Wayne Watson; Secretaries/Arranging Committee—Mary Brownlee and Lauren Bock.

RECESS

Jesse Karlsberg called the class back to order leading 540 and 285b. Leaders: Shannon Primm 83t, 203; John Plunkett 473, 121; Mary Brownlee with her children John, Beth, and Jason 47b, 147t; Rosemund Watson 66, 229; Michael Spencer 467, 278b; Charlene Wallace 276, 283. David Grant offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The class was called back to order by Wayne Watson leading 68b. Leaders: Oscar McGuire 171, 485; Erica Hinton 405, 102; John Hollingsworth 76b, 176t; David Grant 64 (for his sister Betty Ann Grant Denton), 153 (in memory of his father W.R. Grant); Matt Hinton 168, 99; Mark Godfrey and Leigh Cooper 384; Jesse Karlsberg and David Brodeur 454; Mary Brownlee, Martha Harrell, and Rosemund Watson 94; Michael Spencer 168; John Plunkett 354t; Anna Hinton 300; Eli Hinton 268; Bill Hollingsworth 236; Shannon Primm and Jennifer Primm 47t; Helen Bryson 358 (by request); Lauren Bock 344 (for Rosemund Watson); Oscar McGuire and the new singers of Warm Springs, Georgia 63; Jesse Karlsberg and Lauren Bock 198 (for Mary Brownlee); Oscar McGuire 532 (for Mary Brownlee).

The chairman took announcements from the class, and Rosemund Watson concluded the singing by leading 347. John Plunkett offered a closing prayer.

Chairman—Wayne Watson; Secretaries—Mary Brownlee and Lauren Bock

NORTH CAROLINA SACRED HARP ALL-DAY SINGING **Pullen Memorial Baptist Chapel, Raleigh, North Carolina** **Saturday, March 3, 2012**

The annual North Carolina Sacred Harp singing was held on Saturday before the first Sunday in March at the Pullen Memorial Baptist Chapel, Raleigh, North Carolina. The class was called to order by Deborah Brogden leading 49t. Sally Owens offered the opening prayer.

A business meeting was held and the following officers were elected to serve: Chairman—Lynda Hambourger; Treasurer—Don Ward; Secretary—Kathy Kaiser; Chaplain—Sally Owens.

Leaders: Lynda Hambourger 40; Pat Ward 224; Suzanne Newton 350; Derek Lane 38b; John Feddersen (no number listed); Deborah Brogden 47b; Lynda Hambourger 215; Kathy Kaiser 171; Don Ward 300; Mark Quakenbush 32t; Jamie Latimer 455; Les Updike 86; Dave Gardner 142; Tim Hambourger 106; Erin Newton 120; Rick Motylinski 64; Nancy Newell 344; Deborah Brogden 87; Mary Wakeman and Lynda Hambourger 528; Suzanne Newton 186; Bob Schreiner and Lynda Hambourger 47t; Tom Dillon 84; Derek Lane 107.

RECESS

Lynda Hambourger called the class to order leading 46. Leaders: John Feddersen 236; Pat Ward 180; Tim Hambourger “Rosehill”, “Joy Divine”; Les Updike 373; Aileen Cheng 178; Bob Schreiner 28b; Tom Dillon 452; Kathy Kaiser 181; Jamie Latimer 163b; Don Ward 200; Rick Motylinski 495; John Feddersen 159; Dave Gardner 268; Tim Hambourger 501. Sally Owens offered a blessing before lunch.

LUNCH

Lynda Hambourger reconvened the class by leading 332. Leaders: John Feddersen 276; Lisa Brown 191; Kyle Johnston 99; Gene Anderson 441; Rick Motylinski 146; Erin Newton 546, 547.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Sally Owens. Pat Ward led 392 in memory of the following deceased: Henry A. Bizzell, Caroline Carpenter, Shu Hao Jin, and

Barbara Michos—North Carolina; Fred Lewis—Virginia; and Shirley Horhota. Sally Owens closed the lesson with a prayer.

Leaders: Deborah Brogden 369; Stephen Cole 313b; Les Updike 128; Suzanne Newton 318; Kathy Kaiser 480; Aileen Cheng 45t; Derek Lane 347; Jamie Latimer 346; Bob Schreiner 479; Stephen Cole 496; Lisa Brown 448t; Don Ward 148.

RECESS

John Feddersen called the class back to order leading 477. Leaders: Pat Ward 454; Gene Anderson 189; Erin Newton 114; Dave Gardner 66; Rick Motylinski 155; Lynda Hambourger 384; Suzanne Newton 513; Kathy Kaiser 436; Derek Lane 335; Deborah Brogden 125; Don Ward 31t; Jamie Latimer 254; Gene Anderson 147; John Feddersen 385b; Pat Ward 478; Suzanne Newton 63.

Lynda Hambourger led 62 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Sally Owens.

Chairman—Lynda Hambourger; Secretary—Kathy Kaiser

IRELAND SACRED HARP CONVENTION

Aula Maxima, University College Cork, Cork

March 3-4, 2012

Saturday, March 3

The 2nd Ireland Sacred Harp Singing Convention was held at Aula Maxima, Cork, Ireland, on the first Sunday and Saturday before in March. The class was called to order by Eimear O'Donovan and Sadhbh O'Flynn leading 59. After welcoming the singers, Eimear and Sadhbh made some brief announcements. Hugh McKenna and Joseph McGilloway offered the opening prayer, and then led 49t.

Leaders: Dara Desmond 31t; Aine Uí Cheallaigh and Irial Ó Cheallaigh 49b; Eamonn O'Neill 29t; Pauline Hyde 535; Robert Wedgbury 77t; Leah Hearne 318; Declan Synnott 37b; Sinéad Hanrahan 38b; Bryan Seale 448t; Vicky Langan 547; Nancy Kulik 47t; Michael Morrisroe 442; Jennifer Barry 504; Mark Cosgrave 267; Colleen Jones 46; Michael Jude O'Neill 300; Amanda Parkes 481; Eimear O'Donovan 448b; Sadhbh O'Flynn 377.

The following officers and committee members were elected or appointed to serve: Co-Chairmen—Sadhbh O'Flynn and Eimear O'Donovan; Treasurer—Declan Synnott; Secretary—Sinéad Hanrahan; Memorial Committee—Robert Wedgbury and Tollie Lee.

RECESS

Sarah West called the class back to order leading 350. Leaders: Juniper Hill 528; Sheila Girling Macadam 500; Phil Tyler 505; Franz Schmidt 106; Jill Thompson 497; Carmel Wood 272; Ellen Lueck 472; Rachel Jordan 474; Tollie Lee 30t; Judy Whiting 354t; Fynn Titford-Mock 181; Jean Seiler 312b; Steve Welch 73b; Aldo Ceresa 68t; Justyna Orlikowska 142; Nick Hall 455; Rebecca Over 172; Edwin Macadam 236. Joseph McGilloway offered grace before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Matt Ord called the class back to order leading 319. Leaders: Diane Mennella 298; Aaron Kahn 284; Cath Tyler 480; Ian West 182; Judy Caudle 276; Patricia Callahan 424; Steve Helwig 411; Eva Striebeck 274t; Al McCready 155; Gosia Perycz 550; Daniel Hunter 218; Liz Meitzler 254; Thom Fahrback 498; Rachel Hall 383; Paula Matei 551; Kama Dembinska 151; Chris Brown 56b; Andreas Manz and Aldo Ceresa 107; Steve Biggs 288; Tollie Lee and Rebecca Over 104; Olgierd Orlikowski 216; Cath Saunt 39t; Sadhbh O'Flynn, Eimear O'Donovan, and Judy Caudle 507; Eamonn O'Neill and Michael Morrisroe 328; Michael Walker and Carmel Wood 456.

RECESS

Ian West called the class back to order leading 32t. Leaders: Richard Percival 210; Ruth Clinton and Amanda Parkes 163b; Juniper Hill 348t; Sarah West 432; Declan Synnott 68b; Joseph McGilloway and Hugh McKenna 122; Andreas Manz and Michael Walker 53; Claire Hogan and Irial Ó Cheallaigh 47b; Sheila Girling Macadam and Edwin Macadam 198; Dara Desmond, John O'Flynn, Elia Desmond Torallo, Byron Tyler, Lottie Sumner, and Sionnach Langan 146; Jean Seiler and Mary Ryder 268; Rachel Jordan and Nick Hall 299; Matt Ord 88t; Barton Creeth and Ronan O'Donovan 282; Al McCready and Áine Uí Cheallaigh 306; Chris Brown and Judy Whiting 503; Diane Mennella 27; Cath Tyler and Phil Tyler 477; Franzi Schmidt and Patricia Callahan 99; Fynn Titford-Mock 89; Justyna Orlikowska and Olgierd Orlikowski 112; Steve Helwig and Gosia Perycz 108b. Eimear O'Donovan and Sadhbh O'Flynn led 335 as the closing song. Joseph McGilloway and Hugh McKenna offered the closing prayer.

Sunday, March 4

Eimear O'Donovan called the class to order by leading 33b. Joseph McGilloway offered the opening prayer, and then led 376.

Leaders: Sinéad Hanrahan 347; Dara Desmond 67; Bryan Seale 313b; Jennifer Barry 344; Eamonn O'Neill 430; Robert Wedgbury 30b; Kevin Kennedy 266; Pauline Hyde 318; Sadhbh O'Flynn and Kuba Choinski 148; Lisa O'Grady 178; Colleen Jones 47b; Eimear O'Donovan, Ronan O'Donovan, and Mary Ryder 117; Amanda Parkes 209.

RECESS

Michael Jude O'Neill called the class back to order leading 388. Leaders: Leah Hearne 102; Fynn Titford-Mock 425; Declan Synnott 503; Paul Synnott and Bryan Seale 29b; Jill Thompson 504; Mark Cosgrave 268; Michael Morrisroe 320.

Robert Wedgbury conducted the sick and housebound lesson. He led 460 in honor of the following people: Lucy Chadwick, Lionel Wollenburg, Jan Lawrence, Eugene Forbes, Kathy Armstrong, Brenda Grimshaw, Tony Parkinson, Maggie Watson, Barry Ratzkin, Catherine Seale, Chris Sumner, Harrison Creel, Bartho Sheroswan, Brendan O'Neill, Aggie Houlihan, Níall Henderson, Síle O'Flynn, Elizabeth Gillis, and Charlotte Walker.

Tollie Lee spoke for the deceased, and led 378t in their memory. The following names were read by Robert Wedgbury: Jock Knight, Mike Waterson, Geraldine Goulding, Cian Hallinan, Ita Ryder, Ted Ryder, Marie Rosse, Ludwik Wioslawski, Maurizio Vallebella, Helen Bradshaw, Tiger O'Flynn, Peter Schoongans, Davy Jones, Mark O'Connell, John Merritt, Lonnie Rodgers, Michael Lee Senior, Dan O'Regan, Nonie Johnston, Noreen O'Grady, Maria Cunningham, Marie Ivey, Linda Champ, Travis Keeton, Gordon Corrick, Joe Reynolds, and Frank Evans. A prayer was offered by Tollie Lee to close the memorial lesson.

Leaders: Steve Biggs 45t; Cath Saunt and Hannah Daly 47t; Eva Striebeck 384.

Grace before lunch was offered by Hugh McKenna.

LUNCH

Michael Walker called the class back to order leading 113. Leaders: Barton Creeth, Jaime Creeth, and Lynda Harman 274b; Edwin Macadam 534; Diane Mennella 542; Tollie Lee 319; Rebecca Over 283; Jean Seiler 192; Judy Caudle 365; Sadhbh O'Flynn, Eimear O'Donovan, and Fergus Lalor 569b; Ian West 105; Aaron Kahn 168; Rachel Jordan 183; Nick Hall 573; Ellen Lueck 417; Carmel Wood 447; Mark Noonan and Mary Wise 457; Thom Fahrbach 201; Richard Percival 479; Sarah West 153; Daniel Hunter 234; Sheila Girling Macadam 128; Ewan Paterson 277; Claire Hogan 312b; Chris Brown 324.

RECESS

Judy Whiting called the class back to order leading 212. Leaders: Justyna Orlikowska 428; Steve Helwig and Thom Fahrbach 208; Amanda Boughton 86; Gosia Perycz 28b; Cath Tyler, Margaret Jones, and Lottie Sumner 272; Michael Walker 69t (for the Cork singers); Franzi Schmidt 385b; Al McCready 282; Jo Ellis 228; Steve Welch 473; Aldo Ceresa 532; Phil Tyler 157; Olgierd Orlikowski 171; Juniper Hill 254; Kama Dembinska 36t; Paula Matei 242; Rachel Hall and Carrie Dike 179; Liz Meitzler and Ewan Paterson 49b; Andreas Manz 77t; Patricia Callahan 556; Aine Uí Cheallaigh 216.

Eimear O'Donovan gave the resolutions with assistance from Michael Morrisroe.

Declan Synnott gave the treasurer's report, stating that expenses were met.

Sinéad Hanrahan gave the secretary's report, announcing that 165 songs had been led by 84 leaders. There were 164 registered attendees, representing Ireland (North and South), England, Scotland, France, Germany, Poland, Canada, and the United States.

Announcements were made. Eimear O'Donovan and Sadhbh O'Flynn led 62 as the closing song. Joseph McGilloway offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Co-Chairpersons—Sadhbh O'Flynn and Eimear O'Donovan; Secretary—Sinéad Hanrahan

OHIO STATE CONVENTION

Jeffrey Mansion, Bexley, Ohio

March 3-4, 2012

Saturday, March 3

The 20th annual Ohio State Convention was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Claire Outten leading 171. The morning prayer was offered by Jim Herr.

A business session was held and the following officers were elected: Co-Chairpersons—Michael Darby and Laura Russell; Vice Chairman—Roger Crabtree; Treasurers—Clara Herr and Eric Conrad; Secretaries—LauraLee Thompson, Michael Domino, and Debbie Hall. The co-chairpersons asked their committees to form, and closed the business session.

Leaders: Michael Darby and Laura Russell 72b; Brad Oglesby 47t; Lia Mansfield 38t; Judith McDowell and Carol Mosley 178; Eric Conrad 180; Virginia Cameron 268; Ray Rechenberg 107; Joel-Henry Mansfield 515; Sheila Patterson 335; Rich Overturf 100; Kay Huener 269; Greg Creech 163t; Lorraine Cathala 114; Sue Duff 300; Corey Sees 433; Loraine Bayer 61; Debbie Hall 192; Hans Bayer 522; Roger Crabtree 503; Eloise Clark 174; Clara Herr 564; Shawn Fenton 99.

RECESS

Michael Darby called the class back to order by leading 32t. Leaders: John Bealle 212; David Casenhiser 551; Beth Todd 436; Susan Matthews 479; Cecelia Kramer 311; Bill Beverly 546; Anne Missavage 383; Michael Mosley 343; Eddie Mash 344; AuraLee Furgason 143; Nicoletta Rogers 150; Jan May 474; Pleasance Crawford 183; Timothy Morton 384; Jewell Rowland 341; Stephen Rogers 368; Wayne Dell 271t; Martha Beverly 500; Carol Munro-Mosley 392; Marian Mitchell 163b; Mike Hinton 373; Fred Todt 480. Jim Herr offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The class was called back to order by Laura Russell leading 146. Leaders: Michael Darby 142; Breanna Grimes 159; Enid Thomas 333; Jubal Bayer 189; Annaliza Cull 448t; Michael Darby, Clara Herr, and Eric Conrad 68b; Laurel Cornell 361; Joseph Pimentel 217; Bob Cull 569b; Darrell Swarens 507; Joe Todd 103; Claire Outten 315; Ann Holzer 203; Jim Herr 440; Michelle Cull 29t; Gerry Hoffman 379; Jennifer Krell 59; John Bayer 324; Andrew Pugh 85; Sylvia Thomas 313b.

RECESS

The class was called back together by Jim Herr leading 312b. Leaders: Debbie Hall "Ohio"; Michael Domino 208; Laura Russell 318; Tom Kochan 496; Mike Hinton 532; Steve Rogers 48b; Jewell Rowland 358; Pleasance Crawford 468; AuraLee Furgason 549; Jan May 276; Nicoletta Rogers 328; Eddie Mash 428; Martha Beverly 352; Fred Todt 270; Carol Munro-Mosley 464.

Following announcements, Michael Darby and Laura Russell led 347 as the closing song. Jim Herr offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed until the following morning at 9:30 a.m.

Sunday, March 4

The Sunday session of the Ohio State Convention was called to order by Michael Darby and Laura Russell leading 48t. The morning prayer was offered by Greg Creech.

Leaders: Greg Creech 350; Jim Herr 222; Lia Mansfield 504; Vic Whisman 143; Sue Duff 141; Joe Fothergill 569b; Hans Bayer 481; Ted Mercer 468; Clara Herr 209; Jason Steidl and friend 49b; Brad Oglesby 192; John Bealle 240; Sylvia Thomas 430; Eric Conrad 53; Marian Mitchell 340; Joe Todd 457; Joseph Pimentel 142.

RECESS

The class was called back together by Michael Darby leading 84. Leaders: Joel-Henry Mansfield 56b; Pleasance Crawford 524; Anne Missavage 528; Melanie Hauff 203; Mike Hieber 276; Beth Todd 52t; Eric Conrad and Clara Herr 26; Loraine Bayer 225t; Gerry Hoffman 236; Judith McDowell 87; Michele Cull 112; Shawn Fenton 39t; Annaliza Cull 268; Michael Mosley 492; Elizabeth Rechenberg 106; Kay Huener 107; Judy Hauff 411; Ray Rechenberg 40; Lois Hurt 452; Eddie Mash 234; Stephanie Hysmith 74b; Jubal Bayer 224; Rich Overturf 105.

Beth Todd and Ray Rechenberg conducted the memorial lesson. Mike Hinton was asked to offer a few words as well. Ray Rechenberg led 452 for the following sick and shut-ins: Marky Aden, Goldie Crawford, Geraldine Hooten, Ruth Snyder, Joan Mitchell, Alice Hershey, Nancy Yeager, Buel Oliver, and Kylie Dickman.

Beth Todd led 235 in memory of the following deceased: Joanne Bowman—Massachusetts; Ernestine Pipkin, Marie Ivey, Travis Keeton, Cecil Sanders—Alabama; Frank Evans—Virginia; John Merritt—Mississippi; Lonnie Rogers—Georgia; Nelda Miller—Florida; Cynthia Hogan, Jerry Clagett, Sam Thomas, John Patterson, Lela Patterson, and Don Wallis—Ohio; Edward York and Bill Mosely—Kentucky; Laura Lent—Maryland. At the close of the lesson, Greg Creech offered a prayer.

LUNCH

Laura Russell led 34b to bring the afternoon session to order. Leaders: Fred Todt 348t; Stephen Rogers 439; Mike Hinton 434; Jewell Rowland 81t; Jan May 287; Nicoletta Rogers 547; Carol Munro-Mosley 196; Dave Witter 454; Bob Cull 66; Darrell Swarens 304; Bill Beverly 191; Cecelia Kramer 444; Tom Kochan 323b; Martha Beverly 377; Sheila Patterson 277; Susan Zurcher 38b; Eloise Clark 320.

RECESS

John Bealle called the class back to order by leading 354b. Leaders: Corey Sees 284; John Bayer and Boyd Holliman 45t; Boyd Holliman, Daisy Crockram, and the Columbus Seven-Shape Note Choir "I Have the Holy Spirit" and "I Would Like to Have a Talk with Jesus"; Bobette Olson 95; Laura Russell 300; Michael Domino 172; Joseph Pimentel 168; Ted Mercer 299; Judy Hauff 216; Melanie Hauff 215. Michael Darby and Laura Russell asked for reports from the committees. The Arranging Committee reported that approximately 160 singers attended from 11 states, the District of Columbia, and Canada. Eighty-four songs were led on Saturday by 67 leaders and 73 songs were led on Sunday by 62 leaders. Treasurers

Eric Conrad and Clara Herr reported that all expenses had been met. Joel-Henry Mansfield offered the following resolutions: Be it hereby resolved to express our sincere gratitude to the following persons: the Food Committee (and all who helped them); Bexley Parks and Recreation (in particular Barb, Craig, and Denny), and the staff of the Jeffrey Mansion for preparing our singing facilities this year; all who pitched, sang, prayed, and made this year's convention an outstanding success! Be it further resolved that this assembly shall reconvene in one year's time to recognize and celebrate the 21st anniversary of the Ohio Sacred Harp Convention.

Greg Creech offered a closing prayer, and Michael Darby and Laura Russell led 62, while those who wished took the parting hand. Michael Darby dismissed the class until it can reconvene in March 2013 in Dayton, Ohio.

Co-Chairpersons—Michael Darby and Laura Russell; Vice Chairman—Roger Crabtree; Secretaries—Michael Domino, LauraLee Thompson, and Debbie Hall

TUCSON SINGING
Sonora Cohousing, Tucson, Arizona
March 3-4, 2012
Saturday, March 3

The inaugural Elder Gerald Hand Memorial Singing and the 8th annual Tucson Singing was called to order by Michael McKernon leading 49b. Craig Averill offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed: Chairman—Michael McKernon; Arranging Officer—J.P. Thom-Gronachan; Treasurer—Paige Winslett; Secretary—Erika Roush.

Leaders: Paige Winslett 178; Carol Selleck 68b; Nate Green and Norma Green 354t; Erika Roush 344; Hans Guttmann 282; Erika Roush 81t (for Mike Garrett); Jeff Sheppard 155; Janet Morgan 106; J.P. Thom-Gronachan 56b; Judy Siaba 49t; Donna Sewell 171; Rene Greene 217; Eric Morgan 186; Anita Landess 540; Eric Metzler 107; Lori Rodgers 542; Paige Winslett 288; Carol Selleck 198; Nate Green and Norma Green 425; Erika Roush 455; Hans Guttmann 270; J.P. Thom-Gronachan 209 (for Mike Garrett).

RECESS

Michael McKernon reconvened the class by leading 146. Leaders: Jeff Sheppard 172; Janet Morgan 35; Larry Hand 31t; J.P. Thom-Gronachan 324; Anthony Park 99; Judy Siaba 474; Donna Sewell 460; Rebecca Edwards 336; Rene Greene 276; Eric Morgan 274t; Anita Landess 102; Eric Metzler 86; Lori Rodgers 139; Carol Selleck 73t; Juanita Heyerman 87; Nate Green and Norma Green 283; Erika Roush 180; Hans Guttmann 365; J.P. Thom-Gronachan 277 (for Mike Garrett); Jeff Sheppard 293. Craig Averill offered thanks for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Michael McKernon brought the class back to order leading 34b. Leaders: Janet Morgan 135; J.P. Thom-Gronachan 66; Anthony Park 299; Judy Siaba 289; Larry Hand 47b; Donna Sewell 63; Rebecca Edwards 453; Rene Greene 200; Margaret Penner 45t; Eric Morgan 300; Anita Landess 379; Eric Metzler 95; Lori Rodgers 503; Paige Winslett 430; Carol Selleck 39t; Juanita Heyerman 287; Erika Roush 65; Nate Green and Norma Green 303; Hans Guttmann 480.

RECESS

Michael McKernon brought the class back to order leading 228. Leaders: Jeff Sheppard 212; Alex Beeken 268; J.P. Thom-Gronachan 181; Janet Morgan 76b; Anthony Park 497; Judy Siaba 447; Larry Hand 59; Donna Sewell 448b; Rebecca Edwards 348b; Rene Greene 478; Margaret Penner 334; Eric Morgan 383; Anita Landess 56t; Eric Metzler 77t.

Announcements were made. Craig Averill offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, March 4

The Sunday session was called to order by Michael McKernon leading 48t. The morning prayer was offered by Craig Averill.

Leaders: Paige Winslett 34t; Janet Morgan 32t; Jeff Sheppard 36b; Erika Roush 189; Hans Guttman 38b; Lori Rodgers 129; Craig Averill 49b; Juanita Heyerman 457; J.P. Thom-Gronachan 535; Carol Selleck 549; Eric Metzler 312b; Rene Greene 542; Anita Landess 287; Donna Sewell 146; Rebecca Edwards 205; Eric Morgan 236; Larry Hand 72b; Paige Winslett 388; Janet Morgan 314; Craig Averill 55; Jeff Sheppard 176t; Hans Guttman 387; Lori Rodgers 47t; Erika Roush 454.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Juanita Heyerman leading 49t. Leaders: Eric Metzler 33b; Rene Greene 192; Anita Landess 389; Donna Sewell 40; Rebecca Edwards 208; Carol Selleck 235; Eric Morgan 183; Larry Hand 35; Paige Winslett 452; Janet Morgan 448t; Craig Averill 319; Jeff Sheppard 318; Hans Guttman 112; Lori Rodgers 128.

A memorial lesson was conducted by Carol Hand Selleck. The names of the following sick and housebound were read: Bud Oliver, Kathy Garrett, Judy Lidem, John Shaeffer, Jeanne Shaeffer, and Anell Gooden. Lori Rodgers led 68b.

The following deceased were remembered: John Merritt—Mississippi; Marie Ivey, Travis Keeton, and Christine Gandy—Alabama; Lonnie Rogers—Georgia; Dominic Ziegler—California; George Seiler—New York. Eric Morgan led 418 in their memory.

Leaders: Michael McKernon 361; Erika Roush 313b. Craig Averill offered thanks for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Michael McKernon led 84 to bring the afternoon session to order. Leaders: Juanita Heyerman 523; Rene Greene 276; Anita Landess 297; Donna Sewell 105; Rebecca Edwards 432; Carol Selleck 30t; Eric Morgan 306; Larry Hand 101t; Paige Winslett 358; Michael McKernon 232; Janet Morgan 335; Craig Averill 34b; Jeff Sheppard 428; Hans Guttman 37b; Lori Rodgers 551; Erika Roush 504; Juanita Heyerman 133; Rene Greene 182; Anita Landess 137; Donna Sewell 159; Rebecca Edwards 326.

Michael McKernon led 62 as the closing song. Craig Averill offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Michael McKernon; Secretary—Erika Roush

ROGERS MEMORIAL SINGING Ephesus School, Roopville, Georgia Sunday, March 4, 2012

The annual Rogers Memorial Sacred Harp singing was held at Ephesus Elementary School on the first Sunday in March. Singing commenced at 9:30 a.m. with Denney Rogers leading 101t. Henry Johnson offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Stanly Edwards 435; Karen Rollins 32t.

The business session was then held. On motion, duly seconded, the same officers were elected as follows: Chairman—Denney Rogers; Vice Chairman—Stanly Edwards; Secretary—Karen Rollins. B.M. Smith made a motion to name the singing the Rogers Memorial singing to include all the singers in the Rogers family rather than the Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rogers Memorial singing. After a short discussion, this motion passed unanimously. Judy Chambless was named to do the work of the

Arranging Committee, and John Plunkett and Karen Rollins were named to the Memorial Committee. Mayor Denney Rogers gave the official welcome, and the business session closed.

Leaders: Judy Chambless 34b; Leigh Cooper 225t; Loyd Ivey 303; Louis Hughes 405 (in memory of Everette Denney); Susan Harcrow 318; Erica Hinton 112; Michael Spencer 382; Helen Bryson 328; Sharon DuPriest 313t; Scott Ivey 314; Shannon Primm 157; Jack Nelson 206; Reba Windom 300; Robert Chambless 40; B.M. Smith 350; John Plunkett 351; Lela Crowder 186; Henry Johnson 515; Rodney Ivey 436; Tony Hammock 204.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Stanly Edwards leading 208. Leaders: Danny Creel 383; Scott DePoy 48t; Donna Bell 546; Glenda Collins and Burt Collins 340; Buell Cobb 42; Wanda Capps 298; Ken Tate 201; Cheyenne Ivey 217; Ed Thacker 455; Jonathon Smith 32b; Lauren Bock 422; Jerry Creason 344; Margaret Thacker 235; Charlene Wallace 155 (for Nick, Carlene, and Danny Griffin); John Kelso 41; Judy Mincey 468; Oscar McGuire 473; David Brodeur 142; Virginia Dyer 137; Philip Denney 61 (in memory of Susan Muse); Nathan Rees 414; Jesse P. Karlsberg 511; Malinda Snow 96; Mark Godfrey 448t; Fallon Cook 146; Lou Cotney 218; Matt Hinton 460; Susan Cheronos 107; Richard Mauldin 339. Philip Denney offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Rodney Ivey called the singers together leading 345b. Leaders: Beverly Thompson and Jade Thompson 59; Diane Avery 299.

The memorial lesson was then held. Karen Rollins spoke of the sick and shut-ins and encouraged everyone to make calls, send cards, and visit. Those on this list included Bud Oliver, Dr. Julietta Haynes, John Grant, S.T. Reed, Lessie Reed, Betty Wright, Willard Wright, Josephine Denney, Josie Hyde, Johnie Chafin, Stella Pratt, Leona Haynes, Mona Nelson, Eugene Forbes, Cathy White, Violet Thomason, M.H. Creel, and Jeannette DePoy. Oscar McGuire led 57 for these people.

John Plunkett spoke about Psalm 116 and its relation to page 298, one of the favorite songs of Lonnie Rogers. The children of Lonnie Rogers then led 45t in his memory. John read the names of those on the deceased list as follows: Lonnie Rogers, George Holland, Parrie Reimer, Arlin Runels, Susan Muse, Barbara Denney, Hazel Dunn, John Shippee, James Tolbert, Betty Ward, Luanne Hardin Turner, Jimmy Harrell, and Larry Corse—Georgia; Marie Ivey, Travis Keeton, Clarence McCool, and Wayne Morgan—Alabama; John Merritt—Mississippi; Virginia Cowart—Arkansas; Neil Sims—South Carolina. Henry Johnson led 409 in memory of the deceased.

Matt Hinton closed the memorial lesson with a prayer.

Leaders: Randa Harris, Kayla McWhorter, Susan Rice, and Beverly Thompson (grand-daughters of Lonnie Rogers) 143; Evelyn Harris 47t; Doron Henkin 187; Donna Duke and Gene Duke 47b; Sheri Taylor and Lisa Webb 269; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg and Lauren Bock 131b; Mark Godfrey and Leigh Cooper 176t; Rodney Ivey, Scott Ivey, Loyd Ivey, and Cheyenne Ivey 389; Helen Bryson and John Plunkett 532; Tony Hammock, Scott DePoy, and Ed Thacker 434; Jerry Creason, Jack Nelson, and Sharon DuPriest 540; Donna Bell, Shannon Primm, and Robert Chambless 138t; Margaret Thacker, B.M. Smith, and Margie Smith 480; Reba Windom and Susan Cheronos 282; Henry Johnson, John Kelso, and Nathan Rees 521; David Brodeur, Doron Henkin, and Jonathon Smith 333; Susan Harcrow, Stanly Edwards, and Wanda Capps 475; Mike Spencer, Philip Denney, and Richard Mauldin 358; Danny Creel, Buell Cobb, and Oscar McGuire 196; Fallon Cook and Cecil Roberts 97; Malinda Snow and Charlene Wallace 209; Erica Hinton, Matt Hinton, Anna Hinton, and Elijah Hinton 277; Ken Tate 236 (by request); Judy

Chambless and Judy Mincey 547; Lisa Webb, Sheri Taylor, Gene Duke, and Donna Duke 319.

Announcements were made. Denney Rogers, Stanly Edwards, and Karen Rollins led 62 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Richard Mauldin.

Chairman—Denney Rogers; Vice Chairman—Stanly Edwards; Secretary—Karen Rollins

OLYMPIA ALL-DAY SINGING **Olympia Women's Club, Olympia, Washington** **Saturday, March 10, 2012**

The 3rd annual Olympia All-Day Singing was called to order by Chase Arevalo and Jonathan Levy-Wolins leading 46. The opening prayer was offered by Karen Willard. Chase Arevalo made brief announcements regarding the day's procedures, historical facts about the venue, and extended a welcome.

Leaders: Daniel Georgeson 122, 457; Drew Oak 107; Harris Bernstein 106, 49b; Clarissa Fetrow 99, 472; Allison Zoe Schneider 45t, 354b; Rob Peters and Jonathan Levy-Wolins 49t, 31t; Kayla Young and Chase Arevalo 410b; Kira Lynn Olson 282, 38b; Hattie Osborne 117, 294; Becky Winnick and Jonathan Levy-Wolins 385b, 271t; Kate McNamara and Emily McKown 178, 410t; Stefan Bach and Daniel Georgeson 38t, 448t.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Chase Arevalo; Vice Chairman—Marla Beth Elliott; Co-treasurers—Jonathan Levy-Wolins and Kathy Vlach; Arranging Officer—Solomon Ossa; Secretary—Stephanie Claire.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Chase Arevalo leading 105. Leaders: Holly Baker and Elizabeth Ferrington 146, 448b; Nick Taylor 59, 40; Anna Stoerch 68t, 311; Heather Ikeler 66, 111b; Steve Cackley 516, 60; Peter Schinske 91, 149; Katy Kanfer 101b, 278b; Shannon McGuire 504, 84; Susan Helf 270, 112; Marla Elliott and Nancy Anderson 208, 77t; Cornelia Stanton 171, 120.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Peter Schinske leading 30t. Leaders: Lyle Lindsey 30b, 384; Anne Huckins 67, 474; John Carson 163t, 335; Nell Whitman 569b, 148; Kate Fine 162; Reed Schilbach and Debbie Padden 501, 318; Darlene Simpson-Brown 39b, 434; Nichole Ossa and Jonathan Levy-Wolins 313b, 300; Kathy Vlach 334, 551. Chase Arevalo made brief announcements, and the Food Committee made brief announcements. Karen Willard offered a prayer before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The class was called back to order by Solomon Ossa leading 81t. Leaders: Jonathan Levy-Wolins 68b; Bruce Rowland and Wilfred Collins 82t, 426b; Kramer Klein and relatives 183, 421; Dorothy Robinson 180, 203; Ginny Landgraf 397, 455; Tom Fahrback 548, 500; Karen Willard 240, 436; Betsy Jeronen 478, 573; Jack Lofton 383, 542; Deidra Montgomery 197, 292; David Wright 329, 172; Kevin Barrans 113, 380.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Anna Stoerch leading 87. Leaders: Ken Hallock 370, 272; Bob Schinske 137, 528; Dan Thoma 539, 430; Tom McTighe 168, 372; Erik Schwab 217, 565; Meg Larson 452, 147; Jenna Bond 165, 278t; Kelsey Nelsen 312t, 89; Tammy Ziola 406, 480.

Solomon Ossa reported that we sang 107 songs, and there were 53 leaders.

Announcements were made. Singers were thanked for making the singing a success. Resolutions were made by Daniel Georgeson. He thanked the Pacific Northwest

Shape-Note Singers for bringing so many people as well as lending us money for renting the Women's Club; the officers and committees; the keys; all the newcomers; and any higher/divine powers that provided inspiration for the singing today. We resolve to do this again next year (though probably not in March). Chase Arevalo led 267 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Karen Willard, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Chase Arevalo; Vice Chairman—Marla Beth Elliott; Secretary—Stephanie Claire

**SMITH MEMORIAL SACRED HARP SINGING
(COOPER BOOK/THE SACRED HARP, 1991 REVISION)
New Harmony Community Center, New Harmony, Texas
Saturday, March 10, 2012**

The 33rd session of the Smith Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was called to order by Priscilla Wiggins leading 406. David Jones offered the opening prayer, and led 45t. The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Priscilla Wiggins; Secretary—Tammy Powell. Committee appointments were made as follows: Nominations Committee—Diane Ross and Cheryl Foreman; Memorial Committee—Robert Vaughn and Kris Wiggins.

Leaders: Priscilla Wiggins 70t; Sonny Erwin 49t, 31b; Sue Utz 335 (CB), 288 (CB); Tammy Powell 559 (CB), 142 (CB); Donald Ross 445, 47t; Leon Ballinger 454, 46t; Monica Hill 388 (CB), 500 (CB); Gaylon Powell 380 (CB), 268t (CB); Cheryl Foreman 186 (CB), 448 (CB); Robert Vaughn 491, 490.

RECESS

Sonny Erwin called class back together by leading 464 (CB). Leaders: Diane Ross 330t, 297; Ben Copenhaver 340, 254.

The memorial lesson was held at this time. Robert Vaughn led 290 (CB) for the following sick and shut-ins: Nelly Rounsaval, Margie Nell, Toby Utz, Lawson Smith, A.A. Smith, Jr., Leland Owen, Doris Hanks, Sallie Foreman, Curtis Owen, and Edith Owen.

Kris Wiggins led 285t for the following deceased: John Merritt—Mississippi; Ernestine Pipkin and Marie Ivey—Alabama; Lonnie Rogers—Georgia; Gene Ursy and Susan Kerr—Texas. David Jones closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Myrl Jones 572 (CB), 491 (CB); Marceline Hardy 112 (CB), 172 (CB). David Jones offered the noon prayer.

LUNCH

Kris Wiggins called the class back to order by leading 99 (CB) and 235 (CB). Leaders: David Jones 242 (CB), 159 (CB); Kristie Powell 505 (CB), 543 (CB); Ron Bernucho 47b (CB), 463 (CB); Margaret Rounsaval 222 (CB), 332 (CB); Judy Hughes 516 (CB), 540 (CB); Donna McKay 282; Charity Vaughn 54t (CB), 224 (CB); Carole Watts 40 (CB), 571 (CB).

A business meeting was conducted. The Treasurer reported that all expenses were met. The Nomination Committee gave their report as follows: Chairman—Ben Copenhaver; Vice Chairman—David Jones; Secretary—Tammy Powell; Treasurer—Barbara Smith; Assistant Treasurer—Sue Utz; Chaplin—David Jones.

Announcements were made.

RECESS

Tammy Powell led 217 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Donald Ross 512; Sonny Erwin 511t (CB); Marceline Hardy 300 (CB); Judy Hughes 358 (CB); Sue Utz 404 (CB); Ben Copenhaver 39 (CB); Kris Wiggins 563 (CB); Robert Vaughn 206 (CB); Cheryl Foreman 478 (CB); Myrl Jones 183 (CB); Carole Watts 572 (CB);

Charity Vaughn 212 (CB); Diane Ross 344; Kristie Powell 106; Ron Bernucho 107 (CB).

Priscilla Wiggins led 62 as the closing song. David Jones offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Priscilla Wiggins; Secretary—Tammy Powell

SUSSEX SHAPE NOTE SINGING

Staplefield Village Hall, Crawley, Sussex, United Kingdom

Saturday, March 10, 2012

The 14th Sussex Shape Note singing was held in Staplefield Village Hall, using the Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition, and “Alternative Harmony”, a booklet of other shape note tunes. The class was called to order by Tony Singleton and Jill Thompson leading 276.

Leaders: Edwin Macadam 287; Rachel Jordan 47t; John Wilson 49b; Sheila Girling Macadam 27; Nick Hall 217; Rebecca Over 131b; Sofi Mogensen 52t; Steve Fletcher 131t; Tony Singleton 128; Liz Meitzler 111b; Jill Thompson 504; Edwin Macadam 272; Rachel Jordan 171; John Wilson 155; Sheila Girling Macadam 442; Nick Hall 273; Rebecca Over 530; Sofi Mogensen 148; Steve Fletcher 183; Stephen Biggs 288; Liz Meitzler 77t; Tony Singleton 198.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Co-chairmen—Jill Thompson and Tony Singleton; Secretary—Jan Green.

RECESS

Jill Thompson called the class to order leading 99. Leaders: Edwin Macadam 332; Rachel Jordan 501; Adrian Bolge 503; John Wilson 479; Sheila Girling Macadam 291; Nick Hall 203; Rebecca Over 47b; Sofi Mogensen 228; Steve Fletcher 454; Tony Singleton “Walpole” (AltH); Liz Meitzler 385b; Stephen Biggs “Millbrook” (AltH); Jill Thompson 299; Edwin Macadam 236; Rachel Jordan 200.

LUNCH

Tony Singleton called the class to order leading 34b. Leaders: Sheila Girling Macadam 142; Nick Hall “The Idumean Road” (AltH); Adrian Bolge 68b; Rebecca Over 480; John Wilson 515; Sofi Mogensen 31t.

The memorial and sick and housebound lessons were combined into a remembrance lesson conducted by Jill Thompson. Jill led 178 in memory of Mabs Warne, Daisy Osborne, Maria Cunningham, Lisbeth Poulsen, Joe Reynolds, Betty Appleby, Bert Finch, and for the following sick and housebound: Jacqui Selby-Macleod, Fiona Green, Dafydd Charles, Jon Lusk, Jan Fairley, Steve Welch, Mary Welch, Lionel Wollenberg, Alice Parnell, Bernard Collard, Cath Saunt, Jane Davies, and Dave Cooper. The memorial was closed.

Leaders: Steve Fletcher 196; Liz Meitzler 83t; Tony Singleton “New Invention” (AltH); Rachel Jordan 474; Edwin Macadam 320; Sheila Girling Macadam 189; Nick Hall 38; Rebecca Over 107; Adrian Bolge 45t; Sofi Mogensen 45b.

RECESS

Jill Thompson called the class to order leading 267. Leaders: Steve Fletcher “Firm Hope” (AltH); John Wilson “Ten Thousand Charms” (AltH); Stephen Biggs “Life’s Purpose” (AltH); Rebecca Over 274t; Edwin Macadam “Warren” (AltH); Rachel Jordan “Evening Hymn” (AltH); Adrian Bolge 370; Sofi Mogensen 481; Nick Hall 497; Sheila Girling Macadam 102.

The Secretary reported that 29 people had registered and 69 songs had been sung. Thanks were extended and announcements made. It was noted that the 2013 Sussex Shape Note singing would be held on Saturday, March 9, 2013.

Jill Thompson and Tony Singleton led 347 as the closing song, and the class was dismissed.

Co-chairmen—Jill Thompson and Tony Singleton; Secretary—Jan Green

WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS SACRED HARP CONVENTION

Center for the Arts, Northampton, Massachusetts

March 10-11, 2012

Saturday, March 10

The 14th annual Western Massachusetts Sacred Harp Convention was called to order by Christine Andrews leading 131b. The opening prayer was offered by Tim Eriksen.

Leaders: Molly Merrett 72b; Matthew Leger-Small 31t; Linda Shea and Magda Eriksen 371; Mike Nord 171; Sally Langendorf 535; Sheila Kelly 42; John Davis 480; Bill Holt 191; Laura Keeler 506; Faiz Wareh 49t; Liz Cantrell 456; John Bowman 178; Paula Picton 47t; Claire Moore-Cantrell and Elizabeth Rogal-Allbritten 313b; Nathan Berry 324; Andrew Magee 512; Bob Parr 297; Al McCready 306; Megan Jennings 436; Eli Hetko 86; Terry Ryan 193.

The following officers and committee members were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Christine Andrews; Vice Chairman—Molly Merrett; Secretary—Matthew Leger-Small; Resolutions Committee—Michael Nord, Anna Pfau, and Oliver Kindig-Stokes; Memorial Committee—Tim Eriksen and Eliza Cavanaugh; Finance Officer—John Holbrook.

RECESS

Laura Timmerman called the class back to order leading 82t. Leaders: Dana Borrelli-Murray 186; Amy Valladares 328; Mel Novner 212; Margaret Bornick 472; David Black 312b; Mary Andrews 344; J.R. Hardman 114; Mary Helen Dupree 30t; Guy Bankes 254; Joanne Lampert 388; Sam Kleinman 187; Elizabeth Stoddard 131t; Patricia Callahan 498; Caitlin Caulfield 128; Mark Godfrey 500; Gina Balestracci 419; Riely Skinner 481; James Baumgartner 319; Carol Huang 440; Larry Gordon 383; George Pomfret 183; Leonard Spencer 245.

RECESS

Jeremy Galvagni called the class back to order leading 100. Leaders: Eliza Cavanaugh 179; Corey Walters 192; Robert Stoddard 536; Kelly Taylor 111b; Annie-Lou Chesner 47b; Melissa Kelly 566; Charles Cofone 569b; Amy Finlay 300; Leigh Cooper 142; Roland Hutchinson 553; Emily Hale-Sills 299; John Holbrook 163b; Maggie Shar 276; Paul Setford 273; Cory Noel 35; Larry Bingham 99; Laura Borelli 274t; Ames Bielenberg 445; Dean Jens 168; Jessica Keyes 270; Michael Kaye 146; Lucy O'Leary 377; Chris Johnson Robertson 69t; Gwen Gethner 108b; Ed Smith 362.

LUNCH

Kate Richardson called the class back to order leading 68b. Leaders: Kelsey Wessels 218; Kiri Miller 564; Justin Levi 562; Kevin Griffin Moreno 189; David Ivey 38b; Rachel Speer 77t; Maura Burns 198; Tim Eriksen 448t; Nora Dunn 379; Neely Bruce 298; Kelsey Sunderland and Richard Ivey 454; Sonia Chin 220; Will Gilman and Noelle Copeland 228; Paul Gauthier 505; Oliver Kindig-Stokes and Daniel Hunter 488; Ray Rechenberg 40; Bethany Towne, Kelly Kennedy, and Beck Wright 475; Karen Ivey 76b; Emily Hancock and Peter Golden 129; Tom Malone and Alvaro Witt Duarte 126; Henry Johnson 60; Kshama Ananthapura and Dan Hertzler 411; Kathy Collett and Brian Collett 474.

RECESS

Sinead O'Mahoney called the class back to order leading 72b. Leaders: Laura Clawson 385b; Hannah, Olivia, Chris Jeeuhnete, and Allison Steel 410b; Dan

Adams 89; Sarah Pilsner 107; Nathan Bergmann-Dean 268; Alex Lough 417; Elka Schumann 53; Ron Trial 473; Pete Sutherland 347; Kitty Kagay 48t; Ronald Bornick 84; Ruth Hooh 155; Jesse Krikorian 157; Jeff Gauthier 250; Jacqueline Barnard 159; Andy Jonathan 294; Julia Seidenstein and April Birnie 49b; Troad 56b; Ines Lüttgen 396; Rowan Lupton 106; Leon Pulsinelle 70b; Anna Kazlauskas 447; Ben Sachs-Hamilton 71.

Christine Andrews and Gigi Teensma closed the first day of the Western Massachusetts Sacred Harp Convention by leading 176t. The closing prayer was offered by Tim Eriksen, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, March 11

The Sunday session of the Western Massachusetts Sacred Harp Convention was called to order by Christine Andrews leading 31t. The morning prayer was offered by Laura Timmerman.

Leaders: Molly Merrett and Maggie Shar 81t; Matthew Leger-Small 378t; Anna Marie Irvine 460; Hayley Lewis 318; Tarik Waseh 335; Andy Jonathan 499; Cheri Hardy 377; Rhys McGovern 312b; Erik Dardan Ymeraga 298; Kate Richardson 365; Sonia Chin 89; Mary Helen Dupree 120; Sinead O'Mahoney 163b; Anne Kazlauskas 95; Rowan Lupton 455; Kathy Collett 504; Ed Smith 532.

RECESS

Amy Valladares called the class back to order leading 77t. Leaders: Kelly Taylor 217; Emily Hancock 76b; Bill Dunn 300; Brian Collett 198; Yael Tarshish, Anna Tarshish, and Suzan Greenberg 472; Al McCready 282; Effie Cummings 344; Sasha Hsuczyk and Stuart Jackson 503; Ben Sachs-Hamilton 209; Myles Louis Dakan 545; Mark Godfrey 542; Patrick DeDaw 285t; Paul Butler and the Finance committee 319; Joanne Fuller 439; Robert Stoddard 507; Susan William 148; Larry Gordon 196; Corinne Ducey 410t; Leon Pulsinelle 380; Jenny Wright 203; Lucy O'Leary 340; the children's lesson 376.

RECESS

Magda Eriksen called the class back to order leading 274t. Leaders: Laura Timmerman and Sheila Kelly 566; Brendan Taaffe 43; Emma Rose Brown 426b; Leigh Cooper 384; Michael Kaye 408; Alvaro Witt Duarte 543; Nora Dunn 375; Nathan Bergmann-Dean 67; Paula Picton and Mary Stockland 277.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Tim Eriksen and Eliza Cavanaugh. Tim reflected on the inability and insufficiency of words to adequately express the sentiments of those who have lost someone dear to them. He noted the genius of the hollow square that allows us to turn our backs on the world and face each other to share our hope and love. He led 47b in honor of the following deceased: Peter Hine, Martin Powers, Marjorie Kagay, Sam 'Salami' Cohen, Pearl Kaye, Al Socolov, and Judy Socolov—New York; Joanne Bowman, Roger Cartwright, Teri Morrise, Gil Dupre, Joseph Supernan, Alfred Phillip Bedard, Robert Arthur Cummings, Sr., Raymond Frates, Sally Venman, Ed Chang, Anne Eliot Crompton, Mary Duffy Andrews, Jack O'Riley, Sandy Spencer, Abby Burg, Thomas Babbins, and Katherine Keator—Massachusetts; Antoine Capitani—France; John Patrick Hayes—Washington; Louise Marsh, Kate Reditier, Zack Frates, and Donald Fletcher—Vermont; Carol Henry—North Carolina; Carol Grosberg—California; Helen Nestler—New Jersey; Frank Evans—Virginia; Sam K.—a traveler; Lonnie Rogers—Georgia; Marie Ivey and Travis Keeton—Alabama; Christine Cox—Ohio; Josephine Capaldi—Rhode Island; John Merritt—Mississippi; Tom Maher and James Wyllie—Pennsylvania; Nick Moore—Minnesota; Elma Carr—Canada; Olga Hancock—Maryland; Ed Siemans—Illinois.

Eliza Cavanaugh reflected on the concept of health as the harmonious wholeness of the body and the corresponding wholeness of the hollow square. She noted that we

as Sacred Harp singers are privileged to know and enact wholeness in the hollow square and to experience the comfort and hope lent by singing for our ailing members. She led 34t in honor of the following sick and shut-ins: Aruilla Boswell, Jo Goldberg, Karen Patton, Tom Kunz, Rahima Wade, Liam Foster, Dottie Phillips, Danya Klie, Poppy Gregory, Sylvia Kriebel, Annie Dawson, Mauk Hudia, Dennis Cinelli, Jean Ayotte, Colin Lissandrello, Joseph Ost, Fri Zervakis, Evlin Delabar, Julie Holbrook, Sarah Ruth Hewitt, Bill Fortin, Patty Fortin, Olga Haas, Lysiane Pfaff, and Ruth Ann Bryant. Tim Eriksen closed the memorial lesson with a prayer. Leaders: Linda Shea 229; Henry Johnson 138b; Caitlyn Caulfield 159; Dan Hertzler 430. The blessing for the noon day meal was offered by Tim Eriksen.

LUNCH

Michael Nord called the class back to order leading 144. Leaders: Kshama Ananthapura 546; Jennifer Hedrich and Noelle Copeland 290; Richard Ivey, David Ivey, Karen Ivey, and Kelsey Sunderland 182; Becky Wright 548; Allison Steel, Jan Erik Steel, and Callum Steel 567; Jessica Keyes and Kevin Griffin Moreno 215; Peter Irvine 112; Melissa Kelley 216; Emily Hale-Sills and Mel Novner 434; Oliver Kindig-Stokes 428; Nathan Berry 320; Dean Jens and Rachel Speer 163t; Sheldon Finlay 441; Anna Pfau 528; Daniel Hunter and Kelly Kennedy 349; Julia Seidenstein 179; Maura Buros 442; Ray Rechenberg 29t; Paul Setford and Matthew Wojcik 501; Will Gilman 399b; Gina Balestracci and Roland Hutchins 147t; Tim Eriksen and Eliza Cavanaugh 236; the visitors from Minnesota 269; Terry Ryan 486; the visitors from Alabama 201.

RECESS

Amy Finlay called the class back to order leading 106. Leaders: Kelsey Wessels and Mary Andrews 168; Patricia Callahan 330b; John Holbrook 38t; Margaret Bornick and Ronald Bornick 178; Eli Hetko 48b; the visitors from Canada 32t; Leonard Spencer 260; Matthew Wojcik and Rosie Wojcik 436; Jaqueline Barnard 87; Guy Bankes 444; Sam Kleinman 52t; Elizabeth Stoddard 36b; Kamilah Tisdale 183; Jeff Gauthier 149; Andrew Magee 56b; Rhys McGovern 39t.

A business meeting was held to hear reports from the various committees. John Holbrook submitted the Finance Committee report declaring that all expenses were met. Matthew Leger-Small submitted the Secretary's report announcing that 221 songs had been led by 166 leaders. There were 413 singers registered from 20 states and 2 foreign countries. Michael Nord, Anna Pfau, and Oliver Kindig-Stokes delivered the Resolutions Committee report thanking Almighty God for the weekend of singing, the Northampton Center for the arts, the officers, committees, and everyone else who made the convention possible. The committee resolved to reconvene for the 15th annual session in March, 2013. The business meeting was concluded.

Christine Andrews, Molly Merrett, and Matthew Leger-Small lead 62 as the closing song. Tim Eriksen offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed. Chairman—Christine Andrews; Vice Chairman—Molly Merrett; Secretary—Matthew Leger-Small

MISSOURI STATE CONVENTION
St. John's United Church of Christ, Pinckney, Missouri
March 10-11, 2012
Saturday, March 10

The 27th annual Missouri State Sacred Harp Singing Convention was called to order at 9:30 a.m. at St. John's United Church of Christ by Roberta Strauss leading 269. Presley Barker offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Roberta Strauss; Secretary—Dave Ressler; Arranging Officer—Lisa Bulawski; Memorial Committee—Anne Drexler, Paul Wyatt, and Dave Kaeser. Songs were called from the 1991 edition of *The Sacred Harp* and *The Missouri Harmony* 2005.

Leaders: Barbara Uhlemann 66; Marcus Whitman 139 (MH); Karen Isbell 68 (MH); Dave Ressler 377; Dave Kaeser 278b; Patti Sontag 178; Daniel Bearden 189; Jubal Schultz 59; Anne Drexler 454; Daniel Gray 19 (MH); Les Sontag 142; Meg Stauffer and John Markovitz 34b; Paul Figura and Jonathan Pendleton 207.

RECESS

Darrell Swarens called the class to order leading 208. Leaders: John Uhlemann 212; Wendy Hofmann 278t; Marcia Johnson 260; Wayne Smith 163b; Tommy Schultz 143; Jan Ketelle 89 (MH); Bill Rintz 276; Shirley Figura 94; Terry Hogg 172 (MH); Charlie Derleth 34t; Carla Bermudez 113 (MH); Cindy Pempiller 159.

RECESS

Lou Kujawinski led 350 to call the class together. Leaders: Presley Barker 501; Elizabeth Schultz 138 (MH); Jedidiah Schultz 135 (MH); Penny Kujawinski 472; Berkley Moore 157; Tim Reynolds 117 (MH); Melissa Breed Parks 277; Michael Domino 161 (MH); Cherry Hinderberger 457; Evangeline Schultz and Louisa Foreman 180 (MH); Dennis Corcoran 127 (MH); Bruce Moeller and Cindy Moeller 99 (MH); Tim Von Engeln 86; Presley Barker 164 (MH). Daniel Bearden offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Roberta Strauss called the next session together by leading 32t. Leaders: Johanna Fabke 122; Jim Herr 475; Nate Green and Norma Green 384 (for Coy Ivey); Jo Dell Albi 65 (MH); B.M. Smith 318; Nate Zweig 337; Ted Mercer 302; Paul Wyatt 328; Judy Hauff 503; Mike Hinton 456; Jo Pendleton 479; Darrell Swarens 389; Jonathan Smith 12 (MH); Ted Johnson 224; Dan Brittain 434; Carol Munro Mosley 145 (MH); Rhonda Machlan 335; Pattie Doss 532; Nathan Rees 193.

RECESS

Nathan Rees and Jonathan Smith led 73t to begin this session. Leaders: Lamar Schlabach 341; Clara Herr 564; Syd Caldwell and Reba Windom 542; Janet Fraembs 480; Jim Goetz 218; William Shetter 62 (MH); Claudia Egelhoff 485; David Casenhiser 99; Evelyn Lamb 149 (MH); Paul Landskroener 166 (MH); Rob Bahler 345b; Tivey 49t; Melanie Hauff 75 (MH); James Page 170 (MH); Donna Gunderson-Rogers 106; Bill Beverly 547; Peggy Brayfield 275b; Bill Caldwell 240; Martha Beverly 78 (MH).

Announcements were made. Roberta Strauss led 146, and then Wayne Smith closed the day with a prayer.

Sunday, March 11

The Sunday session of the Missouri State Sacred Harp Singing Convention was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Roberta Strauss leading 436. Presley Barker offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Joan Aldridge 546; Marcus Whitman 448t; Johanna Fabke 129; Pattie Doss 442; Lou Kujawinski 216; Jan Ketelle 217; John Markovitz 128; Daniel Bearden 304; Jonathan Pendleton 388; Donna Gunderson-Rogers 464; James Page 45 (MH); Anne Drexler 282; Charlie Derleth 384; Jim Herr 131t; David Kaeser 56b.

RECESS

Tommy Schultz led 270 to call the class back together. Leaders: Bill Beverly 8 (MH); Claudia Egelhoff 556; Wayne Dell 22 (MH); Lori Graber 13 (MH); Syd Caldwell, Nate Green, and Norma Green 137; Sylwinn Tudor 178; Matt Shomaker 39t; Shirley Figura 361; Paul Wyatt 33b; Dayle Black 148; Peggy Brayfield 24t; David Casenhiser 569b; Wendy Hofmann 288; Ted Mercer 148 (MH).

RECESS

Leaders: Paul Landskroener 29t; Rebecca Browne 411; Lamar Schlabach and Marye Yeomans 68b.

Paul Wyatt and Anne Drexler conducted the memorial lesson. Paul read the names of the sick and shut-ins as follows: Harrison Creel, Coy Ivey, Dr. Julietta Haynes, Bud Oliver, Sammie Oliver, S.T. Reed, Lessie Reed, Inez Thornsberry, Don Buswell, Anita Buswell, Beau Caldwell, John Grant, Richard DeLong, Andy Worthington, Jim Helke, John Kaeser, Romelle Kaeser, Dixie McGregor, Lee Steinmetz, Doris Steinmetz, David Rust, Marlene Rust, Will Fitzgerald, Jim Hearne, Ruth Snyder, Mary Ellen Wilkinson, David Carlton, Bob Anderson, Elizabeth Melde, Bob Scorgie, Julie Veal, and Phylis Hiser Hartwig. Paul led 229.

Anne Drexler read the list of names of those deceased since the last convention as the class hummed "China". Those remembered were Christine Gandy, Marie Ivey, Travis Keeton, Corinne Lacy, Clarence McCool, Ernestine Pipkin, Cecil Sanders, Melvin Stiefel—Alabama; Virginia Cowart—Arkansas; John Merritt—Mississippi; George Holland, Lonnie Rogers, Merle Worthington—Georgia; Becky Shildman, Paul Streeter, Mike Veech—Illinois; Joanne Bowman—Massachusetts; Ed Hinderberger, Sharyn Kropp, Muriel Taylor, William Malloy—Missouri; Jerry Clagget—Ohio; Frank Evans—Virginia; Joyce Anderson—Wisconsin; and Steve Collins—United Kingdom. Dave Kaeser led 163b, and closed the lesson with a prayer.

Leaders: Carol Munro Mosley 192; William Shetter 98 (MH); Jim Crawford and Mary Crawford 546; Jo Pendleton 145b; Rob Bahler 423; Melanie Hauff 80 (MH); Clara Herr and Dan Brittain 481; Jim Goetz 312b. Daniel Bearden closed the morning with the blessing.

LUNCH

Roberta Strauss led 82t to begin the afternoon session. Leaders: David Lloyd 320; Mike Hinton 340; Martha Beverly 504; Ariadne Zitsos 181; Darrell Swarens and Jim Herr 49b; Jo Dell Albi 56 (MH); Tim Reynolds 92 (MH); Janet Fraembs 175 (MH); Penny Kujawinski 383; Jediah Schultz 146; Jubal Schultz 496; Judy Hauff 84 (MH); Nate Green and Norma Green 43.

RECESS

The final session was called to order by Tim Reynolds leading 64. Leaders: Karen Isbell and John Markovitz 212; Evelyn Lamb 362; Bill Rintz 186; Paul Landskroener 365; Ethan Schultz 299; Patti Sontag and Les Sontag 268; Tommy Schultz 198; Barbara Uhlemann 46 (MH); Presley Barker 505; Marye Yeomans 313b; Paul Figura 19 (MH); Wayne Smith 105; Marcus Whitman 133; Claudia Egelhoff 77b; Dave Ressler 77 (MH).

The arranging officer reported that eighty songs were led on Saturday and seventy-five on Sunday, and that twelve states were represented by singers at this convention. Announcements were made.

Marcus Whitman closed the convention with a prayer, and the class sang 62 as the closing song.

Chairman—Roberta Strauss; Secretary—Dave Ressler

OXFORD SINGING

University of Mississippi, Oxford, Mississippi Sunday, March 11, 2012

The 32nd annual Oxford Sacred Harp Singing was held in the choral room of the Music Building at the University of Mississippi campus, Oxford, Mississippi, on the second Sunday in March. The class was called to order by Warren Steel leading 48t. Earl Ballinger offered the morning prayer.

Mark Davis then led 270, and the class entered into a business session, selecting the following officers: Chairman—Warren Steel; Vice Chairman—Mark Davis; Secretary—Brenda Chafin; Arranging Officer—Elene Stovall. Leaders: Elene Stovall 171; Brenda Chafin 216; Sarah Beasley 340; Bobby Watkins 348b; Lisa Davis 436; John Van Horn 209; Bea Carnathan 204; Seth Holloway 274t; Mary Amelia Taylor 276; Earl Ballinger 224; Amy Armstrong 38b; Henry Guthery 456; Anne Steel 268; Hugh Bill McGuire 318; Vicky Neyman 178; Gravis Ballinger 182; Jane Armstrong 63; Danny Creel 145t; Lisa Geist 304; Tim Taylor 66; Gaston White 155.

RECESS

Warren Steel called the class to order leading 215. Leaders: Henry McGuire 490; Natalie Davis 79; Milano Neyman 452; Kurt Davis 200; Cheyenne Ivey and Taylor Watkins 222; Ben Barber and Bob Barber 282; Chris Ballinger 170; Jamie Corbett 354b; Larry Ballinger 528; Jan Murray 457; Mark Tew 339; Chuck Howell 112; Jeff Corbett 68b.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Elene Stovall and Linda Thomas.

Elene Stovall read the following names of those deceased in the past year: Bernice Embry, Benny Walls, Travis Keeton, John Merritt, Cecil Sanders, Clarence McCool, Lonnie Rogers, and Marie Ivey. She led 564 in their memory.

Linda Thomas led 47t for the sick and homebound, and Danny Creel offered the memorial prayer.

Leaders: Hugh Bill McGuire 49b; Sarah Tidwell 146; Clay Terry 37t.

LUNCH

Mark Davis called the afternoon session to order leading 220. Leaders: Bobby Neyman 479; Jack Barbera 129; Price Walden 89; Wanda Capps and April Watson 546; Matt Bell 414; Henry McGuire 532; Cheyenne Ivey, Linda Thomas, and Taylor Watkins 217; Bob Barber, Ben Barber, and Karol Barber 370; Bea Carnathan 341; Mark Tew 108t; Lisa Geist 273; John Van Horn 410t; Henry Guthery 558; Mary Amelia Taylor 189; Dameron Neyman 50b; Chris Ballinger 44; Anne Steel 448t; Larry Ballinger 448b; Jan Murray 275t; Danny Creel 269; Gaston White 99; Amy Armstrong 40; Gravis Ballinger 300; Jamie Corbett 133; Seth Holloway 534; Sarah Tidwell 42; Earl Ballinger 177; Vicky Neyman and Milano Neyman 117; Chuck Howell 32t; Sarah Beasley 167; Bobby Watkins 480; Clay Terry 87; Jeff Corbett 565; Tim Taylor 77t; Bobby Neyman 163b; Matt Bell 468; Charlie Gates 85; Brenda Chafin 376; Jack Barbera 59.

Following announcements, Warren Steel, Mark Davis, and Brenda Chafin led 345b as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer offered by Matt Bell.

Chairman—Warren Steel; Vice Chairman—Mark Davis; Secretary—Brenda Chafin

HOBOKEN SCHOOL SINGING (COOPER BOOK)

**Hoboken, Georgia
Saturday, March 17, 2012**

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at Hoboken School was called to order by David Lee and Clarke Lee leading 68b and 331b. The opening prayer was offered by Gary Rogan.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairmen—David Lee and Clarke Lee; Secretary—Amy Lee.

Leaders: Kathy Lee and Julie Lee 138t, 558; Amy Lee 59; Lee Bradley 559; John Gentry 96; Trevor East 47t; Macy Crawford 264b; Judith Parker 40; Robyn Crawford 344; Frank DeBolt 283t; James Williamson 505; Frank Strickland 410; Ray Rechenberg and Karen Clark 430; Ashley Thompson 511t; Fred Hoerr 38b.

RECESS

Riley Lee led 170 to bring the class to order. Leaders: Les Singleton 63; Buck Lea 193; Steven Taylor 155; Jennifer Hedrich 336t; Tollie Lee 84; Ina Shea 416t; Anna Pfau 573; Corrone Bryant 49b; Amy Steuver family 393b; Sharon Kermiet 95b; Tony Batten and Lynn Batten 488b; Beverly Coates 385t; Daniel Hunter 448; Hayden Arp 408; Tor Bejnar 401.

RECESS

The class was brought back together by Mary Elizabeth O'Neal leading 145b. David Lee led the memorial lesson, and Clarke Lee closed the memorial service with prayer.

Leaders: Phil Summerlin 571; Gillian Inksetter 78; Phillipa Stoddard 101b; David Wright 378b; Catherine Rogan 276; John Kelso 165; Matt Bell 377b; Alexa Copeland and Will Gilman 69; Kelly Kennedy 30b; Jeb Owen 68t; Elizabeth Stoddard 341; Chris Holley and Kathe Pilibosian 133.

LUNCH

Clarke Lee led 106 to begin the afternoon session. Leaders: Gary Rogan 511b; Dusty McCullough 438t; Jesse Roberts 575; Karen Willard 552; Jesse Karlsberg 497; Reba Windom 478; Gavin Baxley 364; David Lee family 500; Nathan Berry 144; Nicoletta Rogers 567; Cooper Smith 348t; Claudene Townson, Larry Wootten, and Syble Adams 572; Micah Roberts 239; Vivian Rogan 508; Ben Cocchiaro 182; Tommy Spurlock 140; Robert Stoddard 400; Bruce Coates 507b; Johnny Lee family 46.

RECESS

Trevor East led 76b. Leaders: Morgan Bunch and Sue Bunch 392; Shane O'Neal and Mary Elizabeth O'Neal 67, 47b; Laura Densmore 527; Melissa Kelley 380t; Donna Smith 142; Jesse Roberts family 192; Maurice Taylor 484; Lauren Bock 98; Karen Clark and Tommie Spurlock 499; Stanley Smith and Laura Densmore 210; Riley Lee 563; Karen Martin and cousins 463.

Announcements were made. David Lee and Riley Lee led 207 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Shane O'Neal.

Chairmen—David Lee and Clarke Lee; Secretary—Amy Lee

SOUTH CAROLINA STATE SINGING IN MEMORY OF WILLIAM WALKER Wofford College, Spartanburg, South Carolina Saturday, March 17, 2012

The 18th annual session of the South Carolina State Singing in Memory of William Walker was held in the Burwell Building at Wofford College, Spartanburg, South Carolina, on Saturday before the third Sunday in March. The books used during the singing were *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*, *The Christian Harmony, 2010 Edition*, and *The Southern Harmony, 1854 Edition*. Dr. Doyle Boggs of Wofford College welcomed the participants, and Nathan Rees taught an introductory singing school covering four shapes and seven shapes.

The first session was from *The Sacred Harp*. Jonathon Smith brought the class to order leading 59. Nathan Rees offered prayer.

Leaders: Jonathon Smith 81t; Nathan Rees 83b; Jane Spencer 33b; John Plunkett 49b; Leon Carnell 47b; Mary Baumeister 47t; Danny Arms 392; Judy Mincey 475; John Hollingsworth 415; Phil Perrion 73b; Frances Carnell 32t; Bill Burns 48b; Danny Farmer 282; Gib Rogers 30t; Robert Kelley 310; Billy Hollingsworth 365; Harry Eskew 40; Diane Eskenasy 155; Christine Peterson and John Eber 31t.

RECESS

The next session was from *The Christian Harmony*. Jonathon Smith brought the class back to order leading 131 (CH). Leaders: Dorothy Lane 235 (CH); Nathan Rees 354 (CH).

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Frances Carnell; Vice Chairman—Nathan Rees; Secretary—Judy Mincey; Arranging Officer—John Plunkett.

Leaders: Jane Spencer 327 (CH) (for Michael Walker); Frances Carnell 109 (CH) (for Miriam Carnell); Mary Baumeister 546b (CH); Bill Burns 249 (CH); Robert Kelley 67t (CH); Judy Mincey 280 (CH); John Hollingsworth 309 (CH); Danny Arms 214 (CH); Diane Eskenasy 51 (CH); Billy Hollingsworth 537 (CH); Leon Carnell 165 (CH); Gib Rogers 359 (CH); Phil Perrion 117 (CH); Jonathon Smith 334 (CH) (by request).

LUNCH

The next session was leader's choice. Frances Carnell brought the class back to order leading 384. Leaders: Harry Eskew 51 (SoH); Cleve Callison 299; Ken George 307 (CH); Christine Peterson and John Eber 178; Dave Farmer 324; Dorothy Lane 503; John Plunkett 261t (CH); Jane Spencer 155 (CH); Mary Baumeister 63; Billy Hollingsworth 209 (CH); Nathan Rees 76 (SoH); Judy Mincey 547 (CH); Phil Perrion 143 (CH); Robert Kelley 24t (SoH); Danny Arms 452 (for Vee Kemp); Jonathon Smith 64 (CH); Bill Burns 291 (CH); Gib Rogers 383 (CH); Cleve Callison 236; Christine Peterson and John Eber 146; Danny Farmer 541 (CH); John Plunkett 386 (CH).

Frances Carnell led 56t as the closing song. John Plunkett dismissed the class with prayer. After the singing, several singers met at the grave site of William Walker, A.S. H. to sing "New Britain".

Chairman—Jonathon Smith; Vice Chairman—Nathan Rees; Secretary—Jane Spencer

STEPHENSON, WALL, AND HOCUTT MEMORIAL Pleasant Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Boldo, Alabama Saturday Night, March 17, 2012

The annual Stephenson, Wall, and Hocutt Memorial Sacred Harp singing was held on Saturday night before the third Sunday in March at Pleasant Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Boldo, Alabama. The class was called to order by Velton Chafin leading 32t. Ronald Gilmore offered the opening prayer. Velton Chafin led 30t and 413.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Velton Chafin; Secretary—Margaret Keeton; Arranging Officer—Brenda Chafin.

Leaders: Don Keeton 477, 498; Bea Carnathan 438, 80b; Kermit Adams 424, 392; Hazel Gilmore and Ronald Gilmore 393 (for Tim Gilmore), 111t; Larry Ballinger 148, 133; Linda Sides 480; Faye Donaldson 225t; Ken Tate 564, 565; Lisa Geist 472, 272; Danny Creel 475, 111b (for Harrison Creel); Steve Adams and Lisa Geist 101t, 378t; Glenn Keeton 378b (for Eugene Forbes); Henry Guthery 499, 527; Margaret Gowan 30b (in memory of her father); Faye Narramore 335, 75; Henry Guthery 454 (for Willodean Barton); Brenda Chafin 192, 491.

Velton Chafin led 521 as the closing song. Danny Creel offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Velton Chafin; Secretary—Margaret Keeton

ZION HILL PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Douglas, Alabama
Sunday, March 18, 2012

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Zion Hill Primitive Baptist Church, Douglas, Alabama, was held on the third Sunday in March. The class was called to order by Ricky Harcrow leading 82t and 49b. Elder Stoney Dorning welcomed the class and offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Ricky Harcrow; Secretary—Susan Harcrow; Arranging Officer—Jackie Tanner.

Leaders: Jackson Harcrow 97, 70b; Jackie Tanner 36b, 61; Susan Harcrow 215, 430; Scott Ivey 111b, 73t; Judy Chambless 29t, 129; Scott DePoy 65, 48t; Doug Conn 67, 81t; Susan Cheronos 107, 40; Robert Chambless 176b, 84.

RECESS

Ricky Harcrow led 37b to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Blake Sisemore 271t, 411; Butch White 34b, 503; Emily Bursleson 228, 318; Marlin Beasley 270, 498; John Plunkett 446, 466; Karen Rollins 492, 354t; Jeannette DePoy 362; Henry Johnson 69t, 409; Danny Creel 386, 327; Cheyenne Ivey 512, 168.

RECESS

The class was brought together by Ricky Harcrow leading 42. Leaders: David Light 192, 200; Jarrod Wootten 440; Stephanie Dorning 63; Dennis George 375, 358 (by request); Buell Cobb and T.C. Bailey 436; Marty Wootten 276; Sharon Brown and Gail Jenkins 354b, 39b; Larry Lambert and Helen Lambert 312b, 410b; Jerry Creason and Ann Sibole 335, 56b.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Ricky Harcrow leading 138b and 128. Leaders: Jamey Wootten 445; Judy Caudle 392; Richard Ivey 564; Reba Windom 182; Aaron Wootten 39t; Cindy Tanner 269; B.M. Smith 475; Rodney Ivey 176t, 56t; Nate Green and Norma Green 467, 418; Vella Dailey and Russ Pope 117; Sarah Vaughn 101t; Linda Thomas 391, 47t; Jenny Mann 551; John Plunkett 53; B.M. Smith 441; Susan Harcrow 159 (in memory of Elvie Brown and Annie Lee Brown Miller, members of Zion Hill Church who passed since the last singing); Susan Cheronos 481; Buell Cobb 131b.

Following announcements, Ricky Harcrow led 45t as the closing song. Marty Wootten offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Ricky Harcrow; Secretary—Susan Harcrow

GODSEY SISTERS MEMORIAL SINGING
Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Double Springs, Alabama
Sunday, March 18, 2012

The Godsey Sisters Memorial Singing in honor of Leona Horton, Maude Adams, Delia Watts, and Mina Adams was called to order by Kermit Adams leading 31b. The morning prayer was offered by Richard Mauldin. Kermit Adams led 137.

The class was organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Dawson Adams; Vice Chairman—Don Keeton; Secretary/Arranging Officer—Margaret Keeton.

Leaders: Richard Mauldin 235 (in memory of Travis Keeton), 36b; Linda Sides 32t, 448t; Betty Baccus 329, 378t; Don Keeton 73t, 77t; Stella Pratt 411, 182; Lorene Gray 75, 59; Louise Yeager 358; Josie Hyde 297, 183.

RECESS

Don Keeton led 145b to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Matthew Cook 224, 87; Wayne Horton 294, 388; Parnell Berry 306, 298; Ottis Sides 61, 475; Lisa Geist

171, 546; Glenn Keeton 535, 349 (in memory of Clarence McCool); Amber Davis and Claire Davis 187, 76b; Earl Ballinger 299, 112; Faye Donaldson 270 (for her daughter, Sharon); Gravis Ballinger 300, 215. Earl Ballinger offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Don Keeton called the afternoon session to order by leading 35. Leaders: Larry Ballinger 93, 76t; Lena Keeton and Wayne Horton 146, 317; Steve Adams and Lisa Geist 331, 179 (in memory of Travis Keeton); Emily Jones and Kermit Adams 471, 426b, 229 (for Janice Shoemaker); Emily Jones, Kermit Adams, and Jessie Adams 143; Linda Sides 225t; Amber Davis and Claire Davis 82t; Glenn Keeton 86; Earl Ballinger 167; Gravis Ballinger 78; Wayne Horton 72b, 406 (for Bernice Wakefield); Larry Ballinger 540; Lisa Geist 394; Richard Mauldin 339; Ottis Sides 527, 530; Glenn Keeton 507 (for Josie Hyde); Kermit Adams 159, 408, 424.

Following announcements, Earl Ballinger offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Dawson Adams; Vice Chairman—Don Keeton; Secretary—Margaret Keeton

AUBURN SPRING EVENING SINGING **St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church, Auburn, Alabama** **Friday night, March 23, 2012**

Fred Hoerr called the class to order leading 34t. He offered the opening prayer, and then led 30b. There being many first-time singers in attendance, Fred Hoerr and Karen Clark offered introductory history and singing instruction.

Leaders: Karen Clark 45t, 421; Marty Hoerr 503, 148; Jack Nelson 335, 480; Judy Chambless 29t; James Robert Chambless 49t, 72b.

RECESS

Fred Hoerr led 47t to bring the class to order. Leaders: Cathy Love 159, 358; Clay Jones 59; Emily Stutzman Jones and Anne Sockwell 49b, 39t; Karen Clark 274t; Fred Hoerr 277; Jack Nelson and Mona Nelson 278b, 457.

Clay Jones offered the closing prayer. Fred Hoerr and Karen Clark led 566 as the closing song, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Fred Hoerr; Vice Chairman—Karen Clark; Secretaries—Tom and Michelle Westmoreland

HOLMFIRTH SACRED HARP DAY **Wooldale Community Centre, West Yorkshire, United Kingdom** **Saturday, March 24, 2012**

The 8th session of the Holmfirth Sacred Harp Day was held at Wooldale Community Centre in the Pennine Hills near Holmfirth in Yorkshire on the last Saturday of March. Maria Wallace began the day by leading 159. Helen Brown offered the opening prayer. Helen then conducted a short singing school in which she led 34b and 39t.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Maria Wallace; Secretary—Judy Whiting.

RECESS

Benny Ross called the class to order by leading 105. Leaders: Judy Whiting 503; Ewan Paterson 49b; Sarah West 31b; Joe Vickers 131t; Sarah Hill 36b; Ted Brown 33b; Cath Tyler 61; Peter Knudson 515; Lin James 48t; Phil Tyler 160b; Helen Brown 278t; Chris Brown 271t; Maria Wallace 183; Joe Vickers 31t; Sarah West 86;

Anna Baldini 146; Benny Ross 212; Judy Whiting 466. Joe Vickers offered a prayer for the shared meal.

LUNCH

Helen Brown called the class to order by leading 34b. Leaders: Ewan Paterson 277; Sarah Hill 177; Phil Tyler 290; Anna Baldini 178; Ted Brown 35; Chris Brown 47b; Cath Tyler 419; Lin James 131b.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Cath Ingham remembering the following deceased: Gordon Corrick—Hull; Travis Keeton, Marie Ivey, Lonnie Rogers—USA; Joe Reynolds—Denmead; Sam Hiller, and Tony Goodall.

She also spoke for the following sick and housebound: Brenda Grimshaw, Tony Parkinson, Eugene Forbes, Shaney Wicks, Roy Payne, Jill Kirby, Maureen Gamlin, Cath Saunt, Myrtle Anne Ballard, Jerry Gaskill, and Hannah Land. Cath Ingham and Colin Higgins led 457.

Leaders: Maria Wallace 445; Joe Vickers 70t; Sarah West 498; Peter Knudson 148; Judy Whiting 72b; Benny Ross 473; Helen Brown 228; Ewan Paterson 274t; Chris Brown 128.

RECESS

Ted Brown led 81t to call the class to order. Leaders: Cath Tyler 441; Sarah Hill 163t; Phil Tyler 344; Anna Baldini 117; Ewan Paterson 282; Sarah West 288; Joe Vickers 276; Cath Tyler and Phil Tyler 217; Sarah Hill 111t; Helen Brown and Ted Brown 546; Benny Ross 475; Anna Baldini 324; Judy Whiting and Chris Brown 47t. After announcements and reports, it was agreed to meet again on Saturday before the third Sunday in March, 2013. Maria Wallace led 347, and Ted Brown dismissed the class with a closing prayer.

Chairman—Maria Wallace; Secretary—Judy Whiting

VELMA SINGING **Yalobusha County, Mississippi** **Saturday, March 24, 2012**

A special singing, sponsored by the Water Valley Arts Council, was held at Bethlehem United Methodist Church, Velma, Mississippi. Warren Steel called the class to order leading 108t and 101t. James Person offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: John Van Horn 36b, 63, 201; Hugh Bill McGuire 345b, 343; Henry McGuire 40, 34t, 234; Drew McGuire 235, 418, 569b; Robert Earl Alexander 85, 124; Cliff Hall 277, 59, 47b; George Easley 34t, 313t, 323b.

RECESS

Warren Steel brought the class back to order leading 200. Leaders: Matt Bell 30t, 425, 174; Milano Neyman 274t, 45t; Bobby Watkins 406, 480, 460; Bobby Neyman 82t, 178, 39t; Ben Barber 51, 282. Rev. Philip Dearman, pastor of the church, welcomed the singers and asked the blessing upon the noon meal.

LUNCH

Warren Steel began the afternoon session leading 280 and 179. Leaders: Logan Green 87, 351, 171; April Watkins 64, 146; Carol Barber 74b; Arlon Gardner 454, 455, 442; Gail Thompson 176t, 290; Molly Barber 154, 132, 409; Bob Barber 72b, 72t; Warren Steel 269, 141; John Van Horn 300, 236; Henry McGuire 441; Drew McGuire 209; Robert Earl Alexander 400; Cliff Hall 268; George Easley 438; Matt Bell 69t; Milano Neyman 468; Bobby Neyman 82b; Bobby Watkins 348b; Logan Green 142; Arlon Gardner 313b; Gail Thompson 312b.

Following announcements, Warren Steel led 288 as the closing song, and the class was dismissed with prayer offered by John Van Horn.

Chairman—Warren Steel

PITTSBURGH REGIONAL ALL-DAY SACRED HARP SINGING
Franklin Park Baptist Church, Sewickley, Pennsylvania
Saturday, March 24, 2012

The 3rd annual Pittsburgh Regional All-Day Sacred Harp Singing was held at Franklin Park Baptist Church, Sewickley, Pennsylvania. Katie White called the class to order at 10:00 a.m. leading 84. Rev. Clark Brocht offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Penny Anderson 114; Gerry Hoffman 300; Brian How 143; Laura Densmore 313t; Will Reilly 235; Pleasance Crawford 565; Lois Hurt 515; Jan May 344; Beth Todd 32t; Chuck Crawford 87; Sara Wetzel 159; Steve Rogers 171; Barbara Hohenstein 94; Linda Marker 59; Jerusha Wheeler 217; Joe Todd 125; Nicoletta Rogers 150; Dave Witter 347.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Katie White; Vice Chairman and Secretary—Penny Anderson.

RECESS

Penny Anderson called the class back together leading 146. Leaders: Will Reilly 287; Pleasance Crawford 550; Jan May 276; Katie White 112; Roy Shockey 178; Barbara Hohenstein 441; Gerry Hoffman 36t; Sara Wetzel 30t; Joe Todd 122; Dave Witter 191; Linda Marker 268.

Gerry Hoffman and Pleasance Crawford spoke in memory of Tom Schultz of Ontario, who passed away on March 17, and Gerry Hoffman led 168.

Leaders: Laura Densmore 486; Leslie Clark 107. Rev. Paul Tobias offered grace for the mid-day meal.

LUNCH

Jerusha Wheeler called the class back to order by leading 106. Leaders: Lois Hurt 551; Chuck Crawford 82t; Jo Schlesinger 504; Steve Rogers 68b; Beth Todd 52t; Nicoletta Rogers “Ten Thousand Charms”; Penny Anderson 63; Jerusha Wheeler 85; Marita Strafford 47b; Dave Witter 183; Dave Clum and Gerry Hoffman 49t, 319; Katie White 501; Brian How 324; Roy Shockey 117; Barbara Hohenstein 210; Will Reilly 503; Pleasance Crawford 481; Linda Marker 40.

RECESS

Gillian Inksetter led 72b to call the class back to order. Leaders: Jan May 474; Jo Schlesinger 28t; Laura Densmore 29t; Pam Wilson 35; Gillian Inksetter 228; Sara Wetzel 45t; Steve Rogers 99; Leslie Clark 198; Nicoletta Rogers 350; Alicia Greathouse 127; Beth Todd 89; Lois Hurt 34b; Joe Todd 457; Penny Anderson 209; Jerusha Wheeler 142; Chuck Crawford 147b; Gillian Inksetter 34t; Roy Shockey 49b; Barbara Hohenstein 383; Will Reilly 569b; Pleasance Crawford 382; Jan May 66; Laura Densmore 157; Linda Marker 113.

In a business meeting, Gerry Hoffman announced that expenses had been met, and there would be a donation to the Franklin Park Baptist Church. Announcements were made. Penny Anderson reported that 79 songs had been sung.

Katie White led 267 as the closing song. Rev. Clark Brocht offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Katie White; Vice Chairman and Secretary—Penny Anderson

PIKES PEAK SACRED HARP SINGING
Chapel of Our Saviour, Colorado Springs, Colorado
Saturday, March 24, 2012

The 7th annual Pikes Peak Sacred Harp Singing was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Lance Lloyd leading 77b. He followed this with the opening prayer.

The class was organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Co-Chairpersons—Lance Lloyd and Elyssa Lloyd; Secretary—Pete Mathewson;

Treasurer—Susie Mathewson. The election of officers for the eighth annual singing to be held on the Saturday before the 4th Sunday in March 2013 was deferred. Song selections were from the Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition and the 2006 *B.F. White Sacred Harp, Cooper Edition* (CB). Leaders: Kathryn Eastburn 49t; Leslie Alperin 163b; Claire Singleton 33b; Bonnie Dolan 31t; Isaac Lloyd 38b; April Barlow 501 (CB); Elyssa Lloyd 38t (CB); Karl Dise 55 (CB); David Haws 528; Pete Mathewson 354t; Judy VanDuzer 344; Paul Lindholm 32b; Catie VanDuzer 280; Corrie VanDuzer 195; Kathryn Eastburn 354b; Leslie Alperin 228; Claire Singleton 39t; Bonnie Dolan 432; Isaac Lloyd 63; April Barlow 142; Elyssa Lloyd 141.

RECESS

The memorial lesson was conducted by Lance Lloyd and Isaac Lloyd. They led 52b for the sick and shut-ins, and 55 in memory of the deceased.

Leaders: Karl Dise 214; David Haws 274t; Pete Mathewson and Mary Campbell 230; Judy VanDuzer 315; Paul Lindholm 224; Catie VanDuzer 556; Corrie VanDuzer 273 (CB); Mia Alvarado 312b; Kathryn Eastburn 218; Leslie Alperin 209; Claire Singleton 40; Bonnie Dolan 131; Isaac Lloyd 178; April Barlow 314. The class sang the dinner grace “Almighty King! Whose Wond’rous Hand”.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Elyssa Lloyd leading 571 (CB). Leaders: Karl Dise 284 (CB); David Haws 148; Judy VanDuzer 540; Paul Lindholm 77t; Catie VanDuzer 192; Corrie VanDuzer 288 (CB); Kathryn Eastburn 393t (CB); Leslie Alperin 155; Claire Singleton 117; Bonnie Dolan 318; April Barlow 189; Elyssa Lloyd 400; Karl Dise 353; David Haws 181; Judy VanDuzer 102; Pete Mathewson 95b (CB); Paul Lindholm 552 (CB); Catie VanDuzer 84; Corrie VanDuzer 362; Kathryn Eastburn 99; Leslie Alperin 378b; Claire Singleton 235; Bonnie Dolan 296; April Barlow 273; Elyssa Lloyd and Corrie VanDuzer 232 (CB), 235 (CB); Karl Dise 210.

Elyssa Lloyd led 62 as the closing song. Lance Lloyd offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Co-Chairpersons—Lance Lloyd and Elyssa Lloyd; Secretary—Pete Mathewson

HIGHER GROUND SINGING

Centenary United Methodist Church, Terre Haute, Indiana Saturday, March 24, 2012

The 17th annual Higher Ground Singing was called to order by Peggy Brayfield leading 373. Terry Hogg offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Co-Chairpersons—Peggy Brayfield and James Eldridge; Arranging Officer—Rebecca Eldridge; Finance Officer—Darrell Swarens; Secretary—Rebecca Eldridge.

Leaders: Darrell Swarens 36b; Terry Hogg 523; Janet Fraembs 99; Wayne Dell 22 (MH); Carol Munro Mosley 9 (MH); Evelyn Lamb 440; Jim Crawford 107; Lori Graber 500; William Shetter 27 (MH); Michael Mosley 6 (MH); John Hoerr 504; Presley Barker 313b; Rebecca Browne 313t; James Eldridge 298; Mary Crawford 444; Daniel Bearden 198; Marcus Whitman 162 (MH); Rebecca Eldridge 441; J.R. Hardman 335.

RECESS

James Eldridge called the class back to order leading 33t. Leaders: Annaliza Cull 155; Ray Rechenberg 40; Tom Morton 503; Katherine Eldridge 124; Carol Munro Mosley 455; Tim Morton 365; Janet Fraembs 532; Wayne Dell 14 (MH); Lori Graber 368; Evelyn Lamb 542; Darrell Swarens 135 (MH); Terry Hogg 13 (MH); Jim Crawford 546; Joe Astrouski 146; William Shetter 195; John Hoerr 270.

Janet Fraembs spoke for the following sick and shut-ins: Lee Steinmetz, Doris Steinmetz, David Rust, Marlen Rust, Bud Oliver, Sammie Oliver, Hal Malehorn, Carol Revill, Gary Gronau, Jim Hearne, and Harrison Creel. She led 86. Darrell Swarens conducted the memorial lesson and led 267 for the following deceased: Becky Schildman and Michael Veech—Illinois; Tom Schultz—Ontario, Canada; John Merritt—Mississippi; Marie Ivey and Travis Keeton—Alabama; Lonnie Rogers—Georgia; Bob Meek—Kentucky. Terry Hogg closed the lesson with prayer. Peggy Brayfield led 164 (MH) as grace for the noon meal.

LUNCH

James Eldridge called the afternoon session to order by leading 172. Leaders: Rebecca Browne 192; Michael Mosley 564; Thomas Smith 472; Darrell Swarens 128; Darrell Swarens and Michele Cull 236; Joan Aldridge 228; Mary Yeomans 163b; Peggy Brayfield 89 (MH); Presley Barker 505; Marcus Whitman 127 (MH); Mary Crawford 535; Annalza Cull 268; Adrian Eldridge and Michele Cull 145 (MH); Daniel Bearden 361; J.R. Hardman 63; Virginia Eldridge 106; Katherine Eldridge 114.

RECESS

The class was called back by Terry Hogg leading 47t. Leaders: Ray Rechenberg 138 (MH); Tom Morton 49b; Carol Munro Mosley 464; Janet Fraembs 91; Wayne Dell 64 (MH); Tim Morton 45 (MH); Rebecca Eldridge 396; Lori Graber 334; Evelyn Lamb 378b; William Shetter 28b; John Hoerr 30b; Joe Astrouski 47b; Michael Mosley 475; Rebecca Browne 276; Virginia Eldridge 300; Mary Yeomans 68b; Thomas Smith 35; Daniel Bearden 196; Marcus Whitman 448t; J.R. Hardman 473; Presley Barker 474; Darrell Swarens 436 (for James Eldridge's birthday).

After announcements were made, Peggy Brayfield and James Eldridge led 347 as the closing song. Terry Hogg offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed. Co-Chairpersons—Peggy Brayfield and James Eldridge; Secretary—Rebecca Eldridge

VERMONT ALL-DAY SACRED HARP SINGING **First Congregational Church, Burlington, Vermont** **Saturday, March 24, 2012**

The 32nd annual Vermont Sacred Harp Singing was held at the First Congregational Church in Burlington, Vermont. Pete Sutherland called the class to order at 10:00 a.m. by leading 31t. Kerry Cullinan gave the welcome and introduction. The opening prayer was offered by Joseph Pensak.

Leaders: Paul Gauthier 40; Corinne Ducey 107; Faiz Wareh 49t; Tom Malone 318; Somen Goodman 86; Joanne Fuller 176b; Harry Scott 99; Bill Holt 129; Mary Skidmore 481; Dan Hertzler 480; Ines Lüttgen 74b; Patricia Callahan 354t; Earl Kipp 410t; Judy Carpenter 38t; Tarik Wareh 53; Willis McCumber 181; Ian Ludders 228; Debby Moody 189; Joel Morel 209; Mark Williams 299.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Kerry Cullinan; Treasurer—Marsha Camp; Chaplain—Joseph Pensak; Arranging Committee—Ian Smiley, Ben Sachs Hamilton, Tom Malone, and Paul Gauthier; Secretary—Sarah Woodward.

RECESS

Paul Gauthier called the class to order leading 84. Leaders: Naomi Washer 312b; Abraham Rinehart 282; Ben Zucker 146; Lynnette Coomb 163b; Leonard Spencer 320; George Pomfret 168; Elliot Cash 504; Janet Anderson 56b; Elka Schumann 127; Sonia Kissin 455; Carole Dempsey 114; David Black 106; Jacob Flanigan 476; Mary Jo Shafer 72b; Chelsea Rose Sargent 347; Masti-Denise Mayrand 108b;

Kestrel Slocombe 155; Jacob Flanigan 198; Ben Sachs Hamilton 344; Deanna Anderson 203; Peggy White 254; Ben Sachs Hamilton 49b.

Lauren Hamilton led 178 for the following sick and shut-ins: Mabel Schroeder, Mitch Kessler, Mary Schieber, Aubrey Wagner, Kyla Werlin, Michael Swaydnor, Sarah Ruth Hewitt, Jean Ayotte, Patricia Cook, Riley Skinner, Zach Ossefort, and Catherine Dembauski.

Dan Hertzler led 499 in loving memory of the following deceased: Arthur Ludlow, Blair Hamilton, Zack Frates, Joseph Pensak, Dee Corkins, Elaine Dearborn, Peggy Porter, Helen Wight, Polly Howlett, and Louise Marsh—Vermont; Julie Holbrook, Phillip Bedard, and Dennis Linehan—Massachusetts; Ross Legler—New Hampshire; Marianne Marks—Tennessee; Antoine Capitani—France. Dan Hertzler offered prayer to close the memorial service.

Leaders: John Landsman 268; Sarah Woodward 47b. Joseph Pensak offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Bill Holt called the class to order leading 87. Leaders: Avery Book 290; Glenn Patterson 112; Willis McCumber 383; Pete Sutherland 37b; Mary Skidmore 567; Corinne Ducey 111b; Lauren Hamilton 183; Ines Lüttgen 373; Kestrel Slocombe 503; George Pomfret 236; Bill Holt 269; Ian Smiley and Chelsea Sargent 39t; Dan Hertzler 528; Paul Gauthier 362; Olivia Zubrowski 159; Rebecca Blumenthal and Naomi Washer 457; David Black 460; Patricia Callahan 498; Sonia Kissin 335; Joanne Fuller 439; Ian Ludders 83b.

RECESS

The class was called to order and announcements were made. Leaders: Ian Smiley 430; Mark Williams 474; Earl Kipp 454; Mary Jo Shafer 101t; Joel Morel 38b; Debby Moody 294; Lynnette Combs 300; Isabelle G. Chapman 105; Deanna Anderson 551; Leonard Spencer 260; Janet Anderson 351; Tarik Wareh 274t; Judy Carpenter 48t; Sarah Woodward 117; Judy Carpenter 65; Claire Hogan 68t; Tom Malone 475; Maria Schuman 43; Harry Scott 180.

A business session was conducted. A motion passed to allow that collected funds in excess of the expense for the day be used to pay for further singings. A second motion passed providing that the 2013 Vermont All-Day Sacred Harp Singing tentatively be held in Bennington on the third Saturday in March. The Secretary reported that 144 singers from 11 states, provinces, or countries registered for the event and that a total of 88 songs were led.

Kerry Cullinan led 62 as the closing song. Mark Williams offered the closing prayer. Kerry Cullinan expressed thanks to all that offered their gifts and volunteered time to make the event possible, and dismissed the class.

Chairman—Kerry Cullinan; Secretary—Sarah Woodward

GEORGIA STATE SACRED HARP CONVENTION **Emmaus Primitive Baptist Church, Carrollton, Georgia** **March 24-25, 2012** **Saturday, March 24**

The 51st session of the Georgia State Sacred Harp Convention was held the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in March at Emmaus Primitive Baptist Church, Carrollton, Georgia. Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg called the class to order leading 47t. Blake Sisemore offered the opening prayer. Jesse welcomed everyone and led 48t. Leaders: John Kelso 147b; Charlene Wallace 63; Lela Crowder 421; Blake Sisemore 278t; Lauren Bock 30t; Anna Hinton 277; David Brodeur 282; Helen Bryson 392; Michael Thompson 108t; John Plunkett 111t; Michael Walker 170; Jeannette DePoy

448b; Buck Lea 564; Karen Rollins 222; B.M. Smith 284; Daniel Lee 34b; Judy Mincey 468.

RECESS

John Kelso brought the class to order leading 61. Leaders: Hayden Arp 558; Mary Wright 477; Louis Hughes 408; Mary Brownlee 28b; Philip Denney 236; Kathy Williams 180; Jonathan Wood 76t; Rachel Carlisle 145t; George Burnett 81t. A business session was held with the following officers and committee members elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Matt Hinton; Vice Chairperson—Lauren Bock; Secretary/Treasurer—Charlene Wallace; Assistant Secretary—Lela Crowder; Chaplain—Riley Lee; Arranging Committee—John Kelso, Mark Godfrey; Memorial Committee—Karen Rollins, Kathy Williams; Resolutions Committee—Michael Walker, Jeannette DePoy; Locating Committee—John Plunkett, Philip Denney, Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg; Finance Committee—B.M. Smith, Cecil Roberts. Leaders: Matt Hinton 485; Wendy Futral 35; Virginia Dyer 195; Andy Morse 240; Jenna Strizak 328; Jack Nelson 500; Lee Cooper 209; Mark Godfrey 129; Judy Chambless 29t; Harry Eskew 159; Ed Thacker 172; Eli Hinton 268; Daryl Chesney 496; Nate Green and Norma Green 415; Sharon DuPriest 434; Erica Hinton 382; Gail Doss 254; Charles Woods 110; Faye Hollis 340.

LUNCH

Lauren Bock brought the class back to order by leading 46. Leaders: Riley Lee 344; Ian Quinn 300; Molly Ellis 377; Becky Wright 419; Steve Kick 542; Reba Windom 196; Ben Copenhaver 486; Tony Hammock 402; Jeff Begley 467; Judy Caudle 472; Michael Walker 436; Chris Holley 285t; Pat Temple 373; Kendra Strickland 448t; Oscar McGuire 229; Margaret Thacker 68b; Cecil Roberts 31t; Phillip Langley 215; Angela Myers 384; Henry Johnson 123t; Robert Chambless 303.

RECESS

Matt Hinton led 32t to bring the class to order. Leaders: Lela Crowder, Laura Lien, Chase Thomaston, and Jake Troyer 155; Janice Paulk 75; Ann Sleeva 383; Blake Sisemore and Fallon Cook 380; Shannon Primm 68t; Riley Lee and Kendra Strickland 146; Becky Wright and Chris Holley 370; Ian Quinn and Steve Kick 354t; Pat Temple and Mary Wright 39t; Judy Caudle and Angela Myers 355. Announcements were made. Matt Hinton and Lauren Bock led 521 as the closing song. Riley Lee offered the closing prayer.

Sunday, March 25

The Sunday session of the Georgia State Convention was brought to order by Matt Hinton leading 63. Riley Lee offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Lauren Bock 36b; Charlene Wallace 129; Lela Crowder 228; John Kelso 326; Mark Godfrey 114; Jonathan Wood 454; Philip Denney 84; Lee Cooper 101t; Oscar McGuire 481; Shannon Primm 123b.

RECESS

Matt Hinton brought the class back together by leading 99. Leaders: Jeannette DePoy 457; Judy Mincey 492; Robert Chambless 66; Carolyn Thompson 507; Judy Caudle 292; Ben Copenhaver 188; Molly Ellis 212; Virginia Dyer 222; Bill Hollingsworth 236; Angela Myers 108b; Riley Lee 532; Faye Hollis 283; Judy Chambless 142; Henry Johnson 539.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Lauren Bock leading 56t. Leaders: Hayden Arp 439; Karen Rollins 97; Erica Hinton 540; Dave Brodeur 192; Kathy Williams 273; Pat Temple 33t; Eric Tweedy 270; Kendra Strickland 49b.

Karen Rollins and Kathy Williams conducted the memorial lesson. Karen reminded us that a singing group is like a family. The memorial's purpose is to remind us of that bond. Karen read the names of the sick and shut-ins which included the

following: John Grant, Cathy White, Josephine Denney, Eugene Forbes, Dr. Julietta Haynes, Charlotte Walker, Bud Oliver, Sammie Oliver, S.T. Reed, Lessie Reed, Lula Bradford, Jean Ayotte, Rebecca Over, Raymond Hamrick, Mildred McElroy, Violet Thomason, Betty Wright, and Willard Wright. She led 330b.

Kathy Williams spoke about the poignancy of remembering the deceased, especially her father and Karen's father, who both passed away this year. She encouraged us all to remember stories about the deceased and to share them with one another. She led 267 and 343 to honor their memories. The deceased included the following: Virginia Cowart—Arkansas; Lonnie Rogers, George Holland, Susan Muse, John Shippee, Nick Griffin, Ray Richards, Luanne Turner, Jimmy Harrell, Marvin McElroy, Carlton Wilson, and Jerry Hackney—Georgia; Carol Holley—Massachusetts; John Newton Merritt—Mississippi; Tom Shultz—Ontario; Leland Owen—Texas; Marie Ivey, Travis Keeton, Corine Lacy, Kathleen Taylor George, and Annie Lee Price—Alabama; Mike Veech—Illinois. Henry Johnson closed the memorial service with prayer.

Leaders: Jane Spencer 113; John Hollingsworth 460; Mary Wright 546; Tom George 332.

LUNCH

Matt Hinton and Lauren Bock brought the class back to order leading 313t. Leaders: John Plunkett 446; Steve Kick 475; Dennis George 383; Elene Stovall 436; David Lee 229; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 208; Blake Sisemore and Reba Window 216; Becky Wright 367; Michael Walker 447; Fallon Cook, Rene Greene, and Pam Nunn 269; Sharon DuPriest 189; Gail Doss 324; Michael Thompson and Joyce Walton 455; Ian Quinn 234; Susan Cheronos 186; Ann Sleeva 569b; Rodney Ivey 426b; Daniel Lee 373; Sheri Taylor 438; Jeff Begley 95.

RECESS

Rodney Ivey brought the class back together leading 76b. Leaders: Laura Akerman 543; Christian Webb 294; Carolyn Thompson and Azar Bagheri 47b; Jeff Sheppard 492; Riley Lee, David Lee, and Kendra Strickland 480; Ian Quinn, Ben Copenhaver, Becky Wright, and Michael Walker 200; B.M. Smith 138t.

The convention went into a business session to hear reports from the various committees. The Finance Report was given by Charlene Wallace. The Locating Committee called for a vote which resulted in a decision to hold the convention at Emmaus Primitive Baptist Church, Carrollton, Georgia, again in 2013. The Resolutions Committee submitted their report which expressed appreciation to the singers, the community, the officers, and all others who helped with the convention. All reports were approved, and the business session was closed.

Matt Hinton, Mark Godfrey, and John Kelso led 37b. Announcements were made. Matt Hinton and Lauren Bock led 62 as the closing song. Riley Lee offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Matt Hinton; Vice Chairperson—Lauren Bock; Secretaries—Charlene Wallace and Lela Crowder

BRAZOS RIVER SINGING (COOPER BOOK) Martin Luther Lutheran Church, Carmine, Texas Saturday, March 31, 2012

The 21st annual Brazos River Singing was held in the Martin Luther Lutheran Church, Carmine, Texas, on Saturday before the first Sunday in April. Gaylon Powell called the class to order leading 59b. Leon Ballinger offered the opening prayer.

A business session was held with the following officers elected: Chairman—Gaylon Powell; Vice Chairman—Beverly Coates; Secretary—Tammy Powell.

Leaders: Gaylon Powell 441; Beverly Coates 52t, 27b; Tammy Powell 138t, 553; Bruce Coates 558, 336t; Carter Cook 142, 268t; Kristie Powell 268b, 380t; Ben Copenhaver 269, 542; Vickie Cook 49b, 335; Andrea Gaines 122, 45t; Leon Ballinger 383, 384; Janie Short 465, 559.

RECESS

Beverly Coates called the class back to order leading 330t. Leaders: Charity Vaughn 330b, 140; Crystal Meadows 416t, 300; Robert Vaughn 444b, 445t; Carole Watts 40, 343; Gaylon Powell 486, 47b; Beverly Coates 341 (in memory of Leland Owen), 155; Bruce Coates 129, 440b; Carter Cook 63, 217; Kristie Powell 442t, 379. Kirby Presley offered the noon prayer.

LUNCH

Gaylon Powell called the class back to order by leading 432. Leaders: Tammy Powell 470, 192; Andrea Gaines 505, 87; Ben Copenhaver 161, 564; Leon Ballinger 507b, 508; Crystal Meadows 67, 95t; Robert Vaughn 163b, 312; Vickie Cook 293b, 572; Janie Short 478, 430; Charity Vaughn 73t, 76b; Carole Watts 571, 503; Carter Cook 168, 421. Announcements were made.

RECESS

Gaylon Powell called the class back to order by leading 15 (Rudiments). Leaders: Bruce Coates 48t; Beverly Coates 527; Kristie Powell 210; Andrea Gaines 239; Crystal Meadows 400; Leon Ballinger 120; Ben Copenhaver 438t; Robert Vaughn 196; Vickie Cook 99; Carter Cook 53; Janie Short 511b; Charity Vaughn 208; Carole Watts 573.

Gaylon Powell led 377b as the closing song. Ben Copenhaver offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Gaylon Powell, Vice Chairman—Beverly Coates, Secretary—Tammy Powell

HARPETH VALLEY-PRIESTLEY MILLER MEMORIAL SINGING **Radnor Primitive Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee** **Saturday, March 31, 2012**

The 51st annual Harpeth Valley-Priestley Miller Memorial Sacred Harp singing was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Sandie Scott leading 59. The opening prayer was offered by Bob Simmons.

Leaders: Randy Box 405; Bob Simmons 108b, 313t; David Carlton 134, 421; Caleb Dillehay 68b, 472; Tim Reynolds 84, 163b; Darrell Swarens 171, 208; Clayton Ezell 66, 119, 335; Jonathon Smith 204, 186; Gail Doss 63, 505.

RECESS

Richard Ivey brought the class back together leading 37b and 36b. A prayer remembering Julietta Haynes was followed by the business session. The following officers were elected to serve: Chairman—David Carlton; Vice Chairman—Tim Reynolds; Secretary—Marilyn Burchett; Chaplain—Laurens Blankers.

Leaders: Eddie Mash 340, 318; John Wendt 338, 339; Midge Olsen 99, 454; Nathan Rees 131b, 138t; Michaela Box 268, 455; Gordon Olsen 344, 547; Matt Jordan 569b, 480; Kerene Box 155, 408; Byron Burchett 277, 551. Laurens Blankers offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

David Carlton brought the class back together for the afternoon session by leading 501. Leaders: Laurens Blankers 81t, 40; Nakayah Box 492, 491; Rick Fretter 470, 496; Midge Olsen 362; Michaela Box and Darrell Swarens 236; Nathan Rees 440; Matt Jordan, Betsy Jordan, Holly Jordan, and Riley-Grace Jordan 30b; Gordon Olsen 497; Jonathon Smith 411; Clayton Ezell, Kerene Box, and Thelma Elliot 358; Eddie Mash 222 (for Julietta Haynes); Nakayah Box 168; Randy Box 146; Sandie

Scott 29t (for Marilyn Burchett); Caleb Dillehay 124; Bob Simmons 143; John Wendt 133; Gail Doss 269; Rick Fretter 209; Laurens Blankers 334; Byron Burchett 254.

After announcements, David Carlton led 62 as the closing song. Randy Box offered the closing prayer to dismiss the class.

Chairman—David Carlton; Vice Chairman—Tim Reynolds; Secretary—Marilyn Burchett

FASOLA OMAHA ALL-DAY SINGING
St. Vincent Lehren's Orthodox Church, Omaha, Nebraska
Saturday, March 31, 2012

The 14th session of the FaSoLa All-Day Singing was held at St. Vincent Lehren's Orthodox Church in Omaha, Nebraska. Kathy Wood called the class to order at 10:00 a.m. leading 34b.

Leaders: Charles Scudder 39t, 324; Sharla Hulsey 312b, 40; Aura Lee Furgason 551, 344; Bruce Voyles 496, 523; Jenni Wallace 535, 421; Sue Pearson 472, 503; Aura Lee Furgason 569b, 99; Sharla Hulsey 35, 146.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Kathy Wood; Vice Chairman—Cindy Miserez; Treasurer—Sandra Squires; Secretary—Jim Wood.
RECESS

Kathy Wood brought the class together leading 84 and 87. Leaders: Jenny Solheim 318, 217; Charles Scudder 479, 566; Jim Solheim 192, 377; Bruce Voyles 163b, 143; Charlotte Baldwin 42, 178; Sue Pearson 142, 474. Sharla Hulsey asked the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Kathy Wood and Jim Wood called the class to order leading 49b and 452. Leaders: Jenni Wallace 186, 228; Lorraine Duggin 515; Heather Josselyn-Cranson 141, 159; Jim Solheim 444, "Nebraska"; Cindy Miserez 31b, 31t; Charlotte Baldwin 77t, 497; Jenny Solheim 236, 171.

RECESS

Kathy Wood called the class to order leading 68b. Sharla Hulsey offered prayer for the sick and shut-ins, and then led 72b. She spoke on behalf of the deceased, and led 510 in their memory.

Leaders: Heather Josselyn-Cranson 30b; Aura Lee Furgason 268; Charles Scudder 288; Bruce Voyles 59; Jim Solheim 270; Charlotte Baldwin 155; Jenni Wallace 475; Jenny Solheim 532; Cindy Miserez 354b; Sharla Hulsey 198; Charlotte Baldwin 481; Heather Josselyn-Cranson 45t; Bruce Voyles 117; Aura Lee Furgason 299; Charles Scudder 36b; Jim Solheim 203, 216; Jenni Wallace 373.

Jim Wood announced that sixty-eight songs were sung, and that there were seven singers from Iowa, twenty singers from Omaha, and three singers from Lincoln.

Kathy Wood led 62 as the closing song, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Kathy Wood; Vice Chairman—Cindy Miserez; Secretary—Jim Wood

POTOMAC RIVER SACRED HARP CONVENTION
Great Falls, Virginia
March 31, 2012-April 1, 2012
Saturday, March 31

The 23rd session of the Potomac River was called to order by Carly Goss leading 228. Miriam Kilmer offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed during a business session: Co-Chairpersons—Maura Burns and Amber Smith; Vice Chairman—John delRe; Secretary—Nora Dunn; Treasurer—Liz Meitzler.

A singing school was presented by Daniel Hunter. Dan discussed information for beginners, including shapes, how to lead different time signatures, and accent. He also reminded the class to look for syncopation, and to use the poetry of the song to help find the accent. Dan asked class members to join him in leading each example song. He concluded by reminding the class that for all the things written down and indicated in the book, the best way to know what is going on is to keep your ears and eyes open. He encouraged everyone to lead, and to connect with the leader, because there was always something to learn from each leader.

During the singing school, the class sang 49t, 29b, 111b, 87, and 325.

RECESS

Maura Burns led 324 to bring the class to order. Leaders: Amber Smith and Maura Burns 276; John delRe 144; Nora Dunn 391; Liz Meitzler 215; Susan Green 327; Ina Shea 171; Kelly Kennedy 441; Gillie Campbell 159; Joshua Barnett 163t; Jessica Keyes 348t; Chris Wilhelm 74t; Sonia Chin 402; Tom Ivey 188; Mary Helen Dupree 66; Rachel Speer 298; Dean Jens 72b; Leon Pulsinelle 68b; Zachary Bullock 73t; Mel Novner 86; Kathy Manning 377; Joseph Pimentel 189; Sharon Strong 250; Laura Densmore 201; Mary Ann Daley 112; Rosemary Greenaway 475. A prayer was offered by Jen Raffensperger before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Mary Langley and Jim Glaser led 319 to call the class back to order. Leaders: Joni Seidenstein 142; Richard Green 313b; Michael Nord 542; Hal Kunkel 304; John Plunkett 297; Elizabeth Stoddard 546; Barbara Hohenstein 553; Becky Wright 421; Robert Stoddard 456; Kevin Griffin Moreno 278t; Carly Goss 76b; John Alexander and Diane Ober 163b; Mona Lewandoski 385b; Fred Todt 216; Hank Schutz 503; Doron Henkin 333; Adrian Mariano 419; Leyland delRe 398; Aldo Ceresa 182; Dan Hunter 498; Kelly Macklin 174; Tim Slattery 415.

RECESS

Mel Novner and Kelly Kennedy led 29t to call the class back to order. Leaders: Liz Meitzler 56b; Mary Wright 328; Clare Chapin 510; Joe Bedont 101t; Leslie Booher 81t; Jason Law 481; Mimi Stevens 183; Cheryl Mitchell 294; Miriam Kilmer 58; Doron Henkin 193; Thomas Ward 375; Lee Schumacher 117; Martha Burns 178; Hank Schutz 155; Mona Lewandoski 30b; Richard Green and Susan Green 350; Elissa Krieg 133; Joseph Pimentel 217; Jim Glazer 462; Barbara Hohenstein 302; Joshua Barnett 209; Sonia Chin 460.

Maura Burns and Amber Smith led 383. Mimi Stevens closed the session with a prayer.

Sunday, April 1

The Sunday session of the Potomac River Convention was brought to order by Maura Burns leading 217. Miriam Kilmer offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Mary Helen Dupree 35; Mimi Stevens 84; Gillie Campbell 87; Mary Ann Daly 53; Mary Wright 433; Susan Green 57; Leyland delRe 484; Joshua Barnett 31t; Clare Chapin 47t; Carly Goss 192; John delRe 83t; Sharon Strong 240; John Plunkett 447; Michael Nord 171; Joni Seidenstein 506; Aldo Ceresa 564; Kathy Manning 565; Adrian Mariano 500; Tom Ivey 254; Nora Dunn 283; Kelly Macklin 485.

RECESS

Elizabeth Stoddard called the class to order by leading 448b. Leaders: Bev Yaeger 351; Tim Slattery 344; Chris Wilhelm 177; Ina Shea 550; Rachel Hall 442; Robert Stoddard 85; Hal Kunkel 170; Leslie Booher 448t; Daniel Hunter 342; Elizabeth

Stoddard 191; Mel Novner 428; Becky Wright 160b; Kelly Kennedy 502; Kevin Griffin Moreno 486; John Alexander 317; Liz Meitzler 29t; Jessica Keyes 208; Aaron Weiss 77t; Peter Pate 501.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Mary Ann Daly and Clare Chapin. They led 30t for the sick and shut-ins.

The following deceased were remembered: Frank Evans—Virginia; Florence Thorpe—Maryland; Tom Maher and James Wyllie—Pennsylvania; John Shippee, Shelly MacEwen, George Holland, Nick Griffin, and Lonnie Rogers—Georgia; John Merritt—Mississippi. Peter Pate offered prayer to close the memorial service. Leaders: Jim Glaser 322; Fred Todt 480; Martha Burns 410; Zachary Bullock 435; Sonia Chin 26; Maura Burns 198. A prayer was offered by Mimi Stevens.

LUNCH

Robert Stoddard called the afternoon session to order by leading 277. Leaders: Liz Meitzler 319; Sharon Strong 417; Kevin Griffin Moreno 371; Leyland delRe 187; Leslie Booher 128; Jim Brady, Grace Brady, and family 294; Rachel Hall 74t; Aldo Ceresa 411; Mel Novner 318; Hal Kunkel 298; Becky Wright 562; Elizabeth Stoddard 218; Chris Wilhelm 176b; John Plunkett 466; Kelly Kennedy 397; Michael Nord 558; Tom Ivey 236; Dan Hunter 359; Robert Stoddard 44; Ina Shea 227; Aaron Weiss 40.

RECESS

Carly Goss led 162 to bring the class to order. Leaders: Jessica Keyes 445; Susan Green 551; Walter Olson 532; Peter Pate and Kassie Pate 503; Mary Helen Dupree 120; Nora Dunn 392; Kathy Manning 212; John DelRe 59; Mary Ann Daly and Gillie Campbell 181; Joshua Barnett 472; John Alexander 33b; Joni Seidenstein 454; Mimi Stevens 347; Adrian Mariano 203; Tim Slattery 300; Carly Goss and Kelly Macklin 477; Clare Chapin 452; Liz Meitzler 512; Robert Stoddard and Elizabeth Stoddard 522; Hal Kunkel, Ina Shea, and Zachary Bullock 436; Maura Burns and Amber Smith 455.

Committee Reports were given. The Finance Committee reported that all expenses of the convention were met. The Secretary reported on the number of leaders, number of songs led, and number of registered singers. Kathy Manning offered resolutions to thank all those who served to make the convention a success. A motion was made and carried that reports be accepted. Announcements were made. Maura Burns, Amber Smith, and the other officers led 62 as the closing song. Chairpersons—Maura Burns and Amber Smith; Vice Chairman—John delRe; Secretary—Nora Dunn

OLD ENON CHURCH **Lynn, Alabama** **Sunday, April 1, 2012**

The annual Sacred Harp singing was held at Old Enon Church at Lynn, Alabama, on the first Sunday in April. Don Keeton called the class to order leading 145b, and then offered the morning prayer.

The class organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Don Keeton; Vice Chairman—Glenn Keeton; Secretary—Lisa Geist; Arranging Officer—Faye Donaldson.

Don welcomed everyone and led 477. Leaders: Glenn Keeton and Matthew Keeton 150, 168; Lisa Geist 272, 273, 276; Ken Tate and Hannah Tate 39b, 503; Lena Keeton, Isabella Keeton, and Matthew Keeton 30t, 546 (in memory of Dr. Julietta Haynes); Betty Baccus 269 (in memory of Dr. Julietta Haynes), 373; Chris Ballinger 120, 270; Earl Ballinger 376, 141; Richard Maudlin 35, 66.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Don Keeton leading 384. Leaders: Earnestine Parker 61, 76b; Hannah Tate 117, 358; Amber Davis 49b, 192 (in memory of Dr. Julietta Haynes); Glenn Keeton, Isabella Keeton, and Matthew Keeton 314, 215; Lisa Geist 377, 528; Ken Tate 547, 111b (for Harrison Creel); Lena Keeton and Isabella Keeton 512 (for Harrison Creel), 475 (in memory of Flarce Creel and John Hocutt); Betty Baccus 324, 157 (for her brother, Wendell Wakefield); Chris Ballinger 424, 410t.

LUNCH

Don Keeton called the afternoon session to order leading 354b and 179 (in memory of Travis Keeton). Leaders: Wayne Horton 388, 470; Earl Ballinger 80b, 81t; Richard Mauldin 72b, 378t (in memory of his father, Dick Mauldin); Hannah Tate 82t, 496; Amber Davis 349 (in memory of Clarence McCool), 224; Margaret Keeton 517, 43 (for Josie Hyde); Faye Donaldson 225t, 430, 282; Glenn Keeton 178; Lisa Geist 216 (in memory of Dr. Julietta Haynes); Ken Tate 217; Wayne Horton 317, 294; Larry Ballinger 327; Earl Ballinger 97; Richard Mauldin 340, 84; Don Keeton 499.

Announcements were made. Don Keeton led 62 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer offered by Glenn Keeton.

Chairman—Don Keeton; Vice Chairman—Glenn Keeton; Secretary—Lisa Geist

BETHEL SINGING

Bruce, Mississippi

Sunday, April 1, 2012

The 63rd annual Sacred Harp singing at Bethel Primitive Baptist Church was called to order by Hugh Bill McGuire leading 36b. John Van Horn offered the morning prayer, and led 89, 106, and 101t.

Leaders: Mark Davis 107, 280, 297; Chuck Howell 225t, 108t, 32t; Mark Tew 34b, 335, 108t; Anne Steel 295, 312t, 460; Cliff Hall 288, 59, 277; Warren Steel 32b, 211 (in memory of Julietta Haynes), 189; Will Ingraham 282, 319, 318; Andy Davis 209, 222, 254; Will McGuire 40; Henry McGuire 475, 387; Arlon Gardner 67, 313b, 183; Chuck Howell 182, 127, 49b.

LUNCH

Hugh Bill McGuire called the afternoon session together leading 82t. Leaders: John Van Horn 126, 383; Robert Earl Alexander 207, 445, 424; Brenda Chafin 187, 278t, 542; Mark Davis 391, 327, 137; Linda Funderburk 74t, 39t, 47b (for T.J.

Funderburk); Mark Tew 46, 81t, 268; George Easley 30t, 61; Anne Steel 200, 86, 348b; Cliff Hall 159, 503, 63; John Van Horn and Henry McGuire 236.

RECESS

Warren Steel brought the class together leading 215. Leaders: Arlon Gardner 163t, 448t; Warren Steel 283, 285t; Janet Jenkins 117, 274t; Will Ingraham 457, 87; Bobby Neyman 112, 479; Milano Neyman 178, 34t; Henry McGuire 569b, 492 (WB); Andy Davis 198.

Following announcements, Henry McGuire and Hugh Bill McGuire led 486t (WB) as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer offered by T.J. Funderburk.

Chairman—Hugh Bill McGuire; Secretary—Warren Steel

EDWARDSVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH
Edwardsville, Cleburne County, Alabama
Sunday, April 1, 2012

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Edwarsville Baptist Church was called to order by Ed Thacker leading 39b. Cecil Roberts offered the morning prayer. Ed Thacker led 176t.

The following officers were retained to serve: Chairman—Stanly Edwards; Vice Chairman—Ed Thacker; Secretary—Pearl Guier; Arranging Officer—Judy Chambless.

Leaders: Cecil Roberts 399b (in honor of Lois Bowman), 138b; Rene Greene 222; Margaret Thacker 49, 303; B.M. Smith 503, 350; Jackson Harcrow 56b, 49b; Virginia Dyer 354b, 127; Robert Chambless 163b (in memory of Julietta Haynes), 317; Margie Smith 225t, 405; Henry Johnson 144, 138t; Jeff Sheppard 146.

RECESS

Blake Sisemore led 82t and 436 to bring the class back to order.

Leaders: Pearl Guier 32t, 59; Oscar McGuire 155, 441; Lou Cotney 300, 358; Fallon Cook 37b, 36b; Charlene Wallace 79, 313t; Marilyn Bradley and Oscar McGuire 58, 47b; Evelyn Harris 47t; Ruth Daniel 335, 378t; Judy Chambless 339 (in memory of Lonnie Rogers, Nick Griffin, and Julietta Haynes), 274t; Jackson Harcrow and Blake Sisemore 224; Jackson Harcrow 101t; Rene Greene 78, 107; Blake Sisemore 434, 411; Henry Johnson 375; Virginia Dyer 63, 137. Rev. Bobby Garner, pastor of the church, welcomed everyone and offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Jackson Harcrow leading 145t. Leaders: Fallon Cook 73t; Sherrill Clieno 100; Margaret Thacker 480; Margie Smith 108t; B.M. Smith 192; Lou Cotney 218; Cecil Roberts 229; Charlene Wallace 371; Robert Chambless 145b; Jeff Sheppard 162; Sherrill Clieno 452; Oscar McGuire 348b; Judy Chambless 334; Rene Greene and Jeff Sheppard 212; B.M. Smith and Margie Smith 448b; Blake Sisemore, Fallon Cook, and Jackson Harcrow 186; Ed Thacker and Margaret Thacker 565; Oscar McGuire and Cecil Roberts 35; Henry Johnson and Virginia Dyer 205; Robert Chambless and Judy Chambless 143.

Ed Thacker led 521 as the closing song. Rev. Charles Wright offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Stanly Edwards; Vice Chairman—Ed Thacker; Secretary—Pearl Guier

ANTIOCH-SHILOH MEMORIAL SINGING
South of Tallapoosa, Georgia
Friday night, April 6, 2012

The 20th annual session of the Antioch-Shiloh Memorial Singing was held at Shiloh Primitive Baptist Church on Shiloh Church Road, south of Tallapoosa, Georgia, on Friday night before the second Sunday in April. Johnny Wright called the class to order by leading 63. He welcomed everyone, and gave a brief history of the singing, stating the singing began as a birthday celebration for a matriarch of the community, the late Mrs. Mildred Johnson and Elder Homer Benefield, a patriarch. Upon their passing away, the singing was renamed. Rev. Tommy McGuire, pastor of Antioch Baptist Church, offered the opening prayer.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Johnny Wright; Vice Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Secretary—Donna Bell. Johnny Wright recognized the out-of-state singers and thanked them for attending.

Leaders: Johnny Wright 335; Cecil Roberts 501, 35; Will Dover 47b; B.M. Smith 34b, 101t; Ben Bath 217, 72b; Donnie Simmet 56b, 324; Karen Rollins 354t, 354b; Donna Bell 426b; Fallon Cook 146, 97; Sarah Roberts 339, 323b; Margie Smith 73b. Joyce Lambert, daughter of the late Elder Homer Benefield, told the class that the beautiful vase of fresh cut roses and other flowers from her garden were in remembrance of her father, Mrs. Mildred Johnson, and all other deceased Sacred Harp singers. The blessing before refreshments was offered by Cecil Roberts.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Johnny Wright leading 300 and 294. Leaders: Molly Wexler-Romig 59, 312b; Myron House 236, 191; Diane Clayton 143; Hayden Arp 340, 317; Jan House 56t (in memory of Elder Homer Benefield), 137 (in memory of Lonnie Rogers); Charlene Wallace 171, 313t; Roy Fuller 85, 128; Blake Sisemore 208, 550.

Announcements were made. Johnny Wright led 358 (in memory of Katherine Benefield) as the closing song. Blake Sisemore offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Johnny Wright; Vice Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Secretary—Donna Bell

STATE LINE CHURCH **Near Muscadine, Cleburne County, Alabama** **Saturday, April 7, 2012**

The annual Sacred Harp singing at State Line Church, off Hwy 78 at the Georgia/Alabama state line in Cleburne County, Alabama, was held on Saturday before the second Sunday in April. The class was called to order by Jeff Sheppard leading 142. Rodney Ivey led 32t. The opening prayer was offered by Tom Owen. The following officers were retained to serve: Chairman—Rodney Ivey; Vice Chairman—B.M. Smith; Secretary—Judy Caudle; Arranging Officer—Judy Chambless.

Leaders: B.M. Smith 82t; Judy Chambless 146; Judy Caudle 176t; Blake Sisemore 454; Ben Bath 411; Tom Owen 163b; Loyd Ivey 337; Judy Mincey 474; Nate Green and Norma Green 415; Elene Stovall 534; Kendra Strickland 47t; Denney Rogers 318; Molly Wexler-Romig 335; Henry Johnson 166; Karen Rollins 317; Donnie Simmons 39t; Tom George 141; Philip Denney 120; Jeannette DePoy 89; Robert Chambless 84.

RECESS

B.M. Smith led 389 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Darrell Swarens 217; Reba Windom 328; Helen Bryson 456; Leigh Cooper 216; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 126; Virginia Dyer 340; Rene Greene 236; Matt Hinton 365; Jonathan Smith 302; Kathy Williams 455; Tony Hammock 314; John Plunkett 104; Sandra Wilkinson 311; Jack Nelson 500; Pam Nunn 507; Hayden Arp 434; Bea Carnathan 568; Dennis George 156.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Helen Bryson. She spoke and read a poem. Nathan Rees led 30b in memory of the following deceased: Marie Ivey—Alabama; John Shippee, Nick Griffin, Lonnie Rogers, Susan Muse, George Holland—Georgia; Leland Owen—Texas; Dr. Julietta Haynes—Tennessee.

Jeannette DePoy led 385t in honor of the following sick and shut-ins: Jetha Brooks, Raymond Hamrick, Cathy White, Eugene Forbes, Lois Bowman, Violet Thomason, Terry Maher, Bud Oliver, Sammie Oliver, S.T.

Reed, Lessie Reed, and Harrison Creel. Matt Hinton offered prayer to close the memorial service.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Rodney Ivey leading 129.

Leaders: Riley Lee 26; Nathan Rees 193; Mark Godfrey 163t; Erica Hinton 440; Cecil Roberts 40; John Kelso 562; J.R. Hardman 472; Ed Thacker 498; Lou Cotney 218; Shelbie Sheppard 29b; David Brodeur 480; Jerry Creason 183; Fallon Cook 39b; Charlene Wallace 481; Molly Ellis 300; Susan Cheronos 186; Margaret Thacker 303; Jim Aaron 503; Evelyn Harris 155; Ann Simpson 445; Margie Smith 101t; Jeff Sheppard 439; Cheyenne Ivey 222; Ben Bath, Tom Owen, Nathan Rees, J.R. Hardman; Darrell Swarens, and Donnie Simmons 192; Blake Sisemore 294 (by request); Eli Hinton 268; Shelbie Sheppard, Pam Nunn, Rene Greene, Virginia Dyer, and Fallon Cook 269 (in memory of Lessie Cates); Anna Hinton 277. Rodney Ivey and B.M. Smith led 521 as the closing song. Henry Johnson offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.
Chairman—Rodney Ivey; Vice Chairman—B.M. Smith; Secretary—Judy Caudle

IOWA ALL-DAY SINGING
Berwick Congregational Church, Berwick, Iowa
Saturday, April 7, 2012

The 11th annual Iowa All-Day Singing was called to order by Martha Pinder leading 84. Reverend Sharla Hulsey offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Martha Pinder 47t; Bruce Voyles 344, 496; Annie Grieshop 186, 368; Sharla Hulsey 198, 86; Tamara Harris 87, 313t; Henry Schuman 318, 193; Betty Marvin 34b, 540; Jim Page 284, 188.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Martha Pinder; Vice Chairman—Bruce Voyles; Secretary—Henry Schuman.

RECESS

Bruce Voyles called the class to order leading 43. Leaders: Charlotte Baldwin and Scott Kalberer 189, 77t; Bruce Western 30b, 236; Eleanor Haase 352, 32t; Ruth Wampler 394, 436; Lara Wells 163b, 52t; Ryan Wheeler 480, 417.

Michael Moore conducted the memorial lesson. Michael spoke for the sick and shut-ins and the deceased. He led 34t in honor of the following sick and shut-ins: Bob Anderson, Melvin Beach, Wyatt Brady, Richard Cleaver, Harrison Creel, Joan Fritz, Bob Scorgie, and Julie Vea.

He led 385b in memory of the following deceased: John Merritt—Mississippi; Stephen L. Allen—California; Phil Kintner and Al Pinder—Iowa; Sam Thomas—Ohio; Joyce Anderson—Wisconsin; Stephen Scott and Peter Vea (unknown state).

LUNCH

Martha Pinder called the class to order leading 442. Leaders: Michael Moore 99, 40; Cathy Lutz 378b, 500; Eric Saylor 74b, 551; Linda Selph 33b, 456; Henry Schuman 59; Midge Olsen 66, 474; Paul Landskroener 365, 415; Barb Patterson 230, 91; Jim Pfau 68b, 328.

RECESS

Annie Grieshop called the class to order leading 282. Leaders: Karen Swenson 327, 384; Jeff Nayadley and Annie Grieshop 270, 455; Bonnie Davis 210, 171; Gordon Olsen and Brad Harris 547, 277; Jenna Harmon 532, 183; Matt Wells 472, 323t; Callie Garnett 315, 276; Linda Selph and Linda Cook 208; Tamara Harris 450; Ruth Wampler 383; Betty Marvin 538; Ryan Wheeler 278b.

Announcements were made, and Martha Pinder led 347 as the closing song.

Reverend Sharla Hulsey dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Martha Pinder; Vice Chairman—Bruce Voyles; Secretary—Henry Schuman

ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH
Ider, DeKalb County, Alabama
Sunday, April 8, 2012

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Antioch Baptist Church, Ider, Alabama, was held on the second Sunday in April. The class was called to order by Hayden Wootten and Dewayne Wootten leading 31b, 32t, 48t, and 97. The morning prayer was offered by Shane Wootten.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Co-chairmen—Hayden Wootten and Dewayne Wootten; Secretary—Judy Caudle.

Leaders: Levon Wootten 49b; Henry Johnson 230; Linda Brown and Debbie Kane 37b; Nathan Rees 425; Ed Thacker and Margaret Thacker 408; Riley Lee 56b; Phil Summerlin 415; Eschol Hughes 348b; Jonathan Smith 129; Blake Sisemore 63; Eddie Mash 163t; Chris Carroll and Shawn Carroll 28b; Kendra Strickland 282; Linton Ballinger 385b; John Plunkett 156; Rodney Ivey 211.

RECESS

The class was brought back together by Hayden Wootten and Dewayne Wootten leading 111t. Leaders: Jared Wootten 475; Stacy Wootten and David Wootten 215, 74t; David Saylor, Teresa Saylor, and Sierra Saylor 209, 245; Verlon Stiefel 490; Scott Kennedy 163b; Phillip Wootten, Stacy Pilcher, and Susan Pilcher 101t, 388, 196; Sonny Erwin 480; Loretta Smith and Amy Smith 274t; Steve Killingsworth 47b; Mary Ruth Stiefel 268; Susan Cheronos 107; David Killingsworth 441; Danette Townson, Raven Townson, and Dani Townson 171; Bridgett Kennedy 276; Ben Bath 546; Pam Wilkerson and Syble Adams 203, 198; Tom Owen 285t (in memory of Leland Owen).

The memorial lesson was conducted by Linda Thomas and Jeffrey Wootten. Jeffrey Wootten spoke, remembering deceased members of the Wootten family, and read the following names of the deceased: Leonard Smith, Marie Ivey, Betty Ivey, Lonnie Rogers, Julietta Haynes, Melvin Stiefel, Leland Owen, Corine Lacy, and Eric Patterson. He led 45t.

Linda Thomas spoke on behalf of the following sick and shut-ins: Leslie Horning, Ed Coker, Virginia Coker, Thomas Cook, Bud Oliver, Sammie Oliver, S.T. Reed, Lessie Reed, Willard Wright, Betty Wright, Harrison Creel, Jewel Wootten, and Tiffany Townson. She led 499. The memorial service was closed with prayer offered by Bro. Chester Shankles.

Leaders: Mel Kersey 565; Aaron Little 310; Louis Hughes 378b.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Hayden Wootten, Cole Wootten, and Dewayne Wootten leading 354b. Leaders: Donnie Simmons and Molly Wexler-Romig 312b; David Ivey and Karen Ivey 426b; Marlon Wootten 176b; Richard Ivey 432; Shane Wootten, Donna Wootten, and Eloise Wootten 456; Judy Caudle 564; Scott Ivey 556; Reba Windom 542; Susan Harcrow 500; Kelsey Sunderland 216; Steven Miller and Mona Barz 155; Cheyenne Ivey 182; Claudene Townson and family "Holy Manna", 68b; Jerry Creason and Ann Sibole 452; Rick Foreman and Cheryl Foreman 448t; Aaron Wootten and Sarah Vaughn 73t; Jeffrey Wootten, Kennedy Wootten, and Cole Wootten 460; Jackson Harcrow and Aaron Wootten 398 (in memory of Alan Rosser); Jamey Wootten 384; Sheila Wootten, Kaylee Mann, and Karolina Mann 354b; Hobert Ivey, Sylvia Ivey, and Linda Thomas 47t; Loyd Ivey 454; Brenda Carroll, Carolyn Bullock, and Donna Ruth Durden 442; Nate Green and Norma Green 467; Marty Wootten and Lorrie Wootten 236; Terry Wootten 39b (in memory of Wootten family members); Daniel Wootten 277; Terry Wootten 500 (CB) (for Aunt Olivia); Jenny Mann 30b; Coy Ivey 465 (CB); Jenny

Wootten “Sweet Beulah Land”; Karolina Mann “Jesus Loves Me”; Levon Wootten, Terry Wootten, and Dewayne Wootten “Pass Me Not”. The class was dismissed with prayer.

Co-chairmen—Hayden Wootten and Dewayne Wootten; Secretary—Judy Caudle

COUNTY LINE CHURCH

Corner, Alabama

Sunday, April 8, 2012

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at County Line Church on the second Sunday in April was called to order by Cassie Allen leading 56t. The morning prayer was offered by Danny Creel. Cassie then led 32t.

Permanent Officers: Chairman—Harrison Creel; Vice Chairperson—Cassie Allen; Arranging Committee—Jackie Tanner and Cindy Tanner; Secretary—Lucy Heidorn.

Leaders: Lucy Heidorn 30t, 36b; Ken Tate 217, 39b; Lisa Geist 269, 187; Eugene Forbes 168, 208; Margaret Keeton 276; Richard Mauldin 378t, 143 (in memory of his parents); Faye Donaldson 78, 40; Jerry Ryan 274t, 145t.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Cassie Allen leading 167. Leaders: Carolyn Thompson 547, 42; Joan Aldridge 275b, 273; Hannah Tate 358, 496; Warren Steel 101b, 216 (in memory of Dr. Julietta Haynes); Betty Baccus 101t, 134; Gravis Ballinger 112, 222; Linda Sides 480, 277; Julie Tate and Hannah Tate 310, 68t.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Cassie Allen leading 73t. Leaders: Darrell Swarens 267, 198 (in memory of Travis Keeton); Danny Creel 498, 475; Larry Ballinger 564, 151; Ernestine Parker 74b, 325; SuNell Ellis 460, 318; Emily Burleson 411, 532; Lena Keeton 270, 88t; Amber Davis 212, 391. The blessing before lunch was offered by Richard Mauldin.

LUNCH

The class was called to order by Cassie Allen leading 100. Leaders: Ainslie Allen, Taylor Watkins, Emma Hayden Calvert, and Carson Methard 124, 76b; Elene Stovall 236, 292; Mary Helen DuPree and Robert DuPree 84, 59, 312b, 63; Bea Carnathan 341; Bea Carnathan and Elene Stovall 500; Ann Jett 546, 327; David Heidorn and Lucy Heidorn 146; Julianna Jett 142, 99; Bobby Watkins 348b, 406; Bailey Jett 31b, 108t; Velton Chafin 419, 573; Yancey Jett 440, 172; Wanda Capps 542, 430; Glenn Keeton 150, 178; Cindy Tanner 220, 436; Warren Steel 67 (by request); Jerry Ryan and Lucy Heidorn 408 (by request); Cassie Allen 415 (by request); Danny Creel 530 (for Harrison Creel).

After announcements, Cassie Allen led 512 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Danny Creel, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Harrison Creel; Vice Chairperson—Cassie Allen; Secretary—Lucy Heidorn

RHODE ISLAND ALL-DAY SINGING

Providence Friends Meeting House, Providence, Rhode Island

Saturday, April 14, 2012

The 9th annual Rhode Island All-Day Singing was called to order by Kelly House leading 52t. Liz Cantrell offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Lynne deBenedette 171; Tom Padwa 71; Joanne DeVoe 47t; Justin Levi 35; Reid Cooper 85; Vale Cotter-Shabica 87; Nathan Bergman-Dean 56b; Eric-Dardan Ymeraga 344; Christopher Johnson-Roberson 282; Myles Louis Dakan 280; Eric

Beecher 268; Natalie Jablonski 134; Chuck Micciche 168; Liz Cantrell 460; Celia Devine 362; Bob Elliott 84; Kiri Miller 224.

Kelly House convened a business meeting and Lynne deBenedette was elected Vice Chairman. Other officers elected or appointed to serve are as follows: Chairman—Kelly House; Treasurer—Justin Levi; Secretaries—Joanne DeVoe and Tom Padwa.
RECESS

Dana Borrelli called the class back to order by leading 146. Leaders: Aldo Ceresa 272; Emily Hancock 270; Oliver Kindig-Stokes 158; Bethany Towne 530; Terry Ryan 546; Sonia Chin 213t; John delRe 230; Daniel Hunter 156; Kelley Macklin 466; George Dymont 455; Justin Levi 411; Ines Lüttgen 432; Peter Golden 131t; Chris Noren 236; Liz Resnick 107; Elizabeth Stoddard 201; Ed Smith 436; Alvaro J. Witt Duarte 445.

RECESS

Laura Borrelli called the class back together by leading 457. Leaders: Nellie Farrington 106; Andy LeBrun 277; John Ostwald 300; Libby Brownell 377; Jen Agans 49b; Bill Dunn 276; Al McCready 339; Jim Bean 474; Megan Jennings 542; Pat Callahan 424; Katy Brown 551; Sally Langendorf 386. Liz Cantrell offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Lynne deBenedette brought the class back together by leading 217. Leaders: John Bowman 34b; Allison Steel 564; Robert Stoddard 153; Jeremy Galvagni 148; Paula Picton 458; Joanna Lampert 142; Tom Malone 286; Kelsey Wessels 274t; Kitty Kagay 64; Gabriel Kastle 298; Linda Shea 361; Bill Holt 550; Jan-Erik Steel and Allison Steel 448t; Bob Parr 419; James Baumgartner 189; Lucy O'Leary 475; Ian Quinn 335; Cindy Bean 163b; Sonia Chin 170; Bethany Towne 397; Peter Golden 111b; Aldo Ceresa 91; Daniel Hunter 169; Emily Hancock 312b; Oliver Kindig-Stokes 418; Kelly House 68b.

RECESS

Megan Jennings called the class together leading 222. Leaders: Elizabeth Stoddard 72b; John delRe 96; Alvaro J. Witt Duarte 99; Al McCready 452; Ines Lüttgen 562; Kiri Miller 42; Ian Quinn 41; Linda Shea 371; Terry Ryan 198; Kelly Macklin 157; Jeremy Galvagni 535; Tom Malone 462; Paula Picton 207.

Kelly House called for the officer's reports. Treasurer Justin Levi reported that all expenses were met including donations for the venue and recycling. The Secretaries reported that 94 singers attended with 67 leaders directing 93 lessons.

Announcements were made.

The class sang 62 as the closing song. Liz Cantrell offered the closing prayer before the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Kelly House; Vice Chairman—Lynne deBenedette; Secretaries—Joanne DeVoe and Tom Padwa

SHARON JORDAN LEACH MEMORIAL SINGING **Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church, Arab, Alabama** **Saturday, April 14, 2012**

The annual Sharon Jordan Leach Memorial Singing was held at Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church, Arab, Alabama, on Saturday before the third Sunday in April. Elder Matt Jordan called the class to order at 9:45 a.m. leading 49t. The opening prayer was offered by Elder J.L. Hopper.

Matt Jordan led 59. The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Matt Jordan; Vice Chairman—David Light; Secretary—Judy Caudle.

Leaders: Matt Jordan 68b; Judy Caudle 48t, 61; David Light 176b, 112 (in memory of J.P. Hawk); Christopher Mann 38b, 47t; Nate Green and Norma Green 111b, 145b; Anna Grace Sipe 178, 335; Delone Cobbs 39b, 120; Milford Cobbs 127, 381.
RECESS

Matt Jordan led 480 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: J.L. Hopper 198, 295; Riley Grace Jordan 569b; Cindy Mann 159, 128; J.C. Rutledge 40, 568; Betsy Jordan 99.

A wonderful memorial lesson for Sharon Jordan Leach was conducted by several of her high school classmates and close friends from 1976. Personal experiences and memories of Sharon were shared with the class by Sandra Gibson, Keith Hawkins, Wendy McGee, Donna Wright Casey, and Janet Jordan. Three original poems, "Mirror", "Planet Self", and "Rocking Chair" were presented by Jackie Mills Maddox in memory of Sharon.

Leaders: Carol Fannin 225t; Sandra Gibson and Matt Jordan 282; William Clay 63, 354b; Holly Jordan 47b. The blessing before the noon meal was offered by Delone Cobbs.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by David Light leading 143.

Leaders: Kenneth Fannin 340, 390; Joyce Lambert 82t, 56t; Tony Jordan 276; Larry Lambert and Helen Lambert 410b, 45t, 332; Jacklyn Protz and Matt Jordan 101t; Paul Protz and Matt Jordan 144; Tony Jordan and David Light 155; William Clay 168; Delone Cobbs 49b; Christopher Mann 77t; David Light 100 (by request); Riley Grace Jordan and Matt Jordan 31t; Matt Jordan 268 (in memory of Sharon Jordan Leach).

Announcements were made. Matt Jordan led 146 as the closing song. Kenneth Fannin offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Matt Jordan; Vice Chairman—David Light; Secretary—Judy Caudle

FUTRAL, NELSON, AND HENRY MEMORIAL SINGING **Smyrna Primitive Baptist Church** **Saturday, April 14, 2012**

The annual Futral, Nelson, and Henry Memorial Singing was held on Saturday before the third Sunday in April at Smyrna Primitive Baptist Church in Goodwater, Alabama. The class was called together by Jack Nelson leading 45t. Elder Ken Milner offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were elected to serve: Chairman—Jack Nelson; Co-Chairman—William Futral; Secretary—Virginia Futral. The class elected to not have a memorial lesson, but let each leader mention anyone they wished as they led.

Leaders: Jack Nelson 500; Eugene Forbes 203, 282; Jim Aaron 68b, 503; Robert Chambless 354t, 145b; Edna Ruth Phillips 147t, 480; Judy Chambless 34t, 34b; Myrlene Redmond 340, 341; Terry Futral 300, 40; Ed Thacker 498, 176b; Nathan Rees 65, 440; Margaret Thacker 396, 569b.

RECESS

Jack Nelson brought the class back together by leading 318. Leaders: Nell Estes 313t, 551; Cecil Roberts 312b, 335; William Futral and Wendy Futral 490, 491; Marilyn Bradley and Cecil Roberts 225t, 229; Debra Rich 108b, 373 (by request); Nathan Rees 172; Wendy Futral 496, 35. Elder Ken Milner offered prayer before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Jack Nelson brought the class back together by leading 560. Leaders: Denise Burleson 383, 200; Tom Ingram 68b, 127; Bufrey Dean 39t, 312t; Myra Goss 170, 145t; Roy Nelson 32t, 33t; Virginia Futral 566 (by request); Jack Nelson 179, 290.

The class sang 46 as the closing song. Elder Ken Milner offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Jack Nelson; Co-Chairman—William Futral; Secretary—Virginia Futral

MIDDLE GEORGIA SACRED HARP SINGING
Vineville United Methodist Church, Macon, Georgia
Saturday, April 14, 2012

The 9th annual Middle Georgia Sacred Harp singing was held on Saturday before the 3rd Sunday in April at Vineville United Methodist Church in Macon, Georgia. A brief introductory singing school was taught by John Plunkett before the singing began. Harry Eskew was unable to attend today, and John Plunkett opened the singing by leading 49t. John Hollingsworth offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: John Plunkett 31b; Helen Bryson 61, 70t; Charles Woods 569b, 82t; John Hollingsworth 81t, 31t; Rosemund Watson 34b, 503; Mary Brownlee 354t, 291; David Grant 166, 409; Bill Hollingsworth 66, 479; Faye Hollis 276, 340 (for Jetha Brooks).

The following officers were retained to serve: Chairman—Harry Eskew; Vice Chairman—John Plunkett; Secretary—Helen Bryson.

RECESS

John Plunkett called the class back to order by leading 73b. Leaders: Oscar McGuire 344, 155; Martha Johnson 172, 300; Blake Sisemore 373, 436; Fallon Cook 146, 269; Charlene Wallace 159, 171; Malinda Snow 492, 157; Wesley Haley 45t, 410t; Rita Haley 168, 268; Helen Bryson 217, 287; Charles Woods 225t.

LUNCH

John Plunkett called the class back to order leading 128 (for Harry Eskew). Leaders: John Hollingsworth 273 (for Richard Johnson); Mary Brownlee 497, 350; David Grant 421; Bill Hollingsworth 540, 91; Faye Hollis 299; Oscar McGuire 229, 485; Martha Johnson 313t, 361; Blake Sisemore 425, 532; Fallon Cook 37b, 49b; Charlene Wallace 85; Malinda Snow 209; Rita Haley 117; John Plunkett 484 (by request).

Announcements were made. Rosemund Watson led 347 as the closing song. Bill Hollingsworth offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Harry Eskew; Vice Chairman—John Plunkett; Secretary—Helen Bryson

MELBOURNE SINGING
Holy Trinity Episcopal Academy, Melbourne, Florida
Saturday, April 14, 2012

A special singing held in conjunction with a singing school and screening of *Awake, My Soul* at the Holy Trinity Episcopal Academy in Melbourne, Florida, was brought to order by Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg leading 49t. Marvin Reeves offered the opening prayer. Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg welcomed the class, and described the format of an all-day singing.

No business session was held, the following officers having been appointed prior to the singing: Chairman and Secretary—Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg; Vice Chairman—Matt Hinton.

Leaders: Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 49b, 48t; Matt Hinton 63, 32t, 146; Erica Hinton 81t, 108t, 37b; Lorrie Sabourin 147t (for Don Sabourin); Marvin Reeves 503; Marvin Reeves and Anne Reeves 551, 358; Anna Hinton 277; Chaz Charroux, Lauren Ferrara, and Kassi Studds 183; Sabrina Webb, Leena Milo, Lauren Ferrara, Kassi Studds, and Emma Cleveland 38t; Emma Cleveland and Lorie Wacaster 45t.

RECESS

Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg brought the class back to order by leading 159. Leaders: Beth Green 34b; Marcia Rudzik 128; Betsy Stansifer and Staci Cleveland 32b; Mark Kirschner 24t; Lorrie Sabourin 347; Lauren Ferrara and Kassi Studds 59; Anne Reeves and Marvin Reeves 319. Reverend Joy Willard-Williford offered grace before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The class resumed singing with Matt Hinton leading 324. Leaders: Lorie Wacaster and Jillian Sinclair 276; Joy Willard-Williford 274t; Erica Hinton 335; Dave Lapham 267; Christopher Weiss and Chaz Charroux 47b; Adrienne Roth, Bill Roth, and Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 266; Eli Hinton 268; Alex Theodotou 178; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 472; Anna Hinton 40; Beth Green 68b; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 203, 330b (for Nora Kirschner); Marvin Reeves 282; Erica Hinton 288; Matt Hinton 31t; Anna Hinton 300.

Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg thanked the class and the organizers of the singing school and film screening. Announcements were made.

Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg, Lorie Wacaster, Matt Hinton, Erica Hinton, and Anna Hinton led 62, and the singers took the parting hand. Matt Hinton offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman and Secretary—Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg; Vice Chairman—Matt Hinton

PINE GROVE SINGING Lookout Mountain, Near Collinsville, Alabama Sunday, April 15, 2012

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Pine Grove Church, near Collinsville, Alabama, was held on the third Sunday in April. The class was called to order by Bud Oliver leading 32t. The morning prayer was offered by Wayne Reed.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Bud Oliver; Vice Chairman—S.T. Reed; Secretary—Judy Caudle; Arranging Officer—Cassie Allen.

Leaders: Wayne Reed 59; Scot Oliver 100; Alanna Blanks 405; Paula Oliver 385b; Judy Caudle 91; Cassie Allen 373; Bridgett Kennedy, Barbara Traynor, Cathy Paulenski, and Margaret Imbro 37b; Eschol Hughes 436; Robert Walker 350; Claudene Townson 49b; Judy Mincey 475; Henry Johnson 435; Margaret Thacker 39b; Scott Kennedy 454; Terry Wootten 132.

RECESS

Wayne Reed led 108b to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Susan Cheronos 107; Ed Thacker 546; Jamey Wootten 472; Boyd Scott 358; Fallon Cook 47t; Nate Green and Norma Green 63; Shane Wootten and Linda Thomas 39t; Loretta Smith and Amy Smith 317; David Hufstetler 47b; Joan Aldridge 29t; Dewayne Wootten and Jared Wootten 170; Larry Ballinger 551; Sharon DuPriest 137; Dennis George 455; Elene Stovall 142; Richard Ivey 270; Angela Myers 84.

RECESS

The class was brought back together by Bud Oliver leading 42.

Leaders: Michael Thompson 318; Jim Brown and Samford University students 159, 155; Scott Ivey 421; Jared Wootten and Hayden Wootten 441; David Ivey and Karen Ivey 371; Reba Windom 411; Blake Sisemore 550; Susan Harcrow 511; Donna Wootten 314; Rodney Ivey 73t; Marty Wootten 99; Cheyenne Ivey 77t; Charles Stiefel 465 (CB); S.T. Reed 566. Wayne Reed offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Bud Oliver leading 145t.

Leaders: Coy Ivey 384; Levon Wootten 330t; Angela Myers and Judy Caudle 216 (for Betty Shepherd); Elene Stovall, Joan Aldridge, and Bridgett Kennedy 440; Susan Harcrow and Scott Ivey 172; Shane Wootten and Donna Wootten 383; Michael Thompson and Judy Mincey 182; Nate Green and Norma Green 153; Reba Windom, Sharon DuPriest, and Daphene Causey 434; Ed Thacker and Margaret Thacker 192; Cheyenne Ivey and Paula Oliver 215; Susan Cherones and Dennis George 217; Jared Wootten, Jamey Wootten, and Hayden Wootten 40; Henry Johnson and Fallon Cook 69t; Loretta Smith and Amy Smith 348b; Claudene Townson, Linda Thomas, and Rodney Ivey 277 (for Jewel Wootten); Marty Wootten and Levon Wootten 176b; Scott Kennedy and Robert Walker 171; Richard Ivey, Karen Ivey, and David Ivey 470; Jim Brown, Meg Newsome, Kathleen Bass, Kyle Young, and Evan Musgraves 268; Terry Wootten and Larry Ballinger 138t; Boyd Scott 127; Eschol Hughes 480; Charles Stiefel, Reba Windom, and Cassie Allen 196; Scot Oliver, Alanna Blanks, and Pauline Oliver 143; Blake Sisemore and Cassie Allen 419; Shane Wootten 70b (by request).

Bud Oliver, Wayne Reed, and Scot Oliver led 146 as the closing song. Henry Johnson offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Bud Oliver; Vice Chairman—S.T. Reed; Secretary—Judy Caudle

OLD HARMONY PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH **Abernathy, Cleburne County, Alabama** **Sunday, April 15, 2012**

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Old Harmony Primitive Baptist Church, near Abernathy, Cleburne County, Alabama, was held on the third Sunday in April. Cecil Roberts welcomed everyone, and then brought the class to order leading 45t.

Richard Mauldin offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Cecil Roberts 32t; Donna Bell 49b, 503 (both songs in memory of Billy Joe Harris).

A business session was held and the class voted to retain the following officers: Chairman—Stanly Edwards; Vice Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Secretary—Donna Bell; Arranging Officer—Judy Chambless.

Leaders: Cecil Roberts 30b; Syd Caldwell 460 (in memory of Aunt Eula Johnson), 309 (for Carlene Griffin); Charlene Wallace 77t, 313t; Richard Mauldin 66, 35; Karen Rollins 34b, 222; Shelbie Sheppard 105, 332; Robert Chambless 84, 354t; Rene Greene 276, 142; Tony Hammock 303, 70b. Evelyn Harris welcomed everyone to the singing and thanked them for coming.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Donna Bell leading 40 (in memory of Lawrence Edwards). Leaders: John Plunkett 55, 88b; B.M. Smith 317, 284; Sherrell Clenio 335, 159; Jeff Sheppard 436, 325; Margie Smith 101t, 108t; George Garner 47t; Virginia Dyer 63, 155; Oscar McGuire 171, 336; Glenda Collins and Bert Collins 445, 100.

Karen Rollins conducted the memorial lesson. She read a touching excerpt from her Sacred Harp book written by her daddy, the late Lonnie Rogers, when he gave it to her in 1992. Mr. Lonnie stated that some of the writers or composers of songs in this book (the Sacred Harp) have been some of the best friends I have ever associated with. As a whole, Sacred Harp singers from Maine to California to Chicago and Florida show more love for each other than any group I know today. I hope as you sing from this book and visit and mingle with the people who sing this music that you will enjoy the fellowship that I have enjoyed. Mr. Lonnie wrote that Karen was fortunate to have a great heritage in Sacred Harp singing, explaining that both sides of her family, the Rogers and the Denneys, sang. Karen told the class that the

memorial lesson was a tradition in Sacred Harp, and that when someone is missing from a singing we miss them. She read the following list of sick and shut-ins: Homer Hulsey, Lois Bowman, Teenie Moody, Carlene Griffin, John Grant, Don Boswell, Anita Boswell, Bud Oliver, Sammie Oliver, S.T. Reed, Lessie Reed, Lucy Garner, Troy Warren, Stella Pratt, Leona Haynes, Josie Hyde, and First Sgt. Ben Tomlinson. Oscar McGuire led 33b in their honor.

John Plunkett led 83t for the following deceased: Howard McGuire, Nick Griffin, Lonnie Rogers, George Holland, Marie Ivey, Bill Tanner, Cecil Sanders, Leland Owen, Travis Keeton, John Merritt, William McElroy, and Marvin McElroy. Cecil Roberts closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Lou Cotney 300, 358 (for Faye Cotney); Louise Holland 323, 37b; Evelyn Harris, Ruth Daniel, Nellie Mae White, Aline Harris, and Calvin Warren 127 (in memory of Uncle Enoch Smith), 378t. Elder Neal Prichard, pastor of the church, blessed the noon meal at the table.

LUNCH

The afternoon session of singing began with Cecil Roberts leading 89. Leaders: Syd Caldwell, B.M. Smith, and Margie Smith 28b (in memory of Maw Maw); Charlene Wallace 141; Leanne Carter and children 68b, 313b; Karen Rollins 227; Ann Simpson 354b, 388; Robert Chambless 163b; Rene Greene 350; B.M. Smith 72b; Margie Smith 373; Sherrell Clenio 59; Tony Hammock 111b; Oscar McGuire 327; Richard Mauldin 551 (in memory of Nick Griffin); Virginia Dyer 40; Lou Cotney 218; Syd Caldwell 481 (for Dan Brittan and all Arkansas people); Leanne Carter 480.

Following announcements, Cecil Roberts led 46 as the closing song. Elder Neal Prichard offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Stanly Edwards; Vice Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Secretary—Donna Bell

OAK GROVE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Alpharetta, Georgia

Saturday, April 21, 2012

The annual Sacred Harp singing was held at Oak Grove Primitive Baptist Church on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in April. John Hollingsworth called the class to order leading 37b. Bobby Cagle offered the morning prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—John Hollingsworth; Vice Chairman—Bobby Cagle; Secretary/Treasurer—Helen Bryson. Leaders: Bobby Cagle 565, 569b; Helen Bryson 101b, 217; Jeannette DePoy 460, 55; Judy Mincey 297, 475; Mark Godfrey 74b, 95; Leigh Cooper 176b, 34t; Paula Picton 134, 368; Hayden Arp 32t, 317; George Burnette 76b, 101t; Daniel Bearden 304, 85; Bill Hollingsworth 168, 36t.

RECESS

John Hollingsworth called the class to order leading 278b. Leaders: David Brodeur 84, 171; John Kelso 398, 32b; John Plunkett and Celia Dyer 49t, 59; Faye Holbrook 341, 410t; Susan Posey 515, 198; Malinda Snow and Sarah Higginbotham 496, 474; Mark Noonan 347; Bobby Cagle 283; Jeannette DePoy 73t, 369; Helen Bryson 340 (for Jetha Brooks), 215.

LUNCH

John Hollingsworth led 50b to bring the class to order. Leaders: Judy Mincey 415, 468; Mark Godfrey 410b, 30t; Leigh Cooper 284, 196; Paula Picton 404, 183; Hayden Arp 543, 112 (for Violet Thomason); George Burnette 129, 128; Daniel Bearden 269, 232; Bill Hollingsworth 507; Mark Noonan 312b, 146; David Brodeur 282, 384; Kendra Strickland 147t, 127; John Kelso and Hayden Arp 349, 377; John

Plunkett 503; Faye Holbrook 380, 318; Susan Posey 192, 276; Malinda Snow and Sarah Higginbotham 87, 374; Kendra Strickland 319; Daniel Bearden 532. Announcements were made. John Hollingsworth led 62 as the closing song. Bobby Cagle offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed. Chairman—John Hollingsworth; Vice Chairman—Bobby Cagle; Secretary—Helen Bryson

YORK ALL-DAY SINGING
York Friends Meeting House, York, Pennsylvania
Saturday, April 21, 2012

The York All-Day singing was called to order by Oliver Kindig-Stokes leading 303. Kevin Griffin Moreno offered the opening prayer. Oliver Kindig-Stokes welcomed the class and led 42.

A business meeting was held and the following officers were elected: Chairperson—Erin Kelly; Secretary—Bethany Towne; Treasurer—Sonia Chin.

Leaders: Erin Kelly 56t, 313t; Bethany Towne 138t, 328; Elizabeth Stokes 37b, 168; Nora Dunn 113, 187; Lamar Matthew 335, 344; Barbara Hohenstein 43, 506; Tom Tucker 101t, 100; Mairi Quodomine 137, 218; Ted Stokes 406, 421; Elizabeth Patton 45t, 277; Kevin Griffin Moreno 48b, 326; Ina Shea 501, 500; Jeremias Johnson and Diana Johnson 324, 34b; Leon Pulsinelle 176b, 436.

RECESS

Bethany Towne brought the class back to order by leading 111t. Leaders: Ruth Wampler 125, 478; Sue Hanson 174, 452; Jim Strube 348t, 409; Clare Chapin 86, 477; Joshua Barnett 271t, 327; Kelly Kennedy 101b, 532; Sonia Chin 369; Barb Ames 283, 209; Terry Ryan 150, 151; Laura Florence 31t, 159; Daniel Hunter 321, 336. Kevin Griffin Moreno offered prayer before the noon time meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Ina Shea leading 81t. Leaders: Carly Goss 192, 293; Pat Callahan 431, 341; Laura Densmore 89, 542; Violet Krumbein 240, 278t; Jon Giles 558, 213b; Elizabeth Stoddard 286, 545; Aldo Ceresa 224, 222; Carol Huang 441, 440; Nancy Mandel 160b, 564; Doron Henkin 216, 217; Rachel Hall 416, 423; Jessica Keyes 448b, 466; Tom Stokes 134, 197; Dick Hammond 49t. **RECESS**

Daniel Hunter brought the class back to order by leading 495. Leaders: Sonia Chin 472, 297; Carolyn Hammond and Terry Ryan 49b; Aaron Weiss 276; Elizabeth Stoddard 534; Nancy Mandel 230; Barb Ames 112; Aldo Ceresa 375; Carol Huang 332; Jon Giles 359; Violet Krumbein 318; Molly Vanderbosch 569b; Pat Callahan 568; Terry Ryan 570; Leon Pulsinelle and Ted Stokes 474; Lamar Matthew and Barbara Hohenstein 549.

After announcements, Erin Kelly led 62 as the closing song. Kevin Griffin Moreno offered the closing prayer.

Chairperson—Erin Kelly; Secretary—Bethany Towne

NEW YORK STATE REGIONAL ALL-DAY SINGING
Mennonite Meetinghouse, Rochester, New York
Saturday, April 21, 2012

The Rochester Regional All-Day singing was called to order by Thom Metzger leading 34b, followed by a prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Co-Chairpersons: Thom Metzger and Eileen Metzger; Registrar: Sue Hengelsberg; Secretaries: GerryAnn

Westacott and Sue Hengelsberg; Arranging Committee: Eileen Metzger and Barbara Swetman.

Leaders: Ginny Huszagh 99; Jerusha Wheeler 107; Gerry Hoffman 42; Melody Johnson 171; Jan May 474; Katie White 178; Denise Morris 479; Barbara Swetman 480; Eileen Metzger 390; Gillian Inksetter 330b; Ron Bornick 228; Nicoletta Rogers 150; Margaret Bornick 497; Steve Rogers 439; Lois Hurt 145b; Eric Bean 285t; Sue Hengelsberg 175.

RECESS

Steve Rogers called the class together by leading 452. Leaders: Bob Wheeler 36b; Lucy Roberts 236; Anne Weaver 277; Thom Metzger 235 (dedicated to Eileen Metzger's sister, Jean); Emily Thompson 504; Barbara Swetman 168; Ginny Huszagh 299; Eileen Metzger 383; Jan May 344; Margaret Bornick 472; Jerusha Wheeler 142; Gillian Inksetter 352; Denise Morris 250; Melody Johnson 218; Lois Hurt 66; Eric Bean 454. Eileen Metzger offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Jan May recalled the class by leading 146. Announcements were made. Leaders: Katie White 112; Gerry Hoffman 272; Ron Bornick 334; Steve Rogers 368; Lucy Roberts 442; Nicoletta Rogers 547 (dedicated to the people of Tibet); Sue Hengelsberg 198; Emily Thompson 410t; Bob Wheeler 40; Candis Bailey 312b; Barbara Swetman 448t; Ginny Huszagh 200; Jan May 300; Margaret Bornick 155; Jerusha Wheeler 455; Gillian Inksetter 543.

RECESS

Leaders: Margaret Bornick 192; Thom Metzger 269; Lois Hurt 551; Melody Johnson 335; Steve Rogers 48t; Gerry Hoffman 29t; Katie White 503; Nicoletta Rogers 402; Bob Wheeler 32t; Emily Thompson 71; Candis Bailey 163t; Lucy Roberts 384.

RECESS

Eileen Metzger led 159 to recall the class. Leaders: Denise Morris 408; Ron Bornick 84; Sue Hengelsberg 306; Barbara Swetman 127; Chris Haller 351; Jan May 276; Jerusha Wheeler 148; Gillian Inksetter 496; Lois Hurt 49t; Steve Rogers 354t; Jerry Hoffmann 279; Nicoletta Rogers 33b; Bob Wheeler 147t; Eric Bean 47b; Katie White 209.

There were 40 registered singers, 24 of whom led the class in singing a total of 81 songs.

Thom Metzger led 347 as the closing song, and the class was dismissed.

Co-Chairpersons: Thom Metzger and Eileen Metzger; Secretaries: GerryAnn Westacott and Sue Hengelsberg

EAST MIDLANDS SACRED HARP CONVENTION **Village Hall, Kegworth, Leicestershire, United Kingdom** **April 21-22, 2012** **Saturday, April 21**

The East Midlands Sacred Harp Convention was called to order by Ian West leading 47t. Helen Brown offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were appointed to serve: Chairman—Ian West; Vice Chairman—Helen Brown; Secretaries—Margaret Gillanders and Rosalind Oldham. Leaders: Helen Brown 52t; Margaret Gillanders 39t; Ted Brown 303; Ruth Steggle 36b; Michael Walker 54t (CB); Rosalind Oldham 84; Edwin Macadam 27; Hannah Land 270; Michael McGuigan 563 (CB); Rachel Jordan 492; Joe Vickers 131t; Sheila Girling Macadam 291; Carmel Wood 442; Nick Hall 229 (CB); Steve Fletcher 272; Eamonn O'Neill 271t; Cath Saunt 38b; Phil Tyler 275t; Eva Striebeck 360; Fynn Titford-Mock 362; Lisa O'Grady 344; Andreas Manz 178.

RECESS

Sarah West called the class back to order leading 147t. Leaders: Jude O'Neill 457; Amanda Parkes 155; Kuba Choinski 49t; Ewan Paterson 49b; Richard Percival 273; Ian West 392 (CB); Margaret Gillanders 542; Ted Brown 391; Rosalind Oldham 140 (CB); Michael Walker 426b; Maria Wallace 504; Colin Higgins 481; Helen Brown 234; Edwin Macadam 528; Jo Ellis 497; Hannah Land 559 (CB); Michael McGuigan 108t; Ruth Steggles 393t (CB); Joe Vickers 276; Sheila Girling Macadam 142; Nick Hall 455; Steve Fletcher 133 (CB); Eamonn O'Neill 300; Cath Saunt 159; Phil Tyler 184b (CB). Hannah Land asked the blessing for the mid-day meal.

LUNCH

Fynn Titford-Mock reconvened the class by leading 129. Leaders: Rachel Jordan 384; Jude O'Neill 313b; Sadhbh Ni Fhloinn 430; Ewan Paterson 277; Amanda Parkes 181; Andreas Manz 106; Maria Wallace 448t; Sarah West 424; Eva Striebeck 268; Lisa O'Grady 328; Kuba Choinski 87; Richard Percival 488b (CB); Phil Tyler 488t (CB); Carmel Wood 512; Jo Ellis 474; Ted Brown 176b; Michael McGuigan 156; Margaret Gillanders 564; Nick Hall 500 (CB); Eamonn O'Neill 250; Sheila Girling Macadam 500; Rosalind Oldham 480; Ian West 152 (CB); Steve Fletcher 547; Edwin Macadam 236; Helen Brown 368t (CB).

RECESS

Carmel Wood led 274t to bring the class together. Leaders: Sadhbh Ni Fhloinn 376; Rachel Jordan 183; David Moore 189; Steve Fletcher 192; Ewan Paterson 335; Eva Striebeck 71; Edwin Macadam and Sheila Girling Macadam 534; Amanda Parkes 269; Lisa O'Grady 108b; Hannah Land 349; Kuba Choinski 105; Jo Ellis 440; Richard Percival 452; Fynn Titford-Mock 227; Joe Vickers 143; Michael Walker 411 (CB); Andreas Manz 77t; Jude O'Neill 31t; Maria Wallace 309; Sarah West 76b. Ian West and Helen Brown led 323t as the closing song. Jonathan Stanyon offered the closing prayer and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, April 22

The Sunday session of the East Midlands Sacred Harp Convention was called to order by Ian West leading 313t. Ted Brown offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Helen Brown 145t; Margaret Gillanders 73b; Ted Brown 33b; Judy Whiting 507b (CB); Rachel Jordan 48t; Chris Brown 31t; Sadhbh Ni Fhloinn 417; Nick Hall 41 (CB); Ewan Patterson 503; Fynn Titford-Mock 571 (CB); Dara Desmond 324; Kuba Choinski 148; Anna Baldini 474; Michael Walker 475; Sarah West 153; Jude O'Neill 95t (CB); Colin Higgins 457; Jo Ellis 66; Phil Tyler 38t (CB); Carmel Wood 195; Andreas Manz 82t; Amanda Parkes 102.

RECESS

Rosalind and Daniel Oldham called the class back to order leading 505 (CB).

Leaders: Eamonn O'Neill 114; Lisa O'Grady 288; Michael Walker 131b; Helen Brown 182; Ian West 575 (CB); Margaret Gillanders 556; Ted Brown 35; Judy Whiting 569t; Rachel Jordan 330b; Chris Brown 279; Sadhbh Ni Fhloinn 472; Nick Hall 84 (CB); Ewan Patterson 274t; Dara Desmond 134; Kuba Choinski 112; Fynn Titford-Mock 41.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Michael Walker, who led 381 in honor of the following deceased: Barbara Crawford, Jean Batner, Mike Steel, Phillip Higgins, Maureen Gamlin, Lonnie Rogers, Marie Ivey, Gordon Corrick, Julietta Haynes, Stan Reeve, Bertie Foster, Peter Schoonjans, Margaret Dent, Jean Hickox, Jackie Ashley, and Frits Brookner.

Rosalind Oldham led 27 for the following sick and housebound: Kathy Armstrong, Anne Greaves-Lord, David Daykin, Jacqui Selby-Macleod, Brenda Grimshaw, Tony Parkinson, Pauline McPartland, David Richardson, Jean McDougall, Robert Land,

Geordie Tyrrell, Charlotte Walker, Rebecca Over, Síle O'Flynn, and Níall Henderson. The memorial lesson was closed with prayer offered by Helen Brown. Leaders: Sarah West 491; Jude O'Neill 488b (CB); Phil Tyler 98 (CB). Sarah West offered grace for the midday meal.

LUNCH

Lisa O'Grady reconvened the class by leading 37b. Leaders: Ewan Patterson 47b; Sarah Hill 340; Margaret Jones and Judy Whiting 86; Margaret Gillanders 573 (CB); Cath Ingham and Colin Higgins 122; Mick Verrier 106 (CB); Helen Brown and Ted Brown 546; Cath Tyler 250; Ian West 330t; Dara Desmond 89; Phil Tyler 69b; Sarah West 421; Kuba Choinski 34b; Rachel Jordan 318; Eamonn O'Neill 312b; Chris Brown 273; Carmel Wood 48b; Michael Walker 302; Amanda Parkes 107; Nick Hall 228.

RECESS

The singing resumed with Fynn Titford-Mock leading 63. Leaders: Rosalind Oldham 299; Cath Ingham and Colin Higgins 504; Sarah Hill 345b; Sadhbh Ni Fhloinn 173t; Mick Verrier 178; Lisa O'Grady 65; Jude O'Neill 388; Cath Tyler 133 (CB); Kuba Choinski 535; Emily Verrier and the children 146; Margaret Bradshaw, Karen Turner, and Ewan Patterson 45t; Eamonn O'Neill 383; Amanda Parkes 99. Ian West and Helen Brown led 95b (CB) as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Margaret Gillanders, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Ian West; Vice Chairman—Helen Brown; Secretaries—Margaret; Gillanders and Rosalind Oldham

ALEWINE-LAMINACK MEMORIAL SINGING **St. Michael Lutheran Church, Cleburne County, Alabama** **Sunday, April 22, 2012**

The annual Alewine-Laminack Memorial singing was held on the fourth Sunday in April. Cecil Roberts welcomed everyone, and then called the class to order leading 33b. Joyce Lambert offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Cecil Roberts 32t; Donna Bell 335 (in memory of Corene Laminack), 283; Pam Nunn 234, 183; Margaret Thacker 47t, 39b; Jack Nelson 236, 480; Robert Chambless 225t, 72b; Shelbie Sheppard 137 (in memory of her mother, Lessie Cates), 155; Paula Picton 82t, 87.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Vice Chairman—B.M. Smith; Secretary—Donna Bell; Arranging Officer—Margie Smith.

RECESS

Cecil Roberts called the class back to order leading 97. Leaders: Judy Chambless 29t, 338; John Plunkett 374, 207; Mildred Patterson 339 (in memory of Elder Homer Benefield), 358 (in memory of Katherine Benefield); Joyce Lambert 141, 56t (in memory of her daddy, Elder Homer Benefield); Ed Thacker 48t (for Eunice Webb), 516 (for all the Laminack, Alewine, Edwards, Kerr, and McElroy families); Virginia Dyer 340, 193; Henry Johnson 205, 322; Judy Mincey 538, 367; Sarah Roberts 59, 127; Jeff Sheppard 129; 142; Charlene Wallace 143, 185; Ken McElroy 128 (in memory of uncle Leo Kilgore), 294 (for his granddaddy, Harold McElroy); Fallon Cook and Cain 37b, 146.

Cecil Roberts thanked the class for \$436.00 and asked that the amount be noted in the minutes. The money will be used for the upkeep of the church and cemetery. Lutheran services have not been held at this church for approximately 70 to 80 years. Cecil Roberts and singers thanked the McElroy family for their faithfulness in maintaining the church and cemetery. John Plunkett blessed the noon meal at the table.

LUNCH

The afternoon session of singing began with B.M. Smith leading 389 and 489. Leaders: Oscar McGuire 441, 276; Evelyn Harris 30, 47b; Buell Cobb 50t, 71; Margaret Thacker 49t, 176b; Jack Nelson 145b (for Virginia Futral), 500; Judy Chambless 527; James Hughes and Cecil Roberts 145t; Paula Picton 270, 327; Judy Mincey 475; Henry Johnson 467; Virginia Dyer 528, 274t; Ed Thacker 192; Robert Chambless 384; Fallon Cook 401; Oscar McGuire 229 (for Cecil Roberts).

Following announcements, Cecil Roberts led 46 as the closing song. James Hughes offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Vice Chairman—B.M. Smith; Secretary—Donna Bell

FRIENDSHIP PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Haleyville, Alabama
Sunday, April 22, 2012

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Friendship Primitive Baptist Church was held on the fourth Sunday in April. The class was called to order by Parnell Berry leading 47t. The morning prayer was offered by Glenn Keeton.

The class was organized by retaining or appointing the following officers:

Chairman—Parnell Berry; Vice Chairman—Ken Tate; Secretary—Margaret Keeton; Arranging Officer—Lisa Geist.

Leaders: Ken Tate 39b, 43 (for Josie Hyde); Roma Rice 229, 164; Stella Pratt 335; Scott Kennedy 178, 278t; Paul Godsey 147t (for his sister, Gwen), 36b; Julie Tate 37b, 59; Eugene Forbes 155, 73t; Lena Keeton, Isabella Keeton, and Matthew Keeton 472, 475; Zena Tucker 504, 532; Ernestine Parker 108t, 74b; Lomax Ballinger 168, 300; Jayne Fulmer 99, 454; Teddy Godsey 189, 196.

RECESS

Margaret Keeton led 276 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Joan Smith 75, 63; Don Keeton 497, 199; Kermit Adams 426t, 426b; Earl Ballinger 430, 97; Richard Mauldin 72b, 66; David Godsey 354b (for his mother), 455 (for his daddy); Bridgett Kennedy 82t, 391; Reba Lawler 406, 388; Gravis Ballinger 120, 224.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Ken Tate leading 565. Leaders: Hannah Tate and Zoe Griffis 198, 358; Danny Creel 500, 145t; Glenn Keeton 349, 86; Ellen Foster and Quay Oaks 45t, 47b; Larry Ballinger 389, 540; Steve Adams and Lisa Geist 309, 378t; Emily Smith 30t; Lisa Geist 546 (in memory of Tom and Lola Roberson), 507 (for Josie Hyde); Scott Kennedy 347; Julie Tate 187 (in memory of L.E. Hannah); Eugene Forbes 112; Paul Godsey 329; Zena Tucker 186; Teddy Godsey 269; Don Keeton 76b; Richard Mauldin 77t (in memory of Amanda Denson); Lena Keeton and Glenn Keeton 267; Steve Adams and Richard Mauldin 101t.

Following announcements, Ken Tate led 111t as the closing song. Danny Creel offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Parnell Berry; Vice Chairman—Ken Tate; Secretary—Margaret Keeton

GOLDEN GATE SINGING

Potrero Hill Neighborhood House, San Francisco, California
Sunday, April 22, 2012

The 8th annual Golden Gate Singing was held at the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House, San Francisco, California, on the fourth Sunday in April. The class was called to order by Hal Eisen leading 59. David Fetcho offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Erika Wilson 28b; Will Fitzgerald 39t (in memory of his father); Liora O'Donnell Goldensher 30b; Susan Fetcho 479; Bob Brylawski 504.

A business meeting was held and the following officers were elected: Chairman—Julian Damashek; Vice Chairman—Mary Gowins; Secretary—Betty Marvin. Leaders: Julian Damashek 37b; Mary Gowins 47t; Betty Marvin 492; Carolyn Deacy 72b; Alex Cotton 163b; Gretchen Muller 535; Jeff Begley 379; Inder Khalsa 131t; Clarissa Fetrow 171; Phillip Garrison 210; Naomi Kaye 347; Paul Ralston 183.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Greg Freemon leading 274t. Leaders: Jennie Brown 276; Betsy Jeronen 440; Doug Olsen 291; Shelby Sampson 228; Jackson Fleder 400; Joanne Orenge 472; James Welsch 344; Jerry Schreiber 362; Rebecca Edwards 336; Steve Helwig 234; Cassie Allen 383; Greg Freemon 419; Carla Smith 424; Jeremy Knight 522.

RECESS

The class was called together by Naomi Kaye leading 179. Leaders: Linda Selph 475; Will Fitzgerald 48t; Bess Fitzgerald and Will Fitzgerald 447; David Fetcho 328; Erica Martinez 112; Anne Schaffer 114; David Ralston 38b; Betty Marvin 369; Liora O'Donnell Goldensher 546; Hal Eisen 460; Susan Fetcho 474; Jeff Begley 302; Terry Barber 377; Gretchen Muller 212; Phillip Garrison 268; Jeremy Knight 436; James Welsch 106; Mary Gowins 283. David Fetcho offered the prayer for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Linda Domholt led 178 to bring the afternoon session to order. Leaders: Carl Bear 146; Clarissa Fetrow 99; Steve Helwig 141; Rebecca Edwards 208; Hugh McGuire 209; Cassie Allen 216; Julian Damashek 189; Betsy Jeronen 426b; Greg Freemon 542; Lindy Groening 143; Peter Ross 66; Sarah Holden 127; Joel Chan 76b; Carolyn Deacy 485; Doug Olsen 203; Jennie Brown 192; David Ralston and Jeannette Ralston 288; Inder Khalsa 165; David Fetcho 318.

RECESS

The class was called back together by Dan Harper leading 49b. Leaders: Terry Barber 142; David McFarlane 285t; Erica Martinez 335; Jackson Fleder 229; Linda Selph 215; Shani Aviram 312b; Will Fitzgerald 549; Carl Bear 32b; Erika Wilson 77t; Dan Harper 236; Jen Blecha 82t.

A business meeting was held. The Treasurer reported that expenses were met. The Secretary reported that 87 people from 7 states attended and 84 songs were led by 47 leaders. The Resolutions Committee, Steve Helwig and Erika Wilson, thanked all who made the singing possible. Announcements were made.

Julian Damashek led 62 as the closing song. David Fetcho offered the closing prayer. Chairman—Julian Damashek; Vice Chair—Mary Gowins; Secretary—Betty Marvin

SOUTHWEST TEXAS SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION, SPRING SESSION (COOPER REVISION)

McMahan, Texas

April 28-29, 2012

Saturday, April 28

The Southwest Texas Sacred Harp Singing Convention, Spring Session, was held at Bethel Primitive Baptist Church, McMahan, Texas, on the fifth Sunday and Saturday before in April. The class was called to order by Gary Rogan leading 330t. After a welcome, the opening prayer was offered by Elder Sonny Huckaby.

Leaders: Gary Rogan 68t, 418; Bill Bailey 101t; Bruce Coates and Beverly Coates 36b; Gaylon Powell and Kristie Powell 477; Janie Short and Jane Goforth 501; Robert Vaughn 433; Pete Mathewson 511b; Riley Owen 40; Eli Hinton 239; John Morris 170; Anna Hinton 277; Thom Fahrbach 497; Silas Huckaby 421; Erica

Hinton 356; Ainslie Allen 217; Carter Cook 142; Elizabeth Stoddard 173; Garrett Powell 376; Judy Caudle 567; Robert Stoddard 54t; Eloise Wootten 224; John Beard 288.

RECESS

Bill Bailey brought the group back together leading 108b. Leaders: Sonny Erwin 464; Eric Schwab 293t; Carol Huang 183; Sarah Beasley 39; J.T. Harechmak 110; Claudene Townson, Larry Wootten, Virginia Glass, Marlon Wootten, Syble Adams, and Levon Wootten 572; Marty Wootten and Jamey Wootten 207; Laura Densmore 482; Louis Hughes 543; Jackson Cargile and John Baker 488b; Claire Singleton 82; Jon Giles 411; Kathy Manning 478; Ryan Young 414; Marilyn Murata 571; David McPherson 505; Karen Willard and Ken Hallock 552; Shane Wootten 98; Daniel Velleman 416b; Kay Sirco 511t; Matt Hinton 38t; Sharon DuPriest 229; Ron Trial 461; Karen Rollins 220; Mica Rogers 159; Paul Wilson 314.

A business session was opened by Gary Rogan, who indicated that Vice Chairman Bill Bailey would move to the Chairmanship. Jeb Owen was nominated as Vice Chairman. A motion and second was made to elect him by acclamation. The motion carried. A motion was made and seconded that Bruce and Beverly Coates be re-elected to serve as secretaries and arranging committee. The motion carried. The chairman named Mike Hinton, Jeb Owen, and Linda Booker to serve as the Memorial Committee. The business session was closed. The blessing for the food was offered by Zach Rogan.

LUNCH

Jeb Owen led 60 to bring the class together after lunch. Leaders: Mike Hinton 544; Syble Adams 559; Steve Helwig 486; Daphene Causey 304; Marlon Wootten 449; Johnny Lee and Delores Lee 46; Jeff Adcock 108t; Cassie Allen 450; Blake Sisemore 138t; David Wright 152; Tollie Lee 84; Reba Windom 192; Connie Stanton 573; Baron Powers 81; Levon Wootten 286b; Zach Webb, Abigail Webb, Josiah Webb, and Maggie Webb 127; Seth Howard 395b; Matt Hinton, Erica Hinton, Anna Hinton, and Lorraine Myles McFarland 112.

RECESS

Bill Bailey led 145t to bring the class together. Leaders: Crystal Meadows 553; Donnie Howard 507b; Cheryl Foreman 210; Ryan Ross 313; Kevin Powell, Olivia Powell, and Tammy Powell 137; Donald Ross and Diane Ross 95b; Ron Ryan 515; Katie Mahoney and Alexa Gilmore 300; Zach Rogan and Catherine Rogan 215; Tamara Harris 378; Ben Copenhaver 320; Chris Adams 422b; Vickie Cook 293; Scott Curran and Michele Rogan 558; Sonny Huckaby 400; Greg Bowles and Amanda Bowles 155; Liz Owen and Vivian Rogan 32t; Billy Huckaby and Sarah Huckaby 68t; Tom Owen and Curtis Owen 442t.

Bill Bailey led 406 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Tollie Lee.

Sunday, April 29

The Sunday session of the Southwest Texas Sacred Harp Singing Convention was called to order by Bill Bailey leading 293b. Prayer was offered by Tom Owen. Leaders: Jeb Owen and Mary Ann Owen 49b; Bruce Coates and Beverly Coates 489; Sonny Huckaby 168; Reed Coates 68b; Donnie Howard, Lynnette Howard, and David Howard 6 (*The Good Old Songs*); Paul Wilson 144; Johnny Lee and Delores Lee 453b; Anna Hinton 300; Rick Foreman, Cheryl Foreman, Sonny Erwin, and Jeff Adcock 465b; Ainslie Allen 76b; Linda Booker 199; Jackson Owen 401; Charles Whitmer 488b; Eli Hinton, Matt Hinton, and Erica Hinton 470; Connie Stanton 38t; Garrett Powell 522; Daphene Causey 434; Seth Howard 30b; Silas Huckaby 388; Blake Sisemore and Tom Owen 416t; Syble Adams 367; Carter Cook 63.

RECESS

Bill Bailey led 277 to bring the class back together. Leaders: Josh Rogan 319; Levon Wootten 515; Karen Rollins 136; David Wright 402; Reba Windom 505; Thom Fahrback 404; Carol Huang 196; Eric Schwab 198; Elizabeth Stoddard 176b; Louis Hughes 463; Karen Willard 392.

Jeb Owen opened the memorial lesson, and Linda Booker read the following names of the sick and homebound: Anthony Blevins, Scott McCown, Myrl Jones, Beverly Nelms, Bud Oliver, Sammie Oliver, Harrison Creel, Don Buswell, Anita Buswell, Skip Trout, Fumie Murata, and Shi Sue Sugimoto. Jeb led 179 to remember these that are homebound.

Mike Hinton discussed the tradition of the memorial lesson, and how the records of the earliest singings always set aside such a time. He read the list of the deceased as follows: Susan Kerr, Leland Owen, Nettie Dodson, Harold Blevins-Texas; Marie Ivey, Earnie Jett, Travis Keeton, Dr. Julietta Haynes, Bill Tanner-Alabama; John Merritt-Mississippi; Joan Fritz-Minnesota; James Wyllie, Tom Mahar-Pennsylvania; John Grant-Arkansas; Venus Martinez-California; Jeanne Schaffer-Colorado; Lonnie Rogers, Nick Griffin-Georgia; Nick Edwards-Massachusetts. Mike then led 146 in memory of the deceased. Elder Sonny Huckaby offered the prayer to close the memorial service.

Leaders: Robert Stoddard 53; Kathy Manning 393t; Jon Giles 182; Sarah Beasley 572; Marty Wootten and Jamey Wootten 142; Marilyn Murata 484b; Shane Wootten 133; Kay Sirco, David McPherson, and Claire Singleton 451; Laura Densmore 527; Claudene Townson and Larry Wootten 32t.

LUNCH

Jeb Owen led 378t to bring the afternoons session to order. Leaders: Tollie Lee 283; Sharon DuPriest 172; Steve Helwig and Crystal Meadows 216; Eloise Wootten 541; Baron Powers 358; Judy Caudle 355 (for Harrison Creel); Daniel Allcock 422b; Alex Hawk 134; Curtis Owen, Edith Owen, Tom Owen, Diane Ross, and Beverly Coates 343b and 47b (in memory of Leland Owen and Mary Elizabeth Owen); Ryan Young 186; Cassie Allen 292b; Ryan Ross 276; Alexa Gilmore and Leon Ballinger 270; Ron Ryan 502; Janie Short and Jane Goforth 143; Donald Ross 302; Ben Copenhaver 494; Tamara Harris and Andrea 122; Gaylon Powell, Kristie Powell, and Sue Harju 555; Katie Mahoney 88t; Tammy Powell 99; Gary Rogan and Zach Rogan 384; Kevin Powell and Olivia Powell 47t; Sarah Huckaby and Billy Huckaby 299; Catherine Rogan and Vivian Rogan 508; Amanda Bowles and Greg Bowles 543b; Michele Rogan and Scott Curran 203; Liz Owen and Riley Owen 60.

Announcements were made. The officers led 62 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Tom Owen, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Bill Bailey; Vice Chairman—Jeb Owen; Secretaries—Bruce and Beverly Coates

HARRODS CREEK-BOB MEEK MEMORIAL SINGING

Harrods Creek Baptist Church, Brownsboro, Kentucky

April 28-29, 2012

Saturday, April 28

The 17th annual singing convention at Harrods Creek Baptist Church was held the last Saturday in April and Sunday following. Michele Cull brought the class to order by leading 32t, followed by welcome and announcements by Rebecca Eldridge. Rebecca Eldridge led 33b. The opening prayer was offered by Jim Herr.

Leaders: Tim Reynolds 322 (SoH); Grace Patterson 50t; David Carlton 256 (SoH); Greg Creech 74b; Vic Whisman 84; Sheila Patterson 47t; Greg Howard 142; Bill Hayes 364 (CB); Jim Herr 310 (SoH); Brad Bahler 143.

Michele Cull thanked Buford Parrish and Harrods Creek for allowing us to hold the convention there. The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Co-Chairpersons—Michele Cull and Rebecca Eldridge; Finance Officer—Darrell Swarens; Arranging Committee—Brenda Waters, Chandler Bainter, Michele Cull, Annaliza Jane Cull; Secretary—Pat Meek.

Leaders: Loraine Bayer 274t; John Hoerr 186; Stephanie Fida 54t (CB); Michael Domino 173; Darrell Swarens 38 (SoH); Claire Outten 111 (SoH).

RECESS

Leaders: Tom Morton 49b; Ron Harper 440; Elene Stovall and Cathy Jean Spencer 216; Clara Herr 564; Janet Fraembs 217; Nate Green and Norma Green 175; Karen Bahler 155; Jubal Bayer 485; Thomas Smith 472; Debbie Hall 192; Steve Duff 331 (SoH); Joan Aldridge and Annaliza Jane Cull 384 (for Coy Ivey); Annaliza Jane Cull 393t (CB); Hans Bayer 240; William Shetter 121 (SoH); Sue Duff 30t (CB); John Bayer 89t (SoH); Joel Deckard 61; Bob Cull 505 (CB); Liz Meitzler 111b; Susan Zurcher 199 (CB); Peggy Brayfield 88 (SoH). Prayer before the noon meal was offered by Adrian Eldridge.

LUNCH

The class was called back to order for the afternoon session by Tim Morton leading 168, followed by welcome back by Rebecca Eldridge. Leaders: Adrian Eldridge 267b (SoH); Rebecca Eldridge 100; Ruth Dolby 277; Katherine Eldridge 254 (SoH); Mary Brinkman 313b; James Eldridge 50 (SoH); Johanna Sims 571 (CB); Virginia Eldridge 83t; Darrell Swarens 208; Bobette Olson 129; Doug Trent 276; Brenda Waters and Alan Johns 49t.

RECESS

Leaders: Michele Cull 224; Michele Cull and Tobiah Bingham 178; Nikos Pappas 250; Laurel Cornell 254; Tim Reynolds 33 (SoH); Grace Patterson 47b; David Carlton 265 (SoH); Greg Howard 448t; Sheila Patterson 35; Brad Bahler 55 (CB); Bill Hayes 367 (CB); John Hoerr 112; John Bayer 488b (CB); Michael Domino 172; Tom Morton 503; Darrell Swarens, Joan Aldridge, and Elene Stovall 36b; Darrell Swarens 63.

Announcements were made. Rebecca Eldridge led 46 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Adrian Eldridge.

Sunday, April 29

The Sunday session of the Harrods Creek-Bob Meek Memorial singing was called to order by Darrell Swarens leading 72b. The morning prayer was offered by Adrian Eldridge. Rebecca Eldridge welcomed everyone.

Leaders: Rebecca Eldridge 76b; Tim Morton 445; Johanna Sims 203; Peggy Brayfield 449 (CB); Susan Zurcher 430 (CB); Virginia Eldridge 565; Liz Meitzler 108b; Bob Cull 569b; J.R. Hardman 571 (CB); Joel Deckard 499; Sue Duff 110; Joan Aldridge 300; Laurel Cornell 223; Steve Duff 25b (SoH); Nate Green and Norma Green 354t; Tom Kochan 99; Nikos Pappas 87 (SoH); James Eldridge 530; Elene Stovall 222; Janet Fraembs 303 (SoH); Clara Herr 574 (CB); Stephanie Fida 210 (CB).

RECESS

Leaders: Katherine Eldridge 124; Jim Herr 228; Joan Frankel and Darrell Swarens 38 (SoH); William Shetter 331t (SoH); Adrian Eldridge 319; Kelly Toon 282; Bobby Watkins 406.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Darrell Swarens and Jim Herr. Darrell spoke, and led 86 in honor of the sick and shut-ins. Jim Herr spoke on behalf of the deceased, and led 285t in their memory.

Leaders: Annaliza Jane Cull 155; Tim Morton 269; Ruth Dolby 350; Randy Weber 322 (SoH); Michele Cull 496. Prayer before the noon meal was offered by Steve Duff.

LUNCH

James Eldridge led 168 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Johanna Sims 294; Peggy Brayfield 229 (CB); Levi Bainter 392; Annaliza Jane Cull 268; Joan Aldridge 166; Darrell Swarens and Adrian Eldridge 96 (CB) (in memory of Bob Meek); Susan Zurcher 551; Liz Meitzler 385b; J.R. Hardman 408 (CB); Sue Duff 276; Johann Kim 208; Stephanie Fida and Tobiah Bingham 48b; Tom Kochan 505 (CB); Steve Duff 39 (CB); Nikos Pappas 189.

RECESS

Leaders: Rebecca Eldridge 500; Janet Fraembs 532; Clara Herr 503; William Shetter 559 (CB); Jim Herr 182; Joan Frankel and Nikos Pappas 50 (SoH); Laurel Cornell 45t; Bobette Olson 146; Kelly Toon 488b (CB); James Eldridge 133 (SoH); Joel Deckard 535; Katherine Eldridge 513; Bobby Watkins 138t (CB); Bob Cull 66; Virginia Eldridge 224.

The closing prayer was offered by Jim Herr, and the class was dismissed.

Co-Chairpersons—Michele Cull and Rebecca Eldridge; Secretary—Pat Meek

MIDWEST SACRED HARP CONVENTION
Pulaski Field House and Irish-American Heritage Center
Chicago, Illinois
April 28-29, 2012
Saturday, April 28

The Saturday session of the 28th meeting of the Midwest Convention was held at the Pulaski Field House in Chicago, Illinois. The class was called to order by Carol Mosley and Michael Mosley leading 171. The invocation was offered by Herb Schroeder.

Leaders: Randy Neufeld and Susan Geil 52t; Ann Sleeva 49t; Lincoln Richardson 276; John Seaton 47t; Nick Pasqual 114; James Page 188; Rochelle Lodder 344; Jeff Breting 155; Anna Pfau 454; Mark Dawson 236; Bob Sullivan 503; Michael Appert 84; Jim Swanson 377.

A business meeting was held and the following officers were elected: Co-Chairpersons—Randy Neufeld and Susan Geil; Vice Chairmen—Ted Johnson and Marcia Johnson; Secretary—Ann Sleeva.

RECESS

Randy Neufeld brought the class back together by leading 63. Leaders: Debbie Barford 378b; J. R. Hardman 473; Sharon Spanogle 159; Bill Waddington 362; Melissa Kelley 532; Julie Vea 419; Beth Todd 501; Stephanie Argo 274t; Joe Todd 125; Lisa Cohen 485; Johanna Fabke and Pamela Lawry 122; Lisa Grayson 340; Anne Missavage 217; Kelly Kennedy 502; Paul Wyatt 328; Donna Gunderson-Rogers 549; Elizabeth Barlow 535. Susan Geil announced the following appointments: Assistant Secretary—Ginny Landgraf; Chaplains—Herb Schroeder and Jeannine Oakes; Memorial Committee—Kathy Williams and Kelly Kennedy; Finance Committee—Ryan Wheeler, Evelyn Lamb, Michael Appert, and Paul Wyatt.

RECESS

Susan Geil brought the class back to order by leading 31t. Leaders: Bill Beverly 191; Rachel Adelstein 218; Anne Heider and Joan Maxwell 455; Petrina Patti 186; Lori Graber 472; Kim Bahmer 163b; Peter Bradley 228; Martha Beverly 428; Nicoletta Rogers and Judy Hauff 533; Leslie White 29t; Peggy Mistak 105; Paul Landskroener

201; Marcus Whitman 277. Prayer before the noon meal was offered by Herb Schroeder.

LUNCH

The class was brought back together by Ted Johnson and Marcia Johnson leading 123b. Leaders: Charlotte Ehrman 365; Jim Helke 198; Aldo Ceresa 411; Judy Mincey 538; Michael Darby 77t; Laura Ann Russell 300; Kathy Williams 42; Christine Stevens 270; Pleasance Crawford 550; Steven Schmidgall 73b; Daniel Hunter 492; Samuel Sommers 522; Cathy Lutz 500; Ginny Landgraf 547; Jim Pfau 430; Scott Kennedy 162; Denise Kania 384; Doug Stapleton 440; Shawn Fenton 163t; Paula Picton 286; Herb Schroeder 211; Finance Committee 480.

RECESS

Ann Sleeva led 34b to call the class back to order. Leaders: Ryan Wheeler 56b; Laura Mae Noble 178; Carol Crawford 89; Cecelia Kramer 174; Douglas Fower 385b; Marian Mitchell 71; Gillian Inksetter 456; Jim Crawford 546; Eleanor Haase 352; Jason Steidl 33b; Steve Rogers 368; Stacey Berkheimer 297; Hanna Barlow 40; Bob Borcharding 215; Steve Warner 475; Grace Scrimgeour 216; Evelyn Lamb 245; David Barford 113; Sue Kessell 442.

Announcements were made. Randy Neufeld and Susan Geil led 347 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Herb Schroeder.

Sunday, April 29

The Sunday session of the Midwest Sacred Harp Convention was held at the Irish-American Heritage Center in Chicago, Illinois. The class was called to order by Randy Neufeld and Susan Geil leading 34b. The opening prayer was offered by Carol Munro Mosley.

Leaders: John Seaton 68b; Ginny Landgraf 383; Jim Helke 512; Lincoln Richardson 313b; Anne Missavage 268; Evelyn Lamb 565; Lori Graber 210; Steve Warner 40; Peter Bradley 344; Nick Pasqual 116; Michael Appert 270; Anna Pfau 542; Melissa Kelley 421; Joe Todd 373; Jeff Breting 63; Michael Darby 335; Laura Ann Russell 318.

RECESS

The class was brought back together by Kathy Williams leading 310.

Leaders: Kathy Williams 273; Ryan Wheeler 67; Denise Kania 216; Julie Vea 327; Rochelle Lodder 148; Ann Sleeva 107; Johanna Fabke 350; Marian Mitchell 189; Beth Todd 284; Bob Sullivan 49b; David Barford 66; James Page 193; Paul Landskroener 506; Megan Jennings 481; Edith Berger 384; Jim Pfau 474; Jim Swanson 488; Carol Crawford 94; Molly Whedbee 288.

RECESS

Grace Scrimgeour brought the class back to order by leading 504.

Leaders: Lisa Grayson 192; Shawn Fenton 39t; Hannah Barlow 117.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Kelly Kennedy and Kathy Williams. Kelly Kennedy said that as a community we welcome people as they are; we take care of each other. We visit, call, or write letters to singers on the sick and shut-ins list, and even when we do these things it is still hard to find words to express what we feel and what this community means to us. That is why we take the time to sing for those we are separated from. It brings us closer and takes away the distance. Kelly read the following names on the sick and shut-ins list: Grace Alvarez, Bob Anderson, Cathryn Bearov (Cathryn Bearov's mother), Rose Biondi, Anita Buswell, Don Buswell, Richard Delong, Owen Doss, David Ellis, John Grant, Hanson Grell, Gary Gronau, Phyllis Heiser Hartwig, Tom Hunter, Josie Hyde, Bill Jenkins, Holly Jorgenson, Gloria Rosen Kaplan, Danya Klee, Waneba Martin, Mary Martin, Doris Martin, Bud Oliver, Sammie Oliver, Caroline Presnell, Carl Schroeder, Bob Scorgie, Emilia Sherman, Peggy Simes, and Mary Vimmerstedt. Kelly led 330t.

Kathy Williams told the class that the memorial lesson is always poignant for her and more so this year as her father is on the deceased list. She shared stories of her father, George Holland, and Lonnie Rogers. She said that she knows when memorial lists are read, stories will be remembered by everyone present, and she loves to tell the stories. It makes her smile and it makes her remember. Kathy read the following names on the deceased list: Christine Gandy, Marie Ivey, Ernie Jett, Travis Keeton, John Merritt, Ernestine Pipkin, Cecil Sanders, Melvin Stiefel, Bill Tanner—Alabama; Teri Lennon, Jack Olive, Mary Olive—California; Richard Homme, Tom Shultz—Canada; Ola Valentine Epting—Florida; George Holland, Lonnie Rogers—Georgia; Ginny Blair, Ray Boin, Walt Holdampf, Rita Janusz, Frank Juarez, Sr., Norman Mark, Lorraine Mueller, Charles Pietri, Becky Schildman, Dennis Schilling—Illinois; Betty Moomau Browder—Illinois/California; Diane Nelson—Indiana; Betty Mosley—Kentucky; Joan Fritz—Minnesota; Dr. Charles William Landgraf, Jr.—Nebraska; Joshua Plaut—New Jersey; Rev. Dr. Hugh Smith, III.—New Jersey/Pennsylvania; John Klein, Robert John Landgraf, Sam Thomas—Ohio; Steve Collins—UK; Dr. Julietta Haynes—Tennessee; Frank Evans—Virginia; Joyce Anderson, Robert E. McKee—Wisconsin. Kathy led 472 in memory of the deceased. Jeannine Oakes closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leader: Michael Mosley 475.

LUNCH

Randy Neufeld led 36b to bring the afternoon session to order. Leaders: Laura Lee Earles 448t; Ted Johnson “Boulder”; Bob Borcharding 569b; Anne Heider 528; Aldo Ceresa 280; Judy Hauff 434; Judy Mincey 468; Cathy Lutz 99; Ted Mercer 320; Stacy Berkheimer 157; Eleanor Haase 32t; Jim Crawford 49t; Kelly Kennedy 447; Paula Picton 404; Marcia Johnson 348b; Christine Stevens 352; Carol Mosley 269; Sue Kessel 236; Daniel Hunter 204; Dan Nickel 442; Finance Committee 198.

RECESS

Lisa Grayson and members of Hyde Park Chicago Children’s Choir brought the class back together by leading 228. Leaders: Nicoletta Rogers 558; Melanie Hauff 203; Scott Kennedy 454; Gillian Inksetter 196; Tim Eriksen 379; Pleasance Crawford 371; Steven Schmidgall 496; Jeannine Oakes 155; Douglas Fower 299; Cecelia Kramer 497; Paul Wyatt 176; Elizabeth Barlow 457; Donna Gunderson-Rogers 52t; Leslie White 376; Charlotte Ehrman 401; Steve Rogers 48b.

Committee reports were made. The Finance Committee reported that expenses were met. The Resolutions Committee resolved that thanks be given for all aspects of this Midwest Convention. The Secretary’s report stated that there were 170 registered singers for the convention. Announcements were made.

The officers led 62 as the closing song, and those who were able took the parting hand. The closing prayer was offered by Jeannine Oakes.

Co-Chairpersons—Susan Geil and Randy Neufeld; Vice Chairmen—Marcia Johnson and Ted Johnson; Secretary—Ann Sleeva

MOUNT PISGAH PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Sylvester, Georgia
Sunday, April 29, 2012

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at Mount Pisgah Primitive Baptist Church, Sylvester, Georgia, was called to order on the second 5th Sunday of 2012 at 10:30 a.m. by Louis Hughes leading 29b and 138b. The opening prayer was offered by Trent Peachey.

Tim Meeks served as Chairman, Secretary, and Arranging Committee for the day. Leaders: Trent Peachey 33b, 317; Lauren Harrison 163b, 178; David Grant 154, 274t; Oscar McGuire 229, 128; John Robinson 32t, 34b; Kay Robinson 334, 46;

Bonnie Rewis 81t, 75; Brittany Rewis 235, 282; Georgia Ann Corbin 100; 40; Bob Meeks 73b, 32b; Bob Corbin 323b, 361; Myrtice Meeks 129, 491; Tim Meeks 457, 390.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Louis Hughes leading 285t and 348b. Leaders: Trent Peachey 335, 338; Lauren Harrison 47t, 503; David Grant 523, 544; Oscar McGuire 171, 155; John Robinson 452, 45t; Kay Robinson 294, 145b; Brittany Rewis 117, 59; Georgia Ann Corbin 340, 473; Bob Meeks 39b, 58; Bob Corbin 471, 156; Lamar Robinson 34t, 490, 358, 496; Marjorie Robison 373, 72t, 480; Myrtice Meeks 206, 318; Tim Meeks 383, 569b.

Louis Hughes led 347 as the closing song. Trent Peachey offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman/Secretary—Tim Meeks

HUNTSVILLE SACRED HARP SINGING Burritt on the Mountain, Huntsville, Alabama Saturday, May 5, 2012

The 27th annual Huntsville Sacred Harp Singing was held in the Old Country Church on the grounds of Burritt on the Mountain. The class was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Richard Ivey leading 31b and 217. Sam Sommers offered the morning prayer.

The class organized by electing or appointing the following officers: Chairman—Richard Ivey; Vice Chairman—Buddy Ballinger; Secretary—Amanda Hardiman; Arranging Committee—Lomax Ballinger and Linton Ballinger.

Leaders: Buddy Ballinger 108b; Amanda Hardiman 454; Lomax Ballinger 277; Linton Ballinger and Sherry Stover 144; Cheyenne Ivey 176b; Ron Harper 228; Charles McCravy 145t; Pam Wilkerson and friends 49b; Gary Leopold 159; Teresa Hope 384; Danny Creel 269; Judy Chambless 142; David Light 200; Lauren Allen 45t; Loyd Ivey 283; Nate Green and Norma Green 314; Ken Robinson 72b; Lisa Geist 472; David Killingsworth 56b; Christopher Mann 77t; Karen Bahler 32t; Scott Ivey 428; Judy Caudle 540; Ken Tate 217; Jimmy Ballinger 565.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Richard Ivey leading 56t. Leaders: Vella Dailey 29t; Ed Thacker and Margaret Thacker 108t (for Bud Oliver); Bea Carnathan 568; B.M. Smith 475; Milford Cobbs 127; Michael Thompson 385b; Christie Allen 270; Earl Ballinger 203; Kelsey Sunderland 349; Mike Hinton 456; Mary Whitehurst 448t; Phil Summerlin 112; Sandra Spradlin 276; Delone Cobbs 111b.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by David Ivey leading 272. Leaders: Henry Johnson 96; Catelyn Bahler 282; Everett Blackwood 30b; Mary Amelia Taylor 505; Gravis Ballinger 215; Bridgett Hill Kennedy 37b; Richard Mauldin 146; Max Berueffy 155; Daniel Bearden and Julie Heeren 198; Joan Aldridge 546; Gaston White 66; Laurens Blankers 312b; Anne Drexler 335; Andrew Farris 408; Roy Turrentine 186. Elder J.L. Hopper offered the noon blessing.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Rodney Ivey leading 337. Leaders: Mark Carroll 480; Amos Smith 317; Susan Cheronos 107; Brad Bahler 550; Margie Smith 225t; Nathan Rees 227; Larry Ballinger 151; Carolyn Thompson 442; Jim Aaron 503; Roberta Strauss 218; Sam Sommers 386; Russ Pope 117; Syble Adams and Pam Wilkerson 47b; J.L. Hopper 158; Daphene Causey 196; David Carlton 189; Linda Thomas 430; Bob Simmons 569b; Sharon DuPriest 137; Allison Whitener and Karen Ivey 411, 440; Scott Kennedy 162; Rachel Satterwhite 42; Geraldine

Sharpton 318; Jonathon Smith 110; Daniel Lee 34b; Joseph Bearden 49t; Loretta Smith and Amy Smith 274t; Karin Covi 178; Joyce Lambert 141.

Following announcements, Richard Ivey and Buddy Ballinger led 46 as the closing song. Ron Harper offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Richard Ivey; Vice Chairman—Buddy Ballinger; Secretary—Amanda Hardiman

SMITHSONIAN NEW HARMONIES SINGING **Harmony Primitive Baptist Church, Calhoun, Georgia** **Saturday, May 5, 2012**

A special day of singing was held at Harmony Primitive Baptist Church in conjunction with the Smithsonian traveling exhibit, New Harmonies. This exhibit explores the roots of music in America and is being presented in towns with populations of less than 20,000. Calhoun is the first city in Georgia to host the exhibit.

Judy Mincey opened the singing by leading 59. Elder Bob Mitchell welcomed the singers and visitors, and prayed for a blessing on the day.

Leaders: Judy Mincey 63 (with Jane Powers Weldon, local event co-coordinator for New Harmonies); John Plunkett 52t, 52b; Lee Cooper 138t, 29b; Billy Hollingsworth 540, 569t; Mike Spencer 278t, 205; John Hollingsworth 58, 354t; Mark Godfrey 29t, 65; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 45t, 105; Helen Bryson 100, 176t; David Brodeur 47t, 47b; Melanie Hardy 159, 143.

RECESS

John Plunkett called the class to order leading 81t. Coy Coggins 108t, 354b; Will Dover 146; Hayden Arp 283, 39b; Bob Mitchell 39t, 75; Judy Mincey 475, 569b (with Susan Stanley); John Plunkett 175, 92; Leigh Cooper 57, 203; Billy Hollingsworth 136, 492; Mike Spencer 499, 467; John Hollingsworth 164. John Plunkett said grace over a bountiful meal.

LUNCH

John Plunkett led 49t to open the afternoon session. Leaders: Hayden Arp 318, 389; Mark Godfrey 270, 56t; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 285b, 282; Helen Bryson 217, 365; David Brodeur 276, 178; Melanie Hardy 68b, 84; Susan Stanley 48t; Bob Mitchell 155, 154; Judy Mincey 180; John Plunkett and Percy Tate 312b; Leigh Cooper 440; Hayden Arp and Tammy Jordan 408; Billy Hollingsworth 285t; Mike Spencer 420; John Hollingsworth 44; Mark Godfrey 335; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 345b (for Virginia Douglas of Knoxville at the request of Judy Mincey); Helen Bryson 313b; David Brodeur 112; Melanie Hardy 491; Bob Mitchell 341.

After announcements, Judy Mincey lead 347 as the closing song. Elder Bob Mitchell dismissed the class with prayer.

Secretary—Judy Mincey

PORTLAND SACRED HARP **The Little Church, Portland, Oregon** **Saturday, May 5, 2012**

The 6th annual session of the Portland All-Day Sacred Harp Singing was called to order by Heather Ikeler leading 448b. David Zaworski offered the opening prayer. Leaders: Betsy Jeronen 61; Tom McTighe 492; Dan Thoma 228; Karen Willard 572; Chris Cotter 56t; Kelsey Nelsen 312t; Greg Saue 148; Mary Gowins 314; Lyle Lindsey 34b; Deidra Montgomery 213t; Thom Fahrback 212; Solomon Ossa 272; Jennie Brown 171; Kiri Miller 564; Erika Wilson 336; Kevin Barrans 436; Jonathan Levy-Wolins 142; Philip Haines 319.

A brief business meeting was held and the following officers were elected to serve: Chairperson—Heather Ikeler; Treasurer—Dan Thoma; Secretary—Heather Ikeler.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Steve Helwig leading 72b. Leaders: Steve Cackley 158; Rob Meeker and Katy Kanfer 43; Erik Schwab 182; Kramer Klein 183; Jessica Beer 440; Peter Schinske 344; James Baumgartner 38b; Heather Ikeler 556; Hal Eisen 193; Steve Tarr 372; Arcana Ferschke 192; Jenn Dolan 284; Carolyn Flatley-Gilkey 86; Jack Lofton 196; Anna Stoerch 512; Adam Rodriguez 277; Martha Sherwood 53; Mary McDonald-Lewis and Laurinda Grytness 535; Brittany Johnson 282; Susan Helf 112.

RECESS

The class was brought back together by Cornelia Stanton leading 32t. Leaders: Linda Selph 456; Jean Murphy 191; Bob Schinske 187; Melissa Stephenson 144; David Wright 48b; Kathy Vlach 24b; Rosie Lindsey 434; Reed Schillbach 297; Marcia Stedman 180; Karen Stingle 318; Lucinda Saeu 186.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Thom Fahrbach and James van Eddy leading 445. Leaders: Caleb Hardy 99; Dorothy Robinson 455; Marie Brandis 422; Clarissa Fetrow 497; Linda Selph 215; Jennie Brown 536; Steve Helwig 217; Katy Kanfer 118; Eric Holt 341; Tom Payne 146; Kiri Miller 442; Mary Gowins 200; Erik Schwab 204; Karen Willard 478; Chris Cotter 472; Ethan Hardy 326; Marla Elliott 267; Erika Wilson 385t; James Baumgartner 269; David Wright 475; Arcana Ferschke 378b; Tom McTighe 77t; Dan Thoma 466; Jessica Beer 430.

RECESS

The class was called back together by Gregory Mulkern leading 101b. Leaders: Robert Norman 163b; Nell Whitman 385b; Geoffrey LaForce 46; Hal Eisen 175; Deidra Montgomery 195; Kevin Barrans 329; Anna Stoerch 313t; Gaea Singer and Steve Helwig 376; Darlene Simpson-Brown 546; Karl Oswald 473; Jack Lofton 159; Solomon Ossa 348t; Jonathan Levy-Wolins and Kramer Klein 542; Steve Tarr 218; Mary McDonald-Lewis 236; Bob Schinske 137; Feliciano Garcia 532.

A business meeting was held for the purpose of hearing committee reports.

Treasurer Dan Thoma reported that all expenses had been met. The Resolutions Committee, Deidra Montgomery and Erik Schwab, graciously thanked all who had come together to make the day possible. The Arranging and Registration Committees reported that 156 attendees had registered and that 68 leaders had led 95 songs.

David Zaworski offered the closing prayer. Heather Ikeler led 36b, and the class was dismissed.

Chairperson and Secretary—Heather Ikeler

NORTHWEST ARKANSAS SHILOH SINGING CONVENTION, SPRING SESSION

St. John's Episcopal Church, Harrison, Arkansas

Saturday, May 5, 2012

The Northwest Arkansas Shiloh Singing Convention Spring Session was called to order by Dan Brittain leading 31b. Syd Caldwell offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Dan Brittain 57; Andrew Albers 104, 134; Katy Black 86, 63; Syd Caldwell 82t, 88b; Cheryl Foreman 31t, 171; Waymon Minor 133, 535; Alexis Walker 99, 294.

Dan Brittain led 458. A business session was held and the following officers were elected: Chairman—Dan Brittain; Vice Chairman—Andrew Albers; Secretary—Katy

Black; Memorial Committee—Andrew Albers and Cheryl Foreman. The business session was closed.

RECESS

Syd Caldwell led 113 (MH) and 77 (MH) (for Bill Caldwell) to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Katy Black 89 (MH), 177 (MH); Andrew Albers 56t, 88t; Waymon Minor 135 (MH), 55 (MH); Dan Brittain 13 (MH), 192 (MH); Cheryl Foreman 22 (MH), 16 (MH); Andrew Albers 138 (MH); Alexis Walker 496, 424.

RECESS

Dan Brittain brought the class back to order leading 138t. Leaders: Waymon Minor 263, 464; Syd Caldwell 108t (in honor of family), 101t (in memory of Lonnie Rogers); Andrew Albers 164; Dan Brittain 164 (MH). B.R. Black offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Dan Brittain leading 142 (MH), 34 (MH), 146, 159. Leaders: Katy Black 472; Andrew Albers 14 (MH), 236; Syd Caldwell 480, 408; Cheryl Foreman 45t, 452; Waymon Minor 11 (MH), 203.

Andrew Albers conducted the memorial lesson. Cheryl Foreman read the following list of names of the sick and shut-ins: Charlie Ballard, Ann Ballard, Don Buswell, Anita Buswell, Beau Caldwell, Harrison Creel, Richard DeLong, Carlene Griffin, Danny Griffin, Josie Hyde, Linda Minor, Teenie Moody, Bud Oliver, Sammie Oliver, S.T. Reed, and Suzette Willmonth. Cheryl Foreman led 176b.

Andrew Albers spoke, and Cheryl Foreman read the names of the following deceased: Marie Ivey, Ernie Jett, Travis Keeton, and Cecil Sanders—Alabama; John Grant—Arkansas; Nick Griffin and Lonnie Rodgers—Georgia; John Merritt—Mississippi; Leland Owen—Texas. Andrew led 7 (MH) in their memory, and closed the memorial lesson.

Leaders: Andrew Albers, Hannah Albers, Rhoda Albers, and Mark Albers 145b; Alexis Walker 551, 335; Cheryl Foreman 8 (MH), 86; Syd Caldwell and B.R. Black 163b, 39b.

Announcements were made. Dan Brittain led 69b as the closing song. The class was dismissed with a prayer offered by Syd Caldwell.

Chairman—Dan Brittain; Vice Chairman—Andrew Albers; Secretary—Katy Black

AUGUSTA SACRED HARP SINGING

Augusta Old Line Primitive Baptist Church, Martinez, Georgia Saturday, May 5, 2012

The 3rd annual Augusta Sacred Harp Singing was held at Augusta Old Line Primitive Baptist Church, 3646 Old Petersburg Road, Martinez, Georgia, on Saturday before the first Sunday in May. Gene Pinion began the meeting at 9:30 with a singing school and history. He explained the shaped notes and the four-part harmony sung by Sacred Harp singers. After the lesson and history, Agnes Roberts welcomed everyone, and led “The Great Roll Call” from a printed handout. Elder Dwayne Hooven, pastor of Augusta Old Line Primitive Baptist Church, gave the welcome from the church, and offered the opening prayer.

The class was called to order by Joyce Heath at 10:00 a.m. leading 127 and 318.

Leaders: Frank DeBolt 569b, 63; Tom Ivey 201, 32t; Oscar McGuire 171, 75; Mary Brownlee 78, 84; Tollie Lee 30t, 565; Ted Seaman 64, 340; John Gentry 33b, 289.

RECESS

Gene Pinion called the class back to order by leading 354b. Leaders: Sharon Strong 479, 299; Donna Smith 276, 163b; Judith Parker 269, 268; Joyce Heath 159, 153; Gene Pinion 59, 49b; Frank DeBolt 186, 503; Agnes Roberts 358, 143. Gene Pinion prayed the blessing for lunch.

LUNCH

Joyce Heath called the class back to order at 1:00 p.m. and led 452. The class entered into a short business session with following officers elected to serve: Co-Chairpersons—Joyce Heath and Agnes Roberts; Arranging Officer—Gene Pinion; Vice Chairman—Rabon Holton; Secretary—Diane Goldman.

Leaders: Joyce Heath 436; Tom Ivey 196, 282; Oscar McGuire 229, 441; Mary Brownlee 47b, 224; Tollie Lee 551, 285t; Ted Seaman 80t, 293; Gene Pinion 145t, 569t; Sharon Strong 250; Donna Smith 142, 448t.

RECESS

Joyce Heath and Frank DeBolt led 334 to call the class back to order. Leaders: Gene Pinion 218; Terri Jowers 457; Judith Parker 168; Agnes Roberts 46; Oscar McGuire 155; Mary Brownlee 350; Tollie Lee 319; Ted Seaman 175; John Gentry 38b; Donna Smith 442; Sharon Strong 112; Terri Jowers 235; Tom Ivey 549.

Joyce Heath thanked all who attended and helped with this year's singing. She led 146 as the closing song. Announcements were made. Elder Dwayne Hooven offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Joyce Heath; Vice Chairman—Rabon Holton; Secretary—Diane Goldman

SHADY GROVE (KEETON CEMETERY) **Walker County, Alabama** **Sunday, May 6, 2012**

The 41st session of the annual Sacred Harp singing held at Shady Grove (Keeton Cemetery) on the first Sunday in May was called to order by Glenn Keeton leading 59. The morning prayer was offered by Richard Mauldin.

The class was organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Glenn Keeton; Vice Chairman—Henry Guthery; Secretary—Margaret Keeton; Arranging Officer—Lena Keeton.

Glenn Keeton welcomed everyone, and led 40.

Leaders: Gravis Ballinger 78, 120; Roma Rice 338, 313t; Delone Cobbs 503, 569b; Mike Hinton 34t, 339; Elene Stovall 200 (in memory of Travis Keeton), 430 (for the Killingsworths); Mike Hankins 68b, 72b; Sandra Spradlin 192, 391; Tim Cook 287, 284; Stella Pratt 63, 487; Chris Ballinger 477, 84; Lisa Geist 377, 527; Margaret Keeton 517, 45b; Brenda Chafin 42, 442.

RECESS

Henry Guthery led 398 and 549 to bring the class back together.

Leaders: Linton Ballinger 224, 222; Emily Burleson 217, 228; Linda Sides 215, 328; Joshua Keeton 268, 408; Betty Baccus 100, 455; Bea Carnathan 175, 119; Butch White 34b, 86; Larry Ballinger 528, 300; Danny Creel 177, 182; Ottis Sides 530, 475. Marlin Beasley asked the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Glenn Keeton leading 76b and 507 (for Josie Hyde). Leaders: Carolyn Thompson 376, 102; Earl Ballinger 394, 299; Jimmie Gilmore and Roland Gilmore 378t, 276; Ken Tate 278t, 135; Steve Adams and Carolyn Thompson 129 (in memory of Travis Keeton), 101t; Marlin Beasley 482 (for John Beasley), 336 (for Charlie Ballard); Richard Mauldin 43 (for Josie Hyde), 399b (in memory of Travis Keeton); Bridgett Kennedy 302, 383; Kermit Adams 426t, 426b; Scott Kennedy 229, 551; Velton Chafin 318; Richard Mauldin 306 (for Parnell Berry); Lena Keeton, Gwen Cornelius, and Glenn Keeton 380 (for Maxine Keeton), 290 (in memory of A.C. McGough), 480.

Following announcements, Glenn Keeton led 104 (by request). Glenn Keeton and Henry Guthery led 267 as the closing song. Danny Creel offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Glenn Keeton; Vice Chairman—Henry Guthery; Secretary—Margaret Keeton

MT. ZION PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH HOMECOMING **Ashland, Alabama** **Sunday, May 6, 2012**

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at Mt. Zion Primitive Baptist Church was called to order by Eugene Forbes leading 75. Elder J. D. Morris offered the morning prayer.

Eugene Forbes led 101t, and the class elected the following officers: Chairman—Eugene Forbes; Vice Chairman—Jack Nelson; Secretary—Jenny Acton; Arranging Officer—Edna Ruth Phillips.

Leaders: Eugene Forbes 39b; Cecil Roberts 35, 37b; Marilyn Bradford and Cecil Roberts 225t (in memory of Lonnie Rodgers), 58; Eldora Morris 111b, 144; Roy Nelson 57, 32t; Floy Wilder 186, 187; Tom Ingram 491, 490; Myrline Redmon 358, 503; Jacob Acton 354b, 282; Brandon Acton 388, 117.

RECESS

Jack Nelson led 480 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Jenny Acton 229 (CB), 340; Pam Anderson 339, 334; Krista Baker 40, 45t; Shelia Harris 143, 100; Wallace sisters (Audress Gurley, Myrline Redmon, Edna Ruth Phillips) 571 (CB); Lori Hinesley 172, 405.

LUNCH

Eugene Forbes led 112 to begin the afternoon session. Leaders: Virginia Futral 569b, 566; William Futral 61, 31t; Wendy Futral 36b, 145b; Edna Ruth Phillips 452, 288 (in memory of M.B. Forbes); Myrline Redmon and Jack Nelson “What A Day That Will Be”; Jacob Acton 294, 333; Floy Wilder 187.

Eugene Forbes led 46 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Elder J.D. Morris, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Eugene Forbes; Vice Chairman—Jack Nelson; Secretary—Jenny Acton

SHADY GROVE CHURCH **Dutton, Alabama** **Sunday, May 6, 2012**

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Shady Grove Church, Dutton, Alabama, was held on the first Sunday in May. The class sang 34b and 39t.

Eddie Brown welcomed everyone, and led 77t and 74b. The morning prayer was offered by Bro. Ben Barentine.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Eddie Brown; Secretary—Judy Caudle; Memorial Committee—Darlene Dalton and Karen Travis.

Leaders: Daniel Wooten 87; Mark Brown 65; J.T. Shavers 277; Syble Adams 137; Loyd Ivey and Pam Wilkerson 208, 424; Jason Wilks and Maggie Wilks 30t, 145b; Shane Wooten 73t (for Bud Oliver); Scott Ivey 564; Ronda Arnold 31t; Rodney Ivey 343; Cheyenne Ivey 182; Jared Wooten 475; Nate Green and Norma Green 43 (in memory of Leola Smith); Toby Brown, Adam Harris, and Andrew Brown “Holy Manna”; Greg Rodgers 147t; Kevin Brown 452; Loretta Smith and Amy Smith 68b; Karen Travis 29t; Jamey Wooten 472; Tim Dalton 448t.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Eddie Brown and Mark Brown leading 48t. The memorial lesson was conducted by Karen Travis and Darlene Dalton. Karen read Bible scripture, First Corinthians 15:42, in memory of the deceased. The list of recently deceased included Marie Ivey, Diane Nelson (Sam Sommers's sister), and baby James Gaddis. Darlene read scripture, Philippians 1:8-11, in honor of the following sick and shut-ins: Earl Bradshaw and Aunt Opal Wooten. They led 309. Leaders: Meadows family "It Is Well"; Gilbert family 87; Evelyn Brown family 45t; Ellis family 128, 454; Thelma Brown family "Just As I Am"; Chester Wootten family and Johnson family 282; Carroll family 36b; Jess Wootten family 176b, 97; McKinney family 511t (CB); Cate family 339; Kessler family 518 (CB); Kennerly family 343; Darlene Dalton, Syble Adams, Myra Dalton, and Charlotte Heard 312t.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Mark Brown and Eddie Brown leading 30b. Leaders: Brad Bahler 75; B.M. Smith 441; Aaron Wootten and Sarah Vaughn 39t; Susan Cheronos 40; David Ivey 465 (CB) (for Coy Ivey); Daniel Bearden 304; Marty Wootten 212; Richard Ivey 432; Richard Ivey and Syble Adams 196; Kelsey Sunderland 47t; Tom George and Dennis George 500, 383; Linda Thomas and Jordan Ratliff 345b; Judy Caudle 167; Samuel Sommers 121 (in memory of his sister); Angela Myers 430; Rachel Shavers 67; Karen Bahler 551; Terry Wootten 176t; Billy Thompson 572 (CB); Brenda Carroll and Shane Wootten 163t; Dewayne Wootten and Levon Wootten 478 (CB), "Pass Me Not"; Claudene Townson, Virginia Glass, Larry Wootten, and Jimmy Haynes 500 (CB); Ben Barrentine and Loyd Ivey 82t (for Ben's father).

Tim Travis and Eddie Brown led 505 (CB). Daniel Wooten offered a prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Eddie Brown; Secretary—Judy Caudle

MEMPHIS WEEKEND SINGING

**Watkins Home and St. Peter Catholic Church, Memphis, Tennessee
May 11-12, 2012**

Friday, May 11

The second annual Memphis Weekend Singing was held on Friday night and Saturday before the second Sunday in May. The Friday night session was held at the Watkins home in Lakeland, Tennessee. Vicki Neyman opened the singing by leading 82t. Bob Watkins offered prayer.

Leaders: Helen Beauchamp 318; Bobby Neyman 112; Bob Watkins 512; Helen Beauchamp 513; Michael Jones 48t; Matt Bell 426b (for Ray Rechenberg); Stephanie Beauchamp 47b; Joe Thompson 143; Andrew Beauchamp 180; Milano Neyman 45t.

RECESS

Leaders: Mikenzie Gregory 376; Helen Beauchamp 168; Michael Jones 102; Bob Watkins 436; Matt Bell 416; Andrew Beauchamp 271t; Stephanie Beauchamp 271b; Joe Thompson 414; Vicki Neyman 178; Milano Neyman 117. Bobby Neyman offered the closing prayer.

Saturday, May 12

The Saturday session of the Memphis Weekend Singing was held at St. Peter Catholic Church in Memphis, Tennessee. Matt Bell called the class to order by leading 33b and 33t. Jeff Corbett offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Joe Thompson 479, 551; Logan Green 86, 230; Andrew Beauchamp 38b, 56b; Cody Hunter 99, 39t; Jeff Corbett 32t, 546; Hugh Bill McGuire 503; Hugh Bill McGuire and Drew McGuire 40; Charles Williams family and Logan Green 198; Charles Williams family and Andrew Beauchamp 63.

RECESS

Matt Bell called the class together by leading 297 (for Bruce Johnson). Leaders: Henry McGuire 376, 362; Helen Beauchamp 168, 75; Drew McGuire 76b, 277; Bob Watkins 406, 460; Bobby Neyman 470, 178; Robert Green 148, 139; April Watkins and Taylor Watkins 146; Melissa Beauchamp 433, 428; Kevan Barley 142, 282; Vicki Neyman and Milano Neyman 274t, 34t; Matt Bell 542. Robert Green asked the blessing on the noon meal.

LUNCH

Matt Bell opened the afternoon session by leading 379 and 378b. Leaders: Dwayne Thompson and Joe Thompson 439, 457; Rachel Green and Amy Cox 146, 270; Kathryn Green 478; Michael Jones 497, 245; Jamie Corbett 354b, 155; Henry McGuire 410t; Helen Beauchamp 442, 318; Amy Cox 47b; Kevan Barley 186; Kathryn Green 157; Robert Green 107; Rachel Green 72b; Logan Green 504; Melissa Beauchamp 26; Myron Wilkinson 358; Vicki Neyman and Bobby Neyman 268; Drew McGuire 480; Andrew Beauchamp 196; Logan Green 87; Henry McGuire 269; Matt Bell 69t.

Matt Bell thanked everyone present for attending, contributing to the singing, and the abundant spread of food. The class sang 62 and took the parting hand. Bob Watkins offered the closing prayer.

Chairman and Secretary—Matt Bell

MID-MICHIGAN SINGING **Faith Lutheran Church, Okemos, Michigan** **Saturday, May 12, 2012**

David Stowe brought the class to order leading 63. Pastor Jim Wenger of Faith Lutheran Church spoke words of inspiration and offered the morning prayer. Leaders: Anne Missavage 171; Martha Beverly 299; Cecelia Kramer 40; Marian Mitchell 47t; Dean Knuth 479; David Stowe 163t; Bill Beverly 133; Anne Miczulski 361; Pleasance Crawford 391; Will Fitzgerald 39t; Nicoletta Rogers 328; Gillian Inksetter 474; Jeannine Oakes 107; Steve Rogers 155; Jan May 344; Chuck Crawford 106.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Marian Mitchell leading 46. Leaders: Idy Kiser 448b; Martha Beverly 528; Will Fitzgerald 376; Anne Missavage 203; David Stowe 313b; Steve Rogers 547; Gillian Inksetter 548; Marian Mitchell 481; Chuck Crawford 480; Bill Beverly 29b; Cecelia Kramer 312b; Nicoletta Rogers 501; Jan May 300; Jeannine Oakes 47b; Idy Kiser 472; Anne Miczulski 145b.

RECESS

The class was called to order by David Stowe leading 34b. Leaders: Dean Knuth 42; Pleasance Crawford 540; Steve Rogers 70t; Gillian Inksetter 31t; Cecelia Kramer 66; Will Fitzgerald 324; Anne Missavage 84; Jan May 99; Nicoletta Rogers 178; Bill Beverly 546; Anne Miczulski 569b. Will Fitzgerald offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

David Stowe led 59 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Dean Knuth 173; Karen Clark 488b (CB); Pleasance Crawford 187; Jeannine Oakes 148; Martha Beverly 475; Chuck Crawford 72b; Anne Missavage 56b; Nate Zweig 204; Derrick Fox 38b; David Stowe 318; Marian Mitchell 532; Nicoletta Rogers 538; Jan May 276; Chuck Crawford 287; Jeannine Oakes 384; Gillian Inksetter 228; Pleasance Crawford 354t; Steve Rogers 436.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Cecelia Kramer leading 277. Leaders: Derrick Fox 146; Nate Zweig 49b; Will Fitzgerald 421; Dean Knuth 61; Martha Beverly 383; Steve Rogers and Nicoletta Rogers 194 (NH); Anne Miczulski 335; Bill Beverly 143; David Stowe 365; Cecelia Kramer 168; Anne Missavage 362; Marian Mitchell 504; Gillian Inksetter 34t; Jeannine Oakes 163b.

Announcements were made. David Stowe led 347 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Will Fitzgerald, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—David Stowe; Secretary—Marian Mitchell

NAN HERRING (FURMAN) SINGING

Nan Herring Pavilion, Furman University, Greenville, South Carolina Saturday, May 12, 2012

The 15th annual singing at Furman University was held on Saturday before the second Sunday in May. Song selections were from *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*, and *The Christian Harmony, 2010 Edition*.

The first session was from *The Christian Harmony*. Robert Kelley led 27t, and welcomed the singers. John Hollingsworth offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Mary Baumeister 67t; Chris Wilhelm 281b; John Hollingsworth 58t; Bill Hollingsworth 157; Judy Mincey 51; Leslie Booher 188; Robert Kelley 172; Mary Baumeister 455b; Chris Wilhelm 419t; Danny Arms 214; John Hollingsworth 81t; Bill Hollingsworth 546t; Judy Mincey 546b; Leslie Booher 545.

In a brief business meeting officers were elected for next year as follows: Chairman—Frances Carnell; Vice Chairman—Dave Farmer; Secretary—Mary Baumeister/Chris Wilhelm; Chaplain—John Plunkett.

RECESS

The second session was from *The Sacred Harp*. Robert Kelley brought the class to order by leading 500. For the South Carolina Hall of Fame documentary of William Walker, Robert Kelley led the singers through the scale, and then led 159. Mary Baumeister led 45t. Leaders: Chris Wilhelm 313t; John Hollingsworth 64; Bill Hollingsworth 155; Judy Mincey 50b; Leslie Booher 448t; Danny Arms 352; Dave Farmer 107; David Libbey 503; Robert Kelley 471; Mary Baumeister 501; Chris Wilhelm 180. John Hollingsworth offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon sessions were both leader's choice. Robert Kelley brought the class together by leading 191. Leaders: John Hollingsworth 418; Bill Hollingsworth 186; Judy Mincey 16 (CH); Leslie Booher 55b (CH); Danny Arms 314; Dave Farmer 107 (CH); David Libbey 67b (CH); Robert Kelley 236t (CH); Mary Baumeister 66t (CH); Chris Wilhelm 430; John Hollingsworth 93 (CH); Bill Hollingsworth 459t (CH); Judy Mincey 50 (CH); Leslie Booher 419b (CH).

RECESS

Leaders: Danny Arms 180 (CH); Dave Farmer 165 (CH); David Libbey 432b (CH); Robert Kelley 179; Mary Baumeister 396t (CH); Chris Wilhelm 317 (CH); Bill Hollingsworth 421b (CH); Judy Mincey 258 (CH); Leslie Booher 294 (CH); Danny Arms 112; Dave Farmer 288; David Libbey 504; Robert Kelley 368.

Robert Kelley led 382 as the closing song. John Hollingsworth offered the closing prayer.

Acting Chairman—Robert Kelley; Secretary—Mary Baumeister

LOS ANGELES REGIONAL SINGING
Angels Gate Cultural Center, San Pedro, California
Saturday, May 12, 2012

The 20th annual Los Angeles Regional Sacred Harp Singing was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by John Rand leading 291. Al Grindon offered the opening prayer.

A business meeting was held and the following officers were elected: Chairman—Robyn Hansen; Vice Chairman—Jeff Begly; Treasurer—Duncan MacLeod; Secretary—Larry Arnstein.

Leaders: Robyn Hansen 106; Jeff Begly 123b; Larry Arnstein 566; Karen Huss 454; Colleen Dougher 163b; David Olson 48t; Robin Woolner 178; Betty Herman 65; Maggie Dougher 59; Ron Huss 362; Laura Boyd Russell 32t; Marilyn Murata 200; Sarah Hill 455; John Marr 186.

RECESS

Mary Rose O'Leary called the class back to order by leading 419. Leaders: Linda Selph 294; Carroll Lunsford 303; Sean Francis Conway 410t; Polly Henninger 391; Stephen O'Leary 547; Samantha Bullat 476; Jessica Catron 344; Mimi Wright 284; Al Grindon 49b; Natalie Hall 203; Larry Arnstein 489; Amy Ludwig 122; John Rand 448t; Jeff Begly 349; Jerry Schreiber 167; Duncan MacLeod 34t.

Laura Boyd Russell conducted the memorial lesson. Linda Selph led 70t for the following sick and shut-ins: Jody Cifra, Loulou Dranger, Fumi Murata, Shisue Sugimoto, Rachel O'Leary, Pitt Kinsolving, and Joan Schurr.

Hans Guttman led 270 in memory of the following deceased: Marcia Tucker, Venus Martinez, John O'Brien, Dennis Stouffer, Virginia Phillips, Howard Kayton, Rich Buhler, Arthur Stickel, and Betty Johnson—California; Joan Fritz—Minnesota; Allan B. Ecker and Paul G. Marshall—New York; Jean Shaffer Golden—Colorado; George Esterhazy—New Jersey; Emogene Lunsford Roberis—Alabama; Lonnie Rogers—Georgia. Al Grindon offered grace before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Rick Russell called the class back to order by leading 66. Leaders: Clarissa Fetrow 99; Midge Harder 335; Jeri Segal 274t; Linda Selph 217; Lucy Grindon 146; Jerry Schreiber 236; Hans Guttman 480; Pearl Marshall 282; Judy Getrich 312b; Paula Matei 168; Rick Russell 328; Carl Barnes 299; Tommy Hill 148; Robyn Hansen 82t.

RECESS

Jessica Catron called the class back to order by leading 107. Leaders: Carroll Lunsford 294; Mairye Bates 384; Sean Francis Conway 163t; Clarissa Fetrow 39t; Mimi Wright 267; Midge Harder 269; Hans Guttman 37b; Judy Getrich 350; Linda Selph 76b; Jerry Schreiber 383; Carla Smith 433; Samantha Bullat 131t; Lucy Grindon 86; John Marr 319; Robin Woolner 33b; Ron Huss 157.

A business meeting was held to hear reports. Expenses were met. Seventy-five songs were led by forty-one leaders, some for the first time. Thirty-three other singers submitted registration cards, but did not lead. Resolutions were read.

Robyn Hansen led 276 as the closing song. Al Grindon offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Robyn Hansen; Vice Chairman—Jeff Begly; Secretary—Larry Arnstein

GOODSHAW SACRED HARP SINGING DAY

Goodshaw Baptist Church

Crawshawbooth, Lancashire, United Kingdom

Saturday, May 12, 2012

The 3rd session of the Goodshaw Sacred Harp Day was held at Goodshaw Baptist Church in the United Kingdom on Saturday before the second Sunday in May. Ted

Brown began the day by leading 33b. Harry Sidebottom welcomed singers back to the church and offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Judy Whiting 77b; Margaret Gillanders 36b; Michael Walker 57; Hannah Land 56b; Ewan Paterson 49b; Nadine Wills 535; Helen Brown 39b; Joe Vickers 317; Fynn Titford-Mock 201; Judy Whiting 523; Michael Walker 30b; Margaret Gillanders 39t; Ted Brown 47t; Hannah Land 56t; Ewan Paterson 274t.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Ted Brown; Secretaries—Margaret Gillanders and Colin Higgins; Memorial Leader—Michael Walker.

RECESS

Helen Brown called the class back together by leading 171. Leaders: Joe Vickers 63; Nadine Wills 313b; Fynn Titford-Mock 274b; Judy Whiting 28b; Michael Walker 55; Ted Brown 278t; Ewan Paterson 178; Margaret Gillanders 373; Hannah Land 383; Helen Brown 432; Joe Vickers 68b; Nadine Wells 457; Fynn Titford-Mock 88t; Hannah Land 81t; Margaret Gillanders 225t; Ted Brown 111b; Ewan Paterson 277; Nadine Wills 141; Joe Vickers 34b; Michael Walker 436. Nadine Wills gave thanks for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Fynn Titford-Mock called the class back to order and led 143. Leaders: Helen Brown 187; Hannah Land 61; Margaret Gillanders 475; Ted Brown 176b; Ewan Paterson 59; Nadine Wills 80t; Judy Whiting 441; Joe Vickers 481; Michael Walker “Goodshaw”; Fynn Titford-Mock 425.

Michael Walker conducted the memorial lesson and read the following names of the deceased: Gordon Corrick—Hull; Joe Reynolds—Denmead; Lonnie Rogers—Georgia, USA; Marie Ivey—Alabama, USA; Dr. Julietta Haynes—Tennessee, USA; Peter Schoojens—Sweden; Philip Higgins—Oldham; Maureen Gamlin—Derby; Beryl Head—Bolton.

He also spoke for the following sick and housebound: Brenda Grimshaw, Tony Parkinson, Pauline McPartland, Chris Brown, Charlotte Walker, Benny Ross, and Lynn James. He led 435, and offered a prayer.

Leaders: Hannah Land 399t; Helen Brown 392; Ted Brown 77t; Ewan Paterson 159; Margaret Gillanders 472; Nadine Wills 156; Judy Whiting 354t.

RECESS

Judy Whiting called the class to order leading 71. Leaders: Joe Vickers 501; Michael Walker 456; Hannah Land 198; Fynn Titford-Mock 188; Helen Brown 268; Margaret Gillanders 546; Nadine Wills 163b; Joe Vickers 503; Ewan Paterson 117; Ted Brown 515.

Judy Whiting and Ted Brown led 323t. John Hopkinson offered a closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

After the close, a group of singers visited the Goodshaw Baptist Church Old Chapel and sang, sitting in the square singer’s pew. Leaders: Hannah Land 30t; Werner Ullah 339; Michael Walker 31t; John Hopkinson 350; Mark Read 230; Joe Vickers 448t; Nadine Wills 448b; Helen Brown 540; Michael Walker 566; Fynn Titford-Mock 385b.

Chairman—Ted Brown; Secretaries—Margaret Gillanders and Colin Higgins

BOSTON ALL-DAY SINGING
Newton Highlands Congregational Church
Newton Highlands, Massachusetts
Saturday, May 12, 2012

The 3rd annual Boston All-Day Singing was held at Newton Highlands Congregational Church, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts, on Saturday before the second Sunday in May. The class was called to order by Elizabeth Stoddard leading 33b. The opening prayer was offered by Robert Dove.

A business session was held and the following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Joanna Lampert; Vice Chairman—Tom Malone; Treasurer—Joanne Fuller; Chaplain—Rev. Kenneth Baily; Secretary—Patricia Callahan. Leaders: Joanna Lampert 61; Tom Malone 76t; Patricia Callahan 492; Alvaro Witt-Duarte 131b; Megan Jennings 203; Bill Holt 148; Cristin McMurray 319; Robert Dove 66; Jacqueline Barnard 569b; Sally Langendorf 106; Ben Sachs-Hamilton 107; Anne Kazlauskas 447; Myles Louis Dakan 230; Ron Trial 46; Bob Parr 475; Lucy O'Leary 436; John Bowman 77b; Katy Brown 441; Earl J. Kipp 89; Christian Hague 276; Natalie Jablonski 399b; James Baumgartner 270.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Laura Borrelli leading 29t. Leaders: Robert Stoddard 391; Emily Hancock 274t; Barbara Swetman 358; Al McCready 339; Nathalie Levine 48t; Leon Pulsinelle 198; Troad and Dan Hertzler 448t; Joanne Fuller 159; Ina Shea 26; Terry Ryan 42; Paula Picton 332; Michael Kaye 72b; Philippa Stoddard 411; Nancy Mandel 77t; Ian Quinn 134; Sonia Chin 545; Aldo Ceresa 68t; Jean Seiler 168; Ines Lüttgen and Troad 446; Eric Xu 183; Liz Cantrell 538; Martha Rogers 76b; Dan Hertzler 531; Emma Rose Brown 546; Jackie O'Riley 340; Ed Smith 304; Ariel Weinberg 481; Corinne Ducey 82t; Mary Jo Shafer 101t; Eric-Darden Ymeraga 532; Jen Agans 38b; Justin Levi 216; Kiri Miller 187; Sinead O'Mahoney 504. The blessing before lunch was offered by Rev. Kenneth Baily.

LUNCH

Justin Levi called the class back to order by leading 383. Leaders: Jean Seiler 472; Miles Louis Dakan 215; Lucy O'Leary 217; Ben Sachs-Hamilton 189; Patricia Callahan 302; Alvaro Witt-Duarte 430; Kshama Ananthapura 47b; Sonia Chin 182; Terry Ryan 193; Aldo Ceresa 218; Joanne Fuller 439; Eric Xu 433; Stephen Marini 365; Barbara Swetman 91; Leon Pulsinelle 86; Ina Shea and Nancy Mandell 181; Michael Kaye and Rachel Kaye 68b; Paula Picton, Angharad Davis, and Nathalie Levine 547; Dan Hertzler 556; Philippa Stoddard 455; Matt Cartmill 312b.

RECESS

Katy Brown brought the class back to order by leading 119. Leaders: Laura Borrelli 457; Eric-Dardan Ymeraga 347; Emma Rose Brown 280; Kiri Miller 144; Ron Trial, Michelle Goldhaber, and Pavlo Hrytsak 112; Liz Cantrell 522; Ines Lüttgen and Troad 208; Ed Smith 362; Martha Rogers 105; Troad and Ines Lüttgen 56t; Robert Stoddard 385t; Natalie Jablonski 344; Ian Quinn 345b; Mary Jo Shafer 335; Al McCready 306; Sally Langendorf 75; Earl J. Kipp 317; Jen Agans 278b; John Bowman 155; Sinead O'Mahoney 178; Bob Parr 542; Cristin McMurray 179; Christian Hague 348b; Bill Holt 48b; Kshama Ananthapura 37b; Libby Brownell 146; Elizabeth Stoddard 354t; Joanna Lampert and Tom Malone 318.

Announcements were made. The Treasurer reported that all expenses had been met. The Secretary reported that 101 singers from 9 states and 2 countries attended, and 63 leaders led 109 songs.

Joanna Lampert, Tom Malone, and Patricia Callahan led 62 as the closing song. Rev. Kenneth Baily offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.
Chairman—Joanna Lampert; Vice Chairman—Tom Malone; Secretary—Patricia Callahan

OLD FLATWOODS PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Nauvoo, Alabama
Sunday, May 13, 2012

The annual Decoration Day Sacred Harp singing was held at Old Flatwoods Primitive Baptist Church on the second Sunday in May. The class was greeted and called to order by Jimmie Gilmore at 10:30 a.m. The morning prayer was offered by Don Keeton.

The assembled singers were few but there were quite a few listeners. The usual formality of the all-day singing was therefore discarded in favor of simply singing songs requested by the listeners and singers, and no formal record was kept. Many of the songs were sung in memory of those gone before, and a sweet session was experienced by all.

The following were present: Jimmie Gilmore, Arthur Gilmore, Dianne Welch, Don Keeton, Sarah Beasley, Seth Holloway, Betty Baccus, Julia Poston, Becky Briggs, George Deavours, Jackie Argo, Jackie Beard, Sophia Davison, Karen Willard, Shirley Tidwell, Ivalene Dutton and her sister Marydean, Kermit Adams, Patricia Phelps, John Keeton, Syble Keeton, Jeanette Johnson and her family from Michigan. This singing will be held next year at this same date and location, to begin at 10:00 a.m.

Co-Chairpersons—Jimmie Gilmore and Arthur Gilmore; Secretary—Karen Willard

GARDEN STATE SINGING CONVENTION
Montclair Friends Meetinghouse, Upper Montclair, New Jersey
May 18-19, 2012

Friday night, May 18

The 20th annual Garden State Convention was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Gina Balestracci leading 66. Gina offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Claire Simon 47t; Laura Densmore 120; Roland Hutchinson 276; Pat Callahan 36b; Terry Ryan 38t; Leon Pulsinelle 448b; Gerry Hoffman 31t; Susan Bingham 45t; Jean Seiler 48t; Barbara Swetman 65; Pat Callahan 312b; Loren Fortna 156; Gina Balestracci 117; Dennis Leipold 114; Claire Simon 270; Roland Hutchinson 36t; Susan Bingham 107; Terry Ryan 217; Jean Seiler 209.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Gina Balestracci; Vice Chairman—Susan Bingham; Treasurer—Roland Hutchinson; Arranging Officer—Laura Densmore; Secretary—Claire Simon.

RECESS

Leon Pulsinelle called the class back to order by leading 177. Leaders: Laura Densmore 228; Gerry Hoffman 82t; Barbara Swetman 89; Pat Callahan 67; Loren Fortna 46; Gina Balestracci 191; Dennis Leipold 189; Claire Simon 497; Roland Hutchinson 254; Susan Bingham 472; Terry Ryan 84; Jean Seiler 40; Leon Pulsinelle 430; Laura Densmore 157; Gerald Hoffman 203; Barbara Swetman 106; Pat Callahan 500; Loren Fortna 186; Gina Balestracci 506; Dennis Leipold 384; Claire Simon 313b; Roland Hutchinson 395; Susan Bingham 63; Terry Ryan 155; Jean Seiler 168; Leon Pulsinelle 198; Laura Densmore 315; Gerald Hoffman 129.

Announcements were made. Gina Balestracci led 347 as the closing song, and offered the closing prayer.

Saturday, May 19

The Saturday session of the Garden State Sacred Harp Singing Convention was called to order by Gina Balestracci leading 312b. She offered the opening prayer. Leaders: Claire Simon 565; Carol Werba 163t; Gerry Hoffman 415; Pat Callahan 475; Michael Kaye 146; Dennis Leipold 59; Susan Bingham 361; Charlotte Ehrman 401; Barbara Swetman 171; Nathalie Levine 284; Guy Banks 486; Ellen Lueck 369; Douglas Fower 299; Angharad Davis 118; Ian Quinn 378t; Jean Seiler 492; Sarah Jane Leitao 30t; Julia Seidenstein 410t; Terry Ryan 314; Diane Mennella 472; Loren Fortna 205; Paula Picton 129; Eric Xu 376.

RECESS

Roland Hutchinson called the class back to order by leading 28b. Leaders: Aldo Ceresa 441; Laura Densmore 522; Gina Balestracci 34b; Dean Jens 42; Rachel Speer 460; Diane Mennella 318; Gerry Hoffman 196; Sarah Jane Leitao 29t; Cory Noel 313t; Carol Werba 148; Brian Sears 282; Roland Hutchinson 558; Pat Callahan 383. The memorial lesson was conducted by Gina Balestracci, who read the following names of the sick and shut-ins: Dennis Cinelli, Rev. Dolores Henderson, Keith Simon, Joan Trout, Skip Trout, and Stephen Murdock. She led 430 in their honor. Gina then read the following names of the deceased: Jane Guerloch Hunter—New Jersey; Dan Chase and Raymond Frater—Massachusetts; Danya Klie—Maine; Joseph Ost—Kansas; Frank Evans—Virginia; Laura Lent—Maryland; Isabelle Jones, John William Jones, and Lonnie Rogers—Georgia; Joseph Goldberg, Pearl Kaye, Peter Hine, and Martin Powers—New York; Tom Maher—Pennsylvania; Ernie Jett and Travis Keeton—Alabama; John Merritt—Mississippi; Robert Wert—Indiana. She led 260 in their memory, and closed the memorial lesson with a prayer. Leaders: Paula Picton 107; Douglas Fower 344; Aldo Ceresa 532; Dennis Leipold 480; Jean Seiler 142; Angharad Davis 31t; Eric Xu 300; Claire Simon 122. Gina Balestracci offered a blessing for the noon meal, and led 180.

LUNCH

Gina Balestracci called the class back to order by leading 49b. Leaders: Charlotte Ehrman 549; Guy Banks 352; Barbara Swetman 372; Julia Seidenstein 335; Jeff Gauthier 228; Nathalie Levine 81t; Ian Quinn 283; Ellen Lueck 497; Terry Ryan 193; Laura Densmore 456; Michael Kaye 176b; Angharad Davis 547; Susan Bingham 311; Jean Seiler 236; Pat Callahan 294; Brian Sears 373; Paula Picton 528; Gerry Hoffman 448t; Nathalie Levine 288; Roland Hutchinson 479. Announcements were made. Treasurer Roland Hutchinson reported that expenses had been met.

RECESS

Gina Balestracci led 28t to call the class back to order. Leaders: Barbara Swetman 127; Ellen Lueck 47t; Ian Quinn 227; Jeff Gauthier 208; Julia Seidenstein 354b; Dennis Leipold 345b; Guy Banks 535; Laura Densmore 542; Diane Mennella 192; Eric Xu 496; Charlotte Ehrman 350; Cory Noel 277; Douglas Fower 439; Claire Simon 551; Terry Ryan 315; Carol Werba 178; Michael Kaye 302; Brian Sears 49t. Secretary Claire Simon reported that in 2 days, 141 songs were led by 34 leaders, with 47 in attendance from 6 states and one foreign country.

Gina Balestracci offered the Resolutions report, thanking all who contributed to the convention's success.

Gina Balestracci and the other officers led 62 as the closing song. Gina offered the closing prayer, and dismissed the class.

Chairman—Gina Balestracci; Vice Chairman—Susan Bingham; Secretary—Claire Simon

PROVIDENCE SINGING
Mt. Olive Primitive Baptist Church, Cullman, Alabama
Saturday, May 19, 2012

The annual Providence Sacred Harp Singing was held at Mt. Olive Primitive Baptist Church, Cullman, Alabama, on Saturday before the third Sunday in May. The class was called to order by Kenneth Fannin leading 176b. The morning prayer was offered by Christopher Mann.

The following officers were appointed to serve: Chairman—Kenneth Fannin, Vice Chairman—Delone Cobbs; Secretary—Kenneth Fannin.

Leaders: Glenn Keeton 174, 209; Richard Mauldin 36b; Hubert Nall (2 songs); Robert Walker (2 songs); Bea Carnathan 438; Ernestine Parker (2 songs); Theresa Westmoreland 220, 546; Carly Westmoreland 400, 86; Danica Thornton 401; Robert Walker (2 songs); Nicholas Mann 274t, 97.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Delone Cobbs. Buell Cobb read the list of the sick and shut-ins as follows: Charles Creel, Larry Brasher's father, Lois Bowman, Josie Hyde, Winell Sanders, Jewell Wootten, Ophie Thornton, Charlie Ballard, Myrtle Ann Ballard, John Beasley, Harrison Creel, Leona Haynes, Stella Pratt, Johnnie Chafin, and Elder Marlon Wilkinson. He then read the list of the deceased as follows: Reecie Harbinson, Rachel Childers, Cecil Sanders, Ernie Jett, Clarence McCool, Marie Ivey, Lonnie Rogers, Dr. Julietta Haynes, Travis Keeton, Norma Hamrick, Elder H.O. Hamrick, and John Merritt. Buell led 373.

Leaders: Joyce Lambert 65; Christopher Mann 31t, 49b; Velton Chafin 268; Cindy Mann 159, 127; Kermit Adams 56t, 285t; Jim Aaron 503, 565; Henry Guthery 527, 517; Adam Hale 37b, 171; Ottis Sides 61, 530; Margie Lee 452; Nancy Tuck 335, 504; Steve Adams and Laura Hale 331, 101t; Sonya Sipe 32t.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Kenneth Fannin. Leaders: Beth Anne Clay and Anna Grace Sipe 178, 358; Linda Sides 76b, 225t; Larry Ballinger 50, 133; Lisa Geist 273, 546; Geraldine Sharpton 315, 299; Jennifer Clay 542; Claudene Townson and Larry Wootten 30t, 146; Susan Allred 182, 183; Carol Fannin and Ryan Hale 459, 136; Elizabeth Conner and Katie Campbell 448b, 472; Mary Holcombe 105, 103; J.L. Hopper 104, 33t. Delone Cobbs led a song. Kenneth Fannin led 73t, and thanked all the singers for a wonderful day.

Buell Cobb led 517 as the closing song. Velton Chafin offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Kenneth Fannin; Vice Chairman—Delone Cobbs; Secretary—Kenneth Fannin

NEWTON COUNTY SINGING
Shoal Creek Primitive Baptist Church, Near Newborn, Georgia
Saturday, May 19, 2012

The 12th annual session of the Newton County Sacred Harp Singing was held at Shoal Creek Primitive Baptist Church near Newborn, Georgia, on Saturday before the third Sunday in May. Mike Spencer called the class to order by leading 32t. John Plunkett offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Mike Spencer 420; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 47t, 48t; Helen Bryson 105, 354b; Herman Wilkinson 215, 282; Hugh McGraw 37b, 37t; Charlene Wallace 56t, 59; John Plunkett 72t, 73b; Malinda Snow 30t, 28t; Mike Spencer 370, 278t.

RECESS

Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg led 345b and 275t to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Helen Bryson 176t, 29t; Herman Wilkinson 36b, 39t; Hugh McGraw 77b, 484; Charlene Wallace 133, 135; John Plunkett 381, 471; Malinda Snow 472, 269; Kayla Phillips 45t.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Mike Spencer leading 354t. The following officers were elected for the following year: Chairman—Mike Spencer; Vice Chairman—Herman Wilkinson; Secretary—Arlene Woods.

Leaders: Mike Spencer 205; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 275b, 285b; Helen Bryson 287, 155; Herman Wilkinson 201, 288; Hugh McGraw 404; Charlene Wallace 406, 407; Chris Fulmer 68b, 49b; John Plunkett 271b, 130; Mike Jones 87, 417; Malinda Snow 294, 496.

Announcements were made. Mike Spencer led 46 as the closing song.

Elder Jimmy Fulmer offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Mike Spencer; Vice Chairman—Herman Wilkinson; Secretary—Helen Bryson (for Arlene Woods)

KENTUCKY STATE SACRED HARP SINGING Pisgah Presbyterian Church, Versailles, Kentucky Saturday, May 19, 2012

The 31st annual Kentucky State Sacred Harp Singing was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Keith MacAdam. Jim Thobaben offered the opening prayer. *The Sacred Harp*, 1991 Edition and *Southern Harmony* were used throughout the day.

Leaders: Darrell Swarens 72b; Mike Grimes 82t; Alana Boltz 178; Bob Sears 147t; Sheila Patterson 47t; Grace Patterson 47b; Sara Birnbaum 523; Charles Coulston 299; Nikos Pappas 182; Keith MacAdam 85; Ray Rechenberg 40; Sarah Trumbore 59; Peter Trumbore 39t; Zack Davis 322 (SoH); Elizabeth Rechenberg 106; Rafi Finkel 66; Keith MacAdam 155.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman and Treasurer—Charles H. Coulston; Organizing Committee—Ron Pen, Raphael Finkel, and Keith MacAdam; Secretary—Mary Brinkman.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Darrel Swarens leading 341. Leaders: Tim Morton 203; Johanna Sims 383; Joel Deckard 163t; Mike Grimes 455; Alana Boltz 148; Tim Morton 278b; Adam Beekin 29t; Bob Sears 45t; Sheila Patterson 35; Grace Patterson 117; Sara Birnbaum 86; Charles Coulston 350; Michele Cull 236; Nikos Pappas 269; Keith MacAdam 569b.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Phil Cullum leading 268. Leaders: Ray Rechenberg 300; Sarah Trumbore 154; Annaliza Cull 448t; Peter Trumbore 107; Zack Davis 87 (SoH).

The memorial lesson was conducted by Rafi Finkel. Mary Brinkman led 128 for Elise K. Parsons, Mary Lou Witt, and Karin Bostrom. Elise died in 2012, was from Kentucky, and had been a former singer with our group. Mary Lou died in Florida, in 2011, and Karin Bostrom had been a long-time member of St. Michael's Church in Lexington, and died in 2012. Peter Trumbore led 209 for Tom Schulz from Ontario, Canada, who died in 2012. Darrell Swarens spoke of Lonnie Rogers, Travis Keeton, John Merritt, Marie Ivey, and Dr. Julietta Haynes, all who died in 2012. He led 267 in their memory. Jim Thobaben memorialized Luke Sheets of Washington, who died in 2012 in a plane crash with some young people, who were on their way to Oral Roberts for a meeting. Jim called 497 for them, led by Keith MacAdam. Joy Dunn spoke about Rosebud Dunn of Kentucky, and Geraldine and Ruthie Rose of

Tennessee, all who died in 2011. Rafi Finkel remembered Maurice Sendak, New York, who died just a few weeks ago, and led 528. The blessing before lunch was offered by Jim Thobaben.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was convened by Rafi Finkel. Leaders: Bobette Olson 146; Susan Zurcher 535; Darrell Swarens 436; Tim Morton 558; Johanna Sims 159; Jules Eckart 313t; Bob French 496; Alana Boltz 338; Bob Sears 87; Sheila Patterson 84; Grace Patterson 504; Sara Birnbaum 218; Charles Coulston 344; Michele Cull 168; Nikos Pappas 149; Keith MacAdam 31t; Sara Birnbaum 457 (for Mary Brinkman).

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Rafi Finkel leading “Lansdowne”. Leaders: Keith MacAdam 52t; Ray Rechenberg 426b; Sarah Trumbore 252; Annaliza Cull and Rebecca 82t; Peter Trumbore 277; Zack Davis 547; Laura Lee Earles 347; Bobette Olson 410t; Susan Zurcher 99; Darrell Swarens 210; Nikos Pappas 524; Zack Davis 16 (SoH); Nikos Pappas 80t; Sheila Patterson 335.

An announcement was made about the singing at the Cane Ridge Meeting House the following day outside of Paris, Kentucky. The singing concluded with Rafi Finkel leading 267, while the class took the parting hand.

Chairman—Charles H. Coulston; Secretary—Mary Brinkman

CANE CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Cleburne County, near Heflin, Alabama

Sunday, May 20, 2012

The annual Decoration Day Sacred Harp singing at Cane Creek Primitive Baptist Church was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by B.M. Smith leading 82t. The opening prayer was offered by Ed Thacker.

Leaders: B.M. Smith 31t; Glenda Collins 101t; Glenda Collins and Bert Collins 45t (in memory of Glenda’s mother, Gladys Simmons, Reba Norton, Gertrude Norton, and Bernice Walker); Donna Bell 448t, 72b; Margie Smith 225t, 317.

A business session was held with the following officers retained: Chairman—B.M. Smith; Vice Chairman—Glenda Collins; Secretary—Donna Bell; Arranging Officer—Margie Smith.

Leaders: B.M. Smith 503 (in honor of Raymond Hamrick); Louise Holland 35, 49b; Ed Thacker 303 (in honor of Jeff Sheppard, S.T. Reed, and Bud Oliver), 47t; Charlene Wallace 49t, 61; Cecil Roberts 63, 477; Margaret Thacker 39b, 489.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Cecil Roberts leading 56t and 229. Leaders: Lou Cotney 300, 358 (for Faye Cotney); Neal Prichard 566, 204; Evelyn Harris 378t (in honor of Ruth Daniel), 400; Virginia Dyer 155, 32t; Lewis Norton 176t, 340; Sylvia Norton Holland 339, 348b; Kelsey Campbell 268, 159.

Cecil Roberts conducted the memorial lesson. B.M. Smith led 389 in memory of the following deceased: Steve Brown, Robert Norton, Bobby Clay, Sarah Watts, Bessie Austin, Dale Austin, Homer Hulsey, George Holland, Lonnie Rogers, and Nick Griffin.

Ed Thacker led 403 in honor of the following sick and shut-ins: Floy Wilder, Teenie Moody, Carlene Griffin, Jeff Sheppard, Shelbie Sheppard, S.T. Reed, Lessie Reed, Bud Oliver, Sammie Oliver, Lucy Garner, Eugene Forbes, Lois Bowman, Rene Greene, Eunice Webb, Ruth Daniel, and those individuals with the “flesh-eating” bacteria. Elder Neal Prichard closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Charles Norton gave a brief report on the cemetery fund. The blessing for the noon meal was offered by Cecil Roberts at the table.

LUNCH

The afternoon session opened with B.M. Smith leading 141 and 318. Leaders: Fallon Cook and Cain Cook 146, 100; Louise Owen 405, 143; Ed Thacker 37b; Paula Brooks and Louise Owen 342, 64; B.M. Smith 284 (for Eunice Webb); Ann Simpson 445, 354b; Glenda Collins and Bert Collins 294 (in memory of Glenda's daddy, Clyde Simmons).

Following announcements, B.M. Smith led 46 as the closing song. Cecil Roberts offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—B.M. Smith; Vice Chairman—Glenda Collins; Secretary—Donna Bell

PICCOLO SPOLETO SINGING
Gage Hall, Charleston, South Carolina
Saturday, May 26, 2012

Robert Kelley provided an introductory lesson on Sacred Harp singing. Michael Walker and Tom Ivey called the class to order leading 101t. Buck Lea offered prayer. Tom Ivey welcomed everyone, and led 565.

Leaders: Michael Walker 104; Jane Spencer 172; Buck Lea 564; Kathy Thom 335; Lauren Bock and Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 134; Gene Pinion 454; Leslie Booher 81t; Robert Kelley 120; Mary Baumeister 445; Frank DeBolt 569b; Judy Mincey 485; Joey Wells 163b; Dorothy Lane 312b; John Plunkett 283 (for Charles Woods); Ellen Lea 114; Judith Parker 178; John Gentry 289.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Tom Ivey; Vice Chairman—Michael Walker; Secretary—Jane Spencer; Chaplain—Buck Lea; Arranging Committee—Lauren Bock, Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg, and Nathan Rees.

RECESS

Tom Ivey brought the class back together by leading 32t. Leaders: Shannon Primm 376; Erin Mills 267; Cleve Callison 34b; Phillipa Stoddard 216; Jonathon Smith 411; Elene Stovall 142; Emma Rose Brown 546; Hayden Arp 439; Robert Stoddard 423; Donna Smith 276; Sally Langendorf 229; Blake Sisemore 434; Rachel Rudi 460; Nathan Rees 436 (for Tat Bailey); Danny Arms 218; Reba Windom 269 (for Shelbie Sheppard); Aldo Ceresa 550; Ian Quinn 183; John Kelso and Carolyn Thompson 397; Al McCready 339; Carolyn Thompson 442; Sharon Strong 250; Agnes Roberts 358; Joyce Heath 100.

LUNCH

Michael Walker led 322 to bring the afternoon session to order. Leaders: Al McCready 155; Judy Mincey 474; John Plunkett 492; Rachel Rudi 208; Robert Kelley 464; Julia Walker 455; Lauren Bock and John Kelso 447; Carolyn Thompson 500; Aldo Ceresa 456; Gene Pinion 327; Danny Arms 304; Blake Sisemore 306; Emma Rose Brown 528; Phillipa Stoddard 300; Reba Windom 192; Jonathon Smith 302; Robert Stoddard 168; Elene Stovall 542; Ian Quinn 426; Shannon Primm 522; Judith Parker 503; Isaac Iverson and Carmon Iverson 479; Cleve Callison 344.

RECESS

Tom Ivey brought the class back to order by leading 501. Leaders: Ellen Lea 122; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 511; Sharon Strong 417; Nathan Rees 56t; Jane Spencer 349; Hayden Arp 384; Erin Mills 430; Buck Lea 428; Leslie Booher 448t; John Kelso 315; Mary Baumeister 444; Frank DeBolt 515; Donna Smith 145t; Agnes Roberts 46; Henry Slack 535; Joyce Heath 61; Isaac Iverson and Joey Wells 107; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg, Lauren Bock, and Julia Walker 505; Michael Walker and Tom Ivey 566 (for Charles Woods).

Tom Ivey and Michael Walker led 62 as the closing song. Buck Lea dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Tom Ivey; Vice Chairman—Michael Walker; Secretary—Jane Spencer

MOUNT PISGAH SINGING SOCIETY (COOPER BOOK)
Mount Pisgah Primitive Baptist Church
Stroud, Chambers County, Alabama
Saturday, May 26, 2012

The annual all-day session of the Mount Pisgah Singing Society (organized in 1903) met at Mount Pisgah Primitive Baptist Church, and was called to order by Karen Clark at 9:00 a.m. leading 70t. Fred Hoerr offered the morning prayer. Karen Clark led 478.

The officers of the singing are the following: President—Karen Clark; First Vice President—Rodney Ivey; Second Vice President—David Lee; Secretary—Donna Bell; Arranging Committee—Don Clark and Cathy Love.

Leaders: Rodney Ivey 73t (for Bud Oliver); David Lee 447t (in memory of John Etheridge); Donna Bell 383; Gavin Blakeley 142; Jack Nelson 165; Judy Chambless 391; Andy Morse 462; Hubert Nall 507b; Louis Hughes 563; B.M. Smith 559; Karen Rollins 406; Frank Strickland 515; Bea Carnathan 119; Robert Chambless 484 (remembering our veterans); Amy Lee 268t; Waylon Blakeley 60; Eugene Forbes 280.

RECESS

The singing resumed with Rodney Ivey leading 558. Leaders: Marion Patrick 358; Nate Green and Norma Green 336t; Chita Blakeley 567; Henry Johnson 154t; Kristie Powell 210; Lloyd Jones and Loretta Jones 463; Morgan Bunch 516; Helen Bryson 222; Rick Foreman 273; Tollie Lee 180 (for his granddaughter, Katherine Debreceni, and in memory of John Etheridge); Ann Jett 503; Lynda Fagan 488b (for her mother, Paula Fagan, and in memory of all the deceased from Alabama this year); Edna Phillips 453t.

RECESS

Order was restored by David Lee leading 76b. Leaders: George Burdette III 129; Wendy Futral 500; Syble Adams 47b; Jonathan Blakeley 96; Kathy Lee 171; Fred Hoerr 38t; Matt Hinton 31t; Cheryl Foreman 50b; Guy Bankes 30t (for Laura Densmore); Sonny Erwin 464; Tommie Spurlock 217; Tammy Powell 192; Buell Cobb 41; Janie Short 200; Sue Bunch 293b; Stanley Smith 70b; Gaylon Powell 555; Jeff Sheppard 176t. Elder Jonathan Blakeley offered the blessing before the noon meal at the tables.

LUNCH

The afternoon session of singing began by Karen Clark leading 573. Leaders: Carol Buche 488t; Charlotte Bishop 229 (by request); Darlene Dalton 410; Anna Hinton 40; Eli Hinton 239; Erica Hinton 447t; Verona Campbell 274t; Rebekah Gilmore 220; Philip Gilmore and Grace Gilmore 67; Paula Gilmore 270; Karen Clark 444t (by request, in memory of Bobby Jackson), 445t (by request); Carol Buche and Karen Clark 386; Tollie Lee and Karen Clark 283t; Rick Foreman 543; Kristie Powell 203; Morgan Bunch 508; Amy Lee 416t.

RECESS

Gaylon Powell called the final session of the day to order leading 335. Leaders: Sonny Erwin 430; Janie Short and Tammy Powell 99; Guy Bankes 505; Cheryl Foreman and Virginia Glass 465; Sue Bunch 159.

Announcements were made, and all who wished took the parting hand while singing 95b. David Lee offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

President—Karen Clark; First Vice President—Rodney Ivey; Second Vice President—David Lee; Secretary—Donna Bell

LEWES SACRED HARP SINGING DAY
South Malling Parish Church, Lewes, Sussex, United Kingdom
Saturday, May 26, 2012

The annual Lewes Sacred Harp Singing Day was called to order by Rachel Jordan leading 34b. The opening prayer was offered by Mike Cooper.

Leaders: Nick Hall 452; Sofi Mogensen 28t; Edwin Macadam 87; Rebecca Over 29t; Chris Brown 28b; Steve Fletcher 47t; Stephen Biggs 27b; Sheila Girling Macadam 535; Tony Singleton 300; Rachel Jordan 171; Nick Hall 217; Sofi Mogensen 312b; Edwin Macadam 534; Rebecca Over 480; Chris Brown 298; Steve Fletcher 472; Stephen Biggs 163b; Sheila Girling Macadam 556; Tony Singleton 504; Rachel Jordan 66; Nick Hall 299; Sofi Mogensen 159; Edwin Macadam 198.

RECESS

Sheila Girling Macadam called the class back to order leading 63. Leaders: Mavis Clay 178; Dilwyn Scott 40; Rebecca Over 530; Chris Brown 102; Steve Fletcher 448t; Stephen Biggs 288; Tony Singleton 117; Rachel Jordan 82t; Nick Hall 455; Sofi Mogensen 31t; Edwin Macadam 466; Rebecca Over 172; Chris Brown 354t. The memorial lesson was conducted by Mike Cooper in honor of the following deceased: Marie Ivey, Gordon Corrick, Joe Reynolds, Lonnie Rogers, Julietta Haynes, Ingrid Fabricius, David Garrett, Maria Cunningham, George Malcher and Michael Warren. Nick Hall led 547 in their memory.

Steve Fletcher spoke for the following sick and housebound: Dafydd Charles, Charlotte Walker, Brenda Grimshaw, Tony Parkinson, Bea Gilmore, Pauline McPartland, Jeff Sheppard, Shelbie Sheppard, John Taylor, Jan Lawrence's mother, Roy Payne, Jill Kirby, and David Seccombe. Steve Fletcher led 114 and Mike Cooper offered a prayer.

Leaders: Sheila Girling Macadam 362; Tony Singleton 501; Rachel Jordan 497; Steve Fletcher 274t; Stephen Biggs 86; Nick Hall 454; Edwin Macadam 236. Milly Murphy offered grace before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Sofi Mogensen called the class back to order leading 135. Leaders: Chris Brown 229; Sheila Girling Macadam 168; Rebecca Over 381; Steve Fletcher 481; Stephen Biggs 228; Paul Setford 105; Rachel Jordan 538; Nick Hall 49b; Edwin Macadam 268; Sofi Mogensen 65; Chris Brown 35; Sheila Girling Macadam 564; Rebecca Over 460; Steve Fletcher 192; Paul Setford 111b; Stephen Biggs 45t; Rachel Jordan 284; Nick Hall 183; Sofi Mogensen 503; Edwin Macadam 550; Sheila Girling Macadam 365; Chris Brown 128.

RECESS

Rebecca Over called the class back to order leading 131b. Leaders: Steve Fletcher 277; Paul Setford 354b; Stephen Biggs 515; Rachel Jordan 474; Nick Hall 186; Sofi Mogensen 278t; Edwin Macadam 441; Sheila Girling Macadam 334; Chris Brown 209; Rebecca Over 208; Steve Fletcher 148; Paul Setford 477; Stephen Biggs 155. Announcements were made. Rachel Jordan thanked all who had helped in any way to make this singing possible, and then led 347 as the closing song. Edwin Macadam offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Rachel Jordan; Secretary—Nick Hall

JOHN N. MERRITT MEMORIAL SINGING CONVENTION
Old Court House Museum, Vicksburg, Mississippi
May 26-27, 2012

Saturday, May 26

The 1st annual John N. Merritt Memorial Singing Convention (formerly the Holt Collier/Mississippi Bear Hunt Singing Convention) was called to order by Henry McGuire leading 47b. Robert Vaughn offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Henry McGuire 137; Mark Davis 123t, 270; Robert Vaughn 215, 142; Mary Ellen Schrock 171, 572 (CB); Hugh Bill McGuire, Sr. 200, 273; Sister Susan Dickey 59, 128; Richard Mauldin and T.J. Mauldin 358, 43; Charity Vaughn 113; 448b; Henry McGuire 68t (CB) (by request).

RECESS

Henry McGuire and Will McGuire brought the class to order by leading 392 and 518. A business meeting was held. It was decided unanimously that, henceforth, this singing will be known as the John N. Merritt Memorial Singing Convention. The current slate of officers was reelected as follows: Chairman—Henry McGuire; Vice Chairman—Mark Davis; Secretary—Henry Schuman.

Leaders: Henry Schuman and Linda Hellerich 189 (CH), 149 (CH); Natalie Davis 388, 288; Drew McGuire 542, 314; Matt Bell 329 (CH), 354 (CH); Logan Green and Hannah Monroe 56, 87; Carole Watts 40, 384; Michael Jones 179, 36t; Warren Steel 411, 254; Arlon Gardner 67, 163t.

LUNCH

Henry McGuire brought the class to order by leading 472. Leaders: Henry Schuman 172 (CH); John Van Horn 64 (CH), 204 (CH); Hannah Monroe and Logan Green 64, 282; Ron Bernucho 463 (CB); Rita McGuffie and Henry McGuire 159, 146; Matthew Dawson 269, 455; Suzan Bernucho and Henry McGuire 488b (CB), 107t (CB); Hugh Bill McGuire, Jr. 272 (CH), 194 (CH); Royce Boyer 198, 383; Sara Tidwell 42, 72b.

RECESS

Richard Mauldin led 66 to bring the class to order. Leaders: Sister Susan Dickey 551; Robert Vaughn and Mark Davis 477 (CB), 468 (CB); Matt Bell 30t (CH); Mary Ellen Schrock 505 (CB); Michael Jones 546; Hannah Monroe and Logan Green 31t; Logan Green 442; Warren Steel 150 (CB).

Announcements were made. Henry McGuire, Hugh Bill McGuire, Jr., and Mark Davis led the Drone as the closing song. Robert Vaughn dismissed the class with prayer.

Sunday, May 27

The Sunday session was called to order by Henry McGuire leading 199 (CB). Danny Creel offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Henry McGuire 19 (CH); Mark Davis 281b (CH), 547 (CH) (in memory of John Merritt); Henry McGuire and Will McGuire 40; Mary Ellen Schrock 573 (CB), 146 (CB); Henry Schuman and Linda Hellerich 170 (CH), 184 (CH); Richard Mauldin and T.J. Mauldin 551, 508 (CB).

RECESS

Henry McGuire, Hugh Bill McGuire, Jr., and Sara Tidwell brought the class back together by leading 212. Leaders: Natalie Davis 145b, 354b; Hugh Bill McGuire, Sr., Hugh Bill McGuire, Jr., and Henry McGuire 131 (CH), 101 (CH); Danny Creel 238 (CH), 54 (CH); Carole Watts 490, 46; Drew McGuire 129 (CB), 480; Charity Vaughn 504, 224; Ron Bernucho 500 (CB), 449 (CB).

Arlon Gardner, Charity Vaughn, and Carole Watts conducted the memorial lesson. Arlon spoke on behalf of both the sick and shut-ins and the deceased. He led 72b.

Charity Vaughn read the following list of names of the sick and shut-ins: Johnnie Chafin, Harrison Creel, Carlene Griffin, Josie Hyde, Bud Oliver, Sammie Oliver, S.T. Reed, Lessie Reed, and Darlene Reynolds. She led 410t in their honor.

Carole Watts read the following names of the deceased: Dr. Julietta Haynes, Marie Ivey, Ernie Jett, Clarence McCool and Cecil Sanders—Alabama; Nick Griffin and Lonnie Rogers—Georgia; John Merritt and Junie McNeal—Mississippi. She led 339 in their memory.

LUNCH

John Van Horn called the afternoon session to order leading 563 (CB) and 168 (CH). Leaders: Henry Schuman 131 (CH); Suzan Bernucho 239 (CB), 492 (CB); Hugh Bill McGuire, Jr. 283b (CB), 569 (CB); Arlon Gardner 201, 313b; Natalie Davis 400; Richard Mauldin and T.J. Mauldin 358; Carole Watts 424; Hugh Bill McGuire, Sr., Hugh Bill McGuire, Jr., and Drew McGuire 36b; Mary Ellen Schrock 361; Ron Bernucho 128 (CB); Charity Vaughn and Henry McGuire 521 (CB); Drew McGuire 569t; John Van Horn 16 (CH); Suzan Bernucho 408; Mark Davis 145b; Arlon Gardner 507; Henry McGuire 236.

Announcements were made. Henry McGuire, Hugh Bill McGuire, Jr., and Mark Davis led the Drone as the closing song. Drew McGuire dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Henry McGuire; Vice Chairman—Mark Davis; Secretary—Henry Schuman

DARIEN PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH HOMECOMING AND SINGING Wadley, Tallapoosa County, Alabama Sunday, May 27, 2012

The annual Darien Primitive Baptist Church Sacred Harp Singing was called to order by Don Clark leading 36b (CB). Bill Thomas offered the opening prayer. The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Don Clark; Vice Chairman—Fred Hoerr; Secretary—Charlotte Bishop.

Leaders: Jack Nelson 480, 45t; Wendy Futral 500 (CB), 100 (CB); Marty Hoerr 312b, 148; Rebecca Gilmore 378b, 276; Wayne Cotney 378t, 314; Edna Ruth Phillips 490; 405; Paula Gilmore 39t; 68b; William Futral 341, 340; Karen Clark 486; Sharon Whitehead 99.

At this time a business session was held for the Cemetery Trust Fund. Preaching service was conducted by Elder Philip Gilmore. Kenny Whitehead offered the closing prayer and blessing on the food.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Fred Hoerr leading 146 (CB) and 145b (CB). Leaders: Grace Gilmore 208, 186; Carol Buche 484 (CB), 49b (CB); Guy Banks 556; 549; Philip Gilmore 30t, 32t; Charlotte Bishop 463 (CB), 229 (CB); Virginia Futral 569b, 566; Wendy Futral 358; Jack Nelson 560; Edna Ruth Phillips 571 (CB); Marty Hoerr 159; William Futral 61; Carol Buche 143; Wayne Cotney 59; Guy Banks 120; Philip Gilmore 47b; Fred Hoerr 47t; Don Clark 192 (CB).

Announcements were made. The chairman thanked all who attended and helped in any way. Jack Nelson dismissed with prayer.

Chairman—Don Clark; Vice Chairman—Fred Hoerr; Secretary—Charlotte Bishop

GUM POND PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Eva, Morgan County, Alabama
Sunday, May 27, 2012

The annual Decoration Day Sacred Harp Singing held at Gum Pond Primitive Baptist Church on the fourth Sunday in May was called to order by J.L. Hopper leading 49t and 36t. The morning prayer was offered by Milford Cobbs.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—J.L. Hopper; Vice Chairman—Milford Cobbs; Secretary—Judy Caudle.

Leaders: Milford Cobbs 159, 46; Judy Caudle 186; Marlin Beasley 421, 319; Lomax Ballinger 276, 277; Margaret Thacker 569b (for Betty Wright), 480; Jamey Wootten 441; Kristie Powell 500, 106; B.M. Smith 556, 350; Cheyenne Ivey 128, 155; Darrell Swarens 208, 314; Delone Cobbs 33b, 489; Janie Short 183, 442.

RECESS

Milford Cobbs led 285t to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Rodney Ivey 61, 225t; Rick Foreman 163b, 378b; Nancy Thompson and Nicholas Thompson 56t, 59; Jared Wootten 42; Scott Ivey 201, 270; J.T. Shavers 100; Bridgett Kennedy 411, 391; Ed Thacker 375 (for Floy Wilder), 142; David Ivey 57; Jennifer Lee 192 (in memory of LaRue Allen); Henry Johnson 166, 230.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Judy Caudle. She read a devotional from the writings of Charles H. Spurgeon, and led 40 in honor of the following sick and shut-ins: Gertrude Shaddix, Sylvia E. Gilmore, Bud Oliver, Sammie Oliver, S.T. Reed, Lessie Reed, Harrison Creel, Coy Ivey, Josie Hyde, Charlie Ballard, Ann Ballard, John Beasley, Jeff Sheppard, Floy Wilder, Scott McCown, and Carol Newman.

Judy spoke and led 459 in memory of the following deceased: Travis Keeton, Marie Ivey, Clarence McCool, Earnie Jett, Cecil Sanders, and Bill Tanner—Alabama; John Merritt—Mississippi; Lonnie Rogers—Georgia; Julietta Haynes—Tennessee; Joan Fritz—Minnesota; Susan Kerr—Texas. Others remembered were Jonathon Cobbs, Dexter Cobbs, Talmadge Cobbs, Pauline Cobbs, Edward Ozbolt, and Bera Bradford. Tony Ivey offered prayer to close the memorial service.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by J.L. Hopper leading 171. Leaders: Larry Ballinger 119 (for Harrison Creel); Tammy Powell 542, 454; Tony Ivey 157; Joan Aldridge 512 (for Harrison Creel), 498 (for Harrison Creel); Sonny Erwin 347, 472; Lisa Geist 528, 327; Gaylon Powell 328, 380; Cheryl Foreman 499 (in memory of Kelly Beard), 546; Loyd Ivey 73t (for Bud Oliver); Susan Allred 112, 399b; Ronald Gilmore and Hazel Gilmore 467, 383; Margie Smith 373; Susan Holmes 313t; Craig Holmes 323b, 111t; Dan Hopper 188, 346; Jared Wootten and Jamey Wootten 440; Gaylon Powell and Kristie Powell 564; Rick Foreman and Cheryl Foreman 212; Tammy Powell and Janie Short 344; Darrell Swarens and Sonny Erwin 111b (for Harrison Creel); J.L. Hopper 40 (by request), 310 (for Glenda Hopper), 340 (by request).

J.L. Hopper led 209 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Milford Cobbs, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—J.L. Hopper; Vice Chairman—Milford Cobbs; Secretary—Judy Caudle

THE BIG SINGING
Old Marshall County Courthouse, Benton, Kentucky
May 27, 2012

The morning session of the 129th annual Big Singing using *The Southern Harmony*, compiled by William Walker, was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by William Paris leading 103. Tim Reynolds offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: David Killingsworth 165t, 123; Tim Reynolds 51, 291t; Tom Waggener 24b, 39t; Don Waggener 252, 38; Kerry Lovett 8t, 144; William Paris 332, 1; David Killingsworth 275, 277; Tim Reynolds 42, 325; Matt Meacham 11, 312t; Tom Waggener 10b, 83; Don Waggener 20; Kerry Lovett 133; David Killingsworth 89b. The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Gene Gilliland; Vice Chairman—William Paris; Secretary—Tim Reynolds.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Gene Gilliland leading 103. Gene Gilliland gave the welcome, and made a few remarks about the background of the singing and about singing shape notes. He concluded by leading 11.

Leaders: Gary Clarke 31t, 275; Kerry Lovett 89b, 159b; William Paris 64, 3t. William Paris conducted the memorial lesson for the following people, who had died in the last year: Frank Nichols and Elizabeth Shemwell Skerritt. He concluded the memorial by leading 276b.

Leaders: Matt Meacham 127, 296; Gene Gilliland 332; Don Waggener 195, 277; Tom Waggener 189, 165; Tim Reynolds 178, 40t; William Paris 107; Gene Gilliland 10b; Matt Meacham 166; William Paris 283; Don Waggener 123; Tim Reynolds 51, 42.

Gene Gilliland led 334 as the closing song. Gary Clark dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Gene Gilliland; Vice Chairman—William Paris; Secretary—Tim Reynolds

JACK SMITH MEMORIAL SINGING Oakhurst Baptist Church, Decatur, Georgia Monday, May 28, 2012

The 12th annual Jack Smith Memorial Singing was held on Memorial Day at Oakhurst Baptist Church in Decatur, Georgia. John Plunkett welcomed the class and led 52t. Andy Morse offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: John Plunkett 34b; Joan Durdin 479, 114; Malinda Snow 148, 145t; Janet Wuichet 45t, 49t; Susan Firestone 551, 475; Amy Armstrong 276, 40; Jonathan Wood 171, 487; J.R. Hardman 473, 472; George Burnette 99, 131t; Scott DePoy 179 (for Evan Lee), 201 (for Kathy and Bruce White); Helen Bryson 208, 365; Andy Morse 370, 385b.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—John Plunkett; Vice Chairman—Joan Durdin; Secretary—Malinda Snow.

RECESS

John Plunkett re-convened the class leading 159. Leaders: Bob Goodman 68b, 145b; Janie Short 384, 168; John Kelso 203, 419; Sonny Erwin 111b, 480; Jeanette DePoy 318; Kristie Powell 383, 455 (in memory of Joan Fritz); Guy Banks 228, 315 (both for Laura Densmore); Martha Ann Stegar 198, 63; Susan Stanley 569b (in memory of Anne More and Carol Hollis). Jonathan Wood asked the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Joan Durdin brought the class together again by leading 86. Leaders: Tammy Powell 503, 163b; Rick Foreman 378b, 448t; Rose Yntema and Kelin McDavid 209, 183; Carol Buche 178 (in memory of Jerry Enright), 300 (in memory of Joan Fritz); Gaylon Powell 505, 240; Cheryl Foreman and Guy Banks 187, 382; Susan Posey and Bill Posey 110, 496; Sandra Wilkinson 137, 400; Emily Wood 32t, 162; Matt Hinton 278t, 467; George Burnette and Alexandra Cannon 206, 76b; Erica Hinton 440, 108t; Eli Hinton 268; Susan Stanley 47t; Guy Banks 391; Janie Short 133;

Carol Buche 335; Gaylon Powell 53; Rick Foreman 46; Kristie Powell 345b; Cheryl Foreman 69t; Tammy Powell 37b; Sonny Erwin 568.

After announcements, John Plunkett thanked all who came, from near and far, then led 347. Matt Hinton offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—John Plunkett; Vice Chairman—Joan Durdin; Secretary—Malinda Snow

HILL ROANE MEMORIAL SACRED HARP SINGING Sherman Baptist Church, Calhoun County, Mississippi Saturday, June 2, 2012

The 63rd annual Hill Roane Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was held at Sherman Baptist Church. The class was called to order by Mark Davis leading 101t and 129. Roy Davis offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Mark Davis 101b; John Van Horn 27, 28t, 312t; Arlon Gardner 430, 300, 39t; Wilma Mitchell 46, 47t, 63; Drew McGuire 209, 159, 72b; Darlene Reynolds 490, 569b.

RECESS

Mark Davis reassembled the class by leading 133. Leaders: Warren Steel 144, 378b, 440; Cliff Hall 288, 277, 276; Henry McGuire 434, 138t, 416; John Wall 358, 135, 421; Andy Davis 182, 183, 198.

LUNCH

Mark Davis called the afternoon session together by leading 60 (WB) and 154b (WB). Leaders: John Van Horn 344, 137; Arlon Gardner 111b, 347; Wilma Mitchell 147t, 274t; Drew McGuire 290, 40 (for Alice McGuire); Darlene Reynolds 282, 145t; Warren Steel 327, 179; Cliff Hall 146, 61; Henry McGuire 342 (in memory of Harrison Creel), 542; John Wall 535, 479; Andy Davis 254; Mark Davis 527 (WB), 517 (WB) (for Hugh Bill McGuire); John Van Horn 236, 486 (WB); Mark Davis 487 (WB), 492 (WB); Arlon Gardner 67; Warren Steel 315 (WB), 314 (WB).

Following announcements, Mark Davis led 285t as the closing song. John Van Horn dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Mark Davis; Secretary—Warren Steel

NORTHERN SHENANDOAH VALLEY SHAPE NOTE SINGING Berryville, Virginia Saturday, June 2, 2012

The 19th annual Northern Shenandoah Valley Shape Note All-Day Singing was called to order at 10:00 a.m. at Grace Episcopal Church by Beverly Yeager, who welcomed the singers, and led 77b. Jim Glaser led 101t, and offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Mary Langley 569t; Gillie Campbell 66; Susan Green 57; Joel Miller 215; Liz Meitzler 512; Erin Gum 111b; Joshua Barnett 228; Bethany Towne 430; Leyland delRe 208; Jim Strube 348t; Les Updike 162; Kelly Kennedy 101b; Ina Shea 568; Brady family 319; Kevin Sims 440; Laura Smith 63; Tim Slattery 344; Joni Seidenstein 377.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Jim Glaser; Vice Chairman—Diane Ober; Treasurers—Richard Green and Susan Green; Secretaries—Mary Langley and Gillie Campbell.

RECESS

Dan Hunter and Kelly Kennedy led 27 to bring the class back to order.

Leaders: John Alexander 317; Maura Burns 200; John delRe 272; Mary DeNys 102; Kathy Manning 380; Stephen McMaster 282; Will Polaski 110; Nora Dunn 539;

Richard Green 198; Mary Wright 546; Gabriel Brady 294; Kelly Macklin 218; Guy Banks 315; Jessica Keyes 99.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Zach Bullock, who read the list of names of the sick and shut-ins. John Alexander read the list of names of the deceased as follows: Joseph Ost—Kansas; John Merritt—Mississippi; Frank Evans and Barb Slaughter—Virginia; Sister Laurentia Boyle—Indiana/Virginia; Harrison Creel—Alabama; Paul Metzger and Jean Hanss—New York; Robert Wert—Indiana; Julietta Haynes—Tennessee; Margaret Philips and Doug Philips—British Columbia. John and Zach led 435 as the memorial song.

RECESS

The singing resumed with Bethany Towne and Sarah Whites-Koditschek leading 59. Leaders: Matt Roberts 146; Robin Betz 268; Adrian Mariano 372; Nathalie Jablonski 328; Sandra Polaski 298; Zach Bullock 72b; Rebecca Green 49b; Pat Temple 33t; Eileen Metzger 383; Don Polaski 112; Doron Henkin 391; Miriam Kilmer 58; Eric Xu 500; Myles Dakan 506; Connie Stanton 473; Erik Schwab 189. Diane Ober offered the meal blessing.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Erik Schwab leading 339. Leaders: Leon Pulsinelle 168; Steve Hoyt 323b; Abby Minor 445; Tom Metzger 522; Emily Hancock 145b; Debbie Hall 192; Kevin Moreno 558; Hal Kunkel 426b; Paula Picton 436; Clare Chapin 497; Rachel Hall 411; Rachel Speer 106; Terry Ryan 476; Ted Stokes 442; Dean Jens 212; Becky Wright 424; Dan Hunter 475; Sarah Whites-Koditschek 176b; Bob Flannery 159; Peter Pate 503.

RECESS

The day's final session was called to order by Maura Burns leading 335. Leaders: Kelly Kennedy 302; John Brode 91; Natalie Jablonski 284; Debbie Hall 163t; Ina Shea 502; Paula Picton 196; Leon Pulsinelle 47b; Hal Kunkel 179; Emily Hancock 455; Erik Schwab 313t; Eric Xu 114; Connie Stanton 454; Becky Wright and Myles Dakan 573; Terry Ryan 477; Liz Meitzler 213t; Ted Stokes and Bethany Towne 158; Eileen Metzger 182; Guy Banks 486; Doron Henkin 448t.

Jim Glaser made closing remarks. Announcements for upcoming singings were made. Bev Yeager offered a resolution of thanks and gratitude for the day, and resolutions of thanks to everyone who helped make the singing a success. Note: A second day of singing of selections from the soon-to-be published Shenandoah Harmony was held on Sunday, June 3, Millwood, Virginia, but no minutes were recorded.

Jim Glaser led 354t as the closing song, and then dismissed the class with a closing prayer.

Chairman—Jim Glaser; Vice Chairman—Diane Ober; Secretaries—Mary Langley and Gillie Campbell

SHAKER MEETINGHOUSE AND FRANCIS BLISS BIRTHDAY SINGING Sabbathday Lake Shaker Village Meetinghouse New Gloucester, Maine Saturday, June 2, 2012

The 5th annual Shaker Meetinghouse and Francis Bliss Birthday Singing was held on Saturday before the first Sunday in June in the Winter Chapel in the Dwelling House at Sabbathday Lake Shaker Village in New Gloucester, Maine. Barb Ames welcomed everyone to the afternoon session and brought the class to order leading 49t. Paul Blaney offered the opening prayer.

Meg Haskell and Barb Ames taught two Shaker songs to the assembled class, “As the Waves of the Mighty Ocean” and “I Will Not Be Like a Stubborn Oak”.

The following officers were appointed to serve: Chairperson—Barb Ames; Treasurer—Chris Holley; Arranging Committee/Secretaries—Edith Berger and Pleasance Crawford.

Leaders: Barb Ames 99; Bobbie Goodell 155; Chuck Micciche 34b; Ines Lüttgen 448b; Al McCready 179; Mary Jo Shafer 452; George Pomfret 515; Celia Devine 312b; Chuck Crawford 84; Earl J. Kipp 480; Pat Callahan 142; Chris Holley 313b; Elizabeth Stoddard 102; David Bliss 168; Kathe Pilibosian 472; Francis Bliss 66; Edith Berger 270; Robert Stoddard 385t; Pleasance Crawford 172; Barb Ames 147b; Bobbie Goodell 64 (in memory of Danya Klie); Chuck Micciche 384; Ines Lüttgen 58; Al McCready 339; Chris Holley 337.

RECESS

Earl J. Kipp called the class to order by leading 153. Leaders: Mary Jo Shafer 82t; John Engle and Chris Holley 68b; Debby Bliss 401; George Pomfret 183; Celia Devine 198; Chuck Crawford 39t; Earl J. Kipp 181; Pat Callahan 530; Corrone Bryant 524; Corrone Bryant 34b (in honor of Francis Bliss’s 93rd birthday and John Van Sorosin’s 76th birthday); Elizabeth Stoddard 309; Chris Holley 34t; David Bliss 474; Kathe Pilibosian 564; Francis Bliss 300; Edith Berger 178; Pleasance Crawford and Maggie Robinson 282; Robert Stoddard 389; Chuck Micciche 269; Bobbie Goodell 47b (in memory of Doc Watson); Ines Lüttgen 406; Al McCready 276; Mary Jo Shafer 225t (in memory of Lonnie Rogers); Debby Bliss 93; George Pomfret 163b; Celia Devine 479 (for Poppy Gregory). Announcements were made. Chris Holley reported that expenses had been met.

Leaders: Pat Callahan 299; Corrone Bryant 523; Francis Bliss 193. Meg Haskell and Barb Ames led the class in singing another Shaker song, “We Will All Go Home with You”. Barb Ames thanked the Sabbathday Lake Shaker community for their hospitality, and everyone for helping to make the singing a success. Singers (53 in all) came from Maine, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, and Ontario, Canada. Twenty-three leaders led sixty songs.

Barb Ames led 347 as the closing song. Corrone Bryant offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed. In the adjacent Music Room, Brother Arnold Hadd introduced the elders and elders in the portraits on the walls. Then, in the Dining Room downstairs, Sister Frances, Meg Haskell, and Barb Ames led “All at Home” as the grace on the evening meal.

SUPPER

Chuck Micciche welcomed the class to the evening session, held a few miles away in the 1893 Maine State Building at the Poland Springs Inn in Poland Springs, Maine, and led 86. Leaders: Chuck Micciche 269; Robert Stoddard, Earl J. Kipp, and Pleasance Crawford 550, 490, 33t, 389, 182; Karen Keller, Elizabeth Stoddard, Pat Callahan, and Chris Holley 341; Kathe Pilibosian and Corrone Bryant 452; Mary Jo Shafer and Bobbie Goodell 174. Elizabeth Stoddard led 45b as the closing song. Chairperson—Barb Ames; Secretary—Pleasance Crawford

HOLLY SPRINGS MEMORIAL SINGING **Holly Springs Primitive Baptist Church, Bremen, Georgia** **June 2-3, 2012** **Saturday, June 2**

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Holly Springs Primitive Baptist Church was held on the first Sunday and Saturday before in June. The class was called to order by Charlene Wallace leading 59. The morning prayer was offered by Blake Sisemore.

The following officers were elected: Chairman—Charlene Wallace; Vice-Chairmen—Judy Henry and Earlis McGraw; Chaplin—Cecil Roberts; Arranging Officer/Secretary—Judy Chambless.

Leaders: Charlene Wallace 63; Earlis McGraw 283; B.M. Smith 111b; Judy Chambless 548; Matt Hinton 549; Karen Rollins 551; Donna Bell and George Garner 436; Tommy McGraw 475; Katie White 171; Leigh Cooper 53; Gerry Hoffman 278t; Rebecca Over 530; Ian Quinn and Michael Walker 41; Michael Walker 30b; Virginia Dyer 182; Wade Kotter 343 (in memory of Lonnie Rogers), 318; Kelly House 85, 192; Angie Payne 77t.

RECESS

Phillip Denney brought the class back to order by leading 217. Leaders: Eddie Huckaby 163b; Harry Eskew 128; Mary Brownlee 183; Martha Ann Stegar 84, 47t; Richard DeLong 123b (for Dot Garrison's son); Robert Kelley 36t; Darrell Swarens 36b, 72b; Nate Zweig 381; Richard Mauldin and T.J. Mauldin 35, 378t; Judy Mincey 315, 202; Robert Chambless 68b; Jonathan Smith 152; Shelbie Sheppard and Reba Windom 216; Jeannette DePoy 430 (in memory of Karen House); Tony Hammock 303; Michael Thompson and Joyce Walton 153; Jeff Sheppard 456; Molly Ellis 163t; Louis Hughes 314; Nathan Rees 500 (in memory of Harrison Creel); Helen Bryson 454; Henry Johnson 130.

LUNCH

Earlis McGraw brought the class back to order by leading 225t. Leaders: Lynne deBenedette 142; Don Bowen 503; Blake Sisemore 411; Jesse Karlsberg 434; John Kelso 296; Janice Paulk 478, 448b; Wendy Futral 340; Lela Crowder 129; J.R. Hardman 162; Faye Hollis 168; John Plunkett 453; Oscar McGuire 485; Phillip Denney 189; George Burdette 81t; Stephanie Laubscher 335; Scott DePoy 448t; Reba Windom 546; Mark Godfrey 440; Jason Stanford 229; Eli Hinton 268; Erica Hinton 324; Amy Armstrong 276; Erin Mills 542; Emma Rose Brown 568; Andy Morse 442; Fallon Cook 39b; Pam Nunn 528; Rene Greene 200; Anna Hinton 300; Shannon Primm 213t; Rachel Rudi 306; Taylor Ward 312b; Mike Castleberry 401. After announcements, Charlene Wallace led 46 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Hugh McGraw.

Sunday, June 3

The Sunday session of the Holly Springs Memorial Singing was brought to order by Charlene Wallace leading 56t. The morning prayer was offered by Cecil Roberts. Leaders: Charlene Wallace 79; Earlis McGraw 148, 114; Judy Chambless 517; Ed Thacker 441, 297; Cecil Roberts 229, 89; Mark Godfrey 37b, 472; Billy Hollingsworth 489, 180; Shannon Primm 111b, 371; Lauren Bock and Ian Quinn 225b; Rebecca Over 460, 498; Ian Quinn 236; Michael Walker 322, 389 (in memory of Lonnie Rogers); Eddie Huckaby 178, 63.

RECESS

Judy Henry brought the class back to order leading 225t. Leaders: Angie Payne 501, 228; Robert Kelley 271b, 345t; Emma Rose Brown 218, 176b; Taylor Ward 59; Scott DePoy 65; Oscar McGuire 481; Richard DeLong 74t, 530; Margaret Thacker 39b, 480; Joyce Walton 192; Malinda Snow 556; Don Bowen 386, 521; Jane Spencer 51, 382; John Hollingsworth 36t, 58; Rachel Rudi 302; Phillip Denney 120, 47b; J.R. Hardman 378b, 473; Jesse Karlsberg 88t, 158.

LUNCH

Earlis McGraw brought the class back to order leading 475. Leaders: Michael Thompson 207; Jeannette DePoy 34t; Tony Hammock 83b; Robert Chambless 84 (for Charles Woods); B.M. Smith 284, 350; Leigh Cooper 349, 377; Virginia Dyer 340, 454; Kathy Williams 276, 344; Fallon Cook and Hayden Arp 269, 146; Rosemarie Yntema 77t, 213t; John Plunkett 32b (for Thom Fahrback's mother,

Alice), 470; John Kelso 416 (for his uncle), 539 (for Hayden Arp's grandmother); Erin Mills 203; Hayden Arp 149, 292; Sheri Taylor 411 (for Allen Lambert), 142; Carol Chapman 384, 542; Jason Stanford 348b; Lela Crowder 166; Charlene Wallace, Max Goldin, and Elis Goldin 32t, 101t.

Charlene Wallace led 62 as the closing song. Jason Stanford offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Charlene Wallace; Vice Chairmen—Judy Henry and Earlis McGraw; Secretary—Judy Chambless

LIBERTY DECORATION SINGING

Liberty Church, Henagar, Alabama

Sunday, June 3, 2012

The annual Decoration Day Sacred Harp Singing held at Liberty Church, Henagar, Alabama, on the first Sunday in June was called to order by Richard Ivey leading 82t. The opening prayer was offered by Eddie Mash.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Richard Ivey; Vice Chairman—Shane Wootten; Secretary—Donna Wootten; Arranging Committee—Scott Ivey and Blake Sisemore.

Leaders: Richard Ivey 131b; Shane Wootten 111t; Donna Wootten 330t; Scott Ivey and Blake Sisemore 42; Jackie Tanner 47t; Rex Wilks 47b; Loyd Ivey 89; Eloise Wootten 222; Phil Summerlin 348b; Daniel Lee 500; Loretta Smith and Amy Smith 317; Hobert Ivey 278b; Gerry Hoffman 218; Alex Makris 405; Wade Kotter 426b (in memory of Travis Keeton); Robert Walker 99; Barrett Patton 162; Marlon Wootten 49b; Susan Cheronos 186; Marty Wootten 472; Aaron Little 515; Dennis George 225b; Elizabeth Dunn 335; Cheyenne Ivey 217; Eddie Mash 569t; Gravis Ballinger 112; Wayne Wootten 276; Shirley Figura 361.

The memorial lesson was held in the cemetery with the class singing 48t, 571 (CB), 572 (CB), and 45t.

RECESS

Richard Ivey led 101t to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Jeffrey Wootten 460; Darrell Swarens 341; Katie White 503; Nate Green, Norma Green, and Emily Veniable 482; Linton Ballinger 314; Rachel Shavers 142; Tom George and Sutton Kelley 391; David Ivey 371; Paul Figura 163b; Ainslie Allen 217; S.T. Reed, Wayne Reed, and Richard Ivey 566; Karen Ivey 200; Joan Aldridge 198; Rodney Ivey and Marian Biddle 383; Joseph Dunn 85; Bud Oliver and Loyd Ivey 426t; Jamey Wootten 546; Karen Travis 29t. Phil Summerlin offered prayer before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Richard Ivey and Tom George leading 56t. Leaders: Nathan Rees 110; Angela Myers 542; Kelly House 456; Stuart Ivey 377; Cassie Allen 373; Larry Ballinger 208; Kelsey Ivey 564; Reba Windom 411; Judy Caudle 432; Cindy Tanner 436; Lynne deBenedette, Rodney Ivey, and Reba Windom 30b; Jackson Harcrow and Jeffrey Wootten 385b; Jonathon Smith 211; Sally House 146; Coy Ivey, Jack Ivey, Hobert Ivey, Eloise Wootten, Norma Green, Loyd Ivey, Norman Greeson, Rex Wilks, and Lois Baugh 384, 465 (CB); Elene Stovall and Gresham Davis 215; Loyd Ivey, Teresa Bethune, Callie Watkins, Doug Ivey, Martha Underwood, Lilly Underwood, Marian Biddle, Ivey Biddle, Adam Biddle, Lois Ivey, Candace Sizemore, and Hallie Sizemore 424, 501 (CB); Susan Harcrow 434; Jared Wootten 475; Tony Ivey 547; Philip Gilmore 396; Terry Wootten 131t; Isaac Lloyd 52b; Sandy Ivey 201; Levon Wootten and Dewayne Wootten 328; Henry Johnson 409; Rebekah Gilmore and Grace Gilmore 270; Kennedy Wootten, Cole Wootten, and Donna Wootten 30t; Syble Adams and Ben

Barrontine 445; Stephen Miller, Rex Miller, and Sharry Miller 63; Jackie Tanner and Rodney Ivey 358 (by request); Sarah Marczynski and David Ivey 282; Shane Wootten 572 (CB) (by request); Richard Ivey, Scott Ivey, and Blake Sisemore 39b (in memory of Marie Ivey).

Richard Ivey led 521 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Elder Philip Gilmore, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Richard Ivey; Vice Chairman—Shane Wootten; Secretary—Donna Wootten

SHERRY GUTHERY AND PARKER FAMILY MEMORIAL Fellowship Church, Cullman County, Alabama Sunday, June 3, 2012

The annual Sherry Guthery and Parker Family Memorial Singing met at Fellowship Church in Cullman County, Alabama, on the first Sunday in June. The class was called to order by Ken Tate leading 135. Richard Mauldin offered the opening prayer.

Ken Tate led 145t. A business session was held retaining the same officers:

Chairman—Ken Tate; Vice Chairman—Danny Creel; Secretary—Emily Burleson; Arranging Officer—Faye Donaldson.

Leaders: Danny Creel 182, 222; Yancey Jett 172, 440; Richard Mauldin 446, 340; Linda Sides 220, 225t; Henry Guthery 97, 58 (in memory of Sherry Guthery); Emily Burleson 56b, 349; Glenn Keeton, Matthew Keeton, and Isabella Keeton 30t, 342 (in memory of Harrison Creel); Don Keeton 477, 76b; Buell Cobb 105, 88b; Ann Jett 88t, 448b; Bea Carnathan 283; Bea Carnathan and Henry Guthery, Jr. 64 (in memory of Sherry Guthery); Marlin Beasley 318, 512 (in memory of Harrison Creel and for Ann Ballard); Carolyn Thompson 42, 77t.

RECESS

Ken Tate called the class back to order by leading 75. Leaders: Ottis Sides 475, 530; Henry Guthery, Jr. 30t, 119; Lena Keeton and Emily Burleson 111b, 498 (in memory of Harrison Creel); Geraldine Sharpton 542, 66; Theresa Westmoreland 192, 434; Lisa Geist 304, 224; Ken Tate 301 (by request); Wanda Capps 203, 216; Chris Ballinger 178, 339; Margaret Keeton 402, 187; Ernestine Parker 159, 345b; Roma Rice 454, 391; Kermit Adams 99, 300.

LUNCH

Danny Creel led 385b to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Steve Adams and Carolyn Thompson 331, 378t; Amber Davis 212, 112; Velton Chafin 463; Dylan Feezell 435, 47b; Faye Donaldson 270, 430; Yancey Jett 89; Linda Sides 215; Henry Guthery 431; Richard Mauldin 34b (in memory of John Merritt); Buell Cobb 439; Ottis Sides 480; Chris Ballinger, Lisa Geist, and Glenn Keeton “Joshua”, “Ashley”; Marlin Beasley 144; Geraldine Sharpton 299; Theresa Westmoreland “Lamb of God”; Carolyn Thompson 201; Don Keeton 490; Bea Carnathan 472; Ann Jett 269; Emily Burleson 336; Dylan Feezell 314; Glenn Keeton 284 (by request, for Gene Wakefield); Steve Adams and Carolyn Thompson 101t; Dylan Feezell 335.

Announcements were made. Ken Tate led 59. Danny Creel offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Ken Tate; Vice Chairman—Danny Creel; Secretary—Emily Burleson

**RAYMOND HAMRICK BIRTHDAY SINGING
(GEORGIAN HARMONY)**

**Roberta Civic Center, Roberta, Georgia
Saturday, June 9, 2012**

The Raymond Hamrick Birthday Singing was held at the Roberta Civic Center, Roberta, Georgia, on Saturday before the second Sunday in June. Oscar McGuire called the class to order by leading 1 in the Georgian Harmony. John Hollingsworth offered the morning prayer. Oscar McGuire led 9.

A business session was held with the following officers elected to serve: Chairman—John Plunkett; Vice Chairman—Oscar McGuire; Secretary/Treasurer—Helen Bryson.

Leaders: John Plunkett 49; Helen Bryson 42; Jesse P. Karlsberg 19; Judy Chambless 95; Bill Hollingsworth 110; John Hollingsworth 78; Robert Chambless 2; Rosemund Watson 25; Martha Harrell 107; Ann Webb and Carol Edge 66; Mary Brownlee 6; J.R. Hardman 114; Andy Morse 94; Martha Beverly 108; Cecilia Kramer 109.

RECESS

John Plunkett led 38 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Helen Bryson 15; Jesse P. Karlsberg 116; Andy Morse 54; Judy Chambless 98; Martha Beverly 4; Matt Hinton 13; Bill Hollingsworth 52; Robert Chambless 100; John Hollingsworth 8; Oscar McGuire 26; Cecilia Kramer 90; Rosemund Watson 16.

LUNCH

John Plunkett brought the afternoon session to order by leading 51. Leaders: Martha Harrell 105; Erica Hinton 58; Ann Webb 50; Laura Ackerman 65; Mary Brownlee 33, 111; J.R. Hardman 63; Helen Bryson 34; Raymond Hamrick 22; Jesse P. Karlsberg 102; Andy Morse 46; Martha Beverly 92; Judy Chambless 81; Matt Hinton 87; Bill Hollingsworth 18; Robert Chambless 48; Oscar McGuire 70; Cecilia Kramer 56; Erica Hinton 99; Ann Webb 72; Laura Ackerman 14; Mary Brownlee 10; J.R. Hardman 29.

Announcements were made. John Plunkett led 118 as the closing song. John Hollingsworth offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—John Plunkett; Vice Chairman—Oscar McGuire; Secretary—Helen Bryson

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE SACRED HARP SINGING

**St. Bartholomew's Church Hall, Benton
Newcastle Upon Tyne, United Kingdom
Saturday, June 9, 2012**

The 8th annual Newcastle singing was called to order by Benny Ross, who welcomed the class and led 49t. Cath Tyler offered the opening prayer, and then taught a singing school, which concluded with the singing of 47t.

Leaders: Sinéad Hanrahan 547; Sarah West 28t; Nadine Wills 282; Pauline Hyde 535; Fynn Titford-Mock 42; Anne Eringan 448t; Benny Ross 540; Anna Baldini 299; Sarah Hill 56b; Judy Whiting 492; Amanda Parkes 430; Cath Tyler 214; Kevin Kennedy 348t; Carmel Wood 217.

The following officers were appointed to serve: Chairman—Benny Ross; Secretary—Colin Monson.

RECESS

Sarah West called the class back together. Leaders: Matthew Ord 228; Sally Greaves-Lord 385b; Harry Campbell 77t; Lisa O'Grady 114; Joe Vickers 472; Shereen Benjamin 107; Chris Brown 102; Helen Barber 313b; Geoff Grainger 441; Colleen Jones 122; Josh Darby 47b; Ewan Paterson 277; Phil Tyler 369.

Cath Tyler conducted the memorial lesson and led 499 in memory of Joyce Jew, Alex Cowan, Ben Dickens, Maddy Hobson, Harrison Creel—Alabama USA, Marie Ivey—Alabama USA, Gordon Corrick—Hull, Joe Reynolds—Denmead, Lonnie Rogers—Georgia, USA, Julietta Haynes—Tennessee USA, Mark Ferguson—Mayo Ireland, Adrian Snaith—Mansfield, Glynn Brooks—Mansfield, Frank Evans—Virginia USA.

Sally Greaves-Lord spoke for the sick and housebound and led 68b for Reg Ardagh, Brenda Grimshaw, Tony Parkinson, Pauline McPartland, Virginia Glass, Don Walker, Charlotte Walker, Elizabeth Dumbleton, Anne Greaves-Lord, Jay Booker, Lillian Sillito, Margaret Hyde, Cath Saunt, Patrick Morrow, John Turner, Mike Morrisroe, Gordon Wilsher, George Loble, Jeff Sheppard, and Laura Densmore. Sinéad Hanrahan, Amanda Parkes, Lisa O'Grady, Colleen Jones, Pauline Hyde, and Kevin Kennedy led 163b in memory of Mark Ferguson (Fark), tragically killed the previous week. Lin James gave thanks for the midday meal, and led 180.

LUNCH

Sarah West called the class to order by leading 401. Leaders: Simon Dumbleton 84; Sinéad Hanrahan 542; Fynn Titford-Mock 232; Pauline Hyde 318; Chris West 319; Anna Baldini 86; Shereen Benjamin 339; Sarah Hill 551; Amanda Parkes 497; Ewan Paterson 49b; Colleen Jones 344; Carmel Wood 383; Kevin Kennedy 213b; Sally Greaves-Lord 216; Joe Vickers 353; Helen Barber 350; Benny Ross 496.

RECESS

Matthew Ord called the class back to order. Leaders: Phil Tyler 99; Josh Darby 203; Judy Whiting 466; Amanda Parkes 31t; Anne Eringan 148; Harry Campbell 117; Shereen Benjamin 268; Cath Tyler 278t; Geoff Grainger 564; Sarah West 480; Simon Dumbleton 354t; Fynn Titford-Mock 82t; Sinéad Hanrahan 209.

Benny Ross extended thanks to all those who had helped during the day, and led 347 as the closing song. Cath Tyler offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Benny Ross; Secretary—Colin Monson

NEW YORK STATE REGIONAL SINGING St. John's Episcopal Church, Ithaca, New York Saturday, June 9, 2012

The class was called to order by Ginny Huszagh leading 34b. The opening prayer was offered by Robert Wheeler.

A singing school was conducted by Eric Bean, and new singers were welcomed. Leaders: Eric Bean 63; Robert Wheeler 171; Cora Wareh 40; Barbara Swetman 312b; Lucy Roberts 82t; Margaret Bornick 497; Melody Johnson 335; Laurel Dempsey 39t; Ron Bornick 84; Ginny Huszagh 436; Faiz Wareh 268; Candis Bailey 148; Denise Morris 161; Tarik Wareh 29t; Mary Skidmore 105; Eric Bean 163b; Bob Wheeler 142; Barbara Swetman 64; Lucy Roberts 486; Margaret Bornick 147t. The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Ginny Huszagh; Secretary—Melody Johnson.

RECESS

Melody Johnson called the class back together leading 475. Leaders: Denise Morris 454; Laurel Dempsey 503; Lucy Roberts 178; Ron Bornick 334; Ginny Huszagh 31t; Candis Bailey 107; Tarik Wareh 46; Mary Skidmore 299; Eric Bean 282; Barbara Swetman 128; Robert Wheeler 36b; Margaret Bornick 455; Melody Johnson 315; Denise Morris 203; Ron Bornick 480; Laurel Dempsey 146.

LUNCH

Eric Bean led 48t to call the afternoon session to order. Leaders: Candis Bailey 28t; Faiz Wareh 230; Ginny Huszagh 86; Tarik Wareh 410t; Mary Skidmore 99; Lucy

Roberts 474; Eric Bean 122; Barbara Swetman 546; Robert Wheeler 515; Margaret Bornick 68b; Melody Johnson 172; Ron Bornick 186; Laurel Dempsey 143; Tarik Wareh 328; Candis Bailey 551; Ginny Huszagh 276; Mary Skidmore 159; Lucy Roberts 47t; Ginny Huszagh 181.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Barbara Swetman leading 87. Leaders: Tina Vanderbosch 377; Robert Wheeler 183; Claudia Shoshan 569b; Margaret Bornick 228; Laurel Dempsey 523; Tarik Wareh 71; Candis Bailey 56b; Ron Bornick 313b; Ginny Huszagh 85; Ernest Blake 49b; Mary Skidmore 155; Lucy Roberts 448b; Barbara Swetman 111b; Tina Vanderbosch 47b; Eric Bean 324; Robert Wheeler 350; Margaret Bornick 504; Tarik Wareh 344; Candis Bailey 106; Ron Bornick 479; Ernest Blake 481; Ginny Huszagh 66; Mary Skidmore 168; Lucy Roberts 101t; Barbara Swetman 127; Tina Vanderbosch 472; Robert Wheeler 147b; Margaret Bornick 117; Tarik Wareh 294; Candis Bailey 542; Eric Bean 47t; Ron Bornick and Barbara Swetman 457.

Ginny Huszagh led 62 as the closing song. Robert Wheeler offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed, with thanks to all who helped.

Chairman—Ginny Huszagh; Secretary—Melody Johnson

HOPEWELL HOMECOMING **Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church, Oneonta, Alabama** **June 9-10, 2012** **Saturday, June 9**

The 66th annual Hopewell Homecoming Sacred Harp singing was held at Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church in Oneonta, Alabama, on the second Sunday and Saturday before in June. Terry Hullett called the class to order by leading 59. The morning prayer was offered by Elder Philip Gilmore.

Leaders: Terry Hullett 144; Nate Green 29t; Henry Johnson 109, 426t; Rebekah Gilmore 99, 445; Jim Aaron 503, 68b; Lori Graber 65, 155; Rebecca Over 77t, 216; Darrell Swarens 112 (for Nettie Green), 335; Roberta Strauss 203, 542; Leon Pulsinelle 177, 168; Bridgett Kennedy 31t, 440; Anne Drexler 66, 87; Jack Nelson 30b, 560.

RECESS

Terry Hullett brought the class together by leading 76b. A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Terry Hullett; Vice Chairman—Nate Green; Secretaries—Paula Gilmore and Rebekah Gilmore; Arranging Officer—Terry Hullett; Memorial Committee—Philip Gilmore and Paula Gilmore.

Leaders: B.M. Smith 101t, 318; Richard Mauldin 446, 143; Ainslie Allen and Emma Calvert 217, 124; Mike Hinton 340, 480; Heather Ikeler 34b, 492; Bea Carnathan 283, 568; Patti Sontag 385t, 457; Charlotte Ehrman 452, 383; Taylor Ward 128; Les Sontag 40, 142.

RECESS

Philip Gilmore brought the class together by leading 498 and 81t (in memory of Willie Mae Moon). Leaders: Brenda Chafin 331, 137; Jeff Begley 348t, 173; Richard Schmeidler 474, 254; Ann Jett 327, 546; Henry Guthery 549 (for Lydia Bagwell); Karen Clark 167, 501; Velton Chafin 227; Elsie Moon 292; Cassie Allen 126, 300; Judy Caudle 448b (in memory of Herby Bailey), 472.

LUNCH

Terry Hullett brought the class together by leading 276. Leaders: Doug Conn 278b, 384; Sarah Beasley 129, 282; J.L. Hopper 534, 518; Gary Smith 63, 565; Jan Nesbitt 380; Tommie Spurlock 273, 402; David Carlton 385b, 496; Loyd Ivey 204, 270;

Stanley Smith 185; Norma Green 314, 84; Margie Smith 108t; Russ Pope 117; Dennis George 453; Grace Gilmore 208; Vella Dailey 146; Paula Gilmore 512; Philip Gilmore and Paula Gilmore 317; Chris Green 294; Seth Holloway 274t, 82t (by request).

Terry Hullett and Nate Green led 47b as the closing song. Elder J.L. Hopper dismissed the class with prayer.

Sunday, June 10

The Sunday session of the Hopewell Homecoming Sacred Harp singing was called to order by Terry Hullett leading 32t. The morning prayer was offered by Doyle Alexander.

Leaders: Terry Hullett 58, 441 (in memory of Willie Mae Moon); Nate Green 34b, 50b; Rebekah Gilmore 39t, 171; Scot Oliver 100; Eugene Forbes 299, 318; Doyle Alexander 68b, 36b; Norma Green 389, 208; Rebecca Over 283, 460; Margie Smith 569b; Betty Sue Johnson 406; David Light 30t, 383; Grace Gilmore 388, 542; Judy Caudle 421, 312b.

RECESS

Terry Hullett brought the class together by leading 129. Leaders: Barb Patterson 230, 510; Jared Wootten 426t; B.M. Smith 66, 99; Phil Summerlin 64, 65; Jamey Wootten 276, 418; Cheyenne Ivey 56t, 176b; Doug Conn 189, 436.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Philip Gilmore and Paula Gilmore. Elder Philip Gilmore recited the poem "One by One They Are Falling Asleep." Philip and Paula led 285t for the following deceased: Lonnie Rogers, Harrison Creel, Dr. Julietta Haynes, Marie Ivey, Clarence McCool, Jack C. Nelson, Norma Sears, Ken Sherrett, John Grant, Sam Thomas, Joan Fritz, Bill Tanner, Ernie Jett, Ed Phillips, Ernest Phillips, John Merritt, Ruby Brothers, Cecil Sanders, and Travis Keeton. Philip and Paula then led 45t for the following sick and shut-ins: Josie Hyde, Bud Oliver, Sammie Oliver, S.T. Reed, Lessie Reed, Don Buswell, Anita Buswell, Virginia Dell Glass, Jean Wootten, Carmen Brothers, Daphne Causey, and Amber Davis. Phil Summerlin closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

LUNCH

Terry Hullett brought the class together by leading 222. Leaders: Jackie Tanner 89, 101t; Chita Blakeley 172, 430; Susan Cheronos 74b, 107; Cindy Tanner 297, 546; Scott Ivey 26; Scott Ivey and Jared Wootten 73t (for Bud Oliver); Jason Kirby 317, 128; Ben Faucher 235, 274t; Shane Wootten 67, 571 (CB); Rodney Ivey 176t (in memory of Herby Bailey), 426b; Paula Gilmore 270, 75; Susan Harcrow 126, 35; Karen Davis 480, 358; Philip Gilmore 33b, 48t; Terry Hullett 97.

Terry Hullett, Nate Green, and Philip Gilmore led 62 as the closing song. Doug Conn offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Terry Hullett; Vice Chairman—Nate Green; Secretaries—Paula Gilmore and Rebekah Gilmore

ALDRIDGE MEMORIAL Johnson Schoolhouse, Fayette County, Alabama Sunday, June 10, 2012

The annual Aldridge Memorial Sacred Harp Singing held on the second Sunday in June at Johnson Schoolhouse (Pleasant Hill Primitive Baptist Church) was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Darrell Swarens and Bridgett Kennedy leading 36b. The morning prayer was offered by Henry Guthery. Darrell and Bridgett led 82t. The following officers were appointed: Chairman—Joan Aldridge; Vice Chairman—Darrell Swarens; Arranging Officer—Bridgett Kennedy; Secretary—Margaret Keeton.

Leaders: Henry Guthery 434; Scott Kennedy 55; Gary Smith 99; Richard Schmeidler 66; Martha Beverly 377; Sarah Beasley 340; Don Keeton 498; Taylor Ward 250; Virginia Eldridge 83t; Sandra Spradlin 276; Kermit Adams 273; Lori Graber 228; Cecelia Kramer 39t; Mike Hinton 318; Chuck Howell 112; Leon Pulsinelle 33b; Patty Sontag 163b; Annalise Perone 312b; Ottis Sides 530; Richard Mauldin 235; Larry Ballinger 403 (in memory of Harrison Creel); Joan Aldridge 373, 512 (in memory of Travis Keeton and Harrison Creel).

RECESS

The class was called to order by Glenn Keeton leading 504. Leaders: Eddie Mash 556; Anne Drexler 282; Les Sontag 178; Bea Carnathan 438; Roberta Strauss 300; Gravis Ballinger 203; Gillian Inksetter 456; Betty Baccus 396; Idy Kiser 122; Earl Ballinger 167; Steve Adams and Sandra Spradlin 378t; Jeff Begley 163t; Danny Creel 383; Chris Ballinger 270; Charlotte Ehrman 401; Ann Jett 327; Allison Davis and Gresham Davis 436; Katherine Eldridge 105; Heather Ikeler 202; Faye Donaldson 410t; James Eldridge 182; Angela Myers 216; Nathan Rees 217; Adrian Eldridge 211; Dan Brittain 355; Lucy Heidorn 155. Danny Creel offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Joan Aldridge called the class to order leading 454. Leaders: Rebecca Eldridge 500; Ken Tate 147b; Glenn Keeton, Elizabeth Keeton, Isabella Keeton, and Matthew Keeton 30t, 497; Cassie Allen and Elsie Moon 35; Cassie Allen 485; Lena Keeton, Isabella Keeton, and Matthew Keeton 200; Emily Burleson 192; Linda Sides and Matthew Sides 45t; Seth Holloway 371, 236; Chug Beasley and Ruth Nix 61; Darrell Swarens 111b; Lisa Geist 532; Bridgett Kennedy 411; Adrian Eldridge, Virginia Eldridge, Rebecca Eldridge, James Eldridge, and Katherine Eldridge 406; Les Sontag and Patty Sontag 496; Roberta Strauss and Anne Drexler 218; Gillian Inksetter 472; Martha Beverly and Idy Kiser 475; Eddie Mash and Nathan Rees 56t; Jeff Begley 27; Taylor Ward 128; Charlotte Ehrman 344; Dan Brittain 387; Mike Hinton and Richard Mauldin 339; Lori Graber 430; Richard Schmeidler 120; Heather Ikeler 135; Cecelia Kramer 106; Annalise Perone 37b; Leon Pulsinelle 198; Rebecca Eldridge 507 (for Josie Hyde).

Joan Aldridge, Darrell Swarens, and Bridgett Kennedy led 46 as the closing song. After prayer by Adrian Eldridge, the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Joan Aldridge; Vice Chairman—Darrell Swarens; Secretary—Margaret Keeton

ALPHARETTA MUNICIPAL BUILDING SINGING Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church, Alpharetta, Georgia Sunday, June 10, 2012

The 144th annual session of the Alpharetta Municipal Building Singing was held on the second Sunday in June at Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church. Richard DeLong brought the class to order by leading 101t and 61. Junie Wooten offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Faye Holbrook 343 (for Violet Thomason), 67; Helen Bryson 101b, 205; John Plunkett 70t (for Michael Walker's mother and Thom Fahrbach), 90; Scott DePoy 277, 201 (for Tom Edwards); Mark Noonan 86, 476; Judy Chambless 527, 549; Jeannette DePoy 498 (for Thom Fahrbach), 30t (for Michael Walker's mother); Jane Spencer 129 (for Walker family), 312t (for Fahrbach family); Mike Castleberry 345b, 512.

In a business session, the following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Faye Holbrook; Vice Chairman—Janice Paulk; Secretary and Treasurer—Helen Bryson.

RECESS

Faye Holbrook led 542 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Malinda Snow 349, 203; Junie Wooten 159, 503; Tony Hammock 213t (for Walker family), 322; Cathy Smith 81t, 145t; Rachel Carlisle 460, 137; Michael Thompson 204, 382; Robert Chambless 452, 77t (for Charles Woods); Judy Mincey 34t, 475; John Kelso 543.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Janice Paulk leading 448b and 75. Leaders: Susan Posey 77b, 290; Dianne O'Shields 510, 497; Richard DeLong 380 (for Doris and Horace DeLong); Faye Holbrook 455; Helen Bryson 319; Scott DePoy 48t; Mark Noonan 178; Jane Spencer 328; Judy Chambless 105; Mike Castleberry 76b; Junie Wooten 270; Jeannette DePoy 348 (for Horace DeLong); Rachel Carlisle 192.

Richard DeLong conducted the memorial lesson. He led 400 for the following sick and shut-ins: Violet Thomason, Jetha Brooks, Cathy White, and Gertrude DeLong. Richard led 285t for the following deceased: Dot Garrison, Lucretia Hall, Sally McEwen, James Tolbert, and Lonnie Rogers—Georgia; Marie Ivey and Harrison Creel—Alabama; Julietta Haynes—Tennessee. Robert Chambless offered prayer.

RECESS

John Plunkett called the class to order by leading 49t. Leaders: Malinda Snow 27; Judy Mincey 504; Tony Hammock 494; Cathy Smith 312b; Robert Chambless 66; Janice Paulk 541; Susan Posey 107; Dianne O'Shields 82t.

Following announcements, Faye Holbrook and Janice Paulk led 45t as the closing song. Junie Wooten offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Faye Holbrook; Vice Chairman—Janice Paulk; Secretary—Helen Bryson

CAMP FASOLA 2012 ADULT SESSION Camp McDowell, near Double Springs, Alabama June 10-13, 2012 Sunday, June 10

Arrival, Check-In, and Orientation. Arrival and check-in began at 4:00 p.m. for campers to receive room assignments, schedules, t-shirts, and name tags. Dinner was at 6:00 p.m. in Stough Dining Hall, followed by orientation at 6:45 p.m. in the Chapel. David Ivey opened orientation by welcoming campers to the tenth year of Camp Fasola. Campers present were from twenty-two to seventy-six years of age representing nineteen states, Canada, and the United Kingdom. David thanked Scott DePoy and Jeanette DePoy for organizing registration, Idy Kiser for making name buttons, and Lauren Bock for designing the camp t-shirts. David introduced the teachers, and reviewed the camp schedule.

Evening Singing. The Sunday evening singing was directed by Holy Comforter Lodge residents. The following officers served: Chairman—Les Sontag; Secretary—Rebecca Over; Arranging Committee—Zilpha Cornett and Pat Wilson. The opening prayer was offered by Holly Goettge.

Leaders: Les Sontag 30t; Rebecca Over 60; Jeff Begley 569t; Barb Patterson 86; Bill Hayes 452; SuNell Ellis 546; Cecelia Kramer 222; Martha Beverly 131t; Judy Caudle 343; Nathan Rees 360; Daniel Lee 328; Patti Sontag 178; Idy Kiser 32t; Ginnie Ely 377; Robert Kelley 171; Angela Myers 142; Richard Schmeidler 287; David Ivey 556; Dan Comstock 81t; Eddie Mash 448t; Jenna Bond Tompkins 278t; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 428; Mike Hinton 34t; Dan Harper 268; Theresa Westmoreland 460; Jonathon Smith 314; Judy Mincey 510. The evening devotional was presented by SuNell Ellis. Thanks and closing remarks were made by David Ivey, and the class was dismissed.

Monday, June 11

Every day there are lessons, electives, opportunities for recreation or relaxation, recess periods with snacks, and an evening class singing, along with opportunities to socialize.

Electives. 7:00 a.m. Campers could choose to hike, swim, or sing on the Pradat porch. Breakfast followed at 8:00 a.m.

Lesson: Rudiments I / Basics. 9:00a.m. Robert Kelley introduced himself and led 49t. He talked about early singing of hymns in churches. Hymns are poems of praise intended for worship services, such as 289. Robert said that shape notes were used after the year 1800 and discussed the progression of singing shape notes and the itinerant teachers that went from place to place to teach people how to sing. "Harp" books were published in the 1830's to 1840's. The class was provided with a handout outlining the organization of *The Sacred Harp*, 1991 Edition. *The Sacred Harp* consists of many types of songs; hymns, anthems, fusing tunes, and others. The class practiced singing the major scales (lighter, happier) and the minor scales (somber, deeper). Robert explained the three aspects of music, melodics, rhythmic, and dynamics. The class reviewed the seven modes of time, the speeds of the modes, and the speed relationships to the modes of time. Accent falls under the third department of music in the rudiments. Robert stated that in FaSoLa singing we change the dynamics within each measure according to the stress of the text and the mode of time. Some general principles to follow on accent are the primary accent happens when your hand is starting down and the secondary accent happens when your hand is starting up. Accent is not about hitting notes hard, it is about relative stress. Your singing should be smooth and never choppy or violent. William Walker says that accent binds together time, text and dynamics to give the music the greatest breadth and depth of emotional power. Robert gave the class two primary goals when beginning to sing, and that is to sing shapes correctly and keep time correctly. Later, set another goal to sing the words correctly, giving reverence to the words.

Lesson: Rudiments I / Advanced. 9:00 a.m. Dan Brittain opened the class by leading 48t. The class was given the handout, "A Brief Guide to Singing from *The Sacred Harp*... with Particular Attention to Tradition". Dan said we need to always respect the local traditions at singings. Current tradition has the leader using one song for their lesson. Smaller singings sometimes follow the two-song custom. Usually, only one or two verses are sung, unless it is a short song. Refrains and fusing sections in a song are normally repeated on the notes and on the last verse. This permits the singing of more songs and using many leaders. The class sang 313b and 138t. On anthems, one often omits singing the notes. Singing the notes can also be omitted during the memorial lesson. Dan told the class about the three modes on time in the Sacred Harp. Time signatures also indicate tempo. The three modes of time are Common, Compound, and Triple time. There are some regional variations in speed, but most do not go to extremes. Sacred Harp does not teach leading in four beats. Dan said that beating in four takes the pulse out of the song. Older books had specific speeds for each time signature. The class sang 360 demonstrating that there are some exceptions to the general rules for speed. The class discussed 34t, 376, 73t, and 481 to point out how accent is used in different speeds. Dan led 341 showing how it starts differently, and also led and discussed 111t, 45t and 40.

Elective: Singing Favorites with Elder J.L. Hopper. 10:45a.m. Judy Caudle introduced her father, J. L. Hopper, and shared stories about what it was like growing up with him. Elder Hopper began by telling the story of when he was four years old, and his grandfather gave him a nickel for learning 76 "Holiness". The class sang 76t with Elder Hopper leading. Another story told by Elder Hopper was that when he was a small child, he would be put on a small table so he could be seen by

the class. An older man, whom everybody called Uncle Jack, attended singings. Uncle Jack was a very enthusiastic leader! The time came when Elder Hopper announced that he did not want to be put upon a table to lead because he wanted to be able to run around the square like Uncle Jack! The class sang 534 and 112. Elder Hopper told that Doddridge thought Copernicus may have written the words to “The Last Words of Copernicus”, explaining his own conversion to Christianity from polytheism. The class sang 161. Elder Hopper admonished the class to always sing so people can understand the words. The class sang the following favorites: 269, 196, 369, 143, and 543. He thanked the class for their attendance, and then dismissed them.

Elective: *Dinner on the Ground.* 1:00 p.m. Karen Ivey asked, which is it, dinner on the ground or dinner on the grounds? It is a personal preference on what it is called. Dinner at a singing is very important, and is an integral part of the singing itself. In the old days, dinner time at a singing was the primary time to be social, and is definitely a time for fellowship, even now. It is also a time to replenish and be fortified for the afternoon singing. Singing is hard work, and food is needed. Karen talked further about how cooking for a singing includes a unique set of skills. There is even an art to placing food on the table! Certain people have a specific place to put their food. Karen shared how influential her mother-in-law, Marie Ivey, was in passing this tradition on to her. There are some rules to follow in preparing food for a singing; do not be late, be organized, cook too much rather than not enough, always take utensils, and cook fresh for day two of a singing. Karen said it is usually not a good sign if your food is not eaten, and the older established cooks will surely take note! Over many years of cooking food for singings, Karen has seen an evolution towards preparing more healthy dishes. There are numerous options now to find and prepare healthier food. Food is also purchased and even catered sometimes. Karen offered practical suggestions like making a list of what you want to make ahead of time, your grocery list, and what dishes you will need. Transporting food to a singing can be difficult when needing to keep food hot or cold. Karen provided a display of various sized baskets, dishes, utensils, and inexpensive items to transport food. You can create two layers in a basket or cooler by using inexpensive cutting boards. Karen covered hers in contact paper. For glass lids, Karen demonstrated using rubber bands wrapped around the top handle to the side handle of the glass lid to keep it in place. There are many items made to keep dishes hot, but Karen said that her best solution found to keeping food hot was to simply wrap your dish in a thick towel, and it also can be used to wedge your dishes in your basket or cooler to keep them from sliding around. The remaining time in the class was spent making two chocolate punch bowl cakes for the evening meal, and making cookbooks with favorite “dinner on the ground” recipes.

Elective: *New Prospects: Innovative Sacred Harp Sounds 1960-1991.* 1:00 p.m. Robert Kelley gave the class a handout about newly composed songs from the 1960 and 1991 revisions that took dispersed harmony in new directions. Robert talked about the elements that distinguish the different composers’ music. The class sang 512, and Robert pointed out that the lyrics were taken directly from scripture. The tenor line crossing the bass line happened every now and then before 1959, but became common practice between 1959 and 1991. The class sang 462, and the discord on the fermata (or bird’s eye) with the “mi” in the treble was highlighted. Robert said that A.M. Cagle was possibly the most influential Sacred Harp composer of the twentieth century, and that he was influenced by western classical music and harmony. This style can be found in 549. Cagle worked with a community of other composers. Their songs include a tall sound with the tonic commonly in the bass. Raymond Hamrick’s style and discords adapts the text to fit his musical ideas more

loosely. Hugh McGraw also wrote songs in this style and was influenced by gospel. His songs also have Denson rhythms and few discords. Other tall sounding songs are 347, 464, 521, 507 and 573. Where did these composers get this sound from? The answer is from older composers, such as the Reese brothers, Billings, and Swan. Robert talked about “song gifting” in Sacred Harp. Song gifting is when a song is named after someone respected, or putting their name as the composer. The song 354t was credited to Denton, but was written after Denton died. McGraw helped write the harmony on 77b. Robert went over some songs with sinewy or ultra-dispersed harmony. In 485, the song ends with an open fifth, 504 is a tribute song, 372 and 505 have a lot of empty chords showing ultra-dispersed harmony. Songs with discords, closer harmony, and accent-centered or unusual chords were examined by the class. Examples of this are found in 464, 506, and 573. Robert explained the term Sacred Harp Fauxbourdon. This is when the third is found in the bass. The term Bass Sequent means the bass has fled, not the bass anymore. Examples of this are found in 462 and 512.

Lesson: The Memorial Lesson. 2:10 p.m. Karen Rollins gave the class a handout outlining the definition, importance, history, and method of a memorial lesson. Karen said that a memorial lesson is a time to remember and think of those who are not with us. It is a unique period of time at a singing. Karen referred to Kiri Miller’s definition (“Traveling Home: Sacred Harp Singing and American Pluralism”): “a ritualized lament that involves tears, laughter, stories, and reflection.” The memorial lesson normally falls at the same place in a singing as a sermon falls in a Protestant worship service. It is important to honor those who have gone before us and honored this tradition. We sing songs of grief and love, and often associate certain songs with certain leaders as we sing. It causes us to confront our own mortality. Memorial lessons are a Sacred Harp tradition dating back to the oldest Sacred Harp convention in 1852 up to present day. In 1903, there were no deceased names listed at the Chattahoochee Convention. A Memorial Committee is usually appointed. No one volunteers to do a memorial lesson. Sign-up sheets are placed in a conspicuous location for the names of the deceased and the sick and shut-ins from the past year. Usually, two people will be asked to do a memorial lesson. One person reads the names for the sick and shut-ins and leads a song. One person reads the names of the deceased and leads a song. A memorial lesson lasts about ten to fifteen minutes total time. Topics can vary from life, death, grief, family, memories, and tradition. Following the lecture, an actual memorial lesson was held.

Lesson: How to Beat the Seven Modes of Time / Basics. 3:30 p.m. David Ivey began the class referring to pg. 14 of the rudiments, highlighting points two and three. The top number in a mode of time is the number of notes in a measure; the bottom number is the type of note. In the common mode of time, the first beat is always downward and the second beat is the upbeat. When you have a three beat measure, your arm goes down halfway, then the rest of the way down, and then all the way up. Always start with the down beat and the hand always ends at the top. David said keeping time is like fingerprints, no one does it exactly the same. The class went over 2/2, 4/4, and 2/4 time. The class was shown and practiced 3/2 and 3/4 time. Compound time (6/4 and 6/8) is a combination of common and triple time. David explained that older rudiments suggested a certain amount of seconds for each mode of time, but we currently use relative speed that is stylized by the individual. David quoted Cagle saying time is very important. The best rule is to be reasonable and keep proper accent. The most commonly used mode of time is 4/4. The class looked at 569b for an example of triple time. David expressed that some 3/4 songs are better slower and some are better faster. He referenced 131b for an example of 6/8 time. Regarding time change within a song, the class looked at 43 and 448t. David told the

class to always have your hand at the top when there is a time change, and recommended beating time while sitting to practice staying with the leader and build body memory. Singers are most tolerant of those who are not so accomplished on the notes, but staying in time is more important! The class was asked to observe other leaders and recommended sitting with someone more experienced to help improve. David's final remarks to the class were to make every effort to lead smoothly and keep proper time.

Lesson: *Leading and Bringing in Parts/Intermediate.* 3:30 p.m. Judy Caudle introduced herself as a fourth generation Sacred Harp singer. She stated that the part you bring in first on any song is called the lead part and the lead part is determined by the song you choose. When bringing in parts, Judy recommended using your voice to bring in the lead part, as well as your hand, and to be aware of your feet so as not to stumble while moving in the square. To demonstrate leading and bringing in parts, Judy led 155. Judy shared how she communicates what she wants from the class without saying anything. She said that the leader can communicate in the square by their actions and body language. Class members led songs, bringing in parts with questions and recommendations as needed. Leaders: Rebecca Over 177; Leon Pulsinelle 168; David Brodeur 475; Daniel Lee 373; Jonathan Wood and Andrew Mashchak 276; Judy Mincey 538; Ginnie Ely 196; Eddie Mash 344; Gillian Inksetter 474.

Judy's final recommendation to the class was, if you ever lose your place while leading, keep beating time until you find your place again. The class will continue to sing as long as your hand keeps moving.

Elective: *Arranging Committee.* 4:45 p.m. Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg spoke about how important the Arranging Committee is to a singing. Arranging directly affects the flow of a singing and being on an Arranging Committee is a great way to contribute to a singing. Good arranging takes a great deal of pride and attention to detail. Jesse said there should be three goals to have on an Arranging Committee: ensure that all people get to lead; make sure people leave happy; make the singing good. To serve on an Arranging Committee, members need to know about the Sacred Harp singers that are present, where they are from, how they lead, and what type of song they usually lead. A good idea is to refer to the minutes from the previous year for information. Pronounce names loudly, clearly, and correctly. Make the leader cards simple to fill out. Being on the Arranging Committee can be stressful because one must remain aware of what is happening during the singing. The peak energy time of a singing is usually one hour before lunch and one hour after lunch. Use the local leaders to warm-up the class; however, if a large number of visitors are present, local folks can be left out, if needed. The chairman does not have to lead first, and can turn over the singing to the Arranging Committee. Try to spread out family members and church members throughout the day and space out your leaders by gender. Be aware of relationships that may be present, such as ex-wives or ex-husbands. Honor lifelong singers that are present. Thank all the leaders at the end of the day.

Elective: *Keying Music.* 4:45 p.m. David Ivey asked the class members why they were in keying class. The main reason people learn how to key is often out of necessity. David said to key is something a person must practice and learn oneself, but he would give some basics to help start. On pg. 17, Chapter III, of the Rudiments, the main goal of keying is found. It says to key or pitch so everyone can sing comfortably for the song to sound good. David said listening is the most important part of learning to key. Listen to others who key and decide if it was the best it could be or not. Listening to recordings is also helpful. Knowing the scale really well is absolutely essential to learning how to key. The tonic is the starting

point. Of the major keys you will have a lot of A, B, C, F, G. There are not as many songs to key in D and E. Tone memory is something keyers develop. Those are notes they remember that work for a specific key. David suggested using a song that is a typical key, get it in your head, and use it for other songs as well. A good example of F major is 37b. Practicing keyers were Dan Comstock 81t; Jonathon Wood 37b; Leon Pulsinelle 47t; Rebecca Over 144; Daniel Lee 346; Ann Mashchak 163b.

Class Singing. 7:30 p.m. led by St. Mary's Lodge residents. The Chairman led 75 to bring the class to order. The opening prayer was offered by Dan Brittain. Leaders: Wendy Futral 569b; Dan Brittain 302; David Brodeur 472; Leon Pulsinelle 430; Ann Mashchak 163b; Buell Cobb 303; Caleb Dillehay 339; Annalise Perone 410t; Jonathon Wood 76t; Bea Carnathan and Zilpha Cornett 568; Andrew Mashchak 170; Charlotte Ehrman 365; Karen Ivey 506; Jonathon Smith 187; Patti Sontag 217; Mike Hinton 418; Martha Beverly 436; Jesse P. Karlsberg 167; Les Sontag 178; Barb Patterson 384; Dan Harper 209; Judy Caudle 564; Daniel Lee 47b; Chairman 147t. The devotional was given by Joann Wart. The class singing was followed by an Ice Cream Social.

Tuesday, June 12

Electives. 7:00 a.m. Campers could choose to hike, swim, or sing on the Pradat porch. Breakfast followed at 8:00 a.m.

Lesson: Rudiments II / Advanced. 9:00 a.m. Dan Brittain began the class leading 52b, 183, and 291. Tunes with tempo changes were discussed, and the class sang 417 to demonstrate a time change. June Mincey led 43 and Judy Caudle led 329. Dan Brittain led 387 to show how to keep a constant pulse throughout time changes. The class sang 301 as an example of a song with three time changes. Theresa Westmoreland led 486 and 455. Caleb Dillehay led 98. Dan talked about fermatas and some tricks about them and led 96 and 149. Ginnie Ely led 376. Dan led 34t, showing the tradition of leading this song slowly in the manner which T.H. Ross led it. Dan Brittain closed the class leading 35, 385b, and 399b.

Elective: Sacred Harp Harmony and Style. 10:45 a.m. Dan Brittain provided the class with a handout and stated that he was going to present his personal opinions and we should not take them as the only word on the subject of Harmony and Style in the Sacred Harp. Dan said that we do not necessarily perform; we sing and write this music for the enjoyment of it. There are specific harmonic or style trends in Sacred Harp, such as each part has its own melody. Parallel harmony is not forbidden. Strong accent and breathing points are not necessarily where one would expect and regional variations do exist. Dan said his personal preference is the raised sixth is always used in minor and that written accidentals indicating the raised sixth are ignored, except for those added by the composer. Among Sacred Harp writers, Dan shared that Breedlove, Dumas, King, and the Reese brothers were those that had the greatest influence on him. Regarding stylistic issues, Breedlove's and Dumas's songs have a strong sense of melody and parts fit together well; Dumas uses rhythmic contrasts shown in 329; E.J. King, especially for his treble writing; H.S. Reese for his sense of rhythm in 278b (it has one of the few tri-tones in a chord that is not part of the melodic and rhythmic writing); in addition, the shifting parallels in 375 and 383, and his melodies and harmonies in 417. Theresa Westmoreland led 34t, with Dan noting the parallel between the tenor and treble. Leaders: Gillian Inksetter 288; Eddie Mash 329; Daniel Lee 278b; Judy Mincey 337; Dan Comstock 123b; Jeff Begley 419.

Elective: History of the Denson Family. 10:45 a.m. Frances Robb was introduced as a descendent of the Denson family. She told the class that this is the story of the Densons, a Sacred Harp family of north Alabama.

Its patriarchs, Seaborn Denson and Thomas Denson, were sons of Levi Philips Denson, a farmer and part-time Methodist minister from a musical family that traces its roots to 17th century Virginia. Levi's uncle, James Denson, composed "Christmas Anthem" for the 1844 Sacred Harp. Levi served in the U.S. Cavalry in the 1830's Indian Wars, married Julia Ann Jones, also from a musical family, and moved from Georgia to recently opened Indian lands in Alabama about 1839. They lived near Arbacoochee, not far from the Georgia border. Levi bought some farmland, not very fertile, but with its own gold mine. Levi sang Sacred Harp. As a devout Methodist and part-time Methodist minister, he believed that music is a central element of worship, connecting worshippers directly to the divine.

The Denson boys worked on the farm and mined gold, a backbreaking activity for little reward. Both learned Sacred Harp at home. In 1878, Thomas, almost 16, led a lesson at the prestigious Chattahoochee Sacred Harp Convention in nearby Georgia. That year, he met Seaborn's wife's sister, Amanda, at a Sacred Harp singing, and they married very soon after. Their major recreation was making music at home and attending Sacred Harp singings. For the Densons, Sacred Harp music expressed their genuine religious feeling and innate musicality, and it was an antidote to hard lives, cultural isolation, and economic uncertainty.

By 1890, Thomas and Seaborn were teaching Sacred Harp and developing quick, effective teaching methods. Teaching singing schools and being recognized as master song leaders gave them public status. Singing, leading, and teaching required focus and concentration, and obliterated the stresses of the world outside the hollow square.

In 1889, Levi died. The farm was sold and the family dispersed. In 1896, Seaborn and Thomas moved in ox-drawn wagons to Winston County, Alabama, where new lands had opened. Settling near Helicon, they farmed and taught Sacred Harp. Thomas owned about 500 acres; each year he spent the farm's profits on traveling to singings.

In 1933, Thomas Jackson Denson organized the Sacred Harp Publishing Company, buying the rights to the 1911 song book, and starting a new edition. When Tom and Seab died, the new edition was not quite complete. Tom's son, Paine, oversaw The Original Sacred Harp, *Denson Revision*, through the press. This 1936 publication was a necessary condition for the spread of Sacred Harp music across America. But another major reason for the broadening appreciation of Sacred Harp, are the recordings made in Birmingham, Alabama, in August, 1942, for the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C., which has distributed them widely ever since. The small fees given to each song leader (\$150 in all) were turned over to Paine Denson to help pay for a monument to Seaborn Denson and Thomas Jackson Denson on the courthouse lawn in Double Springs, Winston County, Alabama.

The story of the north Alabama Densons is a typical American story. But the Densons also crafted a distinctive identity as musicians and teachers. When they stood within the hollow square to lead a song, taught singing schools, and published the *Denson Revision* of the Original Sacred Harp song book, they were continuing a serious and complex music with a substantial history. And individual Densons were strengthening themselves for challenges outside the hollow square. Thanks to the Densons and to all of you who sing and teach Sacred Harp today, this proud tradition endures.

Lesson: *Leading Workshop / Basics*. 3:30 p.m. Cassie Allen, Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg, and Judy Caudle conducted this class. Jesse spoke on being prepared before you lead your song. He said to know which song you want to lead before being called and also, have in mind how many verses and repeats you would like to do. He suggested making a list of songs to lead in case your intended song gets used.

Announce your song number loudly and clearly. Cassie spoke about hand and arm position while leading. Cassie said to hold your leading arm slightly to the side of your body instead of to the front making it more visible to the altos. Your leading arm needs to move from shoulder to waist. The remaining time was used for practice. Leaders: Zilpha Cornett 480; Rachel Trapp 159; Bill Hayes 503; Lincoln Richardson 73b; Pat Wilson 38b; Rebecca Over 318; Ann Mashchak 312b; Lester Sontag 178; Barb Patterson 230; Patti Sontag 40; Dan Comstock 63; Cecelia Kramer 383.

Lesson: Rudiments / Accent. 3:30 p.m. Robert Kelley explained accent in a song is giving emphasis with your voice, and that accent is always present whether in words or music. Melody determines timing, but words or poetry determines accent. Robert reviewed pg. 20, chapters 6 and 7 of the Rudiments. To demonstrate accent according to the number of syllables of the text in the measure, Robert led 501. Using proper accent, the class sang 287, and was dismissed.

Class Singing. 7:30 p.m. led by Mullen Lodge residents. The following officers served: Chairman—Ginnie Ely; Secretary—Richard Schmeidler.

Ginnie Ely called the class to order and led 34b. The opening prayer was offered by Barb Patterson. Leaders: Lincoln Richardson 276; Zilpha Cornett 480; Lela Crowder 274t; Rebecca Over 381; Gillian Inksetter 330b; William Hayes 277; Daniel Lee 448t; Cecelia Kramer 383; Eddie Mash 37t; Idy Kiser 385b; Dan Brittain 425; Rachel Trapp 159; Theresa Westmoreland 455; Nathan Rees 387; Annalise Perone 448b; Jonathan Wood 107; Dan Comstock 63; Caleb Dillehay 280; Ann Mashchak 312t; David Brodeur 454; Leon Pulsinelle 522; Charlotte Ehrman 157; Robert Kelley 71; Jenna Tompkins 122; Lester Sontag 457; Judy Mincey 301. Ginnie Ely led 313t as the closing song. The devotional was given by Dan Harper.

Wednesday, June 13

Lesson: Rudiments III / Basics. 9:00 a.m. Robert Kelley began by having the class practice intervals from a handout. There are many repetitive intervals in Sacred Harp songs. Practicing intervals helps to memorize the more common ones, and it helps improve sight reading; however, most people find they need more practice in the minor intervals. Repeats in songs were discussed and whether they are optional or not. Repeats are required in songs when there are two lines of words, and if a repeat is in the middle of a song. A repeat at the end of a song is optional. Robert reviewed ties and slurs. He explained that a tie is a curved line spanning notes of the same pitch, while a slur spans a combination of notes of different pitches. In both cases, one syllable of the poetry is applied to all of the notes of the group. Robert said there are many types of songs found in the Sacred Harp, and went over some of them, referring to the Rudiments, pg. 23. The different types include plain hymns, odes and anthems, set pieces, psalms, spiritual songs, and fugging tunes. Robert gave the class some of his own general observations in relation to Sacred Harp music. All parts start on proper pitch without being too high or too low for the class; start on the correct sound to avoid confusion and discord; do not sing louder than the leader; all parts need to be heard; imitate the leader's style; do not sing too loud or too long; quicker notes should be sung quieter; swell your voice on the longer notes; when tenor is below bass, augment the tenor; put volume in the lower notes, not higher; practice new songs slowly; never lag in the fugging sections—they need a slight pick-up; pronounce the words distinctly and properly; choice notes should be sung by at least one third of the class on the top note.

Lesson: Rudiments III / Advanced. 9:00 a.m. Dan Brittain started the class by having them sing the minor scale from pg. 19 of the Rudiments. To demonstrate the raised sixth, Dan led 183 and 180. For a fun exercise, a copy of "Call John" was passed out to the class. This song used to be in the 1911 Edition of the Sacred Harp, and was

commonly used in singing classes. For more singing exercises, Dan used 24t, 24b, and 25. The class sang 193, and was dismissed.

Elective: Songs of P. Dan Brittain. 1:00 p.m. Dan provided the class with a music packet of twelve of his compositions. Martha Beverly led 472 named for Eugene Akin of Carrollton, Georgia. Dan led 313b named for Buell Cobb. Dan said that “Cobb” was sung at the resonant National Cathedral in the Crypt Chapel. Ginnie Ely led 481. Dan asked the class to sing it in 2/2, picking it up slightly on the fugue. Dan said he originally wrote it in 2/2 and then changed it to 4/4. The song “Garden State” was originally written in 3/2, but Dan felt it needed a compound feel to it. His song “Iowa” is published in the *Missouri Harmony*. This song moves along more than “Garden State” does. “Iowa” has also been used for a Civil War re-enactment in a church service. Dan named “Beard” for his good friend, Kelly Beard. Dan likes the 2/2 at the end very slow. This song is in the Sacred Harper’s Companion. “Kittery” was written by Billings and arranged by P. Dan Brittain. “Steel”, from the *Missouri Harmony*, was named for Warren Steel. It was first sung at the Potomac River Convention. It has a combined text of “Winter” and “Edom”. “Maquoketa” is taken from Psalm 104, which talks about the great Leviathan. The scaly monsters are painted by all the parts doing the scales. It was written for the Iowa State Convention. “Cowling” is named for choirmaster, Doug Cowling, who posted the lyrics, and Dan thought they were neat! “Blessed Hope” was taken from “September Psalms”. The first setting was from Psalm 130, about waters up to my neck, followed by Psalm 121, where there is always hope in the Lord. “Redding” is named for Loyd Redding, who is buried at Holly Springs. Bruce Randall collaborated with Dan on this one. You can see the changes in style between the two composers. “Pohick” is difficult to key because it starts on a non-tonic chord. The class enjoyed this special time with this gifted composer and learning more about his songs.

Elective: Sacred Harp and the Silver Screen. 1:00 p.m. Lela Crowder provided the class with a handout containing the context of four motion picture films that used Sacred Harp songs in them. Many are surprised to learn that Sacred Harp songs have been the background music in several movies. Some of the films featured in the class were familiar and some were not so familiar. Lela showed film clips and the class listened to see if they recognized the Sacred Harp tunes in each clip. The film Geronimo includes tunes “Beach Spring”, “Restoration”, “Bound for Canaan”, and “Oh Come Away”. The film Arsenic and Old Lace (Frank Capra, 1944) plays the Sacred Harp tune “Happy Land” at the end of the movie. The Ladykillers, a 1955 British comedy, starring Alec Guinness, inspired the remake of The Ladykillers by the Coen brothers, which uses the Sacred Harp tune “Weeping Mary”. In the waning days of the American Civil War, a wounded soldier embarks on a perilous journey back home to Cold Mountain, North Carolina, to reunite with his sweetheart. Sacred Harp songs featured in this film, well known to Sacred Harp singers, are “Idumea”, “I’m Going Home”, and “Wayfaring Stranger”. Cold Mountain, the film, was based on Cold Mountain, the book, by Charles Frazier.

Lesson: Questions Not Yet Answered Panel Discussion. 2:10 p.m. Teacher Panel: Dan Brittain, Judy Caudle, Buell Cobb, David Ivey

Question: In a singing where the balance is off, for example, the tenor is too weak and the treble is too strong, what do you do?

Answer: Ask people to move to a different part, and try to get balance that way.

Question: I would like to know of a good technical music person to help me improve my sight reading.

Answers: a) There is no secret to sight reading, other than practice; b) Learn and master the scales; c) Look at the note groups and patterns in Logan, Melancholy Day, and other songs that use patterns over and over.

Question: Is it a “sing” or a “singing”?

Answer: a) There are regional differences. To those of us who grew up in the South; a “sing” sounds too abrupt, “singing” sounds better. Sing is a later term, but both are acceptable. b) A “sing” will never appear in the minutes book; it will always be a “singing”.

Question: I am from central Florida, and am trying to start a group. How do we improve our skills without skillful people around?

Answer: a) Some groups have gotten a grant from their county to host a singing school. Some, in Alabama, have gone to the Alabama State Council on the Arts and received money to support singing schools. Check within your local area for organizations such as an arts council, who may provide some financial support to host a singing school. b) Have weekly practice meetings to help new singers.

Question: How do you think Sacred Harp has changed the most?

Answer: a) Local singings are now moving out of the immediate area and people drive a hundred miles or more to sing. There is also a mixture of ways to sing and different tempos; b) Singings are more limited to where you can go; smaller singings are joining larger ones; c) The quality of the singing itself has changed, in part, from people singing from so many different areas; d) The singers were more in tune with one another decades ago and seemed to listen to each other better than we do today; e) Singers used to be called down on the spot if they were not leading correctly; that doesn't happen today.

Question: Can someone on the panel comment about who was important in teaching you?

Answer: Dan Brittain recalled his first singing with Kelly Beard, who introduced himself at the Chattahoochee Convention, and introduced Dan to all of the singers. He named Loyd Redding and Jim Ayers. He learned from them to sing exactly as it is written and to pay attention to those around him. Buell Cobb named the Smith sisters. The most beautiful leading he had ever seen was Merle Jones leading 430.

Question: I am concerned about the preservation of the Sacred Harp Museum. What is being done to bring everything up to date?

Answer: Many things are currently going on at the Museum. A lot of digitization is taking place, making information more accessible.

Question: What is your opinion about leading and styles?

Answers: a) For beginners, just get up and lead. We are thrilled for those leading for the first, second, or third time. Communicate to the class what you are planning to do. b) Leading is an opportunity to display your individual style. c) Keep eye contact and do not be impatient. Do something you are comfortable doing.

Elective: Leading Workshop / Basics. 3:30 p.m. Jesse P. Karlsberg opened the class by asking for volunteers to lead. Each volunteer was observed, then given assistance and instruction by the teachers, if needed. Leaders: Lincoln Richardson 228; Ann Mashchak 99; Leon Pulsinelle 270; Rachel Trapp 479; Martha Beverly 550; Pat Wilson 324; Daniel Lee 171; Lester Sontag 276; Rebecca Over 417. Jesse dismissed the class with praise for improvement!

Elective: Pentatonic Tunes and the Gapped Scale. 4:30 p.m. Henry Johnson provided the class with a list of major, minor, and “almost” pentatonic songs from the 1991 Edition of *The Sacred Harp*. Henry stated that out of the roughly one hundred and sixty pentatonic songs, seventy-three are major, ten are minor, and the rest are “almost”. To compare, Henry referred to 230 as a song that is not pentatonic. The class discussed what the effect might have been for composers leaving out the half tones. A song that is pentatonic is 34t. It is a four part song, and all the parts were written by one composer. There was further discussion about songs

ending in open chords. More songs that were discussed and observed were 153, 152, 390, 101t, 204, 73t, 70b, and 566.

Community Singing. 7:00 p.m. led by Stough Lodge residents. The devotional was held at lunch time. Dan Comstock and Ann Mashchak conducted the devotional. The following officers served: Chairman—Martha Beverly; Arranging Committee—David Brodner, Mike Hinton, and Daniel Lee; Chaplain—Jonathon Wood; Secretary—William Hayes.

The singing was called to order by Martha Beverly. She welcomed the guests, led 472, and acknowledged the composer, Dan Brittain. The opening prayer was offered by Jonathan Wood.

Leaders: Lincoln Richardson 313b; Theresa Westmoreland 455; Cecelia Kramer 47b; Rebecca Over 101t; Jonathan Wood 112; Mark Davis 291; Eddie Mash and Rob Kelley 144; Rachel Trapp 479; Barb Patterson 230; Zilpha Cornett 358; Eugene Forbes and Idy Kiser 434; Dan Harper 300; Shelbie Sheppard, David Ivey, and Karen Ivey 192; Cassie Allen and the Camp McDowell staff 299; Natalie Davis 400; Lela Crowder and Kate Coxon 277; SuNell Ellis 35; Leon Pulsinelle 444; Jeff Sheppard 72t; Wendy Futral 340; Jesse P. Karlsberg 411.

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The class was brought back to order by David Brodeur leading 46. Leaders: Pam Nunn 224; Emily Burlison 448b; Linda Sides and Matthew Sides 215; Warren Steel 360; Ann Mashchak and Andrew Mashchak 206; Caleb Dillehay 182; Daniel Lee and William Hayes 131b; Judy Caudle 236; Daniel Comstock 154; Ken Tate 114; Richard Schmeidler 155; Jeff Begley and Les Sontag 135; Nathan Rees 380; Charlotte Ehrman 549; Karen Ivey, Annalise Perone, and Gillian Inksetter 464; Ann Jett 319; Bea Carnathan 341; Judy Mincey and Joann Ward 33b; Richard Mauldin and Mike Hinton 43 (for Josie Hyde); Angela Myers 108b; Ginnie Ely 228; Jenna Tompkins 278b; Jonathon Smith 189. Announcements were made. Martha Beverly led 347 as the closing song. Jonathan Wood offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Camp was dismissed Thursday morning following 7:00 a.m. breakfast.

SHMHA President—Jeff Sheppard; Camp Director—David Ivey

NATIONAL SACRED HARP CONVENTION

First Christian Church, Birmingham, Alabama

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Thursday, June 14

The 33rd session of the National Sacred Harp Convention was called to order by Mark Davis leading 36b. The opening prayer was offered by Elder Jesse Roberts. Leaders: Hubert Nall 31b; Gaston White 155; Buell Cobb 52t; Kathy Williams 108t; Jesse Roberts 76b; Helen Brown 313t; Mary Whitehurst 556; Henry Guthery 331; Judy Chambless 548; Glenn Keeton 475; Richard Mauldin 378t; Sarah Vaillancourt 395; Don Bowen 145b (for Syd Caldwell); Floy Wilder 120; Robert Chambless 163b; Bea Carnathan 283; Kyle Hearn 49t; Joe Nall 430; Cora Sweatt 159; Arlon Gardner 67; Elene Stovall 500; Leon Pulsinelle 48t. Ed Spencer, pastor of the church, greeted the convention and offered a prayer of welcome.

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Jonathan Smith called the class back together leading 73t. Leaders: Marlin Beasley 318; Randy Webber 173; Charlotte Ehrman 401; Daniel Lee 171; Louise Holland 217; Katie Campbell and Elizabeth Campbell 268, 72b; Corissa Sweatt and Natalie Davis 79; Micah Roberts 176t; Taylor Ward 59.

The Convention went into a business session with the following officers and committees elected/appointed: Chairman—Mark Davis; Co-Vice Chairmen—Buell

Cobb, Gaston White, and Hubert Nall; Chaplain—Jesse Roberts; Secretaries—Cheryl Foreman and Kathy Williams; Arranging Committee—Helen Brown, Mary Whitehurst, Sarah Ellen Vaillancourt, Scott Kennedy, and Mary Ellen Schrock; Resolutions Committee—Gary Smith and Janet Fraembs; Memorial Committee—Mike Hinton and Scott Kennedy; Finance Committee—John Redman, Don Bowen, Randy Webber, Eddie Mash, and Robert Kelley.

Leaders: Bufrey Dean 39t; Janet Fraembs 91; Gary Smith 344; Lela Crowder 445; Sean Francis Conway 178; Eddie Mash 216; Lisa Geist 528; Robert Walker 99; Earl Ballinger 177; Rebecca Over 480; Carroll Lunsford 426t; Frank Strickland 384; Eugene Forbes 186; Claudia Dean 361; Dan Brittain 419; Martha Beverly 504. The blessing before the noon meal was offered by Jesse Roberts.

LUNCH

John Redman called the class to order by leading 66. Leaders: Sarah Beasley 340; Marion Pierce 282; Larry Ballinger 224; Margaret Gillanders 391; Mike Hinton 61; Leon Ballinger 454; Caleb Dillehay 440; Karen Clark 534; Robert Kelley 315; Henry Johnson 205; Melanie Hauff 421; Ted Brown 176b; Morgan Bunch 47t; Ila Ingle 436; Jonathon Smith 296; Judy Mincey 367; Jack Nelson 236; Nathan Rees 298; Mary Ellen Schrock 203; Warren Steel 126; Jim Aaron 503; Judy Hauff 411; Richard Schmeidler 474; Brian Sears 373.

RECESS

Henry Guthery reconvened the convention leading 431. Leaders: Jeff Begley 547; Scott Kennedy 162; Ginnie Ely 349; Karen Ivey 182; David Ivey 140; Douglas Fower 299; David Brodeur 472; Becky Briggs 405; Walter Olson 532.

Mark Davis led 46 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Jesse Roberts.

Friday, June 15

The Friday session of the National Sacred Harp Convention was called to order by Mark Davis leading 37b. The opening prayer was offered by Elder Jesse Roberts.

Leaders: Gaston White 68b; Hubert Nall 40; Buell Cobb 74b; Kathy Williams 180; Jesse Roberts 432; Helen Brown 411; Mary Whitehurst 225t; Richard Mauldin and T.J. Mauldin 358; Sue Bunch 107; Delone Cobbs 30t; Lincoln Richardson 313b; Sarah Kahre 330b; Don Bowen 77b; Beverly Dayton 503; Geraldine Sharpton 318; Alvin Beasley 72b; Matt Hinton 189; Ann Webb 282; David Carlton 198.

RECESS

Nathan Rees called the class back together by leading 129. Leaders: Charles McCravy 121; Jenna Bond Tompkins 278t; Phillip Denney 168; Jennifer Clay, Mary Francis Clay, and Bekah Lauren Clay 87; Corissa Sweatt and Natalie Davis 288; Beth Anne Clay and Anna Grace Sipe 542; Micah Roberts 146; Dennis George 345t; Sarah Vaillancourt 59; Virgel Campbell 167; Laura Lee Earles 430; Brian Sears 569b; Sonja Sipe 32t; Stanley Smith 273; Charlene Wallace 220.

RECESS

Helen Brown and Ted Brown reconvened the singing by leading 111b. Leaders: Rebekah Gilmore 428; Tammy Heinsohn 178; Rodney Ivey 377; Dan Brittain 375; Paula Gilmore 75; Jeff Sheppard 299; Russ Pope 117; Joe Nall 448t. Jesse Roberts offered prayer before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Jesse Roberts led 136 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Mary Ellen Schrock 335; Vella Dailey 452; Taylor Ward 63; B.M. Smith 497; Amber Davis, Carson Davis, and Claire Davis 82t; Eugene Forbes 280; Lomax Ballinger 144; Cassie Allen 500; Warren Steel 214; Pam Nunn 216; Karen Rollins 297; Jonathon Smith 326; Eddie Pierce 47b; Janet Fraembs 378b; Sean Francis Conway 163t; Mark Davis 236;

Elene Stovall 192; Arlon Gardner 565; Margaret Gillanders 564; David Brodeur 276; Judy Hauff 434; Ila Ingle 530; Mike Hinton 456; Floy Wilder 402.

RECESS

Stanley Smith called the convention back to order by leading 277. Leaders: Judy Chambless 527; Carroll Lunsford 339; Rebecca Over 114; Ginnie Ely 454; Henry Johnson 398; Melanie Hauff 306; Nathan Rees 294; Charlotte Ehrman 365; Douglas Bowler 148; Ted Brown 546; Louise Holland 28b.

Mark Davis led 378t as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Marlin Beasley.

Saturday, June 16

Mark Davis opened the Saturday session of the National Sacred Harp Convention by leading 123t. The opening prayer was offered by Jesse Roberts.

Leaders: Gaston White 66; Hubert Nall 34b; Buell Cobb 462; Kathy Williams 271t; Jesse Roberts 553; Helen Brown 234; Mary Whitehurst 348b; Mary Ellen Schrock 270; Scott Kennedy 149; Marlin Beasley 480; Jim Aaron 163b; Virgel Campbell 421; Seth Holloway 236; Bea Carnathan 438; Randy Webber 355; Laura Lee Earles 148; Walter Olson 142.

RECESS

Matt Hinton reconvened the class by leading 42. Leaders: Gary Smith 441; Ann Webb 318; Corissa Sweatt and Natalie Davis 445; Mark Davis 45t; Connor Campbell 217; Sarah Vaillancourt 373; Micah Roberts 268; Morgan Bunch 227; Carolyn Thompson 500.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Mike Hinton and Scott Kennedy, who both spoke on behalf of the sick and homebound and the deceased. Marlin Beasley spoke on behalf of the sick and homebound, read the list of names, and led 340 in their honor.

Mike Hinton read the following list of deceased: Harrison Creel, Travis Keeton, Clarence McCool, Dr. Julietta Haynes, Marie Ivey, Matthew Long, Earnie Jett, Annie Long, and Ed Ferris—Alabama; Lonnie Rogers—Georgia; Becky Schildman and Matthew Long—Illinois; Joan Fritz and John Sawyer—Minnesota; John Merritt and Junie McNeal—Mississippi; Virginia Cowart and John Grant—Arkansas; Betty Moomau Browder—California; Jeanne Schaffer—Colorado; Sam Thomas—Ohio; Leland Owen—Texas; Maureen Gamlin—Derby, United Kingdom. Scott Kennedy led 347 in memory of the deceased. The memorial lesson was closed with prayer offered by Marlin Beasley.

Leaders: Elene Stovall 384; Judy Mincey 538; Jeff Begley 372; Emma Rose Brown 192; Phil Summerlin 112; Jenna Bond Tompkins 165; Lou Warren Cotney 218; Richard Schmeidler 543; Rachel Rudi 554; Sarah Kahre 186; Laura Kitchens 178. Jesse Roberts offered the prayer before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Marlin Beasley led 370 to begin the afternoon session. Leaders: John Redman 358; Tammy Heinsohn 159; Ellen Guinn 76b; Caroline Parsons 481; Michael Thompson 426b; Amy Armstrong 276; Beth Branscome 442; Rodney Ivey and Helen Brown 30b; Sue Bunch 448t; Susan Cheronos 107; Nathan Rees 44; Theresa Westmoreland 200; Vicky Neyman 146; Mike Hinton 532; Claudia Dean 157; Carly Westmoreland 335; Matt Hinton and Jesse Roberts 171; Beverly Dayton 515; Bobby Neyman 479; Carroll Lunsford 322; Sean Francis Conway 33b.

RECESS

Gaston White, Mary Whitehurst, Julie Vaillancourt, and Sarah Vaillancourt reconvened the class by leading 99. Leaders: Melanie Hauff and Judy Hauff 536; Janet Fraembs 504; Margaret Gillanders 556; Rebecca Over 208; Ted Brown and

Helen Brown 77; Charlotte Ehrman 383; Doug Fower 385b; Ginnie Ely 196; Mark Davis and Natalie Davis 460; Sarah Beasley and Cora Sweatt 145b.

A business session was called in order to hear committee reports. The Finance Committee thanked the convention for donations sufficient to cover the expenses of the convention.

The Secretary reported that 688 people registered for the convention over the three days, representing 24 states, the United Kingdom, and Brazil. There were 144 leaders who led 218 songs. The numbers by state and country: Alabama—584; Georgia—21; Florida—14; Tennessee—13; New York—7; California—6; Texas—6; Mississippi—6; Illinois—5; Massachusetts—3; Kentucky—2; South Carolina—2; Arkansas—2; Virginia—2; Washington—1; Colorado—1; Minnesota—1; New Jersey—1; North Carolina—1; Ohio—1; Connecticut—1; Michigan—1; New Hampshire—1; Maryland—1; United Kingdom—4; Brazil—1.

The Resolutions Committee gave the following report: We, individually and collectively, as the thirty-third annual National Sacred Harp Convention, hereby resolve: To thank God for the will, desire, and ability to come together to sing this glorious music which He has preserved for us; to thank the pastor, staff, and congregation of First Christian Church for the gracious hospitality and warmth they have shown to us in offering this magnificent space for us to sing and fellowship in; to thank the officers of this convention for the tireless efforts they have made to insure that our meeting has proceeded with such seeming effortless grace; to thank Ginnie Ely and Warren Steel for conducting the Alternative Singing, giving new compositions a chance to be sung and judged by the most honest and severe critics—the singers; to thank Sarah Beasley for hosting the Friday evening social at her beautiful home, giving us a chance to fellowship and enjoy our friendships; and, finally, we resolve to come together again next year, to reflect on the events of the year, both major and minor, and once again to sing around the hollow square. A motion was made and carried to accept the reports and add them to the minutes. The business session was closed.

The officers led 62 as the traditional closing song of the convention, and those who wished took the parting hand. Jesse Roberts offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Mark Davis; Vice Chairmen—Buell Cobb, Gaston White, and Hubert Nall; Secretaries—Cheryl Foreman and Kathy Williams

MOORE, GRAVES, AND CALVERT MEMORIAL Addington Chapel, Cullman County, Alabama Saturday, June 16, 2012

The 103rd session of the Moore, Graves, and Calvert Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was held at Addington Chapel in Cullman County, Alabama, on Saturday before the third Sunday in June. Danny Creel brought the class to order by leading 34t and 35. Richard Mauldin offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were elected to serve: Chairman—Danny Creel; Vice Chairman—Emily Burleson; Secretary—Cassie Allen; Arranging Officer—Judy Caudle.

Leaders: Emily Burleson 213t; Cassie Allen 36b; Judy Caudle 101t; Richard Mauldin 100; Kate Coxon 535; Larry Ballinger 282; Ken Tate 86; Jennifer Clay 106; Eugene Forbes 63; Ann Jett 43; Lincoln Richardson 38b; Delone Cobbs 480; Geraldine Sharpton 229; David Brodner 68b; Linda Sides 328; Velton Chafin 152; T.J. Mauldin 268; Carol Fannin 225t; Leon Ballinger 490; Henry Guthery 511; Brenda Chafin 67; Butch White and Kenny Graves 30b.

RECESS

Emily Burleson led 30t to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Warren Steel 74t; Elsie Moon 494; Jonathan Smith 220; Cindy Tanner 198; David Carlton 183; Freida Bledsoe 335; Amber Davis, Carson Davis, and Claire Davis 400, 82t; Wanda Capps 546; Kenneth Fannin 441; Kyle Hearn 186; Lincoln Richardson 569b; Danny Creel 269; Leon Ballinger 195; Eugene Forbes 110; Ken Tate 436; Cassie Allen 317; Henry Guthery 304; Kate Coxon 159; Emily Burleson 455. Leon Ballinger offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Danny Creel, Ann Jett, Wanda Capps, and Cindy Tanner leading 475 (in memory of Flarce Calvert Creel).

Leaders: David Brodner 384; Velton Chafin 419 (in memory of Marion Chafin); Jonathan Smith 215; Larry Ballinger 98; Brenda Chafin 192; Richard Mauldin 358; Ann Jett 327; Geraldine Sharpton 178; David Carlton 203; Linda Sides 454; Warren Steel 392; Carol Fannin 81t; Delone Cobbs 73t; Amber Davis 380; Kenneth Fannin 417; Jennifer Clay and Delone Cobbs 31t; Butch White and Kenny Graves 146; Wanda Capps 222; Kyle Hearn 312b; Cindy Tanner 155; Judy Caudle 389; Richard Mauldin and T.J. Mauldin 512 (in memory of Harrison Creel); Emily Burleson and Danny Creel 498; Emily Burleson and Larry Ballinger 540; Brenda Chafin and Velton Chafin 573; Ernestine Parker 171; Judy Caudle 408 (by request).

Following announcements, Danny Creel led 532 as the closing song. He offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Danny Creel; Vice Chairman—Emily Burleson; Secretary—Cassie Allen

EXETER ALL-DAY SINGING

Douglassville, Pennsylvania

Saturday, June 16, 2012

The annual Exeter All-Day Singing was called to order by Mel Novner leading 47t.

Lamar Matthew offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Kimberly Hass 492; Laura Densmore 76b; Lamar Matthew 335; Lynne Hoyt 148; Molly Sayvetz 77b; Tom Stokes 69t; Nancy Tkacs 313b; Steve Hoyt 105; Julia Seidenstein 77t; Barb Hohenstein 61; Ina Shea 67; Guy Bankes 151; Ted Stokes 133; Leon Pulsinelle 70b; Sarah Whites-Koditschek 392; Carl Baron 87.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Mel Novner; Vice Chairman—Kimberly Haas; Treasurer—Ina Shea; Secretary—Laura Densmore.

RECESS

The class was called back together by Bethany Towne leading 312t. Leaders: Tom Tucker 475; Claire Simon 270; Dan Hunter 183; Ted Steinruck 146; Susan Bingham 455; Rowan Lupton 300; Ruth Wampler 272; Oliver Kindig-Stokes 386; Hal Kunkel 391; Sue Hanson 452; Doron Henkin 192; Kelly Kennedy 532; Duran Perkins 107; Rachel Hall 273; Kevin Sims 75; Erin Kelly 74b.

RECESS

Sonia Chin led 106 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Jim Strube 332; Abby Minor 312b; Violet Krumbein 378b; Ina Shea 486; Sonia Chin 204; Sam Kleinman 426b.

Laura Densmore conducted a memorial for John Merritt, who lived in Pennsylvania for several years towards the end of his life. After Laura told a humorous story about John, she led 146 in his memory.

Leaders: Bethany Towne 405; Carol Huang 280; Terry Ryan 538; Samuel Steinruck 84; Liz Meitzler 213t; Mairi Quodomine 339; Gwen Gethner 71. Lamar Matthew offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Phillipa Stoddard called the class to order by leading 319. Leaders: Elizabeth Stokes 89; Liz Cantrell 500; Diane Mennella 564; Jon Giles 517; Natalie Joblonski 181; Eimear O'Donovan 344; Phillipa Stoddard 456; Aldo Ceresa 507; Gabriel Kastelle 545; Lynne deBenedette 182; Kelly Macklin 174; Paula Picton 351; Erin Gum 315; Nancy Mandel 411; John delRe 333; Gwen Gethner and Carol Huang 430; Tom Stokes and Ted Stokes 186; Rowan Lupton 377; Abby Minor and Kevin Sims 129; Becky Wright 522; Guy Bankes and Barb Hohenstein 504; Liz Meitzler 215; Kelly Kennedy and Dan Hunter 49t; Jon Giles and Sam Kleinman 112.

RECESS

Liz Cantrell brought to class to order by leading 313t. Leaders: Bethany Towne and Oliver Kindig-Stokes 135; Lynne deBenedette 30b; Phillipa Stoddard and Natalie Joblonski 134; Diane Mennella 347; Erin Gum and Kelly Macklin 294; Ruth Wampler 436; Liz Cantrell 441; Lorah Hopkins 354t; Mel Novner and John delRe 383; Nancy Mandel 278t; Erin Kelly and Mairi Quodomine 505; Hal Kunkel 142; Violet Krumbein 240; Paula Picton, Aldo Ceresa, and Erin Johnson-Hill 399b; Gabriel Kastelle 274t; Elizabeth Stokes 428; Julia Seidenstein 282; Jim Strube 236; Sonia Chin and Gwen Gethner 283; Leon Pulsinelle 171; Rachel Hall and Ina Shea 179; Terry Ryan 540; Kimberly Haas and Sarah Whites-Koditschek (no number given).

After announcements, Mel Novner and the other officers led 62 as the closing song. Lamar Matthew offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Mel Novner; Vice Chairman—Kimberly Haas; Secretary—Laura Densmore

MACEDONIA PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Section, Alabama

Sunday, June 17, 2012

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at Macedonia Primitive Baptist Church, Section, Alabama, on the third Sunday in June was called to order by Dennis George leading 87 and 111t. The morning prayer was offered by Bro. Haynes.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Dennis George; Vice Chairman—Tom George; Secretary—Judy Caudle.

Leaders: Tom George 82t, 141; Susan Cheronos 40, 74b; Sandra Jordan 452; Loretta Smith 39t; Rachel Rudi 144, 138t; Joan Aldridge 275b, 276; Amy Smith 145b; Claudene Townson and Larry Wootten 29t, 176b; Boyd Scott 59, 127; Mary Ruth Stiefel 133, 132; Angela Myers 121, 56b; Henry Johnson 70b, 375.

RECESS

Dennis George led 135 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Emma Rose Brown 81t, 61; Tom George and Tonia 155, 63; Judy Caudle 277, 345b; Blake Sisemore 100, 371; Rodney Ivey 490 (by request), 492; Jeanette Dollar 101t, 358; David Ivey 101b, 131t; Verlon Stiefel 288; Susan Cheronos 107, 481; Loretta Smith 348b, 317; Rachel Rudi 201.

The blessing before the noon meal was offered by Bro. Haynes.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Dennis George leading 388. Leaders: Loyd Ivey 337, 89; Emma Rose Brown 432; Angela Myers 540; Joan Aldridge 521; Blake Sisemore 383; Shane Wootten 421, 400; David Ivey 462; Eloise Wootten 460, 441; Mary Ruth Stiefel 234; Rodney Ivey 518 (CB) (for his aunt); Donna Wootten 512; Syble Adams 99; Henry Johnson 425; Judy Caudle 411; Amy Smith 274t; Boyd Scott 68b; Daniel Wooten 49b; Verlon Stiefel 321; Nate Green and Norma Green 164, 113; Charles Stiefel and Jeanette Dollar 285t, 572 (CB); Karen Ivey 456; Robert Harper 59.

Following announcements, Dennis George and Bro. Haynes led 30b as the closing song. Henry Johnson offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed. Chairman—Dennis George; Vice Chairman—Tom George; Secretary—Judy Caudle

HOPEWELL PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH **Roopville, Georgia** **Sunday, June 17, 2012**

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church in Roopville, Georgia, was held the third Sunday in June. The class was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Karen Rollins leading 32t and 36b. The opening prayer was offered by John Plunkett.

The following officers were elected: Chairman—Karen Rollins; Vice Chairman—Bentley McGuire; Arranging Officer/Secretary—Judy Chambless.

Leaders: Judy Chambless 527; B.M. Smith 72b, 389; Scott DePoy 448t, 179 (for Ron Anglin); Robert Chambless 523, 66; Jeannette DePoy 55 (for her dad), 142; Amy Armstrong 38b, 107; Ted Brown 73b, 303; John Plunkett 467, 150; Erin Mills 76b; Helen Brown 422, 31t (for Michael Walker and his family); Rebecca Over 283, 381; Margaret Gillanders 187, 33b.

RECESS

Robert Chambless brought the class back to order by leading 384. Leaders: David Brodeur 284; Lela Crowder 312b; J.R. Hardman 547; Anna Hinton 277; Jade Thompson 59; Eli Hinton 268; Charlene Wallace 155 (for Carlene Griffin); Kathy Williams 47t; Erica Hinton 432; Don Bowen 39b; Phyllis Bickers and Cindy Safier 11t.

Denney Rogers gave the financial report for the church. Phillip Denney read the following resolution that was approved by the class: Hopewell, Ephesus, Georgia, June 17, 2012, proposed for approval by the singers and worshipers, resolve that we wish to express our gratitude to the children of Lonnie Rogers, his extended family, and to the Ephesus community for their steadfast support and faithfulness toward their Sacred Harp community and the church here at Hopewell. Today we see one very substantial fruit of your efforts in the beautiful remodeling of Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church. May Christ our Savior continue to be praised here through Sacred Harp songs in future generations just as in past ones. Thank you, Denney, Sherry, Paige, Karleen, and Karen.

Leaders: Oscar McGuire 485, 481; Leigh Cooper 377.

LUNCH

Cecil Roberts brought the class back to order leading 35. Leaders: Mark Godfrey 168; John Redmon 24b, 573; Matt Hinton 399b, 318; Phillip Denney 84, 358. Kathy Williams led 340 and 472 for the following sick and shut-ins: Bernice Cosper, Don Wallace, Charlotte Wallace, Cathy White, Don Buswell, Anita Buswell, Josephine Denney, Pam Nunn, Jeff Sheppard, Shelbie Sheppard, and Daphene Causey.

Phyllis Bickers and Cindy Safier spoke and led 61 in memory of their sister, Susan Muse. Karleen Williams conducted the memorial lesson for the deceased: Pat Patterson, Sally McEwen, Virginia Laster, Doc Watson, Roy Beazeall, John Grant, Susan Muse, Neil Sims, Lonnie Rogers, Harrison Creel, Marie Ivey, Dr. Julietta Haynes, and Margaret Gamlin. The Rogers siblings lead 45t and 343 in memory of the deceased. Cecil Roberts offered a prayer.

Leaders: Malinda Snow 395; The Rogers grandchildren 143; Margie Smith 225t; Sheri Taylor 332; Ted Brown 97; Margaret Gillanders 542; Rebecca Over 566; Helen Brown 521; Jena Frey 178.

After announcements, Karen Rollins and Denney Rogers led 46 as the closing song. Matt Hinton offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Karen Rollins; Vice Chairman—Bentley McGuire; Secretary—Judy Chambless

CLIFFORD WAKEFIELD MEMORIAL SINGING
King School House, Mt. Vernon Baptist Church
Natural Bridge, Alabama
Sunday, June 17, 2012

The 104th annual session of the Sacred Harp singing held at King School House on the third Sunday in June was called to order by Don Keeton leading 32t. He offered the opening prayer, and then led 34t.

In a business session, the following officers were elected to serve: Chairman—Don Keeton; Vice Chairman—Wayne Horton; Secretary—Debbie Hall; Arranging Officer—Faye Donaldson.

Leaders: Don Keeton 35; Warren Steel 138b, 142; Leon Ballinger 99, 112; Kermit Adams 182, 200; Walter Olson 168, 143; Margaret Keeton 234, 373 (in memory of Travis Keeton); Charlotte Ehrman 350, 490; Bea Carnathan 64, 472; Richard Schmeidler 155, 475; Jenna Bond Tompkins 165, 278t; Lisa Geist 507, 304.

RECESS

Don Keeton led 145t to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Jane Fulmer 273, 454; Ken Tate 37b, 111b; Jeff Begley 201, 95; Roma Rice 206, 297; Seth Poston 275b, 358; Larry Ballinger 551, 477; Lena Keeton and Wayne Horton 317, 482; Doug Fower 300, 479; Wayne Wakefield, Wendell Wakefield, Larry Wakefield, Nadine Willis, Julia Poston, Clara Stults, Faye Donaldson, and Betty Baccus 333 (in memory of family members), 339 (in memory of Hazel Wakefield), 391 (in memory of Helen Langston).

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Don Keeton leading 388. Leaders: Earl Ballinger and Gravis Ballinger 138t, 215; Sarah Beasley 290, 43; Steve Miles 147t, 147b; Julia Cook and Ashley Cook 282, 294 (in memory of Jim Baccus); Seth Holloway 442, 361; Wayne Horton and Lena Keeton 470, 146; Gary Smith 66, 565; Debbie Hall 183, 426b; Wendell Wakefield 108t, 421.

Don Keeton led 46 as the closing song, and then dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Don Keeton; Vice Chairman—Wayne Horton; Secretary—Debbie Hall

OXFORD SACRED HARP SINGING DAY
Seacourt Hall, Botley, Oxford, United Kingdom
Saturday, June 23, 2012

The 14th annual Oxford Sacred Harp Singing Day was held on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in June. Sheila Girling Macadam called the class to order at 10:00 a.m. leading 34b. Bernard Collard offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Sheila Girling Macadam; Vice Chairman—Edwin Macadam; Secretaries—Sofi Mogensen and Nick Hall; Arranging Officer—Sheila Girling Macadam; Chaplain—Bernard Collard.

Leaders: Edwin Macadam 84; Rachel Jordan 47t; Bernard Collard 63; Sofi Mogensen 31t; Joe Vickers 77b; Mandy Townsend 318; Nick Hall 217; Pat Keating 538; Steve Welch 73b; Dave Townsend 112; Ed Long 163t; Bruce Hayes 189; Duane Nasis 65; Claire Singleton 270; Sheila Girling Macadam 481; Bernard Collard 362; Edwin Macadam 550; Rachel Jordan 384; Nick Hall 455; Joe Vickers 472; Sofi Mogensen 276; Steve Welch 503; Mandy Townsend 203.

RECESS

Ed Long called the class back to order leading 183. Leaders: Wendy Stone 49t; Bruce Hayes 254; Dave Townsend 117; Pat Keating 320; Duane Nasis 168; Claire Singleton 82t; Adrian Bolge 501; Sheila Girling Macadam 564; Bernard Collard 480; Rachel Jordan 171; Edwin Macadam 260; Sofi Mogensen and John Taylor 228; Joe Vickers 448t; Mandy Townsend 490; Nick Hall 452; Pat Keating 375; Dave Townsend 186; Steve Welch 70t; Ed Long 306; Claire Singleton 178; Bruce Hayes 504; Duane Nasis 440; Wendy Stone 47b; Adrian Bolge 491; Sheila Girling Macadam 142. Mary Welch offered the prayer before lunch.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Edwin Macadam leading 291. Leaders: Bernard Collard 49b; Joe Vickers 131t; Pat Keating 377; Nick Hall 497; Mandy Townsend 147t; Rachel Jordan 330b.

Bernard Collard conducted the memorial lesson, with Kezia Reed reading the names of the following deceased: Tristan Mirabaud—Lewes; Jan Fairley—Edinburgh; Georgie Chitty—Billericay; Ingrid Fabricius—Denmark; Reginald Girling—Cambuslang, Glasgow; Gladys Girling—Cambuslang, Glasgow; Earl Scruggs—USA; Dave Parry—East Hanney; and Ben Green—Coleford. Sheila Girling Macadam led 500 in their memory.

Bernard then asked the class if there was a phone call to be made, a letter to be written, a hospital visit to make for someone in need of support. Joe Vickers read the names of the following sick and housebound: Elspeth Hannen, Charlotte and Don Walker, Dafydd Charles, Richard Green, Ken Baddley, and Ann Plant. Pat Keating led 107, and the memorial was closed.

The class resumed singing with Sofi Mogensen leading 312b. Leaders: Steve Welch 473; Duane Nasis 106; Dave Townsend 299; Ed Long and Richard Makin 300; Wendy Stone 314; Bruce Hayes 198; Adrian Bolge 68b; Sheila Girling Macadam 454; Edwin Macadam 236; Rachel Jordan 269; Bernard Collard 474; Sofi Mogensen 148.

RECESS

The final session commenced with Nick Hall leading 28t. Leaders: Joe Vickers 425; Dilwyn Scott 40; Mandy Townsend 313b; Steve Welch 287; Ed Long 532; Duane Nasis 335; Wendy Stone 528; Adrian Bolge and Matthew Bolge 370; Dave Townsend 217; Pat Keating 146; Edwin Macadam 268; Bruce Hayes 280; Sheila Girling Macadam 282.

Announcements were made. Sheila Girling Macadam and Edwin Macadam thanked all the officers, committees, and anyone else who helped in any way to make this singing possible, and led 347 as the closing song. Bernard Collard offered the closing prayer, after which the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Sheila Girling Macadam; Vice Chairman—Edwin Macadam; Secretaries—Sofi Mogensen and Nick Hall

SHADY GROVE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Double Springs, Winston County, Alabama

Saturday, June 23, 2012

The annual Sacred Harp singing held on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in June at Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Double Springs, Alabama, was called to order by Don Keeton leading 108t and 108b. The morning prayer was offered by Don Keeton.

The class was organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Don Keeton; Vice Chairman—Kermit Adams; Secretary—Roma Rice; Arranging Officer—Margaret Keeton.

Leaders: Don Keeton 163b; Wayne Horton 317 (in memory of Leona Horton), 388; Faye Donaldson 144, 124; Stephen Conte 410t, 82t, 76b; Betty Claborn 59, 358; Emily Jones 147t, 65; Emily Holcombe and Steve Adams 47t, 47b.

RECESS

Don Keeton led 454 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Velton Chafin 177; Butch White 448t, 503; Warren Steel 39t; Brenda Chafin 270, 282; Betty Baccus 373 (in memory of Roxie Keeton), 224, 159; Kenneth Fannin, Carol Fannin, Mary Holcombe, Emily Holcombe, Christy Holcombe, Susan Allred, Laura Hale, Ryan Hale, and Adam Hale 390, 192.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Roma Rice and Ken Tate. Roma read the following list of names of the sick and shut-ins: Dawson and Edith Adams, Pernie Pelfrey, and Johnnie Chafin.

She then read the following list of names of the deceased: Rhoda Norris, Ruby Godsey, Mary Godsey, Albert White, Bill Cleghorn, Julietta Haynes, John Merritt, Clarence McCool, Harrison Creel, Travis Keeton, and Cecil Sanders. Ken Tate led 225t in honor of the sick and shut-ins, and then led 347 in memory of the deceased. Butch White offered prayer to close the memorial lesson.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Don Keeton leading 35. Leaders: Warren Steel 375; Mary Holcombe 52b, 84; Kermit Adams 480 (in memory of Travis Keeton), 143; Susan Allred 112, 182; Laura Hale and Ryan Hale 276, 384; Adam Hale 155, 171; Nellie Alexander 81t; Roma Rice 166, 31t; Carol Fannin and Christy Holcombe 136, 30b; Kenneth Fannin 176b, 452; Ken Tate 179 (in memory of Travis Keeton), 220; Butch White 34b; Steve Adams and Emily Holcombe 378t, 176t; Margaret Keeton 358.

Don Keeton led 62 as the closing song. Warren Steel dismissed the class with prayer. Chairman—Don Keeton; Vice Chairman—Kermit Adams; Secretary—Roma Rice

SALEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH **Farill Community, Cedar Bluff, Cherokee County, Alabama** **Saturday, June 23, 2012**

The 11th session of the annual Sacred Harp singing at Salem United Methodist Church in Cedar Bluff, Cherokee County, Alabama, was called to order by Henry Johnson leading 60. Pastor Tom Russell extended a very warm welcome to everyone in attendance, and offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Henry Johnson 418; Darrell Swarens 40; Rebecca Over 460; Karen Rollins 389; Charles Woods 283; Leigh Cooper 475; Paula Oliver 196; Robert Chambless 72b; David Hufstetler 445; Judy Mincey 474; Marlon Wootten 64; Erica Hinton 534; Margaret Thacker 348b; Loyd Ivey 208; Bea Carnathan 568; Charlene Wallace 299; Eddie Mash 133; Anna Hinton 300; Ed Thacker 280; Jim Aaron 178; Jesse M. Roberts, Jr. 522; Cassie Allen 558; Nathan Rees 93; Micah Roberts 176t.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Henry Johnson; Vice Chairman—Jeffrey Richardson; Secretary—Ceil Morrison; Welcoming Committee—Patsy Richardson and Carolyn Hanks; Arranging Committee—Jeffrey Richardson.

RECESS

Henry Johnson called the class back to order leading 88. Leaders: Carolyn Thompson 547; John Plunkett 308; Matt Hinton 275t; Rodney Ivey 411; B.M. Smith 318; Rachel Carlisle 145t; Emma Rose Brown 212; Shane Wootten 317; Nate Green and Norma Green 566; Philip Denney 84; Eli Hinton 268; Mark Godfrey 440; Donna Wootten 314; Hannah Land 392; Bridgett Kennedy 564; Eloise Wootten

276; Rachel Rudi 406; Judy Caudle 450; Jesse Karlsberg 511; Michael Thompson 176b. Jesse Roberts offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Henry Johnson called the class back to order leading 225t. Leaders: Janice Paulk 222; Molly Ellis 326; Paul Stanley 282; Jonathan Smith 30b; Nathan Berry 170; Angela Myers 456; Wanda Capps 200; Ann Jett 546; Danny Creel 182; Emily Burleson 383; Henry Guthery 543; Claudene Townson 70b; Syble Adams 540; Cecil Roberts 477; Fallan Cook 69t; Susan Stanley 48t; Virginia Dyer 193; Doug Conn 482; Elene Stovall 142; Alanna Blanks 405; Jeff Sheppard 171; Pam Nunn 217; Susan Cheronos 107; Dennis George 197; Rebecca Over 216; Hannah Land 112; Paula Oliver 224; Leigh Cooper 472; Syble Adams 47b; Jesse M Roberts, Jr. and Micah Roberts 513.

Announcements were made. Henry Johnson led 45b as the closing song. Ed Thacker offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Henry Johnson; Vice Chairman—Jeffrey Richardson; Secretary—Ceil Morrison

OLD SONGS BOOK SINGING

Altamont, New York

Saturday, June 23, 2012

The Sacred Harp singing at Old Songs Festival in Altamont, New York, is intended as a way for new singers to experience a book singing in an abbreviated form. Many singers in the northeast have been introduced to Sacred Harp singing here. A brief introduction to the format and tradition was offered, and new singers were welcomed.

Ginny Huszagh called the class to order leading 34b. The opening prayer was offered by Mary Skidmore.

Leaders: Laura Densmore 313t; Brian How 313b; Patricia Geritz 503; Jean Seiler 217; Chris Haller 183; Mary Skidmore 146; Kate Richardson 384; Gerry Hoffman 274t; Melody Johnson 475; Doug Kurtz 191; Katie Riemers 31t; Barb Swetman 567; Jim Ulrich 40; Cheyenne DeMulder 167; Ginny Huszagh 276; Laura Densmore 549; Brian How 84; Patricia Geritz 479; Jean Seiler 472; Chris Haller 56b; Mary Skidmore 277; Kate Richardson 157.

Singers were given information on where to find local singings and encouraged to use the fasola web site. Ginny Huszagh led 62 as the closing song.

Secretary—Ginny Huszagh

MT. LEBANON BAPTIST CHURCH

Near Fayette, Alabama

Sunday, June 24, 2012

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church on the fourth Sunday in June was called to order by Larry Ballinger leading 31b. Buddy Ballinger offered the morning prayer.

Larry Ballinger made comments of welcome. The class organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Larry Ballinger; Vice Chairman—Chris Ballinger; Secretary—Amanda Hardiman; Arranging Committee—Gravis Ballinger and Buddy Ballinger.

Leaders: Larry Ballinger 155; Chris Ballinger 512; Amanda Hardiman 384; Gravis Ballinger 182; Leslie Brady 56t; Kermit Adams 426b; Wayne Baines 298; Teresa Hope and Mellie Hope 110; Mike Hankins 490; Chuck Howell 354b; Sherry Stover and Linton Ballinger 480; Wendell Rinehart 457; Charles Humber 405; Marlon

Wootten 31t; Jerry Jenkins and Jennifer Jenkins 30t; Emily Burleson 546; Ronnie Ballinger 46; Scott Ivey 564; Albert Humber 565; Jimmy Ballinger 84; Case O'Dell 455; Beverly Nelson and Drue Nelson 299; Jarrod Litton 159; Larry Ballinger 342 (in memory of Harrison Creel).

RECESS

Earl Ballinger led 167 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Joy Litton and Amelia O'Dell 63; Janet Litton and Anita Morris 112; David Ballinger, Donna Cooley, Johnny Cooley, and Zack Cooley 186; Anna Litton, Tory Colvin, and Ella Porter 137; David White 401; Miranda Gilreath 297; Nicholas Holmes, Larry Ballinger, Lisa Geist 47t; Emily West, Sam West, Jill Porter, Ella Porter, Eady Porter, and Buddy Ballinger 99; Steve Adams and Emily Burleson 378t; Arlon Gardner 277; Scott Kennedy 68b; Leon Ballinger, Tawny Ballinger, Correy Ballinger, and Cindy Cockrill 280; Johnny Humber 389; B.M. Smith 313t; Barbara Cooley, Mike Ballinger, and Jimmy Ballinger 439.

RECESS

Lisa Geist, Larry Ballinger, Chris Ballinger, and Kahe Ballinger led 528 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Teresa Guyton 399b; Lorie Wootten and Hobert Ivey 235; Darrell Swarens 208; Beth Wallace 224; Lomax Ballinger 168; Elsie Moon 392; Toney Smith 225t; T.J. Mauldin 268; Ottis Sides 530; Nate Green and Norma Green 109; Catherine Williams 222; Joan Aldridge 217; Jamey Wootten 445.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Linton Ballinger leading 144. Leaders: Ann Jett and Yancey Jett 136, 269; Danny Creel 498; Glenn Keeton and Lena Keeton 472, 86; Richard Mauldin and T.J. Mauldin 43; Hannah Humber 216; Rodney Ivey and Velton Chafin 232, 130; Linda Sides 215; Henry Guthery 507 (for Josie Hyde); Susan Chernes 278t; Faye Donaldson 430; Warren Steel 211 (in memory of Julietta Haynes); Elene Stovall 316 (for Toney Smith); Shane Wootten 442; Betty Baccus 284; Bridgett Kennedy 377; Loyd Ivey 283; Ken Tate 148; Marlin Beasley 322; Eddie Mash 279; Henry McGuire 532; David Ivey 172; Scott Ivey and Jamey Wootten 270 (for Bud Oliver); David Ivey 234 (for Josie Hyde); Leon Ballinger, Ronnie Ballinger, Jimmy Ballinger, and David Ballinger 424 (in memory of Lavaughn Ballinger); Steve Adams and Beth Wallace 309.

Following announcements, Larry Ballinger led 323t as the closing song. Buddy Ballinger offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Larry Ballinger; Vice Chairman—Chris Ballinger; Secretary—Amanda Hardiman

NEW HOPE CHURCH SINGING

Cullman County, Alabama

Sunday, June 24, 2012

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at New Hope Church, Cullman County, Alabama, on the fourth Sunday in June was called to order by James (Butch) White at 10:00 a.m. leading 34b. The opening prayer was offered by Delone Cobbs. Butch White led 503.

In a business session, the following officers were elected to serve: Chairman—Christopher Mann; Vice Chairman—Butch White; Secretary and Arranging Officer—Judy Caudle.

Leaders: Butch White 74b; Christopher Mann 39b, 31t; Judy Caudle 49t, 36b; Eugene Forbes 75, 405; Geraldine Sharpton 229, 565; William Mann 159, 72b; Nathan Rees 48t, 371; Anna Grace Sipe 178, 335; Cindy Mann 127, 128; Buell Cobb 77b, 97.

RECESS

Christopher Mann led 32t to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Delone Cobbs 569b, 490; Joette Jones 217, 358; Beth Anne Clay 542, 49b; Stella Pratt 60, 487; Margie Lee 323b (in memory of Reecie), 108t; Ercyl Vidrine 164, 68b. The New Hope Cemetery report was given by Rueben Williams.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Christopher Mann leading 47t.

Leaders: Kenneth Fannin 434, 436; Londa Pate 59, 63; Susan Allred 378b, 183; Essie Hollingsworth 445, 480; Jim Pate 47b, 73t; Danica Thornton 278b, 401; Kenneith Calvert 543, 287; Pam Rosser 142, 294; Carol Fannin 225t; Dick Nail 383, 314; Mary Holcombe 108b, 65; Leah Nail Commer 277, 421; Stephen Conte 274t, 117; Christopher Mann 64 (by request); Geraldine Sharpton 318; Buell Cobb 26 (by request); Christopher Mann 268.

Following announcements, Christopher Mann led 45t as the closing song.

Butch White offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Christopher Mann; Vice Chairman—Butch White; Secretary—Judy Caudle

DELONG-ROBERTS MEMORIAL SINGING **Antioch Primitive Baptist Church, Banning, Georgia** **Sunday, June 24, 2012**

The annual DeLong-Roberts Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was called to order by Richard DeLong leading 60. Henry Johnson offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Richard DeLong 81t; Jesse Roberts 64, 65; Janice Paulk 517, 478; Matt DeLong 418, 61; Helen Bryson 278b, 546; Brady DeLong and Laura DeLong 282, 47t, 503; Ashley Thompson 38b, 67; Micah Roberts 299, 178; Jessica Altman 47b, 107; Cindy Gray 108b, 76b; Michael Thompson 59, 309.

RECESS

Richard DeLong called the class back to order by leading 129. Leaders: Judy Mincey 301, 424; Henry Johnson 166, 435; Rachel Rudi 138t, 176t; Emma Rose Brown 153, 527; Rachel Carlisle 75, 204; Tony Hammock 321, 322.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Jesse Roberts and Ashley Thompson. Ashley led 229 for the following sick and shut-ins: Violet Thomason, Raymond Hamrick, Cathy White, and Gertrude DeLong.

Jesse Roberts led 138b for the following deceased: Lonnie Rogers, Dorothy Garrison, James Tolbert, Sally McEwen, Frank Tyson, and John Shippee. He closed the memorial service by offering prayer.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Matt DeLong leading 341. Leaders: Malinda Snow 448t, 191; Rebecca Over 406, 144; Cecil Roberts 35, 277; Charlene Wallace 101t, 313t; Virginia Dyer 63, 354b; Leann Carter 163b, 45t; Fallon Cook 97, 146; Rebecca Anderson 358; Rebecca Over 340; Emma Rose Brown 111b; Rachel Rudi 208; Ashley Thompson 195; Jessica Altman 217; Henry Johnson 439; Micah Roberts 155; Judy Mincey 475; Helen Bryson 312t.

A business session was held and the class elected the same officers as follows:

Chairman—Richard DeLong; Co-Vice Chairmen—Jesse Roberts and Matt DeLong; Secretary/Treasurer—Helen Bryson. A motion was made and seconded to make inquiry into the possibility of moving this singing back to Ebenezer Primitive Baptist Church in Dunwoody, Georgia.

Richard DeLong led 407. Announcements were made. The officers led 62 as the closing song. Elder Jesse Roberts dismissed the class with prayer.
Chairman—Richard DeLong; Co-Vice Chairmen—Jesse Roberts and Matt DeLong;
Secretary—Helen Bryson

PIONEER VALLEY ALL-DAY SINGING
First Congregational Church Chapel, Sunderland, Massachusetts
Saturday, June 30, 2012

The 12th session of the Pioneer Valley All-Day Singing was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Sheldon Finlay leading 68b. The morning prayer was offered by Amy Finlay. Leaders: Eric Morgan 171; Jeremy Galvagni 100; Linda Shea 475; Kelsey Wessels 87; Andrew Magee 512; Molly Merrett and Maggie Shar 81t; Kestrel Slocombe 299; Rick Johnston 213t; Emily Hale-Sills 540; Mary Skidmore 547; Amy Findlay 168; Ed Smith 564; Lydia Vernon-Jones 50b; Mary Jo Shafer 101t; Martha Lang 106; John Davis 112; Sally Langendorf 32t; Elisabeth Bogal-Allbritten 163t; Leonard Spencer 95.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Sheldon Finlay; Vice Chairman—Eric Morgan; Secretary—Jeremy Galvagni; Memorial Committee—John Holbrook and Allison Steel.

RECESS

Peter Irvine called the class back to order by leading 37b. Leaders: Sinead O'Mahoney 198; Liz Cantrell 456; Mike Nord 485; Nicola Collett 245; Tom Padwa 515; Sheila Kelley 216; Joseph Dunn 85; Miles Louis-Dakan 428; Cristin McMurray 179; Ron Bornick 454; Lynn deBenedette and the finance committee 144; Nathan Bergman-Dean 567; Katy Brown 66; Brian Collett 218; Laura Timmerman 546; Christina Wallin 133; Terry Ryan 538; Ines Lüttgen 522; George Pomfret 137.

RECESS

Jeremy Galvagni and Alaric Galvagni called the class back to order by leading 376. Leaders: Caitlin Caulfield 128; Jacqueline Barnard 313t; Kathy Collet 315.

John Holbrook conducted a memorial lesson in remembrance of the following deceased: Joseph Superneau, Roger Cartwright, Jimmy, Dennis Linehan, Mike Wells, Helen Wight, Susan Brady, Dorothy Halchuk, Julie Holbrook, Poppy Gregory—Massachusetts; Marjorie Kagay, Zack Frates, Russell Lang, Stephen Mendelsohn—New York; Lonnie Rogers—Georgia; Harrison Creel, Marie Ivey—Alabama; Joseph Ost—Kansas; Danya Klie—Maine; David Shapiro—Quebec; Elma Carr—Ontario. He led 415 in their memory.

Allison Steel conducted a lesson for the following sick and homebound: Sylvia Kriebel, Mary Tollerton, Sarah Ruth Hewitt, Oliver Corrigan, Barbara Morcom, Peter Golden, and Leslie Johnson. She led 129. Tim Eriksen offered a prayer to close the memorial service.

Leaders: Eliza Cavanaugh 131b; Dan Hertzler 318; Barbara Swetman 64; Andy Johnathan 284. A prayer before lunch was offered by Kshama Ananthapura.

LUNCH

Amy Findlay called the class back to order by leading 217. Leaders: Matthew Léger-Small 242; Tom Malone 187; Paula Picton 336; Lynn deBenedette 542; Kshama Ananthapura 270; Allison Steel 142; Kelly House 532; Jean Seiler 273; Eric Morgan 480; Tim Eriksen 192; Peter Irvine 448t; Pat Callahan 497; Bill Holt 352; Joanna Lampert 353; Kitty Kagay 302; Ron Woodland 49b; Kate Richardson 269; Evelyn Lamb 434; Anne Kazlauskas 42; Jack Sullivan 189; Michael Kaye 176b.

RECESS

Jan-Erik Steel led 89 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Charles Taylor 505; Ruth Hooke 155; Kelsey Wessels 47t; Cheri Hardy 86; Margaret Bornick 486; Bob

Mills 276; Matthew Wojcik 182; Sasha Hsuczyk 56b; John Holbrook 523; Dan Hertzler 384; Liz Cantrell 492; Tom Malone 560; Don Herald 63; Magdalena Zapadowska-Eriksen 335; Jean Seiler 472; Pat Callahan 153; Paula Picton and Christine McMurray 411; Sheldon Finlay 383.

The business meeting was called to order by Sheldon Finlay. The finance committee report was given by John Holbrook. Secretary Jeremy Galvagni reported that 91 songs had been led by 72 leaders. The Resolutions Committee thanked all those responsible for the success of the singing.

Following announcements, Sheldon Finlay, Eric Morgan, and Jeremy Galvagni led 62 as the closing song. Eric Morgan offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Sheldon Finlay; Vice Chairman—Eric Morgan; Secretary—Jeremy Galvagni

HENAGAR-UNION CONVENTION
Liberty Baptist Church, Henagar, Alabama
June 30-July 1, 2012

Saturday, June 30

The 96th session of the Henagar-Union Convention held at Liberty Church, Henagar, Alabama, on the first Sunday in July and Saturday before was called to order by Richard Ivey leading 82t. Henry Johnson offered the morning prayer. Leaders: Shane Wootten and Donna Wootten 56t; Cassie Allen and Sonny Erwin 73t (for Bud Oliver); Blake Sisemore 129; Loyd Ivey 97; Ed Thacker and Margaret Thacker 39b; Jackie Tanner 477; Nate Green and Norma Green 496; Phil Summerlin 30t; Elene Stovall and Bea Carnathan 500 (for Carolyn Thompson); Henry Johnson 322; B.M. Smith and Margie Smith 475; Buddy Ballinger and Lomax Ballinger 430; Leigh Cooper 564; Jeff Adcock and Syble Adams 448t; Wanda Capps and Cindy Tanner 498; Tom Ivey 455; Karen Rollins and Denney Rogers 143; Boyd Scott 358; Michael Walker 213t; Eli Hinton 268.

RECESS

Rodney Ivey led 345t to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Daniel Lee 171; Jim Aaron 503; Molly Ellis 148; David Light and Sandra Light 354b; Barrett Patton 454; Robert Walker 490; Sharon Strong 218; John Kelso and Nathan Berry 156; Micah Roberts 178; David Ballinger and Amanda Hardiman 340; Louis Hughes 512; Delone Cobbs, Christopher Mann, Anna Grace Sipe, and Sonya Sipe 49t; David Carlton and Gail Doss 272; Steven Taylor 183; Rich Lee and Katie Mahoney 229; Lela Crowder 157; Kevin Dyess and Susan Cheronos 480; Reed Schilbach 318; J.R. Hardman 501; Darrell Swarens and Hannah Land 66; Katie Kanfer and Bethany Towne 95.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by David Ivey leading 217. Leaders: Arlon Gardner, Peth Gardner, and Sophia Gardner 277; John Plunkett 33t; Fallon Cook and Hayden Arp 269; Emily Burleson 434; Emma Rose Brown 511; Mark Godfrey 83t; Eimear O'Donovan and Ellen Lueck 300; Amy Armstrong 40; Jenna Strizak and Alexa Gilmore 445; Phillip Denney and Gayle Denney 155; Oliver Kindig-Stokes 423; Rebecca Edwards 326; Jonathan Wood 29b; Julianna Jett and Ann Jett 327; Jim Patterson and Sheila Patterson 312b; Kelsey Ivey 419; Gary Rogan and Vivian Rogan 282; Karen Clark 167; Pat Temple and Bridgett Kennedy 373; Ethan Hardy 77t; Judy Caudle 151. The blessing before lunch was offered by Louis Hughes.

LUNCH

Shane Wootten led 101t to begin the afternoon session. Leaders: Linda Sides 215; Jackson Fleder 417; Jesse Roberts 320; Elizabeth Stoddard 124; Matt Hinton and

Erica Hinton 460; Rebecca Over 114; Michele Rogan 507; Alvaro Witt Duarte 543; Beverly Coates and Bruce Coates 354t; Deidra Montgomery 292; Jonathon Smith 214; Philippa Stoddard 383; Ian Quinn 196; Lauren Bock and Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 185; Scott Curran 472; Rachel Rudi 392; April Watkins and Ainslie Allen 146.

RECESS

Richard Ivey led 76b to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Mary Wright 546; Kevin Barrans 411; Grace Patterson 47b; Riley Lee 170; Nathan Rees and Wendy Futral 283; Catherine Rogan 192; Willis McCumber 163b; Carol Munro Mosley 464; Laura Clawson 542; Tom Stokes 69t; Liz Kiser and Idy Kiser 335; Ottis Sides 530; Kendra Strickland 75; Jeannette DePoy 99; Philip Gilmore, Paula Gilmore, Rebekah Gilmore, Grace Gilmore, and Mary Jewel Gilmore 418 (in memory of Mary Smith); Scott Ivey, Rachel Hunt, and Jayden Hunt 112.

Shane Wootten led 45b as the closing song. Elder Philip Gilmore offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, July 1

The Sunday session of the Henagar-Union Convention began at 9:30 a.m. with Shane Wootten and Loyd Ivey leading 32t. The opening prayer was offered by Samuel Sommers.

Leaders: Loyd Ivey and Richard Ivey 47t; Donna Wootten 81t; Blake Sisemore 187; Sonny Erwin 441; Marcus Whitman 448t; Paula Oliver 217; Scott DePoy and Jeannette DePoy 410t; Mary Wright 477; Earl Ballinger 472; Kevin Barrans 329; Tommy Schultz 70b; Beverly Coates and Bruce Coates 107; Jamie Dalton and Myra Dalton 47b; Rich Lee 209; Ellen Lueck 545; Carol Selleck 138b; Rebecca Edwards 422; Buell Cobb and Tat Bailey 436; Hannah Land 198; Tom Stokes 142; Riley Lee 344; Lori Rogers 31t; Judy Mincey 474.

The results of the annual election of officers were announced as follows: Chairman—Shane Wootten; Vice Chairman—Richard Ivey; Secretary—Donna Wootten.

RECESS

Stuart Ivey led 73t to bring the class to order. Leaders: Henry Johnson 425; Alexa Gilmore 68b; Jim Carnes 171; Jim Patterson, Sheila Patterson, and Grace Patterson 324 (for Ohio Sacred Harp singers); Jedidiah Schultz and Jairus Schultz 268; Anna Hinton 300; Barrett Patton and Lindsey Wells 480; Jubal Schultz 89; Ainslie Allen 146; Gresham Davis 76b; Reba Windom and Shelby Castillo 542; Aldo Ceresa 411; Carol Munro Mosley and Darrell Swarens 485; Larry Ballinger and Linton Ballinger 224; Jenna Strizak and Katie Mahoney 426t; Bridgett Kennedy 304; Judy Caudle and Cassie Allen 242; Gary Rogan 406.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Tony Ivey and Susan Harcrow. Tony Ivey spoke on behalf of the sick and shut-ins, and read the following list of names: Terry Maher, Carolyn Thompson, Louise Burns, Cathy White, Josephine Denney, Peter Golden, Bud Oliver, Sammie Oliver, S.T. Reed, Lessie Reed, Jill Acceta, and Daphne Causey. He read the poetry from the song on page 41 (Home In Heaven), and then led 41 in honor of the sick and shut-ins.

Susan Harcrow spoke on behalf of the deceased using Bible scriptures John 11:30-35 and Matthew 6:19-21. She read the following list of names of the deceased: Bill Tanner, Marie Ivey, Melvin Stiefel, Betty Ivey, Harrison Creel, and Earnie Jett—Alabama; Jeanne Schaffer—Colorado; Joan Fritz—Minnesota; Leland Owen—Texas; Doc Watson—North Carolina; Lonnie Rogers—Georgia; James Wyllie—Pennsylvania; Frannie Bliss—Maine; Diane Nelson—Indiana; Betty Carnes—Mississippi; Hazel Dunn—Tennessee; Jim Love—Oregon; Phillip Higgins—Oldham, United Kingdom; Mark Ferguson—Ireland; Alice Fahrback, Audra Scott,

and Norma Sears—No State Listed. Susan led 399b in their memory. The memorial service was closed with prayer offered by Gary Rogan.

Leaders: Elizabeth Stoddard 541; Catherine Rogan and Vivian Rogan 168; Eimear O'Donovan and Eva Striebeck 274t; Deidra Montgomery and Alvaro Witt Duarte 528; Matt Hinton and Erica Hinton 99. The blessing before the noon meal was offered by Dennis George.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Richard Ivey leading 343. Leaders: Emma Rose Brown and Rachel Rudi 522; Michele Rogan and Scott Curran 37b; Tom George, Dennis George, Scott Ivey, and Tony Kiser 270; Susan Harcrow and Drew Smith 430; Robert Kelley 429; Lisa Geist, Beth Wallace, and Chris Ballinger 84 (in memory of Lavaughn Ballinger); Lauren Bock, Nathan Rees, and Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 380; Angela Myers and Rodney Ivey 365; Jonathon Smith and Wendy Futral 220; Samuel Sommers 502; Jamey Wootten and Jared Wootten 546; Crystal Meadows 384; Jeffrey Wootten 460; Oliver Kindig-Stokes 395; Philippa Stoddard 216; Eloise Wootten, Marlon Wootten, Tony Ivey, Sandy Ivey, Hobert Ivey, Sylvia Ivey, Scott Ivey, Martha Underwood, Nathan Underwood, Norma Green, Vickie Ivey, Doug Ivey, Tim Travis, Jayden Hunt, Teresa Bethune, Marian Biddle, Ivey Biddle, Loyd Ivey, Norman Greeson, Rilla Greeson, Callie Watkins, Lilly Underwood, David Bethune, Nate Green, Will Ivey, Loise Ivey, Rachel Hunt, and Linda Patton 454; Terry Wootten and Eloise Wootten 201; Laura Clawson 186; Linda Sides and Ottis Sides 475; Elene Stovall 211; Ann Jett, Cindy Tanner, and Jackie Tanner 172; Jackson Fleder 400.

RECESS

Blake Sisemore and Cassie Allen led 440 to bring the class to order. Leaders: Jonathan Wood and Emily Wood 278t; J.R. Hardman and Bethany Towne 408; Ethan Schultz, Nathan Berry, and Jason Steidl 299; Pat Temple and Gail Doss 39t; Liz Kiser, Idy Kiser, and Reed Schilbach 426b; Daniel Lee 523; Nate Green, Norma Green, and Alex Makris 222; Tommy Spurlock and Stanley Smith 565; Rebecca Over 208; Susan Cheronos 481; Willis McCumber 348t; Marty Wootten and Levon Wootten 496; Ethan Hardy and Benedicta Hardy 191; Ricky Harcrow 29t; Karen Ivey, David Ivey, Richard Ivey, and Stuart Ivey 349.

Following announcements, Shane Wootten, Loyd Ivey, and Hobert Ivey led 146 as the closing song. Phil Summerlin offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Shane Wootten; Vice Chairman—Richard Ivey; Secretary—Donna Wootten

CROSSROADS BAPTIST CHURCH **North of Tallapoosa, Georgia** **Sunday, July 1, 2012**

The 99th annual Sacred Harp singing and Decoration Day at Crossroads Baptist Church, north of Tallapoosa, was held on the first Sunday in July. Cecil Roberts called the class to order leading 48t. Eschol Hughes offered the morning prayer. Leaders: Cecil Roberts 49t; Miranel Swafford 115; Donna Bell 441 (in memory of Mary Florence Smith); Louis Hughes, Jr. 208.

A business session was held and the class voted to retain the following officers: Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Vice Chairman—Miranel Swafford; Secretary—Donna Bell; Arranging Committee—Louis Hughes, Jr. A motion was made to change the meeting time to 9:30 a.m. The motion carried. Next year's singing will begin at 9:30 a.m. The business session was closed.

Leaders: B.M. Smith 101t, 66; George Garner 168; Judy Chambless 527, 540; Hayden Arp 32t, 282; Joyce Walton 456 (for Michael Thompson); Karen Rollins 354t, 354b; Tom Ivey 565, 380; Karen Clark 234, 421; Sharon Strong 250; 38t.

RECESS

Louis Hughes, Jr. called the class to order leading 49b. Leaders; Fred Hoerr 313b, 47t; Michael Walker 207, 137; Ian Quinn 228; Ian Quinn and Joyce Walton 57; Robert Chambless 163b; 84; Louis Hughes, Sr. and Louis Hughes, Jr. 138b (in memory of J.C. Hughes).

Karen Rollins and Michael Walker conducted the memorial lesson. Karen spoke about the subject of death and asked the question “Have you thought about death this week?” Continuing, she noted that in our society we normally don’t think about mortality. Karen stated that the memorial part of each singing probably began as a time to remember the Sacred Harp singers that have gone on before us and to serve as a lesson in how we want to be remembered. Karen Rollins led 389 in memory of the following deceased: Mae and Lee Sloman, Lonnie Rogers, Martha Williams, Nick Griffin, Euzeal Wood, Joan Fritz, Homer Hulsey, Harrison Creel, Jeanne Schaffer, Dr. Julietta Haynes, and Marie Ivey.

Michael Walker spoke for the sick and shut-ins. He mentioned that one never knows when they will be struck with illness and it is important to recognize the support of community and the role they play as caregivers. Michael also mentioned that we should try to understand the burden of caregivers and to remember them and their families in our hearts, too. He led 41 in honor of the following: Carlene Griffin, Teenie Moody, Inez Woodall, Johnny Pope, Charlotte Walker, Don Walker, Lois Bowman, Lucy Garner, Bud Oliver, Sammie Oliver, S.T. Reed, and Lessie Reed. Cecil Roberts closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Jan Ketelle 73t, 300; Eschol Hughes 348b, 283; Richard DeLong 44, 36t; Jane Spencer 196, 213t; Earlis McGraw 329, 544. Michael Walker blessed the noon meal at the table.

LUNCH

The singing convened with Donna Bell, Tranice Garner, and Greg Garner leading 383. Leaders: John Plunkett 32b, 29t; Anita Landess 77b, 102; Fallon Cook and Cain Cook 146, 68b; Curtis Hamrick 192, 77t; Evelyn Harris 30t, 303 (in memory of Billy Joe Harris); Tom Ivey 547; Sharon Strong 502; Michael Walker 447; Jan Ketelle 464 (for Jeff and Shelbie Sheppard); Ian Quinn 494; Karen Clark 534; Fred Hoerr 38b; Jane Spencer and Michael Walker 191; Judy Chambless 501; Hayden Arp 340; Robert Chambless 225t; Anita Landess 56t; Paige Harrod and Karen Rollins 405 (in memory of Lonnie Rogers).

Following announcements, Cecil Roberts and Miranel Swafford led 46 as the closing song. Elder Travis Warren, pastor of the church, offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Vice Chairman—Miranel Swafford; Secretary—Donna Bell

INDEPENDENCE DAY SINGING **Lakeview Lodge, Camp Lee, Anniston, Alabama** **Monday, July 2, 2012**

The annual Independence Day Sacred Harp Singing was held at Lakeview Lodge, Camp Lee, Anniston, Alabama. The class was called to order by Samuel Sommers leading 36b. The opening prayer was offered by Henry Johnson.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Jeff Sheppard; Vice Chairman—Samuel Sommers; Secretary—Judy Caudle; Arranging Officer—Pam Nunn.

Leaders: Samuel Sommers 358; Jeff Sheppard 186; Judy Caudle 85; Pam Nunn 155; B.M. Smith 284; Glenda Collins and Bert Collins 45t; Paula Oliver 142; Jan Ketelle 445; Alvaro Witt Duarte 131b; Henry Johnson 515; Jason Steidl 235; Bea Carnathan 80b; Katie Campbell 268; Jeannette DePoy 475; Jim Patterson, Sheila Patterson, and Grace Patterson 47t; Jim Aaron 163b; Philippa Stoddard 71; Cecil Roberts 48t.

RECESS

Aldo Ceresa led 106 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Robert Kelley 385b; Carol Munro Mosley 392; Delone Cobbs 147t; Ellen Lueck 371; Drew Smith 35; Katy Kanfer 491; Tom Stokes 306; Marcus Whitman 564; Judy Chambless 472; Emma Rose Brown 418; Lori Rodgers and Marion Lewis 139; Nathan Berry 333; J.R. Hardman 63; Jubal Schultz 384; Darrell Swarens and Rebecca Over 137; Robert Chambless 317; Donna Sewell 171; Jedidiah Schultz 218; Bethany Towne 560.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg leading 65. Leaders: Connor Campbell 217; Carol Selleck 401; Holly Hauck 370; Hannah Land 367; Jairus Schultz 59; Guy Banks 344; Amy Armstrong 107; Elizabeth Stoddard 141; Shelby Castillo and Reba Windom 216; Anita Landess 389; Michael Walker 227; Thomas Schultz 143. Holly Hauck offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Jeff Sheppard leading 81t. Leaders: Rene Greene 542; Rebecca Over 328; Eimear O'Donovan 573; Willis McCumber 396; Rachel Rudi and Deidra Montgomery 548; Reba Windom 182; Lorie Wacaster, Katy Wacaster, and Anna Bowen 276; Russ Pope 117; Lauren Bock and Michael Walker 234; Vella Dailey 29t; Ethan Hardy 567; Susan Cheronos 209; Stephen Conte 275t; Hannah Land, Rebecca Over, and Eimear O'Donovan 270; Reba Windom, Shelby Castillo, and Blake Sisemore 192; Jim Aaron and Jeannette DePoy 503; Paula Oliver, Alvaro Witt Duarte, and Drew Smith 222; Jan Ketelle, Jason Steidl, and Carol Munro Mosley 304; Aldo Ceresa, Philippa Stoddard, and Robert Kelley 487; Nathan Berry, Emma Rose Brown, and Tom Stokes 42; Ellen Lueck, Katy Kanfer, and Marcus Whitman 277; Bethany Towne, Darrell Swarens, and J.R. Hardman 111b (in memory of Harrison Creel); Ashton Rodgers, Lori Rodgers, Rene Greene, Donna Sewell, Carol Selleck, Marion Lewis, Pam Nunn, and Jeff Sheppard 112; Anita Landess, Elizabeth Stoddard, and Michael Walker 193; the Schultz family 198; Holly Hauck, Connor Campbell, and Amy Armstrong 146; Lauren Bock, Samuel Sommers, and Susan Cheronos 434 (for Daphene Causey); Bea Carnathan and Guy Banks 228; Willis McCumber and Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 189; Robert Chambless, Ethan Hardy, and Deidra Montgomery 375; Jim Patterson, Sheila Patterson, and Grace Patterson 47b; Stephen Conte and Judy Chambless 347; Delone Cobbs, Lorie Wacaster, Katy Wacaster, and Anna Bowen 388; Henry Johnson, Russ Pope, and Vella Dailey 164; Stuart Ivey 67.

Samuel Sommers and Jeff Sheppard led 46 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Jason Steidl, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Jeff Sheppard; Vice Chairman—Samuel Sommers; Secretary—Judy Caudle

CAMP FASOLA 2012 YOUTH SESSION

Camp Lee, Anniston, Alabama

July 2-6, 2012

Monday, July 2

Registration for Camp FaSoLa 2012, Youth Session, began at 4:00 p.m. Campers were issued t-shirts, procedures lists, maps, and identification buttons. Campers had

free time for recreation; followed by counselor-cabin orientation sessions, followed by dinner at 6:00 p.m. Orientation began at 7:00 p.m. with class singing following. **Class Singing.** 7:30 p.m. led by the counselors. Co-Chairmen Judy Caudle and Karen Ivey brought the class to order by leading 32t. Leaders: Lela Crowder, Elizabeth Clay, Dinah East, Rebekah Gilmore, Cheyenne Ivey, Paula Oliver, Micah Rogers, Philippa Stoddard 101t; Blake Sisemore, Anthony Kiser, Will Schnorenberg, Ethan Schultz, Tom Stokes, Conrad Tegtmeier 100; Rachel Rudi, Jennifer Betz, Jessa Cheronas, Elinore Hardy, Dylenn Nelson, Ashton Rogers, Elizabeth Schultz 176t; Drew Smith, Matthew Betz, Connor Campbell, Ethan Corbett, Jonathon Pendleton, Russ Pope, River Skrenes 129; Deidre Montgomery, Anna Bowen, Ailee Mann, Anna Grace Sipe, Katy Wacaster, Alvaro Duarte, William Clay, Justin Corbett, Benjamin Mann, Nicholas Mann, Jubal Schultz 49t; Lauren Bock, Anna Marie Bethune, Benedicta Hardy, Lainey Martin, Holly Mixon, Lilly Underwood 59; J.R. Hardman, Jesse P. Karlsberg, Hannah Land 162; Anita Landess, Lorie Wacaster, Guy Bankes 481; Jill Coyne and Carol Munro Mosley 84; Jackson Fleder, Willis McCumber, and Nathan Berry 448b; Sharon Secola and Ellen Lueck 41t; Eva Striebeck and Howard Tegtmeier 385t; Liz Kiser and Cassie Allen 212; Stuart Ivey, Tommy Schultz, and Marcos Whitman 133; Eimear O'Donovan, Jason Steidl, and Bethany Towne 472; Ethan Hardy and Katy Kanfer 68b; Jo Pendleton and David Ivey 86; Idy Kiser and Reed Schilbach 122; Rob Kelley and Tom George 156; Amy Armstrong and Jeannette DePoy 99; Dinah East and Shelby Castillo 47b; Rene Greene, Lori Rogers, Jeff Sheppard, and Pam Nunn 53; Christopher Mann and Aldo Ceresa 31t; Marilyn Bradley and Susan Cheronas 58; Jackson Harcrow, Blake Sisemore, and Drew Smith 222; Alberta Hard and Elinore Hardy 34t; Robin Betz, Jennifer Betz, Matthew Betz, and Elizabeth Betz 268. Judy Caudle and Karen Ivey led 285t as the closing song. The devotional was conducted by Alvaro Duarte.

Tuesday, July 3

Lesson: Rudiments I / Youth I / Basics. 9:00 a.m. This class was designed with teaching methods appropriate for younger youths; however, any age can participate. *The Sacred Harp* basics of scales, intervals, modes of time and accent were taught.

Lesson: Rudiments I / Youth II / Basics. 9:00 a.m. This class included Sacred Harp basics of scales, intervals, modes of time, and accent with teaching methods appropriate for older youth. Stuart Ivey opened the lesson with some breathing exercises for the singers. In singing any good note, Stuart said there are four characteristics to consider; pitch (how high or how low); duration/rhythm (how long the note is held); style/accent; volume/dynamics. Stuart had the class sing the tenor line of 31t, emphasizing how each of the four items ought to be kept in mind to sing our best.

Drew Smith had the class review the major and minor scales. He talked about the tonic note (fa or la) and how successive notes advance in degree from the tonic sound. He had the class review 37b to exercise his point, taking note of where voice parts begin and end. This helps a singer establish the key and understand the movement of the chords. Drew reviewed the layout of each song with the clef furthest to the left, then the time signature and then the sharps and flats that determine the key of the song. This is good to know, though not essential for singers who are not keying a song. The time signature of a song is vital for a leader to be aware of as they lead a lesson. Drew also explained the names at the top of a song. The name and date on the top left refers to the author of the lyrics and the year of their creation. The name on the top right attributes a song's melody and harmony to a composer. The Bible verse underneath the title helps a singer contextualize the song and its meaning.

Stuart had the class practice singing their intervals on the staff. A good singer can approach an unfamiliar song and sing it well by practicing their intervals and other characteristics of a note. Stuart reviewed the duration of time each note receives when we sing, making parallel to amounts of money. He pointed to the second brace of 358 explaining that joined eighth notes indicate carried syllables, whereas, flagged notes indicate separate syllables of a text.

Lesson: Rudiments I / Young Adults. 9:00 a.m. The class began by singing 39b. Sam Sommers stated to the class that “the only requirement to sing Sacred Harp is a desire to sing Sacred Harp”. Traditions are maintained because they keep the music alive! Tradition means we pass on that which we have received. We do not invent tradition; it is given to us.

The class reviewed the scales and covered Rhythmics on pg. 15 of the Rudiments. By definition, the leader is always right, so you have to look up to see the leader! The seven modes of time were explained—three common modes, two triple modes and two common modes. The class reviewed 70t to demonstrate 2/2 time, observing the rests. For an explanation of repeats and accent, the class sang 108b (4/4 time) and had further discussion of accent and tempo on 170 (2/4 time).

Sam referred to the Rudiments for explanation and discussion held during the class. In regard to leading, Sam said to always start and end with your hand up. Discussion of etiquette in Sacred Harp included leading with or without a book. Sam said that using the book is recommended. Past generations greatly emphasized leading without a book; however, he teaches to lead with your book. Do not be too creative with tempos. Finally, use modest arm strokes while leading, and keep your movement within the frame of your body. The class ended by singing 137, with the alto as written.

Elective: Sacred Harp Composition 101. 10:45 a.m. This class included singers who have recently begun to compose music and those interested in doing so. Aldo Ceresa shared tips for getting started writing parts and basic elements of harmony. Aldo opened the class by singing 39t. Aldo asked, “What makes this music sound the way it does and makes people want to sing it for over one hundred years?” The focus of this class was how to write music in the tradition of Sacred Harp music, and how to write music the Sacred Harp singers will love and enjoy. Aldo told the class to use the Sacred Harp Rudiments as their guide in writing Sacred Harp music. Look for patterns and learn to recognize different styles in the book, for example, camp meeting songs, fusing tunes, folk songs, or hymns. Look for common note patterns. Another way is to learn from living composers.

Aldo told the class to sing your music as you write it. Do not rely on computers or instruments too much. Singers will be the real test in the quality of your song. Aldo suggested writers begin with the text, and make sure you have the correct mode of time. Writing involves a lot of trial and error. Remember that music is a sort of conversation between singers and composers. Incorporate feedback about what you write and do not get too attached to your notes! Write the parts in the order of tenor, bass, treble, and then alto. Fit your tune in a key to minimize ledger lines. Sing the different parts to get a feel for them and keep the part within comfortable ranges. Tenor is the melody. The bass anchors the harmony and is often the root note. The bass should always end on the key note. Treble adds brilliance and harmonic definition to the music, and the alto is the filling that makes the tune complete. Aldo presented the class with charts of common chords in major and minor. For the remainder of Camp, this class participated in a round-robin writing exercise called “Team Tunesmith”. The writing exercises will be sung at the Composium session at the end of Camp.

Elective: Sacred Harp and the Silver Screen. 10:45 a.m. This class explored Sacred Harp's influence in film with Lela Crowder. Lela posed a question to the class, "When has music set a tone?" Responses from the class were from horror films to Disney, church services, weddings, funerals to military music. Lela's second question was "What kind of reaction did you have to Sacred Harp music when you first heard it?" Most agree the music is haunting and powerful, and everybody is involved to the highest degree. Both elements of joy and sorrow are felt. Lela asked, "Can you think of an instance where you did not expect to hear Sacred Harp music?" Some examples given were alternative music, public places, and artists who make their own arrangements. The class sang 312b and reactions about the song were that it was an upbeat, joyful, minor tune with a majestic mood. Lela presented some clips beginning with the film *Geronimo*. The class heard excerpts of 312b in different scenes. The scenes depicted majestic vistas with instrumentals and full orchestral arrangements heard in the background. Another scene in *Geronimo* plays 457 and builds in intensity during the sentencing of traitors. The final clip shows a military band with "Oh Come Away" and a stringed arrangement of 457.

Hugh McGraw was shown in a clip from *The Long Ride Home* singing a song from *The Social Harp* during a funeral scene. Adaptations of "Happy Land" were played through the opening credits and during the closing scene in *Arsenic and Old Lace*. A clip from a remake of *The Ladykillers* features 408 while an assassin tries to kill an elderly lady. Two of the most familiar songs (47b and 282) among Sacred Harp singers were shown in clips from *Cold Mountain*.

Lesson: Best of the Ungreatest Hits. 1:00 p.m. David Ivey greeted the class and led 169. According to the minutes, from 1995 to 2010, 169 was the "least" used song. David speculated as to why some songs are sung so little. David gave the statistic that from 1995 to 2011, the song led most often was 146, and the second most led was 155. David made note of the fact that he had noticed through the years that popularity of songs have an ebb and flow to them. The class was given a list of the least used Sacred Harp songs and encouraged to lead some of them from time to time. The list can also be found on the Fasola website. The remaining time was used singing some of the "ungreatest hits". Leaders: Bethany Towne 429; Jeannette DePoy 516; Carol Munro Mosley 152; Marcus Whitman 416; Hannah Land 289; Deidra Montgomery 185; Holly Hamrick 88b; Aldo Ceresa 407; Sam Sommers 412; Oliver Stokes and Ethan Hardy 462; Blake Sisemore 404; Rob Kelley 184; Alvaro Duarte 359; Christopher Mann 92; Amy Armstrong and J.R. Hardman 487; Cassie Allen 130; Nathan Rees 517; Judy Caudle 202; Tom Stokes 360; Katy Kanfer 132; Alvaro Duarte 126.

Elective: More Rudiments and Practice. 2:30 p.m. This elective session was held for those who wanted more Rudiments and practice. Robert Kelley discussed the three departments of music at length in this class: rhythmic, melodic, dynamics, and another important component, poetry. Robert emphasized that the music is primarily a vehicle for expressing the poetry. He gave these things to consider with respect to the words; timing, rhythm, accent, and pronunciation. Robert discussed the relationships between accent and timing, melody and accent, tune and text, and then gave examples of when the accent, tune, or text may conflict. Robert reviewed accent, rhythm, modes of time, and how to select an appropriate tempo for a song based on the mode of time. Class discussion included the Rudiments and how we sing today differs from earlier recommendations. Robert led 39b and 183.

Lesson: How To Beat the Seven Modes of Time / Youth. 4:00 p.m. The mechanics of beating time for the seven modes of time used in Sacred Harp was the focus in this class, including demonstration and practice.

Jesse P. Karlsberg explained the three different types of time signatures: common, triple, and compound. The time signature is a symbol of two numbers. The top number is the number of beats in a measure. The bottom number tells what kind of note gets the beat. The class gave different examples of how to fill a measure. Jesse referred to pgs. 15-16 in the Rudiments, and the class practiced singing and keeping time to the exercises. The differences in 4/4 and 2/2 time were discussed in terms of relative tempo. The class sang 49t as an example of 2/2 time, 37b as an example of 4/4 time, and 87 as an example of 2/4 time.

Stuart Ivey talked about leading a song, and encouraged class members to stand with good posture and use your hinges to lead. He said do not use the shoulder or wrist as much as the elbow. The class sang 49b as an example of 3/2 time, and then 45t as an example of 3/4 time. The class practiced compound time by singing 146 as an example of 6/4 time, and 196 as an example of 6/8 time. Stuart continued with tips about leading and then dismissed the class.

Lesson: Leading Bringing in Parts / Adults. 4:00 p.m. Through workshop songs led by members of the class, this lesson taught the basics of how to lead a song at a Sacred Harp singing, focusing on what decisions the leader should make before stepping into the hollow square and how to communicate your desires to the class. An introduction was given by Judy Caudle, who reminded the leaders to accent with the voice, not the hand. Leaders: Judy Caudle 155; J.R. Hardman 504; Deidra Montgomery 316; Carol Munro Mosley 196; Blake Sisemore 556; Holly Hamrick 300; Bethany Towne 397; Willis McCumber 472; Ellen Lueck 193; Susan Cheronos 209; Lori Rodgers 183; Ethan Hardy 91; Eimear O'Donovan 182; Jackson Harcrow 532.

Lesson: Songs in Major and Minor. 4:00 p.m. This class practiced singing major and minor tunes with Scott DePoy and Jeannette DePoy. They discussed why major and minor songs sound different.

Elective: Dinner on the Ground. 5:00 p.m. This class explored the significance and evolution of “dinner on the ground” in the Sacred Harp tradition with Karen Ivey. Dinner stories were shared. How to organize and prepare a meal and how to transport your food to a singing was discussed. The class made recipe books of favorite dishes from past and present cooks.

Elective: Arranging Committee. 5:00 p.m. Determining and announcing the order of song leaders at a singing is more than just calling names. It is one of the key ingredients in an excellent singing. The class covered what to consider when arranging at a singing and participated in fun hands-on arranging exercises with Jesse Karlsberg.

Elective: Keying Music. 5:00 p.m. Practical considerations were offered by David Ivey for keying Sacred Harp songs. The most important thing about keying is listening. Few people can just do it. Most people that key do it by listening, observing, and persevering. Having a person to encourage you helps, but keying is mostly self-learned. According to pg. 17, Chapter 3 in the Rudiments, Sacred Harp music should be pitched so all singers can comfortably reach their parts. The last note in the bass will be the tonic. Tonics of major songs are “fa” and minor songs are “la”. The tonic note is the home note and the most important one. Most people learn to key out of necessity simply because there is no else to do it. The hardest part is having the courage to key. Start practicing at small singings. One learns from making mistakes. It helps to listen to recordings. If you want to key, you must master the scale. Seventy percent of songs in Sacred Harp are in major. If you have some typical songs memorized, you can apply that remembered note to a new song in the same key. Consider the time of day when pitching. For example, key the same song

lower at 9:30 a.m. than what you might key it at 11:30 a.m. You can usually pitch a little higher after lunch, if it is a strong singing. Practice, practice, practice!

Class Singing. 7:30 p.m. led by Youth Girls. Co-chairmen Benedicta Hardy and Elizabeth Schultz led 86. The opening prayer was offered by Jennifer Betz. Leaders: Holly Mixon and Katy Wacaster 388; Jeannette DePoy 89; Connor Campbell and Alvaro Duarte 74b; Shelby Castillo and Jason Steidl 40; Hannah Land and Jesse Karlsberg 432; Christopher Mann and Bethany Towne 138; Benjamin Mann, Nicholas Mann, and William Clay 335; Erica Hinton, Matt Hinton, and Eli Hinton 105; Nathan Reese and Jonathon Smith 449; William Schnorenberg and Blake Sisemore 186; Ollie Stokes and Eimear O'Donovan 445; Jonathon Pendleton and Eli Hinton 354b; Ellen Lueck and Eva Striebeck 369; Jubal Schultz, Jarius Schultz, Jedidiah Schultz, and Tommy Schultz 70b; Marcus Whitman and Drew Smith 183; Jeff Sheppard, Shelbie Sheppard, Rene Greene, and Pam Nunn 216; Lauren Bock, Anna Hinton, and Jeannette DePoy 276; Benedicta Hardy and Ethan Hardy 33b; David Ivey and Susan Harcrow 456; Justin Corbett and Ethan Corbett 155; Holly Hauck and Jackson Fleder 61; Amy Armstrong and Donna Sewell 460; Lori Rodgers and Jo Pendleton 503; Tom Stokes and Konrad Tegtmeier 119; Aldo Ceresa and Samuel Sommers 550; Katy Kanfer and Anita Landess 44; Deidra Montgomery, Rachel Rudi, and Lela Crowder 153. Benedicta Hardy and Elizabeth Schultz led 45b as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Jennifer Betz. The devotional was conducted by Lainey Martin.

Wednesday, July 4

Lesson: Rudiments II / Youth I / Basics. 9:00 a.m. Jesse P. Karlsberg and Lauren Bock taught the basics of scales, intervals, modes of time, and accent appropriate for younger youths.

Lesson: Rudiments II / Youth II / Basics. 9:00 a.m. Stuart Ivey and Deidra Montgomery taught the basics of scales, intervals, modes of time, and accent appropriate for older youths. Stuart told the class that there were four things to know: volume, pitch, rhythm, and accent. He gave the class an exercise in scales where each separate note of the scale, enlarged on paper, was randomly placed under eight seats in the class and the eight class members that found a note under their seat had to line up in order of height, and then exchange notes until they were in the correct order of the scale. The class members were given thirty-five seconds to get in the proper order. After lining up in the correct order of the scale, the class sang the notes. This exercise was done a second time and was completed in twenty-two seconds.

Deidra presented to the class the anatomy of Sacred Harp according to the Rudiments found in the front of the book. The class turned to pg. 15 of the Rudiments, and sang the exercises for each of the modes of time and beat time while singing. The class reviewed joined flags, slurs, and ties, and learned the difference between mandatory repeats and optional repeats. On pg. 14 of the Rudiments, the class reviewed the D.C. or “da capo”, and then how a bird’s eye works on pg. 17. On pg. 17, section 18 of the Rudiments, she explained triplets, and the class sang 31t. Deidra explained singing with accent and that it helps to emphasize the text correctly and helps keep the class together while singing. The best sounding songs are the ones sung with accent. There are primary and secondary accents. In 4/4 time, the primary accent is on the first note and the secondary accent is on the third note. The class turned to pg. 15 of the Rudiments, and sang the examples of each mode of time with proper accent. Tempo is the speed of beats in each mode of time, and the class discussed faster tempo versus slower tempo. Deidra stated that when you are leading, keep the tempo you want and do not change it or let the class change it. To complete the lesson, Stuart and the class practiced singing the minor scale.

Lesson: Rudiments II / Young Adults. 9:00 a.m. Sam Sommers welcomed the class and offered prayer. Sam said that everyone here is a Sacred Harp singer and the only requirement is the desire to be a Sacred Harp singer. Music is made up of rhythmic, melodic, and dynamics. We only sing in two keys, “fa” and “la”. The class practiced the major scale and singing intervals. The spaces between the notes are tremendously important. Minor is another mood; it does not mean sad. For example, “God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen” is in minor but is not a sad song. Sam provided the class with a handout of the Rudiments from the B. F. *White Book* and practiced intervals. Practice creates a firm foundation in learning Sacred Harp music.

The class reviewed the different modes of time on pg. 15 and 16 of the Rudiments. Sam instructed that when leading, begin with the hand up and move it down towards the center of the earth. The leader should keep their beat pattern within “the frame of modesty”. The class reviewed 31t, noting the triplets. Sam suggested choosing something specific to focus on while at a singing, such as watching the leader or practicing accent. Rests are a period of silence, so silent “you could hear a bird chirp”! Transgressions against a rest include holding a note too long, foot tapping, or talking (“I fry my pies in butter”). The last note of every bass line is the tonic. The class reviewed 98 for compound time, accent, and repeats. The beginning repeat is mandatory and the ending repeat is optional. The class closed by singing 62.

Elective: Innovative Sounds in Sacred Harp 1960-1991. 10:30 a.m. The class included a mixture of stories and discussion of songs composed for the 1960-1991 revisions of the Sacred Harp that take dispersed harmony in new directions, and why we enjoy certain sounds in the book. Robert Kelley brought the class to order by leading 512. The class looked at 462 and Robert noted the moments where the bass rises above the tenor and where the treble goes from a high tonic “fa” to a “mi”. Since 1960, this had become more common. Robert discussed the music of Hugh McGraw, Raymond Hamrick, and Marcus Cagle. Hugh McGraw’s music is influenced by gospel (see 548). He generally opposes discords. Raymond Hamrick uses discords strategically. He is influenced by classical music. Much of his music has a “tall sound”, which is also found in McGraw and Cagle tunes. Marcus Cagle also studied classical music. He liked to add a bit of “science” to his music: accidentals, weird chords. His music fits extraordinarily well with Sacred Harp accent. The phenomenon of tall songs led to 549, where the bass and tenor or treble are more than an octave apart. He also noted the predominance of sweet chords in the song. There are precedents for tall songs in the music of J.P. and H.S. Reese (e.g. 39b and 400). Robert led 521, another tall song featuring sweet chords. Robert referred to the song on page 378b. The song has several moments where the tenor crosses the bass and several discords. Robert had the class look at 385t, a similar song in major. Discords appear often in the Sacred Harp.

One thing Sacred Harp composers have done is to give honor to other singers by attributing a composition to them. For example, 354t by J. Monroe Denton was written in 1980, a year after the singer had died! It was written by Raymond C. Hamrick. Denton was a prominent South Georgia singer and singing master. Hugh McGraw wrote tribute songs for singers, dedicating the song through its title (e.g. 548 and 516). Hugh McGraw assisted J. A. Ayers with writing 506. Another gift song (461) written by Raymond Hamrick is attributed to Terry Wootten. Tribute songs discussed with titles indicating they were attributed to other singers were 503 (for Lloyd Redding and Loyd Landrum), 288, 313b, 464. The practice of gift songs is not unique to Sacred Harp, and is a common practice to denominational hymnals as well. Another innovative sound since 1960 is ultra-dispersed harmony or sinewy sound. As an example, Robert led 485. These ultra-dispersed songs often have very low basses and very high trebles. They often feature many discords or whole strings of discords.

The class sang 504, 505, and 372. Robert introduced another characteristic of new songs in the book called distinctive chords. The class sang 506, and Robert noted the unusual voicing of the 5-1-2 chord midway through the bottom brace. In 572, there is discordance at second-to-the-last chord and the alto preceding, written with Charlene Wallace in mind. Robert closed the session with 573.

Lesson: The Memorial Lesson. 1:00 p.m. Jeanette DePoy began with the lyrics of the song that says "I belong to this band". It is great to be part of a group like Sacred Harp singers. She said when she started singing she thought the Memorial Lesson was sad, but now it is her favorite part of the singing. Each of us can reach out to someone who is sick or shut-in by calling, sending an email, or mailing a card. People are asked, at a singing, to put those on the list that are sick, shut-in, or deceased. Most times there is a card for the sick that everyone at the singing can sign. It is nice for those who cannot attend a singing to know that friends signed a card for them. The following names of the sick and shut-ins were read: Violet Thomason, Cathy White, Bud Oliver, Sammie Oliver, Olga Haas, Daphene Causey, S.T. Reed, Lessie Reed, Josie Hyde, and Eugene Forbes. Cassie Allen led 172. Nathan Rees said the thing he most loved about Sacred Harp is the family and community. Nathan talked about one of the wisest men he had ever met through Sacred Harp singing. His community respected him so much that it named a highway after him. Through Sacred Harp, we meet a lot of older people we wish could be with us longer and we miss them when they are gone. The following names of the deceased were read: Lonnie Rogers-Georgia; Harrison Creel and Marie Ivey-Alabama; Diane Nelson and Robert Wert-Indiana; John Merritt-Mississippi; Alice Fahrbach-Michigan; Frank Evans-Virginia; Joan Fritz-Minnesota; Jeanne Schaffer-Colorado; James Wyllie-Pennsylvania; Ita Ryder and Mark Ferguson-Ireland; Phillip Higgins- United Kingdom. Nathan led 499 in memory of the deceased. The memorial service was closed with prayer offered by Jesse Roberts.

Karen Rollins thanked Jeannette, Cassie, Nathan, and Jesse. Karen said the Memorial Lesson is about mourning, friendship, and love. It is a quiet moment to think of those we love. It is not unusual to see tears and hear laughter during a Memorial Lesson. Leading a Memorial Lesson is something you are asked to do. People do not usually volunteer to do a Memorial Lesson. Karen states that some places are not having Memorial Lessons and believes it is a tragedy. The older one gets, the more Memorial Lessons mean. Having a Memorial is a way to honor those who taught us. We sing for those on the list. It is a time when we confront our own mortality. The lyrics have a lot to say about death, and as we think about death, we carry on the tradition of those before us. It is our family obligation. The Memorial Lesson is one of the oldest parts of a convention and no one knows when they began. Sometimes, when asked to do a Memorial Lesson, you may have only thirty minutes notice. The steps in doing a Memorial Lesson are to compile a list of the deceased and sick and shut-ins, ask someone to speak, and choose songs to sing to honor each list of people. A person may read from a book, the Bible, or simply talk. Karen thanked the class for attending, and said she hoped that Memorial Lessons continue at Sacred Harp singings.

Elective: Patriotic-Secular Songs. 2:30 p.m. John Plunkett began the class by reading an excerpt about "Chester" being sung by soldiers in the Revolutionary War as they marched to battle. Aldo led 479. John read about Sumner... he loved his country more than his political party. He wrote the words and music to "Ode on Science". Judy Caudle led 242. John told the class that "Mt. Vernon" was written on the occasion of George Washington's death. Oliver Kindig-Stokes led 110. Philippa Stoddard led 358 (Warren Steele's book says this tune was a march song). A hand-out was given regarding the War of 1812. Cassie Allen led 137, Sam Sommers led

148, Robert Kelley led 346, and John Plunkett and Marcus Whitman led 487. John talked about the “Star of Columbia”. The earliest known publication was in a magazine in 1784. The class sang the song, each part first, and then sang the song as written, singing all six printed verses. Jesse Roberts led “My Country Tis’ of Thee” and the class dismissed.

Lesson: *Leading Boot Camp / Adults.* 4:00 p.m. This class was a critique class to help leaders be more comfortable in the square. Cassie began by stating that leading is not a show. There should be no dancing, stomping, or throwing your book on the floor. The class should be paying attention enough to follow. Do not beat too low or too high or you lose time. Keep your leading within a frame of modesty, which is between your shoulder and hip. If you make a mistake, smile, and keep leading! Keep your movements fluid, not choppy. Be confident and do not let the class lead your song for you. Always start and end a song with your hand up. Never sing a song so fast that you cannot sing every note. The class members picked a song to lead while teachers critiqued their leading to help them improve. Leaders: Sharon Secola 155; Eva Striebeck 142; Amy Armstrong 215; Hannah Land 434; Willis McCumber 468; Evangeline Schultz 299; Alvaro Duarte 217; Holly Hauck 68b; Shelby Castillo 196; Marcus Whitman 440; Jackson Fleder 361; Katy Kanfer 278b; Tom Stokes 186.

Lesson: *Accent.* 4:00 p.m. Robert Kelley explained that accent is part of dynamics, and places emphasis on syllables with a swell of the voice. There is a primary accent and a secondary accent. Unaccented syllables should be very quiet. There are two ways to beat time: down and up or down, down, up. The class looked at 313b for 2/2 accent. For 3/4 accent, the class looked at 501. Primary accent happens when your hand is starting down. Secondary accent happens when your hand is starting up. Robert suggested 109 as a good song to practice accent. The class referred to 119 for compound time accent. Robert directed the class to page 224 for discussion about music accent versus poetry accent.

Elective: *Rudiments-Review / Q&A.* 5:00 p.m. Nathan Rees led the discussion and review in this class. Campers discussed why they enjoy singing Sacred Harp songs. Question: What can a singer do to better observe the full time prescribed for rests? Answer: Count silently the beats of the rest or when appropriate, ask the class to pay attention to the rests before starting the song.

Question: What can a singer do properly keep 4/4 time arm motions? Answer: The first quarter beat is down, second quarter beat is down, the third quarter beat is up, and the fourth quarter beat is up. Realize that the first quarter beat does not end at the bottom of the down beat. Do not confuse arm motion with accent.

Question: How should we beat a fermata (bird’s eye)? Answer: With a slow motion of the hand or use the palm of your hand to help indicate when to hold. Nathan encouraged new singers to observe and sit by experienced singers. The class was dismissed.

Elective: *Sacred Harp Tunes Borrowings and Parodies.* 5:00 p.m. Aldo Ceresa brought the class to order leading 440 and 441. Aldo stated that these two songs are related. Song 441 is a major version of 440, which was written fifty years earlier. This sort of borrowing or reworking was the focus of this lesson. Some songs are arrangements of old folk songs and other types of songs. Intentionally or otherwise, composers borrowed from others in the Sacred Harp. The class was provided packets with examples of songs and information on borrowed tunes. Aldo led 517 and commented that it resembled 441, especially in the fusing entrance. Was this intentional? We will have to ask Hugh McGraw. This practice spans a long period of time, including early New England music, such as 195 and 280. The song “Land of Rest” on page 484 in the 1960 Sacred Harp is a B flat minor version of the B flat major of 280. Bethany Towne led 428 and Phillipa Stoddard led 542. Aldo notes the

entrance of 542 recalls 428, though the melody is quite different. A.M. Cagle invented something very different, but incorporated an old form. In Cagle's early version manuscript at Pitts Theology Library at Emory in Atlanta, Cagle originally used the words in 428. Aldo led "Prodigal" from the supplement to the Kentucky Harmony, an arrangement of an English hunting song that was arranged into a fuging tune (196, *Southern Harmony*) fifteen years later. Aldo led "Malabar (1803, Samuel Holyoke). Aldo stated that early fuging tunes in the Sacred Harp (1840-1850) were mostly exercises in reworking New England fuging tunes. Later on, new southern fuging tunes were written. "Malabor" was only slightly rearranged and improved by D.P. White, titled "Norwich" (362). Aldo led "Washington" (1778, William Billings). B. F. White added the high treble notes to this song and removed the alto, creating "Bear Creek" (269). The alto by G.G. Daniell was added in 1921. Aldo led "Turner" by Abraham Maxim. Ogletree somewhat reworked the melody and completely rearranged the harmony parts. The class sang 371. Aldo turned to modern arrangements and noted 528 arranged by A. A. Blocker from "Grafton", an old New England song, which appears in the *Cooper Book*. Aldo led "Hermon" from the Social Harp, a major of 142 by John G. McCurry, noting it was well executed like 441. Other attempts were not so successful, such as "The Love of God" a major version of 378 in the 1960 Sacred Harp. The class sang "Seaborn" from the 1960 Sacred Harp, an arrangement in minor of 434. The class sang "Love" from the Union Harp and James Book (1936 revision). This song's melody is based on the treble and the tenor of 101t (SH). Jesse Karlsberg led the first five measures of "Christian Prospect" in the *Christian Harmony*. H. A. Parris took the bass, tenor, and treble order, and wrote the song in C with a new alto. In 1964, O. A. Parris and his nephews took the alto and reworked it for the *Christian Harmony*. Deidra Montgomery led 196 and 481. Dan Brittain says he was not thinking of 196 at the time he wrote 481, but acknowledges that it may have been an influence. Aldo noted that several *Cooper Book* songs borrowed very heavily from songs just recently added to the Sacred Harp. Aldo invited anyone to contact him with other examples of borrowing. The class concluded singing 318.

Class Singing. 7:30 p.m. led by Youth Boys. The boys opened the singing with a special song. Tom Stokes led 105, followed by the opening prayer. Leaders: Holly Mixon and Anna Bowen 182; Alberta Hardy and Elinore Hardy 499; Cassie Allen, Evangeline Schultz, and Elizabeth Schultz 299; Susan Harcrow, Jackson Harcrow, and Andrea 401; Beth Anne Clay and Anna Grace Sipe 542; Jedidiah Schultz and Jarius Schultz 275b; Eva Striebeck and Ellen Lueck 430; Scott Ivey and Dinah East 61; Micah Rodgers and Jesse Rodgers 144; Jessa Cheronos and Dylenn Nelson 25; Rebekah Gilmore and Christopher Mann 312t; Bethany Towne and Hannah Land 399t; Jo Pendleton, Sharon Secola, and Jonathon Pendleton 246; Deidra Montgomery and Lauren Bock 431; Jennifer Betz and Cheyenne Ivey 432; Eimear O'Donovan and Aldo Ceresa 376; Robert Kelly and Nathan Rees 82b; Jesse Karlsberg, Stuart Ivey, and Jonathon Smith 351; Guy Banks and Jackson Fleder 424; Sam Sommers, Carol Mosely 180; Katy Kanfer and J.R. Hardman 473; Lela Crowder and Rachel Rudi 328; Lorrie Wacaster and Katy Wacaster 203; Ailee Martin and Ashton Rodgers 159; Benedicta Hardy and Ethan Hardy 107; Willis McCumber and Nathan Berry 28t; Amy Armstrong and Anita Landess 209; Philippa Stoddard and Holly Hauck 517; Dennis George, Tom George, and Rodney Ivey 134.

The Chairman led 521 as the closing song. The devotional was led by Ethan Corbett, followed by closing prayer.

Thursday, July 5

Lesson: Rudiments III / Youth II / Basics. 9:00 a.m. Stuart Ivey began the class by doing a human scale activity. Class members arranged themselves according to height and then traded enlarged notes on paper until they were in the correct order of the major scale, followed by singing the scale. The newer singers were randomly selected to arrange themselves in the same way, but in the correct order of the minor scale. The class learned that it was harder to hear the minor scale than the major scale. Stuart had the class look at 28b, stating that all of the notes in the major scale are in the song. The class sang 36t and 222. Stuart told the class that knowing the scale enables you to sing songs easier.

Blake Sisemore reviewed pg. 13 of the Rudiments describing notes and rests. A rest is a period of silence. There should be no foot tapping during a rest and the class should not hold the note before a rest. Blake reviewed 134, noting that it ran the notes of the scale as in 28b, and it also has a large range in the tenor part. The class sang 43 for an example of changes in modes of time. The class sang the tenor line of 43, 153, and 329. Stuart referred to 153, noting that when the time changes, the accent changes, too, and discussed primary and secondary accent. The class looked at 64 in 6/8 time with a quick upbeat at the first note and practiced the tricky beginning of the song. Stuart and Blake had the class go to pg. 19 of the Rudiments and reviewed intervals in the major and minor scales and sang the exercises. The class moved on to pg. 21, Chapter VIII of the Rudiments explaining what harmony is, and talked about what polyphonic is in Section 5. Sacred Harp is polyphonic...many voices that are equally important. Stuart talked about the pentatonic scale and looked at 59 as an example. The homework for the class was to look for songs that have a pentatonic scale. Class was dismissed.

Lesson: Rudiments III / Young Adults. 9:00 a.m. Sam Sommers opened the class leading 32t, followed by prayer. This class reviewed what they had learned at camp and discussed their observations from the evening singings. The class reviewed the modes of time, proper beating of time within the frame of modesty, and accent. Sam spoke of Sacred Harp music being living music that should have a pulse, and that is what accent does in a song. There is usually one primary accent in each measure. The class members are reminded to know their plans when they begin to lead, such as verses and repeats. Sam demonstrated communication to the class when you want to do a repeat. Every song has a beginning, middle, and end. "Da capo" (D.C.) means to repeat back to the beginning of the song. "Dal Segno" (D.S.) means to repeat back to the sign. There is only one song in the book that has D.S. and "the sign", 438. Sam used this song to explain the fermata or bird's eye, and called special attention to accent. The fermata is held at the reasonable discretion of the leader, so watch the leader. Do not keep beating time during a fermata; this may be contrary to what one may see other leaders do at a singing. The class reviewed the characteristics of 29t and sang it as written. Sam led 177, paying special attention to the marked dynamics. Dynamics are not marked on every song, but should still be sung. The class sang 176t and was dismissed.

Elective: More Readings on Some Sacred Harp Characters. 10:30 a.m. This class included more reminiscences from Buell Cobb's forty-seven year singing experience of a few notable Sacred Harp figures, including several born in the latter part of the 19th century. Mr. Cobb shared that he came to Sacred Harp in the mid-sixties around central Alabama. He met several legendary Sacred Harp singers.

Lesson: Odes and Anthems. 1:00 p.m. The class was provided a handout listing the twenty-one Odes and Anthems in the Sacred Harp. David Ivey opened the class by leading 512. David referred to page 23 of the Rudiments for definitions of odes and anthems. Leaders: Nathan Rees 225b; Scott Ivey 227; Alvaro Duarte 232; Rebekah

Gilmore 240; Tommy Schultz 245; Beth Anne Clay 268; Deidre Montgomery 355; Marcus Whitman and Robert Kelley 507; Eimear O'Donovan and Hannah Land 553; Sam Sommers 524; Aldo Ceresa 260; Tom George 234. Class dismissed.

Lesson: Learning Songs / Youth / Basics. 1:00 p.m. Jesse P. Karlsberg and Blake Sisemore conducted this class. Leaders: Holly Mixon 196; Eli Hinton and Jonathon Pendleton 268; Connor Campbell 535; Elizabeth Betz 378t; Russ Pope 250; River Skrenes 52t; Jennifer Betz, Robin Betz, and Matthew Betz 146; William Clay 282; Ethan Corbett 213b; Phillip Denney and Wyatt Denney 147t.

Elective: Thoughts on Sacred Harp Etiquette. 2:30 p.m. Buell Cobb, a longtime observer of Sacred Harp practices, shared thoughts on what to do and what not to do, and how to be effective and appreciated in singing, leading, and arranging at singings. Buell began by quoting Dewey P. Williams, "If you only know rudiments, you know very little". Earlier members of conventions might be fined or even expelled for behavior considered inappropriate; however, it was in many convention by-laws to remain open in regard to these things. Keep the sloganeering outside, and avoid subjects that may divide us. The Memorial Lesson should be limited to lovers and singers of Sacred Harp. Songs should be sung as they are written, without making outrageous adjustments. There are two types of leaders that are easy for the front bench: the confident ones and those who are deathly afraid. Buell led 425, adding an additional verse to demonstrate that the class was compliant and wanted to please the leader. Buell read a selection from the Chicago Newsletter "Dear Miss Grace Notes" column: "The leader must balance his desires with the class's desire or ability. Seasoning is important." On singing verses other than the first one, Buell said that it does not bother him. If you are giving to the class as you should, they will indulge you. On how flamboyant should you be when you lead, try to stay in the example of leaders you respect. On bringing in parts, you must let the front bench or other entering parts know what you are doing, but it is not necessary to bring in all the parts. On singing entrances with the parts, tradition does not tell us specifically; however, it is necessary to communicate. As you sit in the class, watch the leader! On arranging, the worst is to just go down the bench or through a family. Space out family members, etc., throughout the day. Bring back the class with the chairman, local singers, or those who have already led. Buell said we often break the rules we learned in singing school.

Team Tunesmith. 4:00 p.m. Aldo Ceresa introduced the singers to the class format. Those present would sing each of the 15 completed Team Tunesmith group composition exercises. Aldo complimented the class on a one hundred percent completion. After each exercise, the class gave comments. Members of the class led songs they had written. Aldo Ceresa "Englewood"; Jesse Karlsberg "Akerman"; Ethan Hardy "Remordancy"; Drew Smith "Findley"; Tom George "Dauphin Island". Aldo thanked the class for their participation and dismissed the class.

Community Singing. 7:00 p.m. led by Young Adults. David Ivey started the evening by recognizing Camp Lee employees with Certificates of Appreciation. The Young Adults sang a new medley by Robert Kelley called "Streams of Mercy".

J.R. Hardman and Willis McCumber began the singing by leading 346. Marcus Whitman offered the opening prayer. Leaders: Katy Kanfer, Eimear O'Donovan, and Amy Armstrong 35; Andrea Kemp and Sharon Secola 119; Drew Smith, Jedidiah Shultz, and Jairus Shultz 277; Idy Kiser and Reed Schilbach 479; Nate Green and Norma Green 378; Erica Hinton, Matt Hinton, Eli Hinton, and Anna Hinton 472; Jubal Schultz and Justin Corbett 496; Ethan Corbett, Ethan Hardy, and Ethan Schultz 551; Nathan Rees and Nathan Berry 280; Alberta Hardy, Elinore Hardy, and Benedicta Hardy 159; Russ Pope and Vella Daily 358; Elizabeth Betz, Robin Betz, Matthew Betz, and Jennifer Betz 494; Eva Striebeck and Ellen Lueck 384;

Christopher Mann, Nicholas Mann, Benjamin Mann, Beth Anne Clay, Ailee Martin, Lainey Martin, and Anna Grace Sipe 178; Lilly Underwood and Anna Marie Bethune 59; Guy Banks, Jackson Fleder, and Jason Steidl 58; Phillipa Stoddard, Anna Bowen, and Katy Wacaster 146; Liz Kiser, Cassie Allen, and Shelby Castillo 217; Blake Sisemore and Terry Wootten 76b; Jeannette DePoy and Holly Mixon 182; Tom George, Dinah East, and Tony Kiser 224; Micah Rodgers and Paula Oliver 142; Cheyenne Ivey, Serenity Manning, and Rebekah Gilmore 300; Daphene Causey, Reba Windom, and Sharon DuPriest 269. An adaptation of “Loving Jesus” called “Loving Camp Lee” (adapted and written by Lauren Bock and Drew Smith) was sung by campers.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by J.R. Hardman and Willis McCumber leading 324. Camp Lee employees presented a plaque to Camp Fasola. Jeff Sheppard received the plaque and expressed his appreciation. Leaders: Alvaro Witt Duarte, River Skrenes, and Connor Campbell 124; Philip Gilmore, Paula Gilmore, and Rebekah Gilmore 311; Lori Rodgers and Ashton Rodgers 112; William Schnorenberg, William Clay, and Konrad Tegtmeyer 282; Dylenn Nelson and Jessa Cheronos 299; Sonya Sipe, Cindy Mann, and Jennifer Clay 36b; Scott Ivey and Scott DePoy 201; Evangeline Schultz, Bethany Towne, and Elizabeth Schultz 30t; Tommy Schultz, Donna Schultz, and Marcus Strickland 56b; Bridgett Kennedy and Angela Myers 377; Eugene Forbes and Richard Mauldin 168; Ariella Perry, Lela Crowder, and Jonathan Pendleton 430; Deidra Montgomery, Rachel Rudi, and Hannah Land 319; John Kelso, Daniel Bass, and Eimear O’Donovan 81t; Samuel Sommers and Buell Cobb 386; Aldo Ceresa, Jonathon Smith, and Robert Kelley 558; Jesse P. Karlsberg, Lauren Bock, Tom Stokes, Henry Johnson, and Oliver Stokes 539; Carol Munro Mosley, Jill Coyne, and Jo Pendleton 566; Cornelia Tegtmeyer, Anita Landess, and Holly Hauck 535; Susan Cheronos and Marilyn Bradley 107; Jeffrey Wootten, Susan Harcrow, and Jackson Harcrow 383; David Ivey, Karen Ivey, and Stuart Ivey 131t; Pam Nunn, Ruby Cates Nunn, Rodney Ivey, and Judy Caudle 189. J.R. Hardman and Willis McCumber led 56t as the closing song. Marcus Whitman offered the closing prayer.

Friday, July 6

Campers took the parting hand and said goodbyes in the Ark at 9:00 a.m. following breakfast.

SHMHA President—Jeff Sheppard; Camp Fasola Director—David Ivey

FLAT SHOALS PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH SINGING

Flat Shoals Primitive Baptist Church, Stockbridge, Georgia

Saturday, July 7, 2012

The 6th annual session of the Flat Shoals Primitive Baptist Church singing was called to order by Jesse Roberts leading 47t. Clarke Lee offered the opening prayer. Leaders: Micah Roberts 480; Helen Bryson 428; Charles Woods 203; Phillip Langley 430; Clarke Lee 565; Jesse Karlsberg 275b; Ashley Thompson 327; Faye Hollis 340; Robert Kelley 50b; Nathan Rees 118; Oscar McGuire 441; Emma Rose Brown 60; Mary Elizabeth O’Neal 163b; Hannah Land 32t; Jonathan Smith 29b; Lela Crowder 354t; Katy Kanfer 83t; Ellen Lueck 497; Bethany Towne 33b; Shane O’Neal 127; Malinda Snow 74b; Samuel Sommers 279.

RECESS

Richard DeLong brought the class together leading 36t. Leaders: Frances Carnell 456; Eva Striebeck 71; Michael Thompson 207; Ethan Hardy 438.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Jesse Roberts; Vice Chairman—Richard DeLong; Secretary—Ashley Thompson.

Leaders: Bridgett Kennedy 110; Debora Grosse 455; Judy Caudle 500; Angela Myers 164; Rachel Rudi 266; Deidra Montgomery 121; George W. Burnette III 81; Tony Hammock 89; Alberta Hardy 229; Matt Hinton 134. The lunch blessing was offered by James Collins.

LUNCH

Jesse Roberts brought the class together leading 76b and 392. Leaders: Joyce Walton 67; Michael Walker 280; Benedicta Hardy and Alberta Hardy 86; John Kelso 38b; Leanne Carter 128; Richard DeLong 522; Sandra Wilkinson 270; Jessica Altman 436; Leon Carnell 503; Eva Striebeck 48b; Michael Walker 475; Hannah Land 434; Alberta Hardy and Elinore Hardy 448b; Deidra Montgomery 202; Ethan Hardy 126; Katy Kanfer 131b; Samuel Sommers 492; Emma Rose Brown 432.

RECESS

Richard DeLong brought the class together leading 44. Leaders: Ellen Lueck 42; Bethany Towne 458; George W. Burnette, III 101t; Helen Bryson 176t; Nathan Rees 360; Joyce Walton and Michael Thompson 192; Bridgett Kennedy 391; Clarke Lee and Julie Lee 472; Mary Elizabeth O'Neal and Shane O'Neal 178; Judy Caudle 540; Angela Myers 512; Jonathan Smith 125; Frances Carnell 143; Robert Kelley 511; Faye Hollis 168; Oscar McGuire 276; Tony Hammock 321; Malinda Snow 374; Jesse Karlsberg 416; Phillip Langley 172; John Kelso 396; Lela Crowder 124; Jesse Roberts, Micah Roberts, Jessica Altman, Timothy Altman, and Ashley Thompson 40.

Following announcements, Jesse Roberts and Richard DeLong led 62 as the closing song. Bill Pierson offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Jesse Roberts; Vice Chairman—Richard DeLong; Secretary—Ashley Thompson

QUEBEC SINGING CONVENTION **Lennoxville, Quebec and Ways Mills, Quebec** **July 13-14, 2012**

Friday, July 13

The Friday evening session was called to order in Lennoxville, Quebec, by Chuck Neville leading 68b. He then offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Dara Weis 32t; Glen Patterson 290; Jackie Hall 217; Pippa Hall 203; Isabelle Gervais-Chapman 105; Patrick DeDauw 285t; Cheryl Stroud 198; Ines Lüttgen 100; Diana Daly 277; Scott Luscombe 302; Phil Dutton 410t; Ishmael Stefanov-Wagner 368; Susan Jaster 326; John Henderson 146; Robert Stoddard 362; Elizabeth Stoddard 191; Bob Parr 270; Howard Katz 59.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Chuck Neville; Secretary—Ruth Doerfler.

RECESS

Chuck Neville led 49b to bring the class together. Leaders: Robert Stoddard 332; Dara Weiss 82t; Jackie Hall 528; Bobbie Goodell 503; Glenn Patterson 61; Pippa Hall 335; Isabelle Gervais-Chapman 47t; Ines Lüttgen 111t; Chuck Neville 569b; Patrick DeDauw 162; Cheryl Stroud 455; Diana Daly 86; Scott Luscombe 442; Annie Louchester 47b; Phil Dutton 344; Masti Denise Mayrand 46; Ishmael Stefanov-Wagner 377; John Henderson 178; Bobbie Goodell 174; Susan Jaster 485; Elizabeth Stoddard 399b; Bob Parr 480; Howard Katz 481.

Chuck Neville led 347, and offered the closing prayer.

Saturday, July 14

The all-day session of the Quebec Sacred Harp Singing Convention was called to order in Ways Mills, Quebec, by Chuck Neville leading 49b. He offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Wendy Gilchrist 47t; Paul Gauthier 31t; Bruce Kokernot 155; Bobbie Goodell 184; Cheryl Stroud 183; Inez Luttgen 164; Glen Patterson 378t; Sue Duelle 497; Isabelle Gervais-Chapman 335; Scott Luscombe 137; Ishmael Stefanov-Wagner 189; Leonard Spencer 95; Christopher Wesolowski 143; Patrick DeDauw 146; Dara Weis 39t; Phil Dutton 268; Howard Katz 99; Susan Jaster 157.

RECESS

Chuck Neville led 569b. Leaders: Bob Parr 112; Elizabeth Stoddard 124; Robert Stoddard 213t; Diana Daly 457; Pat Callahan 502; Wendy Gilchrist 107; Paul Gauthier 182; Bobbie Goodell 474; Bruce Kokernot 34b; Cheryl Stroud 53.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Don Peabody, at which time he spoke of our connection to one another and, as such, we are all pieces of a whole. He spoke of an experience he had where he was on a sort of mission at a prison in which there were several factions which were in deadly opposition to one another. He was trying to break down these factions and incite these prisoners to regard others not as enemies but rather as friends. He said that after speaking to the prisoners he felt in himself a certain power of those fellow Quakers he often joined at regular meetings. In consequence of his words to these men, it seemed that the divisions were able to be broken down and a certain harmony descended on the group. He read the list of names of the sick and shut-ins: Walter Robbins, Paddy Millet, Peter Golden, Bud Oliver, Daphene Causey, Jeff Sheppard, Shelbie Sheppard, Sanley Rozinski, Lysianne Pfaff, Kevin Paul, Mathieu B. Girard, and Stella Acelas. He led 68b. Don then read the names of the deceased as follows: Richard Wright (no state listed); Tom Lodge and Carol (Kali) Grosberg—California; Lonnie Rogers—Georgia; John Merritt—Mississippi; Julietta Haynes—Tennessee; Leland Owen—Texas; James Wyllie—Pennsylvania; Poppy Gregory, Martina Colombotos, and Grace Sasso—Massachusetts; John Connell, Andy Johnson, Chuck Meese, and Polly Howlett—Vermont; Cécile Cyr—Québec. In memory of those who had passed away, he led 159.

Leaders: Chuck Neville 163b; Sue Duelle 178; Isabelle Gervais-Chapman 175; Scott Luscombe 430; Robert Stoddard 315; Cheryl Stroud 180. A prayer was offered before the noon meal by Chuck Neville.

LUNCH

Bob Parr led 72b to begin the afternoon session. Leaders: Bruce Kokernot 455; Dara Weiss 472; Ines Lüttgen 506; Annie Louchester 448t; Cheryl Stroud 312b; Masti Denise Mayrand 82t; Scott Luscombe 313b; Susan Jaster 489; Jackie Hall “Ten Thousand Charms”; Elka Schuman 84; Sharon Schenkel 452; Bob Parr 313t; Elizabeth Stoddard 436; Robert Stoddard 392; Phil Dutton 574; Diana Daly 275t; Pat Callahan 227; Patrick DeDauw 89; Wendy Gilchrist 569t; Paul Gauthier 442; Leonard Spencer 260; Bobbie Goodell 496; Ishmael Stefanov-Wagner 373; Bruce Kokernot 350.

RECESS

Chuck Neville and Ishmael Stefanov-Wagner led 162 to bring the class to order. Leaders: Susan Duelle 503; Dara Weiss 276; Phil Dutton 163t; Isabelle Gervais-Chapman 448b; Annie Louchester 318; Elizabeth Stoddard and friend 401; Cheryl Stroud 547; Elka Schuman 196; Patrick DeDauw 131b; Susan Jaster 101b; Jackie Hall 327; Ines Lüttgen 83t; Scott Luscombe 353; Robert Stoddard 70b; Bob Parr 339; Elizabeth Stoddard 76; Cheryl Stroud 198; Patrick DeDauw 33b; Ruth Darhonelle 284; Dara Weiss 288.

Chuck Neville and Bob Parr led 62. Announcements were made and reports given. The dates for next year's convention will be July 12-13, 2013. The closing prayer was offered by Chuck Neville.

Chairman—Chuck Neville; Secretary—Ruth Doerfler

WALKER COUNTY CONVENTION

**New Hope Primitive Baptist Church, Walker County, Alabama
Saturday, July 14, 2012**

The 98th session of the Walker County Convention was held at New Hope Primitive Baptist Church on Saturday before the third Sunday in July. The class was called to order by Glenn Keeton leading 59. The opening prayer was offered by Richard Mauldin.

In a business session, the following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Glenn Keeton; Vice Chairman—Velton Chafin; Secretary—Brenda Chafin; Chaplain—Richard Mauldin; Arranging Officer—Don Keeton.

Leaders: Glenn Keeton 32t; Judy Caudle 314, 336; Richard Mauldin 84, 35; Brenda Chafin 76b, 97; Linda Sides, Mr. and Mrs. E.T. Swafford, and Dorothy Steadman 63, 328; Elene Stovall 182, 292; Don Keeton 477, 499; Rebecca Over 61, 318; Bea Carnathan and Joye Leggett 283, 568; Velton Chafin 463, 573; Larry Ballinger 528, 527.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Glenn Keeton leading 457. Leaders: Tim Whittaker 480, 460; Katy Kanfer 325, 491; Angela Myers 564, 425; Beth Branscome 565, 222; Juanita Beasley 31b, 39b; Butch White and Kenny Graves 30b, 86.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Linda Sides and Judy Caudle.

Linda Sides spoke on behalf of the deceased and the sick and shut-ins.

Judy Caudle read the following list of names of the sick and shut-ins: Josie Hyde, Johnnie Chafin, Bud Oliver, Sammie Oliver, Paula Springfield, S.T. Reed, Lessie Reed, Jeff Sheppard, Shelbie Sheppard, Charlie Ballard, Ann Ballard, Wynell Sanders, Charlotte Gober, and Estelle Gilmore. Judy and Linda led 445 in their honor.

Judy Caudle read the following list of names of the deceased: Travis Keeton, Marie Ivey, Clarence McCool, Julietta Haynes, Lonnie Rogers, John Merritt, Fred Whitaker, Alice Fahrback, Harrison Creel, Cecil Sanders, and Ernie Jett. Judy and Linda led 285t in their memory. Richard Mauldin closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Philip Gilmore 348b, 278b; Jim Aaron 68b, 503; Mike Hankins 410t, 72b; Joye Leggett 358. Richard Mauldin offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Glenn Keeton leading 349. Leaders: Lisa Geist 391, 120; Lena Keeton 497, 546; B.M. Smith 340, 389; Hubert Nall 36b, 287; Amber Davis, Carson Davis, and Claire Davis 82t, 380 (for Paula Springfield); Emily Burleson 37b, 485; Lela Aaron 64, 274t; Margie Smith 101t, 225t; Marlin Beasley 270, 434; Henry Guthery 456, 558; Tommie Spurlock 430, 137; Aubrey Barfield 269, 220; Anita Landess 379; Stanley Smith 396, 411; Don Keeton 212 (by request); Glenn Keeton 498, 475 (for Willodean Barton).

Following announcements, Glenn Keeton led 507 (for Josie Hyde) as the closing song. Richard Mauldin offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Glenn Keeton; Vice Chairman—Velton Chafin; Secretary—Brenda Chafin

SPIVEY HALL SINGING
Morrow, Georgia
Saturday, July 14, 2012

The class was called to order by Nathan Rees leading 59. John Hollingsworth offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Nathan Rees 32t; Judy Mincey 50b, 178; Malinda Snow and Lois Robinson 72b, 73b; Andy Morse 168, 77t; Bill Hollingsworth 196, 489; Janet Wuichet 63, 45t; J.R. Hardman 148, 481; Bob Goodman 452, 68b; Nathan Rees and new singing scholars 82t.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Malinda Snow; Vice Chairman—Judy Mincey; Secretary—Anne Grosse.

Leaders: Malinda Snow 40; Amy Armstrong 487, 107; Susan Firestone 84, 475; Gaston White 155, 66; Martha Ann Stegar 276, 277; Robert Dupree 384, 569b; Sylvia Price 392; Chris Robinson 385t, 385b; Sylbie Yon 128, 99; John Hollingsworth 176t, 114; Amy Armstrong and Oreta Taylor 159, 34b; Richard DeLong 129, 39b. Andy Morse offered the blessing.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Judy Mincey leading 31t. Leaders: Ann Webb 282, 318; Paul White 236; Lydia Jackson 113; Nathan Rees, Louis Armstrong, and Becky Duvall 56t; Malinda Snow 223; Judy Mincey 474; Andy Morse 497; Amy Armstrong and Nancy Skidmore 457; Richard DeLong, Nancy Wood, and Barry Woolf 75; Gaston White 186; J.R. Hardman 378b; Bill Hollingsworth 569t; Robert Dupree 122; Amy Armstrong 299; Carol Duvall 48t; Chris Robinson 49t; Debora Grosse and Anne Grosse 551; Sylvia Price 503; Martha Ann Stegar 510; Susan Firestone 504; Paul White 85; Lydia Jackson 46; Ann Webb 142; Bob Goodman 145b; Oreta Taylor 495; Lois Armstrong 119.

Announcements were made. Malinda Snow led 347 as the closing song. Judy Mincey dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairperson—Malinda Snow; Vice Chairperson—Judy Mincey; Secretary—Anne Grosse

MICHIANA SINGING
Southwest Bible Church, Goshen, Indiana
Saturday, July 14, 2012

The 25th annual Michiana Singing was called to order by Matthew Lind leading 49t. Pastor David Stump offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: James Nelson Gingerich 29t; Samuel Sommers 217; Rachel Miller Jacobs 171; Michael Miller 117; Ann Miczulski 273; Ray Rechenberg 277; Kay Huener 276; Wayne Dell 137; Clarissa Fetrow, Karen Willard, and Reed Schilbach 34b; Idy Kiser 472; Nathan Zweig 30t; Annaliza Cull 448t; Molly Williams 335; Carol Mosley and Hallie Burhoe 455; Joe Todd 312b.

RECESS

James Nelson Gingerich called the class to order leading 40. Leaders: Marian Mitchell 474; Holly Hauck 504; Jeff Cooper 410t; Lela Crowder 500; Randy Neufeld 99; Elizabeth Rechenberg 106; Jan May 157; Karen Bahler 56b; David Barford 454; Melanie Hauff 421; Malachi Lind 377; Hanna Barlow 63.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Matthew Lind; Treasurer—James Nelson Gingerich; Arranging Officer—Henry Schuman; Secretary—Samuel Sommers.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Samuel Sommers leading 105. Leaders: Michael Appert 313t; Michele Cull 384; Darrell Swarens 300; Gillian Inksetter 215; Roger Williams 350; Janet Fraembs 496; Reed Schilbach 297; Jan Ketelle 71; Lincoln Richardson 38b; Susan Geil 369; Bill Beverly 546; Jeff Begley 501; Suzanne Flandreau 68b (in memory of Julietta Haynes).

Tom Dean and Syble Adams conducted the memorial lesson. Tom spoke on behalf of both the deceased and the sick and shut-ins. Syble read the following list of deceased: Harrison Creel, Christine Gandy, Marie Ivey, Ernie Jett, Travis Keeton, Clarence McCool, Cecil Sanders, and Melvin Stiefel—Alabama; John Merritt—Mississippi; Julietta Haynes—Tennessee; Michael DeShield—Belize; Peter Revill—Connecticut; Lonnie Rogers—Georgia; Roger Benson, Rebecca Schildman, Phil Trier, and Michael Veech—Illinois; Linda Begley, Elvina Martens, Diane Nelson, Daniel Stoltzfus, Will Streeter, and Bob Wert—Indiana; Jim Gibson and Alene Robertson—Kentucky; Randall Dean—Massachusetts; Danya Klie—Maine; Harold Fitzgerald—Michigan; Dr. Charles William Landgraf, Sr.—Nebraska; Rev. Dr. Hugh Smith III—New Jersey; Evelyn Althouse—Ohio; Tom Schultz—Ontario, Canada; Mike Moss—Pennsylvania; Frank Evans—Virginia. She led 445 in their memory. Syble then read the following list of names of the sick and shut-ins: Joan Aldridge, Olivia Wooten Allen, Bob Anderson, Bob Borcharding, Anita Buswell, Don Buswell, Daphene Causey, Darrell Fasching, Phyllis Heiser Hartwig, Everett Metzler, David Rust, Marlen Rust, Bob Scorgie, Yarona Shakya, Lee Steinmetz, and Doris Steinmetz. She led 542 in their honor.

LUNCH

Henry Schuman called the class to order leading 32t. Leaders: Ryan Wheeler and Janelle Davis 159; Debbie Barford 112; John Bahler and Brad Bahler 77t; James Nelson Gingerich 528; Cathryn Bearov 340; Jim Page 168; Nicoletta Rogers 172; Syble Adams 47b; Dean Knuth 173; Pleasance Crawford 389; John Hoerr 282; Martha Beverly 550; Warren Steel 211; Karen Willard 543; Bill Shetter 36b; Kit Canright 218; Steve Rogers 439; Judy Hauff 536; David Alexander 383.

RECESS

Will Fitzgerald called the class to order leading 39t. Leaders: Peggy Brayfield 70b; Rachel Adelstein 299; Beth Todd 430; Jason Steidl 535; Steinie Thorvardson, Rodney Willard, and Karen Willard 495; Lisa Grayson 278b; Anne Missavage 480; Will Fitzgerald 444; Karen Swenson 442; Ginny Landgraf 74b; Ted Mercer 189; Jeannine Oaks 107; Michael Wiebe 72b; Ellen Morey 457; Christine Guth 201; Danile Martens 47t; Elizabeth Barlow 503; Kent Beck 81t; Cecelia Kramer 481. Announcements were made. Matthew Lind led 62 as the closing song. Michael Miller dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Matthew Lind; Secretary—Samuel Sommers

SOUTH WALES SINGING

Gwehelog Methodist Church, Usk, United Kingdom Saturday, July 14, 2012

Chris Brown called the class to order by leading 503. The Rev. Richard Gillion offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Judy Whiting 68b; Ewan Paterson 163b; Sarah West 28t; Charles Biada 277; Joe Vickers 313b; Ruth Steggles 171; Ian West 39t; Chris Brown 47t; Sarah West 498; Charles Biada 124; Ewan Paterson 335; Joe Vickers 77b; Ian West 148; Ruth Steggles 287; Judy Whiting 540; Helen Brown 36b; Ted Brown 49b; Margaret Gillanders 523.

RECESS

Sarah West called the class back together by leading 77t. Leaders: Chris Brown 350; Charles Biada 36t; Ruth Steggles 37b; Joe Vickers 131t; Ewan Paterson 108b; Ian West 480; Helen Brown 31t; Judy Whiting 152; Ted Brown 303; Margaret Gillanders 33b; Sarah West 370; Chris Brown 198; Joe Vickers 481; Ruth Steggles 128; Charles Biada 436; Ewan Paterson 274t; Ian West 105; Judy Whiting 72b; Ted Brown 74b; Helen Brown 236; Margaret Gillanders 472. Ruth Steggles gave thanks for the lunchtime meal.

LUNCH

Ian West brought the afternoon session to order by leading 270. Leaders: Colin Higgins 504; Chris Brown 288; Ruth Steggles 565; Joe Vickers 497; Sarah West 290; Charles Biada 118; Judy Whiting 569t; Ewan Paterson 49t; Helen Brown 432; Margaret Gillanders 212.

Ted Brown spoke on behalf of the following deceased: Brenda Grimshaw—Southampton; Gordon Corrick—Hull; Joe Reynolds—Denmead; Carolyn Jones—Stapleford; Irene Bateson—Newport Pagnell; Maureen Gamlin—Derby; Isaac Atkinson—Holmfirth; Julietta Haynes, Marie Ivey, Harrison Creel, and Lonnie Rogers—USA.

Ted spoke about the following sick and housebound: Tony Parkinson, John Hopkinson, Cherri Graebe, Cath Saunt, Cath Tyler, Virginia Glass, Don Walker, Charlotte Walker, Laura Densmore, David Daykin, Reginald Evans, Adam Byrne, Arthur Bateson, Dafydd Charles, Daphne Causey, Jeff Sheppard, Shelbie Sheppard, Pam Nunn, Rene Greene, and Ann Ballard. He led 225t, and closed the memorial service with prayer.

Leaders: Ian West 32t; Ruth Steggles 496; Colin Higgins 457; Chris Brown 441; Sarah West 569b; Joe Vickers 425; Judy Whiting 460; Ted Brown 338; Charles Biada 339.

RECESS

Ewan Paterson led 159 to call the class to order. Leaders: Helen Brown 157; Margaret Gillanders 228; Ruth Steggles 455; Charles Biada 209; Ian West 389; Sarah West 178; Joe Vickers 276; Ted Brown 445; Helen Brown 86.

Chris Brown and Judy Whiting led 323t as the closing song. Helen Brown offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Chris Brown; Secretary—Jan Green

CHAFIN, HARBISON, AND HOLLIS MEMORIAL New Prospect Church, Cullman County, Alabama Sunday, July 15, 2012

The 140th session of the Chafin, Harbison, and Hollis Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was held at New Prospect Church on the third Sunday in July. The class was called to order by Velton Chafin leading 32t. The morning prayer was offered by Richard Mauldin. Velton Chafin led 318.

In a business session, the following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman—Danny Creel; Secretary—Ann Jett; Arranging Committee—Brenda Chafin and Elene Stovall.

Leaders: Velton Chafin 30t; Don Keeton 498, 457; Judy Caudle 230, 343; Butch White and Kenny Graves 31t, 77t; Chris Cotter 56t, 432; Juanita Beasley 61, 31b; Anita Landess 170, 389; Ottis Sides 530, 527; Tyler Newman 64, 340; Marlin Beasley 336, 171; Margie Smith 499.

RECESS

Danny Creel led 224 and 283 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Ann Jett 269, 327; Cheyenne Ivey 183; Stanley Smith 216, 542; Cassie Allen 227, 326; Chris Ballinger 344, 350; Katy Kanfer 100, 505; Rodney; Ivey 123b, 267; Rebecca Over

270, 172; Tommie Spurlock 84, 475; Mako Cook, Tim Cook, and Shinichiro Mizushima 503, 276; B.M. Smith 225t, 284; Angela Myers 337, 168; Larry Ballinger 112, 113; Betty Baccus 397, 43 (for Josie Hyde); David Ivey 271t, 348t; Linda Sides 215, 448t.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Velton Chafin leading 145t. Leaders: Geraldine Sharpton 66, 299; Richard Mauldin 34b, 35; Cindy Tanner 460, 155; Lisa Geist 195, 428; Karen Ivey 67, 391; Faye Donaldson 176b, 138t; Amber Davis 440, 142; Susan Allred 186, 480; Elene Stovall and Katy Kanfer 411, 392; Wanda Capps 187, 200; Elsie Moon 394; Oleta Drummond 406, 313t; Bea Carnathan 438, 472; Ernestine Parker 314; Ernestine Parker and Richard Mauldin 146; Margaret Keeton 234, 78; Willodean Barton 454; Brenda Chafin 564, 566 (in memory of Harrison Creel). Following announcements, Velton Chafin and Danny Creel led 521 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Marlin Beasley, and the class was dismissed. Chairman—Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman—Danny Creel; Secretary—Ann Jett

HILLABEE SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION **Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church, Daviston, Alabama** **Sunday, July 15, 2012**

The 140th session of the Hillabee Sacred Harp Singing Convention at Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church near Daviston, Tallapoosa County, Alabama was held on the third Sunday in July. Charlotte Bishop called the class to order leading 32t. Robert Chambless offered the morning prayer.

The following officers were elected: Chairman—Charlotte Bishop; Arranging Officer/Secretary—Judy Chambless.

Leaders: Don Clark 36b, 146; Robert Chambless 77t, 225t; Clyde Avery 560, 462; Charlotte Bishop 145b, 229 (CB); Karen Clark 31b, 421; Marilyn Bradley 159, 58; Fred Hoerr 569t, 33b; Myrline Redmon 452, 358.

RECESS

Edna Ruth Phillips brought the class back to order leading 490 and 34b. Leaders: Judy Chambless 565, 37b; Sharon Whitehead 186, 480; Jordan Whitehead 111t, 354b; Carla Davis 274t, 108t; Douglas Hubbard 72b, 45t; Don Clark 511b (CB); Robert Chambless 81t; Karen Clark 511t (CB).

LUNCH

Clyde Avery brought the class back to order leading 155 and 63. Leaders: Marilyn Bradley 571 (CB), 34t; Fred Hoerr 39t, 47t; Myrline Redmon 335, 341; Carla Davis 457, 36b; Sharon Whitehead 143, 288.

After announcements, Charlotte Bishop led 56t as the closing song. The class voted to have the Hillabee Sacred Harp Convention next year at Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church, Daviston, Alabama.

Chairman—Charlotte Bishop; Secretary—Judy Chambless

KALAMAZOO SINGING **Wesley Foundation, Kalamazoo, Michigan** **Sunday, July 15, 2012**

The 14th annual Kalamazoo Sacred Harp Singing was held on the third Sunday in July. John Fink brought the class to order by leading 59. Will Fitzgerald offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: John Fink 49b; Martha Beverly 283; Roger Williams 142; Ann Miczulski 350; Aaron VanHeest, Angela VanHeest, Maya VanHeest, and Will Fitzgerald 178;

Jan Wright 107; Jackson Fleder 73t; Cecelia Kramer 148; Wayne Dell 268; Idy Kiser 108b; Chuck Crawford 378t; Janet Fraembs 556; Bill Beverly 191; Bill Shetter 181. The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—John Fink; Secretary—Henry Schuman.

RECESS

Molly Williams called the class to order leading 128. Leaders: David Stowe 365; Malachi Lind 332; Jan Ketelle 168; Jeff Begley 64; Nicoletta Rogers 538; Joe Todd 179; Elizabeth Rechenberg 366; Hanna Barlow 344; Lela Crowder 138b; Len Vanderjagt and Wayne Dell 38b; Beth Todd 52t; Steve Rogers 547; Kay Huener 269; Dean Knuth 42.

RECESS

Henry Schuman called the class to order leading 288. Leaders: Jim Helke 280; Peggy Brayfield 250; Rachel Adelstein 120; Ray Rechenberg 399b; Marian Mitchell 146; Jan May 448t; Elizabeth Barlow 328; Jason Steidl 63; Melanie Hauff 306; Nathan Zweig 465; Pleasance Crawford 490; David Alexander 362; Cathryn Bearov 198; Matthew Lind 145b; Reed Schilbach 318.

LUNCH

John Fink called the class to order leading 68b. Leaders: Clarissa Fetrow 155; Martha Beverly 40; Ann Missavage 192; Darrell Swarens 111b (in memory of Harrison Creel); Syble Adams 282; Ted Mercer 185; Judy Hauff 411; James Page 272; Karen Willard 434; James Nelson Gingerich 285t; Lisa Grayson 428; Will Fitzgerald and Bess Fitzgerald 447, 39t.

RECESS

Elizabeth Barlow and Hanna Barlow called the class to order leading 66. Leaders: Molly Williams 112; Karen Swenson 183; Kit Canright 129; Samuel Sommers 560; Ginny Landgraf 433; Gillian Inksetter 196; Reed Schilbach and Clarissa Fetrow 347; Syble Adams 496; Jackson Fleder and Jeff Begley 189; Karen Willard 171.

Announcements were made. John Fink led 209 as the closing song. Will Fitzgerald dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—John Fink; Secretary—Henry Schuman

CAPITOL CITY SHAPE NOTE SINGING **Loeb Reception Center, Montgomery, Alabama** **Thursday, July 19, 2012**

The 26th session of the Capitol City Shape Note Singing was called to order by Bill Hogan leading 33b and 36b. Tommie Spurlock offered the opening prayer. Joey Brackner, of the Alabama Center for Traditional Culture, welcomed everyone to the singing, and gave a brief history.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Bill Hogan; Secretary and Arranging Officer—Elene Stovall.

The class sang song selections from the Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition. Leaders: Elene Stovall 172; Larry Ballinger 101t; Bea Carnathan 472; Eugene Forbes 168; Lisa Geist 273; Judy Chambless 142; Darlu Nall 277; T.J. Mauldin 133; Ledora Morris 146; Richard Mauldin 143 (for Josie Hyde); Glenn Keeton 178; Gosia Perycz 546.

The class sang from the *Colored Sacred Harp*. Leaders: Bill Hogan 4; Stanley Smith 9; Joey Brackner 24; Kenneth Sundberg 12; Tommie Spurlock 25; Stanley Smith and Nancy Hogan “Lord, Give Me Just a Little More Time.”

RECESS

The class sang from the *Christian Harmony*, 2010 Revision. Leaders: Bill Hogan and Nancy Hogan 214; Chris Cotter 149; Katy Kanfer 268; Eddie Pierce 188; Louise Crunk 248; Robert DuPree 264; Billy Thompson 117.

The class sang from the *B.F. White Sacred Harp, Cooper Edition*. Leaders: Steve Helwig 273; Cheta Blakeley 478; Tom Fahrbach 464; Linda Thomas 84; Rebecca Over 225t; Fred Hoerr 38b; Robert Chambless 96; Alice Sundberg 53; Steve Grauberger 505; Bill Hogan 369.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with the class singing from the Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition. Leaders: Larry Ballinger 323b; Ann Webb 318; Tim Taylor 189; Voncile Nall 380; Elizabeth Duffy 45t; Ercyl Vidrine 335; Adrian Nall 358; Rebecca Over 527; Lisa Geist 528; Darlu Nall 497; Jonathan Blakeley 236; Rose Rushin and Elene Stovall 217.

The class sang from the *Colored Sacred Harp*. Leaders: Bill Hogan 47; Joey Brackner 19; Stanley Smith 59; Kenneth Sundberg 95.

RECESS

The class sang from the *Christian Harmony*, 2010 Revision. Leaders: Bill Hogan 133; Steve Helwig 43; Katy Kanfer 172; Tom Fahrbach 138; Eddie Pierce 171; Billy Thompson 179; Chris Cotter 312; Robert DuPree 86t.

The class sang from the *B.F. White Sacred Harp, Cooper Edition*. Leaders: Tommie Spurlock and Stanley Smith 156; Gosia Perycz 393t; Frank Strickland 145b; Bea Carnathan 559; Fred Hoerr 336t; Judy Chambless and Robert Chambless 336b; T.J. Mauldin and Richard Mauldin 392; Eugene Forbes, Chris Means, Crystal Means, and Will Means 229; Glenn Keeton 144; Alice Sundberg 572; Steve Grauberger 410; Keven Eddins, Evie Eddins, Eli Eddins, Ezra Eddins, and Edith Eddins 268t; Adrian Nall, Voncile Nall, and Lori Herring 484.

Announcements were made. Bill Hogan, Steve Helwig, and Richard Mauldin led 72.

The closing prayer was offered by Robert Chambless, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Bill Hogan; Secretary—Elene Stovall

COTACO CONVENTION

Gum Pond Primitive Baptist Church, Eva, Alabama

Saturday, July 21, 2012

The 124th session of the Cotaco Convention was held at Gum Pond Primitive Baptist Church, Morgan County, Alabama, on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in July. The class was called to order by J.L. Hopper leading 49t and 31b. The morning prayer was offered by Butch White.

The class was organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—J.L. Hopper; Vice Chairman—Butch White; Secretary—Judy Caudle. Leaders: Judy Caudle 48t, 177; Butch White 34b, 35; Milford Cobbs 159, 405; Nancy Thompson and Nicholas Thompson 384, 40; Eugene Forbes 186, 168; Loyd Ivey 208, 283; Don Keeton 457, 480; Delone Cobbs 73t, 354t; Angela Myers 314, 425; Lomax Ballinger 277, 430; Christopher Mann 47b, 114.

RECESS

Butch White led 448t to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Rodney Ivey 421; Gosia Perycz 436; Ed Thacker 546 (for S.T. and Lessie Reed); Geraldine Sharpton 481; Jonathan Smith 444; Cheyenne Ivey 222; Henry Guthery 304; Anna Grace Sipe 335; Ron Harper 399b; Ann Jett 448b; Buddy Ballinger 343; Steve Helwig 391; Katy Kanfer 345b; Phil Summerlin 460; Bea Carnathan 568; Chris Cotter 192; Dennis George 263; Susan Cheronos 209; Thom Fahrbach 564 (in memory of Alice Fahrbach); Larry Ballinger 228; Nathan Rees 297; Emily Burleson 434; David Ivey 169; Dan Hopper 140. Henry Guthery offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with J.L. Hopper leading 534. Leaders: Earl Ballinger 439; Jack Nelson 513; Amy Daniel 270; Tom George 487; Kelsey Ivey 377; Cindy

Tanner 182; Margaret Thacker 37b; J.C. Rutledge 39b; Carol Newman 220; Nicholas Thompson 82t; Gosia Percyz 269; Chris Cotter 573; Thom Fahrback 548; Henry Guthery 431; Katy Kanfer 477; Ed Thacker 112; Steve Helwig 203; Jonathan Smith 449; Dennis George 349; Geraldine Sharpton and Rodney Ivey 318; Nathan Rees 398; Emily Burleson 472; Larry Ballinger 291; Phil Summerlin 97; Bea Carnathan 80b; David Ivey 88b; Dan Hopper 240; Susan Cherones 278t; Butch White 86 (for his dad); Don Keeton 76b; Judy Caudle 276 (for Glenda Hopper). J.L. Hopper and Butch White led 62 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Milford Cobbs, and the class was dismissed.
Chairman—J.L. Hopper; Vice Chairman—Butch White; Secretary—Judy Caudle

MT. ZION MEMORIAL SINGING

Mt. Zion, Georgia

July 21-22, 2012

Saturday, July 21

The 120th session of the Mt. Zion Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was held at Mt. Zion Methodist Church on the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in July. Earlis McGraw called the class to order leading 30t. Bob Infield offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Earlis McGraw 283; Tommy McGraw 399b, 475; Charlene Wallace 63, 171; Judy Henry 117, 129; Judy Chambless 37b, 40; Clyde Avery 402, 560; Mike Hawkins 47b, 29t; Richard DeLong 431, 173; Richard Mauldin 378t, 551; Rebecca Over 527, 381; Emma Rose Brown 187, 72b; Jeannette DePoy 565, 318; Billy Hollingsworth 225t, 365.

RECESS

Earlis McGraw brought the class back to order leading 435. Leaders: Faye Hollis 276, 299; Anita Lambert 549, 540; Robert Chambless 176b, 77t; Amy Armstrong 148, 209; Tony Hammock 55, 83b; Helen Bryson 224, 196; Hayden Arp 58, 543; John Hollingsworth 186; Michael Thompson 177, 207; Rachel Rudi 476, 176t; Henry Johnson 138b, 147t; Oscar McGuire 163b, 155.

LUNCH

The class was brought back to order. A motion was made to go into a business session. The following officers and committee members were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Earlis McGraw; Vice Chairman—Tommy McGraw; Secretary—Lela Crowder; Chaplain—Hugh McGraw; Arranging Committee—Judy Chambless; Memorial Committee—Cecil Roberts and Curtis Hamrick.

Leaders: Tommy McGraw 542; Erica Hinton 111b, 500; Margie Smith 317; Matt Hinton 33b, 436; Marilyn Bradley 59; Eli Hinton 268; Anna Hinton 282; Rebecca Over 277; Anita Lambert 314; Billy Hollingsworth 377; Emma Rose Brown, Hayden Arp, and Rachel Rudi 145t; Clyde Avery and Mike Hawkins 127; Henry Johnson, Charlene Wallace, and Helen Bryson 325; B.M. Smith and Margie Smith 480; Michael Thompson and Richard DeLong 116; Matt Hinton and Erica Hinton 99; Oscar McGuire and Faye Hollis 137; Richard Mauldin, John Hollingsworth, and Tony Hammock 112; Judy Henry, Earlis McGraw, and Tommy McGraw 361; Judy Chambless and Robert Chambless 45t; Rebecca Over 114; Anita Lambert 297. After announcements, Earlis McGraw and Tommy McGraw led 411 as the closing song. Mike Hawkins dismissed the class with the closing prayer.

Sunday, July 22

The Sunday session of the Mt. Zion Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was called to order by Earlis McGraw leading 32t. Hugh McGraw offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Tommy McGraw 56t, 383; Lela Crowder 179, 129; Judy Chambless 472, 82t; Malinda Snow 431, 471; Mike Spencer 463, 393; Charlene Wallace 220, 283; Charles Wood 197, 481; Rachel Rudi 60, 439; Rebecca Over 544, 530; Thom Fahrbach 286, 325; Steve Kick 287, 229; Gosia Perycz 535, 504.

RECESS

Tommy McGraw brought the class back together leading 353. Leaders: Jeannette DePoy 75, 142; Jenna Frey and Christian Webb 294, 408; Jeff Sheppard 182; Anita Lambert 312t, 379; Katy Kanfer 348b, 332; Emma Rose Brown 322, 511.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Cecil Roberts and Curtis Hamrick. Cecil Roberts led 285t in memory of the following deceased: Alice Fahrbach, Homer Halsey, Marie Ivey, Lonnie Rogers, Julietta Haynes, Sally McEwen, Nick Griffin, and John Grant.

Cecil Roberts read the names of the sick and shut-ins, which included Ellie Soler, Nellie Estes, Jean Payne, Carlene Griffin, Danny Griffin, Bud Oliver, Sammie Oliver, S.T. Reed, Lessie Reed, Kelly Gukenberger, Don Buswell, and Anita Buswell. Curtis Hamrick led 45t to honor them. Ed Thacker closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Laura Frey 178; Erin Mills 267, 430; J.R. Hardman 378b, 106; Tony Hammock 69t, 303.

LUNCH

Earlis McGraw called the afternoon session to order by leading 225t. Leaders: John Plunkett 88b, 420; Ed Thacker 549, 516; Robert Chambless 84, 317; Margaret Thacker 68t, 565; B.M. Smith 556, 318; Reba Windom and Henry Johnson 168, 406; Henry Johnson 409; Faye Hollis 524, 217; Margie Smith 101t, 108t; Hayden Arp 149, 384; Oscar McGuire 485; Martha Ann Stieger 63, 347; Jason Stanford 97, 35; Judy Henry 371, 392; Cecil Roberts 37b, 277; Curtis Hamrick 137, 192; Rebecca Over 295; Thom Fahrbach 176t; Emma Rose Brown 138t; Katy Kanfer 435; Rachel Rudi 425; Anita Lambert.

Announcements were made. Earlis McGraw and Tommy McGraw led 62 as the closing song. Cecil Roberts offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Earlis McGraw; Vice Chairman—Tommy McGraw; Secretary—Lela Crowder

JOHN ETHERIDGE SINGING (MEMORIAL TO WINSTON JONES AND DOSS BRYAN) Valley Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Opp, Alabama Sunday, July 22, 2012

The John Etheridge Singing in memorial to Winston Jones and Doss Bryan was held at Valley Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Opp, Alabama, on the fourth Sunday in July. Song selections are from the *B.F. White Sacred Harp, Cooper Edition*. The class was called to order by Wayne Jones leading 225t and 76b. The opening prayer was offered by Bill Aplin.

Tim Jones led 293b and 553b. The introductory lesson was directed by Frank Strickland leading 108b, 505, and 464. Leaders: Ken Kelley 482; Leavene Bass 72; Billy Kelley 100; Judy Caudle 567; Ken Sundberg 442; Mary Whitehurst 32t; Larry Shaw 478; Wynette Smith 122.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Wayne Jones; Vice Chairman—Tim Jones; Secretary—Barbara Jones.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Wayne Jones leading 54t. Leaders: Joe Nall 338; Angela Myers 380t; Loyd Ivey 116; Janet King 82; Claude Nall 515; Cheyenne Ivey 129; Leland Phillips 522; Susan Cheronos 392; Edd Bass 309; Ernest Cockcroft 341. RECESS

Tim Jones called the class to order leading 63. Wayne Jones made remarks about the history of the singing. Mike Jones led 159 and 416t in memory of Doss Bryan. Tim Jones led 283 in memory of Winston Jones. Rodney Ivey and Tim Jones led 86, 356, and 398b in memory of John Etheridge. Bill Aplin made remarks about Winston, Doss, and John to close the memorial session.

Leaders: Chip Westbrook 127; Loretta Jones 285; Lloyd Jones 45t; Eva Padgett 507b; Linda Westbrook 348t; Michael Jones 282; Tommie Spurlock 73t; Vickie Aplin 377t; Bill Aplin 514. Wayne Jones led 369, and Tommie Spurlock offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The class sang 96 to begin the afternoon session. Leaders: Wayne Jones 330t; Rhonda Harrison 573; Judy Caudle 355; Angela Myers 559; Loyd Ivey 540; Claude Nall 572; Susan Cheronos 40; Rodney Ivey 133; Tommie Spurlock 120; Linda Westbrook 229; John Brownell 571; Lloyd Jones 463; Loretta Jones 465; Chip Westbrook 107t; Ernest Cockcroft 264b; Edd Bass 68b; Leland Phillips 447; Joe Nall 171; Wynette Smith 49b; Larry Shaw 64; Mary Whitehurst 48t; Ken Sundberg 438b; Merlene Hughes 174; Billy Kelley 491; Ken Kelley 300; Rhonda Harrison 145b.

Announcements were made. Tim Jones and Ernest Cockcroft led 95 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Ernest Cockcroft.

Chairman—Wayne Jones; Vice Chairman—Tim Jones; Secretary—Barbara Jones

THE SWANNANOA GATHERING SHAPE NOTE SINGING **Warren Wilson College, Asheville, North Carolina** **Saturday, July 28, 2012**

The Swannanoa Gathering Shape Note Singing was held at Warren Wilson College, Morris Pavilion, Swannanoa, North Carolina, on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in July, in conjunction with Old Time Week. The singers were greeted by Jane Spencer, who briefly introduced 7-shape singing, and led 61t (CH). Leslie Booher offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Kevin Kehrberg 293 (CH); Chris Wilhelm 93 (CH); Rachel Rudi and Emma Rose Brown 455b (CH); John Plunkett 127b (CH); Tina Becker 88 (CH); Gary Poe 509b (CH); Ron Pen 117 (CH); Mary Baumeister 65b (CH) (for Sharon Kellam); Tarik Wareh, Faiz Wareh, and Cora Wareh 339 (CH) (for Joann); Robert Kelley 466 (CH); Don Wiley 217 (CH); Faiz Wareh 210t (CH); Dot Lane 215 (CH); Leslie Booher 419t (CH); Molly Merrell 85 (CH); Ann Strange 58b (CH); Jonathan Wood 77 (CH).

RECESS

Jane Spencer reconvened the singing by leading 465t (CH). Leaders: Sarah Kehrberg 89 (CH); Marty Hubert and Devin Hunter 255 (CH); Dave Farmer 541b (CH); Harry Eskew 51 (SoH); Michael Spencer 334 (CH); Joe Holbert 282 (CH); Jane Spencer 171; Kevin Kehrberg 117; Tarik Wareh and Cora Wareh 331; Chris Wilhelm 539; John Plunkett 547; Faiz Wareh 89; Tina Becker 515; Ron Pen 455; Mary Baumeister 313b. John Plunkett asked the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The class was brought back to order, and the current officers were re-elected by acclamation. Leaders: Ron Pen 73b; Tarik Wareh 230; Robert Kelley 422; Tom Dillon 569b; Madeline Wadley 340; Leslie Booher 448t; Molly Merrell 39t;

Jonathan Wood 445; Dave Farmer 339; Maggie Shar 276; Chris Berg 267; Harry Eskew 146; Michael Spencer 393; Joe Holbert 178; Jane Spencer and Annie Haught 384.

RECESS

Ron Pen introduced the *Southern Harmony*, and led 103 (SoH). Leaders: Jane Spencer 115 (SoH); Chris Wilhelm 121 (SoH); John Plunkett 72t (SoH); Mary Baumeister 15 (SoH); Tarik Wareh, Faiz Wareh, and Cora Wareh 145 (SoH); Robert Kelley 147 (SoH); Jonathan Wood 275 (SoH); Tina Becker 46 (SoH); Michael Spencer 41 (SoH); Molly Merrell 150 (SoH).

Jane Spencer, Ron Pen, and Chris Wilhelm led 62 (SoH) as the final song. Michael Spencer offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Jane Spencer; Vice Chairman—Ron Pen; Secretary—Chris Wilhelm

EUGENE SINGING

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Eugene, Oregon

Saturday, July 28, 2012

The 15th annual Eugene Singing was held in the sanctuary of the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church on the last Saturday of July. Marci Cutler called the class to order at 9:30 a.m. leading 335. Gary Plouff offered the invocation.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairperson—Marci Cutler; Secretary/Treasurer—Carolyn Flatley-Gilkey; Arranging Committee—Jim Brock and others; Memorial Committee—Karen Stingle and Dave Tobin; Chaplains—John Dinsmore and Gary Plouff.

Leaders: Kathy Vlach 171; Anne Huckins 217; Jack Lofton 200; Karen Stingle 61; Reed Schilbach 318; Thom Fahrbach 389; Steve Helwig 271t; Jane Grant 373; Gosia Perycz 59; Marcia Stedman 474; Dave Tobin 163b; Kari Lundgren 344; Rachel Foster 47t; Clarissa Fetrow 77t; Harris Bernstein 457; Erik Schwab 354t.

RECESS

Cornelia Stanton brought the class back to order by leading 32t. Leaders: Susan Helf 34b; Betsy Jeronen 564; Scott Kennedy 149; Gary Plouff 328; Bob Schinske 475; Carolyn Flatley-Gilkey 383; Tom McTighe 196; Kate Fine 106; Dorothy Robinson 315; Suzanne Denker 504; David Landazuri 146; John Dinsmore 479; Anna Stoerch 73t; Martha Johnson 480; Fran Ross 183; Cornelia Stanton 66.

Dave Tobin conducted the memorial lesson and led 70t in honor of the following sick and shut-ins: Brad Kern, Will Marcotte, Peter Schinske, Mary Bullock Johnson, Jane Baumgart, Lon Marzano, Sanford Johnson, Nell Whitman, Stan Pierson, and Oliver Corrigan.

Karen Stingle led 499 in memory of the following deceased: Eric Miller, Erin Sutton, Mili White, Howard Ingber, Colleen Cavin, Tom Fahsbender, Lucein Percell, Sam Colman, and Grant Erwin, Jr.—Oregon; Mary Lassila, Ross Bune III, Liz Russell, and Ruth Palumbo—Washington; Alice Fahrbach—Michigan, Tom Linklater—Alaska; Harrison Creel—Alabama.

Leaders: Reed Schilbach 312b; Thom Fahrbach 377; Steve Helwig 501; Jane Grant 361; Harris Bernstein 107; Kari Lundgren 186; Linda Laing 178. Chaplain John Dinsmore asked a blessing on the food.

LUNCH

Gary Plouff brought the afternoon session to order leading 300. Leaders: Martha Sherwood 117; Gosia Perycz 505; Jenna Tompkins 165; Dave Tobin 410t; Rachel Foster 39b; Clarissa Fetrow 65; Erik Schwab 340; Susan Helf 270; Betsy Jeronen 392; Scott Kennedy 162; Audrey Karabinus 324; Marci Jayne Cutler 385b; Bob Schinske 454; Marcia Stedman 362; Carolyn Flatley-Gilkey 142; Tom McTighe 472;

Kate Fine 111b; Dorothy Robinson 455; David Landazuri 350; Suzanne Denker 56b; John Dinsmore 497; Anna Stoerch 57.

RECESS

Jane Grant brought the class back together leading 277. Leaders: Steve Helwig 112; Connie Stanton 438; Kathy Vlach 47b; Thom Fahrback 506; Kari Lundgren 31t; Fran Ross 551; Gosia Perycz 500; Karen Stingle 496; Jack Lofton 528; Martha Johnson 532; Anne Huckins 99; Reed Schilbach 297; Erik Schwab 82t.

Reports from committees were given. Carolyn Flatley-Gilkey announced that 55 people were registered for the singing and 82 songs were sung. She reported that the expenses of the singing were met. Erik Schwab offered the resolutions report, thanking everyone who made the singing a success.

John Dinsmore offered the closing prayer. Marci Cutler led 155 as the closing song, and the class was dismissed.

Bill Walters of Seattle won the coveted “Wicket raised on high” croquet trophy. Chairperson—Marci Jayne Cutler; Secretary—Carolyn Flatley-Gilkey

MARILOU AND DON JOLLY MEMORIAL SINGING **Poway, California** **Saturday, July 28, 2012**

The 16th annual Marilou and Don Jolly Memorial singing was called to order by Susanna Ball leading 34b. Sue Scott offered the opening prayer, and dedicated the singing to the memory of those absent in body but present in spirit, Marilou and Don Jolly.

A business meeting was held and the following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Carroll Lunsford; Vice Chairperson—Midge Harder; Secretaries—Mary Linn Bergstrom and Susan Willis-Powers; Treasurer—Mairye Bates; Chaplain—Sue Scott; Arranging Committee—Susanna Ball and Carla Smith; Resolutions Committee—Tom Booth and Jerry Schreiber.

Leaders: Carroll Lunsford 176t; Jerry Schreiber 66; Midge Harder 477; Roz Foster and Kellyn Sanderson 384; Susanna Ball 178; Mairye Bates 473; Sean Francis Conway 48b; Mimi Wright 410b; Carla Smith 213t; Karen Huss 454; Lisa Klopp 63; Rick Russell 29t; Linda Booth 198; Linda Domholz 235.

RECESS

The class was brought back together by Laura Boyd Russell leading 52t. Leaders: Robin Woolner 163b; John Marr 457; Jeff Begley 534; Ron Huss 351; Jeri Segal 277; Johanna Fabke 472; Robyn Hansen 203; Linda Selph 336; Laura Boyd Russell 337; Jerry Schreiber 362; Mairye Bates 59; Midge Harder 282; Carroll Lunsford 426t; Susanna Ball 148.

RECESS

The class was brought back together by Jerry Schreiber and Tom Booth leading 535. Leaders: Mimi Wright 284; Steven Tee 71; Sean Francis Conway 33b; Roz Foster, Kellyn Sanderson, and Sean Francis Conway 47b; Mairye Bates and Midge Harder 335; Carla Smith 532 (Don Jolly’s favorite); John Marr 186; Ron Huss 549 (dedicated to Alex Ruggieri); Linda Domholz 49b. Sue Scott offered grace before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The class was called back to order by Jerry Schreiber and Mike Kler leading 159. Leaders: Robin Woolner 274t; Karen Huss 236; Linda Selph 215; Rick Russell 149; Linda Booth 196; Laura Boyd Russell 61; Mary Linn Bergstrom 556; Jeff Begley 481; Jeri Segal 538; Sean Francis Conway 163t; Johanna Fabke 84; Robyn Hansen 112; Jerry Schreiber 254; Cynthia Robertson 28b; Midge Harder 245.

RECESS

The class was brought back together by Sean Francis Conway leading 31t. Leaders: Mairye Bates and Jerry Schreiber 36b; Carroll Lunsford 111b; Steven Tee 38b; Susanna Ball 446; Carla Smith 35; Mimi Wright 267; John Marr 400; Carla Smith and Susan Willis-Powers 344; Mary Linn Bergstrom 424; Ron Huss 486; Linda Domholz 268; Robin Woolner 323b.

RECESS

The class was brought back together by Midge Harder leading 224. Leaders: Karen Huss 303; Linda Selph 58; Johanna Fabke 129; Linda Booth and Linda Kler 45t; Steven Tee 107; Rick Russell 52b; Jeff Begley 47t; Laura Boyd Russell 448b; Robyn Hansen 48t; Jeri Segal 142.

The Chairman and Resolutions Committee offered thanks to everyone who helped make the singing a success. Mairye Bates gave the report of the treasurer.

Announcements were made.

Carroll Lunsford led 62 as the closing song. Sue Scott offered a closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Carroll Lunsford; Vice Chairperson—Midge Harder; Secretaries—Mary Linn Bergstrom and Susan Willis-Powers

CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA SACRED HARP SINGING

Centre Hall, Pennsylvania

Saturday, July 28, 2012

The 3rd annual Central Pennsylvania Sacred Harp All-Day Singing was held at the Progress Grange Hall on the fourth Saturday in July. The class was called to order by Hal Kunkel leading 144. Karen Rath offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were appointed to serve: Chairman—Hal Kunkel; Vice Chairman—Bryan Ferlez; Secretary—Karen Rath.

Leaders: Bryan Ferlez 142; Karen Rath 87; Betsy Gamble 106; John del Re 229; Ina Shea 215; Oliver Kindig-Stokes 208; Chas Brua 442; Abby Minor 274t; Patty Lambert 31t; Lamar Matthew 344; Dan Coppock 371; Gerry Hoffman 42; Eli Snyder 455; Jerusha Wheeler 454.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Julie Johnson leading 146. Leaders: Tim Culbertson 236; Barbara Hohenstein 28b; Claire Steiner 105; B.C. Condon 479; Tristan Cleveland 159; Kelly Kennedy 228; Bob Wheeler and Delores Anthony 171; Dean Jens 377; Kevin Sims 36b; Steve Sherrill 282; Les Updike 373; Nancy Mandel 411; Jim Strube 145t; Sue Hanson 137; Joshua Barnett 480; Maura Burns 182.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Zach Bullock leading 101t. Leaders: Tim Wheeler 504; Scott Robinson 32t; Dan Hunter 316; Denise Morris 523; Ben Cocchiaro 182; John Alexander 56b; Jessica Keyes 179; Harry Scott 497; Clare Chapin 503; Bethany Towne 196; Rachel Speer 216. Karen Rath offered the blessing for the meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Tim Culbertson leading 107. Leaders: Katie White and Brian How 114; Ted Stokes 192; Eileen Metzger 332; Kevin Griffin Moreno 220; Deidra Montgomery 234; Zach Bullock 354t; Thom Metzger 383; Hal Kunkel, Rick Kunkel, and Johanna Biehler 333; Julie Botnick 112; Marilyn Murata 218; Gabriel Echeverri 176b; Dave James and Maura Burns 276; Doron Henkin 434; Becky Wright 203; John Brode 285t; Rachel Hall 429; Diane Ober 317; Lois Hurt 551; Peter Pate 313b; Lucy Roberts 89; Brian How 547.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Kevin Sims leading 73t. Leaders: Deidra Montgomery 569t; Rachel Speer 172; Maura Burns 93; Marilyn Murata 80t; Eileen Metzger 68t; Bethany Towne 396; Jessica Keyes 269; Becky Wright 432; Denise Morris and Delores Anthony 63; Diane Ober and John Alexander 71; Nancy Mandel 201; Julie Botnick 499; Barbara Hohenstein 173; Rachel Hall 181; Claire Steiner 457; Eli Snyder and Andrew Windham 59; Thom Metzger, Eileen Metzger, and Oliver Kindig-Stokes 423; Dean Jens and Rachel Speer 349; Julie Johnson 335. Bryan Ferlez thanked all who helped to make the singing a success. Hal Kunkel made announcements, and led 347 as the closing song. Karen Rath offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Hal Kunkel; Vice Chairman—Bryan Ferlez; Secretary—Karen Rath

MAINE ALL-DAY SINGING
The Old Town House, Union, Maine
Saturday, July 28, 2012

The 10th session of the Maine All-Day Singing held on Saturday before the last Sunday in July was called to order by Kathe Pilibosian leading 33b. Dan Purdy offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Pleasance Crawford 389; Elizabeth Stoddard 39t; Bobbie Goodell 228; Chuck Crawford and Scott Luscombe 203; Corrone Bryant 73b; Edith Berger 162; Chris Holley 268; Robert Stoddard 399b; Pat Callahan 90; Willis McCumber 506; Joanne Fuller 505; Dan Adams 179; Liz Cantrell 456; James Page 168; Masti-Denise Mayrand 125; Scott Luscombe 110; Mary Skidmore 111b; Bruce Voyles 146; Celia Devine 362; Somen Goodman 569; Yael Tarshish 384.

The following officers were appointed or elected to serve: Chairperson—Kathe Pilibosian; Treasurer—Robert Stoddard; Arranging Officer—Elizabeth Stoddard; Secretary—Pleasance Crawford.

RECESS

Ian Quinn called the class back together by leading 111t. Leaders: Anne Kazlauskas 288; Terry Ryan 556; Robert Stoddard 205; Bill Holt 224; Natalie Jablonski 213b; Benjamin Bath 192; Carly Goss 500; Chris Noren 424.

Joanne Fuller and Mary Jo Shafer conducted the memorial lesson. Joanne Fuller urged the class to reach out to the sick and shut-ins, and then read the following names: Chuck Micciche, Bob Scorgie, Bob Anderson, John Pratt, Trudie Kazlauskas, Jean Ayotte, Ian Ludden, and Peter Golden. She led 460 in their honor.

Mary Jo Shafer spoke about death and loss, and then read the names of the following deceased: Danya Klie, Frances (Franny) Bliss, Bruce Wallace, James Kempton Tobey—Maine; Phillip Bodard, Neil Courmier, Carl Houey, Dennis Linehan, Poppy Gregory—Massachusetts; Tom Shultz—Ontario; John Merritt—Mississippi; Lonnie Rogers—Georgia; Joseph Ost—Kansas; Nora Miller—Iowa; Marie Ivey—Alabama. She led 235 in their memory. Liz Cantrell closed the memorial lesson with a prayer.

Leaders; Paula Picton 216; Leonard Spencer 95; Aldo Ceresa 297; Christina Wallin 270; Steve Cackley 359; Ian Quinn 369. Corrone Bryant offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Christina Wallin called the afternoon session to order by leading 31t. Leaders: Mary Jo Shafer 72b; Nathan Zweig 145b; Hal Booth 178; Pat Callahan 296; Bill Holt 383; Mary Skidmore 474; Benjamin Bath 411; Paula Picton 419; Sumner Roberts 141; James Page 193; Natalie Jablonski 196; Ian Quinn 458; Carly Goss and Chris Noren 507; Liz Cantrell 442; Sumner Roberts 141; Yael Tarshish 440; Anne Kazlauskas 195; Leonard Spencer 245; Dan Adams 376; Celia Devine 312b.

RECESS

Terry Ryan called the class back together by leading 105. Leaders: Willis McCumber 210; Andal Sundaramurthy 455; Bruce Voyles 163b; Masti-Denise Mayrand 133; Scott Luscombe 532; Christina Wallin 318; Robert Stoddard 309; Joanne Fuller 406; Aldo Ceresa 156; Pleasance Crawford 550; Corrone Bryant 99; Bobbie Goodell 496; Sumner Roberts 98; Chuck Crawford 480; Edith Berger 282; Terry Ryan 198; Elizabeth Stoddard 454.

In a short business meeting, reports were made. The Treasurer announced that nearly all expenses had been met. The Secretary reported that 60 registered singers came from all six New England states, plus Indiana, Maryland, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Virginia, Wisconsin, and the Canadian provinces of Ontario and Quebec, and that 40 leaders led 82 songs. Elizabeth Stoddard was elected chairperson of the 2013 Maine All-Day Singing. Announcements were made.

Chris Holley and others led 436 (for Peter Golden). Kathe Pilibosian led 382 as the closing song. Paula Picton offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed. Chairperson—Kathe Pilibosian; Secretary—Pleasance Crawford

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SACRED HARP SINGING Calvary Lutheran Church and University Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota July 28-29, 2012

Saturday, July 28

The 32nd annual Young People's Sacred Harp Association met on Saturday before the first fifth Sunday after the fourth of July at Calvary Lutheran Church in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The class was called to order by Anna Pfau and Nathan Berry leading 36b. Noelle Copeland offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Noelle Copeland 33b; Melissa Kelley 276; Ben Copenhaver 147b; Elise delMas 270; Kelsey Nelson 335; Claudia Egelhoff 77b; David Moore 312b; Hans Guttman 480; John Seaton 47t; Donna Gunderson-Rogers 434; Jackson Fleder 294; Cassie Lang 39t; Jeff Bell 166; Donnie Simmet 81t; J.R. Hardman 473; Stacey Berkheimer 189.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Co-Chairpersons—Anna Pfau and Nathan Berry; Secretary—Elise delMas; Arranging Committee—Ben Copenhaver and Hannah Lutz; Treasurer—Kevin Bullock; Chaplain—Noelle Copeland; Locating Committee—Melissa Kelley, J.R. Hardman, and Stephanie Fida.

Leaders: Cathy Lutz 106; Kim Bahmer 142; Paul Figura 334; Valerie Stoehr 532; Michael L. Moore 349; Kit Canright 76b; Roberta Strauss 269; Bill Waddington 218; Angie Payne 31t; Rachel Adelstein 424; Charlie Obert 474; Leon Pulsinelle 103; Kendra Strickland 129; Christine Stevens 542; Jim Goetz 504; Marcus Whitman 564; Carol Buche 147t; Shirley Figura 30b.

RECESS

Steve Luttinen brought the class back together by leading 274t. Leaders: Steven T. Schmidgall 567; Laura Densmore 522; Kevin Bullock 59; Barbara Swetman 497; Robin Fox 163t; Michael Nord 27; Janell Draper 68b; Carol Crawford 101t. Steve Copeland offered the blessing before lunch.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Steven Levine leading 29t. Leaders: Jim Pfau 216; Ginny Landgraf 397; Stephanie Fida 399b; Jennifer Hedrich and Noelle Copeland 287; Ted Mercer 240; Leslie Williamson White 162; Riley Lee 69t; Judy Hauff 536; Daniel Gray 68t; Julie Veal 436; Alice Maggio 481; Paul Landskroener 528; Matt

Wells 500; Mary Elizabeth O'Neal 344; Karen Swenson 200; Eleanor Haase 352; Will Gilman 496.

RECESS

Ben Copenhaver called the class back to order by leading 105. Leaders: Denise Kania 208; Martha Henderson 67; Randy Neufeld 99; Stephen Parker 362; Ethan Schultz 38b; Ann Sleeva 464; Steve Copeland 569t; Cathy Lutz 383; Steve Luttinen 385t; Melissa Kelley 475; Hannah Lutz 66; David Moore 277; Doug Donley 198; Donnie Simmet 101b; Steven Levine 28b; Kevin Bullock 290; Jackson Fleder 37b.

The Locating Committee announced that the 33rd annual Young People's Sacred Harp Association will meet in Hoboken, Georgia in 2013. Nathan Berry and Anna Pfau led 323t as the closing song. Stephanie Argo offered the closing prayer.

Sunday, July 29

The Sunday session of the Young People's Sacred Harp Singing was held at University Baptist Church in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The class was called to order by Nathan Berry and Anna Pfau leading 34b. Riley Lee offered the morning prayer. Leaders: Kim Bahmer 32t; Will Gilman 82t; Jim Goetz 159; Kendra Strickland 49t; Paul Landskroener 47t; A.M. Hillis 282; Alicia Murphy and Jennifer Hedrich 432; Angie Payne 472; Ethan Schultz 147t; Martha Henderson 340; Matt Wells 77t; Barbara Swetman 542; Kristine Peterson 84; Kit Canright 48t; Alice Maggio 89; Elise delMas 122.

RECESS

Jim Pfau led 40 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: J. R. Hardman 452; Michael Moore 280; Julie Vea 419; AnnaLeigh Smith 178; Denise Kania 328; Aaron Victoria-Vanguard 47b; Thea Johansen and Claudia Egelhoff 410t; Mary Elizabeth O'Neal 142; Kevin Bullock 171; John Seaton 102; Cathy Lutz 228; Ginny Landgraf 447; Alexa Copeland 271t; Daniel Gray 146.

RECESS

Nathan Berry led 105 to bring the class back together. Leaders: Jackson Fleder 406; Steve Luttinen "Jumalaan Rauhaan"; Ted Mercer 202.

Mary Elizabeth O'Neal and Will Gilman conducted the memorial lesson. Mary Elizabeth O'Neal read a passage from scripture and led 129.

William Gilman led 162 in memory of the following deceased: Joan Fritz, Verna Henke, Richard Macko, Jane Jaspersen, Toney L. Sackey, Nick Moore—Minnesota; Judi Klein-Fitzgerald—South Dakota; Sam Thomas and Paul Wagner—Ohio; John Merritt—Mississippi; Phil Trier and Romella Kaeser—Illinois; Harold Blecha—Washington; Harrison Creel, Marie Ivey, Clarence McCool, Travis Keeton—Alabama; Dora Miller—Iowa; John Grant—Arkansas; Anne Vattendahl—formerly of Minnesota; Bonnie Appleton—Virginia; Fr. Gregg Schaeffer—San Lucas Toliman, Guatemala; Rev. Dr. Hugh Smith III—New Jersey and Pennsylvania; Dr. Charles William Landgraf, Jr.—Nebraska; George Pauly—Wisconsin. Stephen Schmidgall offered prayer to close the memorial service.

Leaders: Melissa Kelley 549; Donnie Simmet 421; Riley Lee, Mary Elizabeth O'Neal, and Kendra Strickland 454. Noelle Copeland offered grace before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Steven Levine leading 145t. Leaders: Noelle Copeland 236; Laura Densmore 456; Paul Wyatt 168; Jan Ketell 430; Michael Nord 300; Jeanette Nelson 299; Leon Pulsinelle 408; Donna Gunderson-Rogers 187; Rachel Adelstein 182; Stephen Schmidgall 24b; Paul Figura 337 (for Jim Hearne); Cassie Lang 448b; Roberta Strauss 384; Christine Stevens 318; Judy Hauff 411; Shirley Figura 361; Ben Copenhaver 507; Marcus Whitman 448t; Carol Buche 86.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Matt Wells leading 39t. Leaders: Kim Bahmer 163b; Mary Rose O'Reilley 532; Stephanie Fida 306; Gretchen Pfau and Anna Shewmaker 312b; Melanie Hauff 215; Jenny Willard 68b; Anne Drexler 148; Charlie Obert 276; Jennifer Hedrich 268; Jim Pfau 217; Stacey Berkheimer, Karen Edwards, and Dan Edwards 288; Karen Swenson 196; Hans Guttmann 270; Riley Lee 26; Eleanor Haase 272.

The class went into a business session for the purpose of hearing reports from the committees. The Treasurer announced that expenses were met. Announcements of future singings were made. The Secretary reported that on Saturday the class sang 81 songs led by 72 leaders, and on Sunday the class sang 77 songs led by 72 leaders representing 15 states.

Nathan Berry and Anna Pfau led 347 as the closing song. Noelle Copeland offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Co-Chairpersons—Anna Pfau and Nathan Berry; Secretary—Elise delMas

LACY MEMORIAL Fuller Cemetery, Ider, Alabama Sunday, July 29, 2012

The annual Lacy Memorial Sacred Harp singing held on the first fifth Sunday following the 4th of July was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Reba Windom and Betty Shepherd leading 59. The morning prayer was offered by Henry Johnson.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Co-chairmen—Reba Windom and Betty Shepherd; Secretary—Judy Caudle; Arranging Officer—Michael Thompson.

Leaders: Reba Windom and Betty Shepherd 101t (in memory of Leonard Lacy); Judy Caudle 42 (for Bud Oliver); Blake Sisemore 556; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 39t; B.M. Smith 441; Paula Oliver 385b; Jackson Harcrow 56b; Susan Cheronos 209; Angela Myers 344; Nathan Rees 90; Carolyn Thompson 500; Denney Rogers 143; Linton Ballinger 212; Kelsey Wessels 171; Henry Johnson 398; Ed Thacker 198; Erica Hinton 102; Scott Ivey 430; Lela Crowder 29t; Cerys Matthews 29b; Loretta Smith and Amy Smith 48t; Jeff Sheppard 99; Anna Hinton 300; Lacy Collier and Josh Collier 46.

RECESS

Richard Ivey led 56t to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Michael Thompson and Joyce Walton 456; Matt Hinton 131b; Deborah Morton, Betty Shepherd, and Reba Windom 299; Michael Spencer 205; Mildred McElroy 218; Jonathan Smith 360; Charlene Wallace 283; Scot Oliver 145b; Sonny Erwin 68b (for Curtis Owen); Cheryl Foreman 224; Bridgett Kennedy 564; Elizabeth Eaton 547; the Lacy family 45t.

RECESS

The class was brought back together by Kelsey Ivey leading 153.

Leaders: Jeannette DePoy 328; Sharon DuPriest 434 (for Daphne Causey); Betty Wright 569b; Judy Mincey 464; Margaret Thacker 339; John Plunkett 227; David Ivey and Rodney Ivey 380; Warren Steel 211 (in memory of Julietta Haynes); David Carlton 220; Judy Chambless 540 (in memory of Julietta Haynes); Cindy Tanner 269; Rene Greene 137.

The blessing before the noon meal was offered by John Plunkett.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Jenna Strizak leading 138b. Leaders: Rebecca Over 527; Emma Rose Brown 498; Hayden Arp 112; Susan Harcrow and Drew Smith 475; Betty Shepherd, Bridgett Kennedy, Angela Myers, Judy Caudle, and Elizabeth Keeling 216; Michael Walker 377; Lynne deBenedette 383 (in memory of

Jerry Enright and for Karen Freund); Pam Nunn 189; Loyd Ivey and Susan Harcrow 426b; Sarah Jenkins and Richard Ivey 362; Karen Rollins 298 (in memory of Lonnie Rogers); Darrell Swarens 111b (in memory of Harrison Creel and Bill Tanner); Kelsey Ivey and Richard Ivey 217; Katy Kanfer 165; Eloise Wootten 454; Erin Mills 542; Lauren Bock and Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 411; Rachel Rudi 392; Jackie Tanner 208; David Brodner 384; Cheyenne Ivey 108t; Karen Ivey 192; Cecil Roberts 89; Phil Summerlin 415; Hobert Ivey and Linda Thomas 47t; Tony Ivey 332; Eli Hinton 268; Reba Windom and Betty Shepherd 196.

Reba Windom and Betty Shepherd led 146 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Phil Summerlin, and the class was dismissed.

Co-chairwomen—Reba Windom and Betty Shepherd; Secretary—Judy Caudle

D. H. MANSFIELD AMERICAN VOCALIST SINGING
The Old Town House, Union, Maine
Sunday, July 29, 2012

Aldo Ceresa welcomed singers to the 2nd annual singing from D.H. Mansfield's *The American Vocalist* and *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*. He called the class to order leading 63 (AV). Corrone Bryant offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were appointed or elected to serve: Chairman—Aldo Ceresa; Treasurer—Robert Stoddard; Arranging Officer—Terry Ryan; Secretary—Pleasance Crawford.

Leaders: Pleasance Crawford 32 (AV); Terry Ryan 98t (AV); Corrone Bryant 44 (AV); Chris Holley 53 (AV); Sumner Roberts 70b (AV); Willis McCumber 19 (AV); Bobbie Goodell 45b (AV); Elizabeth Stoddard 86 (AV); Pat Callahan 45t (AV); Joanne Fuller 46 (AV); Paula Picton 64 (AV); Chris Noren 42 (AV); James Page 13 (AV); Mary Jo Shafer 70t (AV); Robert Stoddard 23t (AV).

RECESS

Ian Quinn called the class back together by leading 73b (AV). Leaders: Ben Bath 49 (AV); Steve Cackley 90t (AV); Robert Stoddard 90b (AV); Liz Cantrell 11b (AV); Leonard Spencer 34 (AV); Mary Skidmore 71 (AV); Scott Luscombe 97b (AV); Nate Zweig 2t (AV); Anne Kazlauskas 78bh (AV); Christina Wallin 8 (AV); Ian Quinn 61t (AV); Kathy Manning 61b (AV); James Page 6 (AV). Corrone Bryant offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Elizabeth Stoddard called the class back leading 52t (AV). Leaders: Steve Cackley 76t (AV); Pleasance Crawford 54 (AV); Willis McCumber 3 (AV); Chris Noren 50 (AV); Joanne Fuller and Mary Skidmore 14b (AV), 14t (AV); Sumner Roberts 76b (AV); Corrone Bryant 7t (AV); Pat Callahan 75b (AV); Liz Cantrell 33t (AV); Scott Luscombe 98b (AV); Christina Wallin 9 (AV); Nate Zweig 26b (AV); Chris Holley 93 (AV); Leonard Spencer 79b (AV); Bobbie Goodell 38 (AV); Aldo Ceresa 101t (AV); Elizabeth Stoddard 82 (AV); Mary Jo Shafer 83t (AV); Ian Quinn 102b (AV); Kathy Manning 80b (AV); Ben Bath 89 (AV); Anne Kazlauskas 100t (AV); Terry Ryan 24 (AV).

Aldo Ceresa thanked all who had attended, and called for reports. The Treasurer announced that all expenses had been met. The Secretary reported that singers came from 11 states and two Canadian provinces, and that 27 leaders led 57 songs.

Aldo Ceresa led 39t (AV), and Chris Holley offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Aldo Ceresa; Secretary—Pleasance Crawford

CHATTAHOOCHEE CONVENTION
Wilson's Chapel, Carrollton, Georgia
August 4-5, 2012
Saturday, August 4

The 160th session of the Chattahoochee Convention was held on the first Sunday and Saturday before in August, 2012, at Wilson's Chapel, Cross Plains, Georgia. Sheri Taylor brought the class to order by leading 142. Henry Johnson offered an opening prayer.

Leaders: Donna Duke 101t; Robert Kelley 28b; Laura Frey 163b; Jeannette DePoy 475; Michael Walker 351; John Kelso 70b; Scott DePoy 277; Aldo Ceresa 203; Hubert Nall 566; Helen Bryson 411; Bill Hollingsworth 296; Jesse Roberts 404; Bea Carnathan 568; John Hollingsworth 460; Rebecca Over 532; Micah Roberts 480; Michael Spencer 393; Mandy Brady 300; Earlis McGraw 558; John Plunkett 492; Ellen Lea 216; Erica Hinton 391; Buck Lea 474; Sue Bunch 354t; Melissa Kelley 114; Richard Ivey 458.

RECESS

Sheri Taylor called the class to order by leading 47b. Leaders: Richard DeLong 396; Phillip Denney 143; Annaliza Cull 448t; Wendy Futral 340; Lori Goode 358; Debora Grosse 107; Harry Eskew 146; Mary Brownlee 556; Jonathon Smith 442; Agnes Roberts 186; Charles Woods 338; B.M. Smith 108b.

A business session was called to order. The following officers were elected for the 2012 session: Chairman—Sheri Taylor; Vice Chairman—Aldo Ceresa; Secretary—Donna Duke; Chaplain—Michael Walker; Arranging Committee—Robert Kelley and Laura Frey; Finance Committee—Lori Goode and Katy Kanfer; Resolutions Committee—Rebecca Over and Eimear O'Donovan; Memorial Committee—Jeannette DePoy and Karen Rollins.

Leaders: Phillip Langley 440; Faye Hollis 168; Bethany Towne 406; George Burnette 81t; T.J. Mauldin 133; Darrell Swarens 198; Judy Mincey 367; The Gilmore Family 35; Christian Webb 294; Richard Mauldin 410t; Kiri Miller 187; Jimmie Gilmore 276; Joyce Heath 127.

LUNCH

Sheri Taylor, Laura Frey, Jena Frey, Lisa Webb, and Christian Webb bought the class back to order leading 405. Leaders: Nathan Berry 273; Sonia Chin 530; Joel Miller 436; James Baumgartner 189; Kelly Kennedy 172; Arthur Gilmore 378t; Eric Saylor 339; Michael Nord 371; Eddie Mash 419; Liz Meitzler 67; James Nelson Gingerich 448b; Ben Cocchiaro 327; Morgan Bunch 501; Katie Kanfer 539; David Brodeur 208; Matt Hinton 432; Jackson Fleder 73t; Larry Brasher 332; Matthew Lind 369; Eimear O'Donovan 38b; Rachel Miller Jacobs 84; Karen Rollins 365.

RECESS

Aldo Ceresa led 128 to bring the class to order. Leaders: Dave Farmer 155; Michael Thompson 56t; Anna Pfau 362; Nora Miller 573; Drew Smith 385b; Jena Frey 178; Jim Aaron 503; Daniel Hunter 85; Reba Windom and Rodney Ivey 182; Oscar McGuire 344; J.R. Hardman 378b; Tony Hammock 148; Kathy Williams 506; Fallon Cook and Hayden Arp 269; Julian Sizemore 192; Lisa Webb 222.

Sheri Taylor and Aldo Ceresa led 323t as the closing. Michael Walker offered the closing prayer.

Sunday, August 5

The Sunday session of the Chattahoochee Convention was brought to order by Sheri Taylor and Aldo Ceresa leading 209. Michael Walker offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Aldo Ceresa 52t; Donna Duke 425; Michael Walker 41; Robert Kelley 160b; Laura Frey 66; Ellen Lea 486; Buck Lea 212; Joel Miller 48t; Anna Pfau 163t;

Nora Miller 283; Jena Frey 408; Kelly Kennedy 306; Michael Thompson and Joyce Walton 392; Katy Kanfer 103; Nathan Berry 480; J.R. Hardman 162; Charlene Wallace 155; Kiri Miller 564; Liz Meitzler 213t; Lisa Webb 528; James Baumgartner 472; James Nelson Gingerich 285t; Kathy Williams 142; Sandra Wilkinson 512; Eimear O'Donovan 380; Annaliza Cull 268.

RECESS

Sheri Taylor, Laura Frey, and Lisa Webb called the class to order by leading 524. The memorial lesson was conducted by Jeannette DePoy and Karen Rollins. Karen read the following list of names of the sick and shut-ins: Charlotte Walker and Dan Walker, Violet Thomason, Cathy White, Curtis Owen, Eugene Forbes, Leona Haynes, Stella Pratt, Josie Hyde, Tommy McGraw, Eleanor Enger, S.T. Reed, Bud Oliver, Sammie Oliver, Jack Paulk, Pam Nunn, Jeff Sheppard, Shelbie Sheppard, Sharon Kellam, Ellie Soler, Danny Griffin, Carlene Griffin, Lois Bowman, Raymond Hamrick, Karen Wood, and Geneva Pritchard. Karen led 330b. Jeanette DePoy read the following list of names of the deceased: Lonnie Rogers, Carlton Wilson, Jerry Hackney, Susan Muse, Nick Griffin—Georgia; Julietta Haynes—Tennessee; Joan Fritz—Minnesota; Mark Ferguson—Ireland; Alice Fahrback—Michigan; Clarence McCool, Marie Ivey, Harrison Creel, Travis Keeton—Alabama; Jim Gibson—Kentucky; John Merritt—Mississippi; Sally McEwen, Dot Garrison, Ray Richardson, Brantley Harwell, and Ita Clenaghan—No state listed. Jeannette led 389 in memory of the deceased. Michael Walker closed the memorial session with prayer.

Leaders: Jane Spencer 548; B.M. Smith 284; Drew Smith 513; Eric Saylor 535; Thomas Ward 125; Erin Mills 430; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 396; Anna Hinton 40; Amy Armstrong 299; David Brodeur 475; Tony Hammock 267; Virginia Dyer 63; Matt Hinton 171; Robert Chambless 72b.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Aldo Ceresa leading 105. Leaders: Rachel Rudi 208; Richard Ivey 477; Rebecca Over 381; Daniel Hunter 132; Melissa Kelley 383; Fallon Cook 146; Bethany Towne 336; Mark Puckett 384; Richard DeLong 322; Michael Walker 250; Jeannette DePoy 328; Sonia Chin 95; Lori Goode 118; Gene Duke 335; Louise Holland 147t; Eric Saylor 551; Malinda Snow 230; Michael Nord 505; Lauren Bock and Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 286; Ben Cocchiaro 112; Karen Rollins 347; Jackson Fleder 39t; Jackson Harcrow 448t; Judy Chambless 549; Richard Plunkett 76t; Matthew Lind 145b; Reba Windom 220; Henry Johnson 439; Cecil Roberts 549.

RECESS

Sheri Taylor led 504 to bring the class together. Leaders: Jackson Fleder 192; Anna Pfau 454; Aimee Wilson 86; Rebecca Over 274t; Katy Kanfer and Sonia Chin 123b; Eimear O'Donovan and Laura Frey 145t; Laura Ackerman 434; Eric Saylor 375; Rachel Rudi and Richard Ivey 319; Bethany Towne 124; Melissa Kelley and Nathan Berry 290; Thomas Ward 33b; James Nelson Gingrich 29t; Christian Webb 25. The convention went into a business session. Committee reports were read as follows: Lori Goode, Finance Committee, reported the collection and that all expenses of the convention were met. Rebecca Over and Eimear O'Donovan, Resolutions Committee, read the following resolutions: "We, the committee on resolutions, make the following report and recommendations: First, be it resolved, that members of this Chattahoochee Sacred Harp Musical Convention give humble thanks to the Creator for the blessings of life, friends, family, and Sacred Harp singing and fellowship. Second, be it further resolved, that we, the members, remember with gratitude the generations of singers, leaders, and composers who have handed this music down to the present day. Third, be it resolved, that the

visitors express an appreciation to the church and to the descendants of the Wilson family, for their generous and cordial hospitality, and to those who have graciously housed and fed us for the duration of the singing, as well as putting their time and love into preparing a plentiful and delicious dinner each day of the singing, and to those who carried out maintenance and grounds work in preparation for the convention. Fourth, be it resolved, that we thank the officers, committees, and the keyers for their effort and their service to the singing. Finally, be it resolved, that we meet again the first Sunday and the Saturday before in August, 2013, for the 161st Chattahoochee Convention." A motion was made and carried that the reports be accepted as read, and added to the minutes.

Announcements for future singings were made. Sheri Taylor and Aldo Ceresa led 62 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer offered by Matt Hinton. Chairman—Sheri Taylor; Vice Chairman—Aldo Ceresa; Secretary—Donna Duke

FAYETTE COUNTY CONVENTION **Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church, Fayette, Alabama** **Sunday, August 5, 2012**

The 113th session of the Fayette County Sacred Harp Singing Convention was held at Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church, near Fayette, Alabama, on the first Sunday in August. Chris Ballinger called the class to order by leading 49t. Bubby Ballinger offered the morning prayer.

Following welcoming comments, the class organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Chris Ballinger; Vice Chairman—Lisa Geist; Secretary—Beth Wallace; Arranging Committee—Linton Ballinger and Lomax Ballinger.

Leaders: Chris Ballinger 111b; Lomax Ballinger 32t, 89; Lisa Geist 377, 540; Amanda Hardiman 454, 47t; Gravis Ballinger 36b, 200; Don Keeton 477, 480 (in memory of Travis Keeton); Andrew Farris 503, 186; Jimmy Ballinger 84, 565; Kermit Adams 426t, 426b; Bea Carnathan 438, 283; Mike Hankins 68b, 490.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Lisa Geist, Katie Ballinger, Lauren Ballinger, Amber Holmes, Nicholas Ballinger, and Chris Ballinger leading 45t. Leaders: Betty Baccus 448b; Edwin Ballinger 300; Teresa Hope and Mellie Hope 46, 216; Wendell Rinehart 457, 445; Lena Keeton and Buell Cobb 425; Lena Keeton 498; Loyd Ivey 288, 176b; Linda Thomas 85, 217; Seth Poston 276b, 358.

RECESS

Beth Wallace led 222 and 528 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Buddy Ballinger 343; Buddy Ballinger, Jill Porter, Ella Porter, and Eady Porter 155; T.J. Mauldin 268, 38b; Matthew Cook 410t, 224; Steve Adams 101t, 378t; Susan Cheronos 107, 209; Johnny Humber 460, 389. Richard Mauldin offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Chris Ballinger leading 47b. Leaders: Wayne Baines 145b, 354b; Amber Davis 78, 192; Darrell Swarens 171, 314; Angela Myers 436, 30b; Richard Mauldin 77t, 312b; Judy Caudle 545, 542; David Ivey 177, 402; Tim Cook 174, 284; Elene Stovall 302, 564; Henry Guthery 140, 488; Ken Tate 271t, 73b; Janet Litton 182, 442; Robert DuPree 569b, 40; Jack Pate 335, 535; Larry Ballinger and Linton Ballinger 269, 475; Chris Ballinger 527.

Chris Ballinger led 347 as the closing song. Buddy Ballinger offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Chris Ballinger; Vice Chairman—Lisa Geist; Secretary—Beth Wallace

LAMAR AND PICKENS COUNTY CONVENTION
Zion Church, North of Gordo, Alabama
Saturday, August 11, 2012

The 95th session of the Lamar and Pickens County Convention was held on Saturday before the second Sunday in August. Amber Davis called the class to order by leading 36b. The morning prayer was offered by Richard Mauldin.

The class organized by electing or appointing the following officers to serve: Chairman—Amber Davis; Vice Chairman—Chris McCool; Secretary—Margaret Keeton; Arranging Officer—Wayne Baines. Chris McCool welcomed everyone. Leaders: Amber Davis 349 (in memory of Clarence McCool); Hubert Nall 73b, 87; Wendell Rinehart 31t, 445; Lisa Geist 341, 546; Chris McCool and Wayne Baines 45t, 59; Danny Creel 145t, 317; Tim Cook 227, 348b (in memory of George and Cecile Cox); Margaret Keeton 144, 189; Steve Adams and Amber Davis 331, 378t; Mike Hankins 72b, 68b.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Amber Davis leading 78 (in memory of Lois Livingston). Leaders: Eugene Forbes 495, 213b; Toney Smith 183, 475; Chris Ballinger 276, 170; Jim Aaron 47b, 503; Richard Mauldin 565, 566; Bea Carnathan 119, 456; Larry Ballinger 551, 472. Wendell Rinehart offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Amber Davis leading 535. Leaders: Wayne Baines 89 (in memory of his grandmother), 146; Paula Springfield, Jagger Springfield, and Claire Davis 455; Clarissa Springfield and Jagger Springfield 76b, 166; Wendell Rinehart 457; Tim Cook 515; Chris Ballinger 147t; Hubert Nall 168; Lisa Geist 528; Danny Creel 564; Mike Hankins 490; Jim Aaron 163b; Bea Carnathan 283; Eugene Forbes 88t; Richard Mauldin 147b; Steve Adams and Lisa Geist 401; Larry Ballinger 300; Paula Springfield, Clarissa Springfield, Amber Davis, and Claire Davis 222; Wayne Baines 339; Amber Davis 49b (in memory of Murry Livingston).

Amber Davis led 62 as the closing song. Danny Creel dismissed the class with prayer. Chairman—Amber Davis; Vice Chairman—Chris McCool; Secretary—Margaret Keeton

EAST TEXAS SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION
(COOPER BOOK)

Henderson Civic Center, Henderson, Texas

August 11-12, 2012

Saturday, August 11

The East Texas Sacred Harp Singing Convention met at the Henderson Civic Center in Henderson, Texas, on the second Sunday and Saturday before in August. The class was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Sam Craig leading 293b. The opening prayer was offered by Robert Vaughn.

Leaders: Sam Craig 100; John Morris 85; Tom Owen 179; Tom George 436t; Steve Helwig 380b; Tim Jones 120; Leon Ballinger 297; Jane Goforth 128; Sonia Chin 42; Dale Redmon, Jr. 514; Buddy Ballinger 274t; Kris Wiggins 151; Jeb Owen 422b; Myrl Jones 142; Mike Hinton 544; Catherine Rogan 218; Rodney Ivey 416t; Baron Powers 239; Robert Handel 95b; Crystal Meadows 210; Sarah Huckaby 470; Aubrey Barfield 552; Joshua McClain 571; Dennis George 575; Donald Ross 558; Eddie Huckaby 40.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Sam Craig; Vice Chairman—Robert Vaughn; Secretary/Arranging Officer—Carole Watts.

RECESS

The class was brought to order with a warm welcome from Mayor Buzz Fullen and Councilwoman Pat Brack. Announcements were made by Sam Craig.

Leaders: Sam Craig 57; Tim McClain 31t; Margaret Wright and Elijah Fount Wright 268t; Brody Ross and Findley Ross 388; Silas Huckaby 421; Riley Owen 40; Ainsley Ross 78; Ainslie Allen 217; Jackson Owen 572; Scott Ivey 567; Wayne Jones 76b; Robert Gholson 559; Tollie Lee 50t; Stanley Smith 203; Jacob McClain 45t; Michele Rogan 196; Jo Pendleton 49b; Ben Copenhaver 516; Tommie Spurlock 140; Scott Curran 198; Loretta Jones and Lloyd Jones 463. Gaylon Powell offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The class brought back to order by Sam Craig leading 225t. Leaders: Ester Huckaby 358; Jo Elmore 148; Rick Foreman 543; J.T. Harechmak 230; Becca Short and Kristie Powell 159; Tamara Harris 35; Kyle Hearn 491; John Beard 282; Cheryl Foreman 385t; Ben Brown 505; Bob McLemore 522; Wanda Gregg 101t; Cassie Allen 355; Janie Short 212; Ron Ryan 569; Ryan Ross 450; Jerry Ryan 408.

RECESS

Sam Craig brought class to order by leading 81. Leaders: Tammy Powell 414; Gary Rogan 276; Amy Peveto 47t; Morris Nelms 28t; Priscilla Wiggins 442t; Carter Cook 300; Chyenne Ivey and Ainsley Ross 129; Ron Bemucho 449; Gaylon Powell 536; Sonny Erwin 464; Diane Ross 434; Kristie Powell 326; Billy Huckaby 47b; David Rousseau 119; Joan Smith 395t; Robert Vaughn 176t; Phylis Costner 222; Katherine Hamilton 112.

Sam Craig led 72 as the closing song. Tom Owen offered the closing prayer.

Saturday Night, August 11

A meal of Tex-Mex and good old American chicken was enjoyed Saturday night by approximately 45 singers at the Henderson Civic Center. After everyone had eaten their fill, the group gathered together and sang form "Harp of Ages." New compositions were also introduced to the singers. The entire evening was a huge success and was enjoyed by everyone in attendance.

Sunday, August 12

The Sunday session of the East Texas Sacred Harp Singing Convention was brought to order by Sam Craig leading 108t. Gary Rogan offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Sam Craig 313; Tom George 534; Buddy Ballinger 348t; Vickie Cook 335; Steve Helwig 189; Sarah Huckaby 98; Tim Jones 553; Leon Ballinger 195; Billy Huckaby 444t; Jane Goforth 138t; Sonia Chin 356; Dale Redmon, Jr. and Cassie Allen 540; Becca Short 68t; Tommie Spurlock 376; Tollie Lee 367; Kris Wiggins 235; Rodney Ivey and Steve Helwig 384; Mike Hinton 567; Catherine Rogan 508.

RECESS

Sam Craig brought class to order leading 145t. Leaders: Stanley Smith 268b; Baron Powers 81; Robert Handel 137; Myrl Jones 491; Aubrey Barfield 193; Dennis George 133; Silas Huckaby 388; Brody Ross 401; Ainsley Ross 146; Findley Ross 45t; Carter Cook 142; Chyenne Ivey and Ainsley Ross 31t; Eddie Huckaby 331b; Scott Ivey 380t; Wayne Jones 513t; Ryan Ross 299; Wanda Gregg 559; Loretta Jones and Lloyd Jones 464; Crystal Meadows 182; Michele Rogan 183.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Mike Hinton, John Morris, and Stanley Smith. Mike Hinton read the list of names of the sick and shut-ins. John Morris led 381t in their honor.

Stanley Smith read the names of the deceased as follows: Helen Meadows, Harrison Creel, Marie Ivey, Ernie Jett, and Bill Farris—Alabama; John Merritt—Mississippi; Juanita Hill—Florida; Joan Fritz—Minnesota; Susan Kerr, Leland Owen, Melba

Howeth Warren, Dorothy Phillips, Roy Dale Phillips, Jesse Dixon, Tobie Utz—Texas; Lonnie Rogers—Georgia. He led 101b in their memory. The memorial lesson was closed with prayer offered by Gary Rogan.

Leaders: Donald Ross 402; Cassie Allen 242; Ben Copenhaver 479; Scott Curran 192b; Janie Short 361; Gary Rogan 168; Tammy Powell 217; Amy Peveto 463. Buddy Ballinger offered prayer before lunch.

LUNCH

Sam Craig brought the class back to order leading 154b. Leaders: Morris Nelms 563; Sonny Erwin 511t; Priscilla Wiggins 365; Bill Crowley, Burl Russell, Diane Ross, and Gaylon Powell 298; Ron Ryan 473; Kristie Powell 379; Joan Smith 127; David Rousseau 87; John Morris 186; Sonia Chin 105b; Rodney Ivey and Cassie Allen 292b; Tollie Lee 41; Steve Helwig 392; Tom George 378b; Myrl Jones 497; Cassie Allen and Donald Ross 419; Tommie Spurlock 156; Ron Bemucho 500; Stanley Smith 172; Aubrey Barfield 171; Mike Hinton 400; Scott Ivey 443; Dennis George 512; Janie Short 387; Robert Vaughn 398b.

The Secretary reported that 363 people attended The East Texas Sacred Harp Convention from 9 states and 2 foreign countries. Eighty seven leaders led 168 songs.

Sam Craig led 395b as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Donald Ross, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Sam Craig; Vice Chairman—Robert Vaughn; Secretary—Carole Watts

ELMORE CENTER SINGING

Elmore Center United Methodist Church, Gordo, Alabama Wednesday, August 15, 2012

The 168th annual session of the Elmore Center Sacred Harp Singing was held at Elmore Center United Methodist Church, near Gordo, Alabama, on Wednesday before the third Sunday in August. Jack Pate called the class to order by extending a warm welcome to everyone and leading 75. The pastor, David Holmes, offered the morning prayer.

The class organized by electing or appointing the following officers: Chairman—Jack Pate; Vice Chairman—Toney Smith; Secretary—Lena Keeton; Arranging Officer—Wayne Baines.

Leaders: Jack Pate 341; Hugh Bill McGuire 209, 208; John Van Horn 108t, 155; Jack Moss 45t, 127; Kate Moss 35, 294; Ann Brantley Moss 59, 58; Seth Poston 275b, 129; Wendell Rinehart 31t, 445; Hubert Nall 31b, 405.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Toney Smith leading 87 and 72b.

Gary Farley played the harmonica for the class and led 447. Leaders: Faye Donaldson 47t, 30t, 30b; Richard Mauldin 100 (in memory of Wilton Donaldson); Richard Mauldin and Seth Poston 358, 36b; Lena Keeton 89, 88t; Wayne Baines 48t, 146. Pastor David Holmes spoke, and offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Jack Pate began the afternoon session by leading 348b. Leaders: Wendell Rinehart 47b; Clint Moss 282, 535; Hugh Bill McGuire 378t; Faye Donaldson 225t; John Van Horn 224, 68b; Seth Poston 235; Jack Moss 354b; Kate Moss 159; Ann Brantley Moss 457; Richard Mauldin 66; Larry Ballinger 113; Hubert Nall 176b; Toney Smith and Jack Pate 63; Wayne Baines 46.

Following announcements, Jack Pate and Larry Ballinger led 56t as the closing song. David Holmes dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Jack Pate; Vice Chairman—Toney Smith; Secretary—Lena Keeton

KITCHENS MEMORIAL
Zion Rest Primitive Baptist Church, Jasper, Alabama
Saturday, August 18, 2012

The Kitchens Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was held at Zion Rest Primitive Baptist Church, Jasper, Alabama, on Saturday before the third Sunday in August. The class was called to order by Linda Sides leading 59. The opening prayer was offered by Richard Mauldin.

The class was organized by electing or appointing the following officers:
Chairman—Linda Sides; Vice Chairman—Glenn Keeton; Secretary—Judy Caudle; Arranging Officer—Carolyn Thompson.
Leaders: Linda Sides 512; Emily Burleson 200, 217; Kathy Williams 171, 108t; Glenn Keeton, Elizabeth Keeton, Isabella Keeton, and Matthew Keeton 504, 235; Judy Caudle 564, 345b; Carolyn Thompson 500, 448t; Ottis Sides 530, 475; Bea Carnathan 456, 283; Ann Jett 546, 269; Angela Myers 276, 192; Lisa Geist 394, 273; Ken Tate 166, 201.

RECESS

Glenn Keeton led 163b and 45t to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Charles Kitchens and David Kitchens 179, 317; Sharon Wouters 87, 294; Elsie Moon 34t, 292; Austin Wouters 274t, 455; Sarah Beasley 129, 73t.
Richard Mauldin conducted the memorial lesson. He spoke and led 82t in memory of the following deceased: Harrison Creel, John Merritt, Marie Ivey, Julietta Haynes, Travis Keeton, Ernie Jett, Clarence McCool, Cecil Sanders, Elmer Kitchens, and Billy Williams.

Richard spoke on behalf of the sick and shut-ins, and led 146 in honor of the following: Johnnie Chafin, Josie Hyde, John Beasley, Bud Oliver, Sammie Oliver, S.T. Reed, Lessie Reed, Leona Haynes, Stella Pratt, Willodean Barton, and Anne Chalker. Henry Guthery offered prayer to close the memorial service.
Leaders: Danny Creel 472, 222; Mary Gardner 385b. Elder Charles Kitchens, pastor of the church, spoke and offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Linda Sides leading 215.
Leaders: Becky Briggs 335, 343; Jim Aaron 47b, 503; Brenda Chafin 402, 436; Jerry Kitchens 64, 142; Laura Kitchens 178, 107; Velton Chafin 177; Laurretta Price 480 (in memory of Darlene Kitchens), 313t; Steve Adams 339, 378t; Larry Ballinger 49t, 98; Henry Guthery 112, 378b, 333 (for Charles Kitchens); Lena Keeton 497, 282; Zilfa Cornett 143, 358; Joye Leggett 568; Elene Stovall 426b, 440 (in memory of her daddy); Richard Mauldin 38b, 168; Glenn Keeton 268, 507 (for Josie Hyde).
Announcements were made, including the announcement that this singing would be held next year on Saturday before the third Sunday in August, at Zion Rest Primitive Baptist Church.

Linda Sides led 225t as the closing song, and offered the closing prayer. The class was dismissed.
Chairman—Linda Sides; Vice Chairman—Glenn Keeton; Secretary—Judy Caudle

RAMAH SACRED HARP SINGING (COOPER BOOK)
Ramah Primitive Baptist Church, Lenox, Alabama
Saturday, August 18, 2012

The annual Sacred Harp singing was held on Saturday before the third Sunday in August at Ramah Primitive Baptist Church, Lenox, Alabama. Marion Patrick led 283t and 31b to bring the class to order. Adrian Nall offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Hubert Nall 47t, 48t; Tim Taylor 507b, 30t; Darlu Nall 277, 35; J.A. Mosley 73b, 62; Adrian Nall 540, 358.

RECESS

Marion Patrick brought the class to order leading 36b and 335. Leaders: Ed Bass 64, 447t; Archie Covington 72, 127; Ken Sundberg 168, 543; Lloyd Jones 45t, 500; Loretta Jones 108t, 77t; Eva Padgett 345t; Ernest Cockcroft 573, 225t; Joe Nall 505, 171; Voncile Nall 75, 74b; Wayne Jones 54t, 553. The class sang 369, and Hubert Nall offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with the class singing 96. Leaders: Marion Patrick 143; Hubert Nall 451; Tim Taylor 323t; Darlu Nall 179; J.A. Mosley 81; Adrian Nall 484; Ed Bass 563; Archie Covington 128; Ken Sundberg 449; Lloyd Jones 119; Loretta Jones 572; Ernest Cockcroft 168, 264b; Joe Nall 129; Voncile Nall 146; Wayne Jones 513t.

Announcements were made. The class sang 461 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Marion Patrick.

Chairman—Marion Patrick; Secretary—Voncile Nall

MOUNT RAINIER COOPER BOOK SINGING **Buckley Hall, Buckley, Washington** **Saturday, August 18, 2012**

The 4th annual Mount Rainier *Cooper Book* Singing was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Karen Willard and Kathy Vlach leading “A Song of the Pacific Northwest”, an arrangement of 422t by David Wright. Marcia Stedman offered the opening prayer. Leaders: Clarissa Fetrow 38t; Marcia Stedman 270; Chase Arevalo 183; Ken Hallock 30t; Bob Schinske 571; Kevin Barrans 101t; Darlene Simpson-Brown 559; Erik Schwab 68t; Cornelia Stanton 516; Scott Kennedy 430; Marla Elliott 393t; Dan Thoma 102; Erika Wilson 416t; Lucinda Saue 463; Steve Helwig 505; Linda Jweinat 449; Caleb Hardy 139; Susan Helf 229; Mark Miller 210; David Wright 142; Sarah Knapton 300; Ethan Hardy 133.

RECESS

Kathy Vlach brought the class back to order by leading 145b. Leaders: Tom McTighe 54t; Gaea Singer and Steve Cackley 432; Bethany Bylsma and Erika Wilson 47b; Greg Saue 563; Jenna Tompkins 165; Bruce Rowland 319; Anna Stoerch 368t; Jonathan Levy-Wolins 168; Bill Walters 448; Karen Willard “Willard”; Will Fitzgerald 488b; Linda Selph 450; Mryka Hall-Beyer 367; Steve Helwig 355; Dan Thoma 451; Mark Miller 443; Clarissa Fetrow 380t; Ken Hallock 52t; Chase Arevalo 192. Marcia Stedman asked the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Karen Willard brought the class back to order leading 80t. Leaders: Kathy Vlach 411; Marla Elliott 245; Erika Wilson 45b; Will Fitzgerald 98; Tom McTighe 140; Linda Selph 215; Bob Schinske 500; Susan Helf 518; Kevin Barrans 442t; Jenna Tompkins 146; Ethan Hardy 232; Darlene Simpson-Brown 138t; Erik Schwab 511t; Lucinda Saue 59; Steve Cackley 497; Anna Stoerch 46; Mryka Hall-Beyer 99; Caleb Hardy 299; Bruce Rowland 572.

RECESS

Kathy Vlach brought the class back to order leading 31t. Leaders: Chase Arevalo 421; Sarah Knapton 207; Ken Hallock 65; Scott Kennedy 162; Greg Saue 573; Cornelia Stanton 55; David Wright 486; Gaea Singer 95b; Will Fitzgerald 422b; Dan Thoma 410; Mark Miller 445b; Linda Selph 544; Mryka Hall-Beyer 85; Ethan Hardy 52b; Tom McTighe 381t; Anna Stoerch 336t; Jonathan Levy-Wolins 132; Caleb Hardy 125; Cornelia Stanton and Scott Kennedy 507b.

The next Mount Rainier *Cooper Book* Singing will be held Saturday before the third Sunday in August, 2013.

Karen Willard and Kathy Vlach led 147 as the closing song. Marcia Stedman offered the closing prayer.

Co-chairpersons—Kathy Vlach and Karen Willard; Secretary—Greg Saue

CLEBURNE COUNTY CONVENTION
Edwardsville Baptist Church
Edwardsville, Cleburne County, Alabama
Sunday, August 19, 2012

The 123rd session of the Cleburne County Convention was held at Edwardsville Baptist Church in Edwardsville, Cleburne County, Alabama, on the third Sunday in August. Cecil Roberts called the class to order leading 146 (in honor of Lois Bowman) from a 1936 edition of *The Sacred Harp* donated to the convention in 1942 by Med and Al Huester in memory of J.W. Laminack. The book was given with explicit instructions that the only time it can be used is for the introductory lesson of the Cleburne County Convention. Ed Thacker offered the morning prayer.

Cecil Roberts led 129, and then cited a brief history of the convention. Leaders: Donna Bell 163b (in memory of Ronnie Kimball); B.M. Smith 68b, 48t; Margaret Thacker 46, 480; Jeff Sheppard 402, 209; Karen Rollins 208, 136; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 135, 511; Hayden Arp 283, 409; Robert Chambless 70t (in honor of his mother, and in memory of his aunt), 32t; Charlene Wallace 63, 155 (in honor of Carlene Griffin); Henry Johnson 88b, 113; Fallon Cook and Cain Cook 47b, 401.

RECESS

David Brodeur led 282 and 454 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Ed Thacker 527, 528; Judy Chambless 64, 472; Earlis McGraw 284, 163t; Virginia Dyer 340, 358; Tommy McGraw 399b, 542; Marilyn Bradley (with friends, the Todd and Rhonda Brown family) 59, 58; John Plunkett 92, 483; Susan Cheronos 40, 107; Tony Hammock 303, 314; Ruth Daniel 335, 378t; Evelyn Harris 47t, 503; Ann Simpson 452, 354b; Margie Smith 512, 225t; David Brodeur and Pam Nunn 269; Rene Greene 350; Cecil Roberts 35. Rev. Bobby Garner, pastor of the church, offered the blessing before the noon meal at the table.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Cecil Roberts leading 30b. Leaders: Karen Rollins and Joann Ward 354t; Ed Thacker and Margaret Thacker 33b; Robert Chambless and Judy Chambless 37b.

Cecil Roberts conducted the memorial lesson. B.M. Smith led 389 in memory of the following deceased: Lonnie Rogers, Harrison Creel, Marie Ivey, Dr. Julietta Haynes, Homer Hulsey, and Nick Griffin.

Virginia Dyer led 127 for the following sick and shut-ins: Lois Bowman, Teenie Moody, Shelbie Sheppard, Bud Oliver, Sammie Oliver, S.T. Reed, Lessie Reed, Carlene Griffin, Eunice Webb, Lucy Garner, and Curtis Owen. The memorial lesson was closed with prayer offered by Henry Johnson.

Leaders: Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 345b; Susan Cheronos 74b; Tony Hammock 89; Charlene Wallace 345t; Jeff Sheppard 186; Rene Greene 200; Hayden Arp 112; Fallon Cook 192; Henry Johnson 69; Ann Simpson 111t; Earlis McGraw 277; Marilyn Bradley 124.

A business session was held to elect officers for the coming year. The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Vice Chairman—Rene Greene; Secretary—Donna Bell. The class voted to have the next

Cleburne County Convention at Edwardsville Baptist Church, Edwardsville, Alabama, on the third Sunday in August, 2013.

Announcements were made. Cecil Roberts thanked everyone for coming, and then led 347 as the closing song. Ed Thacker offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Vice Chairman—Rene Greene; Secretary—Donna Bell

CEDAR CREEK SINGING

Cedar Creek Primitive Baptist Church, Crisp County, Georgia Sunday, August 19, 2012

The annual Sacred Harp singing was held at Cedar Creek on the third Sunday in August. The class was called to order by Rita Haley leading 59. Jon Robinson offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Rita Haley 155; Trent Peachey 317, 490; Jon Robinson 45t, 452; Charity Kauffman 73b, 47b; Oscar McGuire 34b, 75; David Green 275t, 546; Kay Robinson 282, 294; Sandra Wilkinson 300, 274t; Myrtice Meeks 129, 341; Bob Meeks 235, 72b; Tim Meeks 236, 383; Lee Bradley 535, 503; Lauren Harrison 278t, 138t; Mary Brownlee 84.

LUNCH

Rita Haley brought the class together leading 268 and 63. Leaders: Trent Peachey 335, 318; Jon Robinson 569b, 36b; Charity Kauffman 46, 231; Oscar McGuire 229, 171; Kay Robinson 339, 491; Sandra Wilkinson 176b, 100; Mary Brownlee 78, 350; Lauren Harrison 163b, 106; Lee Bradley 127; Lamar Robinson 34t, 480; Tim Meeks 489, 196.

Following announcements, Tim Meeks lead 347 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Trent Peachey.

Chairman—Rita Haley; Secretary—Trent Peachey

WILLARD BIRTHDAY SINGING

Buckley Hall, Buckley, Washington Sunday, August 19, 2012

The 3rd annual Willard Birthday Singing was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Karen Willard and Kathy Vlach leading 3 (WH). The opening prayer was offered by Bruce Rowland.

All songs listed are from the *Cooper Book* except those from The Willard Hymnary, indicated by (WH) after the page number.

Leaders: Kevin Barrans 49t; Ken Hallock 70t; Steve Helwig 14 (WH); Bruce Rowland 72; Clarissa Fetrow 318; Cornelia Stanton 30t; Erik Schwab 30t (WH); Bob Schinske 264t; Lucinda Saue 239; Darlene Simpson-Brown 30b (WH); Mark Miller 5 (WH); Anna Stoerch 295; Scott Kennedy 38t; Steve Cackley 20b (WH); Erika Wilson 308; Destiny Woods 12 (WH); Greg Saue 515; David Wright 26 (WH).

RECESS

Karen Willard called the class back to order leading 91. Leaders: Peter Schinske 122; Kramer Klein 358; Will Fitzgerald 28 (WH); Tom McTighe 113; Mryka Hall-Beyer 208; Linda Selph 183; Julie Barrans and Kathy Vlach 9 (WH); Cornelia Stanton 16 (WH); Kevin Barrans 414; Bruce Rowland 522; Erik Schwab 392; Mark Miller 24 (WH); Clarissa Fetrow 384; Anna Stoerch 174; Bob Schinske 4b (WH); Erika Wilson 10 (WH); Karen Willard 4t (WH). A blessing before lunch was offered by Bruce Rowland.

LUNCH

Kathy Vlach brought the class back to order leading 508. Leaders: Steve Helwig 380t; Melissa Stephenson 144; Darlene Simpson-Brown 292b; David Wright 314; Will Fitzgerald 68t; Tom McTighe 571; Karen Willard 7 (WH); Linda Selph 39; Eric Holt 38b; Mryka Hall-Beyer 54t; Greg Saue 391; Ken Hallock 477; Steve Cackley 575; Peter Schinske 165; Kramer Klein 210; Scott Kennedy 518; Lucinda Saue 49b.

RECESS

Karen Willard called the class back to order leading 498b. Leaders: Destiny Woods 155; Kathy Vlach 478; Steve Cackley 465; Anna Stoerch 454; Kevin Barrans 488t; Eric Holt 411; Melissa Stephenson 408; Linda Selph 273; Tom McTighe 28t; Mark Miller 315; Cornelia Stanton 500; Karen Willard 499; Will Fitzgerald 23 (WH); Erika Wilson 567; Mryka Hall-Beyer 288; Erik Schwab 15 (WH); Mark Miller 18 (WH); Bob Schinske 19 (WH); David Wright 11 (WH); Steve Helwig 6 (WH); Will Fitzgerald 8 (WH).

Karen Willard led 31 (WH) as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Bruce Rowland, and the class was dismissed.

Co-chairpersons—Karen Willard and Kathy Vlach; Secretary—Greg Saue

BELTON AND EMMA BEASLEY AND PHILLIP LEE III MEMORIAL SINGING **Concord Primitive Baptist Church, Winfield, Alabama** **Sunday, August 19, 2012**

The 45th session of the Belton and Emma Beasley and Phillip Lee III Memorial Singing was held at Concord Primitive Baptist Church in Winfield, Alabama, on the third Sunday in August. Marlin Beasley called the class to order leading 321 and 391. The opening prayer was offered by Richard Mauldin.

The following officers were elected or appointed: Chairman—Marlin Beasley; Vice Chairman—Glenn Keeton; Secretary—Becky Briggs; Arranging Officer—Lena Keeton.

Leaders: Marlin Beasley 274t; Glenn Keeton 299, 215; Becky Briggs 336, 234; Gravis Ballinger 99, 300; Betty Baccus 571 (CB), 378t; Kermit Adams 272, 36b; Margaret Keeton 208; Richard Mauldin 43, 143; Steve Adams and Lisa Geist 339, 331; Don Keeton 457, 270.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Marlin Beasley, Juanita Beasley, and their children, James, Lisa, Dennis, Ross, and Tina leading 61 and 87. Leaders: Ricky Beasley 476, 408; Amber Davis 212, 391; Faye Donaldson 40, 78; Drew McGuire 277, 146; Lisa Geist 120, 150; Sarah Beasley 111b (in memory of Harrison Creel), 72b; Warren Steel 102, 440. Richard Mauldin offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Marlin Beasley leading 317. Leaders: Earl Ballinger 203, 217; Larry Ballinger 90, 91; Marlin Beasley and grandchildren 63, 45t; John Beasley 335; Gary Smith 145t (for Cora Sweatt), 565; Henry McGuire 183, 569b; Freddie Briggs and granddaughter, Jessica Briggs 354b, 388; David (Chuck) Beasley, Ruth Nix, and Patsy Beasley Kelly 33b, 235; Alvin (Bunk) Beasley and Linda Beasley 81t, 59; Dorothea Maynard 512, 497; Seth Holloway 358, 340; Juanita Beasley 56t, 290; the Beasley brothers and sisters (Chuck, Sarah, John, Bunk, Marlin, and Becky) 406; Lena Keeton 475, 498.

After announcements, Marlin Beasley led 323t as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Richard Mauldin.
Chairman—Marlin Beasley; Vice Chairman—Glenn Keeton; Secretary—Becky Briggs

PALO ALTO ALL-DAY SINGING
Unitarian Universalist Church of Palo Alto, Palo Alto, California
Saturday, August 25, 2012

The first annual Palo Alto All-Day Singing was held at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Palo Alto, Palo Alto, California, on the fourth Saturday in August. The class was called to order by Carolyn Deacy leading 32t. Will Fitzgerald offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Betty Marvin 34b; Terry Moore 191; Aris Rivera and Linda Selph 288; Lindy Groening 123t; Joseph Mathas 59; Susan Fetcho 126; Phil Jensen 192; Erica Martinez 73t; Daniel Wilkerson 50t; David Hawes 66.

A business meeting was held and the following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Dan Harper; Vice Chairman—Terry Moore; Secretary—Betty Marvin; Chaplain—Will Fitzgerald; Arranging Committee—Hal Eisen and Clarissa Fetrow; Treasurer—Terry Barber.

Leaders: Rebecca Edwards 208; Alexander Cotton 228; Jennie Brown 276; David Fetcho 330t; Inder Khalsa 29t; Will Fitzgerald 39t (in honor of his father); Marsha Genensky 33b; Greg Freemon 67; Linda Selph 217.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Laura Boyd Russell leading 82t. Leaders: Julian Damashek 144, 432; Linda Domholt 348t, 287; Rick Russell 297, 201; Will Fitzgerald 48t; Clarissa Fetrow 77t, 380; Dan Harper 268, 236; Katie Mahoney 378b, 460; Hal Eisen 318, 49t.

RECESS

The class was called back together by Betty Marvin leading 63. Leaders: David Fetcho 148, 296; Jeff Begley 440, 505; Janet Herman 270, 312b; Laura Boyd Russell 102, 89; Greg Freemon 542, 285t; Rebecca Edwards 326, 531. Will Fitzgerald offered the prayer for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The class was called to order by Phil Jensen leading 569b. Leaders: Dan Harper and Don Brenneis, "Friendship" (William Walker, Southern and Western Pocket Harmonist); Marsha Genensky 178, 114; Jeff Begley 65, 522; Jennie Brown 433, 439; Rick Russell 412, 183; Katie Mahoney 456, 213t; Chris Thorman 212, 495; Laura Boyd Russell 385t, 384; Julian Damashek 348b, 218; Clarissa Fetrow 480, 163t.

RECESS

The class was called back together by Erica Martinez leading 30t. Leaders: Linda Selph 179, 112; Peter Ross 163b, 99; Betty Marvin 120, 202; Will Fitzgerald 42, 320; Inder Khalsa 272, 131t; Terry Moore 358, 430.

RECESS

Chris Thorman led 37b to bring the class to order. He told of the long history of Sacred Harp in Palo Alto, and acknowledged original Palo Alto singers. Leaders: Susan Fetcho 369, 371; David Hawes 209, 260; Terry Barber 308, 376; Carolyn Deacy 368, 421; Joseph Mathas 335, 159; Erica Martinez 448t, 189; Lindy Groening 38t, 451; Chris Thorman 184, 269.

A business meeting was held. The Treasurer reported that expenses were met. The Secretary reported that at least 61 singers attended from California, Colorado, Michigan, Washington, and Texas, and 99 songs were sung with 34 leaders. The

Resolutions Committee, Laura Boyd Russell and Peter Ross, thanked all who made the singing possible. Announcements were made.

Dan Harper led 347 as the closing song. Will Fitzgerald offered the closing prayer. Chairman—Dan Harper; Vice Chairman—Terry Moore; Secretary—Betty Marvin

CENTRAL ONTARIO ALL-DAY SINGING
Detweiler Meetinghouse, North Dumfries, Ontario, Canada
Saturday, August 25, 2012

The 9th annual Central Ontario All-Day Singing was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Gillian Inksetter leading 145t. May Tettero offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Gillian Inksetter 171; Pleasance Crawford 492, 391; Anne Evers 566, 268; Frank Griggs 182, 183; Jan May 474, 276; James Page 193, 272; Barbara Swetman 567, 312t; Shawn Fenton 47t, 228; Katie White 155, 547; Bob Borcharding 569b, 269; Jan Ketelle 163t, 327; Chuck Crawford 546, 225t; Susan Hengelsberg 504, 294. The following officers were appointed to serve: Chairman—Gillian Inksetter; Arranging Officer—Pleasance Crawford; Treasurer—Anne Evers; Secretary—Sue Woodward.

RECESS

Hanna Barlow brought the class to order leading 312b. Leaders: Steve Rogers 68b, 300; Anne Missavage 454, 383; Carl Bear 39t, 146; Leah Wilde 63, 178; Tom Evers and Anne Evers 108t; John Seaton 186, 47b; Idy Kiser 34b, 108b; David Stowe 163b, 147t; Ann Miczulski 361, 101t.

Elizabeth Barlow and Ellen Torrie conducted the memorial lesson. They led 122 for the following deceased: Tom Schultz and Emily-Rose Walker—Ontario; Danya Klie—Maine; Lonnie Rogers—Georgia; John Merritt—Mississippi; Marie Ivey—Alabama; Frank Evans—Virginia; Joe Yeats—Michigan; Dominic Ziegler—California; Philip Trier—Illinois.

They then led 107 for the following sick and shut-ins: Jeneene Bejnarowicz, Monica Graf, Jack Lindberg, Bob Scorgie, Bob Anderson, Marie Loughlin, Wendell Crist, and Elaine Ganby.

Leaders: Nicoletta Rogers 538, 299; Gerry Hoffman 362, 142. Gillian Inksetter led the Lutheran Table as grace before dinner.

LUNCH

Chuck Crawford brought the class to order leading 36b. Leaders: Ann Sleeva 415, 464; Tom Evers 81t, 448t; Lois Hurt 145b, 551; Cecelia Kramer 380, 71; Steve Rogers, Nicoletta Rogers, and Will Stoltz “Geneva” (NHS/HS 85/96 in acknowledgment of Detweiler Meeting House Harmonia Sacra tradition); Ted Mercer 80t, 468; Elizabeth Barlow 535; Evelyn Lamb 506, 66; Len Vanderjagt 99; Melanie Hauff 216, 306; Ellen Torrie 86, 64; Judy Hauff 536, 172.

RECESS

Jan May brought the class back to order by leading 344. Leaders: Shawn Fenton 112; James Page “Singing School” (Union Harmony) (in acknowledgment of Canadian heritage); Jan Ketelle 368; Susan Hengelsberg 175; Carl Bear 128; John Seaton 49b; Katie White 40; Melanie Hauff 203; Ann Sleeva 313b; David Stowe 318; Judy Hauff 528; Barbara Swetman 148; Ted Mercer 217; Evelyn Lamb 542; Gerry Hoffman 270.

Gillian Inksetter thanked all who had traveled to the singing and all who helped make it a success. The Treasurer reported that expenses had been met. The Secretary and Arranging Officer reported that singers from one province (Ontario) and seven states (California, Illinois, Michigan, Ohio, New York, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin) had attended, with 35 leaders and 89 songs sung.

Following announcements, Gillian Inksetter led 347 as the closing song. May Tettero offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.
Chairman—Gillian Inksetter; Secretary—Sue Woodward

LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN CONVENTION
Pine Grove Church, Collinsville, Alabama
August 25-26, 2012
Saturday, August 25

The 109th session of the Lookout Mountain Sacred Harp Singing Convention held on the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in August was called to order by Bud Oliver leading 32t. The morning prayer was offered by Wayne Reed.

Leaders: Bud Oliver 82t; S.T. Reed 59; Wayne Reed 108b; Judy Caudle 472; Scot Oliver 100; Boyd Scott 58; Hubert Nall 146; Betsy Jeronen 440; Gavin Blakeley 196; Margaret Thacker 97; Roberta Strauss 441; Larry Ballinger 270; Bea Carnathan 456; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 432; Butch White 86; Jeff Sheppard 460.

RECESS

Bud Oliver led 145t to bring the class back to order. A business meeting was held and the following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Co-Chairmen—Bud Oliver and S.T. Reed; Co-Vice Chairmen—Wayne Reed and Scot Oliver; Secretary—Judy Caudle; Arranging Officer—Cindy Tanner; Memorial Committee—Shane Wootten and Wayne Reed; Finance Committee—Rodney Ivey and Scot Oliver.

Leaders: Richard Ivey 567; Mary Wright 546; Henry Johnson 96; Anne Drexler 335; Ed Thacker 91; B.M. Smith 475; Angela Myers 47t; Darrell Swarens 29t; Becky Wright 114; Rachel Rudi 283; Linton Ballinger 299; Lauren Bock 212; Cornelia Stanton 171; Jim Aaron 503; Karen Rollins 162; Nathan Rees 193; Bridgett Kennedy 31t (for Allison Whitener); Riley Lee 286; Daphne Causey and Sharon DuPriest 242.

RECESS

Scot Oliver and Paula Oliver led 101t to bring the class to order. Leaders: Jackie Tanner 298; Phil Summerlin 225t; Kathy Williams 142; Robert Chambless 145b; Cheyenne Ivey 182; Steven Kick 373; Alanna Blanks 551; Karen Ivey 300 (in memory of Jerry Enright); Shane Wootten and Eloise Wootten 139; Matt Hinton 228; Linda Thomas and Doug Conn 106; Doug Conn 74b; Robert Walker 99; Loyd Ivey 426t. A blessing before the noon meal was offered by Wayne Reed.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Rodney Ivey leading 170. Leaders: Michael Thompson 318; Charlene Wallace 181; Scott Ivey 123b; Wayne Reed 512 (in memory of Lela Mae Waggner); Jeannette DePoy 112; Marlon Wootten 37b; Judy Chambless 540; Reba Windom 192; Pat Temple 33t; Sharon DuPriest 137; Lomax Ballinger 277; Ricky Harcrow 571 (CB); Drew Smith 513; David Ivey 419; J.R. Hardman 287; Amy Daniel 39t; Katy Kanfer 176b; David Hufstetler 33b; Jim Carnes 209; Robert Kelley 202; Lynne deBenedette 426b (in memory of Flora Skinner and Julietta Haynes).

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Bud Oliver and Rodney Ivey leading 421. Leaders: John Plunkett 446; Jeanette Dollar 358; David Brodner 208; Scott DePoy 65; Betty Shepherd 216; Paula Oliver 272; Judy Mincey 474; Nate Green and Norma Green 473; Max Berueffy 278t (for Karin Covi); Mary Ruth Stiefel 376; Gail Doss 400; Kelsey Ivey 129; the Eldridge family 500; Louise Holland 73t; Cindy Tanner 155 (for Lucy Heidorn).

Bud Oliver, Wayne Reed, and Scot Oliver led 62 as the closing song. Wayne Reed offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, August 26

The Sunday session of the Lookout Mountain Sacred Harp Singing Convention was called to order by Bud Oliver leading 59. Wayne Reed offered the opening prayer. Leaders: S.T. Reed 64; Judy Caudle 36b; Wayne Reed 32t; Scot Oliver 176b; Pat Temple 457; Nate Green and Norma Green 467; Susan Cherones and Jessie Hemphill 40; Adrian Eldridge 298; Henry Johnson 88t; Louise Holland 217; Margaret Thacker 480; Roberta Strauss 218; Steven Kick 560; Loretta Smith 63; Katherine Eldridge 87; Becky Wright 428; Scott Ivey 377; Jamey Wootten 172; Rachel Rudi 306; Elene Stovall 528; Cornelia Stanton 224.

RECESS

Rodney Ivey led 343 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Michael Thompson 77t (in memory of Jerry Enright); Wanda Capps and Emma Calvert 76b; Kelsey Ivey 314; Gravis Ballinger 215; Rebecca Eldridge 110; Tom George 111t; Hayden Arp 225b; Donna Wootten 74b; Tim Cook 450; Boyd Scott 358; Lauren Bock 543; Dennis George 197; Scott DePoy 179; Anna Hinton 300; Paula Oliver 196; Chris Ballinger 477; Eli Hinton 268; Marty Wootten 430.

RECESS

The class was brought back together by Bud Oliver leading 42. Leaders: Nathan Rees 204; Jackie Tanner 336; B.M. Smith 28b; Robert Kelley 187; Daniel Bearden 250; Betsy Jeronen 448t; Shane Wootten and Marlon Wootten 56b; Cheyenne Ivey 319; Ann Jett 546; Virginia Eldridge 222; Cecil Roberts 547. The blessing before the noon meal was offered by Cecil Roberts.

LUNCH

Bud Oliver led 73t to begin the afternoon session. Leaders: Riley Lee 407; Jeannette DePoy 362; Eloise Wootten and Loyd Ivey 424; Darrell Swarens and Richard Mauldin 507 (for Josie Hyde); James Eldridge 456.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Shane Wootten and Wayne Reed.

Shane spoke on behalf of the sick and shut-ins, and then led 134 in their honor.

Wayne Reed spoke in memory of the deceased. David Ivey led 465 (CB) in memory of Doyle Ashley. Wayne Reed, Scot Oliver, and Shane Wootten led "It Is Well With My Soul" in memory of Lela Mae Waggner. David Ivey and Richard Ivey led 403.

The memorial service was closed with prayer offered by Ed Thacker.

Leaders: Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 556; David Hufstetler 68b; Lisa Geist and Larry Ballinger 527; Mark Carroll 384; Verlon Stiefel and Mary Ruth Stiefel 572 (CB); Reba Windom and Gail Doss 542; Ed Thacker and David Light 436; Alanna Blanks and Arleigh Beard 405; Rodney Ivey and Amy Daniel 227; Mary Wright 328; Bridgett Kennedy 383; Matt Hinton and Erica Hinton 324; Susan Harcrow 411; Kathy Williams and Angela Myers 344; Katy Kanfer 235; Hubert Nall 168; Lynne deBenedette 220; Judy Mincey 279; Molly Ellis 95; Tony Ivey 157; Cindy Tanner 198.

Announcements were made. Bud Oliver, Wayne Reed, Scot Oliver, and S.T. Reed led 146 as the closing song. Wayne Reed dismissed the class with prayer.

Co-Chairmen—Bud Oliver and S.T. Reed; Co-Vice Chairmen—Wayne Reed and Scot Oliver; Secretary—Judy Caudle

MISSISSIPPI STATE CONVENTION Antioch Primitive Baptist Church, Forest, Mississippi August 25-26, 2012

Saturday, August 25

The 84th session of the Mississippi State Convention was called to order by Mark Davis leading 37b. The opening prayer was offered by Arlon Gardner.

President Davis welcomed everyone and extended thanks to Alfred Bailey and Antioch Primitive Baptist Church for hosting us. Leaders: Mark Davis 209; John Van Horn 168; Jean Gray 82t; Arlon Gardner 277; Darlene Reynolds and Bentley Claire Rose 484b (CB).

President Davis appointed John Vanhorn and Darlene Reynolds as the Arranging Committee.

Leaders: Bill Hogan 450 (CB), 464 (CB); Nancy Hogan 133 (CB), 392 (CB); Danny Creel 186 (CH), 54 (CH); Emily Burleson 43 (CH), 64 (CH); Robert Vaughn 390 (CH), 253 (CH); Ken Tate 166 (CH), 176 (CH); Richard Mauldin 35, 66; Wanda Capps 264 (CH), 505 (CB).

President Davis appointed Hugh McGuire, Henry McGuire, and Drew McGuire as the Business and Credentials Committee.

RECESS

John Van Horn called the class back together leading 222. Leaders: Natalie Davis 87, 129; Hugh McGuire 428, 422; Drew McGuire 101t, 542; Wilma Mitchell 480, 490; Bobby Caldwell 216t (CH); Bobby Caldwell and William Savell 157b (CH); Henry McGuire 518 (CB); Hugh Bill McGuire 328; Will McGuire 40.

President Davis appointed John Hollingsworth and Billy Hollingsworth as the Memorial Committee. Arlon Gardner offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Mark Davis brought the class back together by leading 411. Leaders: Linda Funderburk 373, 143; Mary Ellen Schrock 189 (CH), 281b (CH); Ann Jett 149 (CH), 170 (CH); Mark Davis 117 (CH) (for Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Bailey); John Hollingsworth, Hugh Bill McGuire, and Billy Hollingsworth 236; Regina Derstine 300, 42; Elizabeth Muhleisen 34b, 460; Bobby Neyman 479, 347; Billy Hollingsworth 421b (CH), 168b (CH); Amy Armstrong 299, 384; Susan Dickey 128, 178; Milano Neyman 254, 45t.

In a business session for the purpose of electing officers, a motion was made and seconded to keep the same officers as follows: President—Mark Davis; Vice President—John Van Horn; Chaplain—Arlon Gardner; Secretaries—Jean Gray and Darlene Reynolds.

RECESS

Mark Davis called the class back together leading 240. Leaders: John Van Horn 47b; Robert Vaughn 355 (CH); Ken Tate 51 (CH); Richard Mauldin 358; Danny Creel 404 (CB); Mary Ellen Schrock 50 (CH); Emily Burleson 82b (CH); Ann Jett 338b (CH); Wanda Capps 258 (CH).

Following announcements, a motion was made and seconded to dismiss the class.

Mark Davis, Hugh McGuire, and Henry McGuire led The Drone. Billy Hollingsworth dismissed with prayer.

Sunday, August 26

Mark Davis opened the Sunday session of the Mississippi State Convention by leading 100. The opening prayer was offered by Arlon Gardner. President Davis welcomed everyone back for the second day of singing and led 36b.

Leaders: John Van Horn 23b (CH), 19 (CH); Jean Gray 86t (CH), 158 (CH); Darlene Reynolds and Bentley Claire Rose 142 (CH), 188 (CH); Arlon Gardner 313b, 67; Billy Hollingsworth 121 (CH), 131 (CH); Hugh Bill McGuire 142, 273; Bill Hogan 133 (CH), 443 (CH); Nancy Hogan 189 (CH), 49t (CB).

RECESS

John Van Horn led 85 (CH) to bring the class to order. Leaders: Drew McGuire 572 (CB), 81t (CH); John Hollingsworth 548 (CH); Amy Armstrong 84, 182; Wilma Mitchell 204t (CH); Lisa Davis 334, 200, 203.

The memorial service was conducted by John Hollingsworth and Billy Hollingsworth. Billy Hollingsworth spoke about how we have been blessed with this community and the tradition of singing these old songs. As we think of them, our hearts are with them, and we pray for their healing and protection. When we sing praises to God, it is also nourishment to our own souls. Billy led 507t (CH) in honor of the following sick and shut-ins: Stella Pratt, Leona Haynes, Bud Oliver, Sammie Oliver, S.T. Reed, Lessie Reed, Josie Hyde, W.M. Allen, Daphne Causey, William Ellison, Ben Smith, and Ruth Wyers.

John Hollingsworth spoke about how we call their names for the first year they are gone, but we remember them for years to come. These people have all made great contributions to our singings. We need to pay homage to them. He then led 222b (CH) in memory of the following deceased: Junie McNeal, Eunice Dear, Marie Lollar, Harrison Creel, John Merritt, Marie Ivey, Dr. Julietta Haynes, Ernie Jett, Cecil Sanders, Bill Tanner, and Lonnie Rogers. The memorial lesson was closed with prayer offered by Arlon Gardner.

Kurt Davis led 155 and 192. Arlon Gardner offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Mark Davis leading 179. Leaders: Jane Armstrong 109 (CH), 117 (CH); Mary Ellen Schrock 82b (CH), 573 (CB); Hugh McGuire 537 (CH), 256t (CH); Henry McGuire 574 (CB), 410 (CB); Mark Davis 112; John Van Horn 255 (CH); Drew McGuire 434; Darlene Reynolds and Bentley Claire Rose 569b; Arlon Gardner 155 (CH); Hugh Bill McGuire 393t (CB); Drew McGuire 63; Amy Armstrong 270; Wilma Mitchell 39t; Jane Armstrong 128; Mary Ellen Schrock 171; Hugh McGuire 268; Henry McGuire 269.

A business session was held. The Business and Credentials Committee (Hugh McGuire, Henry McGuire, and Drew McGuire) reported the collections and current bank balance, and recommended a disbursement of money as follows: \$40.00 to WCPC Sacred Harp Hour Radio Program and \$300.00 to Antioch Primitive Baptist Church. The following resolutions were offered by Hugh Bill McGuire: We thank God for the ability and willingness to come together and sing. Thanks to Antioch Primitive Baptist Church for extending their hospitality and the use of this wonderful building. Thanks to singers who came from near and far to sing praises to God. Thanks to all who helped provide a bountiful lunch both days. We resolve to gather again a year from now to sing praises to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. A motion was made and seconded to accept all committee reports and dispense the committees.

Mark Davis, Henry McGuire, and Arlon Gardner were appointed as the Location Committee. Announcements were made. A motion was made and seconded to adjourn. The session was closed by singing The Drone. John Van Horn dismissed with prayer.

President—Mark Davis; Vice President—John Van Horn; Secretaries—Jean Gray and Darlene Reynolds

MAIDEN CREEK ALL-DAY SINGING **Maiden Creek Friends Meetinghouse, Leesport, Pennsylvania** **Saturday, September 1, 2012**

Bethany Towne opened the 17th annual Sacred Harp singing at the Maiden Creek Friends Meetinghouse by leading 33b. Ruth Wampler offered the opening prayer. The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Bethany Towne; Treasurer—Don Jantzi; Secretary—Julia Seidenstein.

Leaders: Julia Seidenstein 48t; Don Jantzi 515; Oliver Kindig-Stokes 31b; Ruth Wampler 394; Barbara Hohenstein 163t; Ted Stokes 37b; Kelly Kennedy 26; Doug Kurtze 472; Don Coppock 49t; Erin Kelly 72b; Nancy Britton 511; Tom Stokes 95; Rachel Hall 99; Aldo Ceresa 182; Erin Johnson-Hill 268; Kimberly Haas 63.

RECESS

Bethany Towne called the class back to order by leading 106. Leaders: Laura Densmore 29t; Elizabeth Pilar 373; Lynne Hoyt 235; Leon Pulsinelle 543; Nancy Mandel 505; Ina Shea 548; Sue Hanson 372; Brian How 547; Roland Hutchinson 553; Deidra Montgomery 195; Don Jantzi 34b; Sam Kleinman 298; Terry Ryan 538; Sonia Chin 442; Jim Strube 426b.

RECESS

Bethany Towne called the class back together by leading 277. Leaders: Guy Bankes 315; Mairi Ellen Quodomine 222.

Aldo Ceresa gave a brief lesson on the Union Choral Harmony, a German shape-note tune book, and led 59b “Williamstown” in English and German.

Leaders: Dennis Leipold 189; Doron Henkin 391.

Eileen Metzger and Tom Metzger conducted the memorial lesson. Eileen spoke, and read the following names of sick and shut-ins: David Wampler, Skip Trout, Dennis Cinelli, Louis Mullen, Peter Cernansky, Melyssa Bridge, Thomas Rue, Jeffrey Kurtze, Tom Hunter, Olga Haas, and Jack Lindberg. Eileen led 430 in their honor. Tom Metzger read the following names of the deceased: Robert Wert—Indiana; John Merritt—Mississippi; Alice Fahrbach—Michigan; Harrison Creel—Alabama; Joseph Ost—Kansas; Luke Newswanger, Norman Sauder, Ginny Hazel, and James Wyllie—Pennsylvania; Philip Ginnetti—Pennsylvania/Ohio; Jennifer Maples—Massachusetts; Gladys Wiedorn—Florida; Frank Evans—Virginia; Jean Hanss and Paul Metzger—New York. Tom led 108t in their memory. Ruth Wampler closed the memorial lesson with a prayer.

Leaders: Becky Wright 65; Angharad Davis 183; Cheri Hardy 196; Barbara Swetman 203; Gina Balestracci 180; Al McCready 417; Michael Nord 436. Drew Smith offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Rachel Hall leading 313b. Leaders: Emma Rose Brown 498; Hal Kunkel 89; Gerry Hoffman 236; Drew Smith 34t; Kevin Griffin Moreno 396; Katy Kanfer 422; Jackson Fleder 112; Claudene Townson and Larry Wooten 176b; Rachel Rudi 290; Chris Holley 348b; Ian Quinn 434; Douglas Bugle, Oliver Kindig-Stokes, and Tom Stokes 242; Elizabeth Stoddard 399b; Tom Metzger 29b; Merv Horst 282; Liz Cantrell 456; Lorah Hopkins 320; Natalie Jablonski 425.

RECESS

Emma Rose Brown and Rachel Rudi called the class back together by leading 87. Leaders: Carol Stevens 549; Katie White and Aldo Ceresa 449; Clare Chapin 163b; Diane Mennella 542; Steve Hoyt 105; Gwen Gethner 270; Susanne Munch 370; Eileen Metzger 58; Carol Huang 377; Aaron Weiss 287; Dan Hunter 181. After announcements, Bethany Towne led 56t as the closing song. Ruth Wampler offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed. Chairman—Bethany Towne; Secretary—Julia Seidenstein

NEW PROVIDENCE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Ringgold, Louisiana

Saturday, September 1, 2012

The 6th annual Sacred Harp singing convened at New Providence Primitive Baptist Church, Ringgold, Louisiana, on Saturday before the first Sunday in September.

The morning session was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Robert Vaughn leading 264b (CB) and 388 (CB). The morning prayer was offered by Elder Joe Asbel. The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Robert Vaughn; Secretary—Mallory Oliver.

The morning session song selections were from the B.F. White Sacred Harp, Cooper Revision. Leaders: Mallory Oliver 78, 45t; Peggy Ray 64, 507b; Henry McGuire 497, 464; Frank Walsh 437, 159; Kristie Powell 380t, 268b; Charity Vaughn 491, 213; Gaylon Powell 232, 235; Baron Powers 239, 59; Sonya Kirkham 559, 39.

RECESS

Robert Vaughn called the class back to order leading 330b and 48t.

Leaders: Carole Watts 571, 367; Kim Vaughn 60, 95t; Ben Copenhaver 206, 528t; Susan Bernucho 408; Henry McGuire 411. Gaylon Powell offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session song selections were from *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*.

Robert Vaughn called the class to order leading 142. Leaders: Susan Bernucho 455, 457; Henry McGuire 376, 472; Ben Copenhaver 355, 138t; Mallory Oliver 47t, 47b; Kim Vaughn 46, 490; Carole Watts 424, 344; Charity Vaughn 440, 186; Gaylon Powell 207, 442; Baron Powers 85, 119; Peggy Ray 143, 31b; Sonya Kirkham 124, 40.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Robert Vaughn leading 354b.

Leaders: Kristie Powell 203, 110; Gaylon Powell 532 (CB); Henry McGuire 112; Ben Copenhaver 429; Kristie Powell 500.

Announcements were made. Leaders: Susan Bernucho 484 (CB); Carole Watts 87; Joe Asbel 332; Charity Vaughn 56t; Sonya Kirkham 384.

Peggy Ray led 347 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Bro. Wordy Kent.

Chairman—Robert Vaughn; Secretary—Mallory Oliver

GEORGIAN HARMONY 2ND EDITION DEBUT SINGING **Liberty Hill Church, Barnesville, Georgia** **Saturday, September 1, 2012**

John Plunkett brought the class to order leading 108. Eddie Mash offered an opening prayer. Raymond Hamrick thanked the class, John Plunkett, and the Hollingsworth Family for all their work in publishing the Georgian Harmony songbook. John Hollingsworth thanked Mr. Hamrick, and spoke about the process of producing the book over the past seven years. Bill Hollingsworth said, "Let's sing!"

Leaders: John Plunkett 254; John Hollingsworth 227; Lauren Bock 66; Bill Hollingsworth 155; Jeannette DePoy 12; Michael Spencer 140; Jesse P. Karlsberg 151; Mary Brownlee 6; Robert Chambless 233; Sharon Strong 211; B.M. Smith 185; J.R. Hardman 180; Oscar McGuire 198; Robert Kelley 244; Erin Mills 46; Andy Morse 158; Rosemund Watson 25.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—John Plunkett; Secretary—Lauren Bock.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by John Plunkett leading 181. Leaders: Scott DePoy 90; Judy Chambless 81; Morgan Bunch 87; Ann Webb 226; Jesse Roberts 51; Tori Gundlach and Lauren Bock 109; Harry Eskew 117; Paula McGray 119; Dave Farmer 186; Tom Ivey 196; Christina Wallin 48; Bill Beverly 63; Sarah Kahre 138;

Michelle Cull 95; Eddie Mash 238; Erica Hinton 210; Martha Beverly 194; Martha Harrell 107; Sue Bunch 13; Shannon Primm 252. Bill Hollingsworth offered a blessing before the meal.

LUNCH

John Plunkett called the class back together by leading 36. Leaders: Lauren Bock and Jesse P. Karlsberg 136; Ann Webb and Carol Duvall 104; Andy Morse 94; Sandra Wilkinson 184; Sharon Strong 208; Eddie Mash 54; Morgan Bunch 19; Tom Ivey 203; Michelle Cull 105; Dave Farmer 224; Mary Brownlee, Rosemund Watson, and Martha Harrell 16; Robert DuPree 110; Jeannette DePoy and Scott DePoy 22; Martha Beverly 18; Mark Godfrey, Cecil Godfrey, and Leigh Cooper 188; Bill Hollingsworth 120; Christina Wallin 24.

RECESS

J.R. Hardman and Erin Mills called the class back to order leading 234. Leaders: B.M. Smith 255; Robert Kelley 128; Sue Bunch 253; Bill Beverly 195; Mike Spencer 124; Oscar McGuire 249; Shannon Primm 58; John Hollingsworth 153; Sandra Wilkinson and Jesse Roberts 202; Raymond Hamrick 34; John Plunkett 33 (for Mr. Hamrick).

John Plunkett concluded the singing by leading 45. John Hollingsworth offered a closing prayer.

Chairman—John Plunkett; Secretary—Lauren Bock

SHILOH-LITTLE VINE SINGING

Shiloh Primitive Baptist Church, South of Tallapoosa, Georgia Sunday, September 2, 2012

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Shiloh Primitive Baptists Church was held on the first Sunday in September. Charles Woods called the class to order by leading 34b. The morning prayer was offered by Cecil Roberts.

Leaders: Cecil Roberts 33b, 35; Hayden Arp 39b; Claudia Smigelski 68b; Bill Beverly 106, 107; Eddie Mash 168, 365; Karen Rollins 36b, 227; Tony Hammock 60, 75; Nathalie Levine 37b, 146; Henry Johnson 375, 539; Martha Beverly 171, 212.

A business session was held and the following officers were elected or appointed: Chairman—Charles Woods; Vice Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Secretary—Hayden Arp.

Leader: Arlene Woods 47b, 38b.

RECESS

Charles Woods brought the class back together leading 283. Leaders: Marilyn Bradley 58, 59; Judy Henry 40, 77b; Ed Thacker 500, 433; Paula McGray Picton 475, 200; B.M. Smith 284, 389; Jack Nelson 300, 480; Charlene Wallace and Joann Ward 63, 203; Claudia Smigelski 569b.

LUNCH

Charles Woods called the class back together leading 287. Charles Woods conducted the memorial lesson. He spoke and led 34t for the following sick and shut-ins: Jean Ayotte, Bud Oliver, Sammie Oliver, S.T. Reed, Lessie Reed, Ted Levine, Rosalie Levine, Danny Griffin, Carlene Griffin, Ed Rader, Lydia McGraw, and Lois Bowman.

He then spoke concerning the following deceased and led 285t in their memory: Travis Keeton, Cecil Sanders, John Merritt, Christine Gandy, Melvin Stiefel, Lonnie Rogers, Dr. Julietta Haynes, Ernie Jett, Harrison Creel, Homer Hulsey, Roger "Bobby" Goodman, and Leonard Robinson. Cecil Roberts closed the memorial lesson with a prayer.

Leaders: Christina Wallin 122, 217; Michelle Cull 270, 384; Evelyn Harris 155, 47t; Louise Millholland 276, 323b; Margaret Thacker 48t, 46; Virginia Dyer 340, 193; Jason Stanford 162; Fallon Cook 49b, 192; Ruth Daniel 335, 378t; Nathalie Levine and Christina Wallin 277, 294 (by request); Joyce Lambert 56t, 82t; Claudia Smigelski 178; Paula McGray Picton 286; Michelle Cull 496; Martha Beverley 197. After announcements, Charles Woods and Jason Stanford led 323t as the closing song.

Chairman—Charles Woods; Vice Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Secretary—Hayden Arp

MULBERRY RIVER/CLEAR CREEK WEST CONVENTION Johnson School House, Fayette County, Alabama Sunday, September 2, 2012

The annual Mulberry River/Clear Creek West Convention was held at Johnson School House in Fayette County, Alabama. Danny Creel called the class to order leading 56b. Darrell Swarens offered prayer.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Danny Creel; Vice Chairman—Henry Guthery; Secretary—Elene Stovall.

Leaders: Danny Creel 56t, 145t; Henry Guthery 149, 331; Elene Stovall 172, 222; Darrell Swarens 208, 37b; Linda Sides 220, 328; Ken Tate 361, 147t; Bea Carnathan 283, 456; Ottis Sides 61, 530; Hannah Tate 358, 496; Larry Ballinger 109, 157; Betty Baccus 349, 168; Glenn Keeton and Isabella Keeton 235, 278t; Emily Burleson 278b, 29t.

RECESS

Danny Creel called the class to order leading 405. Leaders: Earl Ballinger 373, 439; Kim Vaughn 35, 490; Gravis Ballinger 182, 120; Charity Vaughn 270, 224; Lisa Geist 155, 272; Amber Davis and Claire Davis 341, 380 (for Paula Springfield); Carole Watts 384, 470; Donna Morrison 457 (in memory of Fred Killingsworth, Jr.), 56t; Elizabeth Keeton, Glenn Keeton, and Matthew Keeton 504, 178; Henry Guthery 316, 196; Betty Baccus 284 (in memory of Gene Wakefield), 179 (in memory of Travis Keeton); Ottis Sides 527, 475; Kim Vaughn 143, 46.

LUNCH

The class was called to order by Danny Creel leading 111b. Leaders: Ken Tate 53, 75; Emily Burleson 436, 285t; Darrell Swarens 200, 47b; Bea Carnathan 112, 80b; Earl Ballinger 177; Hannah Tate 268, 117; Gravis Ballinger 78; Linda Sides 76b, 225t; Larry Ballinger 93; Charity Vaughn 66, 186; Glenn Keeton 86, 163b; Lisa Ballinger 532; Carole Watts 319, 400; Amber Davis 192; Elene Stovall 564; Earl Ballinger and Fred Killingsworth 217.

Announcements were made. The next session of the Mulberry River/Clear Creek West Convention will be held at Old County Line Church, Jefferson County, Alabama, on the first Sunday in September, 2013.

Danny Creel led 45t as the closing song. Danny Creel offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Danny Creel; Vice Chairman—Henry Guthery; Secretary—Elene Stovall

FOX VALLEY FOLK FEST SINGING
Island Park, Geneva, Illinois
Sunday, September 2, 2012

The Fox Valley Folk Fest Singing was held at Island Park, Geneva, Illinois, on the first Sunday in September. Ted Mercer called the class to order at 11:00 a.m. leading 49t.

Leaders: Rachel Adelstein 84, 99; Doug Stapleton 34b; Herb Schroeder 45t; James Page 272; Michael Appert 344; David Barford 209; Orwin Youngquist 107; Debbie Barford 77t; Julie Vea 430; Mary Rogel and Rochelle Lodder 146; Johanna Fabke 504; Rochelle Lodder 496; John Seaton and Abigail Haugen 47t; Abigail Haugen 159; Melanie Hauff 277. Judy Hauff gave the class a brief summary of the history of Sacred Harp singing.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Ted Mercer; Arranging Committee—John Seaton; Chaplain—Herb Schroeder; Secretary—Rochelle Lodder.

RECESS

Judy Hauff and Sasha Maslanka called the class to order leading 276.

Leaders: Rachel Adelstein 299; Carol Kimmel 117; Sally Youngquist 178; Sasha Maslanka 354b; Doug Stapleton 485; Herb Schroeder 38b; James Page 193; Sarah Kierstead and James Page 447; Michael Appert 503; David Barford and the Prichard family 428; Ted Mercer 155; Orwin Youngquist 33t; Bill Price and Judy Hauff 54; Debbie Barford 455; Ted Mercer and Julie Vea 347.

Herb Schroeder dismissed the class with prayer, requesting that God watch over all who attended the singing and all who were unable to attend, especially Jim Helke and his family.

Chairman—Ted Mercer; Secretary—Rochelle Lodder

LABOR DAY SINGING
Shoal Creek Church, Cleburne County, Alabama
Monday, September 3, 2012

The 92nd session of the annual Labor Day Sacred Harp Singing was held at Shoal Creek Church in Talladega National Forest, Cleburne County, Alabama, on the first Monday in September. The class was called to order by B.M. Smith leading 59. The opening prayer was offered by Henry Johnson.

Leaders: B.M. Smith 101t; Cecil Roberts 547, 229; Judy Caudle 389; Judy Chambless 82t; Bert Collins and Glenda Collins 100; Karen Rollins 327; Susan Cheronos 107; Henry Johnson 322; Virginia Dyer 454; Paula Picton 373; Christina Wallin 276; Judy Mincey 475; Matt Hinton 99; Robert Chambless 225t; Nathalie Levine 81t; Joyce Lambert 127; Darrell Swarens 569b, 189; Bill Beverly 191; Hayden Arp 409; Tony Hammock 314.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—B.M. Smith; Vice Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Secretary—Judy Caudle; Arranging Officer—Judy Chambless.

RECESS

B.M. Smith led 270 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Martha Beverly 430; Bridgett Kennedy 37b; Jack Nelson 117; Kenneith Calvert 63; Edna Ruth Phillips 480; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 564; Fallon Cook 192; Alan Jones 317; John Plunkett 123t; Wendy Futral 196; Erica Hinton 108t; Charlene Wallace 85; Judy Greene 147t; Will Dover 47b; Anna Hinton 277; Eli Hinton 472; Martha Beverly 377; Evelyn Harris 155; Christina Wallin 77t; Bill Beverly 163b; Darrell Swarens and Charity Vaughn 128; Nathalie Levine 89; John Plunkett 271t; Judy Greene 334;

Kenneith Calvert 287; Alan Jones 40; Joe Jones, Francis Jones, Alan Jones, and Judy Greene 358.

Joe Jones spoke about the history of Shoal Creek Church, and of the families that have supported the historic site and Sacred Harp singing for many years. Cecil Roberts offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Cecil Roberts leading 97. Leaders: Karen Rollins 45t (in memory of Lonnie Rogers); Butch White 282; Abigail Moore 162; Ann Simpson 354b; Lou Cotney 300; Curtis Hamrick 137; Claudia Smigelski 68b; Judy Caudle 421 (for Bud Oliver); Susan Cheronos 209; Henry Johnson 337; Virginia Dyer 532; Joyce Lambert 141; Robert Chambless 503 (in memory of B.J. Harris); Hayden Arp 384; Tony Hammock 138b; Judy Mincey 410t; Matt Hinton 278t; Bridgett Kennedy 440; Jack Nelson 560; Edna Ruth Phillips 143; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 329; Fallon Cook 269; Erica Hinton 111b.

B.M. Smith and Cecil Roberts led 46 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Cecil Roberts, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—B.M. Smith; Vice Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Secretary—Judy Caudle

RIVANNA RIVER SINGING

Charlottesville Friends Meeting House, Charlottesville, Virginia Saturday, September 8, 2012

The 10th annual Rivanna River Singing was called to order at the Charlottesville Friends Meeting House at 10:00 a.m. by Zachary Bullock leading 49t. Hank Schutz offered the morning prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Zachary Bullock; Vice Chairman—Rebecca Green; Secretary—Beverly Yaeger; Treasurer—Judy Cahill; Arranging Committee—Diane Ober and Tom Hill.

The first three sessions were song selections from the Sacred Harp (1991 Edition). The final session was called from a booklet of selections from the forthcoming Shenandoah Harmony.

Leaders: Rebecca Green 344; Hank Schutz 540; Bev Yaeger 77b; Bob Flannery 63; Judy Cahill 87; John Alexander 179; Dana Pauly 178; Tom Clay 183; Pat Temple 373; Les Updike 276; Mary Wright 35; Harry Scott 117; Kelly Macklin 82b; Jim Strube 49b; Frances Schutz 155; Lamar Matthew 157; Leyland delRe 81t; Kevin Sims 100; Gillie Campbell 34b; John delRe 83t; Susan Green 272.

RECESS

The class was called back by Rebecca Green leading 503. Leaders: Richard Green 163t; Mary Helen Dupree 47t; Liz Meitzler 42; Hank Schutz 86; Tom Ward 472; Gillie Campbell 122; Zachary Bullock 354t; Pat Temple 473; Jim Strube 426b; Bev Yaeger 377; Lamar Matthew 112; Clare Chapin 523; Bob Flannery 209; Diane Ober 162; Tom Clay 222; Leyland delRe 298; Kevin Sims 113; Harry Scott 142; Susan Green 551; John delRe 425; Mary Wright 480; Kelly Macklin 538; John Alexander 74b.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Tom Clay leading 330t and 481. The sick and shut-ins recognized were Sandy Riseman and Rowena Bennet. The deceased remembered were Harrison Creel—Alabama; Julietta Haynes—Tennessee; Frank Evans—Virginia. A prayer was offered by Hank Schutz.

LUNCH

The class was called back together by Jim Strube leading 210. Leaders: Liz Meitzler 512; Thomas Ward 376; Mary Helen Dupree 32t; John delRe 96; Richard Green 504; Susan Green 82t; Kevin Sims 134; Kelly Macklin 195; Lamar Matthew 522; Bev Yaeger 192; Zachary Bullock 72b; Gillie Campbell 84; Leyland delRe 123t; Tom

Clay 168; Les Updike 515; Frances Schutz 335; Mary Wright 71; Hank Schutz 163b; Dana Pauly 312b; Harry Scott 313b; Clare Chapin 229. Announcements were made and resolutions offered, thanking participants and helpers.

RECESS

The class was called back by John Alexander leading 33b. The following song selections are from a pamphlet of tunes from the forthcoming Shenandoah Harmony. Leaders: John delRe 7; Liz Meitzler 36; Lamar Matthew 40; Jim Strube 20; Kevin Sims 34; Susan Green 17; Diane Ober and John Alexander 27b; Mary Helen Dupree 1b; Gillie Campbell 67; Thomas Ward 47b; Kelly Macklin 54; Zachary Bullock 13; John delRe 2; Bev Yaeger 38; Leyland delRe 16; Hank Schutz 60.

Zachary Bullock led 347 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Hank Schutz, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Zachary Bullock; Vice Chairman—Rebecca Green; Secretary—Beverly Yaeger

CAPE MEARES SINGING

Little Red School House Community Center, Cape Meares, Oregon Saturday, September 8, 2012

Betsy Jeronen called the class together leading 448b. The opening prayer was offered by Steve Tarr. A business meeting was held and the following officers were elected to serve: Chairperson—Betsy Jeronen; Treasurer—Dan Thoma; Secretary—Heather Ikeler.

Leaders: Heather Ikeler 145b; Dan Thoma 228; Anna Stoerch 52b; Erik Schwab 299; Cornelia Stanton 82t; Julie Thoma 129; Scott Kennedy 565; Tom McTighe 374; Lyle Lindsey 47b; Dorothy Robinson 180; Chris Cotter 313t; Kelsey Nelsen 89; Thom Fahrbach 573; Kevin Barrans 436; Marie Brandis 142; David Wright 302.

RECESS

The class was brought back together by Rosie Lindsey leading 72b. Leaders: Nell Whitman 176t; Mary McDonald-Lewis 171; Bob Schinske 68b; Karen Willard 283; Clarissa Fetrow 270; Kate Fine 230; Steve Helwig 528; Steve Tarr 324; Steve Cackley 93; Eric Holt 30b; Darlene Simpson-Brown 229; Jessica Beer 218; David Wright 260; Cornelia Stanton 344; Dan Thoma 312b.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Mary McDonald-Lewis leading 209.

Leaders: Scott Kennedy 178; Betsy Jeronen 392; Erik Schwab 340; Heather Ikeler 43; Chris Cotter 220; Kevin Barrans 399b; Marie Brandis 422; Anna Stoerch 101t; Kelsey Nelsen 282; Tom McTighe 505; Dorothy Robinson 506; Julie Thoma 101b; Lyle Lindsey 276; Thom Fahrbach 423. Steve Tarr offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Betsy Jeronen leading 65. Leaders; Steve Helwig 298; Steve Tarr 441; Karen Willard 546; Clarissa Fetrow 383; Eric Holt 131b; Darlene Simpson-Brown 434; Kate Fine 112; Steve Cackley 60; Kevin Barrans 380; Thom Fahrbach 378b; Jessica Beer 455; Tom McTighe 362; Bob Schinske 500; Erik Schwab 445; Chris Cotter 517; Heather Ikeler 444; Scott Kennedy 162; Rosie Lindsey 460; Nell Whitman 569b; Mary McDonald-Lewis 551; Dan Thoma 448t; Cornelia Stanton 217; Steve Tarr 372.

RECESS

The class was brought back together by Kate Fine leading 146. Leaders: Marie Brandis 472; Lyle Lindsey 547; David Wright 67; Bob Schinske 454; Karen Willard 414; Clarissa Fetrow 216; Jessica Beer 222; Rosie Lindsey 208; Steve Helwig 215;

Kelsey Nelsen 312t; Eric Holt 313b; Anna Stoerch 426; Darlene Simpson-Brown 39b; Steve Cackley 285b; Karen Willard 196; Scott Kennedy 163b; Kevin Barrans 285t; Erik Schwab 73t.

The business meeting was reopened and the following reports were made. A total of 52 people registered with 30 leaders leading 92 lessons. Treasurer Dan Thoma reported that all expenses had been met. The Resolutions Committee, Erik Schwab and Kevin Barrans, thanked all who made the day's singing possible.

Steve Tarr offered the closing prayer, and Betsy Jeronen led 36b as the class took the parting hand.

Chairperson—Betsy Jeronen; Secretary—Heather Ikeler

NALL AND FLOYD MEMORIAL SINGING (COOPER BOOK)
Little Flock Primitive Baptist Church, Molino, Florida
Saturday, September 8, 2012

The annual Sacred Harp singing was held Saturday before the second Sunday in September. The class was called to order by Adrian Nall leading 127, 100, and 511t. Elder Charles Ellis offered the opening prayer.

Joe Nall directed the introductory lesson leading 461, 36b, and 30t. Leaders: Voncile Nall 507b, 283t; Paul White 235; Vickie Aplin 270, 282; Bill Aplin 30b, 567; Marion Patrick 516, 358.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Joe Nall; Secretary—Voncile Nall.

RECESS

Adrian Nall brought the class to order leading 484. Leaders: J. A Mosley 575, 576; Ernest Cockcroft 401, 553; Gerald Manning 447t, 558; Brian Naylor 572, 463; Charlotte Naylor 128, 461; John Kelly 82, 405.

RECESS

Adrian Nall brought the class to order by leading 164. Leaders: Billy Kelly 491, 442t; Archie Covington 63, 492; Ken Sundberg 116, 59; Georgeanne Presnell 33, 87. Class sang "Send A Blessing", and Elder Charles Ellis offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with the class singing 96. The memorial lesson was conducted by Mary Whitehurst. She led 146 for the sick and shut-ins and for the deceased. The memorial service was closed with prayer offered by Ernest Cockcroft. Leaders: Nancy Hogan 380b, 78; Bill Hogan 142, 464; Mary Whitehurst 571, 155; Aurora Nall Crook 282, 72; Mike Jones 384, 418; Tim Jones 355, 514; Chip Westbrook 515, 500; Shelby Nall 229, 540; Janice Smith 148, 38b, 36b; Lloyd Jones 45t, 465; Loretta Jones 47b, 285t; Linda Westbrook 573; Claude Nall 341, 501; Gerald Manning 133.

Announcements were made. Adrian Nall led 62 as the closing song. Gerald Manning offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Joe Nall; Secretary—Voncile Nall

PIONEER DAY SACRED HARP SINGING
Ora Old Fields Presbyterian Church, Culbertson Back Country
Settlement, Gray Court, Laurens County, South Carolina
Saturday, September 8, 2012

The 7th session of the Gray Court Pioneer Day singing was called to order by Robert Kelley leading 56t. The opening prayer was offered by Jesse Roberts.

Leaders: Leon Carnell 49b, 503; Dave Farmer 184, 146; Frances Carnell 312b, 354t; John Hollingsworth 109, 108t; John Plunkett 52t, 88t; Tom Ivey 82b, 472; Sharon Strong 24t, 352; Jesse Roberts 95, 91; Micah Roberts 107, 481; Mary Baumeister 50t, 148; Robert Ludwig 47b, 40.

RECESS

The singing resumed with Chris Wilhelm leading 26 and 501. In a business session it was agreed to keep the same officers as follows: Chairman—Robert Kelley; Vice Chairman—Leon Carnell; Secretary—David Libby.

Leaders: Roger Keone 178, 35; Jonathan Wood 383, 448t; Emily Wood 162; Michael Spencer 278t, 205; Katy Kanfer 73t, 465; Jane Spencer 106, 390; Rachel Rudi 60, 460; Deborah Evans 68t, 480.

LUNCH

Robert Kelley brought the class back to order leading 212. Leaders: Leon Carnell 457; Dave Farmer 209, 567; Frances Carnell 365, 313t; Chris Carnell 326, 378b; Eric Carnell 299, 384; John Hollingsworth 415; Eric Carnell 45t; John Plunkett 53; Tom Ivey 236, 549; Sharon Strong 524, 456; Jesse Roberts 96, 217; Micah Roberts 171, 276; Mary Baumeister 102; Robert Ludwig 547, 77t; Chris Wilhelm 338.

RECESS

Robert Kelley called the class back to order leading 425 and 45t (by request).

Leaders: Jonathan Wood 99; Chris Carnell 112; Eric Carnell 163b, 344; Michael Spencer 393, 467; Katy Kanfer 475, 399b; Jane Spencer 478; Rachel Rudi and Jane Spencer 548; Leon Carnell, Frances Carnell, Chris Carnell, Eric Carnell and children, Miriam, MaryGrace, Bethany, and Charity 155; Robert Kelley 532, 454.

Announcements were made. Robert Kelley led 382 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Jesse Roberts, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Robert Kelley; Vice Chairman—Leon Carnell; Secretary—David Libby

THE UNITED SACRED HARP MUSICAL ASSOCIATION

Liberty Church, Henagar, Alabama

September 8-9, 2012

Saturday, September 8

The 109th session of the United Sacred Harp Musical Association met at Liberty Church, Henagar, Alabama, on the second Sunday and Saturday before in September. The class was called to order by Eddie Mash leading 34b. The opening prayer was offered by Henry Johnson.

Leaders: Tim Reynolds 200; Karen Ivey 171; Elizabeth Stoddard 309; David Ivey 272; Rodney Ivey 193; Cindy Tanner 336; Jim Aaron 503; Becca Gunter 48t; Phil Summerlin 276; Bea Carnathan 112; B.M. Smith 318; Anne Steel 348b; Roberta Strauss 441; Daniel Lee 425; Roy Turrentine 95; Lela Crowder 217; David Killingsworth 376; Ed Thacker and Margaret Thacker 173, 330t.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Tim Reynolds leading 492.

Leaders: Ron Harper 108b; Geraldine Sharpton 148; Marcus Whitman 53; Warren Steel 411.

A business session was held and the following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—David Ivey; Vice Chairman—Matt Hinton; Secretary—Nora Parker; Chaplain—Roberta Strauss; Arranging Committee—Cindy Tanner and Jackie Tanner; Memorial Committee—Scott DePoy, Bridgett Kennedy, and Clark Lee; Resolutions Committee—Helen Brown, Robert Stoddard, and Lela Crowder; Location Committee—Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg and John Plunkett; Finance Committee—Darrell Swarens, Don Bowen, Scott Ivey, and Michael Thompson.

Leaders: Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 500; Judy Mincey 468; Eli Hinton 268; Helen Brown 542; Richard Mauldin 312b; Diane Mennella 472; Robert Stoddard 220; Angela Myers 215; Susan Harcrow 518; Karen Freund 383; Emily Burleson 378b (in memory of Harrison Creel); Paul Figura 314; Ann Mashchak 333.

RECESS

David Ivey led 135 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Matt Hinton 365; Elene Stovall 558; Don Bowen 99; Lauren Bock 283; Riley Lee 125; Reba Windom 455 (for Joyce Walton); Syble Adams 282; Karen Rollins 389; Hubert Nall 460; Gail Doss 159; Henry Johnson 289; Jeannette DePoy 430; Daphene Causey 236; Erin Mills 315; David Carlton and Vicki See 183; Nathan Rees 152.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by David Ivey leading 298.

Leaders: Scott DePoy 274t; Shirley Figura 361; Shelbie Sheppard and Jeff Sheppard 195; Barrett Patton 142; Dennis George 454; Scott Ivey 328; Joan Aldridge 198; Bridgett Kennedy 377; Joyce Whittington and Mary Ruth Stiefel 36b; Sandra Wilkinson 182; Betty Wright 45t; Michael Thompson 111t (for Joyce Walton and family); Judy Caudle 480 (by request of Willard Wright); Lynne deBenedette 442; Nate Green and Norma Green 566; Ann Jett and Cindy Tanner 269; Chris Noren and Judy Caudle 240; Cheyenne Ivey 129; Clarke Lee and Julie Lee 84; David Brodner 299; Susan Cheronas 278t; Ted Brown 187.

RECESS

Matt Hinton brought the class back together by leading 40. Leaders: Marty Wootten 546; Eloise Wootten and Amy Daniel 203; Erica Hinton 432; Shane Wootten 67; Tammy Heinsohn and Billy See 178; Wendy Futral 340; Andrew Mashchak 66; Jamey Wootten 373; Loyd Ivey 270; Darlene Dalton and Syble Adams 47b.

David Ivey led 56t as the closing song. Roberta Strauss offered the closing prayer.

Sunday, September 9

The Sunday session of the United Sacred Harp Musical Association was called to order by David Ivey leading 31b. The morning prayer was offered by Roberta Strauss.

Leaders: Matt Hinton 32t; Roberta Strauss 498; Nora Parker 317; Scott DePoy 201; Clarke Lee 47t; Helen Brown 532; Robert Stoddard 283; Lela Crowder 391; Bridgett Kennedy 168; John Plunkett 545; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg and Lauren Bock 126; Michael Thompson 102; Scott Ivey 163t; Don Bowen 59; Jackie Tanner 182; Cindy Tanner 507; Henry Johnson 515; Diane Mennella 564; Chris Noren 65; Paula Oliver 411; Linton Ballinger 212; Marcus Whitman 448t; Erica Hinton 540.

RECESS

Matt Hinton led 31t to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Barrett Patton 424; Eddie Mash 110; Buell Cobb and Tat Bailey 436; Ted Brown 176b; Susan Cheronas 107; Amber Davis 380; Duane Chesney 503; Denny Rogers and Karen Rollins 225t; Danny Creel, Ann Jett, and Cindy Tanner 530 (in memory of Harrison Creel); Amy Daniel and Bud Oliver 270; David Brodner 475; Nate Green and Norma Green 479; Gail Doss and Tim Reynolds 571; Riley Lee and Julie Lee 176t; Judy Caudle 292; Daniel Bearden 198; Hayden Arp, Daphene Causey, and Sharon DuPriest 434.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Scott DePoy, Bridgett Kennedy, and Clarke Lee. Scott DePoy spoke, reminding us of the closeness of our Sacred Harp family.

He urged us to remember those who cannot be with us for reasons of sickness or death. He also reminded us to remember the care givers. Bridgett Kennedy read the following list of names of the sick and shut-ins: Stella Pratt, Leona Haynes, Bud Oliver, Sammie Oliver, S.T. Reed, Lessie Reed, Josie Hyde, Ralph Brown, Josephine Denney, Cathy White, Carlene Griffin, Danny Griffin, Jim Hearne, and Curtis Owen. She led 33b in their honor.

Clarke Lee spoke on behalf of the deceased. He talked of how much we miss them in the hollow square, and of the hope we have of seeing them all again in the resurrection. Bridgett Kennedy read the following list of names of the deceased: Melvin Stiefel, Ruth Johnson, Pauline Griggs, Harrison Creel, Travis Keeton, Cecil Sanders, Ernie Jett, Bill Tanner, Marie Ivey, Imogene Nelms, Lucille Dixon, Reecie Powell, and Reba Chambless—Alabama; John Merritt—Mississippi; John Grant—Arkansas; Vince Tortarici, Lonnie Rogers, and Nick Griffin—Georgia; Leland Owen—Texas; Julietta Haynes—Tennessee; Joan Fritz—Minnesota. She led 512 in their memory. Clarke Lee offered prayer to close the memorial service.

Leaders: Karen Ivey, David Ivey, Richard Ivey, and Allison Whitener 192; Terry Wootten, Dwayne Wootten, and Levon Wootten 349; B.M. Smith and Margie Smith 138t; Tony Ivey and Sandy Ivey 139; Charlene Wallace and Nathan Rees 269; Geraldine Sharpton 120.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Matt Hinton leading 133.

Leaders: Jeff Sheppard and Shelbie Sheppard 142; Darrell Swarens, Pauline Oliver, and Scot Oliver 314 (in memory of Milton Oliver); Jeffery Wootten and Jackson Harcrow 460; Richard Mauldin and Darrell Swarens 43 (for Josie Hyde); Karen Freund 77t; Jarod Wootten, Jamey Wootten, Hayden Wootten, and Marty Wootten 440; Angela Myers and Rodney Ivey 30b; Emily Burleson 228; Stanley Smith 109; Paul Figura and Shirley Figura 277; Lynne deBenedette and Karen Freund 42; David Saylor, Teresa Saylor, and Sierra Saylor 29t; Judy Mincey 474; Tom George and Jesse McClendon 456; Anna Marie Bethune and Lilly Underwood 108t; Betty Shepherd 101t; Phil Summerlin 350; Hobert Ivey, Sylvia Ivey, and Lorrie Wootten 480; Joan Aldridge 137; Mark Carroll 76b; Loyd Ivey, Louise Ivey, Doug Ivey, Martha Underwood, Teresa Bethune, and Lilly Underwood 454; Verlon Stiefel, Mary Ruth Stiefel, Joyce Whittington, Jeanette Dollar, and Charles Stiefel 348b; Elizabeth Stoddard 399b; Hubert Nall 313t; Reba Windom and Elene Stovall 216; Marlon Wootten, Eloise Wootten, and Shane Wootten 426t; Coy Ivey 384; Cheyenne Ivey 211; Daryl Chesney 178; Syble Adams, Shane Wootten, and Richard Ivey 496; Susan Harcrow 426b; J.T. Shavers and Tim Travis 48t.

The class went into a business session for the purpose of hearing committee reports. Nora Parker reported that donations were sufficient to cover expenses, and the balance would be deposited for future use.

The Resolutions Committee submitted the following report: Be it resolved that we, the Resolutions Committee of the 109th United Sacred Harp Musical Association, thank Almighty God for allowing us by His grace to meet together to sing praises; Be it further resolved that we extend our thanks on behalf of all the singers to Liberty Church for their gracious hospitality and to all those who helped plan and organize this successful convention; Be it further resolved that we also want to thank and recognize the officers, committee members, and all those who contributed to the singing by bringing food and by offering their support with their time, hard work, and prayers; And finally, we resolve that we will meet again in 2013 for the 110th session on the second Sunday and Saturday before in September.

The Location Committee reported that the 2013 United Sacred Harp Musical Association will meet in the Atlanta, Georgia, area at a location to be announced at a later date. All reports were approved, and the business session was closed.

David Ivey led 146 as the closing song, and those who wished took the parting hand. The closing prayer was offered by Roberta Strauss, and the class was dismissed. Chairman—David Ivey; Vice Chairman—Matt Hinton; Secretary—Nora Parker

NEW YORK CITY ALL-DAY SINGING
Fifteenth Street Meeting House, New York, New York
Saturday, September 15, 2012

The New York City All-Day Singing was called to order by Nancy Mandel leading 82t. Diane Mennella offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Rachel Speer; Vice Chairman—Al McCready; Treasurer—Dean Jens; Secretary—Nancy Mandel. Leaders: Rachel Speer 56t; Al McCready 282; Carol Huang 539; Aldo Ceresa 77b; Diane Mennella 49t; Sam Kleinman 76b; Naomi Kaye 333; Greg Mulhern 203; Jennifer Hedrich 40; Douglas Fower 300; Gary Ryan 162; Cory Noel 460; Jason Steidl 178; Merv Horst 122 (in memory of Linda Mason Hood); Eli Hetko 288; Leon Pulsinelle 114; Michael Kaye 72b.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Al McCready leading 84. Leaders: Jon Giles 158; Susan Bingham 472; Terry Ryan 466; Melissa Myers 86; Dan Hunter 94; Laura Clawson 99; Timothy Morton 365; Becky Wright 349; Scott Luscombe 137; Natalie Jablonski 65; Ina Shea 139; Erin Johnson-Hill 335; Emily Hancock 198; Jackson Fleder 532; Barbara Swetman 542; Willis McCumber 197; Ian Ludders 298.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Ina Shea leading 32t. Leaders: Gwen Gethner 29b; Roland Hutchinson 376; Angharad Davis 183; Guy Bankes 193; Carla Marie Rupp 452.

A memorial lesson was led by Al McCready, who led 496 for the following sick and shut-ins: Isabell Anzani, Keith Simon, Julia Seidenstein, Cynthia Guest, Jim Guinness, Dennis Cinelli, and Ana Hernandez.

He led 48t for the following deceased: Joseph Ost, Pat Hemp, Virginia Wolven, Linda Mason Hood, Jennifer Mapes, Gladys Wiedorn, Elaine Herr Hoover, Bruce Wallace, Robert Wert, Richard Nowogrodzki, Patricia Sullivan, Peter dell Uomo, Tom Schultz, Gil Noble, Naomi Rubenstein, William Tannenbaum, John Merritt, and Frank Evans. Diane Mennella closed the memorial lesson with a prayer.

Leaders: Violet Krumbein 240; Sarah Whites-Koditschek 278t; Ian Quinn 283; Frank Griggs 182; Jessica Keyes 270; Gina Balestracci 506; Jeff Gauthier 228. Diane Mennella offered a blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Rachel Speer brought the class together leading 59. Leaders: Katie Fitzgerald 350; Abby Beshkin 344; Ellen Lueck 189; Kevin Griffin Moreno 411; Nathalie Levine 30b; Paula Picton 286; Charlotte Ehrman 490; Laura Densmore 428; Liz Cantrell 434; Sue Hanson 323t; Caitlin Caulfield 500; Claire Simon 547; Lynne deBenedette 567; Dick Guest 192; Dean Jens 319; Dan Hunter 483; Natalie Jablonski 505; Becky Wright 433; Scott Luscombe 353; Guy Bankes 352; Emily Hancock 455; Barbara Swetman 35.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Caitlin Caulfield leading 159. Leaders: Ian Quinn 458; Frank Griggs 272; Angharad Davis 112; Willis McCumber 396; Gary Ryan and Ed Jones 268; Timothy Morton and Elizabeth Morton 384; Jessica Keyes 95; Laura Densmore 549; Paula Picton and Jade Levine 81t; Liz Cantrell 318; Kevin Griffin Moreno 447; Caitlin Caulfield 128; Ellen Lueck and Naomi Kaye 131b; Ina Shea 80t; Yale group 277.

Announcements were made. The Resolutions Committee (Paula Picton and Abby Beshkin) thanked all who assisted, particularly the Food Committee (Nancy Britton and Katie Fitzgerald).

Leaders: Nancy Britton 150; Sue Hanson 269; Rachel Speer and friends 217. Rachel Speer led 62 as the closing song. Diane Mennella offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.
Chairman—Rachel Speer; Vice Chairman—Al McCready; Secretary—Nancy Mandel

LEE ROGERS MEMORIAL SINGING
Home of John and Elsie Hollingsworth, Ila, Georgia
Saturday, September 15, 2012

The 4th annual Lee Rogers Memorial Singing was held on Saturday before the third Sunday in September. All songs selections were from *The Christian Harmony* (2010 edition). The class was called to order by Robert Kelley leading 456b (CH). John Hollingsworth offered the morning prayer. Robert Kelley welcomed the class and appointed Judy Mincey to serve as the Arranging Officer.

Leaders: Michael Spencer 510b (CH), 246 (CH); Chris Wilhelm 45t (CH), 478t (CH); Shannon Primm 23t (CH), 44b (CH); Judy Mincey 51 (CH), 16 (CH); Mildred Chandler 189 (CH), 214 (CH); Mary Baumeister 260t (CH), 85 (CH) (for Sharon Kellam); Helen Bryson, Darlene Walton, and Janice Walton 131 (CH), 459t (CH); Jackie Elsner 143 (CH), 136 (CH); David Libbey 546b (CH), 546t (CH).

RECESS

Robert Kelley brought the class back leading 279 (CH). Leaders: Christy Sinksen 142 (CH), 23b (CH); Rick Littlefield 323 (CH); Bill Hollingsworth 19 (CH), 419t (CH); John Hollingsworth 86t (CH), 222b (CH); Andy Morse 64 (CH), 369 (CH); John Hollingsworth 309 (CH).

LUNCH

Robert Kelley brought the class back to order by leading 100 (CH). A brief business session was held and officers for the 2013 session were elected as follows:

Chairman—Judy Mincey; Vice Chairman—Michael Spencer; Secretary—Shannon Primm. The class voted to submit the required payment to receive one box of the 2012-2013 Sacred Harp Minutes publication. The Chairman announced that the 2013 singing will be held as scheduled.

Leaders: Robert Kelley 380 (CH); Michael Spencer 334 (CH), 13 (CH); Chris Wilhelm 276 (CH); Shannon Primm 282 (CH), 43 (CH); Judy Mincey 50 (CH); Andy Morse 133 (CH); Mary Baumeister 111t (CH), 401t (CH); Helen Bryson 144b (CH), 109 (CH); Jackie Elsner 248 (CH), 253 (CH); David Libbey 67b (CH), 432b (CH).

RECESS

Robert Kelley called the class back together by leading 427 (CH). Leaders: Christy Sinksen 144t (CH), 359 (CH); Rick Littlefield 365 (CH); Meera Naqvi 78b (CH); John Hollingsworth 341 (CH); Bill Hollingsworth 197 (CH), 300 (CH); David Bazan and Michael Spencer 433 (CH).

Following announcements, Robert Kelley led 548 (CH). Shannon Primm offered a closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Robert Kelley; Vice Chairman—Michael Spencer; Secretary—Shannon Primm

UNITED KINGDOM SACRED HARP CONVENTION
Winnersh Community Centre
Wokingham, Berkshire, United Kingdom
September 15-16, 2012

Saturday, September 15

The 17th annual United Kingdom Sacred Harp Singing Convention was called to order by Michael Walker leading 82t. Rob Mahoney offered the opening prayer. Michael Walker welcomed everyone. He read messages from the following singers who wished the Convention well but were unable to attend: Benny Ross—Newcastle-Upon-Tyne; Claire Singleton—New Mexico US; Magdalena Gryzsko—Poland and Amanda Parks—Ireland.

The following officers were appointed to serve: Chairman—Michael Walker; Vice Chairman—Cath Tyler; Chaplains—Rob Mahoney and Ted Brown; Secretary—Rebecca Over; Arranging Committee—Helen Brown, Sheila Girling Macadam, Ian West, Sarah West, and Judy Whiting; Memorial Committee—Mike Hinton, Kathy Williams, and Helen Brown; Treasurer—Werner Ullah.

Leaders: Michael Walker 31t; Rebecca Over 47t; Ted Brown 391; Judy Whiting 171; Nick Hall 455; Mandy Townsend 318; Richard Schmeidler 543; Sinead Hanrahan 56b; Robert Wedgbury 213t; Mary Wright 35; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 187; Bliss McIntosh 444; Mike Hinton 373; Margaret Gillanders 549; Mike Morrisroe 408; Sheila Girling Macadam 564; Ewan Paterson 49b; Aine Uí Cheallaigh 39t; Mick Verrier 107; Sarah West 80t.

RECESS

Ian West called the class to order leading 105. Leaders: Hannah Land 138t; Edwin Macadam 534; Lisa O'Grady 183; Andreas Manz 148; Gosia Perycz 58; Chris Brown 512; Anne Eringa 448t; Steve Helwig 181; Helen Brown 432; Martin De Nys 198.

Rob Mahoney conducted a celebration lesson to mark the following events in singers' lives: births of children and grandchildren, birthdays, educational achievements, new jobs, ten years of marriage, return to health, retirements, the first ever Polish Sacred Harp Convention, and the love of family and friends. He mentioned the success of the London Olympics and Paralympics and led 474.

Leaders: Rachel Jordan 538; Aaron Kahn 284; Lauren Bock 428; Adrian Bolge 156; Eimear O'Donovan 499; Harry Campbell 547; Patricia Temple 33t; Dave Townsend 112. Robert Mahoney offered the prayer before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Michael Walker leading 145t.

Leaders: Niamh O'Sullivan and Duane Nasis 65; Joanne Fuller 439; Ed Long 203; Karen Ivey and David Ivey 217; Eamonn O'Neill 250; Eva Striebeck 430; Dan Brittain 240; Fynn Titford-Mock 312b; Mary De Nys 191; Terry Barber 500; Sadhbh Ní Fhloinn 385b; Jo Pendleton 97; Steve Fletcher 128; Bryan Seale and Renata Pekowska 348t; Sonny Erwin 441; Phil Tyler 505; Kathy Williams 142; Ruth Steggles 454; Alexa Gilmore 270; Jean Seiler 472; Carmel Wood 168; David Ivey 120; Judy Caudle 540.

RECESS

Michael Walker called the class to order leading 111b. Leaders: Steve Biggs 178; Joe Vickers 131t; Louise Holland 137; Kate Kirwan 504; Shelby Sampson 344; Cath Saunt 40; Duane Nasis 542; Nadine Wills 339; Jacqui Selby-MacLeod 32t; Sally Greaves-Lord 216; Andreas Manz 114; Mary Wright 546; Mike Hinton and Dan Brittain 456; Aine Uí Cheallaigh 47b; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg and Lauren Bock 411; Gosia Perycz 317; Richard Schmeidler 268.

Michael Walker led 46 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Rob Mahoney, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, September 16

The Sunday session of the United Kingdom Sacred Harp Convention was called to order by Michael Walker leading 138b. Ted Brown offered the opening prayer.

Michael Walker welcomed everyone.

Leaders: Rebecca Over 283; Nick Hall 287; Margaret Gillanders 556; Ewan Paterson 45t; Hannah Land 70b; Ted Brown, Helen Brown, and Mike Hinton 77t; Sarah Hill 177; Mick Verrier 383; Rachel Jordan 468; Rob Wedgbury 102; Shelby Sampson 171; Edwin Macadam 236; Eimear O'Donovan 196; Steve Helwig 436; Zilpha Cornett 143; Bryan Seale 209; Steve Fletcher 192; Sinead Hanrahan 352; Aaron Kahn 86; Judy Whiting 354t; Fynn Titford-Mock 362.

RECESS

Michael Walker called the class to order leading 207. Leaders: Mandy Townsend and Fern Blevins 84; Lisa O'Grady 27; Ella Cumber 208; Cath Saunt 503; Judy Caudle 389; Sally Greaves-Lord 385t; Patricia Temple 473; Anne Eringa 328; Dan Brittain 313b; Sonny Erwin 569b.

Mike Hinton gave a brief history of the memorial lesson. Kathy Williams spoke for the sick and housebound, reminding the class how much they appreciate cards, telephone calls, and visits. She led 72b in honor of Mary Grattan, Margaret Hyde, Mary Wray, Sara Ray, Linty Davison, Charlotte Walker, Donald Walker, Joe McPartland, Tony Parkinson, Bea Gilmore, Chris Sugden, George Wheeler, Alan Jackson, Lois H. Kahn-Fever, Amanda Boughton, Mark Hall Amitin, Joan Simms, Margaret Malham, Jean Dean, Curtis Owen, Josie Hyde, Vicky Waterworth, Jill Accetta and her son Oliver, Miriam Lloyd, Cath Tyler, Hannah Dunleavy, Michael Herrick, Sophie Manus, David Daykin, Agnes Houlihan, Mary Goulding, Mary Kitchens Gardner, Ken Baddley, and Niall ("Neel") Henderson.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Mike Hinton, who shared with the class the following words written by Ruth Denson Edwards on a paper that he found in her bible: "You know, when death comes to each old and well-loved friend, we die a little too. Something goes out of us—something that's missing to the end of our lives.

Some how the long days pass on into line—the Loom of Life goes on and on weaving a beautiful pattern even though one, two or three lovely strands are gone."

Mike Hinton and Helen Brown led 318 in honor of the following deceased: Violet Lee and Earnest Lee—Lichfield; Roy Payne—Aviemore; Violet Setford—Worthing; Dave Parry—Oxfordshire; Gordon Corrick—Hull; Joe Reynolds—Denmead; Brenda Grimshaw—Southampton; Harold Newell—Dalton; Malcolm Robertson—Maidstone; Isaac Atkinson—Holmfirth; Georgie Chitty—Billericay; Gael Mitchell—Huddersfield; Alfie Millar (18 months)—Buckinghamshire; Vic Newman and Tristan Mirabaud—Lewes; Philip Higgins—Oldham; Ingrid Fabricius—Denmark; Ita Clenaghan—Cork; Mark Ferguson—Mayo; Finbarr Kennedy—Buttevant, Co. Cork; Parac Casey—Passage West, Cork; Jan Fairley—Edinburgh; Reginald Girling and Gladys Girling—Glasgow; Harrison Creel, Travis Keeton, Marie Ivey, Ronnie Francis Dyess—Alabama; Julietta Haynes—Tennessee; Alice Fahrback—Michigan; Lonnie Rogers—Georgia; ; Gregory Barber and Florence Packman—California; Anne Dhu McLucas—Oregon; Janice Robinson—Washington, D.C.; and the victims of the Hillsborough disaster in 1989. Helen Brown closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Nadine Willis 435; Ewan Paterson 49t. Ted Brown offered the prayer before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Chris Brown brought the afternoon session to order leading 350. Leaders: Carmel Wood 195; Dave Townsend 378b; Emily Verrier and children 146; Mike Morrisroe 260; Kate Kirwan 245; Sheila Girling Macadam 415; David Ivey 558; Louise Holland 275t; Eamonn O'Neill 215; Lauren Bock 214; Martin De Nys 147t; Helen Brown 550; Karen Ivey 155; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 532; Sarah West 170; Alexa Gilmore 30t; Jean Seiler 299; Kathy Williams 273; Harry Campbell 59; Jo Pendleton 566; Ruth Steggles 535; Joanne Fuller 176t.

Michael Walker recognized John Baldini, thanking him for organizing the kitchen at this and previous conventions, and led 284 with and for John.

RECESS

The final session was called to order by Michael Walker leading 89. Leaders: Jacqui Selby-MacLeod 122; Adrian Bolge 159; Chris Brown 330b; Sadhbh Ní Fhloinn 272; Ian West 182; Niamh O'Sullivan 106; Eva Striebeck 277; Terry Barber 376; Sarah Hill 176b; Richard Schmeidler 66; Zilpha Cornett 480; Jo Pendleton and Judy Caudle 452; Steve Helwig and Gosia Perycz 377; Patricia Temple and Mary Wright 312t; Mike Hinton and Sonny Erwin 475; Kathy Williams and Louise Holland 108t; Joanne Fuller and Jean Seiler 217; The Cork Singers 300; Dan Brittain 481; Terry Barber and Shelby Sampson 63; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg and Lauren Bock 426b; David Ivey and Karen Ivey 425.

Michael Walker recognized the hard work done by Steve Fletcher and Martin Williams, co-organizers of the convention, especially during his absence in the USA. He led 340 with and for Steve and Martin. He thanked in detail the officers, everyone who had brought delicious food and all who had worked so hard, often behind the scenes, to make the convention a success. The secretary reported that 77 leaders had led 169 songs and that 141 singers had registered over the two days. Numbers attending by country and state: England—93; Scotland—4; France—1; Germany—2; Ireland—12; Poland—2; The Netherlands—1; Alabama—6; Arkansas—1; California—2; Georgia—3; Massachusetts—1; New York—3; Oregon—1; Texas—4; Virginia—5. Announcements were made. Michael Walker, Sarah Hill, and Sally Greaves-Lord led 62, and those who wished took the parting hand. Ted Brown offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Michael Walker; Vice Chairman—Cath Tyler; Secretary—Rebecca Over; Assistant Secretaries—Margaret Gillanders, Nick Hall and Jacqui Selby-MacLeod

ILLINOIS STATE SACRED HARP CONVENTION **Christian County Historical Museum, Taylorville, Illinois** **September 15-16, 2012** **Saturday, September 15**

The 28th annual session of the Illinois State Sacred Harp Convention was called to order by Ryan Wheeler leading 45t. Don Bardsley offered the morning prayer. The following officers and committees were previously elected or appointed: Chairman—Ryan Wheeler; Co-Chairman—Jim Page; Treasurer—Barbara A. Moore; Secretary—Janet Fraembs; Chaplain—Don Bardsley (Saturday); Lou Kujawinski, Carol Munro Mosely (Sunday); Arranging Committee—Berkley Moore and Barbara A. Moore; Finance Committee—Mark Graber and Ryan Wheeler; Memorial Committee—Ryan Wheeler and Jim Page. Leaders: Terry Hogg 523; Janet Fraembs 34b; Peggy Brayfield 13 (MH); Lori Graber 2 (MH); James Page “Berkley”; Paul Figura 19 (MH); Johanna Fabke 473; Ginny Landgraf 77 MH; Jo Dell Albi 169; Dave Ressler 171; Jonathan Smith 101b;

Nathan Rees 138t; Anne Heider 138 (MH); Helen Parker 117; Joan Aldridge 110; Bill Rintz 178; Berkley Moore 9 (MH).

RECESS

Darrell Swarens brought the class back to order by leading 128. Leaders: Penny Kujawinski 474; William Shetter 64 (MH); Steve Warner 131 (MH); Shirley Figura 180 (MH); Micah Sommersmith “Runyan”; Jan Ketelle 89 (MH); Gary Gronau 419; Becky Browne 318; Len Vanderjagt 99; Lou Kujawinski 368; Don Bardsley 149; Julie Vea 536; Presley Barker 131t; Martha Tyner 40. Don Bardsley offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Presley Barker called the class back together for the afternoon session leading 276. Leaders: Paul Figura 127 (MH); Ginny Landgraf 91 (MH); Dave Ressler 216; Jo Dell Albi 214; Jonathan Smith 189; Nathan Rees 371; Anne Heider 455; Helen Parker 481; Bill Rintz 51 (MH); Darrell Swarens 507; William Shetter 135 (MH); Steve Warner 168; Shirley Figura 30b; Micah Sommersmith 157; Jan Ketelle 217; Becky Browne 270; Gary Gronau 496; Len Vanderjagt 102; Don Bardsley 56b; Julie Vea 436; Ryan Wheeler 148.

RECESS

James Page brought the class back together by leading 65. Leaders: Terry Hogg 43; Peggy Brayfield 34 (MH); Lori Graber 228; Janet Fraembs 532; Martha Tyner 335; Presley Barker 505; James Page 45 (MH); Joan Aldridge 373; Lou Kujawinski 442; Penny Kujawinski 37b; Ginny Landgraf 148 (MH); Dave Ressler 175 (MH); Jo Dell Albi 8 (MH); Jonathan Smith, Kyle Carmack, and Nathan Rees 56t; Anne Heider 273; Bill Rintz 288; Darrell Swarens 145 (MH); William Shetter 454.

Following announcements, Ryan Wheeler led 323t. Terry Hogg closed the Saturday session with prayer.

Sunday, September 16

The Sunday session of the Illinois State Sacred Harp Singing Convention was called to order by Ryan Wheeler leading 59. Lou Kujawinski offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Berkley Moore 435; Carol Munro Mosley 192; Dave Ressler 300; Len Vanderjagt 49b; Lou Kujawinski 56 (MH); Penny Kujawinski 32t; Joan Aldridge 166; Johanna Fabke 114; James Page 170 (MH); Presley Barker 191; Martha Tyner 84; Janet Fraembs 110 (MH); Lori Graber 497; Peggy Brayfield 84 (MH); Terry Hogg 162 (MH); Julie Vea 385t; Ryan Wheeler 149 (MH); Joe Astrouski 335; Berkley Moore 142 (MH); Carol Munro Mosley 145 (MH); Dave Ressler 70 (MH).

RECESS

The memorial lesson was conducted by Presley Barker and Ryan Wheeler. The names of the sick and shut-ins read by Presley were Bob Scorgie, Bob Anderson, Lee Steinmetz, Doris Steinmetz, Mary Jean McGuire, David Rust, Marlen Rust, Bill Smith, Sharon Owens, Josie Hyde, Jim Helke, and Ted Mercer. He commented that with today’s technology we share our singings with our absent friends by holding up phones for them to hear. He led 472 for them.

The following names were listed on the memorial list: Becky Schildman, Michael Veech, Garry Harrison, Dorthy Dexheimer—Illinois; M. Harrison Creel, Marie Ivey, Travis Keeton, Ruth Johnson, Pauline Griggs—Alabama; John Merritt—Mississippi; Lonnie Rogers—Georgia; Dora Miller—Iowa; Sharyn Kropp—Missouri; Elaine Beyer—Wisconsin. Ryan talked about how much we owe those who have passed on and told how a singer from Chicago, Paul Sheeter, now deceased, had been instrumental in encouraging the Geneva singing. He led 66, and closed the memorial lesson with prayer. Carol Munro Mosley offered the noontime blessing.

LUNCH

Terry Hogg brought the class back to order by leading 62 (MH). After the convention voted for each leader to select two songs if desired, the following tunes were led. Leaders: Julie Vea 113 (MH), 218; Ryan Wheeler 236, 278b; Joe Astrouski 397, 504; Carol Munro Mosley 540, 455; Dave Ressler 285t, 299; Terry Hogg 147 (MH), 133 (MH); Ryan Wheeler 33b; Penny Kujawinski 372, 29t; Lou Kujawinski 272, 473; Johanna Fabke 505; James Page 34 (MH), 67 (MH); Ryan Wheeler 457; Presley Barker 277, 276; Martha Tyner 147t, 479.

RECESS

Singing resumed with Berkley Moore leading 229. Leaders: Janet Fraembs 181, 385b; Peggy Brayfield 126 (MH), 284; Lori Graber 368, 107; Ryan Wheeler 81t, 77t; Joe Astrouski 80t 105; Dave Ressler 122, 67; Terry Hogg 535, 549.

Ryan Wheeler announced that expenses were met. He then thanked the various committees and individuals who had made the convention a success, those who had brought food, and those who had come from near and far to sing. He acknowledged the Christian County Historical Society and Chuck Courtwright for use of the facility. Announcements were made.

Ryan Wheeler led 62 as the closing song, and those who wished took the parting hand. Terry Hogg closed with a prayer.

Chairman—Ryan Wheeler; Co-Chairman—James Page; Secretary—Janet Fraembs

CORNELIUS BENJAMIN KEETON AND TRAVIS KEETON MEMORIAL

Shady Grove (Keeton Cemetery), Walker County, Alabama Sunday, September 16, 2012

The 21st annual Cornelius Benjamin Keeton and Travis Keeton Memorial Sacred Harp singing was held on the third Sunday in September. Glenn Keeton called the class to order by welcoming everyone and leading 145b. The morning prayer was offered by Richard Mauldin.

The class organized by retaining the same officers as follows: Chairman—Glenn Keeton; Vice Chairman—Don Keeton; Secretary—Margaret Keeton; Arranging Officer—Lena Keeton.

Leaders: Glenn Keeton 99; Don Keeton 477, 480; Joshua Keeton 268, 30t; Larry Ballinger 177, 260; Ann Jett 146, 167; Otis Sides 145t, 322; Mike Hankins 72b, 410t; Seth Holloway 236, 388; Faye Donaldson 168, 124.

RECESS

The class was brought back together by Glenn Keeton, Matthew Keeton, and Isabella Keeton leading 235. Leaders: Henry Guthery 348b, 549; Roma Rice 64, 460 (in memory of Ada Godsey); Chris Ballinger 76b, 215; Sarah Beasley 384, 283; Richard Mauldin 43 (for Josie Hyde), 446; Margaret Keeton 57, 78; Tim Cook 24b, 152.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Don Keeton leading 270. Leaders: Betty Baccus 378t, 454; Gravis Ballinger 182, 120; Linda Sides 445 (in memory of Jackie Grace), 277; Danny Creel 383, 456; Amber Davis 187, 192; Glenn Keeton 378b (in memory of Avis McGough, Travis Keeton, Benjamin Keeton, and Anna Pruett). Danny Creel offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Glenn Keeton, Skip Keeton, Lena Keeton, Gwen Cornelius, Arnie Keeton, Wade Keeton, Nell Sorsby, Jeanett Colburn, and Mike Slowman leading 46, 179 (in memory of Travis Keeton), 47b, and 143. Leaders: Lisa Geist 150, 391; Gwen Cornelius and Steve Adams 339, 101t; Emily Burleson 511,

428; Steve Adams and Gwen Cornelius 490; Lena Keeton and Ann Jett 546; Lena Keeton and Emily Bureson 472; Emily Bureson 380 (by request); Glenn Keeton, Skip Keeton, Aiden McGough, Doyal Keeton, Holly Keeton, Sharon Keeton, Betty Busby, and Tonya Wright 290, 496 (in memory of Travis Keeton). Following announcements, Glenn Keeton and Don Keeton led 267 as the closing song. Richard Mauldin dismissed the class with prayer.
Chairman—Glenn Keeton; Vice Chairman—Don Keeton; Secretary—Margaret Keeton

**THE ORIGINAL B.F. WHITE SACRED HARP SINGING
CONVENTION (1911 J.L. WHITE REVISION)
Hardeman Primitive Baptist Church, Decatur, Georgia
Sunday, September 16, 2012**

The annual Original B.F. White Sacred Harp Singing Convention (1911 J.L. White Revision) was held at Hardeman Primitive Baptist Church, Decatur, Georgia, on the third Sunday in September. John Plunkett called the class to order, welcomed all singers and friends, and led 30t. The morning prayer was offered by Billy Hollingsworth.

Leaders: John Plunkett 59; Russ Hanson 72b; Sandra Wilkinson 82t; Judy Mincey 55t; Malinda Snow 35; Billy Hollingsworth 138t; Martha Ann Stegar 490b; Tony Hammock 292t; Hayden Arp 478t; Robert Kelley 548b; Mary Brownlee 264t; David Brodeur 144; Oscar McGuire 155; Helen Bryson 182; Henry Johnson 426b; Rita Haley 63; John Hollingsworth 480b; Wesley Haley 137; Dave Farmer 478b; Judy Mincey 544t.

A business session was held and the same officers were elected to serve as follows:
Chairman—John Plunkett; Vice Chairman—Russ Hanson; Secretary—Sandra Wilkinson.

RECESS

Russ Hanson called the class to order by leading 101t. Leaders: Tony Hammock 370; Sandra Wilkinson 98; Malinda Snow 511; Billy Hollingsworth 154b; Robert Kelley 468; Mary Brownlee 496b; Martha Ann Stegar 519; Faye Holbrook 67; Hayden Arp 149; Tom Hanson 512; Carol Hanson 484t; Rita Haley 239; Dave Farmer 58; John Plunkett and students from Emory University 49t. Prayer was offered for the noon meal by Henry Johnson.

LUNCH

John Plunkett began the afternoon session by leading 504. Leaders: David Brodeur 38b; Oscar McGuire 444t; Hayden Arp 434; John Hollingsworth 527.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Helen Bryson. After a few meaningful and inspiring comments, Helen led 498t for both the sick and shut-ins and the deceased. The sick and shut-ins listed were as follows: Violet Thomason, Kathy White, and Ellie Soler. The deceased remembered were Dot Garrison, Benny Leavelle, Sally McEwen, James Tolbert, Florence Faith, and Lonnie Rogers—Georgia. The memorial prayer was offered by Elder Jesse Roberts.

Leaders: Jesse Roberts 493; Rebecca Higgins 408; Bob Goodman 492; Micah Roberts 40; Janet Wuichet 499t; Henry Johnson 37b; Alice West 36b; Carol Hanson 177; Tom Hanson 299; Helen Bryson and Lynda Phillips Camp 358.

RECESS

Russ Hanson called the class together by leading 222. Leaders: Robert Kelley 372; Henry Johnson 427b; Mary Brownlee 151; Dave Farmer 339; Hayden Arp 175; Jesse Roberts 121; Micah Roberts 276; Alice West 277; Faye Holbrook 317b; Oscar

McGuire 316; Tom Hanson 387. Mr. Raymond Hamrick was in attendance, but declined to lead.

Following announcements and closing remarks, John Plunkett led 389t. The closing prayer was offered by Jesse Roberts.

Chairman—John Plunkett; Vice Chairman—Russ Hanson; Secretary—Sandra Wilkinson

SMYRNA SACRED HARP SINGING **Smyrna Primitive Baptist Church, Goodwater, Alabama** **Sunday, September 16, 2012**

The annual Sacred Harp Singing at Smyrna Primitive Baptist Church was held on the third Sunday in September. The class was called to order by Jack Nelson leading several hymns from the *Lloyd's Hymnal* and 380. Elder Ken Milner welcomed everyone, and offered prayer.

The class agreed to keep the same officers as follows: Chairman—Jack Nelson; Co-Chairman—William Futral; Secretary—Virginia Futral.

Leaders: Jack Nelson 30b; Eugene Forbes 317, 39b; B.M. Smith 68b, 101t; Ed Thacker 57, 541; Margie Smith 225t, 31b; Myrlene Redmond 282, 341; Margaret Thacker 138b, 496; Charlene Wallace 145t, 145b; Edna Ruth Phillips 452, 143.

RECESS

Jack Nelson called the class back together by leading 500. Leaders: Deborah Ritch 373, 294; Wendy Futral 334, 100; Denice Burleson 300, 340; Cecil Roberts 89, 32t; Jordan Whitehead 111t, 354t; Roy Nelson 33t, 36b; William Futral and Wendy Futral 490, 491. Elder Ken Milner offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Jack Nelson began the afternoon session by leading 318 and 339. Leaders: Elder Ken Milner and Jack Nelson 45t; Margaret Ray 335, 127; Myra Goss 222, 170; Bufrey Dean 47b, 46; Karen Clark 77t, 565; Virginia Futral 569b, 329; Myrlene Redmond 358; Edna Ruth Phillips 200; Elder Ken Milner and Wendy Futral 59; Margie Smith 494; Margaret Ray 122; Margaret Thacker 303; Eugene Forbes 155; Cecil Roberts 56t; B.M. Smith 350; Karen Clark 49b; Denice Burleson 186; Deborah Ritch 385; Bufrey Dean 378b; Ed Thacker 546.

Elder Ken Milner offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Jack Nelson; Co-Chairman—William Futral; Secretary—Virginia Futral

CAMP FASOLA EUROPE **Wichrowe, Wzgorze, Chmielno, Kazuby, Poland** **September 17-20, 2012**

Monday, September 17

Registration for the first Camp FaSoLa Europe began at 4:00 p.m. Campers were issued T-shirts, procedures lists, schedules of classes, and identification buttons.

Introductory Lesson. 5:00 p.m. David Ivey began the class by introducing himself and welcoming campers. He referred to the Rudiments section of the Sacred Harp, and talked about the importance of a singing school. He drew parallels between the terminology of singing schools and regular schools, and then proceeded with a brief overview of pitch, harmony, notation, and scales. The class practiced singing the scale, and David stressed the importance of practicing singing scales.

There was an open discussion with David about what campers hoped to learn during the week of lessons. Comments included leading with more confidence, overcoming shyness, and depending less on the front bench. Others were interested in learning to sight-read the music, or improve sight-reading skills. Still other comments focused

on drawing in new members and how to explain shape-note singing without becoming too repetitive or driving beginners away. Several campers were interested in improving teaching skills, including traditions, etiquette, and composing. David dismissed the class for dinner.

Class Singing. 7:30 p.m. The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Lauren Bock; Secretary—Jo Pendleton; Arranging Committee—Michael Morrisroe and Steve Helwig.

Lauren Bock brought the class to order by leading 82t. Blazej Matusiak offered the opening prayer. Leaders: Jo Pendleton 59; Steve Helwig 297; Michael Morrisroe 134; Sadhbh O'Flynn 34t; Kathy Williams 345t; Colleen Jones 344; Michael Walker 377; Louise Holland 47t; Sarah West 76b; Aaron Kahn 183; Mary Wright 71; Justyna Orlikowska 27; Tim Eriksen 222; Daire O'Sullivan 556; Pat Temple 373; Eva Striebeck 203; Bryan Seale 148; Judy Whiting 212; Franzi Schmidt 122; Gosia Perycz 133; Colin Higgins 313b; Richard Schmeidler 474; Blazej Matusiak 31t; Eamonn O'Neill 500; Fynn Titford-Mock 566; Jesse P. Karlsberg 131b; Kate Kirwan 328.

Lauren Bock led 323t as the closing song. A devotional was held, and then the class was dismissed.

Tuesday, September 18

Lesson: Rudiments I / Basics. 9:00 a.m. David Ivey began the class by introducing the building blocks of singing Sacred Harp—tune, time, and accent. Today's class focused mainly on tune. David explained the tonic note, how to determine the key in which a song is written, and the class practiced matching the tone sounded by the keyer. He referred to the Rudiments, pg. 20, which specifies the quality of singing as firm, pure, full, and certain. He noted that loud is not mentioned. He talked about music as a language in shapes, time value, rests, and repeats. He talked about the musical forms found in the Sacred Harp (odes, anthems, set pieces, fusing tunes, and hymns). Andreas Manz led 77t, and the class was dismissed.

Lesson: Rudiments I / Advanced. 9:00 a.m. Dan Brittain introduced himself and welcomed the class. Dan began by describing how he became a singer of Sacred Harp music. He described himself as a relative newcomer, happening upon the music in college. Some years later, he fortuitously found an advertisement for the Chattahoochee Convention in Georgia. When he was posted to a position in Atlanta, Georgia, he could sing with experienced singers every weekend.

Dan continued by revisiting the shapes. He talked about Cuido d'Arezzo, who taught children to sing by syllables. He recommended reading "Sing to Me of Heaven", by Dorothy Horn, University of Tennessee Press. Referring back to 4 shapes, Dan said that repeating the fa so la was the only way to sing all 8 tones of the scale and end on the same syllable. Four shape notes started being used in the early 1800's and made the music visual.

Dan discussed the issue of the raised 6th in the minor scale. He noted regional differences, and said some singers will ignore all accidentals, and raise all 6ths, while other will sing the notes as written. Many songs were discussed in terms of some singers raising notes while others do not. He quoted Judy Hauff as describing these ambiguous notes as creating a pleasant buzz. The best strategy is to listen to as many other singers as possible and choose to do what one likes best. Dan mentioned that "Cobb" was not written with the raised 6th in mind, but after hearing it sung that way, he now prefers it.

Dan acknowledged that he speaks as a singer who learned to sing in West Georgia. He spoke about uniqueness of various groups and respecting local traditions when one travels to other areas. Songs discussed and sang during the class were 425, 312b, 378t, 371, 299, 45t, 287, and 481.

Elective: Arranging Committee. 10:45 a.m. Jesse P. Karlsberg began the class by explaining his interest in the process of arranging. He produced a copy of an article published in the Huntsville Sacred Harp Newsletter in 1994, which he was given when he first began to arrange. Jesse stated that arranging is as important as keying in determining the success and flow of a singing. The purpose of arranging is to organize the day to ensure that all those who wish to lead are able to do so. However, it should also be the goal to keep the singing as strong as possible for as long as possible so that people leave feeling that it was a good experience.

The process begins by getting the names of leaders. This can be done by recognition, by providing pen and paper for registration, or by providing simple index cards or printed registration cards for sign-up. When calling names of leaders, it is important to enunciate and speak with volume so that people have the best chance to hear. It is advisable to get help with difficult or new pronunciations, especially when a wide variety of nationalities are present. It is important to call the next leader and the one to follow to keep the singing moving. Traditionally, at smaller singings, a two-song lesson is led and each leader is called only once in the day. One-song lessons are recommended at large conventions. The Arranging Committee may ask the class for their cooperation to help get around the class. Points to request would be to reduce verses, arrive in the square promptly with song selection ready, or lead with a friend.

Jesse described a good contour of the day as building in quality from the beginning, leveling off at the top, and then gradually reducing at the end. Each session should mirror this image in miniature. It is important to find a balance between strong and weak leaders. Variety by location, gender, and family is also very important. Disperse singers by leading proficiency and the type of song they normally lead according to the contour of the day. The Arranging Committee should be invisible to the majority of the class. An important part of this is to know the leaders... what type of songs they prefer to lead, how dynamic they are in the square, and the response they get from the class. To help ensure a good balance across the day, disperse the energy levels and leader quality rather than have an amazing one hour at the expense of the rest of the day. There should also be a balance between advance planning and modification on the fly as a session develops. Actively respond to unexpected changes to the energy level rather than allowing a slump to go on or for all the high energy songs to be used in a clump.

It is important for the Officers and Arranging Committee to concur about break times, especially at large singings. These may be set in advance, indicated by the chairperson directly, or left up to the Arranging Committee to determine. The time of the ending of the singing is also important to check. Encourage officers to give discretion to the Arranging Committee.

Elective: Learning Songs. 10:45 a.m. Judy Caudle introduced herself as a fourth generation Sacred Harp singer. She welcomed the class and led 155. She passed out an exercise sheet with scales, intervals, and groups of note phrases and the class practiced singing these exercises. The class moved on to lead specific songs. Leaders and selections: Aaron Kahn 434; Zilpha Cornett 568; John O'Flynn 300; Eva Striebeck and Judy Caudle 71; Ulrike Tietjen and Judy Caudle 142; Franz Schmidt 99; Kate Kirwan 442; Andreas Manz 320.

Some of the tips arising during the leading session were as follows: use smooth leading motions (avoid pumping the elbow, or swinging the arm, or flipping the wrist); once time keeping has begun, keep the arm moving in time (to avoid confusion that might cause the class to stop singing); beat the rest at the beginning of a song while the chord is still sounding, and begin singing with an upward motion; if,

after singing the shapes, it is necessary to change the pitch of a song, return to the original tonic sound and slide up or down.

Lesson: Panel Discussion on Sacred Harp Etiquette and Tradition. 2:15 p.m. A panel of experienced Sacred Harp singers including Dan Brittain, David Ivey, Tim Eriksen, and Judy Caudle assembled with campers to discuss Sacred Harp practices and perspectives on what to do—and what not to do—to be effective and appreciated in singing, leading, and arranging.

A general discussion was held on the responsibilities of the front row. Comments were made on the subject of foot stomping. It's not unusual to hear the beat, but a light tapping is much preferred. Another discussion developed in answer to a question about a leader who wishes to sing a song with "no loss of time". The song on page 29t was used as an example. This discussion led to further comments about what times of day would be best for certain songs, such as anthems. The panel also addressed questions about how to stimulate new growth in a community.

Lesson: How to Beat the 7 Modes of Time. 3:30 p.m. The class practiced the mechanics of beating time with helpful comments from David Ivey. Songs used for this practice were 70t, 155, 38b, 84, 31t, 457, 75, and 64.

Lesson: Leading and Bringing in Parts. 3:30 p.m. Judy Caudle began by telling the class that bringing in parts while leading is a means of communication. It is not a required activity, but can be very rewarding. There are many effective leaders that do not bring in parts. This class is for leaders who wish to communicate in this manner and learn to do so with grace, poise, and decorum.

Leaders: Zilpha Cornett 385b; Ulrike Tietjen 107; Sarah West 419; Bryan Seale 344; Mike Morrisroe 196; Chris Brown 466; Fynn Titford-Mock 327; Gosia Percyz 181; Lauren Bock 542 (by request of Harold Grundner); Colleen Jones 168; Sadhbh O'Flynn 198; Judy Caudle 316 (by request).

Elective: A Brief History of Sacred Harp. 4:15 p.m. Jesse P. Karlsberg began the class by pointing out the two main topics to be discussed: 1. What makes a song a "Sacred Harp" song; 2. The book, the people involved in putting it together, and the many revisions.

The class sang 49t, the oldest music in the book. This song exemplifies a lot of concord and some passing discords. Parallel octaves and fifths were avoided. Sacred Harp is not a music that strictly obeys rules as is sometimes said, but rather it follows different rules at different times. "Old Hundred", "Mear", "Wells", "Aylesbury", and "St. Thomas" tunes came from England. Beginning in the late 18th and early 19th century, a plethora of compositions were churned out from America. Lots of fuging tunes and anthems were composed at this time. There was a feeling that each of the four parts should be interesting to sing in their own right. The class looked at page 479, "Chester". Billings made interesting and melodically independent treble, tenor, and bass parts, but sacrificed the interesting nature of the alto. Some composers would choose melodic independence of all parts over staying within the constraints of the rules of harmony at the time. The class sang 203, a song where each part is interesting, but goes against John Playford's rules. Jesse referenced Warren Steel's book "The Makers of the Sacred Harp" as an indispensable book for research. The tradition of word painting comes from the New England school of Composers. The class looked at 352 "Swanton" as an example of word painting (leaps and flies). This music does not lend itself well to different texts. Composers began to look again at European composition style and write more scientifically. "Pleyel's Hymn", page 143, is a song written in SATB format. "Ortonville" page 68b was also written in SATB format, and then was rewritten by B.F. White. The treble part is uncharacteristic of Thomas Hastings and was clearly added in the spirit of melodic independence.

Folk songs draw on a pre-existing melody. Composers would write a melody and then write harmony to the melody. Pages 72t and 75 were compared, having different time signatures and key signatures, and essentially the same melody. The class sang 72t, 75, 121, and 437. Dan Brittain pointed out that 177 is cut from the same cloth melodically, but is a fusing tune. "Alabama" and "Praise God" were mentioned as folk tunes (or plain tunes) that have been rewritten as fusing tunes. Many folk hymns have an AABA format. Another characteristic of these tunes is a gapped pentatonic or hexatonic scale. Many minor songs fall into this same category. *The Sacred Harp* has many two-note chords rather than three-note chords. This gives the songs an open or sparse sound.

Sacred Harp history goes before the publication of the book. The turn from engraved printing to typesetting changed the way music was published. In 1844, the first edition was printed. Jesse talked about the architecture of the Sacred Harp book. Initially, page 27 "Bethel" was the first piece of music in the book, and Part I consisted of mostly plain tunes used by church congregations. Part II, beginning with page 163, consisted of songs used in singing schools and societies. Part III, beginning with page 225, included odes and anthems. In 1850, the revision brought a radical new class of book. Instead of being revised by the compiler, it was revised by a team of contributors, headed by B.F. White, and tied to the Southern Music Convention. It brought the commitment of an extended community and ensured their interest in the book. The 1859 revision exhibited a shift toward more four part songs and a continuing shift toward more complicated songs. The first edition in which songs were removed at the reviser's discretion was the 1870 edition. This started to break down the original organization of the songs. Songs such as "Fillmore", "Sardis", and "Save, Lord, or We Perish" set the model for a new way of composing.

In the early 1900's, chatter began to emerge at conventions regarding the revision of the book. The Douglasville Convention appointed a new committee, including J.P. Reese's son and Joe S. James. Concurrent to this, the Cooper Revision was released in 1902. James founded the United Musical Convention and called for another revision of the Sacred Harp, with the help of J.L. White. In 1909, White published the 5th edition. In 1911, *The Original Sacred Harp* was published, restoring many of the songs which had been taken out. The book was completely re-typeset, with descriptions of each composer and including a Bible verse underneath the title of each song. James and White campaigned avidly all over the South attempting to promote their own books. In 1933, the Denson family formed the Sacred Harp Publishing Company, and purchased the rights for the Original Sacred Harp from James's descendants. In 1936, a revision was published, and became known as the Denson book. Later revisions include a 1960 edition, 1966 edition, 1971 edition, and the 1991 edition that is in use today.

Elective: Scales and Intervals (Melodics). 4:15 p.m. Tim Eriksen introduced himself and called the class to order. The class practiced singing scales, and then practiced singing the exercises on pg. 24 of the Rudiments. Tim shared some games using improvised melodies. Two friends create an original piece (singing shapes or just "wa di da"), keeping the rhythm solid and passing a fresh tune back and forth. It's not call and response, but true improvisation. In the second game, call and response was improvised and it became clear that rhythm is key. In game 3, Tim used a pointer and the class sang scales in unison. There was discussion about the differences in the major and minor scales. Tim stated that melodies need to move or else they're not melody. The class sang 159, and was dismissed.

Class Singing. 7:30 p.m. The class was brought to order by Sarah West leading 34b. The opening prayer was offered by Chris Brown.

Leaders: Corinna Frische 142; David Ivey 83t; Kate Kirwan 38t; Ewan Paterson 277; Franzi Schmidt 276; Zilpha Cornett 358; Dan Brittain 417; Lisa O'Grady 497; Chris Brown 56b; Magdalena Gryszko 163t; Aaron Khan 335; Gosia Perycz 204; Daire O'Sullivan 37b; Judy Caudle 405; Magdalena Osthaus 114; John O'Flynn 47t; Eva Striebeck 70b; Blazej Matusiak 376; Louise Holland 440; Colleen Jones 479; Karen Ivey 422; Mary Wright 145b; Fynn Titford-Mock 144; Kathy Williams 222; Justyna Orlikowska 542.

Sarah West led 101t as the closing song. The devotional was conducted by Frank Cornett. He referred to Colossians 3:12-17 and Philippians 4:5 and spoke. Frank offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Sarah West; Secretary—Margaret Bradshaw

Wednesday, September 19

Early rising campers could choose Nordic walking or swimming as recreation before breakfast at 8:00 a.m.

Lesson: Rudiments II / Basics. 9:00 a.m. David Ivey began this class by talking about Rhythmics, referring to pg. 14 of the Rudiments. He continued by talking about the relative lengths of notes and rests and time signatures. He explained the differences in slurs, ties, and joined flags, as illustrated on pg. 17 of the Rudiments. David and the class discussed triplets, grace notes, first and second endings, and repeat marks. Then the class practiced singing scales in major and minor keys.

Lesson: Rudiments II / Advanced. 9:00 a.m. Dan Brittain greeted the class and began by discussing the modes of time. Dan stated that older books gave exact speeds in seconds for each mode of time, but these are not followed much today. Tempo is relative and local traditions vary. Dan picked out several songs in the book to demonstrate different meter designations, using pages 360, 34t, 73t, 288, 482, 57, 98, and 209. He advised campers, when leading, to start your hand moving into the correct position as the chord is sounding. Continue keeping time consistently, and when coming to the end, beat all the time of the notes as printed, rather than just holding up your hand for the duration of the last note. Dan says that it is not necessarily traditional, but he finds that a good rule is to deal with time changes by keeping the pulse the same. The class practiced time changes by singing 234 and 329.

Elective: Sacred Harp Harmony and Style. 10:45 a.m. Dan Brittain shared his thoughts and opinions of what makes Sacred Harp harmony and style unique. Harmony and style in shape-note music does not necessarily follow traditional rules. Each part has its own melody, parallel harmony is not forbidden, strong accent and breathing points are not necessarily where one would expect, and regional variations in the tradition exist. Dan notes that it is important to teach others what we learn. Sacred Harp singers do not perform; this is a participatory music, and there is no appointed conductor or director.

Dan continued by talking about his composing style and some of the general rules he uses for writing. He noted some of the composers who influenced his style, including Breedlove, Dumas, King, and the Reese brothers. Dan mentioned that one of the best ways to learn to write is to examine existing pieces and try to copy the style. He pointed out some examples of this by using songs in the book, including 34t, 77t, 278b, 375, and 145t. There was discussion about one-chord songs and how they have been included in the book since 1844. Dan hypothesized that some one-chord songs came from the *Lloyd's Hymnal* and other similar words-only books, where singers improvise harmonies. It was a practical application. These harmonies were then annotated as best as possible. Dan stated that in 3-part tunes, altos should double the bass part in order to preserve the sound of 6-part harmony.

Elective: More Rudiments and Practice. 10:45 a.m. Tim Eriksen referred to pages 24 and 25 of the Rudiments section, and the class practiced singing the exercises. The class practiced singing the major and minor scales at various tempos as Tim pointed to different notes. Some members of the class led songs 546, 184, 86, 112, and 304. Tim stressed the importance of keeping time consistently, and reminded the class to accent properly.

Elective: Best of the Ungreatest Hits. 1:00 p.m. David Ivey welcomed the class and said that there are 42 songs in the Sacred Harp that were led less in 2011 than the most used song. The class sang some of these songs. Leaders: Michael Walker 93; Richard Schmeidler 169; Dan Brittain 449; Sadhbh O'Flynn 115; Sarah West 483; Finn Titford-Mock 118; Eimear O'Donovan 359; Steve Helwig 88b; Jesse P. Karlsberg 69b; Bogna Rozyczka 308; Lauren Bock 407; Tim Eriksen 562; Colleen Jones 429; Jesse P. Karlsberg and Lauren Bock 541; Corinna Frische 423; David Ivey 462; Mary Wright 152; Gosia Percyz 266; Shelby Sampson 92; Kathy Williams 412; Lisa O'Grady 409; Michael Morrisroe 502.

Lesson: Songs of P. Dan Brittain. 2:15 p.m. Dan Brittain shared stories about the music he has written, including some do's and don'ts about composing. Dan has songs published in the Sacred Harp, the *Missouri Harmony*, and other books.

Leaders: Dan Brittain 353, 481; Karen Ivey 472; Bryan Seale 313b; Dan Brittain "Chmeilno", "Hauff"; Jesse P. Karlsberg "Beard"; Lauren Bock "Iowa"; Eimear O'Donovan "Cowling"; Michael Walker "Garden State"; Dan Brittain "Pohick", "Maquoketa", "Desparr", "Blessed Hope", "Redding", and "Steel".

Lesson: Leading Workshop / Basics. 3:30 p.m. Jesse P. Karlsberg welcomed the class. Judy Caudle began the lesson by reading the Rudiments on page 16, items 12 and 15. She explained that the goal of this class was to provide guidelines for developing individual leading styles. First, Jesse said to have several songs ready to lead and be familiar with the layout of these songs (rests, repeats, holds, and number of verses). Then, Judy said, decide on a tempo before coming to the square, and always begin and end a song with your leading hand in up position. Jesse led 32t and demonstrated a few of the less desirable leading styles, including a good start, with the class singing together, and a not so good start, with the class confused about what to do. He told the class that when singing more than one verse of a song, to stop briefly between verses.

Jo Pendleton led 59, and the class discussed first and second endings. Eimear O'Donovan led 485, demonstrating the difficulty of bringing in parts. Ewan Paterson led 457, and practiced how to begin this song. Zilpha Cornett led 378b, and was given instruction on how to beat the time without swinging the arm below the waist. During this time, a question was raised about how to keep time consistently, without speeding up or slowing down. Some of the suggestions were keeping the arm motions within the area of about chin to waist, observing someone who keeps time well, and practice, practice, practice. Chris Brown led 28t, and the class discussed how to keep the tempo following the rests. Andreas Manz led 49t, and asked about tempo. Jesse said that tempo varies from place to place, so there are no hard and fast rules on what is traditional. Mike Morrisroe led 196, and the class was dismissed.

Lesson: Rudiments-Accent / Basics. 3:30 p.m. Tim Eriksen began this class by talking about rhythm and the kind of questions people have about accent. He referred to page 16, section 14, of the Rudiments. The class practiced rhythm and accent by singing the following songs: 49t (2/2 time); 274t (2/4 time); 155 (4/4 time); 179 (6/4 time); 215 (4/4 time).

Elective: Keying Music. 4:45 p.m. David Ivey welcomed the class. He began by saying that keying music is a learning process that must be done on an individual basis. People usually begin to key music out of necessity. David provided some tips

on how to key as follows: know the scales; listen carefully to others who key and to recordings; know your voice; determine the tonic note; pitch a song so that all parts can sing comfortably. David told the class that keying is very important to a singing. If keying is all over the place, the singing will struggle. It's best to try to key within a consistent range. Try to give all the parts their opening note, including alto. It takes time to develop a sense for keying, so always be self-evaluating and practice often. The class discussed the keys of specific songs including 331, 403, 414, 312t, 399b, 57, 37b, 212, 144, 274t, and 39t. David said it is a beautiful thing, at singings, when the first chord is sounded and the class repeats the sounds.

Elective: *English Origins of Texts in the Sacred Harp*. 4:45 p.m. Chris Brown welcomed the class. He began by saying that good hymns require good words and good music, and without both they die. Judy Whiting led 330b. After about 1760, music began to flow both ways across the Atlantic Ocean. By 1900, it was said that one could not pass an English chapel without hearing American music. But the words we sing today is rooted in English psalmody. Some of the words come from the Tyndale bible of 1524 (320 and 553). Judy Whiting led 291. The text of this song is from the Old Version of Sternhold and Hopkins (1547-1562). The New Version of the Psalms by Tate and Brady (1696) produced hymns with more varied meters and better poetry. Judy Whiting led 186, and Chris told the class that there are over 400 tunes containing this text. Isaac Watts (1674-1748) abandoned strict translations for freer forms of verse with references to Christianity, places, and contemporary events (page 211). He created a very modern style of English hymnody, making it personal with the frequent use of I, me, and my soul. Judy Whiting led 447. *The Sacred Harp* contains 149 songs that have his texts. From 1760 to 1810, there were many more English hymn writers, but after the American Revolution, Americans made great efforts to “take King George out of King David’s psalms”. They also modernized the language and the poetry in general. Judy Whiting led 222 and 277.

The text in “Amazing Grace” disappeared from Britain after 1820 for the lack of a good tune, and was re-imported by recordings, such as one by Judy Collins, in the 1960s. After 1840, there were less British texts in the Sacred Harp. Judy Whiting led 47t, an example of a great text that came back to life because of great music. Judy Whiting led 45t, and the class was dismissed.

Class Singing. 7:30 p.m. The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Colleen Jones; Arranging Committee—Bryan Seale and Eamonn O’Neill; Secretary—Bryan Seale.

The class was brought to order by Colleen Jones leading 31t. The opening prayer was offered by Mary Wright. Leaders: Eva Striebeck 430; Eimear O’Donovan 107; Colin Higgins 504; Andreas Manz 274t; Jacek Borkowicz 198; Ulrike Tietjen 271t; Judy Whiting 441; Terry Barber 506; Bryan Seale 39t; Dan Brittain (with Kate Mossman, BBC, recording) 313b; Sadhbh O’Flynn (with Kate Mossman) 86; Jesse P. Karlsberg (with Kate Mossman) 155; Michael Walker 447; Shelby Sampson 551; Magdalena Gryszko and Tim Eriksen 318; Jo Pendleton 68b; Michael Morrisroe and Judy Caudle 269; Magdalena Osthaus 106; Pat Temple 34b; Steve Helwig and Dominika Jedrzejczak 501; Lisa O’Grady 496; Richard Schmeidler (with Kate Mossman) 143; Ewan Paterson (with Kate Mossman) 476; Karen Ivey 384. Colleen Jones led 178 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Lisa O’Grady. Richard Schmeidler conducted the devotional, reading Psalms 100 and speaking. The class was dismissed.

Thursday, September 20

Lesson: *Rudiments III / Basics*. 9:00 a.m. David Ivey welcomed the class and asked if anyone had discovered something in the Rudiments that they didn’t know before

camp. Some of the answers were hearing more than four part harmony due to singing in different octaves, some dynamics are not written and some that are written are not observed. One camper was interested in the mark above each staff as in the song on page 450. David explained that it is an emphasis mark, but not as pronounced as primary accent.

David instructed the class to turn to page 105. The class discussed the elements found on the page as follows: song title, name of poetry writer on the left, name of tune writer on the right, meter, key, and time signature. The topic of meters was discussed, and David related that historically, some congregations sang from books containing poetry only. Knowing the meter of a tune was essential in that any words with a certain meter of poetry could be sung with a tune of the same meter. David led 105. He discussed accent, stating that primary accent is full and secondary accent is about half full. He led 105 again, with the class concentrating on accent and keeping time. He told the class that good writers will place accent on the important words of the poetry. He said that time and melodics are necessary for singing and that accent enables the class to better stay together. David led 49t, 45t, 56t, 39b, and 131b.

David referred to page 23 of the Rudiments, and the class discussed the different types of songs found in the Sacred Harp book. He then thanked the campers for participating, and dismissed the class.

Lesson: Rudiments III / Advanced. 9:00 a.m. Dan Brittain led 49t to bring the class to order. This class focused on modes of time, then patterns in melodic lines, with the goal that recognition of repeated patterns in different songs facilitates singing and makes sight reading easier. Dan used the songs in the book to illustrate his points. He led 70t (2/2 time), and the class discussed the difference in pattern between using half notes and quarter notes. He led 32t (4/4 time), to illustrate two-beat method, and discussed how the eighth note in the tenor part is sung. Dan led 37b, with the class singing the treble part to illustrate the placement of the eighth note after a dotted quarter note. He led 170 to illustrate pattern of eighth-note rhythm, and parts of 236 to illustrate pattern of repeated eighth notes traditionally not sung evenly. Moving on to triple time, Dan stated that tempo can vary, with some songs needing a slower tempo and some needing a faster tempo. He led 163b (3/2 time) to illustrate triplets, and 393 (3/4 time) demonstrating the long, short, short pattern repeated throughout the song.

Dan illustrated melodic patterns by leading 302, calling attention to the eighth-note pattern repeats from bass to tenor to treble to alto. This discussion continued for the remainder of the class. Some of the songs used during this time are as follows: 283-pattern in bass line repeats from bass to alto; 269-melodic patterns of eighth notes repeated in each part; 118-from the seldom sung list, an example of Scottish-snap rhythm; 513-old melody, good example of compound time; 460-strong pulse makes it full of energy which probably contributed to its popularity, good play between tenor and treble parts; and 465-repeated patterns throughout with an unusual ending. The class was dismissed.

Elective: Panel Discussion / Questions Not Yet Answered. 10:45 a.m. David Ivey welcomed the class, and said how glad he was that campers were enjoying themselves. The floor was opened for discussion, and a question was raised about where to turn to bring in parts in a fuging tune, and whether or not it is necessary. The question was answered that bringing in the parts is not essential for good leading, and it is not necessary to bring in every part, although it is helpful to turn to the leading fugue entry part. The real key to good leading is communication with the class.

Another question was should written accidentals be observed. There were two lines of thought about this question. Dan Brittain said they should be ignored, as that is how he hears most people sing. David Ivey and Judy Caudle said they were taught in singing school to observe accidentals. David related that it's not a really important issue since the clash between the sounds is very infrequent. The next question concerned how one can determine which part to sing. The answer was to find the part that is most comfortable to sing for an extended period of time. Tenor is a good part for beginners, but it is a simple matter to try singing other parts. Some unwritten traditions in the Sacred Harp were discussed, such as unwritten dynamics as are found in the songs on pages 143, 376, and 408. Tim Eriksen talked about ornamentation, and said it is better to follow the music as written in the book, and that any fancy ornamentation should be directly related to accent.

The last question discussed related to differences in singing and leading styles that may be developing between European singers and U.S. singers. David Ivey answered that he didn't see much difference because the mix of people at camps tended to foster a kind of flexibility in fitting in the different styles. One camper expressed concern that one can upset people by not observing certain traditions due to ignorance of those traditions. The panel admitted that such worries about differences, whether minor points or huge divergences, can lead to tension and conflict. One must remember how dull it would be if everyone sung this music the same way. Respect is crucial. Listening and observing are important, and the goal is to sing together. That should always come first.

Many campers participated in a hayride following lunch. The excursion included a visit to Chmielno and the surrounding countryside. The farmland, lake area, and local sights were beautiful. The group enjoyed the trip immensely and sang a few songs during the haycart ride.

Elective: *Odes and Anthems*. 1:30 p.m. David Ivey referred to the Rudiments, pg. 23, to establish the distinctions of an anthem and an ode. He said there were 21 anthems and odes in the book, 15 in major keys and 6 in minor keys.

Leaders: Justyna Orlikowska 110; Michael Walker 227; Fynn Titford-Mock 232; Eimear O'Donovan 240; Shelby Sampson 268; Sadhbh O'Flynn 245; Judy Caudle 355; Lisa O'Grady 507; Sarah West 512; Kathy Williams 518; Jesse P. Karlsberg 572.

Lesson: *The Memorial Lesson*. 2:30 p.m. Judy Caudle welcomed the class. She began by saying that in the Sacred Harp tradition, there are several types of lessons. The Rudiments refer to the leading of a song or songs as "teaching a lesson". Supposedly, this reference comes from singing school masters, who taught by example when leading songs with the students of the class. Today, many times, a person will dedicate their "lesson" to someone who is unable to attend a singing or to the memory of someone who has passed away.

Another type of lesson frequently used in the Sacred Harp tradition is the "introductory lesson". Many conventions observe this lesson by asking a member of the class to lead several songs on the beginning day of the convention. This lesson may be a certain length of time, say 10-20 minutes, or may be a number of song selections led to open the singing. These song selections may be of importance to members of the convention, or may be traditional songs led at the beginning of the convention, or may be chosen randomly by the officers of the convention.

Recently, a "celebrations lesson" has come into frequent use. This lesson is dedicated to positive events that have occurred, such as the birth of a child, a job promotion, a successful journey, and so on. The leader of the celebrations lesson will choose a song of thankfulness for many blessings.

In the midst of the raucous sound of a Sacred Harp singing comes the tranquility of the “memorial lesson”... a time of quiet reflection, a time for somber thoughts of the mortality of others and of our own mortality, a time for memories of past singings, memories of laughter, memories of fellowship, and memories of worship with those who can no longer be with us for whatever reason.

There are records of Sacred Harp singing conventions in the U.S. that date back more than 100 years, and in these records, memorial lessons are included, so we know this tradition is long standing. A memorial lesson is special lesson usually conducted at a certain time during a convention or one day singing. The time may vary from place to place, but is most commonly held just before lunch or just after dinner. There is no set length of time for a memorial lesson, but usually 10-20 minutes will be set aside during the singing for the memorial lesson.

Volunteers to conduct this service are unlikely, so the officers of the convention or singing will usually appoint a member or members of the class. This person (or persons) is usually someone with some experience with previous memorial lessons, or a public speaker, such as a minister or elder of a church congregation, but not necessarily. It is often a person from the community that is hosting the convention or singing. It may be a visitor who is attending the convention. Anyone may conduct a memorial lesson, but it is someone who is willing to serve in that capacity when asked to do so. It is always good to give advance notice when possible.

What does one do when asked to conduct the memorial lesson? Some bring a book of devotionals and it's a simple matter to pick something from that book to read that is appropriate for the memorial lesson. Another method, especially on short notice, is to read the poetry from one of the songs in our song book. Other examples of subject matter would be a Bible verse or verses, a poem, or words spoken from the heart. At times, the memorial committee will simply read the list of names, and then lead a song or songs in honor or in memory of the persons listed.

It seems that no matter what the subject matter of the memorial lesson, one message always comes through, and that message is that we are bound together by this music. We come from all walks of life, all races, creeds, and pursuits, and yet, we gather around the hollow square to sing together. We develop relationships with one another that cannot be found anywhere else on this earth. When one of our numbers hurts, we weep, we mourn, and we move slowly on, and in doing so, we find comfort and peace.

Aaron Kahn spoke on behalf of the deceased, drawing his comments from Complicite Mnemonic. He passed leaves to everyone in the class, and asked that they imagine each vein in the leaf as a line of ancestry. He related that, mathematically, the logic will eventually do more that remind us that we are all connected, but eventually prove that we are all related. As we think about our ancestry, the question that comes to mind is not if, but when, will we, or those near and dear to us, pass beyond the vale. He quoted Leonard Cohen, a poet, “And so, my friends, be not afraid. We are so lightly here. It is in love that we are made, in love we disappear.” Shelby Sampson read the following list of names of the deceased: Lillian Mann, Glynn Brooks, Gordon Corrick, Joe Reynolds, Brenda Grimshaw, Harold Newell, Malcolm Robertson—England; William Seale, Mark Ferguson, Ita Clenaghan, Cathal Clenaghan, Paraic Casey, Mark O'Connell—Ireland; Jay Booker—Canada; Dominik Setcerbrole, Hanna Malinowska, Michal Pisarenko, Ludwik Wioslawski—Poland; Peter Schoonjans—Sweden; Peter McGregor—Scotland; Harrison Creel, Travis Keeton, Marie Ivey, Bill Tanner, Talley Kitchens, Sue Kitchens—Alabama; Florence Packman, Greg Barber—California; Seymour Kanzer, Helen Gillis—Connecticut; Lonnie Rogers, George Holland—Georgia; Alice Fahrback—

Michigan; Anne Ohu McLucas—Oregon; Julietta Haynes—Tennessee; Judy Mauermann—Texas; Frank Evans—Virginia. She led 30b in their memory.

Judy Whiting said that this is the time when we remember the sick and homebound, including singers, friends, family, care givers, and all those who are unable to be with us for whatever reason. *The Sacred Harp* community is not only those who are present at singings, but the wider community which affects us all. They need to know that they are still part of the community. Write a letter, send a postcard, make a telephone call, send an email or text, but do keep in touch.

Blazej Matusiak read the following list of names of the sick and homebound: Cath Tyler, Catherine Seale, Tony Parkinson, Curtis Owen, Bea Gilmore, Chris Sugden, George Wheeler, Alan Jackson, Lois H. Kahn-Fever; Mark Hall Amitin; Jill Accetta, Oliver Accetta, Victor Griffin, Gordon McMillan, Niall Henderson, Philomena Henderson, Don Walker, Charlotte Walker, Dora Berhard, and Peter Schmidt. Judy Whiting led 531, a particular request from Cath Tyler. Blazej Matusiak offered prayer to close the memorial service.

Lesson: Leading Workshop / Basics. 3:45 p.m. Jesse P. Karlsberg welcomed the class. He referred to the Rudiments, pg. 16, reminding the class of the leading instructions given there, and reviewed the key points of yesterday's class.

Judy Caudle read section 15 on page 16 of the Rudiments, and elaborated on the meaning of the word discretion. She told the class that discretion does mean choice, but there are many other meanings such as prudence, foresight, and circumspection. It implies an ability to decide responsibly. She further talked about how this relates to leading.

Jesse referred the class to page 91, and told of his first experience in leading. He said that the goal of this class was to try to take some of the panic out of the experience for the new leader. Campers were invited to lead a song of their choice.

Leaders: Shelby Sampson 551; Ulrike Tietjen 39t; Michael Walker 213t; Franz Schmidt 168; Andreas Manz 107; Aaron Kahn 457; Daire O'Sullivan 448t; Magdalena Gryszko 34b.

Lesson: Accent / Basics. 3:45 p.m. Dan Brittain began this class by telling them that accent should be noticeable, but not overdone. He referred to the Rudiments, pg. 16, and section 14. He directed the class to pages 313t, 203, and 333, songs that have a natural stress or accent. Dan then turned to 32t, and said that the word pattern accent in this song is against the musical accent. He said it would sound wrong and lose its musical forward drive or motion if accented to the text, but equally, should not be overdone on the musical accent either. The class tried singing some songs without accent, and were encouraged to take note of the difference in the sound when no accent, or little accent, is done. Accent or pulse can be somewhat difficult to do in some songs, but without it, the music loses much of its interesting sound. Dan pointed out that in the case of a longer song that takes more energy, such as 342, both pitch and accent tend to suffer. He then referred to 56t and 101t, both songs that have natural drive, and the class accented well without a large effort. In the song on page 348t, Dan noted that accent is often lost, because the primary accent falls on a slur in many of the measures, making it more difficult to properly accent. The remainder of the class was spent practicing accent, and then was dismissed.

Elective: Dinner on the Grounds. 4:45 p.m. Karen Ivey began by describing the origin of dinner on the ground, saying that food used to be laid out on blankets or quilts on the ground. Later, long tables were made available for spreading dinner, and today, many singing venues have fellowship halls for mealtime.

Karen explained that it was her mother-in-law, Marie Ivey, who taught her about dinner on the ground and the etiquette that goes along with it. She discussed how everyone seems to have their own place on the table, and placement is important.

She also noted that people become associated with the food they make. Presentation, therefore, is very important and care has to go into the dishes brought to a singing. In the case of a two-day singing, most cooks will not bring leftovers back the next day, but will prepare fresh dishes. Karen said that it is important not to put pressure on people to eat your food.

Karen related that cooks should make lists well ahead of time and decide how much to cook. This can depend on how many people are expected and who usually cooks for the event. When the food is ready, there are a number of ways to keep dishes hot or cold. Karen said to keep warm dishes warm, wrap them in towels, and place in a basket or insulated cooler. Peg boards, cutting boards, or wire racks may be used for dividers. Put all warm dishes together. For cool foods, use an insulated cooler with zip-lock baggies full of ice placed around the food dishes. Bring an assortment of utensils, with extras, if possible. Wrap them in a dish towel, and put them in the basket with the food dishes. There is no wrong thing to make. Karen said to make something familiar, and lots of it.

Karen told the class that certain cooks get a good reputation for making a popular dish, and swapping recipes has also become a tradition at Sacred Harp singings. She brought copies of favorite recipes, and the class members could take them home.

The class made Punch Bowl Cake for dessert after supper. Yum!!! Yum!!!!!!

Class Singing. 7:30 p.m. Sadhbh O'Flynn led 31b to bring the class to order. Harold Grundner offered the opening words.

Leaders: Jacek Borkowicz 228; Harold Grundner 51; Niamh O'Sullivan and Daire O'Sullivan 65; Zilpha Cornett 480; Alma Moledys 445; John O'Flynn 108t; Terry Barber 536; Michael Walker 354t; Shelby Sampson 474; Lauren Bock and Michael Morrisroe 234; Jo Pendleton 72b; David Ivey and Karen Ivey 470; Dan Brittain 424; Louise Holland 63; Judy Caudle and Jesse P. Karlsberg 187; Eamonn O'Neill 442; Tim Eriksen 562; Chris Brown 319; Richard Schmeidler 254; Corinna Frische 29t; Mary Wright 457; Kathy Williams 186; Bryan Seale 300; Gosia Percyz and Justyna Orlikowska 440; Harold Grundner, Corinna Frische, Eva Striebeck, Ulrike Tietjen, and Magdalena Osthaus 201; Sarah West 125; Eimear O'Donovan 380; Fynn Titford-Mock 545; Pat Temple 33t; Aaron Kahn 268; Colleen Jones 535.

Sadhbh O'Flynn led 134 as the closing song. Mary Wright conducted the devotional, and offered the closing prayer.

Friday, September 21

Camp Fasola Europe was dismissed on Friday morning following breakfast. SHMHA President—Jeff Sheppard; Camp Director—David Ivey

HAMRICK MEMORIAL SINGING

Old Carrollton Primitive Baptist Church, Carrollton, Georgia

Saturday, September 22, 2012

The annual Hamrick Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was held on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in September at Old Carrollton Primitive Baptist Church, Carroll County, Georgia. Curtis Hamrick called the class to order by leading 59 and 108t. Hugh McGraw offered the morning prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Curtis Hamrick; Vice Chairman—Cecil Roberts.

Leaders: B.M. Smith 34b; Jack Nelson 58; Hugh McGraw 484; Tony Hammock 426t; Oscar McGuire 323b; Charlene Wallace 359; Theresa Westmoreland 147t, 39t; Margie Smith 39b, 30b.

RECESS

Cecil Roberts led 138b and 35 to bring the class back to order.

Leaders: Curtis Hamrick 137; B.M. Smith 136, 34t; Jack Nelson 540, 548; Hugh McGraw 413; Tony Hammock 322; Charlene Wallace 310; Theresa Westmoreland 75. Cecil Roberts offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Cecil Roberts leading 312b and 229.

Leaders: Margie Smith 317; Hugh McGraw 205; Tony Hammock 37; Charlene Wallace 72b; Theresa Westmoreland 70t; Oscar McGuire 515; Margie Smith 313t; Jack Nelson 165, 334; B.M. Smith 143; Curtis Hamrick 77b, 77t.

Announcements were made. Curtis Hamrick and Cecil Roberts led 46 as the closing song. Curtis Hamrick dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Curtis Hamrick; Vice Chairman—Cecil Roberts

MINNESOTA STATE SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION **Calvary Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota and** **The Landing, Shakopee, Minnesota** **September 22-23, 2012** **Saturday, September 22**

The 23rd session of the Minnesota State Sacred Harp Singing Convention was called to order by Thea Johansen and Paul Landskroener leading 52t. Kevin Bullock offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were previously elected or appointed to serve: Co-Chairpersons—Thea Johansen and Paul Landskroener; Arranging Committee—Noelle Copeland and Jim Pfau; Chaplain—Kevin Bullock; Memorial Officer—Donna Gunderson-Rogers; Secretary—Tivey; Treasurer—Matt Wells.

After opening announcements, Anna Pfau led 40. Leaders: Nathan Berry 63; Steven Levine 344; Jane Wells 313b; Jim Pfau 228; Noelle Copeland 192; Gordon Olsen 277; Stacey Berkheimer 479; Lincoln Richardson 350; Donna Gunderson-Rogers 434; Francis Gurtz 448t; Barb Patterson 145b; Hans Guttmann 480; Leslie Williamson White 171; Pop Wagner 99; Hannah Lutz 209; Dick Patterson 566; Denise Kania 203.

RECESS

Steven Schmidgall brought the class back together by leading 333.

Leaders: Claudia Egelhoff 380; Scott Schroeder 178; Roberta Strauss 441; Kevin Bullock 195; Sheila Patterson 29t; Michael Moore 216; Colette Miller 436; James Page 297; Karen Edwards and Dan Edwards 148; Steve Luttinen 411; Bonnie Ambrosi 31t; Paul Wyatt 440; Elise delMas 472; Leon Pulsinelle 362; Eleanor Haase 373; Myles Alexander 328; Jeanette Nelson 168; Robin Fox 163t; Angie Payne 77t.

RECESS

Kit Canright led 39t to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Valerie Stoehr 133; Bill Waddington and Liz Pauly 474.

A business session was held. Finances were discussed. Charlie Obert and Angie Payne were elected co-chairpersons for the 2013 Minnesota State Sacred Harp Singing Convention. Jim Goetz and Barb Patterson were elected co-chairpersons for the February 2013 Minnesota Midwinter *Cooper Book* Singing.

Leaders: Martha Henderson 374; Richard Popp 300; Cecelia Kramer 157; Kristine Peterson 84; Steven T. Schmidgall 473; Laura Densmore 522; Kat Kohorst 348t; Christine Stevens 379. After grace, which was offered by Noelle Copeland, the class was dismissed for lunch.

LUNCH

Anna Pfau recalled the class leading 114. Leaders: Charlie Obert 217; Evelyn Lamb 196; Lisa Cohen 485; Jean Murphy 186; Ben Copenhaver 562; Kit Canright 475;

Chandler Yorkhall 383; Wendy Popp 392; Grace Patterson 542; Michael Shewmaker 117; Janell Draper 121; Carol Buche 122; Melanie Hauff 306; Cathy Lutz and students from Saint Thomas University 218; Matt Wells 456; Ellen Lueck 193; Kris Wiggins 234; Julie Vea 378b; Ted Mercer 291.

RECESS

Noelle Copeland brought the class back to order leading 32t. Leaders: Kim Bahmer 162; Anne Drexler 282; Ann Sleeva 269; Rochelle Lodder 34b; Jenny Willard 36b; Jeff Bell 208; Carol Crawford 61; Alexa Copeland and Stephanie Argo 352; Midge Olsen 454; Judy Hauff 536; Karen Swenson 455; Priscilla Wiggins 365; Lisa Grayson 384; Jim Crawford 546; Paul Landskroener 155.

Thea Johansen and Paul Landskroener led 146 to close. The class was then dismissed with prayer offered by Charlie Obert.

Sunday, September 25

The Sunday session of the 23rd Minnesota State Sacred Harp Singing Convention was called to order by Thea Johansen and Paul Landskroener leading 171. After initial announcements, Anne Drexler offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Angie Payne 33b; Charlie Obert 34b; Barb Patterson 86; Midge Olsen 66; Bill Waddington 481; Ann Sleeva 448t; Gordon Olsen and Aaron Victorin-Vangerud 547; Grace Patterson 47b; Hans Guttmann 37b; Janell Draper 89; Jeff Bell 528; Sheila Patterson and Jim Patterson 324; Lara Andersen Wells and Matt Wells 318; Wendy Popp 215.

RECESS

Nathan Berry brought the class back to order by leading 274t. Leaders: Lincoln Richardson 347; Rochelle Lodder 313b; Scott Schroeder 87; Charlie Obert "Fairview"; Kris Wiggins 176b; Pop Wagner 268; Carol Buche 300; Anne Drexler 277; Donna Gunderson-Rogers 460; Kat Kohorst 230; Cecelia Kramer 191; Ted Mercer 236; Priscilla Wiggins 34t.

RECESS

Noelle Copeland brought the class back together leading 145b. Leaders: Paul Wyatt 149; Jenny Willard 480; Melanie Hauff 271t.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Priscilla Wiggins and Donna Gunderson-Rogers. Priscilla Wiggins reminded us that, as singers, we feel an instant connection to other singers and a spiritual connection to God. Each singer fills a space that no one else can fill, and so we remember these who are sick or shut-in and cannot be with us today. The following list of names was read: Don Buswell, Anita Buswell, Joan Trout, Skip Trout, Val Eng, Earl Burns, Jim Helke, Gin Peabody, Curtis Owen, Ed Hauff, Diana Zweig, Jim Herne, Sandy Bandli, Sharon Owens, Allan Grant, Sue Sherman, Bob Scorgie, and Bob Anderson. Priscilla Wiggins led 107. Donna Gunderson-Rogers asked us to remember those who have gone before us in the past year. She observed that we want to hear the names of our departed because of our profound sense of community, because we are part of each other, because we have been together in the past and will be together in heaven. Those remembered were John Grant—Arkansas; Lonnie Rodgers—Georgia; Anne Dhu McClucas and Eric Miller—Oregon; Ross Bunnell—Washington; Bob Struck, Joan Fritz, Margaret Peterson, Roberto Arroyo, Leo Kohorst, Jim Seaton, and Verna Henke—Minnesota; John Merritt—Mississippi; Howard Billian—Arizona; Sophie T. Grayson, Evelyn Koozniar, and Phil Trier—Illinois; Tom Schultz—Ontario, Canada; Paul Wagner, John Patterson, Lela Patterson, and Sam Thomas—Ohio; Marie Sherman—Missouri; Phyllis Heiser Hartwig—South Dakota; Arthel "Doc" Watson—North Carolina; Jane Arp and Mary Yousten—Wisconsin; Harrison Creel and Marie Ivey—Alabama. Donna Gunderson-Rogers led 176t. Bonnie Ambrosi offered a

prayer in memory of those named during the lesson. At the conclusion of the memorial lesson, Paul Wyatt offered the blessing for the noontime meal.

LUNCH

Jim Pfau led 106 to bring the class to order. Leaders: Claudia Egelhoff 269; Kevin Bullock 276; Anna Pfau 532; Myles Alexander 129; Julie Vea 419; Laura Densmore 377; Ben Copenhagen 383; Evelyn Lamb 272; Ellen Lueck 189; James Page 188; Christine Stevens 542; Roberta Strauss 384; Richard Popp 71; Eleanor Haase 142; Carol Crawford 569b; Nathan Berry 273; Cathy Lutz and Ray Cott-Meissel 362; Jeanette Nelson 503; Steve Luttinen 349; Judy Hauff 313t; Steven Levine 496; Lisa Grayson 340; Steven T. Schmidgall 270.

RECESS

Paul Wyatt brought the class back to order leading 49b. Leaders: Michael Moore 50t; Bonnie Ambrosi 448b; Leon Pulsinelle 43; Martha Henderson 396; Robin Fox 203; Kit Canright 159; Leslie Williamson White 549; Carol Crawford and Jim Crawford 351; Noelle Copeland 425; Elise delMas 335; Denise Kania 500; Dick Patterson 385b; Paul Landskroener 207; Alexa Copeland and Will Gilman 315; Karen Swenson 442; Karen Edwards and Dan Edwards 99.

Upcoming singings were announced. A business session was held for the purpose of hearing reports. Treasurer Matt Wells reported that we had met expenses for this weekend.

Over the two days of the 23rd session of the Minnesota State Sacred Harp Singing Convention, 164 songs were led. Singers came from thirteen states and from two provinces of Canada. The singers recognized and thanked the many volunteers responsible for the success of the weekend.

Thea Johansen and Paul Landskroener led 566 as the closing song. Kevin Bullock offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Co-Chairpersons—Thea Johansen and Paul Landskroener; Secretary—Tivey

ROCKY MOUNTAIN SACRED HARP CONVENTION **The Old Historic San Isidro Church, Corrales, New Mexico** **September 22-23, 2012**

Saturday, September 22

The 23rd annual Rocky Mountain Convention was held on the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in September at The Old Historic San Isidro Church in Corrales, New Mexico. Claire Singleton called the class to order leading 107. The opening prayer was offered by Robert McKay.

The following officers were elected or appointed: Chairperson—Claire Singleton; Treasurer—Sally Gwylan; Secretary—Nancy Nortz.

Leaders: David McPherson 59; Norma Ruptier 40; Harlan Van Camp 34b; Allan Stavely 479; Carol Selleck 425; Sandy Klein 155; Karl Dise 353; Sally Gwylan 324; Pete Mathewson 565; Robert McKay 47b; Scott Kennedy 149; Janet Morgan 77t; Marilyn Murata 200; Erika Roush 455; Ken Hallock 65; Anita Landess 106; Donna Sewell 68b; Erik Mason 378b.

RECESS

The morning session resumed with Karen Willard leading 30t. Leaders: Sharon Kermiet 327; David Hawes 50t; Larry Matlock 332; Paige Winslett 81t; Jeff Begley 503; Vicki Morgan 472; Judy Van Duzer 173; Jan Ketelle 168; Michael McKernan 49b; Mary Lou Van Laanen 540; Karen Willard 352; Corrie Van Duzer 117; Catie van Duzer 280; Susie Mathewson 145b; Paul Lindholm 187; Bonnie Dolan 317; Karl Dise 121; Pete Mathewson 354t; Scott Kennedy 162; Anita Sanders 528; Sharon Kermiet 385t; Jan Ketelle 430; Sandy Klein 496; Marilyn Murata 421; Erika Roush 504; Jeff Begley 501; Paul Lindholm 500.

LUNCH

David McPherson called the class back to order leading 128. Leaders: Claire Singleton 99; Carol Selleck 198; Anita Landess 314; Ken Hallock 370; Allan Stavely 112; Robert McKay 313b; Leslie Alperin 228; Eric Mason 133; Mary Lou Van Laanen 474; Paige Winslett 181; Marcy McKinley 192; Susie Mathewson 569b; Claire Singleton 124; Karen Willard 171; David McPherson 183; Judy Van Duzer 328; Corrie Van Duzer 102; Katy Van Duzer 201; Michael McKernan 66; David Hawes 260; Janet Morgan 76b; Donna Sewell 460.

RECESS

Norma Ruptier led 46 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Vicki Morgan 178; Bonnie Dolan 432; Sally Gwylan 330b; Larry Matlock 385b; Anita Sanders 299; Leslie Alperin 86; Harlan Van Camp 362; Jan Ketelle 73t; Ken Hallock 373; Karen Willard 550; Scott Kennedy 276; Marilyn Murata 485; Jeff Begley 480; Erika Roush 383.

Sunday, September 23

The Sunday session of the Rocky Mountain Sacred Harp Singing Convention was brought to order by Sharon Kermiet leading 48t.

Leaders: Eric Metzler 107; David McPherson 452; Allan Stavely 64; Janet Morgan 135; Donna Sewell 146; Carol Selleck and Marion Lewis 235; Leslie Alperin 163b; Robert McKay 379; Sally Gwylan 326; Sandy Klein 143; Anita Landess 297; Pete Mathewson 480; Mary Lou Van Laanen 489; Jeff Begley 556; Michael McKernan 56b; Paul Lindholm 131t; Larry Matlock 323b.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Corie Van Duzer leading 148. Leaders: Ken Halleck 26; Erika Roush 24b; Marilyn Murata 42; Judy Van Duzer 48b; Scott Kennedy 287; Paige Winslett 358; Karl Dise 379; Eric Mason 435; Carrie Van Duzer 74b; David Hawes 50.

Robert McKay conducted the memorial lesson and led 68b for the following deceased: Joyce Wood and Jeanne Schaffer—Colorado; Samuel E. Thomas, Joda Harington, and Phyllis Kelsey—California; Elizabeth Yeamans and John Taylor—New Mexico; Everett Metzler—Indiana.

Robert McKay led 494 for the following sick and shut-ins: Maria Topete, Shisue Sugimoto, Fumie Murata, Michael Wheeler, Fredy Ramirez, Joe Miller, Dick Prael, Art Sandoval, John Schaffer, and the autism class of Room 8, Darby Avenue School. Leaders: Karen Willard 189; Sharon Kermiet 217; Jan Ketelle 368; Catie Van Duzer 365; Bonnie Dolan 318; Susie Mathewson 32t; Eric Metzler 65; Carol Selleck 319; Claire Singleton 344; Janet Morgan 448t; Donna Sewell 63; Jeff Begley 215; Scott Kennedy 454.

LUNCH

Paul Lindholm brought the class back for the afternoon session by leading 33b. Leaders: Mary Lou Van Laanen 441; Paige Winslett 42; Marilyn Murata 236; Allan Stavely 61; Pete Mathewson 35; Harlan Van Camp 32b; Michael McKernan 232; Erika Roush 551; Ken Hallock 216; Karen Willard 401; Jan Ketelle 212; Sharon Kermiet 400; Paul Lindholm 419; Judy Van Duzer 168; Corrie Van Duzer 198; Karl Dise 320; David Hawes 479; Bonnie Dolan 478.

RECESS

Eric Mason brought the class to order by leading 38b. Leaders: Catie Van Duzer 151; Anita Landess 373; Sandy Klein 481; Eric Mason 192; Sally Gwylan 142; David McPherson 282; Leslie Alperin 268; Robert McKay 312b; Karen Willard 269; Claire Singleton 270.

Announcements were made. The 2013 Rocky Mountain Convention will meet next September in Colorado.

Claire Singleton thanked all who worked to make this convention possible. Robert McKay offered the closing prayer. Claire Singleton led 209 as the closing song, and the class was dismissed.

Chairperson—Claire Singleton; Secretary—Nancy Nortz

POLAND SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION
Geography Department of University of Warsaw, Warsaw, Poland
September 22-23, 2012

Saturday, September 22

The first Poland Sacred Harp Convention was held the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in September on the campus of the University of Warsaw in Warsaw, Poland. Justyna Orlikowska and Gosia Perycz called the class to order leading 59. Blazej Matusiak and Magdalena Gryszko offered the opening prayer. Justyna Orlikowska and Gosia Perycz welcomed the guests.

Leaders: Dominika Jedrzejczak and Marta Wnukiewicz 101t; Kuba Choinski 49t; Blazej Matusiak 171; Steve Helwig 74b; Jacek Borkowicz 63; Magdalena Gryszko 312b; Zofia Przyrowska 163t; Barbara Steinitz 267; Olgierd Orlikowski 70b; Ewan Paterson 277; Mike Morrisroe 56b; Eamonn O'Neill 203.

RECESS

Gosia Perycz called the class back to order leading 82t. Leaders: Richard Schmeidler 120; Eva Striebeck 58; Dara Desmond 480; Sarah West 498; Edwin Macadam 288; Kathy Williams 276; Julie Botnick 87; Eimear O'Donovan 445; Jean Seiler 217; Anna Zóltek 47b; Hannah Land 392; Colleen Jones 503; Louise Holland 434; Bryan Seale 268; Shelby Sampson 192; Nick Hall 183.

RECESS

Justyna Orlikowska called the class back to order leading 106. Leaders: Aaron Kahn 168; Steve Biggs 178; John O'Flynn 335; Jo Pendleton 452; Judy Caudle 564; Judy Whiting 384; Zilpha Kitchens Cornett 143; Jan-Erik Steel 89; Kate Kirwan 38t; Leah Hearne 430; Mary Wright 546; Cherilyn Neilson 159; Les Sontag 107; Fynn Titford-Mock 298; Melissa Kelley 532; Karen Ivey 182; Tollie Lee 348b.

LUNCH

Steve Helwig called the class back to order leading 32t. Leaders: Patricia Temple 34b; Chris Brown 362; Sadhbh O'Flynn 388; Lauren Bock 343; Niamh O'Sullivan 460; Michael Walker 475; Allison Steel 542; Rachel Jordan 474; David Ivey 86; Tim Eriksen, Marta Wnukiewicz, and Marta Zapędowska 282 (dedicated by Tim for his wife Magdalena Zapędowska Eriksen and her sister); Terry Barber 53; Jesse Karlsberg 196; Patti Sontag 313b; Dan Brittain 193; Alma Moledys 504; Magdalena Gryszko and Jean Seiler 122; Judy Caudle 176t; Eva Striebeck 300; Melissa Kelley 216; Steve Helwig 228; Louise Holland 49b; Les Sontag 205; Zilpha Kitchens Cornett 358; Eimear O'Donovan and Daire O'Sullivan 209.

RECESS

Zofia Przyrowska called the class back to order leading 551. Leaders: Jo Pendleton 317; Richard Schmeidler 155; Sheila Girling Macadam, Edwin Macadam, and Keith Macdonald 299; Sarah West 370; Kathy Williams 180; Fynn Titford-Mock and Cath Saunt 354t; John O'Flynn 146; Ewan Paterson 457; Chris Brown and Judy Whiting 28b; Kuba Choinski 535; Tollie Lee 565; Lisa O'Grady and Colin Higgins 38b; Aaron Kahn and Eimear O'Donovan 455; Justyna Orlikowska and Olgierd Orlikowski 328; Hannah Land 318 (dedicated for Cath Tyler); Rachel Jordan and Nick Hall 189; David Ivey, Karen Ivey, and Mike Morrisroe 371; Lauren Bock, Jesse Karlsberg, and Bryan Seale 377; Shelby Sampson and Dan Brittain 472; Allison Steel, Jan-Erik Steel, and Calum Steel 274t.

Announcements were made. Justyna Orlikowska and Gosia Perycz led 473 as the closing song. Cath Saunt offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, September 23

The Sunday session of the first Poland Sacred Harp Convention was called to order by Justyna Orlikowska and Gosia Perycz leading 101t. Blazej Matusiak offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Marta Wnukiewicz 31t; Kuba Choinski 36b; Blazej Matusiak 276; Zofia Przyrowska 224; Bryan Seale 271t; Keith Macdonald 159; Michael Walker and Ulrike Tietjen 131b; Sadhbh O'Flynn 481; Eimear O'Donovan 144; Mary Wright 121; Kate Kirwan 210; Aaron Kahn 410t; Niamh O'Sullivan and Bryan Seale 148; Julie Botnick 112; Terry Barber 32b; Patricia Temple 373; Colleen Jones 163b; Alma Moledys and Basia Moledys 49t; Zilpha Cornett 354b; Daire O'Sullivan 65; Richard Schmeidler 543; Eamonn O'Neill 332.

RECESS

Magdalena Gryszko called the class back to order by leading 106. Leaders: Nick Hall 547; Steve Biggs 497; Patti Sontag and Les Sontag 496; Dan Brittain 375; Leah Hearne 448t; John O'Flynn 122; Rachel Jordan 501; Dara Desmond and Michael Morrisroe 134; Ewan Paterson 282; Jesse Karlsberg 208; Chris Brown 441; Lisa O'Grady, Corina Frische, and Magdalena Osthaus 114; Tim Eriksen 69b; Jo Pendleton 100.

Judy Caudle and David Ivey conducted the memorial lesson.

Judy Caudle spoke and led 347 in memory of the following deceased: Benedicta Francisco—Brazil; Jay Booker—Canada; Jutta Pflugmacher, Thomas Tietjet—Germany; Ita Clenaghan, Mark Ferguson—Ireland; Hanna Malinowska, Romek Malinowski, Mikel Pisarenko, Ludwik Wioslawski—Poland; Gladys and Reginald Girling—Scotland; Peter Schoonjans—Sweden; Gordon Corrick, Brenda Grimshaw, Philip Higgins, Lillian Mann, Tristan Mirabaud, Harold Newell, Vic Newman, Joe Reynolds, Malcom Roberdson—United Kingdom; and from United States: Harrison Creel, Marie Ivey, Travis Keeton, Furn Kitchens—Alabama; Gregory Barber, Florence Packmann, Barbara Severson Meyer, Floyd Paul Meyer, Jr.—California; Alice Fahrback—Michigan; Joan Fritz—Minnesota; Julietta Haynes—Tennessee. David Ivey spoke for the sick and shut-ins and led 67 for the following: Tony Parkinson, Cath Tyler, Virginia Glass, Bea Gilmore, Jeff Sheppard, Shelbie Sheppard, Chris Sugden, George Wheeler, Alan Jackson, Victor Griffin, Geraldine O'Neill, Konrad Tarnopolski, Mary Gardner, Charles Kitchens, Niall Hendersson, Karen Rollins, Lois H. Kahn-Fever, Mark Hall Amitin, Maciej Gryszko, Ken Baddley, Sylwek Jedrzejczak, Dolores Rinecker, Catherine Seale, Don Walker, Charlotte Walker, Craig, and Mama Brown. Blazej Matusiak closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Tollie Lee and Olga Wlodarczyk 30t; Louise Holland 43; Karen Ivey 309; Melissa Kelley 425; Lauren Bock and Michael Walker 57.

LUNCH

Steve Helwig called the class back to order leading 85. Leaders: Eva Striebeck and Harald Gründer 360; Magdalena Gryszko, Jan-Erik Steel, Ewan Paterson, Sarah West, Bryan Seale, Eva Striebeck, Julie Botnick, Bogna Rózyzcka, Ala Durej, Ula Durej, Lukasz Zóltek, and Kasia Buncler 335; Sheila Girling Macadam 365; Fynn Titford-Mock 179; Jacek Borkowicz 236; Allison Steel and Calum Steel 564; Michael Morrisroe 505; Kathy Williams 351; Cath Saunt 38b; Dan Brittain 353; Jean Seiler 273; Dara Desmond 344; Edwin Macadam 528; Hannah Land, Sadhbh O'Flynn, and Eamonn O'Neill 507; Tim Eriksen 562; Shelby Sampson 479; Gosia Perycz and Blazej Matusiak 66; Leah Hearne 504; David Ivey, Gosia Perycz, Justyna Orlikowska, and Kuba Choinski 56t.

RECESS

Gosia Perycz called the class back to order leading 29t. Leaders: Olgierd Orlikowski 181; Judy Whiting and Chris Brown 323t; Justyna Orlikowska 77t; Kuba Choinski 49b (dedicated by all Polish Sacred Harp singers to Virginia Douglas, who presented them with a Sacred Harp singing book on the occasion of the 1st Poland Sacred Harp singing Convention); Mary Wright 314; Niamh O'Sullivan and Daire O'Sullivan 102; Sarah West 447; Hannah Land and Olga Wlodarczyk 268; Michael Walker 306; Steve Helwig 411; Julie Botnick 499; Bryan Seale and Eamonn O'Neill 348t; Pat Temple and Jesse Karlsberg 232 (dedicated to Aldo Ceresa); Kate Kirwan 168; Zofia Przyrowska 198; Alma Moledys 274t; Judy Caudle 345b; Terry Barber 492; Colleen Jones 535; Louise Holland 37b; Lauren Bock, Anna Jurkiewicz, Joanna Urban, and Agnieszka Osuch 29b; Jacek Borkowicz 270; Tim Eriksen, Judy Caudle, David Ivey, Karen Ivey, Dan Brittain, Chris Brown, and Jesse Karlsberg 419. The class held a business session. The Treasurer reported that all expenses were met. The Secretary reported that the number of registered attendees was 122, representing the following countries: USA, England, Scotland, Ireland, Germany, France, Israel, Belarus, Czech Republic, and Poland. Justyna Orlikowska, Gosia Perycz, Steve Helwig, and Kuba Choinski led 146 as the closing song. Cath Saunt offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed. Co-Chairs—Justyna Orlikowska and Gosia Perycz; Secretaries—Dominika Jedrzejczak and Marta Wnukiewicz

WINSTON COUNTY CONVENTION

Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Double Springs, Alabama Sunday, September 23, 2012

The Winston County Convention was held at Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church in Double Springs, Alabama, on the fourth Sunday in September. Kermit Adams called the class to order leading 36b. Don Keeton offered the morning prayer.

The class was organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Kermit Adams; Vice Chairman—Don Keeton; Arranging Officer—Margaret Keeton; Secretary—Roma Rice.

Leaders: Kermit Adams 31b; Don Keeton 77t, 490; Roma Rice 46, 32t; Betty Baccus 61, 421; Emily Jones 73t, 33b; Linda Sides 72b, 225t; Amber Davis 276, 391.

RECESS

Kermit Adams called the class back to order leading 99. Leaders: Steve Adams and Amber Davis 331, 378t, 111t, 309; Gravis Ballinger 110, 112; Faye Donaldson 282, 430; Lisa Geist 386, 286; Ottis Sides 97, 75; Chris Ballinger 111b, 270; Earl Ballinger 80b, 81t; Larry Ballinger 91, 147t; Margaret Keeton 426b (for Stella Pratt), 159.

LUNCH

Don Keeton called the class back to order leading page 480. Leaders: Parnell Berry 283, 373; Ottis Sides 530; Linda Sides 475; Chris Ballinger 47b; Gravis Ballinger 168; Earl Ballinger 57; Julie Poston 166; Lisa Geist 197; Larry Ballinger 291; Parnell Berry 150; Faye Donaldson 452; Betty Baccus 487 (for Stella Pratt); Roma Rice 45t; Emily Jones and Kermit Adams 229; Parnell Berry 306; Margaret Keeton 294; Roma Rice 66; Betty Baccus 375; Lisa Geist 474.

Announcements were made. The class agreed to go to Hendrix Healthcare Nursing Home to sing for Josie Hyde.

Kermit Adams and Don Keeton led 62 as the closing song. Don Keeton dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Kermit Adams; Vice Chairman—Don Keeton; Secretary—Roma Rice

GUM POND PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Eva, Morgan County, Alabama

Sunday, September 23, 2012

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at Gum Pond Primitive Baptist Church on the fourth Sunday in September was called to order by J.L. Hopper leading 49t and 31b. He offered the morning prayer.

In a business meeting, the following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—B.M. Smith; Vice Chairman—Milford Cobbs; Secretary and Arranging Officer—Rodney Ivey.

Leaders: B.M. Smith 36b; Milford Cobbs 46, 75; Rodney Ivey 145b, 101t; David Light 30t, 143; Andrew Farris 28b, 147t; Delone Cobbs 63, 47b; Nancy Thompson 565, 27; Lomax Ballinger 421, 426t.

RECESS

Milford Cobbs led 405 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Brandon Thompson 335, 39b; Tim Ballinger 45t; Margie Smith 225t, 108t; Nicholas Thompson 282, 339; Scott Ivey 32t, 135; Joshua Love and Nicholas Thompson 59; Craig Holmes 99, 479; J.C. Rutledge 569b, 560; Craig Holmes 438; B.M. Smith 300, 318; Milford Cobbs 323b. Milford offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by J.L. Hopper leading 85.

Leaders: Christopher Mann and Benjamin Mann 114, 87; Cindy Mann and Nicholas Mann 159, 97; Dan Hopper 115, 174; David Light 155; Delone Cobbs 503, 354t; Brandon Thompson 285t; Nicholas Thompson 354b; Nancy Thompson 127; Scott Ivey 399b; Andrew Farris 186; Joshua Love and Nicholas Thompson “There is a Fountain”; Mann family 457; Rodney Ivey 512; J.C. Rutledge 420; Dan Hopper 513. B.M. Smith led 521 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Elder Daniel Hopper, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—B.M. Smith; Vice Chairman—Milford Cobbs; Secretary—Rodney Ivey

MOUNTAIN HERITAGE DAY

Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, North Carolina

Saturday, September 29, 2012

The annual Mountain Heritage Day Singing was held at Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, North Carolina. Mike Nichols and Dr. James Dooley welcomed the singers to Western Carolina University. John Hollingsworth offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Mike Nichols; Vice Chairman—Judy Mincey; Arranging Officer—Chris Wilhelm; Secretary—Mary Baumeister.

The song selections in the morning session are from *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*.

Leaders: James Dooley 127; Judy Mincey 52t; Mary Baumeister 28b; John Hollingsworth 37b; Mildred Chandler 155; Billy Hollingsworth 31t; Robert Varkony 49b; Nathan Rees 186; Chris Wilhelm 285t; Jane Spencer 196; Rachel Rudi 460; Kitty Reusch 40; Will Peebles 324; Ed Smith 387; Steve Walker 107; Mike Nichols 148; Judy Mincey 146.

RECESS

Leaders: Mary Baumeister 77t; John Hollingsworth 77b; Mildred Chandler 144; Billy Hollingsworth 569t; Robert Varkony 68b; Nathan Rees 282; Chris Wilhelm 45t; Jane Spencer 213t; Rachel Rudi 208; Kitty Reusch 503; Will Peebles 99; Ed Smith 290; Steve Walker 569b; Mike Nichols 29t; James Dooley 59; Laramie Smith 358. John Hollingsworth offered the blessing before lunch. Lunch was kindly provided by the university.

LUNCH

The song selections in the afternoon session are from *The Christian Harmony*, 2010 Edition. Leaders: James Dooley 255 (CH); Mary Baumeister 189 (CH); Billy Hollingsworth 261t (CH); Robert Varkony 184 (CH); John Hollingsworth 342 (CH); Mildred Chandler 131 (CH); Nathan Rees 100 (CH); Jane Spencer 41t (CH); Kitty Reusch 350 (CH); Will Peebles 258 (CH); George Reynolds 215 (CH); Becky Walker 67b (CH); Steve Walker 507b (CH); Annie Harlow 339 (CH); Carl Blozan 109 (CH); Mike Nichols and Carol Litchfield 487 (CH); Laramie Smith 287 (CH); Ed Smith 217 (CH); Judy Mincey 133 (CH); Mary Baumeister and Kitty Reusch 117 (CH); Nick Gattis 367 (CH); Billy Hollingsworth 369 (CH); Robert Varkony 498 (CH); Nathan Rees 64 (CH); Mildred Chandler 82t (CH); Jane Spencer 172 (CH); Kitty Reusch 55t (CH); Will Peebles 51 (CH); George Reynolds 88 (CH); Becky Walker 291 (CH); Steve Walker 167t (CH).

Mary Baumeister led 200 (CH) as the closing song. Mike Nichols offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Mike Nichols; Vice Chairman—Judy Mincey; Secretary—Mary Baumeister

INDIANA COOPER BOOK SINGING

Carroll County Fairgrounds Community Building, Flora, Indiana September 29, 2012

The 5th annual Indiana *Cooper Book* Singing was called to order by Brad Bahler and John Bahler leading 575 and 478. David Bahler offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Brad Bahler; Vice Chairman—John Bahler; Secretary—Rob Bahler.

Leaders: Rob Bahler 274t, 331b; Holly Hauck 528t, 392; Nate Zweig 577, 54t; Johnny Lee 46; Ray Rechenberg 448, 507b; John Bahler 47t, 567; Roger Crabtree 47b, 132; Will Fitzgerald 68t, 38t.

RECESS

Brad Bahler called the class back to order leading 571. Leaders: Dave Bahler 515, 500; Jim Helke 463, 55; Evelyn Lamb 133, 95t; Ginny Landgraf 318, 505; Karen Bahler 270; Jim Helke 199; Evelyn Lamb, Dorothy Lanz, and Lanita Meador 159. Johnny Lee offered prayer before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Rob Bahler called the class back to order by leading 277 and 319. Leaders: Ruth Dolby 81, 40; Johnny Lee and Doris Lee 41, 323b; Ray Rechenberg 78, 140; Holly Hauck 393b, 331t; John Bahler 559, 486; Roger Crabtree 31t, 543; Will Fitzgerald 486; Dave Bahler 49t, 38b.

RECESS

Brad Bahler called the class back to order leading 96. Leaders: Evelyn Lamb 39; Nate Zweig 267t, 267b; Jim Helke 485, 229; Karen Bahler 573, 572; Evelyn Lamb 98; Ginny Landgraf 327, 156; Johnny Lee and Brad Bahler 484; Johnny Lee, Brad Bahler, and John Bahler 95b.

The closing prayer was offered by Ray Rechenberg, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Brad Bahler; Vice Chairman—John Bahler; Secretary—Rob Bahler

NEW ENGLAND SACRED HARP CONVENTION
Walpole Town Hall, Walpole, New Hampshire
September 29-30, 2012

Saturday, September 29

The 37th annual New England Sacred Harp Convention was called to order by Eliza Cavanaugh leading 37b. John Holbrook offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Carole Dempsey 52t; Linda Shea 371; John Davis 270; Margaret Graver 160b; Ian Ludders 28t; Sinead O'Mahoney 274t; Debby Moody 32b; Earl J. Kipp 548; Jeremy Galvagni 101t; Willis McCumber 77t; Scott Luscombe 430; Eric Hildebrant 551; Mary Skidmore 505; Cora Wareh 335; Sheila Kelley 475; Pat Callahan and Jennifer Revill 99; John Holbrook 354t; Pete Sutherland 315; Liz Cantrell 298; Sarah Galper 344; Gabriel Kastle 108b; Ishmael Stefanov-Wagner 362; Martha Rogers 480; Jenny Wright 86; Terry Ryan 538.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Co-chairpersons—Eliza Cavanaugh and Paul Gauthier; Secretary—Carole Dempsey; Treasurer—Matt Wojcik; Resolutions Committee—Sally Langendorf and Aldo Ceresa; Memorial Committee—Kate Richardson, Sheila Kelley, and John Holbrook.

RECESS

Emma Rose Brown called the class back together by leading 111b. Leaders: Joanna Lampert 560; Natalie Jablonski 134; Liz Patton and Eliza Cavanaugh 282; Ed Smith 556; Carly Goss 228; Bob Parr 528; Kelly House 236; Erin Johnson-Hill 59; Peter Green and Sam Green 142; Jean Seiler 492; Peter Golden 317; Deidra Montgomery 470; Neely Bruce 232; Eliza Cavanaugh 68b; Charles Cofone 66; Ann Flight and Pat Callahan 388; Ethan Parcell 390; Dennis O'Brien 297; Sally Langendorf 314; Yael Tarshish 203; Kenan Serenbetz 133; Mary Jo Shafer 72b; Leonard Spencer 245; Hannah Bureau and Linda Shea 69t; George Pomfret 391; Michael Kaye 547; Andal Sundaramurthy 67. John Holbrook offered grace.

LUNCH

Sinead O'Mahoney brought the class back to order by leading 299. Leaders: Deidra Montgomery 422; Tom Malone 187; Paula Picton 316; Larry Gordon 183; Susan Jaster 157; Ben Bath 411; Bill Holt 550; Tim Eriksen 69b; Carly Goss 385t; Bruce Voyles 163b; Christine Andrews 168; Corrone Bryant 73t; Anne Kazlauskas 220; Angharad Davis 472; Jean Seiler 192; Matthew Wojcik 436; Lyra O'Brien 440; Somen Goodman 347; Emma Rose Brown 498; Faiz Wareh 354b; Neely Bruce 380; Joanna Lampert 573; Robert Dove 474; Tarik Wareh 448t; Kelly House 30t; Chris DeFilipp 457; Andy J.S. Johnston 435; Amy Valladares 328.

RECESS

Christine Andrews led 29t to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Mary Jo Shafer 445; Peter Golden 36b; Debby Moody 189; Dennis O'Brien 353; Gabriel Kastle 567; Sally Langendorf 229; Natalie Jablonski 564; Sarah Galper 454; Ed Smith 193; Yael Tarshish 384; Charles Cofone 569b; George Pomfret 84; Traci Gero 209; Dan Hertzler 340; Margaret Graver 154; Martha Rogers 146; Michael Kaye 553; Mary Skidmore 271t; Erin Johnson-Hill 268; Ben Bath 376; Amy Valladares 58; Tim Eriksen and Deidra Montgomery 442; Eric Hildebrant 532.

Matthew Wojcik led 46 as the closing song. John Holbrook offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, September 30th

The Sunday session of the New England Convention was called to order by Paul Gauthier leading 31t. John Holbrook offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Carole Dempsey 131b; Jeremy Galvagni 100; Ian Ludders 28b; Sinead O'Mahoney 148; Laura Krueger 538; Liz Cantrell 31b; Pat Callahan 466; Willis

McCumber 34b; Ishmael Stefanov-Wagner 276; Faiz Wareh 76t; Corrone Bryant 77b; Jean Seiler 87; Eric Hildebrant 362; Larry Gordon 272; Robert Stoddard 432; Scott Luscombe 436; Mike Nord 191; Lyra O'Brien 456.

RECESS

Kate Richardson led 37b to bring the class back together. Leaders: Paula Picton 142; Molly Merrett 378b; Aldo Ceresa 182; Peter Golden 285t; Susan Jaster 326; Elizabeth Stoddard 283; Liz Patton and Lyra O'Brien 155; Ian Quinn 189; Leonard Spencer 254; Bob Parr 542; Jenny Wright 377; Terry Ryan 198; Laura Timmerman 460; Linda Chung and John Holbrook 415; Claire Hogan 312b; Bill Holt 112; Sheila Kelley 216; Angharad Davis 290; Somen Goodman 47b.

RECESS

Sally Langendorf called the class back to order by leading 72b. Leaders: Peter Irvine 34t; Erik-Dardan Ymeraga 376; Bruce Voyles 496; Mary Skidmore 383; Nathan Bergmann-Dean 442; Martha Rogers 105; Tarik Wareh 410t; Anne Kazlauskas 207; Erin Johnson-Hill 270; Laura Krueger 504; Robert Dove 473.

Kate Richardson led 30t for the following sick and homebound: Jim Guinness, Eric Hildebrant, Audrey Wiscera, Leo Beaudoin, Stanley Rozinsky, Sylvia Kriebel, Jeremiah Crompton, Samantha Cornell, Dave Lang, Oliver Corrigan, Lydia Johnson, John Pratt, Jean Ayotte, Valerie Rogotzke, Georg Luck, and Hellen Daly. Sheila Kelley spoke movingly about how the hollow square and our Sacred Harp tradition give us the opportunity to grieve and ponder our mortality together, as well as to heal together and strengthen our bonds of community. Sheila then led 481 in memory of the following deceased: Harrison Creel, Marie Ivey, and Travis Keeton—Alabama; Gerald Dodson—California and New York; Marjorie Lynn—Connecticut; Dr. Julietta Haynes—Tennessee; Ava Olsen Memmen—Indiana; Dora Miller—Iowa; Joseph Ost—Kansas; Danya Klie and Bruce Wallace—Maine; Evlin Delabar, Gil Dupre, Julie Holbrook, Dennis Linehan, Glenn Mairo, Jack O'Riley, Don Romano, Mike Wells, and William Whalen—Massachusetts; Jane Torrey—New Hampshire; Helen Nestler—New Jersey; Susan Accetta and James Wyllie—Pennsylvania; John Kochalka—Vermont; Violet Setford—England. John Holbrook offered the memorial prayer.

Leaders: Annamaria Irvine 400; Matthew Wojcik 512. John Holbrook asked the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Paul Gauthier leading 76b. Leaders: Andy J.S. Johnston 499; Bob Parr 546; Liz Cantrell 434; Pat Callahan 320; Ian Quinn 384; Joanne Fuller 121; Laura Timmerman 282; Aldo Ceresa 411; Molly Merrett 163t; Terry Ryan 193; Elizabeth Stoddard 196; Rick Johnston 448t; Peter Irvine 480; Nathan Bergmann-Dean 95; Angharad Davis 350; Scott Luscombe 506; Robert Stoddard 550; Sinead O'Mahoney 49t; Jeremy Galvagni 40; Margaret Graver 85; Masti-Denise Mayrand 335.

A business meeting was held to hear committee reports. Secretary Carole Dempsey reported that 195 people had registered for the convention, and that 93 leaders had led 203 songs. Treasurer Matt Wojcik reported that all expenses for the convention had been met. Sally Langendorf and Aldo Ceresa, the Resolutions Committee, thanked all those whose efforts had combined to make the convention both a success and a joy, especially coordinator Dan Hertzler. Announcements were made.

RECESS

Carole Dempsey called the class back together by leading 162. Leaders: Bill Holt 288; Ron Woodland 178; Susan Jaster 486; Erik-Dardan Ymeraga 36b; Paula Picton 528; Bruce Voyles 523; Claire Hogan 459; Ian Ludders 327; Jenny Wright 313b; Mike Nord 296; Faiz Wareh 551; Lyra O'Brien 313t; Corrone Bryant 147t; Tarik

Wareh 103; Willis McCumber 224; Anne Kazlauskas and Ishmael Stefanov-Wagner 217; Somen Goodman 269; John Holbrook and Robert Dove 38t; Dan Hertzler 235. Paul Gauthier, Matt Wojcik, and Carole Dempsey led the closing lesson, 62. John Holbrook gave the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.
Co-chairpersons—Eliza Cavanaugh and Paul Gauthier; Secretary—Carole Dempsey

SOUTHWEST TEXAS SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION, FALL SESSION (COOPER BOOK)

Austin, Texas

September 29-30, 2012

Saturday, September 29

The Fall Session of the Southwest Texas Sacred Harp Singing Convention was called to order by Bill Bailey leading 56. After a welcome, prayer was offered by Gaylon Powell.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Bill Bailey; Vice Chairman—Jeb Owen; Arranging Committee and Secretaries—Bruce Coates and Beverly Coates.

Leaders: Jeb Owen 380t; Bruce Coates and Beverly Coates 106; Leon Ballinger 507b (for Curtis Owen); Kristie Powell and Laurel Dundee 132; Scott McCown 99; Riley Owen and Lauren Owen 40; Catherine Rogan 217; Garrett Powell 522; Ryan Young 381t; Jackson Owen 53; Priscilla Wiggins 485; Pat Wilson 38b; Robert Vaughn 214; Crystal Meadows 38t; Becky Wright 98; Ron Ryan 511b; Vivian Rogan 567; J.T. Harechmak 558; Olivia Powell 264b; Morris Nelms 300; Amy Pevito 500; Sonny Huckaby 450.

RECESS

Jeb Owen brought the class together by leading 288. Leaders: Jane Goforth 571; Gary Rogan 129; Amanda Bowles 505; Kris Wiggins 210; Alexa Gilmore 42; Tom Owen 341; Michele Rogan 355; Paul Wilson 39; Liz Owen 470; Kyle Hearn 68t; Janie Short 430; Scott Curran 424; Cheryl Foreman 140; Ron Bernucho 463; Reed Coates 138t; Tamara Harris 434; Sonny Erwin 293b; Tammy Powell 395b; Mike Hinton 78; Greg Bowles 559; Rick Foreman 543; Kevin Powell 416t; Ben Copenhaver 66; Gaylon Powell 272; Gayle Avant 107t; Gary Rogan 330t; Bill Bailey 277. The prayer of thanks for the lunch was offered by Elder Sonny Huckaby.

LUNCH

Bill Bailey opened the afternoon session leading 115. Leaders: Leon Ballinger 110; Scott McCown 122; Riley Owen 32t; Catherine Rogan 276; Garrett Powell 85; Josh Rogan 383; Ryan Young 384; Jackson Owen 401; Daniel Allcock 168; Priscilla Wiggins 442t; Pat Wilson 133; Robert Vaughn 549; Crystal Meadows 400; Becky Wright 321; Ron Ryan 501; Paul Wilson 144; J.T. Harechmak 28t; Olivia Powell 120; Morris Nelms 192; Amy Pevito 398b; Jane Goforth 393t; Sonny Huckaby 35; Amanda Bowles 198.

RECESS

Bill Bailey opened the session leading 101t. Leaders: Kris Wiggins 230; Alexa Gilmore 29t; Tom Owen 96; Michele Rogan 392; Mike Hinton 478; Janie Short 112; Kyle Hearn 268t; Liz Owen 299; Sonny Erwin 464; Cheryl Foreman 77t; Scott Curran 376; Kristie Powell 156; Reed Coates 65; Tamara Harris 131t; Rick Foreman 108b; Kevin Powell 47b; Ben Copenhaver 37; Tammy Powell 95b; Gaylon Powell 149.

The Chairman closed the Saturday session of the singing by leading 111t. The closing prayer was offered by Scott Curran.

Sunday, September 30

The Sunday session of the Southwest Texas Sacred Harp Convention was brought to order by Bill Bailey, who welcomed the singers and led 293b. The opening prayer was offered by Leon Ballinger.

Leaders: Jeb Owen 67; Bruce Coates 38t; Beverly Coates 142 (for Merle Jones); Gaylon Powell 200; Michele Rogan 183; Silas Huckaby 421; Tom Owen 250; Vickie Cook 335; Rich Lee 464; Carter Cook 63; Linda Booker 199; Kris Wiggins 235; Jackson Owen 572; Becky Wright 326; Riley Owen 155; Josh Rogan 193; Cheryl Foreman 365; Garrett Powell 427; Sarah Huckaby 563; Rick Foreman 273; Jessica Garris 370.

RECESS

Bill Bailey led 268b to bring the class back together. Leaders: Sonny Erwin 522; Katie Mahoney 330t; Ron Ryan 285t; Brennan Leigh 319; Mike Hinton 567; Priscilla Wiggins 159; Scott Curran 196; Jane Goforth 573; Reed Coates 182; Amy Pevito 492; Ryan Young 186.

Jeb Owen and Reed Coates conducted the memorial lesson. Jeb Owen discussed the situations facing some on the sick and shut-in list and mentioned the following: Curtis Owen, Edith Owen, Doris Hanks, Chloe Webb, Kristie Powell, Pat Allen, and Cath Tyler. He led 58 in honor of these singers.

Reed Coates read the following names of the deceased: Susan Kerr, Leland Owen, Nellie Rousseau—Texas; John Merritt—Mississippi; Lonnie Rogers—Georgia. He said that his song selection, 30b, described better than he could put in words, the mixtures of joy and sorrow we feel at the death of loved ones. We're blessed to have the hope of a better day for our loved ones and fellow singers. The memorial lesson was closed by prayer offered by Elder Sonny Huckaby.

Leaders: Liz Owen 171; Greg Bowles 300; Janie Short 336t; Paul Wilson 411; Crystal Meadows 245; Sonny Huckaby 379; Amanda Bowles 129; J.T. Harechmak 47b; Catherine Rogan 218; Kevin Powell 240. The prayer of thanks for lunch was offered by Kevin Powell.

LUNCH

Jeb Owen opened the afternoon session by leading 378t. Leaders: Tamara Harris 329; Ron Bernucho 500; Ben Copenhaver 284; Leon Ballinger 137; Alexa Gilmore 27; Vivian Rogan 146; Alex Hawk 260; Gary Rogan 384; Becky Wright 242; Paul Wilson 314; Cheryl Foreman and Rick Foreman 376; Priscilla Wiggins and Kris Wiggins 189; Riley Owen and Jackson Owen 278b; Olivia Powell 36b; Sonny Erwin and Mike Hinton 571; Tammy Powell 553; Sarah Huckaby and Reed Coates 356; Jane Goforth and Janie Short 148; Carter Cook and Vickie Cook 168; Ryan Young 414; Amy Pevito 203; Garrett Powell, Kevin Powell, and Olivia Powell 543; Crystal Meadows 215; Ron Ryan 345t; Amanda Bowles and Greg Bowles 99; Katie Mahoney and Rich Lee 515; Scott Curran and Michele Rogan 282; Catherine Rogan 434; J.T. Harechmak 239; Tom Owen and Liz Owen 47t; Alexa Gilmore and Leon Ballinger 283t; Gaylon Powell and Tammy Powell 577; Linda Booker and Tamara Harris 425; Ben Copenhaver and Alex Hawk 486; Gary Rogan and Vivian Rogan 392.

Announcements were made, and the officers led the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Tom Owen.

Chairman—Bill Bailey; Vice Chairman—Jeb Owen; Secretaries—Bruce and Beverly Coates

UNION MUSICAL SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION
Hardeman Primitive Baptist Church, Decatur, Georgia
September 29-30, 2012
Saturday, September 29

The 144th session of the Union Musical Sacred Harp Singing Convention was hosted by Camp Creek Primitive Baptist Church and held at Hardeman Primitive Baptist Church, Decatur, Georgia, on the fifth Sunday and Saturday before in September. The class was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by John Plunkett leading 52t. The opening prayer was offered by Tony Hammock. John Plunkett led 59.

Jesse P. Karlsberg directed the introductory lesson leading songs on pages 313b, 285b, 332, 31t, 378b, 403, 375, and 240.

Leaders: Jeannette DePoy 101t; Helen Bryson 100; Leigh Cooper 56t; Mark Godfrey 37t; Darrell Swarens 111b (in memory of Harrison Creel); Oscar McGuire 34b; Tony Hammock 83b; Amy Armstrong 84; David Brodeur 171; Jesse Roberts 216; Faye Hollis 340; B.M. Smith 389; Erica Hinton 314.

RECESS

Jeannette DePoy and Holly Mixon called the class to order leading 99.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve:

Chairman—Jeannette DePoy; Vice Chairman—Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg; Secretary/Treasurer—Helen Bryson; Arranging Committee—John Plunkett and Erica Hinton; Memorial Committee—Chris Brown and Sandra Wilkinson; Finance Committee—Holly Mixon and Matt Hinton; Resolutions Committee—Judy Whiting and Tony Hammock; Chaplain—Matt Hinton. John Plunkett observed that the dates for next year's convention are in conflict with the Young People's Singing, Lacy Memorial Singing, and others. Discussion about possible options followed.

Next year is Ebenezer's turn to host the convention. Jesse Roberts and John Plunkett will communicate with Janice Paulk who will communicate with church members and DeLong family members about options. Convention officers will make the final decision regarding possible change of venue and dates. This issue should be resolved prior to minutes being printed.

Leaders: Jeannette DePoy 129 (for Cathy White); Martha Ann Stegar 63; Micah Roberts 159; Robert Chambless 354b; Charles Woods 349; Henry Johnson 289; Matt Hinton and Emory students 47b; Judy Chambless 501; Judy Whiting 150; Holly Mixon 182; Chris Brown 183; Sandra Wilkinson 75; Eli Hinton 268.

LUNCH

Jesse Karlsberg called the class to order leading 45t. Leaders: Micah Roberts 481; Oscar McGuire 485; Sandra Wilkinson 176t; Darrell Swarens 472; Helen Bryson 546; Judy Whiting 432; John Plunkett 353; Holly Mixon 142; Matt Hinton and Jessica (visitor) 203; Chris Brown 362; Jesse Roberts 532; Laura Akerman 543; B.M. Smith 454; Mark Godfrey 277; David Brodeur 456; Amy Armstrong 215; Judy Chambless 540; Henry Johnson 288; Robert Chambless 68b; Leigh Cooper and Cecil Cooper 176t; Faye Hollis 168; Martha Ann Stegar 155; Tony Hammock 69t.

RECESS

Jeannette DePoy called the class to order leading 89. Leaders: Chris Brown 229; Erica Hinton 102; Judy Whiting 187; Darrell Swarens 228; Laura Akerman 390; Oscar McGuire 344; B.M. Smith 138t, 441; Faye Hollis 276.

Announcements were made. Jeannette DePoy led 323t as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Tony Hammock.

Sunday, September 30

The Sunday session of the Union Musical Sacred Harp Singing Convention was called to order by Jeannette DePoy leading 60. Matt Hinton offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Jeannette DePoy 36b; Jesse Karlsberg 48t, 134; Helen Bryson 77t, 227; Holly Mixon 182, 196; Chris Brown 28b, 319; John Plunkett 89, 207; Sandra Wilkinson 311, 473; Matt Hinton 174, 120; Judy Whiting 28t, 273; Erica Hinton 176b, 391; Tony Hammock 430, 303; Judy Chambless 549, 527; Judy Mincey 176t, 301.

RECESS

Jesse Karlsberg and a group of Emory students called the class to order by leading 57. Leaders: Eric Tweedy 58, 200; Malinda Snow 96, 138b; John Hollingsworth 186, 291; Hayden Arp 393, 395; Lauren Bock 230, 297 (for Karen Rollins).

The memorial lesson was conducted by Sandra Wilkinson and Chris Brown. Chris Brown led 47t for the following sick and shut-ins: Violet Thomason, Cathy White, Reuben Ball, Carlene Griffin, Gertrude DeLong, Tony Parkinson, Cath Tyler, Curtis Owen, Don Walker, Charlotte Walker, Bea Gilmore, Chris Sugden, George Wheeler, Alan Jackson, Jim Helke, Dale Bruner, Jeff Sheppard, Shelbie Sheppard, Ellie Soler, and Raymond Hamrick.

Sandra Wilkinson led 285t for the following deceased: Dorothy Garrison, James Tolbert, Lonnie Rogers, Sally McEwen, Benny Leavelle—Georgia; M. Harrison Creel, Pauline Griggs, Myrtle Chambless—Alabama; Dr. Julietta Haynes—Tennessee; Ruth Johnson—Florida; Gordon Corrick, Joe Reynolds, Brenda Grimshaw, Harold Newell, and Malcolm Robertson—United Kingdom; Nellie Davis—Mississippi; Joan Fulle—Indiana. Matt Hinton closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

LUNCH

Jesse Karlsberg called the class to order leading 421. Leaders: Leigh Cooper 59, 441; Bill Hollingsworth 489, 180; Mary Brownlee 556, 183; Darrell Swarens 31t, 72b; David Brodeur 217, 283; Carol Hanson 171, 46; Nathan Rees 37t, 234; Laura Akerman 235, 347; Russ Hanson 163t, 270; Alice West 73t, 515.

RECESS

Jeannette DePoy and Nathan Rees called the class to order leading 384.

Leaders: Oscar McGuire 336, 327; B.M. Smith 111b, 475; Anna Hinton 40; Eli Hinton 472; Micah Roberts 480, 178; Jesse Roberts 461, 380.

The convention entered into a business session for the purpose of hearing reports. The Resolutions committee reported the following: Thank you to Hardeman Primitive Baptist Church for graciously hosting the 144th session of the Union Musical Sacred Harp Singing Convention for Camp Creek Church; thank you to all who provided the delicious food on both days; thank you to the committees and officers for their work in keeping the convention going; and thank you to all the singers for traveling to sing together. We hope to meet again in 2013 for the 145th session at a date and location to be determined. The finance committee reported that convention expenses have been met. The reports were approved and the business session was closed.

Announcements were made. Jeannette DePoy and Jesse Karlsberg led 56t as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Matt Hinton.

Chairman—Jeannette DePoy; Vice Chairman—Jesse P. Karlsberg; Secretary—Helen Bryson

**NORTHWEST PENNSYLVANIA
ALL-DAY SACRED HARP SINGING
Old Firehouse, 12 Mechanic Street, Girard, Pennsylvania
Saturday, October 6, 2012**

The 5th annual Northwest Pennsylvania All-Day Sacred Harp Singing met at the Old Firehouse in Girard, Pennsylvania, west of Erie, on Saturday before the first Sunday in October. At 9:30 a.m. Katie White called the class to order leading 171, and welcomed the singers. Beth Todd offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Barbara Swetman 31b, 312b; Beth Todd 327, 501; Brian How 86, 84; Gerry Hoffman 128, 155; Nicoletta Rogers 33b, 299; Joe Todd 122, 373; Pleasance Crawford 486, 174; Dave Witter 56b, 569b; Chuck Crawford 287, 479; Lois Hurt 452, 551.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Katie White; Secretary—Barbara Swetman.

RECESS

Barbara Swetman called the class back together leading 59. Leaders: Steve Rogers 66, 270; Harry Webb 178, 48b; Katie White and Sue Tate 344; Katie White and Paula Jean Tonsor 547; Beth Todd 335, 52t; Barbara Swetman 481, 91; Brian How 503, 117; Gerry Hoffman 236, 83t; Nicoletta Rogers 217, 209; Joe Todd 179, 58; Pleasance Crawford 291, 180; Dave Witter 515, 532. Beth Todd offered a blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Chuck Crawford leading 63. Leaders: Lois Hurt 34b, 145b; Steve Rogers 276, 71; Katie Reimers 48t, 31t; Chuck Crawford 300, 68b; Harry Webb 268, 49b; Katie White 504; Katie White and Tina Cassara 146 (in memory of Charlie Bergengren of Ohio, d. 2012); Barbara Swetman 129; Beth Todd 475; Brian How 107; Gerry Hoffman 77t; Nicoletta Rogers 102; Joe Todd 106; Pleasance Crawford 327; Dave Witter 497; Katie Reimers 47t; Gerry Hoffman 39t; Chuck Crawford 101t; Lois Hurt 342.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Nicoletta Rogers leading 36b. Leaders: Steve Rogers 472; Harry Webb 38b; Katie White 377; Barbara Swetman 269; Beth Todd 566; Brian How 114; Gerry Hoffman 127; Nicoletta Rogers 350; Joe Todd 125; Pleasance Crawford 99; Dave Witter 183; Katie Reimers and Gerry Hoffman 163b; Chuck Crawford 448t; Lois Hurt 147t; Steve Rogers 229; Pam Wilson and Gerry Hoffman 35.

Announcements were made. Katie White led 347 as the closing song. Beth Todd offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Katie White; Secretary—Barbara Swetman

**SMITHSONIAN EXHIBITION SINGING
Old National Guard Armory, Perry, Georgia
Saturday, October 6, 2012**

A special singing of the South Georgia Sacred Harp Singing Convention was held in conjunction with the traveling Smithsonian Exhibit. The class was called to order by Oscar McGuire leading 49t and 59. The opening prayer was offered by John Plunkett.

The following officers for the day were duly elected by the class: Chairman—Oscar McGuire; Vice Chairman—Bentley McGuire; Secretary—Rita Haley; Arranging Officer—Mary Brownlee.

Leaders: Bentley McGuire 65, 63; Harry Eskew 40, 34b; Richard James 45t, 159; Mary Brownlee 78, 183; John Plunkett 275t, 387; Rita Haley 46, 268.

RECESS

Leaders: Oscar McGuire 33b; Wesley Haley 384; Lauren Harrison 138b, 163b; Judy Chambless 527, 37b; Katy McGuire and Oscar McGuire 515, 282; Sharon Hamrick 276; Martha Allman 136, 120.

LUNCH

Oscar McGuire called the class back to order leading 145t. Leaders: Robert Chambless 72b, 303; David Grant 409, 421; Sandra Wilkinson 144, 405; Oscar McGuire 354b (by request); Charlene Wallace 225t, 503; Rosemund Watson 229, 66; Martha Johnson 299, 361; Faye Hollis 222, 283; Donna Scott 457, 401; Zaloo Zelonis 312b; Martha Johnson and Nelda Clay 313t, 273.

Announcements were made. Rosemund Watson led 347 as the closing song. David Grant offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Oscar McGuire; Vice Chairman—Bentley McGuire; Secretary—Rita Haley

ALEXANDER, HULLETT, LOWE, BROTHERS, HYATT, PUTMAN, AND WOOTTEN MEMORIAL Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church, Oneonta, Alabama Sunday, October 7, 2012

The 46th session of the Alexander, Hullett, Lowe, Brothers, Hyatt, Putman, and Wootten Memorial Singing was held at Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church in Oneonta, Alabama, on the first Sunday in October. Terry Hullett called the class to order by leading 82t. Doyle Alexander offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Doyle Alexander 68b, 36b; Margie Smith 101t, 317; Henry Guthery 548, 318; Chris Brown 531, 512; Henry Johnson 322, 138b; Syd Caldwell 213t, 171; B.M. Smith 284, 350.

RECESS

The class was brought back together by Philip Gilmore leading 278b. Leaders: Ed Thacker 365; Samuel Sommers 502; Tim Cook 125; Judy Whiting 354t; Margaret Thacker 225t; Sonny Erwin 441; Lilah Anderson 56t; Donnie Simmet 102; Bridgett Kennedy 564; Ben Bath 396; Richard Mauldin 72b; Michele Cull 168; Marlin Beasley 137 (in memory of Virgil Phillips and Rhoda Norris); Cindy Tanner 389; Carolyn Thompson 106; Susan Cheronos 107; Bea Carnathan 456; Dennis George 542.

RECESS

The class was brought back together by Philip Gilmore leading 411. Leaders: Jackson Fleder 229; Cheryl Foreman 273; Danny Creel 475; Theresa Westmoreland 280; Rick Foreman 378b; Annaliza Cull 155; Grace Gilmore 142; Cheyenne Ivey 182; Rebekah Gilmore 220; Angela Myers 440; Gravis Ballinger 215; Carly Westmoreland 335; Karen Rollins 298; Kathy Williams 186; Ann Jett 546; Loyd Ivey 283; Russell Pope 358.

LUNCH

The class was brought back together by Terry Hullett leading 276. Leaders: Lisa Geist 546; David Ivey 92; Dylan Feezell 236; Vella Dailey 143; Rodney Ivey and Kristopher Daniel 274t; Bud Oliver 73t; Larry Ballinger 270; Amy Daniel 430; Eloise Wootten 426b; Tom George 477; Nate Green and Norma Green 371; Wanda Capps 216; Judy Caudle 403 (in memory of Herby Bailey); Linda Thomas and Karen Green 123t; Shane Wootten 501 (CB); Coy Ivey, Annaliza Cull, and Kristopher Daniel 384; Paula Gilmore 566; Syd Caldwell and David Ivey 434;

Danny Creel, Wanda Capps, Cindy Tanner, and Ann Jett 111b (in memory of Harrison Creel).

Terry Hullett, Philip Gilmore, and Doyle Alexander led 47b as the closing song. Elder Philip Gilmore dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Terry Hullett; Vice Chairman—Nate Green; Secretaries—Paula Gilmore and Rebekah Gilmore

SOUTH GEORGIA SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION **Liberty Hill Community House, Barnesville, Georgia** **Sunday, October 7, 2012**

The 93rd session of the South Georgia Singing Convention was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by President Wesley Haley leading 59. Wayne Watson offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Bill Hollingsworth 50b; Mary Brownlee 354t; David Grant 154; Wayne Watson 49b; Martha Harrell 47b, 45t; John Hollingsworth 335, 114; Shannon Primm 106, 47t; Judy Chambless 472; Jesse P. Karlsberg and students (Adnan Fazili, Andy Park, and Taiaz) 39t, 440; Helen Bryson 492, 29t; Malinda Snow 108b, 569t; Carol Hanson 384; Nathan Rees 115, 211; Russ Hanson 441, 300.

RECESS

President Haley recalled the class to appoint Mary Brownlee and Shannon Primm as the Memorial Committee. He then led 34t, followed by Oscar McGuire leading 155 and 485.

The class went into a business session. President Haley called on the Nominating Committee to present its suggested slate of officers. John Hollingsworth and Raymond Hamrick put forward the following for approval: President—Bill Hollingsworth; Vice President—Oscar McGuire; Secretary/Treasurer—Rita Haley; Assistant Secretary/Treasurer—Mary Brownlee; Chaplains—Wayne Watson and David Grant. This slate was duly elected by unanimous vote.

In other business, the list of singings for 2013 was revised and confirmed. There was discussion of whether the singings at Liberty Hill would be held in the church building or the community house. Those decisions were tabled until the Liberty Hill Historical Association could be contacted about availability of the community house on singing days. The treasurer presented her report. Last, some financial issues were addressed by the convention at the request of the Treasurer. The business session was adjourned.

LUNCH

Wesley Haley brought the class together by leading 73b. Leaders: Matt Hinton 138t, 460; John Plunkett 391, 297; Riley Lee 569b, 517; Robert Kelley 345b, 111t; Sandra Wilkinson 289, 418; Robert Chambless 452, 84; Andy Park 49, 45t.

Mary Brownlee spoke and led 66 in memory of the following deceased: Sally McEwen and Lonnie Rogers—Georgia.

Shannon Primm led 81t for the sick and shut-ins, which included Ellie Soler, Joyce Harrison, Violet Thomason, and Jephtha Brooks.

Leaders: Rita Haley, Levi Mullis, and Ellie Ruth Mullis 268, 269; Misty Mullis, Ellie Ruth Mullis, and Graydon Mullis 46, 340; Riley Lee and Nathan Rees (in honor of Raymond Hamrick, who was in attendance but did not wish to lead) 350.

After announcements, Rosemund Watson led 503 and 347. David Grant offered the closing prayer.

President—Bill Hollingsworth; Vice President—Oscar McGuire; Secretary—Rita Haley

BILLINGS BIRTHDAY SINGING
Irish-American Heritage Center, Chicago, Illinois
Sunday, October 7, 2012

The Billings 266th Birthday singing was held at the Irish-American Heritage Center, Chicago, Illinois, on the first Sunday in October. Ted Mercer called the class to order at 10:00 a.m. leading 51 (MH).

A business meeting was held to elect or appoint the following officers: Chairman—Rachel Adelstein; Finance Committee—Susan Geil and Randy Neufeld; Arranging Officer—Evelyn Lamb; Chaplain—Wendy Wahn; Secretary—Rochelle Lodder. Wendy Wahn offered the morning prayer, thanking God, especially for the life and music of William Billings.

Leaders: Rachel Adelstein “Amherst”; Aldo Ceresa “Richmond”; Ann Heider “A Funeral Anthem” (“Samuel the Priest”); Jim Swanson “Wareham”; Karen Swenson “Andover”; Ann Missavage 174; John Seaton 291; David Barford “Hull”; Lisa Grayson “Boston”; Jim Helke 147 (MH); Doug Stapleton 66.

RECESS

Rochelle Lodder called the class to order leading 91. Leaders: Steve Warner and Barb Colaner “Chester”; Bob Borcharding 178 (MH); Lisa Cohen “Taunton”; Nathan Zweig “St. Peters”; Jonathan Smith “Newingham”; Grace Scrimgeour “Egypt”; Claudia Egelhoff 269; Michael Mosley 180; Wendy Wahn “Glocester”; Ted Johnson 173; Patty Cuyler “Washington”; Ginny Landgraf “Cross-Street”; Ann Sleva “Chocklett”; Randy Neufeld 178.

Marcia Johnson spoke about the life of Phillip Trier, a founder of Chicago Sacred Harp, and led his arrangement “Come Thou Fount” in his memory.

Rochelle Lodder led “Kittery”. Wendy Wahn offered grace before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Evelyn Lamb brought the class back to order leading 486. Leaders: Mary Rogel “Sullivan”; Ryan Wheeler “Brookfield”; Melanie Hauff 268; Michael Appert “Aurora”; Randy Neufeld and Susan Geil “St. Ann’s”; JoDell Albi “Duxborough”; Judy Hauff “Bethlehem”; Lincoln Richardson 49t; Marcia Johnson 126 (MH); Cathryn Bearov “Maryland”; Petrina Patti and Anne Heider “An Anthem for Easter”; Evelyn Lamb, Jillian Soto, and Adam Rose “Sunday”; Rachel Adelstein “Euroclydon”.

Aldo Ceresa discussed the biography and significance of William Billings. He noted that Billings worked as a tanner, had one eye, and was said to have had “an uncommon negligence of person” and a “stentorian bass voice.” Although he published five tune books in his lifetime and his music was widely sung, he died a pauper because there was no copyright protection at that time. Billings’s tune “Beneficence” was suggested for inclusion in the Sacred Harp by Raymond Hamrick, whose music is strongly influenced by Billings. Aldo Ceresa led 492.

RECESS

Wendy Wahn called the class to order leading “Emmaus”. Leaders: Claudia Egelhoff and Karen Swenson “Anthem: Independence” (“The States, O Lord”); Bob Borcharding “Sudbury”; Nathan Zweig “Charlston”; Ann Missavage 254; Jonathan Smith “Thomas-Town”; Judy Hauff “Water Town”; Steve Warner and Anne Heider “Sappho”; Ginny Landgraf 103 (MH); Ted Mercer “When Jesus Wept”.

The class resolved to thank all those who assembled the special collection of Billings’s tunes for our use, especially those who typeset the tunes in shapes, including Aldo Ceresa, the compilers of the forthcoming Shenandoah Harmony, Karen Swenson and Charlie Obert, Karen Willard and the Christmas Harp, Ann Sleva, Roland Hutchinson, and Chris Noren.

Rachel Adelstein led 347 as the closing song. Wendy Wahn dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Rachel Adelstein; Secretary—Rochelle Lodder

RUTHERFORD COUNTY SACRED HARP SINGING

King's Chapel, Arrington, Tennessee

Saturday, October 13, 2012

The 5th session of the Rutherford County Sacred Harp Singing was held in the King's Chapel Church in Arrington, Tennessee. The class was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Ron Harper leading 350. Bob Simmons offered the morning prayer.

The class organized by appointing the following officers to serve: Co-Chairman—Ron Harper; Co-Chairman—Jeff Adcock; Arranging Committee—Judy Caudle and Eddie Mash; Chaplain—Bob Simmons; Secretaries—Janie Harper and Angela Myers.

Leaders: Ron Harper 399b, 101t; Judy Caudle 100, 108t; Eddie Mash 61, 318; Jeff Adcock 49t, 82t; Tim Reynolds 192, 135; Gail Doss 86, 203; Caleb Dillehay 42, 37b; Laurens Blankers 40, 313t; Sandie Scott 317, 176t; Barrett Patton 215, 186.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Ron Harper leading 81t. Leaders: Bill Hutcherson 274t, 268; Marilyn Burchett 566, 551; Hubert Nall 176b, 146; Johanna Fabke 148, 84; Sarah Beasley 340, 129; Darrell Swarens 267, 208; Bob Simmons 108b, 66; Angela Myers 425, 500. Bob Simmons offered prayer before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Ron Harper leading 29t.

Leaders: Butch White 30b, 503; David Carlton 332, 272; Seth Holloway 406, 388; Michelle Cull 300, 236; Rick Fretter 339, 470.

Following announcements, Ron Harper led 62 as the closing song. Bob Simmons offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Co-Chairman—Ron Harper; Co-Chairman—Jeff Adcock; Secretaries—Janie Harper and Angela Myers

SAVANNAH SACRED HARP SINGING

Faith Primitive Baptist Church, Savannah, Georgia

Saturday, October 13, 2012

The 8th annual Savannah Sacred Harp Singing was held on Saturday before the second Sunday in October at Faith Primitive Baptist Church. Frank DeBolt called the class to order leading 68b (CB).

A business session resulted in the election or appointment of the following officers: Chairman—Gene Pinion; Secretary—Sharon Strong; Arranging Officer—Tom Ivey.

Leaders: John Gentry 131b; Sharon Strong 479; Ellen Lea 163b; Buck Lea 133; Agnes Roberts 63; Joyce Heath 128; Gene Pinion 500 (CB); Nancy Wheless 505 (CB); Tom Ivey 300 (for Mallory Pearce); Donna Smith 278b; Judith Parker 91; Faye Holbrook 67; Dana Savidge 572 (CB); Sarah Grovenstein 143; Anne Hudson 463 (CB); Tom Ivey 210 (for Mallory Pearce).

RECESS

Frank DeBolt called the class to order leading 186 (CB). Leaders: John Gentry 383; Sharon Strong 24t; Ellen Lea 122; Buck Lea 474; Tom Ivey 268 (for Mallory Pearce); Agnes Roberts 229 (CB); Joyce Heath 112; Gene Pinion 31t (CB); Nancy Wheless 451 (CB); Donna Smith 168; Judith Parker 155; Faye Holbrook 455; Dana Savidge 393t (CB); Sarah Grovenstein 139; Anne Hudson 49b.

LUNCH

Tom Ivey called the class to order by leading 107. Leaders: Frank DeBolt 515; John Gentry 354b; Sharon Strong 192; Rexanna Lester 142; Agnes Roberts 358; Joyce Heath 135; Gene Pinion 254; Nancy Wheless 457; Donna Smith 47b; Judith Parker 503; Faye Holbrook 549; Dana Savidge 518 (CB); Sarah Grovenstein 123t; Anne Hudson 571 (CB); Tom Ivey 218 (for Lucile Gunnels).

RECESS

Frank DeBolt called the class to order leading 569b. Leaders: John Gentry 229; Sharon Strong 504; Rexanna Lester 146; Agnes Roberts 61; Joyce Heath 282; Gene Pinion 208; Nancy Wheless 488b (CB); Donna Smith 276; Judith Parker 346; Faye Holbrook 290; Dana Savidge 31b (CB); Anne Hudson 159; Sarah Grovenstein 101t; Sharon Strong 551 (for Frank DeBolt); Tom Ivey 472.

Following announcements, Gene Pinion led 347 as the closing song. John Gentry offered a closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Gene Pinion; Secretary—Sharon Strong

DULUTH ALL-DAY SINGING **Friends Meeting House, Duluth, Minnesota** **Saturday, October 13, 2012**

The 2nd annual Duluth All-Day Singing was called to order by Leslie Williamson White and Bonnie Ambrosi leading 52t. Bonnie Ambrosi offered the opening prayer. Leaders: Carol Crawford 37b; Karen Swenson 32t; Jeanette Nelson 171; Midge Olsen 474; Steve Luttinen 270; Nancy Koester 285t; Charlie Obert 299; Eleanor Haase 272; Jim Pfau 430; Hans Guttmann 480; Claudia Egelhoff 77b; Ray Cott-Meissel 49t; Steve Copeland 84; Martha Henderson 455; Laura Wolden 146; Matt Wells 547; Gordon Olsen 39t.

RECESS

The class was called back together by Jim Pfau leading 148. Leaders: Paul Wyatt 144; Kristine Peterson 178; Christine Stevens 159; Noelle Copeland 448t; Cathy Lutz 344; Janell Draper 72b; Bill Waddington 362; Angie Payne 31t; Joel Setterholm 49b; Denise Kania 142; Stacey Berkheimer 34t; Hans Guttmann 282; Steve Luttinen 277; Gordon Olsen 86; Nancy Koester 384; Eleanor Haase 352; Steve Copeland 454; Bonnie Ambrosi 312t; Leslie Williamson White 59. Bonnie Ambrosi said grace before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Steve Luttinen led 145b to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Midge Olsen 198; Kevin Bullock 195; Laura Wolden 350; Matt Wells 383; Karen Swenson 500; Martha Henderson 65; Jeanette Nelson 472; Claudia Egelhoff 485; Charlie Obert 276; Carol Crawford 280; Jim Pfau 460; Angie Payne 287; Noelle Copeland 290; Paul Wyatt 105; Stacey Berkheimer 551; Bill Waddington 217; Joel Setterholm 106; Christine Stevens 542; Janell Draper 121; Steve Copeland 349; Kristine Peterson 162; Cathy Lutz 532; Leslie Williamson White 163b.

RECESS

The class was called together by Charlie Obert leading 155. Leaders: Eleanor Haase 442; Nancy Koester 481.

Hans Guttmann spoke for the sick and shut-ins and the deceased, noting how Sacred Harp binds us together as a loving family, and reminding us to give our loved ones roses while they live. The sick and shut-ins remembered were as follows: Val Eng, Curtis Owen, Christine Smith, and Ruth Smith. The deceased remembered were as follows: William C. Friday—North Carolina; Nancy Landkamer—Oregon; Ann Riemermann, Margaret McCutchan, Joan Fritz, Bill Smith, Margaret Peterson, and Lyle Christianson—Minnesota; Mary Yousten—Wisconsin; Harrison Creel—

Alabama; John Merritt—Mississippi; and those who have died from the violence in Syria. Hans led 340 and 499b. Bonnie Ambrosi offered a prayer.

Leaders: Stacey Berkheimer 230; Martha Henderson 64; Ray Cott-Meissel 38t; Claudia Egelhoff 464; Midge Olsen 218; Paul Wyatt 456; Denise Kania 203; Kevin Bullock 66; Bonnie Ambrosi 503; Karen Swenson 556; Kristine Peterson 452; Laura Wolden 49b; Cathy Lutz 99; Angie Payne 77t; Jeanette Nelson 475; Noelle Copeland 236; Leslie Williamson White 504.

The class bid each other a fond Christian's Farewell as Leslie Williamson White and Bonnie Ambrosi led 347. Bonnie Ambrosi offered the closing prayer.

Co-chairpersons—Leslie Williamson White and Bonnie Ambrosi; Secretary—Bonnie Ambrosi

COLUMBIA SINGING

Dripping Springs Christian Church, Columbia, Missouri Saturday, October 13, 2012

The 18th annual Columbia Singing was held at Dripping Springs Christian Church on Saturday before the second Sunday in October. Tim VonEnglen called the class to order leading 503. Meg Stauffer offered an opening prayer.

The class was organized with the following officers and committees elected or appointed to serve: Chairperson—Tim VonEnglen; Secretary—Carla Bermudez; Chaplains—Meg Stauffer, Lou Kujawinski, and Cindy Stone; Arranging Committee—Patty Doss and Penny Kujawinski; Finance Officer—Wendy Hoffman. Leaders: Cherry Hinderberger 63; Meg Stauffer 547; Catherine Pepmiller 312b; Sandy Falloon 178; Carla Bermudez 285t (in memory of her father-in-law, Alex Bermudez); Cindy Pepmiller 203; Cindy Stone 285t; Patty Doss 175 (MH); John Markovitz 159; Lou Kujawinski 45 (MH); Wendy Hoffman 109 (MH); Penny Kujawinski 496 (in honor of Gary Gronau, Don Bussman, and Anita Bussman); Jairus Schultz 146; Jedediah Schultz 135 (MH); Donna Walter 22 (MH); Jubal Schultz 89.

RECESS

Lou Kujawinski called the class back to order leading 350. Leaders: Anne Drexler 277; Terry Hogg 147 (MH); Evangeline Schultz and Elizabeth Schultz 481; Denis Cochran 127 (MH); Bill Caldwell 138 (MH); James Page 34 (MH); Annie Grieshop 340 (in memory of Dora Belle Miller); David Kaeser 29t (in memory of his mother, Roselle Kaeser); Lori Graber 174 (MH); Presley Barker 505; Dan Brittain handout; Tom Schultz 143; Charlie Derleth 39t. Lou Kujawinski offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Tim VonEnglen and Roy Keller called the class back to order leading 45t. Leaders: Paul Figura 139 (MH); Roberta Strauss 384; Shirley Figura 30b; Karen Isbell 75 (MH); Jan Ketelle 89 (MH); Joan Aldridge 192 (in honor of Gary Gronau); Becky Browne 362; Dave Ressler 260; Terry Hogg 172 (MH); Anne Drexler 454; Jairus Schultz 180 (MH); Denis Cochran 276; Jedediah Schultz 40; Lori Graber 456; Bill Caldwell 474; Charlie Derleth 28b.

RECESS

Cindy Pepmiller called the class back to order leading 148. Leaders: Les Sontag 268; Patti Sontag 86; Jubal Sontag 418; Annie Grieshop 344; Jan Ketelle 430; Evangeline Schultz and Elizabeth Schultz 361; Dayle Black and Molly Black 34b; Dan Brittain 417; Roberta Strauss 441; James Page 170 (MH); Tom Schultz 245; Les Sontag 542; David Kaeser 56b; Patti Sontag 313b; Dave Ressler 77 (MH); Becky Browne 299.

Following announcements, Tim VonEnglen lead 347 as the closing song. Cindy Stone offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.
Chairperson—Tim VonEnglen; Secretary—Carla Bermudez

TALLAHASSEE SINGING (COOPER BOOK)

Tallahassee Museum, Tallahassee, Florida

Saturday, October 13, 2012

The 19th annual Tallahassee Singing was called to order by Alice Bejnar, who welcomed the class. Alice Bejnar and Morgan Bunch led 293b. Aubrey Barfield offered the opening prayer. Alice Bejnar and Morgan Bunch led 36b and 112. Ellen Gwynn led 76b and 335. Aubrey Barfield led 171, 497, and 186 as the introductory lesson.

Leaders: Mary Whitehurst 478, 121; Ken Kelley 491, 404; Lee Bradley 127, 128; Nancy Hogan 380b, 84.

RECESS

Steven Taylor brought the class back to order leading 75. Alice Bejnar, Morgan Bunch, and Sonia Atkins led “What a Day That Will Be” (for Miss Pearl Bell, who is in hospice care). Leaders: Tor Bejnar 38b; Tommie Spurlock 99; Shannan Guinn 220; Ross Brand 567; Marvin Reeves 101t; Victoria Aplin 268t (for Margaret Spurlock); Jeffrey Forbes 31t; Bill Hogan 53; Beverly Dayton 553.

RECESS

Ken Kelley brought the class back to order leading 32t. Leaders: Billy Kelley 100; Morgan Bunch and Alice Bejnar “Tallahassee”; Teresa Coates 463; Frank Strickland 486; Loretta Jones 138t; Stanley Smith 159; Chip Westbrook 398b. Morgan Bunch led 369, and Bill Hogan offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Frank Strickland leading 96. Leaders: Steven Taylor 128, 82; Sue Bunch 148, 203; Lloyd Jones 45t, 465; Annie Reeves 511t, 516; Claudia Gunter 282, 264b; Bill Aplin 30b, 528b.

RECESS

Tommie Spurlock brought the class back to order leading 112 and 183. Leaders: Sue Bunch and Morgan Bunch 274t (by request); Ross Brand, Elizabeth Firestone, Ashleigh Ivy, Bella Folmar, and Cecile 428, 376, 47b; Shannan Guinn 146; Jeffrey Forbes 132; Bill Hogan and Nancy Hogan 464; Teresa Coates 392.

Announcements were made. Alice Bejnar and Morgan Bunch led 95b as the closing song. Stanley Smith offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairperson—Alice Bejnar; Vice Chairman—Morgan Bunch; Secretaries—Sue Bunch and Ellen Gwynn

TENNESSEE STATE CONVENTION

Second Creek Primitive Baptist Church, near Five Points, Tennessee

October 13-14, 2012

Saturday, October 13

The 18th annual session of the Tennessee State Sacred Harp Singing Convention was held at Second Creek Primitive Baptist Church on the second Sunday in October and Saturday before. The Saturday evening session from the B.F. White Sacred Harp, Cooper Revision, was called to order by Tim Reynolds leading 50t (CB). The opening prayer was offered by Ron Harper.

Leaders: Tim Reynolds 335 (CB); Eddie Mash 567 (CB), 464 (CB); Ron Harper 52t (CB), 505 (CB); Darrell Swarens 572 (CB), 484 (CB); Sara Beasley 488b (CB), 60 (CB); Mike Hinton 478 (CB), 544 (CB); Marilyn Burchett 229 (CB), 571 (CB); Judy

Whiting 507b (CB), 72 (CB); Hubert Nall 84 (CB), 463 (CB); John Ramsey 161 (CB), 136 (CB); Chris Brown 95b (CB), 30t (CB); Sandie Scott 511t (CB), 392 (CB); Michelle Cull 500 (CB), 96 (CB); Richard Mauldin 36b (CB), 45t (CB); Steve Miller 63 (CB), 155 (CB).

Richard Mauldin, Carol Davis, and Tim Reynolds led 358. The closing prayer was offered by Richard Mauldin.

Sunday, October 14

The Sunday session of the Tennessee State Convention was called to order by Tim Reynolds leading 59. Darrell Swarens offered the opening prayer.

Song selections were from the 1991 Edition of the Sacred Harp. Leaders: Tim Reynolds 145t; Eddie Mash 28b, 37b; Darrell Swarens 47b, 111b (in memory of Harrison Creel); Sandie Scott 512, 408; David Carlton 95, 77t; Larry Ballinger 77b, 76t; Sara Beasley 145b, 318.

RECESS

The class was brought back together by Eddie Mash leading 56t.

Leaders: Judy Whiting 492, 354t; Steve Miller 354b, 178; Hubert Nall 566, 299; Earl Ballinger 161, 176t; Angela Myers 155, 89; Laurens Blankers 72b, 334; Wanda Capps 176b, 76b; Richard Mauldin 143, 35 (in memory of Harrison Creel).

RECESS

Tim Reynolds called the class back to order by leading 85. A business meeting was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Tim Reynolds; Vice Chairman—Eddie Mash; Secretary—Sandie Scott; Arranging Officer—Eddie Mash.

Leaders: Linton Ballinger 343, 385b; Judy Caudle 434 (for Gordon Wilkinson), 119 (for Clayton Ezell); Steve Adams and Richard Mauldin 378t, 101t; Chris Brown 102, 229; Michelle Cull 128; Michelle Cull and Carol Davis 168; Mike Hinton 340, 480; Gravis Ballinger 49t, 34b. Richard Mauldin offered the prayer before the meal.

LUNCH

Tim Reynolds brought the class back together by leading 148. Leaders: Chris Brown 34b; Kermit Adams 426b, 426t; Marilyn Burchett 335, 294; Margaret Keeton 336, 208.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Mike Hinton and Richard Mauldin. Mike spoke and led 146 in honor of the following sick and homebound: Willodean Barton, Johnnie Chafin, Velton Chafin, Clayton Ezell, Bea Gilmore, Josie Hyde, Alan Jackson, Sammie Oliver, Bud Oliver, Curtis Owen, Tony Parkinson, Lessie Reed, S.T. Reed, Chris Sugden, Cath Tyler, and Gordon Wilkinson.

Richard Mauldin spoke and led 339 in memory of the following deceased: Harrison Creel, Earnie Jett, Imogene Nelms, Cecil Sanders, and Wynell Sanders—Alabama; Gordon Corrick, Brenda Grimshaw, Harold Newell, Joe Reynolds, and Malcolm Robertson—United Kingdom; John Merritt—Mississippi; Lonnie Rogers—Georgia; Julietta Haynes—Tennessee. Hubert Nall offered prayer to close the memorial session.

Leaders: Chis Brown 277; Judy Whiting 460; Mike Hinton 456; Tim Reynolds and the Ezell family 358; Darrell Swarens 507 (for Josie Hyde); Michelle Cull 82t; Hubert Nall 347; Wanda Capps 216; Earl Ballinger 203; Linton Ballinger 212; Richard Mauldin 43 (for Josie Hyde); Judy Caudle 472; Sara Beasley and Karla Parker 235, 63; Kermit Adams 99; Steve Adams 129.

Announcements were made. Tim Reynolds led 30t as the closing song. Linton Ballinger offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Tim Reynolds; Vice Chairman—Eddie Mash; Secretary—Sandie Scott

CHESTNUT GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Ider, Alabama

Sunday, October 14, 2012

The 86th session of the annual Chestnut Grove Sacred Harp singing was held on the second Sunday in October. Henry Johnson offered the opening prayer. Loretta Smith and Amy Smith led 68b.

Leaders: Billy Thompson 47b, 465 (CB); Henry Johnson 289, 69t; Danny Creel 145t, 283; Susan Cheronos 107, 278t; Cindy Tanner 146, 546; Aaron Wootten 63, 270; Cheyenne Ivey 76b, 128; Paula Oliver 32t, 142; Jackie Tanner 101t, 123t; Jamey Wootten 42, 418; Emily Burleson 430, 442; Nathan Rees 76t, 186.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Loretta Smith; Secretary—Amy Smith.

RECESS

Loretta Smith and Amy Smith led 45t to bring the class to order.

Leaders: Jared Wootten 276; Ann Jett 108b; Shane Wootten 36b, 457, 425; Donna Wootten 81t, 56t; Marty Wootten 73t, 46.

Loretta Smith and Amy Smith led 37b in memory of the following deceased: Bill Tanner, Earnie Jett, Harrison Creel, Cecil Sanders, Winell Sanders, Debbie Mitchell, Lorene Gothard, and Melvin Stiefel.

The following sick and shut-ins were remembered: Winnie Blevins, Donald Carroll, Betty Wright, Willard Wright, Bud Oliver, Sammie Oliver, S.T. Reed, and Lessie Reed.

Leaders: Rodney Ivey and Amy Daniel 47t, 426t; Mary Ruth Stiefel 322; Brenda Carroll 299, 300.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Loretta Smith leading 82t. Leaders: Henry Johnson 271b; Loyd Ivey 235; Norma Green 569b, 568; Brian Maxwell family 340; Michael Thompson 275t; Danny Creel 269; Ann Jett 327; Ricky Harcrow 74b, 75; Ezra 571 (CB); Aldo Ceresa 532, 182; Joyce Whittington 480; Emily Burleson 411; Rodney Ivey, Myra Dalton, and Claudine Townson 39t; Rodney Ivey and Joshua Sandlin 268; Paula Oliver 217; Nathan Rees 434.

Loretta Smith and Amy Smith led 62 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Henry Johnson, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Loretta Smith; Secretary—Amy Smith

CATES-BROWN MEMORIAL SINGING

Methodist Church, Muscadine, Alabama

Sunday, October 14, 2012

The annual Sacred Harp singing was convened at 9:30 a.m. on the second Sunday in October by Jeff Sheppard leading 57. This singing is a memorial singing named for Walker Cates and Herbert Brown, longtime supporters of this singing. Since this is a memorial singing, singers were encouraged to remember others during their lessons. The opening prayer was offered by Cecil Roberts.

Leaders: Cecil Roberts 49b (in memory of B.J. Harris), 48t; Robert Chambless 77t, 163b; Karen Rollins 317, 318; Margie Smith 101t, 512.

The class went into a business session and the following officers were elected:

Chairman—Jeff Sheppard; Vice Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Arranging Officer/Secretary—Pam Nunn.

Leaders: Bert Collins and Glenda Collins 124, 45t; Tony Hammock 303, 138b; Donna Bell 68b, 426b; Evelyn Harris 378t (for her sister, Ruth Daniels), 155.

RECESS

The class was reconvened by Cecil Roberts leading 32t. Leaders: Oscar McGuire 276, 441; Jeannette DePoy 414 (in memory of her parents and mother-in-law), 300 (in honor of Cathy White); B.M. Smith 82t, 270; Jack Nelson 518, 480; Judy Chambless 34t (in memory of Bobby Jackson), 499; Lou Cotney 358, 218; Virginia Dyer and Chance Cook 192, 63; JoAnn Ward and Donna Bell 47b; David Brodeur 475, 299; John Plunkett 225t, 354t; Sharon DuPriest 208, 313t; Fallon Cook 146, 340. Cecil Roberts offered the blessing.

LUNCH

Cecil Roberts called the class to order leading 547. Leaders: Ann Simpson 452, 445; Rene Greene 228, 350; Charlene Wallace 129, 145t, 145b; Shelbie Sheppard 148, 164 (for Nick and Carlene Griffin); David Brodeur 472; Oscar McGuire 229; Jeannette DePoy 99; Sharon DuPriest 269; Robert Chambless 66; Lou Cotney 222; Jack Nelson 551; Margie Smith 50t; Tony Hammock 111b; Judy Chambless 107; B.M. Smith 389 (in memory of Lonnie Rogers); Ann Simpson 388; Fallon Cook 37b; Donna Bell 454 (in memory of LaRue Allen); Rene Greene and Pam Nunn 200. Announcements were made. The closing prayer was offered by Jack Nelson. Chairman—Jeff Sheppard; Vice Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Secretary—Pam Nunn

TAYLOR SINGING **Lafayette County, Mississippi** **Sunday, October 14, 2012**

The 25th annual Sacred Harp singing at Taylor United Methodist Church (formerly held at Pilgrim's Rest Primitive Baptist Church) was called to order, following the preaching service, by Warren Steel leading 48t and 36b. John Van Horn offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: John Van Horn 73t, 106, 108b; Hugh Bill McGuire 82t; Anne Steel 171, 107, 480; Jess Weller 157, 445; George Easley 34b, 313t; Cliff Hall 268, 277; Chiquita Walls 335 (in memory of Aubrey Enochs).

LUNCH

Warren Steel called the class together leading 270 and 288 (in memory of Nellie Davis). Leaders: Mary Amelia Taylor 35, 505, 472; Kathleen Brown 117, 282, 283; Will Ingraham 160t, 39t, 39b; Jack Barbera 40, 42, 45t; Jan Murray 31t, 31b, 285t; Joe Thompson 84, 217, 414; Warren Steel "Hurricane Creek."

RECESS

John Van Horn brought the class together leading 323t and 196. Leaders: Anne Steel 504, 200; Jess Weller 47t, 47b; Devon Newburn 201, 129; George Easley 438; Cliff Hall 159, 503; Mary Amelia Taylor 99, 390; Kathleen Brown 128, 388; Will Ingraham 466, 440; Joe Thompson 73b, 479.

It was announced that in future years this singing will take place on Saturday before the second Sunday in October, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Following other announcements, Warren Steel led 134 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer offered by Joe Thompson.

Chairman and Secretary—Warren Steel

TRI-STATE SACRED HARP CONVENTION (COOPER BOOK) **Hoboken, Georgia** **Saturday, October 20, 2012**

The Convention was called to order at Mars Hill Primitive Baptist Church in Hoboken, Georgia, by Julie Lee and Kathy Lee leading 31b. Prayer was by Shane O'Neal.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Co-chairladies—Julie Lee and Kathy Lee; Secretaries—Riley Lee and Mary Elizabeth O’Neal.

Leaders: Julie Lee and Kathy Lee 133; Clarke Lee and David Lee 47b, 166; Riley Lee, Shane O’Neal, and Mary O’Neal 229, 465, 451; Robyn Crawford and Macy Crawford 336t, 264b; Steven Taylor and Marie Taylor 72; Gene Burnsed 563; Sue Bunch 54t; Louis Hughes 138t; Tollie Lee 285t; Frank DeBolt 500.

RECESS

David Lee brought the class back together leading 96. Leaders: Andy Crawford 162; Judith Parker 159; Aldean Hodges, Jan Hodges, and Cole Hodges 288; Stanley Smith 36t; Judy Whiting 95b; Aubrey Barfield 497; Eddie Mash 450; John Kelso and Jessica Harris 522; Jim Pfau 210; Ray Rechenberg 78; Eli Hinton 239; Anna Pfau 425; Billy Lee 336t; Tommie Spurlock 299.

RECESS

Riley Lee brought the class back together leading 264t. Leaders: Chris Brown 30t; Matt Hinton and Erica Hinton 38t; Kit Canright 129; Stephanie Carter and Laura Caldwell 511t; Morgan Bunch 280; Ben Copenhaver 114b; Lee Bradley 559; John Gardenour 535t; Donna Smith 276; Denise Kania 55; Amy Steuver, Jennifer Caldwell, and Laura Caldwell 45t; Tony Batten and Lynn Batten 63; Robert Kelley 443; Johnny Lee 46; James Williamson 505.

LUNCH

Clarke Lee brought the class back together leading 553. Leaders: Dinah East 515; Ted Seaman 64; Delda Lee 392; Sue Bunch 203; Louis Hughes 528t; Judy Whiting 222; Aubrey Barfield 220; Eddie Mash 494; John Kelso and Jessica Harris 273; Raymond Hickox 271b; Jim Pfau 464; Ray Rechenberg 507b; Anna Pfau 485; Tommie Spurlock 196; Chris Brown 341; Matt Hinton and Erica Hinton 470; Kit Canright 146; Morgan Bunch 383; Arlene Strickland and Delores Lee 573 (for Charles and Ruby Waldron).

RECESS

Julie Lee brought the class back together leading 330t. Leaders: Ben Copenhaver 460; Denise Kania 140; Robert Kelley 357; Steven Taylor, Raquel Cox, and Lauren Burns 268t; Gene Burnsed 68b; Frank DeBolt 323b; Lee Bradley 155; Judith Parker 422t; Donna Smith 142; James Williamson 484; Tony Batten and Lynn Batten 571; Stephanie Carter 393t; Jerome Lee, Walter Justice, and Hazel Justice 319, 85, 488b; Amy Steuver 463.

Julie Lee and Kathy Lee led 207 as the closing song. Elder Clarke Lee dismissed the class with prayer.

Co-chairladies—Julie Lee and Kathy Lee; Secretaries—Riley Lee and Mary Elizabeth O’Neal

NORTHWEST LONDON ALL-DAY SINGING St. Mary’s Parish Centre, London, United Kingdom Saturday, October 20, 2012

The North West London All-Day singing was called to order at St. Mary’s Parish Centre, 18 Neasden Lane, London, by Duane Nasis leading 101t. Michael Walker offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Duane Nasis 33b; Michael Walker 30b, 531; Ella Cumber 142; Ted Brown 74b, 81t; Steve Fletcher 131t, 272; Jacqui Selby-Macleod 39t, 82t; Ed Long 163t, 122; Rachel Jordan 48t, 171; Eamonn O’Neill 312b, 376; Michael Walker 49b; Helen Brown 422, 392; Kevin Kennedy 348b, 213b; Hannah Land 454, 399t.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Duane Nasis; Co-Chairman—Michael Walker; Secretary—Ella Cumber; Memorial Committee—Michael Morrisroe and Sadhbh O’Flynn.

RECESS

Duane Nasis called the class back to order leading 274t. Leaders: Niamh O'Sullivan 37b, 217; Rebecca Over 275t, 506; Sinead Hanrahan 182, 192; Magdalena Gryzko 542; Magdalena Gryzko and Eva Striebeck 70b; Bryan Seale 168, 344; Anne Eringa 32t, 209.

The sick and housebound lesson was conducted by Mike Morrisroe leading 69t for the following: Rae Egglestone, Catherine Seale, Don Walker, Charlotte Walker, and Lisa O'Grady.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Sadhbh O'Flynn leading 83t for the following deceased: Mark Ferguson, Niall Henderson, Peter Schaanjans, Finnbar Kennedy, Vic Newman, Tristan Mirabaud, Jean Hickox, Mairin Ui Chiardubhain, Eileen Ui Chiardubhain, Philip Higgins, Dean Kerry, and David Daykin. Prayer after the memorial lesson was offered by Hannah Land.

Leaders: Sarah West 67, 332; Declan Synott 430, 38b; Hessel Castrian 440, 535; Duane Nasis 564. The prayer before lunch was offered by Hannah Land.

LUNCH

Michael Walker called the class back together leading 111b. Leaders: Ella Cumber 73b; Daire O'Sullivan 106, 77t; Eva Striebeck 203, 284; Kate Kirwan 442, 114; Sonny Doyle 457; Mike Morrisroe 375, 234; Ellen Stokes 47b, 107; Amanda Parks 383, 497; Declan Synott 108b; Eamonn O'Neill 236; Sabhdh O'Flynn 173, 429; Helen Brown 475.

RECESS

Michael Walker called the class back to order leading 113. Leaders: Eva Striebeck 71; Bryan Seale 335; Colin Higgins 313b; Magdalena Gryzko 183; Pauline Hyde 58; Anne Eringa 455; Hannah Land 354t; Niamh O'Sullivan 56b; Hessel Castrian 31t; Ted Brown 176b; Sinead Hanrahan 352; Ed Long 268; Kate Kirwan 358; Kevin Kennedy and Amanda Parks 271t; Sam Carter and Michael Walker 129; Mike Morrisroe and Declan Synott 288; Sabhdh O'Flynn and Pauline Hyde 282.

Closing statements of thanks were made by Duane Nasis. The Secretary's report, given by Ella Cumber, stated that 84 songs had been sung by 31 leaders representing England, The Republic of Ireland, Canada, Amsterdam, Lithuania, Germany, and the United States.

Duane Nasis led 62 as the closing song. Hannah Land offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Duane Nasis; Co-Chairman—Michael Walker; Secretary—Ella Cumber

PACIFIC NORTHWEST CONVENTION (OREGON)

The Laurelhurst Club, Portland, Oregon

October 20-21, 2012

Saturday, October 20

The 21st annual Pacific Northwest Convention was held at The Laurelhurst Club, Portland, Oregon, on the third Sunday and Saturday before in October. Chris Cotter and Heather Ikeler called the class to order leading 448b. Scott Kennedy offered the opening prayer.

A brief business meeting was held and the following officers were elected to serve: Chairperson—Chris Cotter; Vice Chairperson—Heather Ikeler; Treasurer—Dan Thoma; Secretary—Heather Ikeler.

Jesse P. Karlsberg and Lauren Bock were introduced as the singing school teachers. Together they covered the Rudiments, what makes a good class, what we as singers can do to help make a good singing, dynamics and accent, and led 82t, 313b, 31t, 65, 460, 168, 274t and 360 to demonstrate their points. Singing style was addressed. We were encouraged to use our speaking voice with a straight tone and to avoid vibrato

and other kinds of ornamentation, and to sing loudly enough to express and hear ourselves, but not so loudly as to be unable to hear the voices of our fellow singers. Jesse and Lauren talked about the mechanics of leading and demonstrated by each leading the same song, 556 (Jesse notes and first verse, Lauren second verse) in their own distinct styles.

RECESS

The class was called back together by Cornelia Stanton leading 32t. Leaders: Chris Cotter 108t; Heather Ikeler 134; Tom McTighe 77b; Jessica Beer 171; Betsy Jeronen 111b; Steve Cackley 484; Scott Kennedy 489; Emily Gletsos and Penelope Gletsos 300; Dan Thoma 224; Marie Brandis 142; Thom Fahrbach 138t; Bruce Rowland 426b; Carol Selleck 287; John Carson 163t; Erika Wilson 275t; Karen Willard 371; Jonathan Levy-Wolins 189; Steve Tarr 113; Mary McDonald-Lewis and Kosmos Gletsos 122; Karl Oswald 168; Carolyn Deacy 95. Scott Kennedy offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Jessica Beer called the class back to order leading 72b. Leaders: Jack Lofton 528; Mary Gowins 192; Carol Huang 215; Juniper Hill 254; Paul Figura 342; Kari Lundgren 344; Steve Helwig 283; Daniel Hunter 100; Mark Miller 162; Kevin Barrans 384; Tamara Harris 424; Caroline Helmeczi 433; Lauren Bock 328; Bridgett Kennedy 383; Erik Schwab 228; Katy Kanfer 434; Caroline Bonnet 496; Jennie Brown 550.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Chris Cotter leading 47t. Leaders: David Wright 269; Linda Selph 214; Shirley Figura 361; Jesse P. Karlsberg 392; Shani Aviram 504; Liora O'Donnell Goldensher 546; Sophia Schinske 497; Jessica Hahl 417; Bethany Towne 316; Jerry Schreiber 362; Marla Elliott 58; Abraham Hardy 503; Mary McDonald-Lewis 481; Linda Booth 196; Darlene Simpson-Brown 179; Alberta Hardy 87; Jenna Bond Tompkins 165; Anne Huckins 163b; Sarah Knapton 32b.

Chris Cotter led 323t. Scott Kennedy offered the closing prayer.

Sunday, October 21

The Sunday session of the Pacific Northwest Convention was brought to order by Chris Cotter leading 48t. The opening prayer was offered by Cornelia Stanton. Leaders: Lyle Lindsey 178; Kelsey Nelsen 146; Jim Friedrich 77t; Reed Schilbach 318; Danielle Burton and Kathy Vlach 282; Dorothy Robinson 474; Dan Hunter 129; Bob Schinske 453; Bill Walters 444; Anna Stoerch 477; Greg Saue 99; Mary Ditson 455; Nell Whitman 114; Lucinda Saue 155; Melissa Stephenson 144; Marcia Stedman 107; Paul Figura 460; Gregory Mulkern and Jessica Hahl 168; Rosie Lindsey 498; Jordan Singer 89.

RECESS

The class was called back together by Rosie Lindsey leading 72b. Leaders: Tamara Harris 441; Kate Fine 452; Martha Sherwood 53; Caroline Helmeczi 320; Clarissa Fetrow 419; Liora O'Donnell Goldensher 203; Jean Murphy 189; Philip Haines 319; Kevin Barrans 400; Cornelia Stanton 473; Peter Schinske 573; Jack Lofton 376; Kari Lundgren 276; Solomon Ossa 472; Kathy Vlach 350; Eric Holt 448t.

Chris Cotter led 39b for the following sick and shut-ins: Shirley Flatley, Carla Smith, Olga Haas, Sharon Kellam, Gary Gronau, Velton Chafin, and Barry Ratzkin. Thom Fahrbach conducted the memorial lesson and led 240 for the following deceased; Marie Ivey, Travis Keeton, and Harrison Creel—Alabama; John Merritt—Mississippi; Dominic Ziegler and Carla Washington—California; Alice Fahrbach—Michigan; Joseph Murphy—New York; Anne Dhu McLucas, Robert Dean Butler, Robert Reynolds, Fred Edera, Pauline Robinson, Ross Nida, Marjorie Coorey, and

Eric Miller—Oregon; Susan Accetta—Pennsylvania; Alissa Bennett and Ross Bunnell—Washington; H. Keise, Grant West Erwin, Jr.—State Unknown. Leaders: Dan Thoma 539; Scott Kennedy 547; Bridgett Kennedy 440; Marla Elliot 235; Erik Schwab 447; Shirley Figura 348b. The noon blessing was offered by Cornelia Stanton.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Scott Kennedy leading 454. Leaders: Mark Miller 422; Erika Wilson 564; Lauren Bock 216; Linda Selph 456; Bob Schinske 475; Jennie Brown 217; Jesse P. Karlsberg 183; Carol Huang 436; David Wright 542; Bethany Towne 411; Jerry Schreiber 532; Karen Willard 198; Reed Schilbach 297; Carolyn Deacy 430; Mary Gowins 442; Dan Thoma 157; Katy Kanfer 394; Jonathan Levy-Wolins 112; Caroline Bonnet 567; Steve Helwig 432; Linda Booth 186; Mary Ditson 312b.

RECESS

The class was called back together by Heather Ikeler leading 445. Leaders: Benedicta Hardy 40; Juniper Hill 245; Carol Selleck 524; Anna Stoerch 98; Sophia Schinske 270; Clarissa Fetrow 480; Daniel Hunter 416; Bridgett Kennedy 377; Lauren Bock and Jesse P. Karlsberg 197; Emily Winokur 549; Ethan Hardy 210; Caleb Hardy 438; Greg Saue and Lucinda Saue 479; Betsy Jeronen 439; Anne Huckins 49b; Marcia Stedman 143; Jordan Singer 229; Kathy Vlach 84; Darlene Simpson-Brown 534.

Chris Cotter called a business meeting to order. Committee reports were given as follows: The Treasurer announced that all expenses had been met; Registration announced 199 people registered with 158 songs led by 95 leaders over the two days; Resolutions were given by Tamara Harris and Bridgett Kennedy, thanking travelers and all others who participated in making the convention a success. A gift was presented to Lauren Bock and Jesse P. Karlsberg in appreciation for their fine singing school.

Announcements were made. Chris Cotter led 36b, as all who wished took the parting hand. Cornelia Stanton offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairperson—Chris Cotter; Vice Chairperson and Secretary—Heather Ikeler

REID MEMORIAL **County Line Church, Corner, Alabama** **Sunday, October 21, 2012**

The 93rd session of the Reid Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was called to order by Danny Creel leading 36b. The morning prayer was offered by Richard Mauldin.

The following officers were previously elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Danny Creel; Honorary Vice Chairperson—Kathleen Robbins; Acting Vice Chairman—Ken Tate; Arranging Officers—Cindy Tanner and Jackie Tanner; Secretary—Lucy Heidorn.

Leaders: Ken Tate 56t, 417 (for Charles Creel); Lucy Heidorn 216 (for Charles Creel and in memory of Marie Aldridge); Kathy Robinson 48t (in memory of Mattie Creel), 142 (for Kathleen Robbins); Don Keeton 480, 457; Margie Smith 108t, 101t; Terry Hullett 371, 335; Gravis Ballinger 215, 112; Tim Cook 350; Hannah Tate 358; Ernestine Parker 81t; Ed Thacker 478, 213t; Marlin Beasley 89, 349; Henry Guthery 456.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Danny Creel leading 76b. Leaders: Jerry Ryan 373 (for Charles Creel), 408 (in memory of Marie Aldridge); Betty Baccus 168; Lomax Ballinger 421, 300; Nate Green and Norma Green 60, 222; Linda Sides 530 (for Ottis Sides), 498 (in memory of Harrison Creel); Eugene Forbes 189, 208; Judy

Caudle 192 (in memory of LaRue Allen), 301; Lisa Geist 377, 532 (in memory of Edith Tate); Paula Oliver 430, 217; Margaret Thacker 135, 569b (for Betty Wright).

RECESS

The class was called to order by Ken Tate leading 147t. Leaders: David Heidorn and Lucy Heidorn 143 (in memory of Charlotte McCarn), 146; Kathy Williams 276, 472; Elizabeth Keeton, Glenn Keeton, Isabella Keeton, and Matthew Keeton 235, 30t; Joan Aldridge 475 (in memory of Flarce Creel), 228; Margaret Keeton 402; Henry Johnson 138t, 390; Susan Cheronos 481; Cheyenne Ivey 73t. The blessing for lunch was offered by Jerry Ryan.

LUNCH

The class was called to order by Ken Tate leading 114. Leaders: Yancey Jett 339 (in memory of Earnie Jett); Yancey Jett, Emily Burleson, and Shelley Calvert 342 (in memory of Harrison Creel); Linda Thomas 131b; Chris Ballinger 111b, 110; Amber Davis and Clarissa Springfield 448b, 78; Darrell Swarens 72b; Darrell Swarens and Cindy Tanner 198; Julianna Jett 99, 88t (in memory of Marie Aldridge); Larry Ballinger 209; B.M. Smith 284; Rodney Ivey 432 (in memory of John Etheridge); Ann Jett and Julianna Jett 319, 410t; Richard Mauldin 84, 66; Willodean Barton 454; Emily Burleson 477, 436 (for Kathleen Robbins); Jackie Tanner 318 (in memory of Pauline Childers); Virginia Watts and Sandy Parker 274t; Angela Myers 270, 30b; SuNell Ellis 155, 340; Paula Springfield 91, 380; Wanda Capps 200; Wanda Capps and Yancey Jett 144; Edie Richardson and Ken Tate 159; Philip Gilmore 348b; Cindy Tanner 275b.

After announcements, Danny Creel and Ken Tate led 271t as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Henry Guthery.

Chairman—Danny Creel; Vice Chairman—Ken Tate; Secretary—Lucy Heidorn

ANDREWS CHAPEL AND SCHOOLHOUSE SINGING

**Thomaston, Georgia
Sunday, October 21, 2012**

The annual singing at Andrews Chapel was called to order by Bill Hollingsworth leading 31b. The opening prayer was offered by Eddie Mash.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Bill Hollingsworth; Vice Chairman—Oscar McGuire; Chaplains—Wayne Watson and David Grant; Secretary/Treasurer—Rita Haley; Arranging Officer—John Plunkett. Leaders: Bill Hollingsworth 37b; Oscar McGuire 171, 155; John Plunkett 467, 33b; Mary Brownlee 497, 501; Rita Haley 63, 128; Judy Chambless 475, 278t; Chris Brown 28b, 47t; Charity Kauffman 73b, 45t; Wayne Watson 480, 112; Martha Harrell 77t, 85.

RECESS

Bill Hollingsworth brought the class back together leading 101t. Leaders: Robert Chambless 494, 384; Judy Whiting 456, 503; Trent Peachey 317, 318; Malinda Snow 496, 474; John Hollingsworth 186; Charlene Wallace 391, 479; Wesley Haley 34b, 137; Eddie Mash 550, 500.

LUNCH

The class was called back for the afternoon by Bill Hollingsworth leading 91. Leaders: Lauren Harrison 138b, 178; Robert Kelley 524, 548; Rosemund Watson 66, 149; Shannon Primm 83t, 134; Oscar McGuire 163b; Mary Brownlee 183; Rita Haley 268; Judy Chambless 52t; Chris Brown 229; Charity Kauffman 231; Wayne Watson 146; Martha Harrell 47b; Robert Chambless 303; Judy Whiting 472; Trent Peachey 335; Malinda Snow 168; Charlene Wallace 283; Eddie Mash 236; Lauren Harrison 282; Robert Kelley 348t; Rosemund Watson 34t; Shannon Primm 540.

The class would like to acknowledge the attendance and valuable participation of Raymond Hamrick and Hugh McGraw on this day, as neither wanted to lead a song. Announcements were made.

Rosemund Watson led 347 as the closing song. Wayne Watson dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Bill Hollingsworth; Vice Chairman—Oscar McGuire; Secretary—Rita Haley

PUTNAM, LIGHT, AND KING MEMORIAL

Mt. Oak Methodist Church, Arab, Alabama

Saturday, October 27, 2012

The Putnam, Light, and King Memorial Sacred Harp singing was held at Mt. Oak Methodist Church, Arab, Alabama, on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in October. The class was called to order by David Light leading 101t. Elder Daniel Hopper offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—David Light; Vice Chairman—J.C. Rutledge; Secretary—Judy Caudle.

Leaders: David Light 30t, 274t; Judy Caudle 144, 63, 312b (in memory of Imogene Nelms); Nicholas Thompson 282, 59 (in memory of Gertrude Shaddix); Daniel Love 333, 45t; Milford Cobbs 405, 159, 127; Daniel Hopper 43, 319.

RECESS

David Light led 340 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Dana Jacobs 36b, 565, 489 (in memory of Herbie Bailey); J.L. Hopper 47t, 47b, 48t, 383 (by request). Elder J.L. Hopper offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with David Light leading 112 and 143. Leaders: Dana Jacobs 339; Milford Cobbs 75, 82t, 40; Daniel Hopper 129, 205; David Light 418, 176b.

Following announcements, David Light led 46 as the closing song. Elder J.L. Hopper offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—David Light; Vice Chairman—J.C. Rutledge; Secretary—Judy Caudle

SADSBURY COOPER BOOK SINGING

Sadsbury Friends Meeting House, Christiana, Pennsylvania

Saturday, October 27, 2012

The first *Cooper Book* only Sacred Harp Singing was held at the Sadsbury Friends Meeting House in Christiana, Pennsylvania. Guy Banks brought the class to order by leading 28b. Steve Hoyt offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Lynne Hoyt 50t; Laura Densmore 511t; Barbara Hohenstein 45b; Steve Hoyt 485; Joan Trout 199; Lamar Matthew 328; Rachel Hall 444b; Carolyn Hammond 38t; Doron Henkin 430; Harry Scott 276; Ben Cocchiaro 182; Carol Stevens 463; Becky Wright 39; Nancy Kruel 488b; Judy Whiting 575.

RECESS

Guy Banks called the class back to order leading 447b. Leaders: Leon Pulsinelle 77t; Gina Balestracci 137; Dick Hammond 336t; Bethany Towne 524; Doron Henkin 49b; Scott Robinson 47b; Chris Brown 95b; Roland Hutchinson 245; Nathan Berry 486; Ina Shea 422t; Sue Hanson 505; Joy Ide 314; Oliver Kindig-Stokes 393b; Mary Capron 176t; Ted Stokes 541; Erin Kelly 411; Nancy Mandel 30t; Jim Strube 333; Kelly Kennedy 98; Dan Hunter 373; Kimberly Haas 210; Ruth Wampler 239.

LUNCH

Guy Bankes led 55 to call the class back to order. Leaders: Doug Bugel 224; Kelly Kennedy 115; Ted Stokes 96; Gina Balestracci 408; Dan Hunter 450; Erin Kelly 464; Jim Strube 293b; Nancy Mandel 380t; Judy Whiting 507b; Nathan Berry 78; Becky Wright 465; Scott Robinson 32t; Louise Cobbs 288; Doron Henkin 552; Ruth Wampler 282; Chris Brown 133; Bethany Towne 567; Ben Cocchiario 484; Sue Hanson 287.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Guy Bankes leading 128. Leaders: Harry Scott 40; Roland Hutchinson 229; Ina Shea 140; Lynne Hoyt 571; Rachel Hall 499; Dick Hammond 49t; Barbara Hohenstein 292b; Lamar Matthew 478; Oliver Kindig-Stokes 497; Steve Hoyt 283t; Kimberly Haas 42; Joan Trout 323b; Laura Densmore 482; Nancy Krueel 442t; Judy Whiting 222; Nancy Mandel 54t; Chris Brown 47t; Jim Strube 332; Erin Kelly 391; Gina Balestracci 574.

Laura Densmore and the officers led 527 as the closing song. Steve Hoyt offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Guy Bankes; Secretary—Lynne Hoyt

NORTHWEST ARKANSAS SHILOH SINGING, FALL SESSION Mt. Comfort Presbyterian Church, Fayetteville, Arkansas Saturday, October 27, 2012

The Northwest Arkansas Shiloh Singing, Fall Session, was called to order by Dan Brittain. Syd Caldwell led 39t. Mary Ellen Wilkinson offered prayer.

Leaders: Syd Caldwell 30t; Dan Brittain 458, 329; Katy Black 177 (MH), 113 (MH); Rev. Randi Henderson 63, 45t; Kyle Hearn 39t, 268; Eddie Huckaby 178, 49b; Waymon Minor 38t, 263; Andrew Albers 406, 179; Alexis Walker 496, 335.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Syd Caldwell; Vice Chairman—Bill Caldwell; Secretary—Katy Black; Memorial Committee—Dan Brittain and Andrew Albers.

RECESS

Syd Caldwell called the class back to order leading 203 and 29t. Leaders: Bill Caldwell 62 (MH), 135 (MH); Dan Brittain 174 (MH), 158 (MH); Andrew Albers 98 (MH), 178 (MH); Kyle Hearn 49t, 312b; Eddie Huckaby 312t, 186. Rev. Randi Henderson said grace before the noon meal.

B.R. Black spoke about the contributions Rev. Randi Henderson has made to our group, and presented her with a cake to wish her well in her new ministry in Iowa.

LUNCH

Syd Caldwell led 143 and 282 to bring the class back into session. Leaders: Dan Brittain 11 (MH), 160; Waymon Minor 159, 51 (MH); Katy Black 480, 472.

Dan Brittain spoke and then led 285t in memory of the following deceased: Charlie Creel, Harrison Creel—Alabama; John Grant—Arkansas; Ann Wall Rodrigues—California; Nick Griffin, Lonnie Rodgers—Georgia; John Merritt—Mississippi.

Andrew Albers read the following list of sick and shut-ins: Velton Chafin, Bud Oliver, Sammie Oliver, Jewell Wootten—Alabama; Don Buswell and Anita Buswell—Arkansas; Mike Van Laar—California; Gertrude Delong, Carlene Griffin, Danny Griffin, Andy Worthington—Georgia; Gary Gronau and Jim Hearne—Missouri; Cath Tyler—U.K.; and the people who will be affected by Hurricane Sandy. While in England recently, Dan Brittain learned of their custom of offering thanksgiving for recent blessings as follows: the Joplin residents thank everyone for help and prayer for recovery from the May 22, 2011 tornados; praise for a great trip to Georgia, to sing at Hopewell and Liberty, and for family arriving today. We sang 343b to encourage the sick and shut-ins.

Leaders: Dan Brittain 217; Eddie Huckaby 448b, 163b.

Syd Caldwell thanked everyone for their donations toward today's expenses, and we completed a discussion by agreeing to change our regular monthly singing to the 2nd Sunday of the month, effective in November.

Leaders: Syd Caldwell 436; Rev. Randi Henderson 138 (MH); Bill Caldwell 503; Alexis Walker 99, 294; Waymon Minor 269; Kyle Hearn 299, 448t.

Announcements were made. Syd Caldwell led 347 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer offered by Rev. Randi Henderson.

Chairman—Syd Caldwell; Vice Chairman—Bill Caldwell; Secretary—Katy Black

PRATT-WOODARD MEMORIAL SINGING

Houston Congregational Church, Houston, Winston County, Alabama
Saturday, October 27, 2012

The 5th annual Pratt-Woodard Memorial Singing was held at Houston Congregational Church on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in October.

Richard Mauldin welcomed the class and led 59. The morning prayer was offered by Eugene Forbes.

The class organized by electing or appointing the following officers: Chairman—Henry Guthery; Vice Chairman—Glenn Keeton; Secretary—Margaret Keeton; Arranging Officer—Jim Aaron; Finance Officer—Larry Ballinger.

Leaders: Richard Mauldin 43 (for Josie Hyde); Larry Ballinger 119, 121; Kermit Adams 120, 378b; Margaret Keeton 200, 193, 61 (for Stella Pratt); Lisa Geist 546, 540; Glenn Keeton 334 (in memory of Billy Williams), 475 (for Lena Keeton); Faye Donaldson 225t, 430; Kenneth Fannin 65, 417; Don Keeton 45t, 477.

RECESS

Henry Guthery brought the class back together by leading 345t.

Leaders: Roma Rice 434, 229 (for Odie Horton); Betty Baccus 499, 373; Julia Poston 343, 166; Bea Carnathan 283, 456; Eugene Forbes 396, 318; Carol Fannin 390; Steve Adams and Lisa Geist 331, 378t; Hazel Heinz and Bea Carnathan 68b, 452; Jim Aaron 47b, 503; Henry Guthery 507 (for Josie Hyde). Richard Mauldin offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Henry Guthery leading 436. Leaders: Larry Ballinger 133; Richard Mauldin 312b, 294; Kenneth Fannin 340; Stella Pratt 335; Lisa Geist 394; Glenn Keeton 273; Faye Donaldson 168; Don Keeton 384; Roma Rice 371; Julia Poston 275b (for Seth Poston); Bea Carnathan 112; Eugene Forbes 63; Carol Fannin 145b; Kermit Adams 196; Hazel Heinz 49b; Steve Adams 309; Jim Aaron 163b.

Announcements were made. Henry Guthery led 46 as the closing song.

The class was dismissed with prayer offered by Glenn Keeton.

Chairman—Henry Guthery; Vice Chairman—Glenn Keeton; Secretary—Margaret Keeton

SEED AND FEED SACRED HARP SINGING

Emory Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, Georgia
Saturday, October 27, 2012

The 36th annual Seed and Feed Sacred Harp Singing was called to order by Jonathan Wood leading 46. John Plunkett offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Jonathan Wood 171; Laura Akerman 276, 290; David Brodeur 143, 277; Judy Mincey 225t, 492; Bob Goodman 452, 63; George W. Burnette III 421, 317; Leigh Cooper 39t, 564; Kelly Morris 47b, 159; Martha Ann Stegar 59, 268; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 285b, 275b; Lillian Meacham 117, 81t.

RECESS

Jonathan Wood brought the class back together by leading 76t. Leaders: Mark Godfrey 29t, 114; Mandy Brady 36b, 40.

A business session was held and the following officers elected: Chairman—Jonathan Wood; Vice Chairman—David Brodeur; Secretary—Laura Akerman.

Leaders: John Kelso 312b, 545; Joan Durdin 45t, 47t; Martin Hardin 234, 439; John Plunkett 330b (for Charles Woods, John Hollingsworth, Nancy Yeager, and Gertrude DeLong), 108b; Erica Hinton 110, 111b; Lisa Caspall 48t, 49b; Matt Hinton 396, 120; Charlene Wallace 99, 185; Anna Hinton 300, 282.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with David Brodeur leading 32t. Leaders: Jeannette DePoy 394, 154; Rick Littlefield 266, 377; Amy Armstrong 384, 182; Sandra Wilkinon 177, 204; David Yeager 34b, 178; Debora Grosse 218; Karen Morris 273, 189; Henry Slack 385b, 535; Charlene Wallace 217; Leigh Cooper 542; Laura Akerman 240; Martin Hardin 472; Janet Wuichet 72b; Mark Godfrey 160b; George W. Burnette III 129.

RECESS

Jonathan Wood brought the class back to order by leading 318. Leaders: Kelly Morris 147t; Bob Goodman 223; Judy Mincey 191; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 349; Amy Armstrong 209; John Kelso 483; Jeannette DePoy 566; Rick Littlefield 495; Sandra Wilkinon 406; Henry Slack 168; Karen Morris 430; David Yeager 523. Jonathan Wood led 448t as the closing song. John Kelso offered the closing prayer. Chairman—Jonathan Wood; Vice Chairman—David Brodeur; Secretary—Laura Akerman

BLOOMINGTON SINGING **Friends Meetinghouse, Bloomington, Indiana** **Saturday, October 27, 2012**

The 9th annual Bloomington, Indiana, all-day singing was held at the Friends Meetinghouse on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in October. John Hoerr brought the class together by leading 33b. Adrian Eldridge offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were previously elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—John Hoerr; Arranging Committee—Rebecca Eldridge and Stephanie Fida; Finance Officer—Wayne Dell; Secretary—Darrell Swarens.

Leaders: Darrell Swarens 36b; James Eldridge 61; Katherine Eldridge 108b; William Shetter 59; Holly Hauck 48t; Stephanie Fida 67; Beth Garfinkel 146; Wayne Dell 66; Rebekah Simms 81t; Virginia Eldridge 328; Janice Harrell 198; B.M. Smith 72b; David Johnson 47b; Nate Green and Norma Green 288; Sheila Patterson 29t; Reba Windom and Bill Windom 28b; Len VanderJagt 49b; Danny Creel 145t; Adrian Eldridge 144; Margie Smith 225t; Rebecca Eldridge 108t.

RECESS

Stephanie Fida called the class back together leading 37b. Leaders: Thomas Smith 300; Doug Trent 276; Wayne Dell 277; Ken Tate 73t; Michael Mosley 143; Janet Fraembs 150; Randy Weber and Bill Shetter “Shetter”; Darrell Swarens 507; Carol Munro Mosley 192; Peggy Brayfield 338; Bill Shetter 546; Kyle Hetwick 479; David Johnson 117; Rebekah Simms 159; Virginia Eldridge 472; John Hoerr 306.

RECESS

Holly Hauck brought the class back to order by leading 74t. Leaders: Sheila Patterson 39t; James Eldridge 318; Reba Windom 217; Beth Garfinkel 304; B.M. Smith 441; Len VanderJagt 99; Danny Creel 269; Norma Green 388; Katherine Eldridge 105; Joan Aldridge 297; Jonathon Smith 500; Carol Munro Mosley 215;

Margie Smith 101t; Adrian Eldridge 406; Brenda Waters and Darrell Swarens 515; Annaliza Cull 448t. Adrian Eldridge offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The singing resumed for the afternoon session with Adrian Eldridge leading 319. Leaders: Carol Munro Mosley 392; Doug Trent 569b; James Eldridge 39b; Reba Windom 424; Michael Mosley 434; Ken Tate 76b; Sheila Patterson and Carol Munro Mosley 384; Joan Aldridge 559 (CB); Janet Fraembs 186; Jonathon Smith 129; Margie Smith 317; Holly Hauck 389; Danny Creel 383; Janice Harrell 56b; Norma Green 313b; Brenda Waters and Stephanie Fida 203; Jim Patterson and Grace Patterson 268; Annaliza Cull 155; Rebecca Eldridge 481; Peggy Brayfield 361; Bill Shetter 547; Kyle Hetwick 35.

RECESS

B.M. Smith called the class back to order leading 300. Leaders: Adrian Eldridge 489; Darrell Swarens, Michele Cull, and Annaliza Cull 111b (in memory of Bob Meek and Harrison Creel); Randy Weber 218; Virginia Eldridge 180; Beth Garfinkel 551; Katherine Eldridge 512; Wayne Dell 572 (CB); Bill Shetter and Jessica Shetter 454. Announcements were made. John Hoerr led 62 as the closing song, and the class took the parting hand. The closing prayer was offered by Adrian Eldridge, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—John Hoerr; Secretary—Darrell Swarens

W.A. PARKER, MR. AND MRS. JOE MYERS, AND ELSIE BEASLEY MEMORIAL

New Hope Primitive Baptist Church, Walker County, Alabama Sunday, October 28, 2012

The annual Sacred Harp singing held in memory of W.A. Parker, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Myers, and Elsie Beasley was held at New Hope Primitive Baptist Church, Walker County, Alabama, on the fourth Sunday in October. The class was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Marlin Beasley leading 32t. Richard Mauldin offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Marlin Beasley; Vice Chairman—Richard Mauldin; Secretary—Judy Caudle.

Leaders: Marlin Beasley 33b; Judy Caudle 82t, 72b; Don Keeton 73t, 64; Willodean Barton 145t, 129; Betty Baccus 145b, 77t (in memory of Amanda Denson Brady); Julia Poston 100, 157 (for Josie Hyde); Steve Adams 378t (in memory of Dick Mauldin), 331; Ernestine Parker 147t, 76b; Lucille Parnell 340; Linda Sides 225t, 74b.

RECESS

The class was brought back together by Marlin Beasley leading 75.

Leaders: Faye Donaldson 176b, 30t; Ozella Blackmon 112, 111t; Angela Myers 457, 31b; Margaret Keeton 297, 147b; Richard Mauldin 146, 66; Bea Carnathan 119, 438; Marlin Beasley 61 (for Juanita Beasley). Don Keeton offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Marlin Beasley leading 378t (by request). Leaders: Don Keeton 341; Willodean Barton 498; Betty Baccus 418; Julia Poston 354b; Steve Adams 401; Ernestine Parker 30b; Faye Donaldson 410t; Jacob Donaldson 183, 224; Margaret Keeton 276; Ozella Blackmon 318; Angela Myers 294 (by request); Richard Mauldin 339; Bea Carnathan 475; Judy Caudle 480.

Following announcements, Marlin Beasley led 460 (in memory of Elsie Beasley) as the closing song. Richard Mauldin offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Marlin Beasley; Vice Chairman—Richard Mauldin; Secretary—Judy Caudle

JORDAN CHAPEL METHODIST CHURCH **Newell, Randolph County, Alabama** **Sunday, October 28, 2012**

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Jordan Chapel Methodist Church was held on the fourth Sunday in October. The class was called to order by Karen Rollins leading 32t. Robert Chambless offered the morning prayer.

Karen Rollins led 34b. The following is a list of singers who attended the singing: Karen Rollins, Oscar McGuire, Ruth Daniel, Evelyn Harris, Nellie Mae White, Rene Greene, Jack Nelson, Marilyn Bradley, Cecil Roberts, Judy Chambless, and Ann Simpson. The class sang the following songs: 34b, 35, 34t, 37b, 40, 565, 454, 477, 282, 101t, 99, 100, and 155.

RECESS

Karen Rollins brought the class back to order leading 45t. The class sang the following songs: 229, 385b, 186, 480, 312b, 339, 145b, 145t, 335, 124, 274t, and 358. The class voted to dismiss at lunch. The class voted to discontinue this singing. Cecil Roberts offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Karen Rollins; Secretary—Judy Chambless

SCHOOLHOUSE SINGING **Eldridge Farm, near Orleans, Indiana** **Sunday, October 28, 2012**

The 7th annual Eldridge Schoolhouse Singing was held at the Eldridge farm, near Orleans, Indiana, on the fourth Sunday in October. Adrian Eldridge brought the class together by leading 32t, and offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were previously elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Adrian Eldridge; Arranging Officer—Rebecca Eldridge; Secretary—Darrell Swarens. Leaders: Darrell Swarens 208, 142; James Eldridge 99, 171; Wayne Dell 268, 335; Bill Shetter 336t (CB), 573 (CB); Virginia Eldridge 436, 76b; John Hoerr 504, 282; Holly Hauck 37b, 431; Ken Tate 86, 503; Carol Munro Mosley 463 (CB), 571 (CB); Len VanderJagt 102, 29t; B.M. Smith 229 (CB), 559 (CB).

RECESS

Adrian Eldridge brought the class back together by leading 480. Leaders: Rebecca Eldridge 213t; Margie Smith 31b; Danny Creel 283; Tom Morton 49b; Nate Green and Norma Green 418, 105; Michael Mosley 207; Nate Zweig 567 (CB); Joan Aldridge 96 (CB); Joel Deckard 488b (CB); Beth Garfinkel 528; James Eldridge 344; Darrell Swarens 505 (CB); Holly Hauck 392 (CB); Bill Shetter 38t; Thomas Smith 449; Bill Hayes 35; Wayne Dell 63; Ken Tate 511b (CB); Tom Morton 496; Adrian Eldridge 313t. The blessing for lunch was offered by Adrian Eldridge.

LUNCH

The singing resumed for the afternoon session with Adrian Eldridge leading 145t. Leaders: Beth Garfinkel “Sing a Song of Joy”; Randy Weber “Creel”; Virginia Eldridge 549; Joan Aldridge and Darrell Swarens 312b; Annaliza Cull 124; Margie Smith 499; B.M. Smith 512; John Hoerr 299; Bob Cull 569b; Stephanie Fida 54t (CB); Norma Green 84 (CB); Danny Creel 404 (CB); Nate Green 443 (CB).

RECESS

Leaders: Rebecca Eldridge 217; Randy Weber 199 (CB); Bob Cull 66; Laura Morton 40; Thomas Smith 535; Bill Hayes 163b; Michele Cull and Darrell Swarens 236; Rebecca Eldridge 507; Ken Tate and Danny Creel 123t (in memory of Harrison Creel); Beth Garfinkel 133.

Announcements were made. Rebecca Eldridge and Adrian Eldridge led 521 as the closing song, and the class took the parting hand. The closing prayer was offered by Adrian Eldridge, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Adrian Eldridge; Secretary—Darrell Swarens

HYDE PARK ALL-DAY SINGING **Augustana Lutheran Church, Hyde Park, Chicago, Illinois** **Saturday, November 3, 2012**

The 14th annual Hyde Park All-Day singing was held on Saturday before the first Sunday in November at Augustana Lutheran Church in Chicago, Illinois. This singing uses the 1991 Edition of the Sacred Harp and the *Missouri Harmony* (MH). Jim Swanson and Cathryn Bearov called the class to order at 9:30 a.m. and led 52t. Stephanie Jaeger offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Ginny Landgraf 180; Evelyn Lamb 48t; Darrell Swarens 40; Carol Munro Mosley 63; Dave Barford 315; Pleasance Crawford 174; John Seaton 47t; Randy Neufeld 47b; Jim Helke 142 (MH); Jo Dell Albi 169; Orwin Youngquist 179; Michael Mosley 57; Mary Rogel 504; Steve Warner 171; Lincoln Richardson 350; Ryan Wheeler 183; Lisa Cohen 485.

A business meeting was held to elect or appoint the following officers: Co-Chairpersons—Ginny Landgraf and Evelyn Lamb; Secretary—Lisa Cohen; Arranging Committee—Cathryn Bearov and Mary Rogel; Chaplain—Ryan Wheeler.
RECESS

Mary Rogel brought the class back together by leading 146. Leaders: James Page 45 (MH); Susan Geil 177 (MH); Chuck Crawford 473; Ted Mercer 71 (MH); Susan Matthews 133; Michael Appert 138 (MH); Cathryn Bearov 180 (MH); Nate Zweig 61 (MH); Karen Swenson 89 (MH); Jim Swanson 171 (MH); Ginny Landgraf 86; Evelyn Lamb 170 (MH); Darrell Swarens 200; Carol Munro Mosley 145 (MH); Dave Barford 314; Pleasance Crawford 122 (MH).

RECESS

Cathryn Bearov led 85 to bring the class to order. Leaders: John Seaton 62 (MH); Randy Neufeld 151 (MH); Jim Helke 20 (MH); Jo Dell Albi 162 (MH); Orwin Youngquist 107; Michael Mosley 126; Mary Rogel 70 (MH); Steve Warner 131 (MH); Lincoln Richardson 569b; Lisa Cohen 148 (MH); James Page 34 (MH); Susan Geil 565; Chuck Crawford 480; Ted Mercer 202; Susan Matthews 77t; Ryan Wheeler 76b. Ryan Wheeler offered prayer before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Lisa Cohen leading 148. Leaders: Michael Appert 222; Nate Zweig 28 (MH); Karen Swenson 77 (MH); Michael Roth and Evelyn Lamb 186; Chuck Crawford 66; Rochelle Lodder 31t; Pleasance Crawford 137 (MH); Darrell Swarens 507; Nate Zweig 5 (MH); Jim Helke 26; James Page 84 (MH); Rafael Suarez 497; Cathryn Bearov 372 (in memory of John Moreno); Karen Swenson 127 (MH); Rochelle Lodder 135 (MH); Ted Mercer 299.

RECESS

Jim Helke brought the class together by leading 112. Leaders: Steve Warner 84; Susan Matthews 479; Jo Dell Albi 75 (MH); Michael Mosley 51 (MH); Rochelle Lodder 67 (MH); Susan Geil 369; Michael Appert 106; Carol Munro Mosley 196; Jim Swanson 411; Lisa Cohen 475; Dave Barford 474; Orwin Youngquist 28t; Randy Neufeld 29t; Ryan Wheeler 417; John Seaton 28b; Mary Rogel 344; Jim Helke 124

(MH); Pleasance Crawford and Chuck Crawford 291; Darrell Swarens 111b (in memory of Harrison Creel); Nate Zweig 7 (MH); James Page 98 (MH); Karen Swenson 528.

Announcements were made. The Finance Committee reported that expenses were met. The Secretary reported that 92 songs were led by 34 people from four states and one Canadian province.

Ginny Landgraf and Evelyn Lamb led 347 as the closing song, while all who wished took the parting hand. Ryan Wheeler offered the closing prayer.

Co-Chairpersons—Ginny Landgraf and Evelyn Lamb; Secretary—Lisa Cohen

DENNEY MEMORIAL **Emmaus Primitive Baptist Church, Carrollton, Georgia** **Saturday, November 3, 2012**

The Denney Memorial was held on Saturday before the first Sunday in November. The class was called to order by Tony Hammock leading 59. Phillip Denney offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Tony Hammock 60; Phillip Denney 49t, 84; Judy Chambless 82t, 142; Karen Rollins 317; Karen Rollins, Karlene Williams, and Paige Heard 298, 143; Lauren Bock 97, 432; Jeff Sheppard 402; Jason Stanford 567, 348b; Buck Lee 270, 203; Robert Chambless 31b, 163b; Pam Nunn 63; Eli Hinton 268; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 399t, 423; Reba Windom 313t, 176b.

RECESS

Phillip Denney brought the class back to order leading 163t. Leaders: B.M. Smith 448b, 138t; Ellen Lee 269, 327; Rene Greene 475, 171; John Plunkett 489, 405; Margie Smith 373, 441; Wendy Futral 369, 457; Nathan Rees 355; George Burdette 128, 129; David Brodeur 208, 480; Shelby Sheppard 183, 211.

LUNCH

Phillip Denney brought the class back to order leading 87. The following officers were elected: Chairman—Tony Hammock; Vice Chairman—Phillip Denney; Arranging Officer/Secretary—Judy Chambless.

Leaders: Matt Hinton 131b, 207; Cecil Roberts 40, 48t; Charlene Wallace 222, 283; Marilyn Bradley 45t, 32t; Karlene Williams 146; Karlene Williams, Phillip Denney, and Karen Rollins 227; Kacey Askin and Phillip Denney 147t, 120; Leanne Carter 47b, 148; Buck Lee 287; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 202; Ellen Lee 474; Reba Windom 36b; John Plunkett 367; Lauren Bock 545; Matt Hinton 530; David Brodeur 384; Nathan Rees 413; George Burdette 101t; Wendy Futral 145b; B.M. Smith 496; Sheppard family 192.

After announcements, Tony Hammock and Phillip Denney led 62 as the closing song. Cecil Roberts offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Tony Hammock; Vice Chairman—Phillip Denney; Secretary—Judy Chambless

VELTON CHAFIN BIRTHDAY SINGING **Liberty Primitive Baptist Church (McCormick), Sumiton, Alabama** **Saturday, November 3, 2012**

The annual Velton Chafin Birthday Singing was held on Saturday before the first Sunday in November. The class was called to order by Velton Chafin leading 30t. The opening prayer was offered by Richard Mauldin.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Velton Chafin; Secretary—Brenda Chafin; Arranging Officer—Elene Stovall.

Leaders: Brenda Chafin 68b (for Johnnie Chafin), 34b; Don Keeton 322, 127; Elene Stovall 172, 534; Marlin Beasley and Jonathan Marquez 111b, 336; Faye Donaldson 271t, 406; Richard Mauldin 36b, 35; Linda Sides 571 (CB), 76b (CB) (for Ottis Sides and Nadine Ellis); Tim Cook 413, 350; Betty Baccus 168, 391.

RECESS

The class was brought back together by Velton Chafin leading 225t (CB). Leaders: Steve Adams 378t, 101t; Eugene Forbes 328, 430; Sarah Beasley 159; J.L. Hopper 543, 556; Nate Green and Norma Green 53 (CB), 478 (CB); Kermit Adams 489, 235.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Velton Chafin leading 570 (CB). Leaders: Zilpha Cornett 143, 358; Henry Guthery 86 (CB), 464 (CB); Willodean Barton 498, 480; Chris Brown 30t (CB), 95b (CB); Bea Carnathan 568, 456.

LUNCH

Velton Chafin called the afternoon session together by leading 497 (CB). Leaders: Larry Ballinger 96, 282; Judy Caudle 463, 325; Danny Creel 133 (CB); Judy Whiting 546, 492; Ken Tate 547, 368; Kathy Williams 222, 479; Gravis Ballinger 559 (CB); Angela Myers 532, 276; Seth Holloway 34b, 148; Wanda Capps 505 (CB); Linda Thomas 573 (CB); Joshua Marquez, Jonathan Marquez, and Marlin Beasley 63, 61 (for Juanita Beasley); Henry Guthery 419.

Announcements were made. Velton Chafin and Brenda Chafin led 521 as the closing song. Danny Creel offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Velton Chafin; Secretary—Brenda Chafin

HOLLY SPRINGS PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

South of Bremen, Georgia

Sunday, November 4, 2012

The annual Sacred Harp singing was held at Holly Springs on the first Sunday in November. Charlene Wallace brought the class to order leading 59. Cecil Roberts offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: B.M. Smith 72b; Karen Rollins 389 (in memory of Lonnie Rogers); Cecil Roberts 56t, 477; Judy Whiting 208; Lela Crowder 460; Rodney Ivey 564; Michael Spencer 166; Henry Johnson 289; Chris Brown 441; Zilpha Cornett 354b; Robert Chambless 66; Nathan Rees 449; Eli Hinton 472; Judy Mincey 504; Erica Hinton 228; Judy Caudle 411; Mark Johnson 274t; Caleb Hannah, Jerry Wright, and Hugh McGraw 87; Judy Chambless 549; Jeff Sheppard 436.

RECESS

Phillip Langley brought the class back to order leading 215. Leaders: Jack Nelson 480; George Garner 327; Michael Thompson and Joyce Walton 456; Louis Hughes 565; Amy Daniel 168; Ellen Foster 455; Matt Hinton 142; Trent Peachey 318; John Whitmore 40; Lauren Bock 96; Anna Hinton 300; David Brodeur 454; Scott Depoy 65 (in honor of Milbre Elizabeth Burch and in memory of Vincenzo Tortoriei); Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 302; Helen Bryson 328; Virginia Dyer 193; Charles Woods 77t. The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Charlene Wallace; Vice Chairman—Earlis McGraw; Secretary—Judy Chambless.

RECESS

John Kelso brought the class back to order leading 61. Leaders: Angela Myers 101t; Annaliza Cull 155; Shannon Primm 64; John Plunkett 499; Jeanette Depoy 122 (in memory of her parents); Phillip Denney 120; Hayden Arp 292.

LUNCH

Earlis McGraw brought the class back to order leading 225t. Leaders: Joyce Lambert 141; Kelly Morris 147t; Ed Thacker and Margaret Thacker 566; Faye Holbrook

285t; Sheri Taylor 178; Ann Simpson 445; Reba Windom 192; Oscar McGuire 276; Malinda Snow 541; Cheyenne Ivey and Rodney Ivey 384; Joann Ward and John Kelso 47b; Michelle Cull 128; Jason Stanford 97; Judy Whiting and Chris Brown 323t; Louise Holland 73t; Amy Daniel and Rodney Ivey 227; Ellen Foster and John Kelso 481; Zilpha Cornett 358; Mark Johnson, Rob Dunn, and Jesse P. Karlsberg 39t; Nathan Rees 92; Trent Peachey 317; John Whitmore 159; Kelly Morris 49b; Evelyn Harris 47t; Michael Spencer 393; Judy Mincey 468; Oscar McGuire 294; Judy Caudle and Angela Myers 500.

After announcements, Charlene Wallace led 347 as the closing song. Jason Stanford offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Charlene Wallace; Vice Chairman—Earlis McGraw; Secretary—Judy Chambless

MT. EBRON CHURCH MEMORIAL SINGING **Near Double Springs, Alabama** **Sunday, November 4, 2012**

The 107th session of the Mt. Ebron Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was held on the first Sunday in November. The class was called to order by Richard Mauldin leading 31b. The opening prayer was offered by Earl Ballinger. Richard Mauldin led 34b.

The class was organized by electing or appointing the following officers:

Chairman—Richard Mauldin; Vice Chairman—Don Keeton; Secretary—Jayne Fulmer; Arranging Officer—Margaret Keeton.

Leaders: Don Keeton 127, 477; Betty Baccus 134, 490, 159; Jayne Fulmer 137, 99; Kermit Adams 428, 390; Jeannette Tidwell 290, 208; Faye Donaldson 129, 225t; Gravis Ballinger 48t, 49t; Glenn Keeton 480, 176b; James Keeton and Glenn Keeton 108t; Wanda Capps 217, 36b, 475.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Don Keeton leading 112.

Leaders: Earl Ballinger 439, 392; Lisa Geist 391, 298; Ann Jett 136 (in memory of Harrison Creel), 37b (in memory of Charles Creel); Larry Ballinger 540, 84; Lena Keeton 74b (for Roma Rice), 512 (in memory of Harrison Creel), 45t (for Joan Elliott); Roma Godsey 321; Wendell Wakefield 421, 157; Steve Adams and Lisa Geist 378t, 331; Julia Poston 275b, 569b (for Bernice Wakefield); Richard Mauldin 282.

LUNCH

Don Keeton led 317 to begin the afternoon session. Leaders: Wanda Capps 546; Lisa Geist 222; Jayne Fulmer 454; Earl Ballinger 456; Faye Donaldson 299; Ann Jett 319; Gravis Ballinger 120; Glenn Keeton 507; Roma Rice 66; Lena Keeton 270; Julia Poston 166; Betty Baccus 571 (CB); Wendell Wakefield 168; Steve Adams and Lisa Geist 309; Larry Ballinger 147t; Kermit Adams 551; Don Keeton 426t; Richard Mauldin 339.

Announcements were made. Richard Mauldin and Don Keeton led 77t as the closing song. Glenn Keeton offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Richard Mauldin; Vice Chairman—Don Keeton; Secretary—Jayne Fulmer

STAPLEFORD SACRED HARP SINGING **St. Luke's Church, Stapleford, Nottingham, United Kingdom** **Saturday, November 10, 2012**

The annual Stapleford Sacred Harp Singing was called to order by Helen Brown leading 52t. Michael Walker offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairperson—Helen Brown; Arranging Committee—Dave Richardson and Ian West; Secretary—Margaret Gillanders.

Leaders: Ian West 84; Margaret Gillanders 39t; Ted Brown 511t (CB); Judy Whiting 268b (CB); Dave Richardson 45b (CB); Ella Cumber 65; Michael Walker 416t (CB); Cath Saunt 276; Fynn Titford-Mock 47t (CB); Rebecca Over 225t (CB); Chris Brown 541; Hannah Land 48t; Duane Nasis 229; Sarah West 393t (CB); Carmel Wood 442; Nadine Wells 376; Aldo Ceresa 375; Ruth Steggles 454; Ian West 98 (CB); Helen Brown 47b; Margaret Gillanders 573 (CB).

RECESS

The class was called back together by Ted Brown leading 111b. Leaders: Judy Whiting 222; Dave Richardson 303 (for Jeff and Shelbie Sheppard); Ella Cumber 77t; Michael Walker and Duane Nasis 475; Cath Saunt 122; Fynn Titford-Mock 240; Chris Brown 205; Hannah Land 224; Duane Nasis 216.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Ted Brown. The following deceased were remembered: Gordon Corrick, Joe Reynolds, Brenda Grimshaw, Harold Newell, Malcolm Robertson; Sirka Tolppa, Jean Hill, Ivor Alsopp, Chris Monro, Lonnie Rogers, Maureen Gamlin, Peter Schoonjans, and David Daykin.

The following sick and housebound were named: Tony Parkinson, Curtis Owen, Bea Gilmore, Alan Jackson, John Hill, Carl Morrison, Sigmund, Al Atkinson, Irene Bown, Pat, Geoff, Don Walker, and Charlotte Walker. Ted Brown led 30t for all those named and closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Sarah West 225t; Aldo Ceresa 426b; Nadine Wills 66; Ian West 392 (CB); Helen Brown 559 (CB); Michael Walker 336; Margaret Gillanders 133 (CB); Dave Richardson 335; Judy Whiting 546; Fynn Titford-Mock 298. Gillian White asked the blessing for the mid-day meal.

LUNCH

Hannah Land led 507b (CB) to begin the afternoon session. Leaders: Ella Cumber 455; Ted Brown 391; Rebecca Over 567, 506; Cath Saunt and Fynn Titford-Mock 362; Chris Brown 551; Jen Codrington and Hannah Land 339; Aldo Ceresa 522; Carmel Wood 217; Duane Nasis 411; Sarah West 567; Ruth Steggles 318; Ian West 330t; Nadine Wills 168; Helen Brown 319; Michael Walker 436; Margaret Gillanders 187; Dave Richardson 278t; Judy Whiting 456; Fynn Titford-Mock 144; Hannah Land 145t; Ella Cumber 89; Ted Brown 445.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Ian West leading 500 (CB). Leaders: Rebecca Over 527; Cath Saunt 159; Aldo Ceresa 399b; Jen Codrington 481; Ruth Steggles 497; Sarah West 385b; Chris Brown and Carmel Wood 447; Carmel Wood 349; Duane Nasis 201; Helen Brown 365; Michael Walker 411 (CB); Judy Whiting 384; Aldo Ceresa 548; Nadine Wills 448b; Dave Richardson 473; Ella Cumber 40; Fynn Titford-Mock 69t.

Following announcements and thanks, Helen Brown led 347 as the closing song. Michael Walker offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Helen Brown; Secretary—Margaret Gillanders

GEORGIAN HARMONY SINGING

Roberta, Georgia

Saturday, November 10, 2012

The Georgian Harmony Singing was held on Saturday before the second Sunday in November at the Roberta Civic Center, Roberta, Georgia. John Hollingsworth called the class to order by leading 126. Harry Eskew offered the opening prayer. All song selections were from the Georgian Harmony, Second Edition.

Leaders: Bill Hollingsworth 253; Oscar McGuire 252; Jesse P. Karlsberg 210; B.M. Smith 255; Helen Bryson 184; Mary Brownlee 115; Amy Armstrong 138; Harry Eskew 8; Katy Kanfer 175; Rosemund Watson 203; Raymond Hamrick 22; Mike Spencer 140; Trent Peachey 9.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—John Hollingsworth; Secretary—Helen Bryson.

RECESS

Bill Hollingsworth led 204 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Jesse P. Karlsberg 198; B.M. Smith 185; Helen Bryson 238; Mary Brownlee 155; Amy Armstrong 142; Harry Eskew 154; Katy Kanfer 111; Rosemund Watson 16; Mike Spencer 233; Oscar McGuire 152; Trent Peachey 34; Jesse P. Karlsberg 25.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Bill Hollingsworth leading 186. Leaders: B.M. Smith 45b; Helen Bryson 50; Mary Brownlee 6; Amy Armstrong 232; Harry Eskew 19; Katy Kanfer 234; Rosemund Watson 224; Mike Spencer 200; Jesse P. Karlsberg 102; Oscar McGuire 211; Trent Peachey 225; B.M. Smith 179; Helen Bryson 187; Mary Brownlee 94; Amy Armstrong 90; Harry Eskew 67; Katy Kanfer 120; Rosemund Watson 122; Jesse P. Karlsberg 33 (at the request of Raymond Hamrick).

Announcements were made. Mike Spencer led 208 as the closing song. John Hollingsworth offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—John Hollingsworth; Secretary—Helen Bryson

BOILING SPRINGS CONVENTION **Mt. Zion Primitive Baptist Church, Ashland, Alabama** **Saturday, November 10, 2012**

The 146th session of the Boiling Springs Singing Convention was held on Saturday before the second Sunday in November at Mt. Zion Primitive Baptist Church. The class was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Eugene Forbes leading 32t. The opening prayer was offered by Ed Thacker.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Eugene Forbes; Vice Chairman—Ed Thacker; Arranging Officer—Edna Phillips; Secretary—Myrline Redmon.

Leaders: Eugene Forbes 75; Ed Thacker 492, 408; Edna Phillips 480, 164; Myrline Redmon 569b, 340; Cecil Roberts 48t, 35; Ann Webb 274t, 142; Angela Myers 101t, 63; Margaret Thacker 46, 565; Karen Rollins 540, 317; Jim Aaron 47b, 503; Bea Carnathan 456, 145t.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Eugene Forbes leading 175. Leaders: Shirley Berrey 189 (in memory of her mom, Vernell Amason), 143 (in honor of her Dad, Gib Amason), 373; Tim Cook 282, 549; Hubert Nall 288, 34b; Richard Mauldin 36b, 37b; Jack Nelson 560, 551; Margaret Ray 354b, 358; Eugene Forbes 318.

Richard Mauldin conducted the memorial lesson. He spoke and led 235 for the following sick and shut-ins: Josie Hyde, Stella Pratt, Ann Beasley Ballard, Bud Oliver, Sammie Oliver, S.T. Reed, Lessie Reed, Leona Haynes, Audress Gurley, Lois Bowman, Mona Nelson, Floy Wilder, Nell Estes, Jenny Acton, Betty Wright, and Willard Wright.

Richard spoke and led 285t in memory of the following deceased: Marie Ivey, John Merritt, Lonnie Rogers, Dr. Julietta Haynes, Harrison Creel, Ernie Jett, Elder Steve Statherson, and Charles Creel.

LUNCH

The class was called to order by Eugene Forbes leading 108t and 89. Leaders: Judy Caudle 294 (by request), 111t; Marilyn Bradley 124, 59; Robert Chambless 33b,

225t; Ann Simpson 47t, 452; Lori Hinesley 405, 172; Carol Duvall 171; Wendy Futral 145b, 566; Steve Adams 378t, 101t; William Futral 341, 30t; Christa Baker 36t; Eugene Forbes, Hailey Baker, Gib Amason, and friend 45t, 358; Edna Phillips and Crista Baker 36b; Myrline Redmon, Edna Phillips, and Christa Baker “Not Made With Hands” (in honor of Audress Gurley).

Eugene Forbes led 46 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Ed Thacker.

Chairman—Eugene Forbes; Vice Chairman—Ed Thacker; Secretary—Myrline Redmon

JAMES RIVER CONVENTION **St. John’s Church, Richmond, Virginia** **Saturday, November 10, 2012**

The 21st annual James River Convention was held on Saturday before the second Sunday in November in the parish hall of the historic St. John’s Church in Richmond, Virginia. The class was welcomed by Ben Hartland leading 410t. The opening prayer was offered by Don Polaski.

Leaders: Don Polaski 135; Adrienne Robertson 455; Leyland delRe 339; Stephen McMaster 282; Mary Wright 35; Craig Vaughn 178; Pat Temple 373; Matt Drumheller 383; Will Polaski 354b; Mary DeNys 477; Susan Green 272; Hank Schutz 479; Sandra Polaski 446; Kelly Macklin 174; Josh Barnett 276; Richard Green 313b; Frances Schutz 171; Marty DeNys 107; Matt Roberts 503.

A business session was held with the following officers elected: Chairman—Ben Hartland; Vice Chairperson—Adrienne Robertson; Secretary—Bev Yaeger; Treasurer—John Daniel delRe.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Diane Ober and John Alexander leading 354t. Leaders: Liz Meitzler 512; Kathy Manning 302; Lynda Hamburger 448t; John delRe 425; Bev Yaeger 142; Zach Bullock 81t; Kelly Kennedy 138t; Kathy Kaiser 430; Nancy Lee Newell 148.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Pat Temple leading 312t in memory of the following deceased: Harrison Creel—Alabama; Jean Hall—Georgia; Peggy Loddengaard—North Carolina; Melyssa Bridge, Shelton Roberts, and Carol Boswell—Virginia; John Moreno—Illinois; Rowena Fields Bennet—Texas. Craig Vaughn led 566 in honor of George Tutweiler and Don Water.

Leaders: Dan Hunter 209 (by request), 340; Leslie Booher 473; Nathan Berry 94; John Alexander 317; Derrick Lane 38b; Frank DeBolt 515; John Daniel delRe 284.

LUNCH

The class was brought back to order by Zach Bullock leading 101t. Leaders: Matt Drumheller 117; Pat Temple 33t; Cathryn Bearov 372; Matt Ference 112; Lucy Roberts 28b; Kathy Kaiser 29t; Don Polaski 198; Leslie Booher 163b; Hank Schutz 143; Adrienne Roberts 153; Nancy Lee Newell 300; Sandra Polaski 384; Richard Green 475; Frances Schutz 474; Mary DeNys 484; Derrick Lane 31t; Frank DeBolt 569b; Matt Roberts 277.

RECESS

The following session included selections from a handout from the upcoming Shenandoah Harmony. Leaders: Dan Hunter “Tender-Hearted Christian”; Bev Yaeger “North Providence”; Mary Wright “The Shepherd’s Star”; Zach Bullock “Psalm 30”; Diane Ober “Sinner, Can You Hate The Savior”; Stephen McMaster “Sinai”; John delRe “Berne”; Josh Barnett “Doomsday”; John Alexander “Lovely Vine”; John Daniel delRe “Dublin”; Kelly Kennedy “Rhode Island”; Dan Hunter “Pennsylvania”; Lynda Hamburger “Marcia”; Nathan Berry “Consolation New”;

Susan Green “Jolly Soldier”; Kelly Macklin “Absent Love”; Leyland delRe “Converse”; Kathy Manning “Walpole”; Liz Meitzler “Tho’ Dark Be My Way”; Ben Hartland “Bowen”.

RECESS

The class was called back to order with leaders choosing selections from either the packet of Shenandoah Harmony songs or the Sacred Harp. Leaders: Susan Green 32t; Kelly Kennedy “Springfield”; Elizabeth Betts 25t; Cathryn Bearov 532; Elena Nichol 159; Will Polaski 408; Marty DeNys 299; Lucy Roberts 352; Pat Temple 232; Stephen McMaster 268; Nathan Berry 122; Dan Hunter 396; Kathy Kaiser and Leslie Booher 203; Zach Bullock and Matt Drumheller 76b; Liz Meitzler and Adrienne Robertson 312b.

The session was brought to a close by Ben Hartland leading “Overton”. The closing prayer was offered by Sandra Polaski.

Chairman—Ben Hartland; Vice Chairperson—Adrienne Robertson; Secretary—Bev Yaeger

SOUTHERN WISCONSIN ALL-DAY SINGING

Plum Grove Church, Folklore Village Farm, Dodgeville, Wisconsin Saturday, November 10, 2012

The 26th annual Southern Wisconsin All-Day Singing was held at Plum Grove Church, Folklore Village Farm, Dodgeville, Wisconsin, on Saturday before the second Sunday in November. The class was called to order by Daniel Myers leading 49t. Carl Houtman offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Carl Houtman 171; Val Dunagan 350; Dick Dunagan 441; Marjorie Matthews 485; Julie Vea 392; Peter Bradley 228; Lori Graber 497; Steven Levine 100; Janet Fraembs 56b; Charlie Obert 276; Michael Mosley 294; Karen Swenson 391; Gordon Olsen 547; John Seaton 47t; Paul Landskroener 250; Becky Browne 362; Ted Mercer 444; Gerry Skerbitz 38t; Rachel Adelstein 543.

A business meeting was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairperson—Peter Bradley; Arranging Committee—James Page; Chaplains—Carl Houtman and Johanna Fabke; Finance Officer—Johanna Fabke; Secretary—Val Dunagan.

RECESS

Matt Wells called the class to order leading 146. Leaders: Penny Kujawinski 372; Midge Olsen 454; Louis Hughes, Jr. 99; Ari Pollack 47b; Jo Dell Albi 169; Denise Kania 474; Rochelle Lodder 344.

Jan Ketelle and Becky Browne conducted the memorial lesson. Jan Ketelle led 565 for the following deceased: Becky Schildman, Mike Veech, and Phil Trier—Illinois; Tom Schultz and Monica Graf—Ontario; Danya Klie—Maine; Joan Fritz and Alan Grant—Minnesota; Lonnie Rogers—Georgia; Harrison Creel—Alabama; Sharyn Kropp—Missouri; Jane Arp and Maeve Robida—Wisconsin; Phyllis Heiser Hartwig and Ardis Moyer—South Dakota; Marjorie Kagay and Carolyn Pulis—New York; Rev. Dr. Hugh Smith III—New Jersey; John Merritt—Mississippi.

Becky Browne led 564 for the following sick and shut-ins: Linda Vanden Berg, Carol Sherbeck, Bob Scorgie, Bob Anderson, Lee Steinmetz, Doris Steinmetz, Jim Hearne, Sharon Owens, Gary Gronau, and Max Valmassoi. Johanna Fabke closed with prayer.

Leaders: Jim Pfau 496; Ginny Landgraf 419; Pleasance Crawford 550; Noelle Copeland 532. The blessing was given by Johanna Fabke.

LUNCH

Jim Helke called the class to order leading 198. Leaders: Jeanette Nelson 155; Lou Kujawinski 477; Dick Patterson 178; Melanie Hauff 475; Elise del Mas 480; Michael

Moore “Delight”; Terry Hogg 27; Barb Patterson 153; Anna Pau 189; Johanna Fabke 82t; Angie Payne 31t; Gillian Inksetter 224; Jim Helke 365; Matt Wells 183; Sasha Maslanka 87; Judy Hauff 367; Bruce Voyles 163b.

RECESS

Peggy Brayfield called the class to order leading 335. Leaders: Hans Guttmann 270; Eleanor Haase 384; Peggy Brayfield 204; Michael Appert 84; Gabe Benton 274t; Jim Crawford 546; James Page 193; Louis Hughes, Jr. 112; Paul Landskroener 266; Carol Crawford 326; Penny Kujawinski 472; Michael Moore 40; Pleasance Crawford 389; Becky Browne 203; Charlie Obert 217; Janet Fraembs 209.

RECESS

Peter Bradley called the class to order leading 351. Leaders: Denise Kania 500; John Seaton and Bob Beech 48t; Gillian Inksetter 327; Terry Hogg 549; Noelle Copeland 236; Michael Mosley 556; Rachel Adelstein 218; Peggy Brayfield 385t.

Following announcements, Peter Bradley led 47t as the closing song. Carl Houtman dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairperson—Peter Bradley; Secretary—Val Dunagan

IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH **Nashville, Tennessee** **Saturday, November 10, 2012**

The 28th annual Sacred Harp singing at Immanuel Baptist Church was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Tim Reynolds leading 34b. Bob Simmons offered the morning prayer. Tim Reynolds led 107.

The following officers were appointed: Secretary—Sandie Scott; Arranging Officer—David Carlton.

Leaders: Ron Harper 399b, 29t; Gail Doss 137, 479; Laurens Blankers 551, 40; Bob Simmons 66, 229; Darrell Swarens 208, 189; Marilyn Burchett 335, 312b; Lewis Frost 503, 452; Rick Fretter 350, 84.

RECESS

David Carlton brought the class back together leading 501 and 300. Leaders: Sandie Scott 487, 274t; Max Berueffy 217, 569t; Joyce Whittington 68b, 32t; Fay Thompson 128, 64; Clark Garrett 277, 401; Byron Burchett 108b, 379; Ariadne Zitsos 163b; Graham Sherrill 284, 186; Drew Foster, Ben Foster, and Pedro Segismundo 117, 159; Tim Reynolds, Lois Matthew, Kaylin Cervetti, and Debra Hampton 200.

LUNCH

Tim Reynolds called the class back together leading 145t. Leaders: Ron Harper 516; Gail Doss 148; Bob Simmons 171; Ariadne Zitsos 268; Darrell Swarens 192; Marilyn Burchett 49t; Laurens Blankers 276; Rick Fretter 299; Sandie Scott 472; Lewis Frost 178; Clark Garrett 324; Byron Burchett 496; Graham Sherrill 348t; Tim Reynolds, Sarah Carter, and Elizabeth Thielemann 348b; David Carlton 440; Darrell Swarens and Victor Richardson 236.

After announcements, Tim Reynolds led 62 as the closing song, while those who wished to took the parting hand. Bob Simmons offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Tim Reynolds; Secretary—Sandie Scott

DALLAS COUNTY SINGING **Cochran Chapel United Methodist Church, Dallas, Texas** **Saturday, November 10, 2012**

The Dallas County Annual Sacred Harp Singing was held at the Cochran Chapel United Methodist Church on Saturday before the second Sunday in November. The

class was called to order by Rick Foreman leading 31b. Danny Creel offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Kris Wiggins 176b; Cheryl Foreman 75; Sonny Erwin 441; Ben Brown 40; Esther Huckaby 224; Jerry Ryan 145t; LuAnn Thomas 128; Donn Howard 163b; Priscilla Wiggins 365; Ron Ryan 548; Cassie Allen 558; Diane Ross 455; Robert Vaughn 74b; Beverly Coates 228; Donald Ross 546; Kristie Powell 216; Cindy Tanner 436; Henry Johnson 539; Claudene Townson 39t; Mike Hinton 456.

RECESS

Rick Foreman called the class back together by leading 49t. Leaders: Janie Short 480; Danny Creel 383; Ann Jett 269; Eddie Mash 234; Ainsley Allen 217; Nathan Rees 432; Gaylon Powell 434; Wanda Capps 222; Tom Owen 500; Tammy Powell 454; Ken Tate 220; Syble Adams 47b; Bill Bailey 108t; Brian Sears 384; Ben Copenhaver 181; Sara Hood 523; Scott Curran 460; John Plunkett 346; Michele Rogan 392; Bruce Coates 503; J.T. Harechmak 487; Sonny Erwin 358.

Tammy Powell and Bruce Coates conducted the memorial lesson. Bruce Coates read the following names of the deceased: Gertie DeLong, Harrison Creel, Charles Creel, Earnie Jett, Bill Tanner, Leland Owen, Susan Kerr, Winell Sanders, and Brandon Wood. He led 285t.

Tammy Powell read the following names of the sick and shut-ins: Richard DeLong, Annie Drake, Curtiss Owen, Edith Owen, Robert Rainoshek, Bobbie Rainoshek, Frank Price, Dorothy Price, Velton Chafin, Josie Hyde, Doris Hanks, and Sallie Foreman. She led 86. Mike Hinton closed the memorial lesson with a prayer.

Leaders: Cindy Tanner 498; Rick Foreman, Donna McCay, and Ernie 178.

Gaylon Powell offered a prayer before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Robert Vaughn called the class to order by leading 71. Leaders: Kristie Powell 274t; Ben Brown 56b; Jerry Ryan 87; Avon Miller 304; Cassie Allen 426b; Donn Howard 34b; Ann Jett 88t; Mike Hinton 532; Claudene Townson 68b; Eddie Mash 280; Wanda Capps 142; Nathan Rees and William Rees 186; Janie Short 551; Danny Creel 472; Syble Adams 63; Ben Copenhaver 446; Michele Rogan 67; Ken Tate 135; Tom Owen and Brody Ross 146; John Plunkett 297; Brian Sears 45t.

A business session was held and the following officers were elected: Chairman—Rick Foreman; Vice Chairman—Kris Wiggins.

RECESS

Rick Foreman called the class to order by leading 46. Leaders: Gaylon Powell 438; Sara Hood 347; Scott Curran 318; Henry Johnson 521; Beverly Coates 531; Donald Ross and Finley Ross 401; Stephanie Turney 159; Ron Ryan 343; Tammy Powell 542; J.T. Harechmak 535; Avon Miller 444; Diane Ross 225t; Bruce Coates 569b; Bill Bailey 108b.

Rick Foreman, Cheryl Foreman, and Sonny Erwin led 549 as the closing song.

Donald Ross dismissed the class with a prayer.

Chairman—Rick Foreman; Vice Chairman—Kris Wiggins; Secretary—Cheryl Foreman

OAK HILL SINGING AND CALHOUN COUNTY CONVENTION **Oak Hill Baptist Church, Oxford, Alabama** **Sunday, November 11, 2012**

The annual Sacred Harp singing was held at Oak Hill Baptist Church on the second Sunday in November. B.M. Smith called the class to order leading 59. Cecil Roberts offered the morning prayer.

The class voted to keep the same officers: Chairman—B.M. Smith; Vice Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Arranging Officer/Secretary—Judy Chambless.

Leaders: B.M. Smith 81t; Cecil Roberts 31t, 97 (in memory of Lonnie Rogers); Judy Chambless 37b, 36b; Jeff Sheppard 57; Margie Smith 101t, 225t; Reba Windom 145t (in honor of Bud Oliver), 56t; Scott Oliver 143; Rene Greene 142, 200; Karen Rollins 138t, 138b; Robert Chambless 84, 77t; Shannon Primm 76b, 479; Jack Nelson and Mona Nelson 548, 159; Pearl Guier 303, 358.

RECESS

Cecil Roberts brought the class back to order leading 42. Leaders: Angela Myers 82t, 418; Delone Cobbs 44, 490; Judy Caudle 86, 85; Paula Oliver 32t, 270; Lou Cotney 300, 218; Evelyn Harris 155; Charlene Wallace 30t, 35; Karen Rollins 350; B.M. Smith 389 (in memory of Lonnie Rogers); Jeff Sheppard 318; Jack Nelson 513; Reba Windom 72b; Scott Oliver 68b; Rene Greene 297; Delone Cobbs 73t; Margie Smith 317; Charlene Wallace 282; Hayden Arp 39b, 112.

LUNCH

B.M. Smith brought the class back to order leading 111b. Leaders: Shannon Primm 106; Robert Chambless 354t; Pearl Guier 448b; Angela Myers 425; Paula Oliver 100; Judy Caudle 472; Lou Cotney 384; Hayden Arp 340; Cecil Roberts 312b (In honor of Jeanette Laminack and Lois Bowman); Ann Simpson 378t; Judy Chambless 475; The Oliver family 137; Jeff Sheppard and Rene Greene 313t; Judy Caudle and Angela Myers 176b; Shannon Primm and Charlene Wallace 74b; B.M. Smith and Margie Smith 489; Hayden Arp and Reba Windom 63; Cecil Roberts, Ann Simpson, and Pearl Guier 45t; Delone Cobbs 341; Judy Chambless and Roberts Chambless 66. After announcements, B.M. Smith led 46 as the closing song. Cecil Roberts offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—B.M. Smith; Vice Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Secretary—Judy Chambless

WEST YORKSHIRE SACRED HARP DAY **Haworth Methodist Church** **Haworth, West Yorkshire, United Kingdom** **Saturday, November 17, 2012**

The 10th annual West Yorkshire Sacred Harp Day was held at Haworth Methodist Church, in the United Kingdom, on Saturday before the third Sunday in November. Chris Brown began the day by leading 52t. John Hopkinson said an opening prayer. Ruth Steggles taught a short singing school for the new singers present, in which she led 34b and 47b.

Leaders: Chris Brown 49t; Sarah Hill 37b; Nadine Wills 448b; Hannah Land 503; Phil Tyler 171; Colin Higgins 313b; Joe Vickers 481; Cath Ingham 388; Byron Tyler 99; Benny Ross 34t; Bob Butler 547; Josh Darby 65; Ruth Steggles 294; Anna Baldini and Connie Baldini 34b.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Chris Brown; Vice Chairman—Judy Whiting; Secretaries—Cath Ingham and Rose Hudson.

RECESS

Jo Ellis called the class to order by leading 31t. Leaders; Judy Whiting 68b; Ted Brown 49b; Joe Vickers 163t; Geoff Grainger 89; Hannah Land 472; Chris Brown 28b; Jo Ellis 473; Bob Butler 136; Judy Whiting 72b; Benny Ross 330t; Anna Baldini 474; Sarah Hill 124; Ruth Steggles 535; Josh Darby 441; Phil Tyler 344; Nadine Wills 66; Colin Higgins 122; Ted Brown 225t. Benny Ross gave thanks for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Phil Tyler led 212 to begin the afternoon session. Leaders: Sarah Hill 384; Anna Baldini 146; Lin James 148; Geoff Grainger 268; Cath Ingham 87; Colin Higgins

47t; Jo Ellis 485; Ruth Steggles 430; Benny Ross 128; Nadine Wills 168; Ted Brown 35.

Hannah Land conducted the memorial lesson and read the following names of the deceased: Gordon Corrick—Hull; Joe Reynolds—Denmead; Brenda Grimshaw—Totton; Harold Newell—Dalton; Malcolm Robertson—Maidstone; Jean Hill—Carlisle; Maureen Gamlin—Derby; David Daykin—Nottinghamshire; Phillip Higgins—Oldham; Sirkka Tolppa—Finland; Lonnie Rogers and Marie Ivey—USA. She also spoke for the following sick and housebound: Barbara Wood, Tony Parkinson, Curtis Owen, Bea Gilmore, Alan Jackson, Steve Foster, Cath Tyler, Irene Bown, John Hill, Gabriella Baldini, Vicky Waterworth, Nana Baldini, and Carl Morrison. She led 330b, and offered a prayer.

Leaders: Sarah Hill 378b; Judy Whiting 432; Geoff Grainger 339; Lin James 303; Chris Brown 81t; Josh Darby 159; Hannah Land 343.

RECESS

Jo Ellis called the class to order by leading 192. Leaders: Colin Higgins 77t; Phil Tyler 436; Judy Whiting 150; Nadine Wills 235; Geoff Grainger 126; Sarah Hill 318; Chris Brown 319; Josh Darby 299; Ted Brown 97; Lin James 287; Hannah Land 228; Benny Ross 84; Ruth Steggles 454.

Chris Brown and Judy Whiting led 323t as the closing song. Benny Ross offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Chris Brown; Vice Chairman—Judy Whiting; Secretaries—Cath Ingham and Rose Hudson

ELMORE COUNTY CONVENTION (COOPER EDITION) **First Presbyterian Church, Wetumpka, Alabama** **Saturday, November 17, 2012**

The 5th annual session of the Elmore County Convention was held at the First Presbyterian Church, Wetumpka, Alabama, on Saturday before the third Sunday in November. Bill Hogan led 58, and welcomed everyone. He then led 87. Morgan Bunch led 148 and 171. Bill Hogan offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Nancy Hogan 395b (in memory of Frank Hattaway); Judy Caudle 380t, 98; Sue Bunch 268b, 276 (in memory of Ernestine Pipkin); Ken Kelley 36b, 497; Jack Nelson 229, 30b; Judy Chambless 556, 244; Hubert Nall 287, 84; Carol Duvall 186, 187.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Co-Chairpersons—Bill Hogan and Nancy Hogan; Vice Chairman—Morgan Bunch; Arranging Officer—Judy Caudle; Secretary—Sue Bunch.

RECESS

Morgan Bunch brought the class back to order leading 310. Leaders: Billy Kelley 100, 108t; Mary Amelia Taylor 35, 133; Russ Scholz 47t, 380b; Voncile Nall 507b, 288; Jim Carnes 61, 54t; Linda Thomas 223; Robert Dupree 508, 393t; Kathy Maddox 358, 500; Frank Strickland 559, 478; Bea Carnathan 341, 80b.

RECESS

Morgan Bunch called the class back together leading 225t. Leaders: Jim McIntyre 463, 107t; Wendy Futral 339, 340; Jim Aaron 574, 47b. The class sang 369, and Jim McIntyre offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Bill Hogan called the class to order leading 196. Leaders: Jeri McIntyre 571, 484; Adrian Nall 235, 96; Ken Sundberg 123b, 27; Tim Taylor 29b, 283t; Ann Webb 282, 277; Nate Green 138t, 43; Angela Myers 486; Robert Chambless 573; Loretta Jones 285t; Lloyd Jones and Loretta Jones 45t, 465; Chip Westbrook 59, 398b; Alice

Sundberg 348t, 205; Marion Patrick 516, 488t; Linda Westbrook 449; Mary Amelia Taylor 440b (by request of Christine Keeble). Announcements were made. Bill Hogan led 567 as the closing song. Elder Ben Keeble offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Bill Hogan; Vice Chairman—Morgan Bunch; Secretary—Sue Bunch

CROSSROADS CHURCH MEMORIAL SINGING

North of Tallapoosa, Georgia

Saturday, November 17, 2012

The 45th session of the Crossroads Church Memorial Sacred Harp singing was held on Saturday night before the third Sunday in November. Cecil Roberts called the class to order leading 60. Eschol Hughes offered the opening prayer. Cecil Roberts welcomed everyone, and then led 75.

Leaders: Miranel Swafford 155; Donna Bell 186, 503.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Hayden Arp; Vice Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Secretary—Donna Bell; Arranging Officer—Margie Smith. The class voted to eliminate buying minutes books in the future for this singing and to pay \$15.00 to have the minutes printed in the book. The remaining money will be donated to the church.

Leaders: Hayden Arp 32t, 37b; B.M. Smith 64, 101t; Louise Holland 63; George Garner 99; Karen Rollins 97, 489 (in memory of Felton Denney); Eschol Hughes 565, 162; Sarah Roberts 108t, 143; Will Dover 47b, 146; Lou Cotney 300, 358 (for Faye Cotney).

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Hayden Arp leading 61. Leaders: Charlene Wallace 378t, 379; Fallon Cook 87, 340; Jason Stanford and Joel Stanford 294, 568; Rene Greene 569b, 171; James Hughes and Cecil Roberts 198, 45t (in honor of Dorsey Newman); Margie Smith 405.

Following announcements, Hayden Arp led 46 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Eschol Hughes, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Hayden Arp; Vice Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Secretary—Donna Bell

WAKEFIELD MEMORIAL

Mt. Vernon (King Schoolhouse), Natural Bridge, Alabama

Sunday, November 18, 2012

The 42nd session of the memorial Sacred Harp singing held at King Schoolhouse, Natural Bridge, Alabama, in memory of Ganus Wakefield, Wilford Wakefield, Clifford Wakefield, Gene Wakefield, and Cecil Wakefield was called to order by Glenn Keeton leading 59. Richard Mauldin offered the opening prayer.

The class was organized by electing or appointing the following officers to serve: Chairman—Glenn Keeton; Vice Chairman—Danny Creel; Secretary—Debbie Hall; Arranging Officer—Margaret Keeton; Chaplain—Bro. Steve Miles.

Leaders: Glenn Keeton 150; Steve Miles 234, 147t; Seth Poston 275b, 358; Wayne Horton 317, 388; Ernestine Parker 30t, 63; Logan Donaldson 59, 45t; Jeanette Tidwell 336, 438; Eugene Forbes 186, 168; Ann Jett 88t, 269; Josie Hyde 507, 43.

RECESS

Danny Creel led 37b and 196 to bring the class to order. Leaders: Ottis Sides 530, 527; Isabella Keeton, Matthew Keeton, Glenn Keeton, and Elizabeth Keeton 235, 497; Richard Mauldin 535, 503; Linda Sides 39t, 448t; Judy Caudle 389, 432; Lisa Geist 224, 304; the children of Simeon and Catherine Wakefield (Wayne, Wendell, Larry, Nadine, Clara, Julia, Faye, and Betty) 333, 339 (in memory of Hazel

Wakefield); the grandchildren and great-grandchildren of Simeon and Catherine Wakefield 143.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Glenn Keeton leading 104. Leaders: Ken Tate 220, 565; Matthew Cook 222, 274t; Amber Davis 382, 212; Gravis Ballinger 120, 182; Larry Ballinger 183, 361; Roma Rice 93, 338; Sarah Beasley 290, 288; Lena Keeton, Wayne Horton, and Betty Baccus 146, 475; Seth Holloway 455, 236; Wendell Wakefield 108t, 145t; Gwen Cornelius 490, 480; Debbie Hall 477, 391 (in memory of Fayrene Wakefield and Helen Langston); Betty Baccus and Larry Wakefield 282 (in memory of Cecil Wakefield, 284 (in memory of Gene Wakefield); Faye Donaldson 225t; Margaret Keeton 276, 213b; Glenn Keeton 101t (for Steve Adams).

Glenn Keeton and Danny Creel led 267 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Steve Miles, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Glenn Keeton; Vice Chairman—Danny Creel; Secretary—Debbie Hall

ELDER AND MRS. JASON DAVIS MEMORIAL SINGING **Harmony Primitive Baptist Church, Calhoun, Georgia** **Sunday, November 18, 2012**

The annual Elder and Mrs. Jason Davis Memorial Sacred Harp singing was held at Harmony Primitive Baptist Church, Calhoun, Georgia, on the third Sunday in November. Judy Mincey brought the class to order leading 59. Elder Ed Smith offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Judy Mincey 34b; Ed Smith 101t, 114; Helen Bryson 101b, 75 (in memory of Gertrude DeLong); Lauren Bock 94, 166; David Brodeur 171, 283; Jessica Harris 72b, 472; Hayden Arp 349, 408; Chris Wilhelm 26, 385t; Jesse Karlsberg 86, 511; Nathan Rees 483, 462; Henry Johnson 288, 289.

RECESS

Judy Mincey called the class to order. A business session was held and the class voted to keep the same officers as follows: Chairman—Judy Mincey; Vice Chairman—Bob Mitchell; Secretary—Helen Bryson; Chaplain—Elder Ed Smith. Judy Mincey led 475.

Leaders: B.M. Smith 340, 389; John Plunkett 34t (for Nancy Yeager), 308; Charlene Wallace 61, 63; Jonathon Smith 129, 316; Jonathon Kelso 536 (for his mother); Katy Kanfer 56b, 49t; Eddie Mash 98, 174; Sandra Wilkinson 394, 125; Bob Mitchell 40, 282; Hayden Arp and United Note singers 434.

LUNCH

Judy Mincey called the class to order leading 31t. Leaders: Faye Holbrook 67, 380; Coy Coggins 108t, 274t; Jonathon Kelso and Jessica Harris 359, 160t; Helen Bryson 299; Nathan Rees 409; Jesse Karlsberg 183; Chris Wilhelm 105; Henry Johnson 322; Eddie Mash 164; Sandra Wilkinson 297; B.M. Smith 270; John Plunkett 109; Katy Kanfer 573; Jonathon Smith 360; Ed Smith 159; Bob Mitchell 45t; Lauren Bock 223; David Brodeur 208; Judy Mincey 126 (by request).

Announcements were made. Judy Mincey led 347 as the closing song. Ed Smith offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Judy Mincey; Vice Chairman—Bob Mitchell; Secretary—Helen Bryson

CORNUCOPIA ALL-NIGHT SINGING
Residence of Rowan Lupton, Princeton, New Jersey
November 21-22, 2012

Wednesday night, November 21

The first Cornucopia All-Night Singing was held at the residence of Rowan Lupton, Princeton, New Jersey. He opened the singing by leading 354t.

Leaders: Julia Seidenstein and Jade Levine 81t; Nathalie Levine 70t; Jeff Gauthier 236; Rachel Hall 71; Becky Wright 439; Nathan Berry 35; Ben Cocchiario 58; Daniel Hunter 343; Anna Melton 117; Sonia Chin 192; Bethany Towne 488; Myles Louis Dakan 480; Woody Zenfell 313t; Jesse Krikorian 504; Leon Pulsinelle 171; Oriana Ott and Jeff Gauthier 42. Daniel Hunter offered a prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Rowan Lupton; Vice Chairman—Julia Seidenstein; Treasurer—Jade Levine; Secretary—Nathalie Levine.

RECESS

Julia Seidenstein called the class back together by leading 48t. Leaders: Daniel Hunter 216, 217; Ben Cocchiario 112, 182; Bethany Towne 379, 41; Anna Melton 448, 178; Rowan Lupton 106; Rachel Hall 345b, 345t; Jeff Gauthier 245, 361; Jesse Krikorian 378t, 378b; Angela DeCarlis and Daniel Hunter 163b, 107; Leon Pulsinelle 362, 269. Daniel Hunter offered a prayer before the meal.

MIDNIGHT SNACK

Thursday morning, November 22

Nathalie Levine and Paul Morrissett called the class back together by leading 67. Leaders: Sonia Chin 406, 277; Myles Louis Dakan 297, 122; Julia Seidenstein 284, 410t (dedicated to Rowan Lupton); Becky Wright 228, 328; Nathalie Levine 129, 131b; Nathan Berry 156, 400; Jesse Krikorian 368, 547; Rachel Hall 383; Ben Cocchiario 49b (for A. F.), 384 (for J. D.); Julia Seidenstein 77t; Anna Melton 421; Sonia Chin 458.

RECESS

Julia Seidenstein and Oriana Ott called the class back by leading 45t. Leaders: Jeff Gauthier 209; Bethany Towne 160b; Nathalie Levine 89; Myles Louis Dakan 270; Nathan Berry 153; Jesse Krikorian 157; Daniel Hunter 475; Becky Wright 232; Rowan Lupton 355; Rowan Lupton, Julia Seidenstein, Jade Levine, and Nathalie Levine 344.

The treasurer reported that expenses had been met. The secretary announced that 68 songs had been led by leaders from 4 states. The resolutions committee thanked Lynda Lee and Robert Lupton for the use of their house, and everyone else who provided food, support, advice, and help. We resolved to meet and sing again on Wednesday night before the Sunday after the fourth Thursday in November, 2013. Announcements were made. The class took the parting hand as Rowan Lupton led 318. Daniel Hunter offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Rowan Lupton; Vice Chairman—Julia Seidenstein; Secretary—Nathalie Levine

THANKSGIVING SACRED HARP SINGING
Jordans Village Hall, Jordans, Buckinghamshire, United Kingdom
Saturday, November 24, 2012

The 4th Thanksgiving Day Singing was held in the Village Hall of Jordans, the Quaker Village, and burial place of William Penn. The class was called to order by Sheila Girling Macadam leading 34b. Rev. David Chantler offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Nick Hall 569b; Sofi Mogensen 28t; Rachel Jordan 47t; Ellyn Stokes 276; Edwin Macadam 40; Steve Welch 32t; Steve Fletcher 77t; Sheila Girling Macadam 315; Nick Hall 528; Sofi Mogensen 84; Rachel Jordan 171; Ellyn Stokes 107; Edwin Macadam 534; Steve Welch 411; Sheila Girling Macadam 480; Nick Hall 538; Sofi Mogensen 102; Rachel Jordan 155.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Sheila Girling Macadam; Vice Chairman—Edwin Macadam; Secretary—Sofi Mogensen; Arranging Officer—Nick Hall; Chaplain—Rev. David Chantler.

RECESS

Adrian Bolge brought the class back together leading 142. Leaders: Ellyn Stokes 319; Edwin Macadam 504; Steve Welch 70t; Steve Fletcher 108b; Sheila Girling Macadam 564; Nick Hall 573; Sofi Mogensen 31t.

Mary Welch, assisted by Antonina Spittal, conducted the memorial lesson reading “Pilgrimage”, by David Adam, the vicar of Lindisfarne. Steve Welch led 452 in memory of Jeanne Orton—Kidderminster; Simon Hewitt—Aberystwyth; Jean Hickox—Bourne End; Vic Newman—Lewes; Tristan Mirabaud—Lewes; Jan Fairley—Edinburgh; Georgie Chitty—Billericay; Ingrid Fabricus—Denmark; Peggy Lansbury—Prestwood; Robert Allan—Eastbourne; Joan Chantler—Macclesfield; and Reginald and Gladys Girling—Glasgow.

Edwin Macadam, assisted by Mike Cooper, gave the lesson for the sick and housebound reading from the last chapter of “The Plymouth Adventure”, by Ernest Gébler, and leading 68b. We remembered Isla Grace Halls, Edith Walden, Mary Wray, Linty Davison, Sara Ray, Paul Mogensen, Audrey Hewison, Benedict Simpson, and Tony Singleton. David Chantler closed the memorial with prayer, and asked Edwin Macadam to lead 49t.

Leaders: Rachel Jordan 65; Adrian Bolge 503; Ellyn Stokes 110; Steve Fletcher 82t; Nick Hall 562; Sofi Mogensen 312b; Steve Welch 50b. Mary Bolge offered thanks for the midday meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session commenced with Rachel Jordan leading 350. Leaders: Ellyn Stokes 270; Adrian Bolge 228; Edwin Macadam 183; Sheila Girling Macadam 352; Steve Fletcher 189; Elspeth Hannen 299; Nick Hall 515; Sofi Mogensen 148; Steve Welch 186; Rachel Jordan 474; Ellyn Stokes 69t; Steve Fletcher 196; Edwin Macadam 192; Adrian Bolge 49b; Sheila Girling Macadam 168; Elspeth Hannen 159; Nick Hall 535; Sofi Mogensen 448t; Ellyn Stokes 547; Edwin Macadam 236.

RECESS

The class was reconvened for the final session with Steve Welch leading 473.

Leaders: Sheila Girling Macadam 486; Steve Fletcher 348t; Adrian Bolge 72b; Elspeth Hannen 497; Rachel Jordan 481; Nick Hall 556; Ellyn Stokes 47b; Sofi Mogensen 209; Edwin Macadam 163b; Sheila Girling Macadam 362; Steve Welch 73b; Steve Fletcher 128; Adrian Bolge and Matthew Bolge 45t; Elspeth Hannen and Ben Hannen 146; Rachel Jordan 454.

Announcements were made. After expenses had been met, the surplus from the day’s donations would again be passed to the Quakers for their use. Sheila Girling Macadam and Edwin Macadam led 347 as the closing song. David Chantler offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Sheila Girling Macadam; Vice Chairman—Edwin Macadam; Secretary—Sofi Mogensen

ALABAMA SACRED HARP MUSICAL CONVENTION
Jefferson State Community College, Birmingham, Alabama
November 24-25, 2012

Saturday, November 24

The 113th session of the Alabama State Sacred Harp Musical Convention met at Jefferson State Community College on the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in November. The class was brought to order by Richard Ivey leading 144. The morning prayer was offered by Hubert Nall.

Leaders: Henry Johnson 70b; Hubert Nall 36b; Linda Thomas 52t; Rodney Ivey 129; Linda Sides 215; Bea Carnathan 456; David Ivey 224 (for Jewell Wootten); Richard Mauldin 77t; Gary Smith 344; Anne Drexler 66; Gavin Blakeley 142; Ann Jett 269; Tim Taylor 131t; Ken Sundberg 173; William Shetter 178; Steve Adams 101t; Joe Nall 186; Jim Aaron 503.

RECESS

The class was brought to order by David Ivey leading 76b. Leaders: Eugene Forbes 195; Anna Hinton 300; Tim Cook, Doug Cook, Mako Cook, and Chicko Cook 515; Mary Amelia Taylor 270; Doug Conn 546; Daryl Chesney 454; David Carlton 547; Joye Leggett 568; Bill Hogan 277; Emily Creel 455; Amy Armstrong 209; John Plunkett 230; Ottis Sides 530; J.R. Hardman 475; Wendy Futral 340; Jeff Sheppard 472; Erin Johnson-Hill 192; Adrian Eldridge 157; Nancy Hogan 309.

RECESS

Rodney Ivey brought the class together leading 56t. Leaders: James Eldridge 328; Roberta Strauss 203; Jackson Fleder 37b.

A business session was held and the following officers and committee members were elected or appointed: Chairman—Richard Ivey; Vice Chairman—Henry Johnson; Chaplin—Eddie Mash; Arranging Committee—Cindy Tanner and Sharon DuPriest; Resolutions Committee—Bridgett Hill Kennedy and Jarrod George; Location Committee—David Ivey and Linda Thomas; Finance Committee—Rodney Ivey and B.M. Smith; Memorial Committee—Mike Hinton and Kathy Williams; Secretaries: Linda Thomas and Elene Stovall.

Leaders: Tom George 299; Virginia Eldridge 463; Jim Patterson, Sheila Patterson, and Grace Patterson 29t; Gail Doss 137; Nathan Rees 134 (in memory of J.C. Hardin); Nate Green and Norma Green 540; Judy Mincey 464; Scott Kennedy 49b; Jeannette DePoy 182 (for Holly Mixon); Erica Martinez 112; Judy Caudle 151; Rebecca Eldridge 396; Matt Hinton 432; Michael Walker 475; Aaron Kahn 313b; Susan Chernes 74b; Bridgett Kennedy 276; Katherine Eldridge 56b; Jarrod George 155; B.M. Smith 284; Judy Chambless 162; Jonathan Smith 220. The blessing before the noon meal was offered by Eddie Mash.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Henry Johnson leading 321. Leaders: Eddie Mash and Jeff Sheppard 556; Charlene Wallace 365; J.C. Rutledge 496; Karen Rollins 225t; Mike Hinton 532; Reba Windom 411; Kathy Williams 222; Sarah Beasley 146; Marilyn Burchett 108b; Louis Hughes 314; Stanley Smith 528; Sandie Scott 512; Karen Ivey and Louise Holland 31t; Daphene Causey 140; Erica Hinton 440; Darrell Swarens 111b (in memory of Harrison Creel); Len VanderJagt 99; Robert Chambless 384; Henry Guthery 304; Pam Nunn 189; Sharon DuPriest and Cindy Tanner 327 (for Scott Curran and Michele Rogan).

Announcements were made. Richard Ivey led 82t (by request) as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Eddie Mash, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, November 25

The Sunday session of the Alabama Sacred Harp Musical Convention began at 9:30 a.m. with Richard Ivey leading 34b. Prayer was offered by Eddie Mash.

Leaders: Henry Johnson 295; Eddie Mash 312t; Linda Thomas 81b; Elene Stovall 299; Judy Caudle 85; David Ivey 298; Rodney Ivey 436 (for T.C. Bailey); B.M. Smith 318; Michael Walker 138b; Kathy Williams 273; Bridgett Hill Kennedy 168; Jarrod George 270; Sharon DuPriest 186; Cindy Tanner 368; Larry Ballinger 528; Louis Hughes 405; Terry Hullett 145t; Judy Chambless 540; Delone Cobbs, Christopher Mann, and Cindy Mann 77t; Richard Mauldin 378t; James Eldridge 327; Reba Windom 542; Elijah Hinton and Matt Hinton 268; Loyd Ivey 283.

RECESS

The class was brought back together by Richard Ivey leading 138t. Leaders: Mike Hinton 373; Shelia Patterson 35; Katherine Eldridge 156; Grace Patterson 313b; Jonathan Smith 360; Karen Rollins 136; Danny Creel 383; Eloise Wootten 222; Darrell Swarens and Katya Chizhayeva 107; Vella Dailey 59; Virginia Eldridge 125; Dennis George 110; Ann Webb 384; Robert Chambless 84; Cheyenne Ivey and Reba Windom 196; Jeannette DePoy 306; Russell Pope 543; Amy Daniel 441; Geraldine Sharpton 300; Jim Patterson 159.

RECESS

Henry Johnson called the class to order leading 418. Leaders: Seth Holloway 254; Joan Aldridge 217.

Kathy Williams and Mike Hinton conducted the memorial lesson. Kathy Williams spoke on behalf of the sick and shut-ins and read the names as follows: Josie Hyde, Velton Chafin, Johnnie Chafin, Tommie Spurlock, Margaret Spurlock, Stella Pratt, Leona Haynes, T.C. Bailey, S.T. Reed, Lessie Reed, Bud Oliver, Sammie Oliver, Jeff Sheppard, Shelbie Sheppard, Violet Thompson, Cathy White, Nancy Yeager, Jim Hearn, Mark Hall Amitin, Earl Burns, Terry Redd, Curtis Owen, Edith Owen, Dan Walker, Charlotte Walker, and Heidi Nolan. Kathy Williams led 340.

Mike Hinton spoke on behalf of the deceased and read the names as follows: Dr. Julietta Haynes, Ruth Johnson, Pauline Griggs, Earnie Jett, Harrison Creel, Bill Tanner, Imogene Nelms, Charles Creel, Cecil Sanders, Wynell Sanders—Alabama; Dale Bruner—Florida; Lonnie Rogers and Gertie DeLong—Georgia; John Merritt and Nellie Davis—Mississippi; Rosa Lee Watson—North Carolina; Wilma Casenhiser, John Patterson, Lela Patterson, and Louise Burns—Ohio. Mike Hinton led 434 in memory of the deceased. Eddie Mash closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Roberta Strauss 218; Chita Blakeley 302; Anna Hinton 282; Anne Drexler 335.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Richard Ivey leading 343. Leaders: Ken Tate 147b; Hayden Arp 269; Phil Summerlin 276; Jackie Tanner 172; Max Berueffy 386; Wanda Capps 546; Shane Wootten and Donna Wootten 30b; Daniel Bearden 536; Leigh Cooper 57; Robert DuPree 40; Mark Godfrey 406; William Shetter 28b; Stanley Smith 224; Adrian Eldridge 531; Susan Cheronos 481; Ann Jett 43; Aaron Kahn 183; Erica Hinton 391; Len VanderJagt 32t; Scott Kennedy 228; Rebecca Eldridge 487; Jackson Fleder 225b; Tom George 548; Gail Doss 547; Henry Guthery 485; Sandie Scott 408; Erica Martinez 448t; Nathan Rees 417; Nate Green and Norma Green 460; Marilyn Burchett 49t; Eugene Forbes 551; Gary Smith 99; Bea Carnathan 205; Sarah Beasley and Seth Holloway 274t; Karen Ivey 564.

A business session was held for the purpose of hearing reports. The Resolutions Committee thanked everyone who helped make the convention a success. The

Finance Committee reported that expenses were met, and thanked everyone who contributed. The Secretary's report was given, stating that a total of 193 leaders from 16 states and 2 countries attended. Announcements were made. Richard Ivey and Henry Johnson led 62 as the closing song. Eddie Mash offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.
Chairman—Richard Ivey; Vice Chairman—Henry Johnson; Secretaries—Linda Thomas and Elene Stovall

SACRED HARP MUSICAL HERITAGE ASSOCIATION **Annual Meeting** **Saturday, November 24, 2012**

The annual meeting of the Sacred Harp Musical Heritage Association (SHMHA) was held at Jefferson State Community College on Saturday, November 24, 2012. Approximately 30 members were present. David Ivey called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. David welcomed the assembly and thanked the members for their support this year.

Judy Caudle provided a report for the "*Directory and Minutes of Sacred Harp Singings*" (Minutes Book) project. The total of expenses for the project in 2011 was \$9,667.38. The current Minutes Book fund balance was \$12,609.91. Judy stated that the printing and shipping costs for 2012 are presently estimated to be \$8,800, and she projected an approximate end of year balance of \$3,800. Judy stated that 267 singings have submitted minutes, including the three sessions of Camp Fasola. This included 37 two-day conventions, 1 three-day convention, and 44 singings have requested not to receive Minutes Books. Judy expressed her heartfelt thanks to Angela Myers and Joan Aldridge for their assistance with the production of the Minutes Book.

David provided an information sheet that summarized 2012 activities and the 2011 financial statement. He stated that SHMHA, as a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization, files an IRS Form 990 report annually. David reported that SHMHA has received funding from the Alabama Council for the Arts for the tenth consecutive year. David expressed gratitude to the Sacred Harp Publishing Company for its continued financial support (\$4,000) of Camp Fasola in 2012. The Publishing Company voted in October to increase its financial support to \$5,000 in 2013.

David reported that SHMHA completed its tenth year of Camp Fasola operation. Sixteen camps have been held since 2003. SHMHA has offered both Adult and Youth sessions for the past five years. Three sessions of Camp Fasola were held in 2012, including the first Camp Fasola Europe. Adult Camp enrollment was 57 attendees, and Youth Camp enrollment was 108 attendees. The Camp Europe session was a great success and took place in northern Poland in Chmielno at the Wichrowe Wgorze facility with 58 campers from seven countries. David thanked Michael Walker for his advice in selecting Poland as the country for Camp Fasola Europe and expressed gratitude to Gosia Perycz, Kuba Choinski, and Justyna Orlikowska for their tremendous help in arrangements and coordination that made the camp so successful. It is anticipated that the next Camp Fasola Europe will be held in 2014 or 2015. There will again be two Camp Fasola sessions in 2013: Adult Camp at Camp McDowell, June 9-13 and Youth Camp at Camp Lee, July 1-5. It was necessary to increase fees for Camp Fasola in 2012 as the cost of the camp facilities has increased each of the last several years. The Youth Camp fee was \$200 for ages 29 and under and \$400 for adults age 30 and over. Adult Camp fee was \$450 for adults and \$250 for youth. It is expected that camp fees will remain level in 2013. Jeannette DePoy, Camp Registrar, shared that 85% of campers rated their overall camp experience as "Excellent" with the remainder rating camp as "Good." There was a very positive rating of our teachers with 90% scoring them as excellent. Three

additions to camp this year were: on-line registration with payment through PayPal, a description of classes on the back of the schedule to help campers decide what classes to attend, and a youth orientation session at the beginning of Youth Camp. David thanked Pam Nunn for her work as Treasurer of SHMHA. Pam gave an interim report on 2012 financials and stated that a complete 2012 financial report would be available on February 1, 2013.

There being no further business, David Ivey adjourned the meeting at 3:00 p.m. The meeting was dismissed with prayer offered by Adrian Eldridge.

SHMHA is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, incorporated in Alabama, whose purpose is the perpetuation and preservation of Sacred Harp singing and its traditions. SHMHA publishes the Directory and Minutes of Sacred Harp Singing, operates Camp Fasola, sponsors the fasola.org website, and supports other activities related to Sacred Harp.

President—Jeff Sheppard; Secretary—David Ivey

HOUSTON SACRED HARP SINGING **Heights Church of Christ, Houston, Texas** **Saturday, December 1, 2012**

The 9th annual Sacred Harp singing was held at Heights Church of Christ, 1548 Heights Blvd, Houston, Texas, on Saturday before the first Sunday in December. The class was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Crystal Meadows leading 99. The opening prayer was offered by Wade Price.

The class was organized and the following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Barbara Smith; Secretary—Joy Spreadborough. Song selections were from *The Sacred Harp*, 1991 Revision and the B.F. White Sacred Harp, Cooper Revision.

Leaders: Barbara Smith 142, 84; Mary Price 63 (CB), 59 (CB); Laura Pedersen 45t, 159; Ben Copenhaver 501, 183; Suzan Bernucho 505 (CB), 507b (CB); Ron Bernucho 463 (CB), 268t (CB); Joy Spreadborough 154, 354b.

RECESS

The singing resumed with Emma Smith leading 160t and 162. Leaders: Lindsay Wait 163b, 178; Crystal Meadows 276, 300 (CB); Wade Price 40 (CB), 299 (CB); Barbara Smith 504, 122; Megan Smith 196, 133; Mel Rosenbaum 535, 565; Mary Price 478 (CB), 192 (CB); Ben Copenhaver 291 (CB), 412 (CB). Dr. Lynn Mitchell, pastor of Heights Church of Christ, asked the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Barbara Smith brought the class to order. Leaders: Megan Smith 86; Ron Bernucho 47b (CB), 492 (CB); Suzan Bernucho 471 (CB), 572 (CB); Lindsay Wait 559 (CB), 146 (CB); Crystal Meadows 186 (CB), 36b (CB); Wade Price 127 (CB), 189 (CB); Barbara Smith 503, 379; Megan Smith 106, 107; Mel Rosenbaum 566, 268; Ben Copenhaver 479 (CB), 315 (CB).

RECESS

The singing resumed with Mary Price leading 155 (CB) and 358 (CB). Leaders: Ron Bernucho 242 (CB), 367 (CB); Suzan Bernucho 484 (CB), 488b (CB); Lindsay Wait 198, 68b; Crystal Meadows 29b (CB), 273; Barbara Smith 479, 168; Megan Smith 481, 49b; Wade Price 84 (CB), 497 (CB).

Crystal Meadows led 107 (CB) (for Mel Rosenbaum) as the closing song.

After gracious thanks to those who prepared and served for the singing and announcements having been made, Ron Bernucho offered the closing prayer. The class was dismissed.

Chairman—Barbara Smith; Secretary—Joy Spreadborough

FLORIDA STATE CONVENTION (COOPER EDITION)

Holiday Inn, Panama City, Florida

December 1-2, 2012

Saturday, December 1

The 45th session of the Florida State Sacred Harp Singing Convention was called to order by Tommie Spurlock leading 36b and 203. The opening prayer was offered by Johnny Lee.

Leaders: Mary Whitehurst 145t; Aubrey Barfield 186; Victoria Aplin 31b; Jewell Rowland 341; Johnny Lee 46; Bill Hogan 187; Robert Chambless 108t; Amy Lee 31t; Robert Vaughn 210; J.C. Rutledge 128; Kathy Folsom 507b; B.M. Smith 38t; Ken Kelley 86; Shannan Guinn 220. Brenda Chafin and Stanley Smith were appointed as the Memorial Committee.

RECESS

Tommie Spurlock led 63 to bring the class to order. Leaders: Steve Helwig 581t; Tim Taylor 54t; Deborah Brogden 385t; Gosia Perycz 589b; Ann Webb 288; Hubert Nall 99; Brenda Chafin 140; David Lee 65; Sarah Kahre 98; Velton Chafin 336b; Pat Callahan 511t.

RECESS

The singing continued with Tommie Spurlock leading 433. Leaders; Russ Schulz 498b; Nate Green and Norma Green 380t; Wayne Jones 464; Beverly Dayton 227; Riley Lee 594; Wynette Smith 49b; Tim Lanham 274t; Reba Windom 505; Ross Brand 419. Tommie Spurlock led 369, and Tim Jones offered grace before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session opened with Tommie Spurlock leading 218. Leaders: Aubrey Barfield 64 (for his brother, who wasn't able to attend); Robert Walker 501; Janet King 270; Ernest Cockcroft 553; Bill Aplin 159; Nancy Hogan 573; Morgan Bunch 516; Karen Willard 196; Stanley Smith 235; Joe Nall 211; Sharon DuPriest and Daphene Causey 434, 229; Adrian Nall 484; Alice Bejnar and Tor Bejnar 55.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Wayne Jones leading 76b. Leaders: Tim Jones 120; Judy Chambless 244; Chip Westbrook 563; Sue Bunch 421; John Kelley 405; Geraldine Sharpton 463; Ken Sundberg 116; Vencil Nall 283t; Frank Strickland 100; Alice Sundberg 58; Linda Westbrook 465; Chris Noren 393t; Loretta Jones and Lloyd Jones 45t.

Announcements were made. Tommie Spurlock led 95b as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer offered by Tim Lanham.

Sunday, December 2

The Sunday session of the Florida State Convention was called to order by Tommie Spurlock leading 31b. The opening prayer was offered by Velton Chafin.

Leaders: Tommie Spurlock 146; Mary Whitehurst 591; Aubrey Barfield 306; Jewell Rowland 340; Victoria Aplin 417; Billy Kelley 100; Velton Chafin 464; Ann Webb 186; Pat Callahan 540; Brain Kelley 505; Reba Windom 559; J.C. Rutledge 541; Brenda Chafin 450; Chris Noren 336t; Sharon DuPriest and Daphene Causey 200, 137.

RECESS

The singing continued with Tommie Spurlock leading 191. Leaders: Stanley Smith 288; B.M. Smith 573; Geraldine Sharpton 372.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Stanley Smith and Brenda Chafin. Stanley Smith recognized the sick and shut-ins, and Brenda Chafin led 270. The deceased

were recognized, and Stanley and Brenda led 418 in their memory. The memorial service was closed with prayer offered by Stanley Smith.

Leaders: Ty Peel 332; Sue Bunch 268b; Jerry DeLoach 112; Nate Green and Norma Green 44; Judy Chambless 29b; Robert Vaughn 514; Kathy Folsom 85; Johnny Lee 96; Nancy Hogan 84; Robert Chambless 72; Gosia Perycz 204; Ross Brand 189; Hubert Nall 192; Riley Lee 269; Steve Helwig 195. Robert Vaughn offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Tommie Spurlock leading 81. Leaders: Bill Hogan 520; Voncile Nall 507b; Bill Aplin 567; Ken Sundberg 474; Wynette Smith 122; Morgan Bunch 516; Lloyd Jones and Loretta Jones 463; Ernest Shockcroft 553; Joe Nall 171; Margie Smith 507t; Karen Willard 590; Tim Jones 273; Shannon Guinn 220; Wayne Jones 156; Beverly Dayton 334; Alice Sundberg 440b; Kevin Evins and Dana Evins 155, 38b; Chris Noren 235.

The officers were appointed, and those who served this year were thanked for their contribution to help make this singing a success. Next year's officers are as follows: Chairman—Mary Whitehurst; 1st Vice Chairman—Aubrey Barfield; 2nd Vice Chairman—Bill Hogan. Announcements were made.

The officers led 527 as the closing song. Bill Aplin offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Tommie Spurlock; Vice Chairman—Mary Whitehurst; Secretary—Jewell Rowland

GEORGIA STATE CHRISTIAN HARMONY CONVENTION **Shiloh Primitive Baptist Church, Tallapoosa, Georgia** **December 1-2, 2012**

Saturday, December 1

The 3rd annual Georgia State *Christian Harmony* Convention was held the first Sunday and Saturday before in December at Shiloh Primitive Baptist Church, Tallapoosa, Georgia. Mike Spencer called the class to order leading 267. John Hollingsworth offered the opening prayer.

President Mike Spencer announced that officers elected the year before to serve for this convention are as follows: President—Mike Spencer; Vice President—Bill Hollingsworth; Secretary—John Plunkett; Treasurer—Shannon Primm. The Locating committee serving from the previous year includes Judy Mincey, Hugh McGraw, and John Plunkett. Appointed committees for this year are as follows: Arranging Officer—Jane Spencer; Memorial Committee—Michael Walker and Bill Hollingsworth; Resolutions Committee: Chris Wilhelm and Robert Kelley.

Leaders: Bill Hollingsworth 137; John Plunkett 402b; Jane Spencer 409t; Eddie Mash 419t; Robert Kelley 5b, Leslie Booher 294; Tim Cook 486t; Judy Mincey 50; Joan Aldridge 31t; Judy Caudle 51; Henry Johnson 470; Mary Ellen Schrock 189; Michael Thompson 80; Angela Myers 10; Gary Smith 264; Mako Cook 421b; Andreas Manz 130b; Danny Creel 186; Jesse P. Karlsberg 138; Ann Jett 59b; Nathan Rees 533.

RECESS

Mike Spencer called the class back together by leading 30b. Leaders: Wanda Capps 170; Darlene Reynolds 142; Hayden Arp 316; Lauren Bock 192; Darrell Swarens 81t; Ken Tate 121t; Henry Schuman 42; Michael Walker 97; Mike Spencer 495; Sarah Beasley 76b; Erica Hinton 123; Matt Hinton 346; Bill Hollingsworth 227; John Plunkett 455t. Matt Hinton offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Mike Spencer led 193t to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Jane Spencer 429; Eddie Mash 432b; Robert Kelley 6; Leslie Booher 393b; Tim Cook 543; Judy Mincey 133; Joan Aldridge 19; Judy Caudle 172; Henry Johnson 281t; Mary Ellen Schrock 180; Michael Thompson 168b; Angela Myers 214; Gary Smith 46t; Mako Cook 490; Andreas Manz 225b; Danny Creel 63t; Jesse P. Karlsberg 296; Ann Jett 149; Nathan Rees 394; Wanda Capps 176; Darlene Reynolds 131.

RECESS

Jane Spencer called the class back together leading 235. Leaders: Erica Hinton 41t; Lauren Bock 54; Darrell Swarens 238; Ken Tate 497b; Sarah Beasley 548; Matt Hinton 171; Henry Schuman 372; Michael Walker 262.

Mike Spencer led 225t as the closing song. Henry Johnson offered the closing prayer.

Sunday, December 2

The Sunday session of the Georgia State *Christian Harmony* Convention was brought to order by Bill Hollingsworth leading 428. The opening prayer was offered by Cecil Roberts.

Leaders: Mike Spencer 166; John Plunkett 509b; Jane Spencer 64; John Hollingsworth 307; Nathan Rees 4; Darlene Reynolds 291; Henry Schuman 184; Mary Ellen Schrock 82b; Sarah Beasley 121t; Michael Walker 103; Cecil Roberts 142; Darrell Swarens 341; Andreas Manz 395; Hayden Arp 172.

RECESS

Mike Spencer called the class back leading 338t; Jesse P. Karlsberg 339; Henry Johnson 467b; Joan Aldridge 280; Robert Kelley 540; Leslie Booher 513; Judy Mincey 512.

The convention moved into a business session. The class voted to retain the same officers for the 2013 convention. The results of the vote from the 2011 convention were reviewed, with the decision that the date of the convention would remain the first Sunday and Saturday before in December. Judy Mincey offered the Locating Committee recommendation that the convention had been requested by Harmony Primitive Baptist Church in Calhoun, Georgia. The class voted unanimously to accept this recommendation. The class also voted to submit the minutes of the convention to be included in the Sacred Harp Singings minutes book, however no minutes books will be received. It was reported that the *Christian Harmony* Music Company has been granted 501 (c) (3) non-profit status. A motion was made from the Finance committee that the Convention account be managed through the *Christian Harmony* Music Company, and this was approved by the class. The business meeting was adjourned.

Leaders: Gary Smith 135; Tony Hammock 11; Eddie Mash 424; Chris Wilhelm 57; Bill Hollingsworth 369; Mike Spencer 13; John Plunkett 462t; Jane Spencer and Nathan Rees 544. John Plunkett offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Mike Spencer began the afternoon session by leading 410b. Leaders: Shannon Primm 114; Henry Schuman and Linda Hellerich 189; Mary Ellen Schrock 180; Robert Kelley 485; Tony Hammock 318; Sarah Beasley 524; Michael Walker 364; Darrell Swarens 91.

Michael Walker conducted the memorial lesson and led 254t for the sick and the shut-ins. Bill Hollingsworth led 507t in memory of the deceased. The memorial lesson was closed with a prayer offered by Mike Spencer.

Leaders: Andreas Manz 330; Jesse P. Karlsberg 332; Henry Johnson 274; Leslie Booher 89; Judy Mincey 16; Gary Smith 347; Eddie Mash 315.

RECESS

Bill Hollingsworth called the class back together by leading 32b. The class re-opened the business session and the Resolutions report was read by Robert Kelley as follows: We, the Resolutions Committee, on behalf of the Georgia State *Christian Harmony* Convention, wish to express appreciation to Shiloh Primitive Baptist Church for hosting the convention, and specifically would like to thank Ellen Winters and Mildred Patterson for their hospitality and hard work in making this a pleasant place for our singing and fellowship. We are grateful for all who have participated in serving on committees or as officers, for setting pitch for the singing, for arranging the song leaders, for preparing and contributing food for our dinner, or simply for traveling many miles to be among our band. We hope that our songs and worship have been pleasing to the Lord, and we resolve to convene again next year at Harmony Primitive Baptist Church in Calhoun, Georgia, on the first Sunday and Saturday before in December—Respectfully submitted, Chris Wilhelm and Robert Kelley. The resolutions report was accepted and approved by the convention, and the business session adjourned.

Leaders: Shannon Primm 43; Mary Ellen Schrock 149; Michael Walker 510b; Tony Hammock 143; Darrell Swarens 117; Andreas Manz 58b; Henry Schuman and Linda Hellerich 85.

Bill Hollingsworth led 549b (“The Drone”) as the closing song. John Hollingsworth offered the closing prayer.

President—Mike Spencer; Vice President—Bill Hollingsworth; Secretary—John Plunkett

JOE BEASLEY MEMORIAL SINGING **Concord Primitive Baptist Church, Winfield, Alabama** **December 8-9, 2012**

Saturday, December 8

The 18th annual Joe Beasley Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Richard Schmeidler leading 34b. Marlin Beasley offered the morning prayer. Richard Schmeidler led 475.

A business meeting was held re-electing the current officers as follows: Chairman—John Beasley; Vice Chairman—Richard Schmeidler; Secretary—Sandie Scott.

Leaders: Sandie Scott 472, 512; Marilyn Burchett 335, 36b; Gosia Perycz 171, 82t; Velton Chafin 464 (CB), 68b; Cora Sweatt 159, 81t; Brenda Peña 480, 490; Tim Cook 67b (CH), 254b (CH); Sarah Beasley 76b (CH), 117 (CH).

RECESS

Henry Schuman brought the class back to order by leading 333 (LD). The class sang the following songs from the *Lloyd's Hymnal*: 2, 3, 5, 188, 499, 209, 334, and 206.

LUNCH

Henry Schuman brought the class back together by leading 1 (LD). The class sang the following songs from the *Lloyd's Hymnal*: 336, 411, and 333. Leaders: Gary Smith 54t (CB), 86; Becky Briggs 87, 108t; Eugene Forbes 318, 168; Betty Baccus 61, 100; Steve Helwig 186, 32t; Richard Schmeidler 474, 38t; Marlin Beasley 278b, 460; Freddie Briggs 388; 45t; Gosia Perycz 507b (CH); Steve Helwig 61t (CH); Tim Cook 346 (CH); Sarah Beasley, Marlin Beasley, Cora Sweatt, and Becky Briggs 146. Announcements were made. Richard Schmeidler led 521 as the closing song. Marlin Beasley dismissed the class with prayer.

Sunday, December 9

The Sunday session of the Joe Beasley Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Richard Schmeidler leading 66. Glenn Keeton offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Richard Schmeidler 474; Sandie Scott 223; Gosia Perycz 186; Juanita Beasley 61; Richard Mauldin 487; Glenn Keeton, Elizabeth Keeton, Isabella Keeton, and Matthew Keeton 235; Cora Sweatt 49b; Will McGuire and Henry McGuire 40; Angela Myers 306; Steve Helwig 318; Brenda Peña 549; Gravis Ballinger 300; Sarah Beasley 340; Henry McGuire 236.

RECESS

The class was brought to order by Richard Schmeidler leading 155. Leaders: Gary Smith 99; Lisa Geist 273; Bunk Beasley 72b; Steve Adams and Lisa Geist 378t; Betty Baccus 490; Andrew Farris 147t; Lena Keeton, Glenn Keeton, and Isabella Keeton 37t; Earl Ballinger 109; Marilyn Burchett 133; Judy Caudle 81b; Larry Ballinger 412; Becky Briggs 343; Kermit Adams 426b; Marlin Beasley 498; Glenn Keeton 349; Don Keeton 480.

Judy Caudle and Richard Mauldin conducted the memorial lesson. Judy spoke for those who are sick and homebound and led 176b for the following: John Beasley, Charlotte Keeton Gober, Josie Hyde, Bud Oliver, Sammie Oliver, Stella Pratt, S.T. Reed, Lessie Reed, Dennis Beasley, Emily Boswell, and Terry Redd.

Richard spoke on behalf of the deceased and led 339 in memory of the following: Steve Cobbs, Charles Creel, Harrison Creel, Leona Haynes, Marie Ivey, Ernie Jett, Cecil Sanders, and Wynell Sanders—Alabama; Lonnie Rogers—Georgia; Dr. Julietta Haynes—Tennessee; John Merritt—Mississippi.

LUNCH

John Beasley brought the class to order leading 67. Leaders: Sandie Scott 209; Ricky Beasley 47b, 39b; Brenda Peña 229; Chuck Beasley and Ruth Nix 33b; Lisa Geist 228; Steve Helwig and Gosia Perycz 208, 189; Judy Caudle 500; Freddie Briggs 141; Angela Myers 270; Seth Holloway 408, 388; Earl Ballinger 439; Kermit Adams 46; Marilyn Burchett 438; Andrew Farris 503; Cora Sweatt 59; Don Keeton 384; Steve Adams and Richard Mauldin 101t; Richard Mauldin 146; Sarah Beasley, Gosia Perycz, and Steve Helwig 86; Henry McGuire 234; Henry Schuman and Linda Hellerich 532; Glenn Keeton 515; Richard Schmeidler 543; Gary Smith 565; Marlin Beasley 178; Becky Briggs, John Beasley, Sarah Beasley, Marlin Beasley, Cora Sweatt, and Chuck Beasley 384.

Announcements were made. Richard Schmeidler led 521 as the closing song. Richard Mauldin dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—John Beasley; Vice Chairman—Richard Schmeidler; Secretary—Sandie Scott

SACRED HARP SINGERS HISTORICAL MEMORIAL PROJECT

This is an ongoing project to document the names of prominent, lifelong Sacred Harp singers and supporters with their dates of birth and death and location of burial. Please send your contributions to minutes@fasola.org. Please note that this historical project is not extended to family members and friends who are not Sacred Harp singers and supporters. Also note that all entries in this year's book are new. Please see the earlier books for all names submitted prior to this year.

Flarce Calvert (wife of M. Harrison) Creel

b. February 12, 1931
d. March 12, 2007
County Line Cemetery
Jefferson County, Alabama

Martin Harrison Creel

b. September 7, 1927
d. May 27, 2012
County Line Cemetery
Jefferson County, Alabama

Gertrude Reece (wife of Horace) DeLong

b. February 25, 1920
d. November 6, 2012
Ebenezer Primitive Baptist
Church Cemetery
Dunwoody, Georgia

Lonnie Lee Rogers

b. May 3, 1916
d. February 15, 2012
Ephesus Baptist Church
Cemetery
Roopville, Georgia

Vivian Denney (wife of Lonnie) Rogers

b. July 15, 1917
d. December 12, 2002
Ephesus Baptist Church
Cemetery
Roopville, Georgia

Melvin Stiefel

b. 1924
d. January 16, 2012
Green's Chapel Cemetery
Rainsville, Alabama

2012 DEATHS

Names submitted from Memorial Lessons in 2012 minutes.

Listed by Date

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| 12-31-11 | Becky Schildman | Illinois |
| 01-12-12 | John Newton Merritt | Mississippi |
| 01-16-12 | Melvin Stiefel | Alabama |
| 01-30-12 | Mike Veech | Illinois |
| 02-15-12 | Lonnie Lee Rogers | Georgia |
| 03-17-12 | Tom Schultz | Ontario |
| 03-23-12 | Leland Owen | Texas |
| 03-28-12 | Dr. Julietta Haynes | Tennessee |
| 04-11-12 | Earnie Jett | Alabama |
| 04-18-12 | Joan Fritz | Minnesota |
| 05-07-12 | Danya Klie | Maine |
| 05-12-12 | Dora Miller | Iowa |
| 05-27-12 | M. Harrison Creel | Alabama |
| 06-00-12 | Phillip Trier | Illinois |
| 08-00-12 | Pauline Jackson Griggs | Alabama |
| 08-00-12 | Ruth Jackson Johnson | Florida |
| 09-22-12 | Aubrey Enochs | Mississippi |
| 10-22-12 | Charles Creel | Alabama |
| 11-07-12 | Gertrude Reece DeLong | Georgia |
| 12-09-12 | Violet Thomason | Georgia |

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 Reba Chambless
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 *M. Harrison Creel
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 Bill Farris
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 Ollie Guest
 Elder H.O. Hamrick
 Norma Hamrick
 Reecie Harbinson
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 *Earnie Jett
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 *Melvin Stiefel
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 Lela Mae Waggner

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 Bruce Horton
 Tom Linklater

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Howard Billian
 Dorothy Ellis

Arkansas

John Grant

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 Rich Buhler
 Gerald Dodson
 Ana Dyson
 Carol Grosberg
 Joda Harington

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 Howard Kayton
 Phyllis Kelsey
 Teri Lennon
 Tom Lodge
 Diane Luboff
 Venus Martinez
 Dolly McKissock
 John O'Brien
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 Jeanne Schaffer
 Joyce Wood

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Nick Griffin
Jerry Hackney
Isabelle Jones
John William Jones
Benny Leavelle
William McElroy
Sally McEwen
Susan Muse
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John Shippee
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Carlton Wilson
Merle Worthington

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Ray Boin
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Walt Holdanpf
Rita Janusz
Frank Juarez, Sr.
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Evelyn Kooznier
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*Mike Veech

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Daniel Stoltzfus
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James Kempton Tobey
Bruce Wallace

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Laura Lent
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Susan Brady
Abby Burg
Roger Cartwright
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Dan Chase
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Gil Dupre
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Raymond Frates
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Julie Holbrook
Carl Houey
Dennis Lineham
Glenn Mairo
Jennifer Maples
Teri Morrise
Jack O'Riley
Don Romano
Grace Sasso
Sandy Spencer
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Joseph Superneau
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Mike Wells
William Whalen
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Harold Fitzgerald

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Lyle Christianson
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Alan Grant
Verna Henke
Leo Kohorst
Margaret McCutchan
Nick Moore
Margaret Peterson
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Jim Seaton
Bill Smith
Bob Struck

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*John Newton Merritt

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Sharyn Kropp
William Malloy

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Eric Miller
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Ruthie Rose

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Nellie Rousseau
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Donald Fletcher
Polly Howlett
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Alan Gersten
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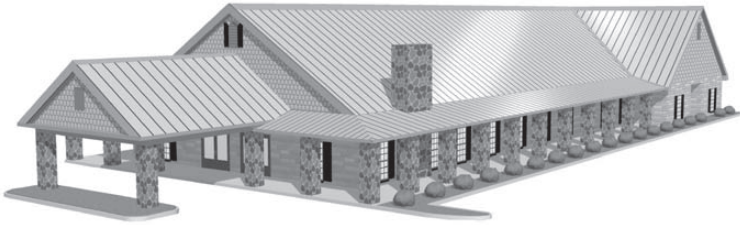
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