



2nd Quarter 2022

Hi Friends and Families,

We've been busy since competition but our director's has been busier. Here's an update on what's been happening with Au.

DIRECTOR REACHES NEW HEIGHTS

In February our own Katy Dane was surprised at Benold Middle School, where she teaches 6 – 8 grade orchestra and choir, by the president of the Barbershop Harmony Society and representatives of The National Association for Music Educators, by being named the 2022 NAFMe/BHS Music Educator of the Year.

Her exposure caught the attention of Kelly Clarkson and on May 19, Katy appeared on an episode of the Kelly Clarkson Show in a segment honoring music teachers.

And there's more... At the SAI Regional Convention in March, Katy received her certificate for completing the SAI Director's Certification Program. And in April



Martin Monson, CEO of the Barbershop Harmony Society and students from Benold Middle School help celebrate Katy's surprise announcement as the NAFMe Music Educator of the year



Katy appears on the Kelly Clarkson Show



she became the latest recipient of the Au 24k Sweet Adeline medal... Au's version of a Sweet Adeline of the Year award. We are very proud of our director!



Katy with her 24k medal.

HARMONY UNIVERSITY



HU, a week-long barbershop symposium, sponsored by Barbershop Harmony Society takes place this year in New Orleans July 24 – 31. Au members Roz Jones, Heather Turk, Bonnie Wolfe, Carol Roettinger, Meli VanNatta, and our director Katy Dane will be in attendance representing our chorus and honing their barbershop skills. Katy is the HU *Dean of Music Education* and is one of an impressive line-up of music professionals who serve as faculty for this year's event. Our congratulations to members Heather Turk and Bonnie Wolfe who earned scholarships to attend HU.



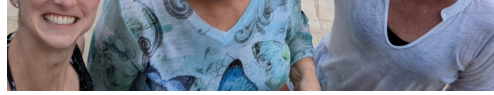
The new 2022-2023 Management Team was installed May 9. Left to right Director Katy Dane, Finance Coordinator Sandy Blevins (Christy Cooper stood in for Sandy who was unable to attend), Membership Coordinator Kathy Wilson, Roz Jones who performed the installation, Team Leader Molly Lintz, Secretary-Communication Coordinator Michelle Mitchell, and Marketing Coordinator Kathy Pillmore.

SUMMER FLING..Au members celebrated with a pool party at Kathy Pillmore's home. Barbeque, water and fun were the order of the day.

Foreground (l-r) Christy Cooper, Meli VanNatta, Erica Hockney...in



the water Marché Marquis, Kate Hungerford, Katy Dane, Kathy Pillmore



SUMMER BREAK

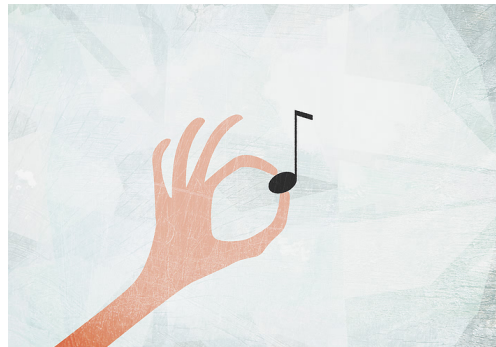
Au will be taking a break for the month of July. Rehearsals will resume **August 1**. We'd love to see all you singers looking for an exciting hobby. **Mondays, Texas State University Music Bldg. Room 214/222 • 7 - 10 pm...paid parking in the Pleasant Street garage. Contact us at www.acappellaunlimitechorus@gmail.com**

BEFORE WE SIGN OFF.....

Au is operating on reduced funds due to almost three years of limited paid performances. 2022 is a rebuilding year for us. We need to reach potential singers, invest in new music and fill the seats of an auditorium again. If you'd like to help us, please consider a donation. Click on the link below....and Thanks!!!



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