

THE OLD MAN ASSOCIATION

INFORMATION AND OTHER RESOURCES
FOR THE OLD MEN OF THE WHEATON COLLEGE MEN'S GLEE CLUB



A LETTER, FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Gentlemen,

Well, our first full year is in the books, and what a tremendous year it has been. I personally enjoyed meeting many of you at the Home Concert. We had fantastic turnout, and what a special moment it was to be able to honor Gene Frost, Sr. '43, our inaugural Old Man of the Year.

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Last spring, the Board of Directors set some ambitious goals for the 2017-2018 season, perhaps not expecting to hit all of them, but figuring it was better to aim too high than too low. But through your outstanding support, we were able to surpass them all, including raising over \$18,000 to directly support the Club in spreading the Gospel and performing in China (In case you missed it, check out our Spring 2018 newsletter for testimonies and thank yous from the current men of the Club). None of that was possible without the dedicated commitment of the Old Men. Thank you!

Continuing that theme of commitment, I would like to extend a special thank you to Tom Hueber '82 for his selfless service on the Board this past year and a half. One of our founding members, Tom has been an extraordinary resource for us. While we are sad to see him go, we are also thrilled to welcome our newest Board member, Gregg Garman '71. You will also find a great profile on Gregg inside.

As we look toward the year ahead, the Board has great things planned. Once again, we will be hosting semi-annual gatherings at Homecoming and the Home Concert. We hope to establish more connections between the current Club and our alumni. And in this off-tour year, we are going to be directing our fundraising efforts towards some of our long-term goals, including establishing scholarships, covering the cost of uniforms for New Men, and building a nest egg for future tours (more details to follow in our Fall newsletter).

If there is anything the Board can be doing for you in the year ahead, please do not hesitate to write to us at mgcalumni@my.wheaton.edu. We look forward to serving and meeting many more of you this 2018-2019 season!

In fraternitate,

Ed Bedard '12 - Chairman

Gene Frost Sr. – Old Man of the Year 2018

Gene Frost Sr. graduated from Wheaton in 1943 and sang in the Glee Club under the Direction of our fourth Director, Uncle Bill Nordin. One of the Presidents of the Glee Club during that time was Hudson T. Armerding, who would go on to become President of the College during the 60s and 70s. Mr. Frost was also close friends with Billy Graham, who would reportedly ask him to watch out for Ruth when he went on evangelistic tours.

After graduating, he served his country as a Chaplain in the Navy during World War II, and then went on to serve the Kingdom of God as a pastor in Illinois for 66 years, finally retiring at the age of 91. But even though he retired, he continues to teach Sunday School each week, even at the age of 98. Showing that through God all things are possible.



Gregg Garman – Newest Board Member

Gregg Garman graduated from Wheaton College (IL) in 1971 with a B. A. in Elementary Education. Gregg earned a M. Ed. Degree in Educational Administration from McDaniel College (MD) in 1975 and has studied in the doctorate program in Educational Leadership at Lehigh University (PA). Gregg has a passion for impacting children, teenagers, and young adults for Christ and His kingdom. During his 45+ years in the field of education, Mr. Garman has served in the following positions: Elementary Teacher, Elementary Principal, Executive Director of Camp Joy El, MS/HS Principal, Headmaster, Professor of Education at Cairn University (PA). His most recent positions were in South Korea where he served two years as a Teacher of English and Bible to Korean university students, six years as Elementary Assistant Principal at Yongsan International School of Seoul, and two years at International Christian School – Pyeongtaek.



“I loved my four years in Men’s Glee Club! I was able to go on all long tours as most short tours. I was privileged to be a Second Tenor Part Leader (Tenors are the best, you know!). I enjoyed serving the Club as Social Chairman one year and Business Manager one year. Being selected for two European Men’s Glee Tours (1968 and 1970) were amazing experiences with a tremendous group of men! I learned so much under the leadership of Dr. Clayton Halvorsen! Much of what I learned from him, I used in several choirs I have directed. It is a real joy and privilege to be selected to serve on this Board and give back just a little of what I gained through the four fantastic years I enjoyed.”

**‘O Captain, My Captain:’ An Interview with MGC
President
Adam Reiskytl
By Tyler Long**

In April 2018, Adam Reiskytl was elected to be the 2018-2019 president of the Wheaton College Men’s Glee Club to rapturous applause. As the 2018 winner of the 4-Year Man award, Adam is an Applied Health Science major from Minnetonka, MN. This interview provides a glimpse of the new captain behind the helm of the MGC:



1) What are your long-term career goals?

My long-term career goals are to go into medicine. I plan to go off to medical school after graduation from Wheaton but I have not yet decided what kind of doctor I want to be or what I might want to specialize in.

2) What led you to run for the MGC President position?

I decided to run for MGC President because I have just been so blessed by the club and uplifted by it that I want to continue that uplifting, positive and blessing tradition that is the MGC to the current club and to maintain the tradition to the future MGC as well.

3) What aspect of Glee Club are you most passionate about?

I am most passionate about the Fraternitas that comes from fostering Integritas and Veritas. The more that I invest in the MGC the more that I get out of it. I find that the more that I lean into the club and my fellow members, the more I receive from them. The closer we grow together in truth and integrity as upstanding men of God, the closer we grow towards one another. That is very exciting to me.

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4) What new vision or changes do you want to bring to the MGC?

My big vision that I hope to stress this year is growing close to one another as a club through spiritual growth focused on truth and integrity so we can be a unifying voice for the Wheaton College community and beyond. I feel like outreach is a true calling in every believer's life and the Men's Glee Club can be an incredible vehicle for positive influence on the world around us. I think the best way in which to achieve lofty goals of a unified college community can be achieved by first rooting ourselves in the Lord and then engaging the broader community from a solid foundation to make the most lasting impact.

5) What is your vision for the Glee Club's ministry next year (in its various forms)? How do you think the alumni can contribute to this vision?

The first and most important way in which the alumni can contribute is through prayer. Pray for us to be unified in Christ as a club and that we can be a positive impact on the community around. But also any other kind of support that you can such as coming to our concerts and singing with us at the end of every concert, coming to our MGC-Old Man Association get togethers and any other situation that involves engagement between us because really we are just an extension of you guys.

6) Fun question: What is the strangest thing you have ever eaten?

When I visited South Africa, I had some really strange little insects that I don't quite remember exactly what the insects were, but I do remember that they tasted kinda like chicken.

A Look Back to the Homecoming Concert of 2018

By: Dr. Mary Hopper

The Glee Club Home Concert is always a wonderful time to showcase the work the choir has done over the school year and to welcome alumni back to make connections with Glee Club Men over the years.

This year the first part of the concert featured two very interesting pieces and also featured several of our talented seniors. *Newton's Amazing Grace* by Bob Chilcott tells the story of John Newton and the penning of the well-known hymn in a very dramatic setting. The sounds of the slaves on the ship, the tumultuous storm and finally the still small voice of the hymn paint a wonderful picture of God's grace even in the midst of our sinful lives. *Hiraeth* by Roger Ames is setting of a poem by Tim Davis, father of Timothy Davis '18 a four-year man. The Welsh word of the title describes a longing for home that is developed in the poem. The marriage of the text and music depict our longing for our eternal home.

We also featured three of our graduating first tenors (what a loss!). Aiden Smith and Matthew Deeks sang a soulful *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me* and Tom O'Connor brought down the house in *Walk in Jerusalem*.

Of course, the high point of any home concert happens when Old Men join us on stage to sing *E'en So Lord Jesus, Quickly Come* and *A Mighty Fortress*. I am always moved when I see men of different decades join together as brothers to sing praises to God.



Missed this soul-moving concert?

[Find a link to a YouTube playlist of the concert here!](#)



UPCOMING EVENTS

The Old Man Association will once again be hosting a gathering for all Old Men and current members of the Club during the first weekend of October. We will look forward to seeing you there!

Not Connected?

Know a former Glee Clubber that doesn't receive these newsletters? Help them out! Send their email or put them in contact with alumni@wheaton.edu to assist them in reconnecting with their roots.



Wheaton College

For Christ and His Kingdom

Fall 2018 CALENDAR

November 9th, 2018

Joint choral concert during Family Weekend

October 6th, 2018

An Old Man Coffee gathering will take place Saturday, October 6th, at 9am in Armerding 120. Join us for coffee, donuts, singing, and fellowship current members and alumni alike! Following this, all Old Men are also invited to join us in singing the National Anthem to kick off a football game.

YOUR FACEBOOK FEED NEEDS MORE MEN'S GLEE CLUB

Want a simple way to connect to the broader community of Old Men? Join the Old Man Association group on Facebook.

Either click the button below or enter "Wheaton College Men's Glee Club Old Man Association" in the Facebook search box, click on the group, and then select the "join group" button.

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