

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

By Ed Bedard, '12

Gentlemen,

A story. The spring of 2012 was rough. I was a senior and was consequently busy interviewing for jobs, preparing for graduation, and trying to ignore the fact that my time in Glee Club was rapidly coming to a close. Then, two weeks before graduation, I found out my grandfather had died.

Immediately, I dropped everything and drove out to Massachusetts to mourn with the rest of my extended family. One week later, I drove directly back to Wheaton, put on my tuxedo, and went straight to banquet. Exams followed, with graduation looming a few days later. Everything was moving so quickly that I barely had time to think, let alone to savor and enjoy those last few moments of my college experience.

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But in the midst of all that personal turmoil, I received a message in my CPO box. It had been left by a fellow Club member, and it simply stated that he was praying for me. It was exactly what I needed in that moment. And though it was a small note, it was a tremendous mercy.

The entire 110 year history of the Men's Glee Club is scattered with similar stories. Some are serious, others fatuous. But all are profound examples of the fraternitas that exists between Old Men.

The Old Man Association was formed this year to ensure that these stories will continue for generations to come. And to that end, I am pleased to send you the very first of our quarterly newsletters. In these pages, you will hear stories of how God has been moving through the Glee Club and the exciting things the Club is up to in the year ahead. You will find out what the thousands of Old Men across the country are up to. And you will discover how you can continue to support the Club's mission to serve Christ and His Kingdom through song.

My hope is that as you read these newsletters, the Glee Club will become more of a continued experience than a pleasant memory. And through all of your continued prayer, involvement, and support, I know that hope can become a reality.

In truth, integrity, and brotherhood,

Ed Bedard '12
Chairman



MEETING THE BOARD



Ed Bedard '12, Atlanta, GA

Ed is currently clerking for a federal judge, after which he will be joining a law firm in Atlanta. Ed was the MGC President in 11-12, Vice President in 10-11, and most importantly won the prestigious Golden Brick award his freshman year after only one semester in Club.

"The Club was a wonderful picture of the greater Church: so many men who would not have been friends otherwise developed deep friendships because of a common goal and ethos. I want to make sure that new generations of Wheaton students and graduates continue to experience that same wonderful community for years to come."



Lee Augsburger '81, Newark, NJ

Lee currently serves as Senior Vice President, Chief Ethics & Compliance Officer at Prudential Financial, Inc. During his years in Club, Lee served in the Club Cabinet as Asst. Librarian and Social Chairman, but perhaps Lee's greatest contribution to the Club was his role in the creation of "Club Houses" on campus, first in the Kay House '79-'80 and then in Adams House '80-'81. Lee credits the Club with teaching him critical and profound lessons in leadership, as well as with teaching him how to sing praises to our God.



Chris Jahns '82, Elmhurst, IL

Chris owns a scientific software and laboratory products company. During his time in the Men's Glee Club, Chris served the as Librarian, Secretary and President (81-'82). His brother Randy served as President two years later. Chris enjoyed 11 wonderful tours with the Club, including two Europe trips in '79 and '81

"The Men's Glee Club was one of the primary reasons I came to Wheaton. God used Clayton Halvorsen and the men of the Club to help me grow as a leader, gentleman, worshipper and musician. Praise the Lord for His faithfulness to Wheaton College and the Men's Glee Club."

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Tom Hueber '82, Winfield, IL

Tom recently moved back to the Wheaton area where he just finished his first year of teaching at the Wheaton College Conservatory. While a member of the Club, Tom served as Secretary, Vice-President, and Assistant Conductor. He also holds the distinction of being the only Old Man in Club history to find his wife IN the Glee Club. Nancy ('83) served as Glee Club accompanist for all of her four years at Wheaton.

"I'm happy to be a part of this organization that's trying to connect different generations of Old Men!"



Randy Benware '90, Aurora, IL

Randy lives in Aurora, Illinois with his wife Marie, and his five children. His eldest, Katherine, will be a sophomore at Wheaton College next year and is a current member of Women's Chorale. Randy has served as a music educator the past 26 years, and has been teaching at Minooka Community High School the past 23 years. Randy served as Assistant Librarian during his Junior year and Assistant Conductor during his Senior year.

"My prayer for each member of the Club is that they will allow the encouragement of their brothers and the message of each song to influence them to be men modeled in the image of Christ and to be prepared to share the gospel. I look forward to seeing the Club flourish and hope to encourage the men as a member of the Board."



Karl Gunther '01, Miami, FL

Karl is a history professor at the University of Miami. He served as Assistant Business Manager, Business Manager, and President during his four years in the Men's Glee Club. Charged with writing a short history of the MGC for the 100th anniversary celebration in 2007, he was concerned that his research might reveal that the Club had not been established in 1907, and was relieved to discover that it had.

"Glee Club was a profoundly important part of my life while I was at Wheaton. I am excited about the creation of this organization and am looking forward to finding ways for Old Men to support the ongoing life of the Club."

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Harry Zuber '13, Wheaton, IL

Harry recently moved back to Wheaton and works with a recruiting firm along with another Wheaton alumnus. Harry joined the MGC right off the bat Freshman year, served as the Publicity Manager, '10 - '11 and President from '12 - '13, when we had the great pleasure to tour through France.

"Singing with the Men's Glee Club has been a significant experience in my life, thanks to our shared faith and fraternity. I have benefited from that fraternity after graduation and am excited to help foster connectedness amongst our Old Men."



John Daigle '15, Chicago, IL

John is currently living in Chicago and works in software sales. During his four years in the Men's Glee Club, John served as the President, '14-'15 and Social Chairman, '13-'14.

"The Men's Glee Club was (aside from meeting my wife), the best thing that happened to me at Wheaton. I was thrilled to join this initiative in order to stay connected to the club myself and to see both the club and alumni flourish."



GENTLEMEN, A TOUR

By George Eichelberger, '18

Gentlemen,

Two years ago, I had the immense privilege to participate in a Glee Club tour of Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas. Yet, on the first day of that tour, as the school bus was rolling out, I was not considering the next week a privilege by any stretch of the imagination.

This was my first year at Wheaton. I was a transfer student, and although I had already spent a semester and a half at this school I still felt alone and out of place. During that initial ride to the airport, I found myself in a crowded school bus, incredibly sick, surrounded by 50 people I barely knew, and aching for a community where I felt like I belonged.

But then with a hop, skip, and miserable, congested, four-hour flight to Dallas, Texas, the tour began. And I hadn't an ounce of preparation for what was in store.

Over the next week and a half, I found myself, much by accident, ushered into an incredible community and legacy. In those days of being sick, exhausted, and feebly attempting to pass my bad lip-synching as actual singing (sorry Dr. Hopper), I was able to find a community of men who supported me, who encouraged me, and who invited me into a brotherhood unlike anything I had ever experienced.

A bizarre transformation takes place when you bring a large group of men together, challenge them to excel, and ground them in a legacy that is greater than themselves. That tour turned my experience at Wheaton upside down - and I expect that if you are reading this, a tour probably had a similar effect on you.

This fall, the Men's Glee Club has the incredible opportunity to tour in Hainan, China. I am beyond excited to see how God will use the Men's Glee Club to sing out the gospel in a place largely isolated from Christian witness and to see how new members of the Club will find community and brotherhood through this incredible time.

As a current member of the Glee Club, I ask each of you to pray that God would use this tour mightily, and that through it the Glee Club could be a blessing for Christ and His Kingdom.

Regards,

George Eichelberger, '18
Alumni Relations Chair

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Old Man Association has already been hard at work by hosting our first event this April at the Club's Home Concert. We hosted a reception after the concert that was well attended and it was a great way to connect as alumni and as current students.

We will look forward to having a similar event during this upcoming school year's Homecoming weekend. We invite you to join us for a time of fellowship and connecting with Old Men.

GET CONNECTED

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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2017-2018 CALENDAR

September 29, 2017
Homecoming Concert

November 2017
MGC China Tour

December 1-2, 2017
Christmas Festival

April 13, 2018
MGC Home Concert

