

Parade of Checks

Each year the Chapters of the Land O'Lakes District participate in what is called a Parade of Checks. This is the culmination of fund-raising efforts for the various levels of Youth in Harmony initiatives that happen within the District and around the world.

There are a variety of ways to do this:

- Some Chapters simply set out a donation receptacle (a YIH or HF or SCH Jar) at their weekly rehearsals to keep Youth in Harmony in front of their members and give them the opportunity to financially support YIH efforts through the LO'L, Harmony Foundation or Sing Canada Harmony.
- Other Chapters designate one of their gatherings to support Youth in Harmony. For example, the Manitowoc Chapter does an "International Party" on the last night of BHS International Contest each year. They gather for a potluck dinner, watch the Saturday Spectacular and Quartet Finals on FloVoice, and the proceeds from the Freewill Offering is directed toward their Parade of Checks funds.
- Other groups put on special YIH fund-raising events. Perhaps the most notable in the LO'L is the annual Barbershop Harmony Open sponsored by "The Friday Lunch Bunch That Meets On Thursday" in Elk River, MN each summer. <http://www.bhsopen.com/>
- Some Chapters set aside a percentage of their Show proceeds for YIH.

Then, at the House of Delegates meeting at the Fall District Convention, the Chapter representatives participate in the Parade of Checks. Each representative presents their Chapter's contribution, which is announced to the House of Delegates, along with the manner in which the Chapter has designated its contribution to be used.

Checks can be made out to:

- ✓ Land O' Lakes District and the amount will go to Youth in Harmony initiatives established by the LO'L Board and the LO'L Youth in Harmony Committee.
- ✓ Harmony Foundation – forwarded on to support their work internationally.
- ✓ Sing Canada Harmony – forwarded to the Sing Canada Harmony Scholarship Fund.
- ✓ Wisconsin Youth Harmony Festival – sent to Stevens Point Chapter for WYHF use.

In 2019, the Parade of Checks provided the following amounts to:

- ✓ LO'L District Youth in Harmony Fund: **\$5,132 – THANK YOU!!**
- ✓ Harmony Foundation International: **\$1545 – THANK YOU!!**
- ✓ Sing Canada Harmony: **\$1960 – THANK YOU!!**
- ✓ Wisconsin Youth Harmony Festival: **\$1,300 – THANK YOU!!**