

Delivering Love to a High School

On Valentine's Day I was in a pickup quartet appropriately named "Heart Sent." The day's special delivery started with the librarian at Union Mine High School. Dozens of students were studying at tables and several assistant librarians listened in and applauded each song.

Later at the music teacher's door we met a boy who attended our recent Youth Harmony Camp and had started his own quartet at school. In the classroom was a girls' chorus and the teacher asked if they could sing to us. It was nicely done with two-part harmony. Then we asked to sing for them and the teacher sent a girl to the next room to invite more students. We sang "Let Me Call You Sweetheart" to around 20 young women who smiled and giggled the whole time.

Outside another girl stopped to ask us "professional singers" if we would listen to her girlfriend sing. She was going to audition for a part and she wanted some coaching. Our tenor just happened to be a retired singing judge, so he gave her some hints.

Then the basketball coach appeared and hired us to sing for his wife just before tip-off of the big game that night.

In the theater we met the drama teacher and Kirk, the student who formed the quartet had been following us all over and asked if we could sing to his girlfriend. We went to her class, sang, and when the applause died down, the teacher asked us to sing to her and 20 more teachers joined her.

We took off to our other gigs, then returned at 7 PM for the basketball game and to sing for the coach's wife. When we started singing, the gym went pin-drop quiet and the huge applause warmed our hearts.

What a terrific day! Is there any better job than delivering love?

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