

HEART OF AMERICA CHAPTER

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Our chapter had several members attend the 2006 convention in Chicago.

In July, 2006, a rally was held in St. Joseph, Missouri, hosted by Greg Filardo. We enjoyed the history of the area and a live play of "The Music Man."

In October, we were in Omaha, Nebraska, at the beautiful Lauritzen Botanical Gardens. Bob and Joyce Markworth entertained us in their home with a meal and concert on the largest theater organ in Nebraska. Jerry and Betty Golmanavich hosted the weekend and everyone had a great time.

Our December activities were canceled due to the health of several members.

Ron and Mary Jo Bopp hosted "A Picnic in the Park" at the Lendonwood Gardens in Grove, Oklahoma, in April. Despite the cold weather, grinders from nine states enjoyed playing for the visitors at the botanical gardens. Ron entertained the group at the Saturday evening dinner with "Mechanical Music in the Movies." A business meeting was held and the merger of Heart of America and Gateway chapters was discussed. The merger has now been completed. Mary Jo Bopp prepared a delicious breakfast for the group in their home on Sunday morning.

On July 14, we will travel to the Kansas City Zoo for a rally hosted by Robbie Tubbs. After a Saturday evening restaurant meal, we will meet at Robbie's home on Sunday morning for a breakfast business meeting.

Cynthia and Gary Craig are planning another rally in St. Charles, Missouri, the last weekend in September.

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