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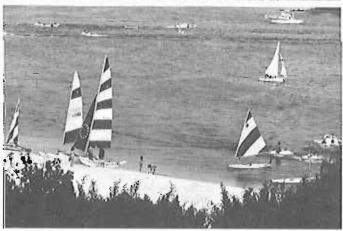


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In order to get these special group rates, however, you must register on an official S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A. housing form. This can be obtained by sending along your convention registration (see form on page 3) to Harmony Hall (one registration per person using the room); just as soon as we receive it, we'll send you a housing form which you can send along to the hotel. One other thing to bear in mind. All requests must be received by the hotel no later than January 1. Also, tickets will be assigned according to registration so the sooner you get yours in, the better seat you'll receive.

Some sensational tours are being arranged by the Society, and full details will appear in the November-December Harmonizer. Executive Director Barrie Best says that many of these can be tied in as a ground package to obtain attractive airfares. Arrangements can be made through Harmony Travel. Book your air passage NOW, and the tours can be tied in once they've been announced. The number to call (toll free) is (800) 558-9496, or write Harmony Travel, P.O. Box 373, Kenosha, Wis. 53141.

Speaking of tours, arrangements have also been made for a post-convention cruise on the lovely liner *Mardi Gras.* She'll leave Miami on Sunday morning, January 30 for a seven-day cruise to the ports of Nassau, Bahamas; San Juan, Puerto Rico;

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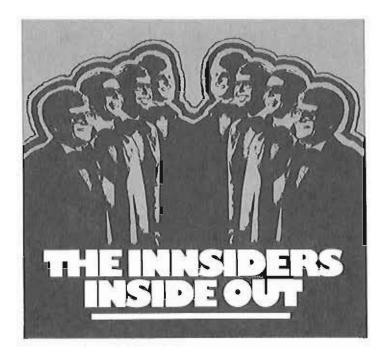
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Honorary Degree to Johnson

It was a combination commencement day-homecoming-wedding anniversary celebration as Bob Johnson, the Society's Director of Music Education and Services, returned to Allegheny College (Meadville, Pa.) on June 14 to receive an honorary Doctor of Music degree. It was at Allegheny that Bob earned his Master's Degree in 1947; it was also at Allegheny, while Bob served as associate professor of music for five years, that he was won over to barbershopping by Richard (Ernie) Andres, one of his students. (Richard and his twin brother, Robert, were sons of a Pittsburgh Barbershopper. They attempted to organize a chapter at Allegheny and this was Bob Johnson's first exposure to the Society.)

Bob was presented for the honorary degree by a long-time friend, Dr. Jay Luvaas, an Allegheny graduate who is now professor of history at Allegheny. As an undergraduate, Bob lived for a short time in the Luvaas home. Later, while studying for his Master's (after receiving his Bachelor's Degree from Indiana State College — now Indiana University — of Pennsylvania), Bob worked on a one-to-one basis with Jay's father, Morten J. Luvaas, who was chairman of Allegheny's music department and director of the College Choir (known as the Allegheny Singers). The elder Dr. Luvaas, now deceased, was one of America's best-known composers, arrangers and directors. Bob gives him a great deal of credit for the success, he has had in the field of music.

It was a distinguished group which received honorary degrees along with Johnson: Central Intelligence Agency Director George H. W. Bush; nuclear physicist Dr. Herbert L. Anderson of the University of Chicago's Institute for Nuclear Physics; Joan Ganz Cooney, president of the Children's Television Workshop, producers of "Sesame Street" and "The Electric Company"; and the Honorable Gwilym A. Price, Jr., judge of the Superior Court of Pennsylvania.



ALLEGHENY COLLEGE

Robert Daniel Johnson, Bachelor of Arts of Indiana State University of Pennsylvania, Mester of Arts in Education of Allegheny Coilege; early interested in music education. icaving Allegheny after two years as an undergraduate to seek a professional degree in the field of your interest; returning to Allegheny os a graduate student and ns a member of the faculty, your contribution to the Music Department included managing the Singers directing the Chapel Choir, and organizing and directing a marching and concert band; active in teaching and directing in the Baltimore sehools creating distinguished musical groups but also striving to make us aware of the cultural aspects of muaic; core recently enlightening the world on the virtues of barbershop singing by organizing and encouraging groups in this country and abroad; dynamic, extroverted, and dedicated to the belief that music is for everybody; truly an ambassador of music.

Monoria Causa, Doctor of Music



Robert D. Johnson (center) received an honorary Doctor of Music degree from Allegheny College at Commencement ceremonies on Mondey, June 14. The degree was conferred by Allegheny President Lewrence L. Pellotler (left). Dr. Jay Luvaas (right), an Allegheny faculty member and long-time friend of Johnson, presented him for the honor.

Present for the commencement ceremonies in addition to Mrs. Johnson and daughter, Mrs. Peter Arzikovic (Jill), were Society International President Plummer F, Collins, Mrs. Collins and Society Executive Director Barrie Best.

Johnson joined the Society's international staff nearly fifteen years ago, after serving as chairman of the music department of Patterson High School in Baltimore. He was director of the 1961 international champion "Chorus of the Chesapeake" of the Dundalk, Md. Chapter. In his present position, he is responsible for the Society's music education program, which encompasses not only the preparation of singable arrangements for quartets and choruses, but the scheduling and staffing of harmony education schools and seminars at key geographic points throughout the Society as well as presenting individual chapter demonstrations. Much of Johnson's time the past few years has been spent making presentations to state groups of MENC (Music Educators National Conference). He has been instrumental in the development of the Society's "Young Men in Harmony" program and a prime force in the movement to bring barbershop harmony to high schools through their current festival system. He is constantly working with music educators to promote more barbershop music in their programs.

Yes, there was ample reason for celebrating on June 14, but even though it was also his wedding anniversary, Bob took time that evening to appear before the Crawford County, Pa. Chapter (Seneca Land District), where he spoke of his pleasure at receiving the honorary degree, his days at Allegheny and how he became interested in music, the Society and some of its education programs. He then worked with the chorus on specific techniques and, in his typical evangelistic style, kept his audience on the edge of their seats all evening.

Though receiving the special honors was just one of many highlights in Bob's musical career, we're sure it's one that he will cherish forever.

The Society congratulates you, Dr. Robert D. Johnson. Wear your new title with pride. We're happy for you and proud to have you on "our" side.

speaking BASIC-ally SA

By International President Plummer F. Collins, 216 Conewango Ave., Warren, Pa. 16365

As we continue writing about our theme – BASICS – remember, so far we have covered the following:

- B Belonging to the Society by total participation;
- A Attendance at all possible chapter, district and international functions;
- S Sing in a barbershop quartet;
- I Involvement in chapter responsibilities; and now we add.
- C Competition at your own level.

Most everyone agrees that competition is the spice of life. The key words in our letter "C" definition is competition at your own level. Not every chorus or quartet in our Society wants to compete in an international contest. However, having competed with my own chapter chorus at the international level, I know it is an unforgettable thrill. There is no reason for any of us to believe that we should, or must, compete. We are made up of over 38,000 members in more than 750 chapters, and no two are alike. Some quartets and chapters believe that aiming for the international championship is the only prize worth striving for. I do not agreel To me, it is just as important for some chapters to win a division or district title, as it is for others to win the international championship.

This is the reason we have so many different levels of competition. Our contest system gives members an opportunity to choose which title they want to go after, and to make their own decision if they want to continue on and try for the "big" one.

The important thing is to compete. I believe the chapter that has established a competition goal for itself, is a happy, active chapter. There is always a challenge waiting for them, and it keeps interest at a high level and encourages everyone to strive to do better.

Competition provides an opportunity to improve our technique. The judging critique following a contest is designed to help us become better singers, show us our mistakes and to learn new methods for improvement. Granted, it seems at times all judges do is point out mistakes. However, we must remember they have to show us our mistakes in order to tell us how to correct them. It's important, therefore, that we attend critiques with an open mind, ready to absorb the suggestions offered by the judges. They have a tough job. Remember, they want us all to be winners. Unfortunately, there can only be one winner, and it's their job to pick the best in our contests.

There is no doubt in my mind that we have the finest contest and judging system in the world. Our system is unique, and is continually being improved upon. We should be thankful that we have dedicated and willing men as judges, and capable people to lead and run the contest and judging program. It is a difficult, thankless job, but our people do it, and they do it very well.

As we come into the Fall contest season, there will be international chorus preliminary contests and district quartet contests. Most districts have already held their division

contest, and at many of these sessions there has been a quartet contest at that same level. While it may have only been a novice quartet contest, it was a contest and afforded everyone an opportunity to compete and experience the thrill of competing.

No one is going to tell you, or your chapter, that you must compete at any level. This decision is up to you. If your chapter has never been a competition chapter, why don't you at least give it a try. It affords you an opportunity to get together with the finest people in the world, Barbershoppers, and it makes you richer simply because you competed for the same prize.

Remember, "C" stands for competition at your own level. Choose the level you want to attain, then go to work at reaching that goal. If you try, I venture you'll want to continue. What's more, you will be a better Barbershopper for having had the experience of competition at the level you chose.

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Preserving Our Identity

(The following address was delivered by Past Int'l President Phil Embury to the international board during its recent meeting in San Francisco on July 7, 1976. Embury served as international president from 1944 through 1946. He, along with Charles M. Merrill (1947-'48) and O. H. "King" Cole (1948-'50), the three oldest living past presidents, were special honored guests of the convention. We think you'll enjoy reading Embury's message, as it deals with an extremely important subject.)

Mr. President, international board members, distinguished guests:

You, like myself, are happy about the constructive developments and growth of SPEBSQSA over the years. We also share certain concerns about the Society's future, despite reassuring evidences of its success. I shall limit my remarks to just one of the concerns in the hope our present and future leaders will never waver in their dedication to preserve and encourage barbershop quartet singing.

This concern is that of maintaining our *identity* as a barbershop quartet singing Society. Defining "identity" in part, Webster's dictionary offers the following: "sameness of essential character — in different examples or instances," and "sameness in all that constitutes the objective reality of a thing." The identity of barbershop enables us to distinguish it instantaneously from any other kind of vocal harmony. Let me ask you, would you want to change our name to SPEQSA, preserving and encouraging quartet singing of any kind? I think you would not. That wasn't O. C. Cash's or Rupert Hall's idea in founding SPEBSQSA. Theirs was to preserve and encourage barbershop quartet singing, not simply quartet singing.

Speaking of O. C. Cash, let me digress a moment. Back in 1967, at the home of Past Int'l President Art Merrill, Int'l Historian Dean Snyder recorded on tape a reminiscence of my first meeting with O. C. Cash and his "Qkie Four" quartet. It was on a Sunday afternoon in March, 1940 that Cash brought his quartet to my hotel room in Tulsa. They sang for two hours. It must have been woodshedding, there being no evidence of any written arrangements. I was never the same again. Their chords rang in my consciousness for weeks after the event. I could scarcely believe it. They identified barbershop for me and I experienced it first-hand.

Well, that's the way it happened to me, and thousands of others must have shared similar experiences over the years. Ten thousand people come to our conventions and contests. Thousands fill concert halls to patronize our chapter shows. Thirty-seven thousand men are members of our Society. Why? To learn to sing, or simply to enjoy, barbershop quartet singing. It was the only thing of its kind. It still is.

Why do I say these things? Simply to impress upon you that our Society is a valuable piece of property. It is rooted in pure, undiluted barbershop harmony — our true identity. Our Founders knew what they were doing when they set up an organization to preserve and encourage this identity. It was there to preserve. We are here to encourage that preservation.

Students of barbershop harmony, like our beloved mentor, "Molly" Reagan, who demonstrated it with his quartet back in the second decade of this century; Joe Stern, Cy Perkins, Deac Martin, Frank Thorne and others, were among the few prepared to explain barbershop to an eager membership after the founding of the Society.

Soon a new ingredient was added — the written arrangement. Many old timers protested that true barbershop could not be put down on paper. In a certain sense they were right. The notation of a ringing chord would be beyond the comprehension of most of us. Even so, it seemed practical to set down the notes that were representative of the barbershop arrangement, leaving it to the quartet to make the adjustments to ring the chords. It seems safe to say that published arrangements are here to stay, but I hope they will not interfere with legitimate woodshedding. When George O'Brien of Saginaw, Mich., former columnist for the old songs department of the HARMONIZER, defined a barbershop song as one in which "you can feel the barbershop harmony the first time you hear it," he was thinking in terms of woodshedding.

At this point, let us pause to give great credit to some early quartets of the woodshed era: the "Bartlesville Barflies," 1939 Champions, Bartlesville, Okla.; "Flat Foot Four," 1940 Champions, Oklahoma City; and runners-up including such foursomes as the "Capitol City Four" of Springfield, Ill.; "Harmony Kings" of the same city, and that unique quartet known as the "Seven-Up" in the 1940 competition in New York City, known later as the "Beacon Four"; also the "Barberpole Cats" under the tutelage of the late Joe Stern. Some of their singing is recorded in phonograph albums of that period. It was real barbershop.

The average age of the Society's original members was, I believe, higher than that of today's. It was only natural that men who could personlly remember quartets of the vaude-ville-variety show-days would be the first to respond to the call of our Founders. More recent members with a younger average age probably never heard the old-time barbershop quartets, nor for that matter, knew much about the beginnings of SPEBSQSA. They started right out with published arrangements in chapters whose original members are no longer with us.

Our international contests, for both quartets and choruses, are responsible for much improvement in all the categories of barbershop singing. The Society is responsible for producing great entertainment today, not only for ourselves, but also for

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| CENTRAL STATES Omaha, Nebraska | .October 1-3 |
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| Lee Wynne, S. 1323 Bay, Spokane, Washington 99202 | |
| FAR WESTERN | October 8-10 |
| Carl Campbell, 1318 E. Shaw Ave., Suite 410, Fresno, California 93710 | |
| ILLINOIS | September 24-26 |
| Ron Leathers, 2616 – 6th St., Charleston, Illinois 61920 | |
| JOHNNY APPLESEED | .October 22-24 |
| Joe Jenkins, 4800 Pennswood Dr., Dayton, Ohio 45424 | |
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| John Kulka, 1243 Kari Lane, New Brighton, Minnesota 55112 | |
| MID-ATLANTIC | October 8-10 |
| Ronald Lane, 12 South View Dr., Somers Point, New Jersey 08244 | |
| NORTHEASTERN | October 22-24 |
| Charles W. Mansfield, 15 E. Elm Street, Yarmouth, Maine 04096 | |
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| Henry J. Lutz, 1107 Country Court, San Antonio, Texas 78216 | |
| SUNSHINE | .October 29-31 |
| Richard R. Ott. 2525 Ringling Blyd., Sarasota, Florida 33577 | |

the public. Contest rules require strict adherence to the barbershop style. When it comes to singing on shows, the quartets tend to innovate and perhaps to emulate the singing groups of modern harmony which, regretfully, is a drastic departure from the barbershop sound. Let others copy us if they choose, but let us not depart one iota from our stated purpose of precerving and encouraging the form of music with which we have been solely identified. To do so would dilute, weaken and eventually destroy the use of our form of music.

The storehouse of old songs is tremendous. The Society's Old Songs Library is replete with them. Many such songs published from the 1890s through the 1920s were tailor-made for Barbershoppers. Of course the same kind of songs were published both before and after those decades. Composer members have added, and are adding, excellent songs for our singing enjoyment. We do not have to depart from the kinds of songs that can be expressed in beautiful barbershop harmony. Contrary-wise, many songs, old and new, just do not lend themselves to barbershopping, either for woodshedding or arranging. They should be avoided. But there is no lack of songs to keep us from singing true barbershop in the forseeable future. Select them carefully.

The Society's headquarters staff is performing an inspiring work in the field by means of its musical assistants and field representatives. I believe this activity can be made even more

effective in educating our members to more fully understand our Society, its purpose, its music, its standards, its goals, its identity.

One more thing. The aegis of our Society is a powerful force to rocketing an aspiring quartet to international prominence. Men join the Society for the fun and fellowship of barbershop singing. Through a process of selection they find the right combination of voices for an up-and-coming quartet. It wins district honors. It goes on to the international contest to compete in a broader field. As a finalist quartet it keeps working for higher honors. It becomes a medalist and through perserverance is eventually crowned champion. Then comes prominence, the accolades of our overall membership, the joyous experience of traveling from coast to coast as the headliner foursome on chapter shows. Such benefits which accrue to many quartets bring with them the responsibility of loyalty and support of the Society in its purpose of preserving and encouraging the barbershop tradition in all public appearances. They constitute our top ambassadors to the public, as well as to our own members. Our champion quartets have the greatest opportunity of all to maintain the identity of the SPEBSOSA. In a larger sense, each one of us shares in that responsibility.

Let us be as one in advancing the well being and success of this unique Society.

San Francisco knew we were coming.

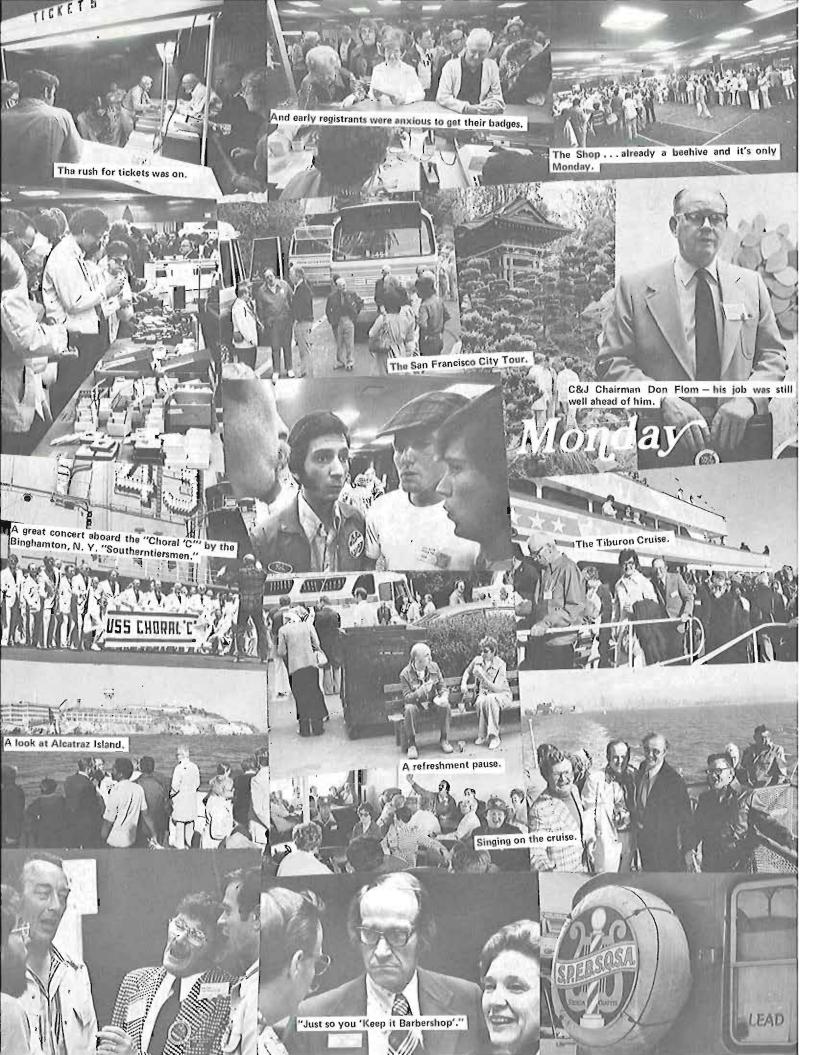
A warm welcome by Gen'l Convention Chairman John Krizek (far right) to Barrie and Mary Anne Best (far left) and Int'l Pres. Plummer Collins and family.

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Comm. Dir. Hugh ingreham was busy aiready.

Lots of work ahead for those setting up the Bacharehoppers' Shop . . . and on the Fourth of July to boot.

A Sunday meeting for the Exec, Committee. That's Staff Sec'y Chris Nois looking on.







Board Meeting Highlights

Following executive committee meetings which ran from Sunday through Tuesday, the international board took the following administrative action during its Wednesday meeting in San Francisco.

A. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

International Vice President Sam Aramian of the Far Western District (Phoenix, Ariz. Chapter) was elected to the office of international president for 1977. Roger Thomas of the Land O'Lakes District was elected vice president along with Ernie Hills of the Southwestern District. Les Hesketh, Jr. of the Mid-Atlantic District was elected to the office of vice-president-treasurer.

Elected to a seven-year term as Harmony Foundation trustee was Past Int'l Pres. Leon S. Avakian. His term starts on January 1, 1977.

B. ADMINISTRATIVE MAT-TERS

I. Suspension Procedure Standardized

The Board approved a procedure which would standardize methods of suspension, member notification and automatic charter revocation for chapters



President-elect Samuel Aramian

which (a) fail to meet billing payments; (b) do not supply the International Office with a copy, by May 15, of the IRS 990 tax return (U. S. Chapters only); (c) do not participate as required in the Society's financial service.

II. Creating New District

The executive committee will study the feasibility of

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creating a Rocky Mountain District.

III. International Cots Program

The board moved to expand the international Chapter Officer Training School (COTS) program to provide for two schools, if requested, in districts which have more than 60 chapters. They also approved a \$2 conference fee to be charged to all COTS registrants.

C. CONVENTIONS

Bids for the 1980 international convention were considered from Cleveland, Ohio and Salt Lake City, Utah. As recommended by the executive committee, the board awarded the 1980 convention to Salt Lake City.

D. POLICY

I. Society's Motto Song

The board granted permission to use alternate words "Keep Everyone Singing..." or "Keep the Whole World Singing..." instead of "Keep America Singing" in the Society's motto song.

. II. "Keep It Barbershop"

A "Keep It Barbershop" policy was adopted by the board that would require all quartets and choruses to sing a predominance of barbershop harmony on all performances and recordings. The word "predominance" is defined as a minimum of 75% — both in time and content — in the barbershop harmony style. (A song or medley in the barbershop style is one which will score no lower than minus 19 points in the arrangement category under the Society's contest rules.) This does not exclude the use of patriotic and religious songs as long as they otherwise conform to the barbershop harmony style. While violations of the above policy shall be brought to the attention of the violators, no sanctions shall be imposed on violations which occur before July 1, 1977.

III. Harmony Hall Tours

Effective at once, guided tours of Harmony Hall will be conducted each working day at 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. only.

E. COMMITTEE REPORTS

I. Contest and Judging

As recommended by the C&J Committee, the following certifications were approved by the board: Paul Gallagher, SOUND (FWD); Charles Hill, SEC (SWD); Leonard Fisk, SEC (SUN); Larry King, SEC (PION); Jim Stone, SP (SWD); Jim Hughes, SP (M-AD); Frank Martin, SOUND (JAD).

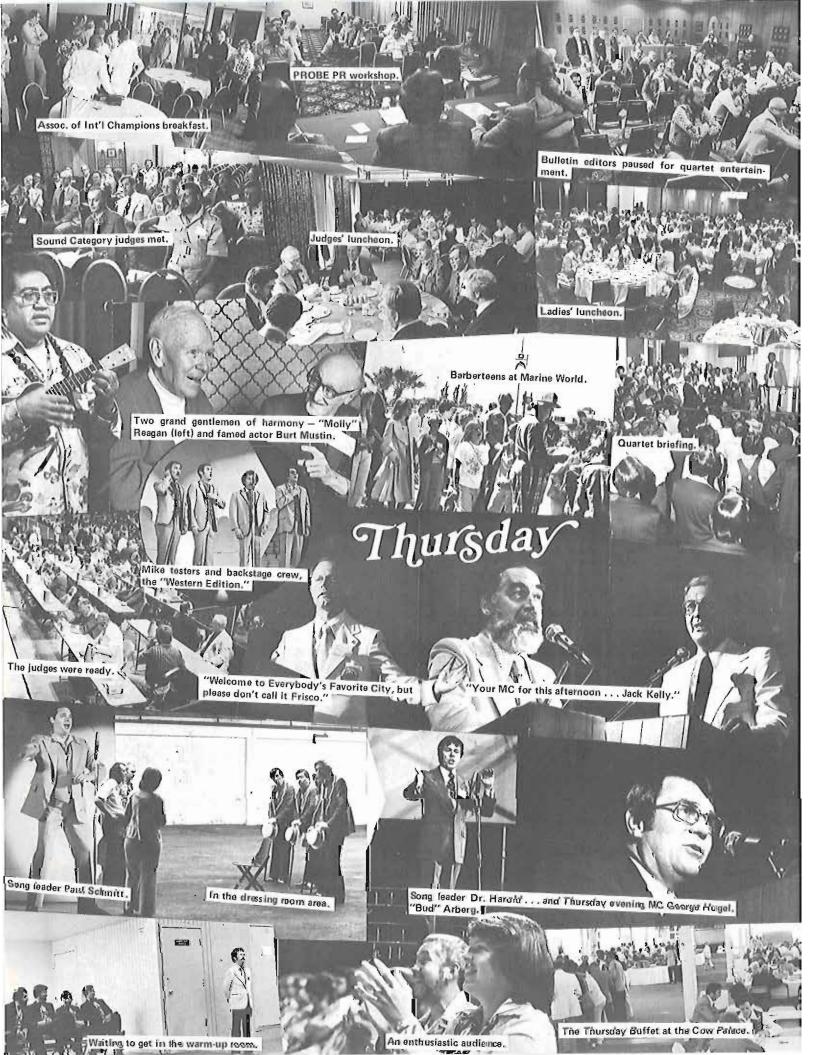
Three men who have served on the required number of international contest panels were announced as Senior International Judges. Those receiving this distinction were "Oz" Newgaard, SOUND (CSD); Jack Hines, SP (FWD); Ron Ball, SEC (ONT).

11. Laws and Regulations

As suggested by the Laws & Regulations Committee, the board reaffirmed the Society's policy that all paid chorus directors are to be engaged as "independent contractors."

F. MISCELLANEOUS

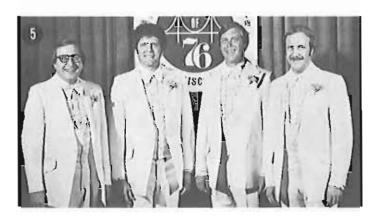
The board received a report from Executive Dir. Barrie Best indicating that only \$36,500 had been contributed thus far to the Expansion Fund (money to be used to purchase our new building). This represented returns from 1,500 Barbershoppers and is disappointing. Board members were appointed to stimulate Expansion Fund gifts and debenture sales at the district and chapter level.



1976 Quarter-Finalists



Picture position does not designate contest rank.















- (1) EASTERNAIRES (Livingston, N.J. M-AD) Dave Mittelstadt, bari; Robert Bohn, bass; Dan Heyburn, lead; Ed Ryan, tenor. Contact: Robert J. Bohn, Apt. 61, Barrington Gardens, Matawan, N.J. 07747 Phone: (201)566-0927. There's a Ring to the Name of Rose; Mary Is a Grand Old Name.
- (2) SCARBOROUGH FAIR (Scarborough, Ont. ONT) Bob Gibson, tenor; Wally Coe, lead; Dan McCombe, bass; Ken Beard, bari. Contact: Ken Beard, 64 Parkway Ave., Markham L3P 2G6, Ont. Phone: (416) 294-5171. It Must Be That Look in Her Eyas; I Lova You Just the Same, Sweet Adeline.
- (3) FORTY ACRE FOUR (Austin, Tex. SWD) Mike Ryan, tenor; Jay Steinfeld, lead; Rick Robertson, bass; Mershal Goldberg, bari. Contact: Rick Robertson, 703 W. 11th No. 4, Austin, Tex. 78701 Phone: (512) 475-9965. Susie's Fella; Who'll Take My Place.
- (4) LANDMARKS (Hobart and LaPorte, Ind. CARD) Bill Carbon, bari; Eugene Koth, lead; Don York, bass; Bob Zimny, tenor. Contact: Robert S. Zimny, 760 Memory Lane, Hobart, Ind. 46342 Phone: (219) 942-8017. Give Me a Good Old Mammy Song; How's Every Little Thing In Dixle.
- (5) CDRPORATE IMAGE (Gtr. St. Paul and Minneapolis, Minn. LOL) Ken Agre, tenor; Rick Slind, lead; Jerry Helgren, bass; Bill Westerhoff, bari. Contact: Jerry Helgren, 830 Windjammer Ln., Mound, Minn. 55364 Phone: (612) 472-3164. If You Can't Get a Girl in the Summertime; Where Was I When the Perade Went By.
- (6) MID-CONTINENTALS (St. Joseph, Mo. CS) Ken Gabler, tenor; Tim Flemming, lead; Ron Meng, bass; Byron Myers, bari. Contact: Byron Myers, 1420 S. 33rd St., St. Joseph, Mo. 64507 Phone: (816) 232-7910. When I Lost You; S·H·I·N·E.
- (7) THE BROTHERHOOD (Poughkeepsie, N.Y. and Danbury, Conn. NED) Mike Myers, lead; Anton Gross, bass; Fred Glelow, bari; Pete Donatelli, tenor. Contact: Fred Gielow, 33 Park Dr., Woodstock, N.Y. 12498 Phone: (914) 679-8330. Ten Feet Off the Ground; Back In the Old Routine.
- (8) NEW FOUND SOUND (Lake Weshington, Wash. EVGN) Dan Tangarone, tenor; "Chuck" Landback, lead; Loren Watson, bass; Jack Lyon, bari. Contact: "Chuck" Landback, 16220 S.E. 31st, Bellevue, Wash. 98008 Phone: (206) 747-2077. Let Me Talk About My Sweetie; The Girl in the Police Gazette.
- (9) CLASSMATES (Battle Creek and Saginaw Bay, Mich. -- PIO) Bob Glover, bari; Len Johnson, bass; Tom Peil, lead; Jim Johnson, tenor. Contact: Len Johnson, 3339 Glendale Circle, Bay City, Mich. 48706 -- Phone: (517) 686-3724. Freckles; In the Little Red Schoolhouse.
- (10) SOUND ACCORD (Atlanta, Ga. DIX) Jeff Garreau, tenor; Ed Garreau, lead; Don Moe, bass; Mike Walker, bari. Contact: Ed Garreau, 3763 Harts Mill Lane, N.E., Atlanta, Ga. 30319 Phone: (404) 458-1501. Tumble Down Shack in Athlone; Motion Picture Ball.
- (11) MAIN STREET U. S. A. (Research Triangle Park, N.C. DIX) Harold Nantz, tenor; Walter Richardson, lead; Rudy M. Partin, bari; Maitland Brann, bass. Contact: Walter E. Richardson, 5712 Old Forge Circle, Raleigh, N.C. 27609 Phone: (919) 876-3913. 'TII Wa Meet Again; Don't Bring Lu Lu.
- (12) TALK OF THE TOWN (St. Croix Valley and Minneapolis, Minn. LOL) Keith Fransen, tenor; Judd Orff, lead; Bob Brutsman, bass; Jim Hall, bari. Contact: Judd Orff, 115 E. Linden, Stillwater, Minn. 55082 Phone: (612) 439-3108. Cuddle Up a Little Closer; Where the Morning Glories Grow.
- (13) ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE (Amherst, East Aurora and Rochester, N.Y. SL) Angelo Cervi, tenor; Bill Swift, lead; Al Baker, bass; Ron Mason, bari. Contact: Ron Mason, 1154 Milestrip Rd., Irvlng, N.Y. 14081 Phone: (716) 549-5931. Give My Regards to Broadway; Every Street's a Boulevard in Old New York.































(14) SOUND REVIVAL (Atlantic City and Cherry Hill, N.J. – M-AD) Calvin JOhnson, tenor Roy Eckert, lead; Tom Sterling, bass; Neil Plum, bari. Contact: Neil P. Plum, 3118 W. Brigantine Ave., Brigantine, N.J. 08203 – Phone: (609) 266-3481. Ten Feet Off the Ground; I'm Always Chasing Rainbows.

(15) HARMONY GALORE FOUR (Minneapolis and Minnetonka, Minn. – LOL) Donald A. Nelson, tenor; Gregory M. Pagh, lead; Ron Nelson, bass; Richard Treptow, bari. Contact: Gregory M. Pagh, 7321 Oliver Ave. S., Richfield, Minn. 55423 – Phone: (612) 866-2686. Don't Tell Me the Same Things Over Again; California, Here I Come.

(16) LIMELIGHTERS (Canton, O. -- JAD) Tom Remark, tenor; Dave Schmidt, lead; Dick Middaugh, bass; Darryl Flinn, bari. Contact: Tom Remark, 133 Smith Ave. N.W., Canton, O. 44708 - Phone: (216) 456-1099. There Never Was a Gang Like Mino/Down on the Corner Medley; I Want a Girl (Just Like the Girl that Married Dear Old Dad).

(17) CLASSIC COLLECTION (Hastings, Neb. and Denver, Colo. — CS) Joe Heltne, bari; Terry Heltne, bass; Larry Wilson, lead; Curt Hutchison, tenor. Contact: Curt Hutchison 15129 East Stanford Dr., Denver, Colo. 80232 — Phone: (303) 751-3773. I'm Singing My Lovo Songs to Somebody Else; There'll Be No New Tunes on This Old Piano.

(18) NORTHERN HI-LITES (Grosse Point, Wayne, Detroit No. 1 and Oakland Co., Mich. – PIO) Bob Demchak, tenor; Dave Caldwell, lead; Lee Hanson, bass; Bob Wisdon, bari. Contact: Lee C. Hanson, 1389 Pilgrim, Birmingham, Mich. 48009 – Phone: (313) 644-6326. Opening Night on Broadway; Every Street's a Bouleyard in Old New York.

(19) SUNNYSIDERS (Rochester, N.Y. – SL) Jack Maracle, lead; "Bud" Bulling, bari; Ron Brown, bass; Fritz Fouquet, tenor. Contact: Jack Maracle, 373 Birch Hills Dr., Rochester, N.Y. 14622 – Phone: (716) 467-7641. Among My Souvenirs; I Wish I Had a Girl.

(20) NORTHERN LIGHTS (Burlington, Vt. – NED) John M. Austin, bari; Fred N. Newhall, Jr., bass; Ed Bechtel, lead; Andy Buchanan, tenor. Contact: John M. Austin, 340 S. Willard St., Burlington, Vt. 05401 – Phone: (802) 862-7170. After the Roses Have Faded Away; Pal of My Cradle Days.

(21) RURAL ROUTE FOUR (Cass Co., Mo – CS) Everett Roth, tenor; Calvin Yoder, lead; Willard Yoder, bass; Rufus Kenagy, bari. Contact: Calvin Yoder, Rt. 2, Box 317, Garden City, Mo. 64747 – Phone: (816) 862-8343. On the Farm in Old Missouri; Rosie.

(22) GENTLEMEN SONGSTERS (Whittier, Cal. – FWD) Mike Kilmon, tenor; Bill White, lead; Bill J. Merry, hass; Jim Ilten, barl. Contact: Bill Merry, 16127 Cloverdale Ln., Cerritos, Cal. 90701 – Phone: (213) 926-3102. No One Loves You Any Better Than Your Mammy; Daddy, You've Been a Mother to Me.

(23) ACT IV (St. Petersburg, Fla. – SUN) Doug Barron, bass; Joe DiMaggio, lead; Bob Mills, bari; Tom Cochran, tenor. Contact: Doug Barron, 14417 · 85th Ave. N., Seminole, Fla. 33542 – Phone: (813) 397-5348. Old County Down; Mist on the Moon in Loveland Tonight.

(24) SATURDAY REVIEW (Mankato, Minn. – LOL) Edward Wirtz, tenor; Warren Hettinga, lead; Jarry Kirby, bass; Barry Clapper, bari. Contact: Barry K. Clappor, 1110 Anderson Dr., Mankato, Minn. 56001 – Phone: (507) 387-2821. When I Leave the World Behind; On the Old Dominion Line.

(25) SAN FRANCISCO STORM DOOR & WHALE OIL CO. (Peninsula, Cal. – FWD) (Standing) Donald W. Guhbins, lead; James Sherman; (seated) C. Wayne Mansfield, tenor; William T. Tieberg, bari. Contact: Don Guhbins, Sr. 36274 Salisbury Dr., Newark, Cal. 94560 – Phone: (415) 796-8736. Back In Dad and Mother's Day; Ma, She's Making Eyes at Me.

(26) FORMALITIES (Iowa City and Davenport, Ia. — CS) Larry Monson, bass; Doug Nichol, lead; Loran Hershberger, bari; Larry Knipfer, tenor (seated). Contact: Loran Hershberger, 912 Juniper Dr., Iowa City, Ia. 52240 — Phone: (319) 351-2342. Back In Dixie Again; Just One More Chance.

(27) SUNCOASTERS (St. Petersburg, Fla. – SUN) Sandy Prickett, tenor; Mac Campbell, bass; John Lickert, bari; Tom McKinney, lead (seated). Contact: Mac Campbell, 2663 - 68th Ave. S., St. Petersburg, Fla. 33712 – Phone: (813) 867-0312. Are You From Dixle?; If We Can't Be the Same Old Sweethearts, We'll Just Be the Same Old Friends.

(28) SOUND REVOLUTION (Beverly and Framingham, Mass. — NED) (standing) David Ehst, tanor; John MacDonald, bass; (seated) Michael Gabriella, bari; Robert Smallwood, lead. Contact: John MacDonald, 6 Ted Lene, Southboro, Mass. 01772 — Phone: (617) 481-4854. Barofoot Days; Strolling Down Harmony Lane.

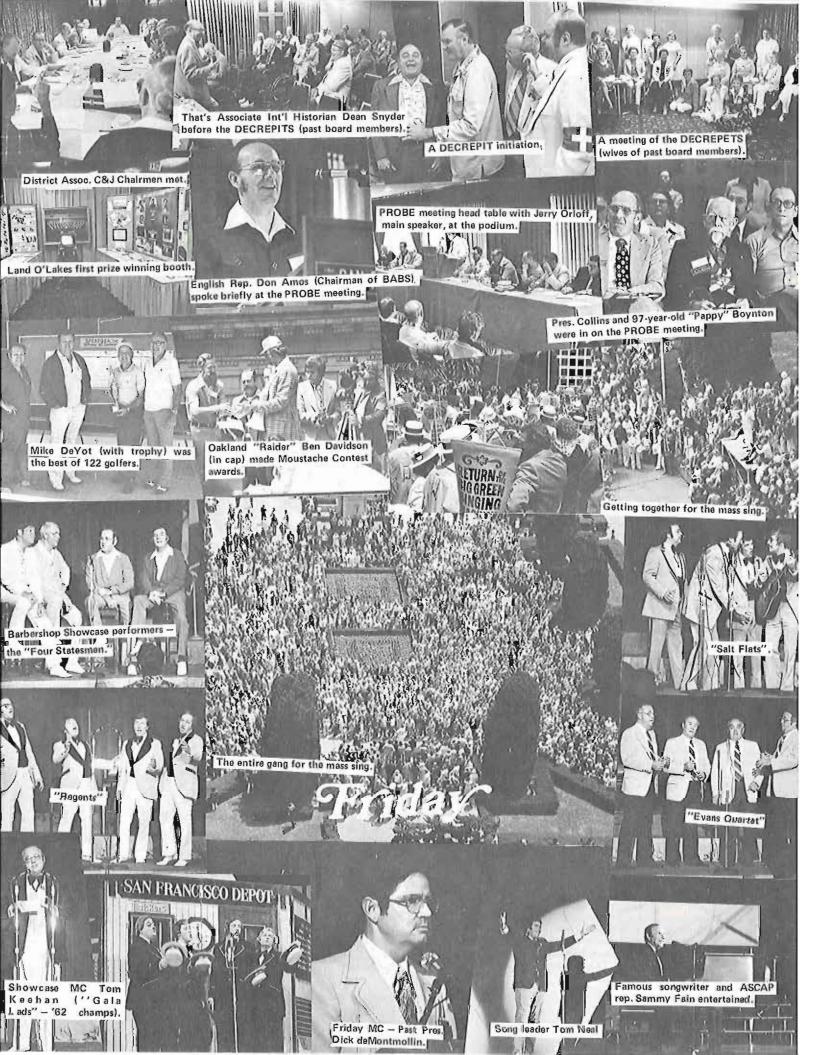












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(6) GRANDMA'S BOYS (North Shore, III. — ILL) Jay Giallombardo, bari; John Miller, bass; Hank Brandt, lead; Don Barnick, tenor. Contact: Hank Brandt, 1332 Greenwillow No. 3, Glenview, III. 60025 — Phone: (312) 729-0437. Song for Mary; Hometown Dixieland; Moonlight Brings Memories of You; The Same Old Shillelagh; You're the Girl I Love; All I Need is a Girl Like You.

(7) MOST HAPPY FELLOWS (Tacoma, Wash. – EVGN) Bob Hodge, tenor; Ken Hawkinson, bass; Larry Hassler, lead; Bob Jones, bari. Contact: Bob Hodge, Box 94004, St. Steilacoom, Wash. 98494 – Phone: (206) 537-6185. In the Naughty, Naughty Nineties; Slippery Sal, That Mean Old Waterfront Gal and Dirty Dan, the Oyster Man; Dinah; Alice Blue Govn; River Medley; Don't Leave Me, Dear Old Mammy.

(8) SATURDAY'S HEROES (Lombard and Arlington Heights, III. — ILL) Jim Foley, bari; Doug Smith, bass; Ben Williams, lead; Rick Anthoney, tenor. Contact: Ben Williams, 1029 S. Clinton Ave., Oak Park, III. 60304 — Phone: (312) 848-3085. Mandy; F Miss You Most of All; It's Opening Night on Broadway; My Little Girl; Mammy O'Mine; Broadway

(9) SOUND ASSOCIATION (San Antonio, Tex. – SWD) Tommie Young, tenor; Rick Sonntag, lead; Mike McCord, bass; B.D. Harrington, bari (seated). Contact: Rick Sonntag, 2213 Lotus Blossom, San Antonio, Tex. 78247 – Phone: (512) 494-2213. She Didn't Say No; I'm Trying to Find Where the Angols Are; I've Only One Idea About the Girls; Sing Me a Song About Ireland; That Summer When We Were Young; When I Lost You

(10) ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-NINTH STREET QUARTET (Whittier, South Bay and Arcadia, Cal. – FWD) Jim Kline, bass; Ooug Anderson, tenor; Jim Meehan, lead; Pete Neushul, bari. Contact: Pete Neushul, 1911 W. 139th St., Gardena, Cal. 90249 – Phone: (213) 323-3153, Whan They're Old Enough to Know Better, It's Better to Leave 'Em Alone; Hop Off a Train; I'm Always Chasing Rainbows; Take Her Down to Coney Island and Give Her the Air; Where'd You Get That Girl; Can You Tame Wild Women.

(11) LION'S SHARE (Lake Washington and Seattle, Wesh. — EVGN) Denny Stiers, tenor; Dick Clark, lead; Stu Turner, bass; Greg Lyne, beri. Contact: Dick Clark, 2205 Harris Ave., Bellingham, Wash. 98225 — Phone: (206) 733-8575. Take Me to the Land of Jazz; Big, Bad Bill is Sweet William Now; There's a Lump of Sugar Down in Dixle and It's Mine All Mine; Back In 1910.

(12) CANADIAN HERITAGE (Scarborough and East York, Ont. – ONT) Ed Russell, tenor; Wayne Atkinson, lead; Bob Wiffen, bess; Ray Danley, bari. Contact: Ed Russell, 88 Stansbury Cres., Scarborough M1K 4R9, Ont. – Phone: (416) 261-5424. Somebody's Coming to My Town; Back in the Old Routine; Back in Dixie Again; Floatin' Down to Cotton

(13) FRIENDS OF YESTERDAY (Columbia and Montgomery Co., Md. – M-AD) Gene O'Dell, tenor; Dick Bentz, lead; Lew Shipp, bass; Gene Jackson, bari (standing). Contact: Gene Jackson, 4300 Holly Ridge Rd., Rockyille, Md. 20853 – Phone: (301) 924-4055. I'm All That's Left of that Old Quartet; When You and I Were Young, Maggie; Down In the Old Neighborhood: Yes, Sir, That's MY Baby.

(14) SOUNDTRACKS (Arlington Heights, III. – ILL) (seated) Ray Henders, tenor; Ken Jordahl, lead; (standing) Doug Miller, Bari; Don Bagley, bass, Contact: Don Baglay, 951 Banbury, Mundelein, III. 60060 – Phone: (312) 566-4737. Anyplace Where I Make Money Is Home Sweet Home to Me; Give Me the Moonlight, Give Me the GIrl; Let It Rain, Let It Pour; I Wish All My Children Were Babies Again.

(15) OCCIDENTALS (Ventura, Fullerton and Crescenta Valley, Cal. – FWD) Russ Walker, tenor; Nick Papageorge, lead; Kevin Smith, bass; Peter Beers, bari. Contact: Peter Beers, 1510 Raymond Ave., Glendale, Cal. 91201 – Phone: (213) 242-2740. There'll Be No New Tunes on This Old Plano; She Didn't Say No; Those Roaring, Soaring 20s; Rockabye Baby Days

(16) QUASARS (Austin, Tex. – SWD) Sam Tweedy, bari; "Mo" Rector, bass; "Buzzy" Buck, lead; Jan Scofield, tenor. Contact: Sam Tweedy, 8603 Clerewood, Austin, Tex. 78758 – Phone: (512) 836-2131. Heart of My Heart/Story of a Rose Medley; Give Me a Straw Hat and a Cane; Teke Me to the Heart of Dixle; Midnight Choo-Choo/Alabama Bound Medley. (17) REIGN-BEAUS' END (Dundalk and Anne Arundel, Md. – M-AD) Dick Webber, tenor; Larry Duggan, lead; David Deibal, bass; Joe Pollio, bari. Contact: Joe Pollio, 2000 Hillcroft Dr., Forest Hill, Md. 21050 – Phone: (301) 557-7816. Please Don't Talk About Me When I'm Gone; That's What I Call a Pal; Piano Roll Blues; Sailing Down the Chesapeake Bay.

(18) GREAT CHORD CONSPIRACY (Boston, Mass.; Poughkeepsie, N.Y.; Providence and Lincoln, R.I. – NED) Mike Maino, bass; Gary Bolles, bari; Cal Sexton, lead; Fran Page, tenor. Contact: Cal Sexton, 244 Madison Ave., Wyckoff, N.J. 07481 – Phone: (201) 891-0229. Who'll Take My Place Wiren I'm Gone; Please Don't Talk About Me When I'm Gone; Waitin' for the Robert E. Lea; So Long Sally.

(19) CHORDS UNLIMITED (DuPage Valley, Joliet, West Towns, Elgin, "Q" Suburban and SW Suburban, III. – ILL) Bob Menter, bari; Dick Johnson, lead; George Peters, bass; John Erickson, tenor. Contact: George Peters, 1970 Briarcliffe Blvd., Wheaton, III. 60187 – Phone: (312) 653-2200. Get Out and Get Under Your Automobile; I May Be Gone for a Long, Long Time; If I Had My Life to Live Over; Freckles. (20) ROAD SHOW (Warren, O., Pittsburgh and Alle Kiski, Pa. – JAD) Larry Autenreith, bari; Larry Brown, bass; Dick Hurl, lead; Loo Sisk, tenor (kneeling). Contact: Leo Sisk, 590 Dorseyville Rd., Pittsburgh, Pa. 15238 – Phone: (412) 963-8381. Sing Me a Good Old Mammy Song; I Wouldn't. Trade the Silver in My Mother's Hair for All the Gold in the World; When My Sugar Walks Down the Street; There's Mist on the Moon in Loveland Tonight.















Chorus Compelitors

Second Place
DUKES OF HARMONY
Ron Whiteside, Director
Scarborough, Ontario
Ontario District
The Sweetest Song in the World; Band
Medley

Third Place SOUTHERN GATEWAY Tom Gentil, Director Cincinnati Western Hills, Ohio Johnny Appleseed District Mammy Medley; Jolson Medley





Fourth Place
TIDELANDERS
George Howe, Director
Houston, Texas
Southwestern District
When That Midnight Choo-Choo Leaves
for Alabam'/All Aboard for Dixie
Medley; That Old Gang of Mine Medley

Fifth Place MONTCLAIR Frank Szente, Director Montclair, New Jersey Mid-Atlantic District So Long Dearie; What'll I Do





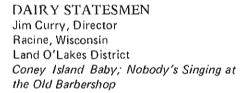
SPEED CAPITOL
Bob Weiss, Director
Indianapolis, Indiana
Cardinal District
At the Saturday Matinee Musical Comedy
Old-Time Variety Show; Why Did Our
Show Have to Close

MOTOR CITY
Robert Whitledge, Director
Detroit No. 1, Michigan
Pioneer District
Ma, She's Making Eyes at Me; Back in the
Old Routine





PONY EXPRESSMEN
Byron Myers, Director
St. Joseph, Missouri
Central States District
Midnight Rose; When You Wore a Tulip
(and I Wore a Big Red Rose)







MUSIC CITY
Freeman Groat, Director
Nashville, Tennessee
Dixie District
Long, Long Way From Home; Hitchin' a
Ride Back Home

Doug Miller, Director Arlington Heights, Illinois Illinois District I'll Be Walkin' With My Honey Down

ARLINGTONES

I'll Be Walkin' With My Honey Down Honeymoon Lane; I Will Love You Every Step of the Way

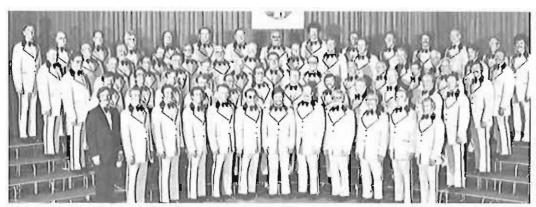




SOUTHERNTIERSMEN

Bill Monroe, Director Binghamton, New York Seneca Land District Smile Medley; A Straw Hat and a Cane

RACING CITY Archie Steen, Director Saratoga Springs, New York Northeastern District Five-Foot Two/Has Anybody Seen My Gal Medley; Back in Dixie Again





LAKE WASHINGTON SKIPPERS

Jack Lyon, Director Kirkland, Washington Evergreen District On the Old Dominion Line; Mandy Lee

COASTMEN

Harlan Wilson, Director
Palm Beach County, Florida
Sunshine District
If the Rest of the World Don't Want You;
You'd Never Know That Old Home Town
of Mine



SCORING SUMMARY 38TH INTERNATIONAL QUARTET CONTEST SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF. – JULY 8-10, 1976

| RAN | VK Name of Quartet | District | SND | INT | SP | ARR | TOTAL |
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| 1. | Innsiders | S W | 1566 | 1531 | 1440 | 35 | 4572 |
| 2. | Vagabonds | | 1441 | 1478 | 1460 | 16 | 4395 |
| 3. | Nova Chords | | 1524 | 1445 | 1377 | 22 | 4368 |
| 4. | Blue Grass Student Union | | 1473 | 1415 | 1459 | 20 | 4367 |
| 5. | Roaring 20's | | 1369 | 1368 | 1478 | 23 | 4238 |
| 6. | Grandma's Boys | | 1350 | 1420 | 1414 | 23 | 4207 |
| 7. | Most Happy Fellows | | 1327 | 1467 | 1359 | 5 | 4158 |
| 8. | Saturday's Heroes | | 1352 | 1362 | 1327 | 7 | 4048 |
| 9. | Sound Association | | 1309 | 1311 | 1403 | 14 | 4037 |
| 10. | 139th Street Quartet | | 1274 | 1357 | 1386 | 16 | 4033 |
| 11. | Lion's Share | | 875 | 925 | 850 | 24 | 2674 |
| 12. | Canadian Heritage | | 857 | 911 | 847 | 5 | 2620 |
| 13. | Friends of Yesterday | | 910 | 927 | 759 | 10 | 2606 |
| 14. | Soundtracks | | 830 | 865 | 883 | 14 | 2592 |
| 15. | Occidentals | | 875 | 859 | 828 | 7 | 2569 |
| 16. | Quasars | S W | 768 | 804 | 971 | -2 | 2541 |
| 17, | Reign-Beaus' End | | 815 | 832 | 861 | 7 | 2515 |
| 18. | Great Chord Conspiracy | | 773 | 894 | 837 | 5 | 2509 |
| 19. | Chords Unlimited | | 842 | 813 | 834 | 5 | 2494 |
| 20. | Road Show | , J A | 808 | 816 | 856 | -1 | 2479 |
| 21. | Rural Route Four | | 408 | 430 | 399 | -3 | 1234 |
| 22. | Entertainment Committee | S L | 397 | 455 | 373 | 6 | 1231 |
| 23. | Mid-Continentals | C S | 410 | 437 | 387 | -6 | 1228 |
| 24. | Gantlemen Songsters | F W | 421 | 434 | 365 | 6 | 1226 |
| 25. | Landmarks | CAR | 401 | 417 | 402 | 2 | 1222 |
| 26. | Limelighters | , , , J A | 429 | 375 | 397 | 12 | 1213 |
| 27. | Formalities | C S | 411 | 408 | 375 | 2 | 1195 |
| 28. | Scarborough Fair | ONT | 388 | 389 | 421 | -6 | 1192 |
| 29. | New Found Sound | EVG | 383 | 411 | 391 | 3 | 1188* |
| 30. | San Francisco Storm Door & Whale Oil Co | | 372 | 361 | 444 | 11 | 1188* |
| 31. | Easternaires | M-A | 372 | 397 | 411 | -5 | 1175 |
| 32. | Classic Collection | C S | 387 | 389 | 376 | .2 | 1150 |
| 33. | Sound Revival | M·A | 383 | 395 | 377 | .9 | 1146 |
| 34. | Forty Acre Four | S W | 362 | 404 | 360 | 9 | 1135 |
| 35. | Northern Hi-Lites | PIQ | 353 | 387 | 393 | ·2 | 1131 |
| 36. | Classmates | PIO | 332 | 352 | 420 | -5 | 1099 |
| 37. | Main Street U.S.A | X1D | 403 | 352 | 333 | 4 | 1092 |
| 38. | Saturday Review | LOL | 335 | 391 | 348 | -7 | 1067 |
| 39. | The Brotherhood | N E | 303 | 319 | 454 | .13 | 1063 |
| 40. | Sunnysiders | S L | 363 | 376 | 334 | .12 | 1061 |
| 41. | Talk Of The Town | LOL | 322 | 374 | 337 | 4 | 1037 |
| 42. | Harmony Galore Four | LOL | 302 | 377 | 351 | 4 | 1034 |
| 43. | Sound Accord | | 363 | 332 | 338 | -1 | 1032 |
| 44, | Corporate Image | | 342 | 325 | 369 | -11 | 1025 |
| 45. | Suncoasters | | 289 | 324 | 349 | 0 | 952 |
| 46. | Act IV | | 253 | 326 | 337 | -4 | 912 |
| 47. | Northern Lights | | 270 | 327 | 291 | 0 | 888 |
| 48. | Sound Revolution | | 238 | 277 | 325 | 3 | 843 |
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INTERNATIONAL CHORUS CONTEST SCORING SUMMARY SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF. – July 10, 1976

| RAN | IK Name of Chorus | District | SND | INT | S P | ARR | TOTAL |
|-----|-----------------------------|-----------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| 1. | Phoenix, Arizona | F W | 505 | 519 | 615 | 9 | 1548 |
| 2. | Scarborough, Ontario | ONT | 533 | 498 | 449 | 0 | 1480 |
| 3. | Cincinnati, Ohio | , . , J A | 471 | 478 | 503 | 18 | 1470 |
| 4. | Houston, Texas | S W | 497 | 492 | 424 | 8 | 1421 |
| 5. | Montclair, New Jersey | M-A | 490 | 481 | 438 | -2 | 1407 |
| 6. | Indianapolis, Indiana | CAR | 472 | 473 | 451 | 1 | 1397 |
| 7. | Detroit No. 1, Michigan | PIO | 468 | 460 | 463 | 4 | 1395 |
| 8. | St. Joseph, Missouri | | 444 | 432 | 479 | 9 | 1364 |
| 9. | Racine, Wisconsin | | 480 | 410 | 448 | 10 | 1348 |
| 10. | Nashville, Tennessee | | 426 | 398 | 426 | 4 | 1254 |
| 11. | Arlington Heights, Illinois | ILL | 425 | 406 | 413 | 0 | 1244 |
| 12. | Binghamton, New York | , , S L | 445 | 366 | 426 | 0 | 1237 |
| 13. | Saratoga Springs, New York | N E | 407 | 416 | 405 | 4 | 1232 |
| 14. | Kirkland, Washington | EVG | 438 | 405 | 378 | 7 | 1228 |
| 15. | Palm Beach County, Florida | SUN | 398 | 387 | 398 | 3 | 1186 |

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1976 Medalists



SECOND PLACE

VAGABONDS (Lansing, Detroit No. 1 and Oakland Co., Mich — PIO) Kenneth Gibson, tenor; Dennis Gore, lead; Norman Thomson, bass; Clay Shumard, bari. Contact: Clay Shumard, 11331 Buffalo, Detroit, Mich. 48212 — Phone: (313) 366-6886. Welcome Back to Dixleland; I Tried to Forget You In Vain; Shillelagh Medley; At the End of a Cobblestone Road; All Aboard for Dixleland; If We Can't Be the Same Old Sweethearts, We'll Just Be the Same Old Friends.



FOURTH PLACE

BLUE GRASS STUDENT UNION (Louisville, Ky. – CARD) Allen Hatton, tenor; Kenneth Hatton, Lead; Rick Staab, bass; Dan Burgess, bari. Contact: Allen W. Hatton, 2002 Strathmoor Blvd., Louisville, Ky. 40205 – Phone: (502) 451-4531. Please Don't Talk About Me When I'm Gone; Midnight Rose; The Whippoorwill Song/I Love You Dear Medley; I Found My Sweetheart Sally; In My Brand New Automobile; I've Got Something to Write the Folks About Now.



FIRST PLACE

INNSIDERS (Houston, Tex. – SWD) Mike Cox, tenor; John Devine, lead; Tom Pearson, bass; Guy McShan, bari. Contact: Guy McShan, 9007 Concho, Houston, Tex. 77036 – Phone: (713) 744-7742. Keep Your Sunny Side Up; Sunshine of Your Smile; Red Head; Pal O'mine; Bring Back Those Days of the Song and Dance Man; Who'll Dry Your Tears.



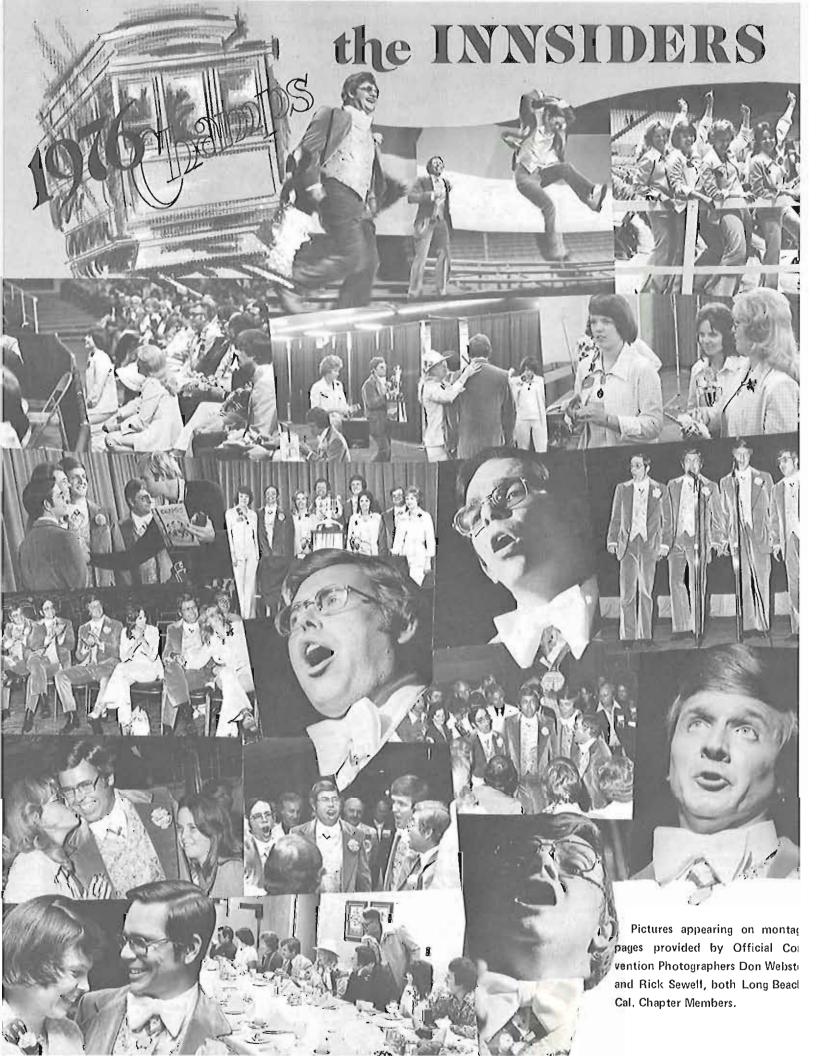
THIRD PLACE

NOVA CHORDS (Alexandria, Va. – M-AD) John Adams, tenor; Scott Werner, lead; Dick Whitehouse, bass; John Hohl, bari. Contact: John D. Adams, 8201 Oxbow Ct., Alexandria, Va. 22308 – Phone: (703) 780-2683. When I Was the Dandy and You Were the Belle; Somebody Lled About Me; There's Nothing Like a Mother's Love; Marien; I Wish That I'd Been Satisfied With Mary; In the Land of Wedding Bells,

FIFTH PLACE

ROARING 20's (Cincinnati Western Hills, O. – JAD) Don Gray, tenor; Gerry Kelly, lead; Jim Gentil, bass; Ron Riegler, bari. Contact: Ron Riegler, 2575 Queen City, Cincinnati, O. 45238 – Phone: (513) 661-6120. In the Good Old Summertime/By the Beautiful Sea Medley; Sweet Georgla Brown/Georgia Medley; The Parlor Piano/Heart of My Heart/When You Wore a Tulip and I Wore a Big Red Rose Medley; Sweetheart of Sigma Chi; Dearle You're Much Older Than I; Anna in Indiana.





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Warmed Up Convention Left-Overs

The San Francisco Convention was indeed a convention of firsts: the highest number of registrants (over 10,500); the greatest number of Barbershoppers on hand on Sunday prior to convention week (around 2,000); all special events were sold out!

Another "first" involved the 30-year-old Honolulu (Aloha) Chapter which made its first inter-chapter visit on Monday of convention week, when their 27-man contingent walked into the Peninsula Chapter meeting. It was a great singing evening with both choruses performing and quartet entertainment by the "Tiki Tones" and "Minimum Daily Requirement" (both from Honolulu) and the "Western Edition" and "San Francisco Storm Door and Whale Oil Co."

Camping enthusiasts were having their cake and eating it, too, as over 130 camping units filled the special area reserved for them near the Cow Palace. The Livermore, Cal. Chapter hosted the gang out at "Harmony City," where temporary residents were enjoying their two favorite "outdoor sports" . . . singing and camping.

The Binghamton, N.Y. "Southerntiersmen" kicked off the singing activities for the week with a special concert aboard the aircraft carrier U. S. S. Coral Sea. The giant carrier was re-christened the "Choral 'C" in honor of the occasion. The ship's captain joined the chorus as they sang a patriotic medley. The event was well covered by the local news media and was an excellent way to launch our 38th convention and contest sessions (see picture, page 9).

John Epplett, former Ottawa, Ont. Chapter member, travelled from Saudi, Arabia (through eleven time zones), approximately 20,000 miles round trip to attend the convention. He hopes to rejoin the Ottawa Chapter in 1979.

Another long distance traveller was Roy Phillips, president of the Leicester, England Barbershop Harmony Club. He, along with Don Amos (chairman of the British Assoc. of Barbershoppers) and his wife, Betty, made up the English representation.

Rob and Marie Crossley from Quito, Ecuador (formerly of the Akron, O. Chapter) reported in the newsroom to tell us that Rob was able to find three other state-wide Barbershoppers and formed the "Quitones," the highest singing foursome in the world. Quito is 10,000 ft. in the Andes, and on the "line" between the Northern and Southern hemispheres. The quartet has the distinction of having sung in both hemispheres at the same time.

The Wine Tour and Barbecue, originally planned for 500 Barbershoppers with a taste for the grape, had 1200 takers! The Napa Valley Chapter hosted this memorable event and had to get help from neighboring chapters when the party

grew so large. The guests consumed 1200 steaks, 100 doz. ears of corn, 100 lbs. of tomatoes, 100 heads of lettuce and 100 gallons of wine. Whatta' party. It was one of the big events of the convention and many thanks are due the Napa Chapter (and friends).

The Ladies' Hospitality Room was a swinging place all week long with loads of special activities of interest. There was plenty of coffee for everyone (after the men were officially booted out of the room earlier in the week) and there was always something taking place...like cake decorating and macraine demonstrations, comedy fashion skits, hula dancing lessons, etc. And always plenty of good singing by guest quartets.

Radio Station KETO-FM, "The Voice of Seattle," carried live broadcasts from a specially prepared suite at convention headquarters from 11:30 P.M. until 3 A.M. on Friday and Saturday nights. Competing quartets sang and Del Green, former "Ford-O-Matic" who was hosting the show in Seattle, interviewed Society officials and other personalities including some of our foreign visitors. Dan Knapp, former HARMO-NIZER "Share the Wealth" editor and member of the Berkeley "Californians" (1957 chorus champs), was in charge of the programs in San Francisco.

News coverage of our convention was unbelievable. Reporters from such diverse media as *The Wall Street Journal* to the *Rolling Stone* were attending convention activities. Additional coverage included NBC Television Network, Public Broadcasting Radio, *Newsweek* magazine, Australian Radio Network, Radio Libarty (which goes behind the Iron Curtain) and a host of local media. We can thank Convention Chairman John Krizek and his hard-working, hospitable host committee, the Society's P. R. staff and our professional P. R. Counsel, Harshe, Rotman & Druck, for creating the great public awareness of our convention activities.

Evergreen Barbershopper Lee Wynne rode into town Wednesday of convention week right on schedule after pedalling 1,107 miles in 19 days, raising over \$12,000 for the Institute of Logopedics. Accepting the Evergreen challenge, the Far Western District bicycle built for four also arrived on schedule raising another \$5,000. The caravan accompanying Lee included the "Monroe Doctrine" quartet and Betty and Don Amos of Crawley, Sussex, England.

San Francisco Mayor George Moscone extended the city's official welcome to visiting conventioners on Wednesday. He issued a proclamation designating the entire week as Barbershop Harmony Week and renamed Union Square as Harmony Square for the Friday noon mass singout. Great singing entertainment by the "San Francisco Storm Door and Whale Oil Co." and "Minimum Daily Requirement" quartets was part of the ceremonies.

Thursday evening found the Chorditorium filled to the rafters as the 27-man "Sandwich Island" Chorus (Honolulu Chapter) under the direction of Air Force Colonel Dave Murane, presented a 45-minute revue that would have vowed 'em in Vegas. The musical act featured twelve island dancers and the "Swedish Sounds This Side of Heaven," a double quartet from Stockholm. The Swedes sang Hawaiian as well as Swedish songs in addition to fine renditions of some of our better known barbershop classics.

An estimated crowd of 5,000 singers were on hand for the Friday noon singout in Harmony Square (Union Square for the natives). While entertaining the local populace, the singers themselves were entertained by the pep rally antics of the "Big Green Singing Machine Marching Band" (Cincinnati-Western Hills) and an entourage of supporters. Bob Johnson's noontime entertainers also witnessed demonstrations by the Arlington Heights, Ill. "Arlingtones" as they released multi-colored balloons, and the Scarborough, Ont. "Dukes of Harmony," flying their colors from the third or fourth floor windows of an adjacent hotel. In all, it was another colorful, harmonious display of barbershop harmony at its best.

Famed song writer Sammy Fain, who was ASCAP's representative at our convention, was featured during the Friday evening contest session. He played and sang many of his most famous songs to the delight of the audience. Both Fain and Richard Rogers are being honored this year, their 50th year of membership in ASCAP (American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers).

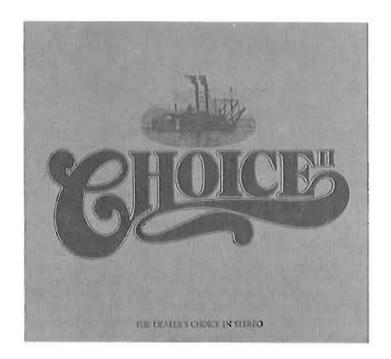
Winners of the international bulletin contest were as follows: First, "Sea Notes" – New London, Conn. – Harry Gault, editor; Second, "Hi-Lites" – Manitowoc, Wis. – David N. Olson, editor – Third, "Tropic Notes" – Hollywood, Fla. – Glenn Thomas, editor; Fourth, "Green Mountain Overtone" – Burlington, Vt. – John C. Marriott, editor; and Fifth, "Driftwood" – Houma, La. – Tom Currie, editor.

The Saturday morning Logopedics breakfast, auction and raffle had a record-breaking attendance of over 1,600. Nestor Weigand, Jr., immediate past chairman of the board of the Institute, spoke to those assembled expressing appreciation on behalf of the Institute. A new high of \$6,200 was raised from the raffle and auction.

The following special message from President Gerald R. Ford was read during the Saturday evening finals:

"We cross the threshold to a third century of national life more deeply aware than ever of the rich and diverse cultural legacy we share. Barbershop quartet singing is a vital part of this legacy. It has brought untold joy and fulfillment to scores of participants and listeners. It echoes the warmth and friendliness of American community life. It is worthy to be perpetuated for the benefit of future generations.

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I see from the bulletins...

By Leo Fobort, Editor

SILENT MOVIE FUND RAISER

"Gold Coast Nuggets" (Coos Bay, Ore.) contained promotional material for their chapter's latest profit-making venture – underwriting the cost of an old-time silent movie featuring Buster Keaton – complete with sound effects and accompaniment by a 50-year-old theatre organ. Suggested as a typically American activity by their local Bicentennial Committee, the chapter hopes to "pick up a couple of bucks" for their treasury.

"PLEASE, A LITTLE LESS LEVITY"

We were reminded of many past coffee break discussions at Harmony Hall about the "good ole days" as we read the latest Clearwater, Fla. bulletin, the "Cleartone." "Bill" Otto, who retired in 1966, used to get a twinkle in his eye as he described some of the events he'd been a part of in the Society's formative years. Both Bill and Mark Roberts, Pioneer District veterans, are members of the Clearwater Chapter. It was Mark's contribution to the bulletin that brought to mind some of the stories Bill used to tell. His story, edited slightly, follows:

"The year was 1941. The place was Grand Rapids, Mich. The Michigan (now Pioneer) District, the first Society district organized, was conducting the first district quartet contest ever. Thirty-five

quartets were entered. The MC was Owen C. Cash, Society Founder, and the judges were among the most distinguished Barbershoppers of that era — Phil Embury, Frank Thorne, Cy Perkins and "Molly" Reagan. The whole thing was new, experimental, tentative, and, looking back from the decorum of today's contests, it was absolutely unbelievable.

"It was a stag affair because it had not been determined how the presence of ladies would affect barbershopping and vice versa. Beer was served in pitchers, except when the quartets were singing, at which time everyone had to be seated and quiet. This naturally created a minor problem with all that beer sloshing around. Our quartet, the "Detroit Turners," had a couple of activist supporters who were very vocal and very enthusiastic. As our quartet was announced, one of them sneaked hurriedly down the center aisle to the judges' table and delivered the following advice to the judges: 'Now listen, this is a d---- good quartet and all we ask is for you to listen carefully to their performance,' With that he slithered back to his seat. Our other friend, who was our coach during his rare sober interludes, was not to be outdone. As we reached center stage, ready to sing, he jumped up, one fist held high, and in a bull-horn voice yelled, 'Sing you -----, sing! This brought

pleaded, 'Could we please have a little less levity out there.' Fortunately, our two friends were alone in their attempts to advise the judges or to shout colorfully worded encouragement to their favorite foursome. Our quartet finished second, in spite of, or because of, the intercession of our friends. That's the way it was, thirty-five years ago. Incredible, but a lot of fun."

SPLIT THE POT WITH LOGOPEDICS

a response from our MC, Owen Cash, a

guy with a great sense of humor, who

Our Honolulu Chapter has a nifty new idea for raising money for the Institute while keeping members up to date on what's going on in the wonderful world of barbershop harmony. The rules for their "Split the Pot" program work like this: When you arrive at the meeting place you make a donation to Logopedics and then place a slip of paper with your name written on it into another container. At break time if your name is drawn you get to "split the pot," that is, providing you can answer a question on barbershop harmony. If the question goes unanswered the "pot" is held over until the following week or until the man whose name is drawn gives the correct answer. The questions are prepared so that the pot is split about every two weeks. Sounds like a good way to beef up those weekly Logopedics collections (if this is one of the ways you choose to raise funds for our favorite charity) and sharpen up on your barbershop knowledge at the same time. We read about it in Honolulu's "Sounds of Aloha."

June 19, oncluded BIG "D" BECOMES "GRANDFATHER" program onal An. The Dallas, Tex. (Big "D") Chapter,

which holds its weekly meetings in the Adolphus Hotel, includes a lobby performance for hotel guests who may be attending a convention. It was during one of those lobby performances in April of



The Allentown-Bethlehem, Pa. Chapter is shown left as they performed at Philadelphia's Veteran's Stedium on June 19, 1976. They concluded a 20-minute program with the National Anthem which was telecast over network television prior to NBC's "Game of the Week."

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1975 that the seeds of barbershop harmony, which ultimately made them a "Grandfather" Chapter, were sowed. Here's the story as Jerry R. Coltharp, who carried the "seed" back to his hometown, Oxford, O., wrote it to a Big "D" officer:

"While attending a convention in Dallas I stayed at the Adolphus Hotel and, on a Tuesday evening, I happened to be at the right place at the right time and heard your chapter chorus perform in the hotel lobby. I was tremendously impressed with the group, loved the sound, and promised myself to try to get a similar group organized in our own area. I talked with two or three other Oxford residents and soon found that we had a nucleus of men who had been members of other barbershop groups, and that they were interested in organizing a chapter in Oxford.

"We met in early January, 1976, did some initial planning and put the wheels in motion toward such an end. We held our first organizational meeting Feb. 17 at which fifty-three men showed up! We now have some 65 men on our membership roster with an average weekly attendance of 35 to 40 men. We licensed on April 6 and our first public performance took place on June 5th. We also appeared again on July 4 as part of our community Bicentennial celebration. We have initiated a great deal of excitement in Oxford - all as a result of your chapter's very fine 'free' performance for some conventioneers in Dallas.

"Though the Middletown, O. Chapter will be serving as our sponsoring chapter, we feel that your chapter is at leas the grandfather of our chapter – to be known as the 'Chorus of the Talawanda' (Talawanda is an old Indian name of a minor creek in our area)."

We imagine the Big "D" chapter was delighted to learn of its new grand-child — and to know that their songs had yielded such a rewarding crop.

A "RELATIVE" STORY

Barbershopping has done it again. This time it has brought two distant "relatives" together. Dr. Bart Natoli, an optometrist in the Oswego, N.Y. Chapter saw the name of Dr. Bob Natoli, an orthodontist in the Houston, Tex. Chapter, while browsing through the quartet directory. After several exchanges of correspondence they have determinded that their grandparents and great grandparents came from the same island off the

coast of Italy and later settled in the same section of New York State. The family ties are close enough that the doctors are sure they are at least "44th cousins." It's also interesting that the doctors' barbershopping experiences are similar. Both started in the Society in 1967 or '68. Dr. Bart sings lead with the "Gaslight Four" who were Novice Champs in the 1972 Seneca Land District Contest. Dr. Bob sings bari with the "Joint Effort" and they were Southwestern District Novice Champs in 1973. Yes, it's a small world!

QUILT MONEY MAKER

With remnants of red, white and blue material donated by the "Seaweeds" (auxiliary group for the Seattle, Wash. "Sea-Chordsmen"), Mrs. Bill Stensland constructed a quilt with a giant Society emblem surrounded by 52 squares of



strip quilting sewn to form diamond patterns (see photo). The quilt was then raffled bringing a net profit of \$318 for the Institute. The pattern for the emblem is available by writing to Lenore Stensland, 10519 – 126th Ave. S. E., Renton, Wash. 98055. Please enclose a check of \$10 or more payable to the Institute of Logopedics. Members shown displaying the quilt are: (clockwise, starting lower left) Barbara Davidson, Lenore Stensland, Alice Casteel, Leona Sigurdson and Juanita Harwood.

AFA AD ATTRACTS TV COVERAGE

A display ad for an Audition for Admissions placed by the Winnipeg Chapter in both local dailies (featuring the caricature of Joe Barbershopper kicking up his heels along with the words WANTED – Men Who Love to Sing) caught the eye and fancy of the producer of a CBC TV program called "Twenty-Four Hours," a daily news-type program featuring interviews and coverage of local newsworthy events. As a result, the CBC sent out a crew to film the actual auditioning with particular attention to a

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couple of the auditionees singing in a foursome, and then following them up a couple of weeks later at a regular chorus rehearsal, and again the following week singing with the chorus at a package show being presented in a home for senior citizens. In addition, they interviewed several chapter officers regarding the Society's aims and the activities of the chapter. Then they took footage of an initiation ceremony being conducted for other recent new members. On top of all that, they filmed the social aspect and impromptu casual singing at a regular monthly luncheon meeting. All in all, the chapter experienced excellent coverage and publicity which could not be purchased for the cost of the newspaper ad - an unusual side benefit of an AFA promotion. Incidentally, and the best news of all, Winnipeg hopes to sign up ten to fifteen of the 27 prospects who attended and returned the following three weeks. Our thanks to Winnipeg Barbershopper and old friend Les Gurr for providing this interesting information, proving once again the value of advertising your AFA programs.

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A life member with the number "27" on his membership card, Jack Baird has been singing, writing and arranging barbershop harmony about the same number of years. He has been president, vice-president, secretary, bulletin editor and chorus director of the Southwest Suburban (Oak Lawn), III. Chapter and has received the Award for Barbershop Excellence in the Illinois District. He has also held numerous administrative posts in the district.

As a member of the international semi-finalist "Barbersharps," he toured the Far East USO hospital circuit. He currently sings with the 1972 district champion "Close Harmony Committee." A certified Arrangements judge, he is "permanently occupied" collecting and editing tape recordings of barbershop quartets from 1904 until the Society's founding.

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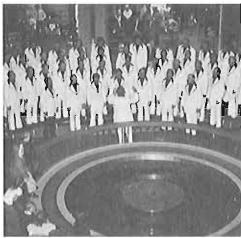
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North Canton, O.

I've just learned that the new album "Final Edition" done by the "Gentlemen's Agreement" contains the song Molly Brown, and that I have been given credit on the jacket for the arrangement.

This is a great honor but quite untrue, Our chorus sings the song, but it was arranged by Dr. Fred Kent of Ashtabula, O., a longtime quartet man who, among many distinctions, sang baritone with the 1961 Johnny Appleseed District champion "Sta-Laters."

Until the information on the record jacket can be corrected, I want the barbershop world to know who deserves the credit.

"Chuck" Abernethy

"... FROM SEA TO SHINING SEA"

Satellite Beach, Fla.

The Sunshine District charter flight to the 38th international convention departed eastward from Palm Beach late in the morning of July 4 and made a wide. climbing turn to the northwest over the Atlantic Ocean - glimmering in the bright morning sun. The excitement of our members and their families was readily apparent with the realization that we were on our way to San Francisco.

At a few minutes before 2:00 PM EDT, the time established by our Nation's leaders for the ringing of bells, a program was begun. Known in advance only by Harlan Wilson, music director of Palm Beach County's COASTMEN Cho-

rus and conceiver of the idea, script writer Les Parsons, and a few others who had roles to play, the celebration included direct participation by each of the 141 passengers and the entire crew, Each person aboard was provided a small American flag.

While flying 39,000 feet above the Western United States, Father Dionne, a member of the COASTMEN, read a short version of "America" by Edgar Guest. Harlan directed everyone in singing America, the Beautiful. After the first verse the participants hummed while excerpts from the Declaration of Independence were read over the aircraft's PA system. Following that, an antique, hand-held school bell was introduced to the group, a large flag unfurled, and precisely at 2:00 PM, as Harlan directed God Bless America, the bell was passed among all of us to share in its ringing.

When finished and while we all waved our small flags over our heads, there was scarcely a dry eye on the plane as each passenger and crew member alike realized that he had personally participated in the greatest celebration of the ringing of the Liberty Bell in 200 years. The total exhuberance among us was unprecedented - who else but we could have shared such an experience? Wide but wet-eyed stewardesses had never in their lives witnessed such beautiful spontaneity among their passengers. But, then neither had we.

Two hours later, on the approach to San Francisco, with the Bay and the Pacific Ocean in view, we really felt the true significance of the words we had sung " . . . from sea to shining sea."

> Stew Nichols, Sunshine District President

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Richard I. Bonsal

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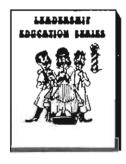
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