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(Guests are welcome!)

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YOU SNOOZE, YOU LOSE!

Don't worry,
you didn't
snooze this
time and miss
the announce-
ment of
nominees for
the 2003
chapter Board.

The nominat-
ing committee
has not yet
completed the
slate, but
they're
working on it.

The best we
can tell you is,
don't miss any
upcoming
chapter
meetings.

Fall Contest: We're In and We're Out

Sometimes events occur so quickly, they can make your head spin.

Last month, Music and Performance Vice President **Bill Remien** received notification from District Contest and Judging Vice President **Bob Squires** that Macomb Chapter's **Prairieland Chorus** had withdrawn from the fall district contest lineup, and our **Shoreliner Chorus** was invited to fill the vacancy.

After calls to several members, Bill learned that some key voices would not be available to join us on stage. Bill consulted with Music Director **Dick Yanow** and President **Joseph Schlesinger**, and all three

decided the chorus would not have an acceptable blend of voices to warrant our accepting the invitation to compete, so we declined.

This will give us the opportunity to concentrate on revitalizing our repertoire for upcoming performances, get a head start on polishing holiday music, and redouble our efforts to recruit new members during the crucial fall months.

Meanwhile, let's start laying the groundwork for a contest performance next spring that will earn us the right to compete in fall 2003.

(Meanwhile, we encourage members to go to fall convention and just have fun.)

Let's Sell Those Entertainment Books!

The good news is that Entertainment Book Chairman **Pete Brandt** has the supply of *Entertainment 2003* books available to distribute to members for our annual fundraiser—and this year the books are priced at only \$20 each. The bad news is that, since North Shore Chapter's share per book

has dropped to \$4, we'll need to sell more books to meet or beat the dollar amount we made last year.

Can we do it? Yes, if we start contacting our prospects right away. Get your books from Pete—he'll answer any questions you may have about selling the books.

Arts Week in Evanston: Here's the Story

Because some of our key singers will not be available, the **Shoreliner Chorus** performance planned for Sunday, Oct. 13, has been called off.

This performance was to be one of the events for Music Day, part of the Evanston Cultural Arts Division's Arts Week in Evanston (Oct. 5-13).

We have contacted organizers to discuss scheduling a **Shoreliner Chorus** performance for some other time that week, possibly on Sunday, Oct. 6, but, as of this writing, there are no plans to fit chorus, quartet, or VLQ performances anywhere else in the Arts Week schedule.

We will keep you posted if any other performance opportunities open up. In the meantime, our fall series of Open House/Guest Nights is scheduled for Oct. 16, 23, and 30. Let's all try a little harder to bring guests, especially those who might become active North Shore Chapter members.

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Rag Deadline: Second Wednesday of Every Month

Board Meetings: First Sunday of each month. The October Board meeting will be held 7:45 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 6, at **Phil Schwimmer's** home, 3432 Salem Walk E., Northbrook. All chapter members are welcome.

Chapter Web site: www.nsn.org/evkhome/bflat
 (Current Rag issue is also on the Web site!)

August/September Guests

Jack Cutrera (DuPage Valley Chapter)
 Ted Gates (Leaveck)
 Bob Landry (Arcadiana, La. Chapter)
 Mark Schmitz (saw our listing on Internet)
 Jerome Wolbert (saw our listing on Internet)

Your Guest's Name Here—as soon as you bring him to a meeting!

“From the Top”

Sometimes change is good. I've said it before, and I'll say it again: the power to change North Shore Chapter for the better lies in each member's hands. All the Board can do is show you the way and create opportunities—but the impetus and effort has to come from you, the member.

We've had to cancel our Oct. 13 performance because our numbers are too small to cover for members who have schedule conflicts.

We could have participated in Evanston's Sept. 11 memorial observance at noon in Fountain Square with a VLQ or quartet, but, once again, we did not have sufficient personnel available to make the commitment, so we were conspicuous in our absence.

Do you like missing out on performance or contest opportunities, or having to carry a large burden of responsibilities for the chapter

COMING EVENTS

North Shore Chapter:
 Every Wednesday night—**Informal Guest Night—BRINGASINGA!**
 Fri., 9/27-Sun., 9/29—**Illinois District Fall Convention**—Peoria.
 Wed., 10/16, 10/23, & 10/30—**Open House/Guest Nights.**

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www.nsn.org/evkhome/bflat

Elsewhere:
 Fri., 9/20—**Interstate Woodshed**—8 p.m. (dinner at 6:30) at American Legion Hall, Hwy. B, Silver Lake, Wis. All Barber-shoppers invited; \$5 donation requested to defray expenses. For information, call the hall at 262/889-8255 or **Gerry Carroll** at 630/543-8808 (days).

Sat., 10/5—**Arlington Heights Chapter (SPEBSQSA) Cabaret**—8 p.m. (cocktails at 5:30, dinner at 6:30) at St. Viator H.S., Oakton and Dryden Sts., Arlington Heights. Featuring: **All 4 One, Arlingtones Chorus**, chapter quartets. Tickets: \$20 (includes show and dinner). For more information, call **Herb Nicolai** at 847/827-6417.

Sat., 10/12—**Chicago Metro Chapter Cabaret**—7:30 p.m. (cocktails at 6:30) at Park Ridge VFW Hall, 10 W. Higgins Rd. (at Canfield Ave.), Park Ridge. Featuring: **Alchemy, Head Over Heels** (Sweet Adelines International), **Scrambled Craigs**, chapter quartets, **Chicago Metro Chorus**. Tickets: \$12. For more information, call **Nick Grib** at 847/692-5036.

Barbershop Harmony Chicagoland Web site:
www.bbs.singer.as

because there aren't enough members to share the load?

If not, YOU have the power to make the change. Go out and recruit every stranger you can talk to. **Kevin Jones** and I will gladly offer any advice, support, and materials to help you do the job. But ultimately it's up to YOU.

—**Joseph Schlesinger**
 President

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

North Shore Chapter of SPEBSQSA is a group of men of all ages who enjoy gathering in fellowship to sing in the four-part, a cappella, close harmony style known as barbershop. As we participate in our varied social and musical activities, including both choral and quartet singing, our members can develop their vocal skills and their appreciation of the rich heritage of American song, which we share with our community through performances in a variety of settings.

At our chapter elections this year, whenever they will be, we will implement a new method of selecting the Tom Buckley Barbershopper of the Year Award Recipient: all chapter members present will vote via secret ballot for the member they feel has done the most for the chapter during 2002.

For your reference, and to avoid duplication, here are past honorees:

Tom Buckley 1965

Dick Robbins *

Tom Parrish *

Bob Porter 1977

Gene Waid 1978

Bill Gallagher 1979

Joseph
Schlesinger 1980

Hank Brandt 1981

Tom McCracken
1982

Fritz Caspersen
1984

Fred Smart 1989

* Year unknown

Tenor's Creed

—Earl McGhee (Daytona Beach Metro, Fla. Chapter)
from the Harmonet

(Ah, tenors. Can't live with them, can't barbershop without them. So instead, we'll give them a creed to live by—it's their turn, anyway.)

1. I will remember that I am a Tenor and that Tenors are unique among men. I will conduct myself accordingly.
2. During chorus rehearsal, I will allow myself to be shushed by the Director, but at the performance, I will drive my high notes to the far corners of the room.
3. I will show a certain respect for the Bass, for few men could sing with their knuckles dragging upon the ground. I will not get mushy about it.
4. I will always remember that the Baritone really thinks that those strange notes are hauntingly beautiful. I will respect his intentions, but I will not get mushy about it.
5. I will not forget that all Leads really wish they could sing tenor, but I will not let my pity for them become obvious.
6. I will be very selective about the Lead, Bari and Bass that I will consent to sing with in a quartet. I know that I will always be in great demand, for they are many and we are few.
7. I will practice until no one can tell when I go from natural voice to falsetto, for I know it drives the others crazy.
8. When pickup quartetting, I will insist upon trying to sing the bass part, for I know it causes the real Basses great pain.
9. Whenever, in a show, my quartet manages to create an overtone, I will let a sly smile play across my face that says "Yes, I really did hit that note."
10. I will hold my head high, remembering that I am a Tenor and that humility is for those who cannot afford arrogance.

Next month: another part.

Our Charity Chairman Reports

We are still sending labels for Campbell's soups, Franco-American, Pepperidge Farm, Prego, Swanson, and V8 to Heartspring, a charity long supported by the Barbershoppers. Please bring your labels for any of these to me at any meeting.

For the months of April through August we collected and sent in 61 labels, as follows: 16 from yours truly, 45 from **Pete Brandt**.

No one else gave me any labels for that five-month period. I will be sending in labels again for the months of September on, through the end of the year, during the first week of January. Again, please save and bring me these labels.

[Editor's note: See page 4 for a list of labels that can be accepted by Campbell's Labels for Education program.]

—Phil Schwimmer
Charity Chairman

Farmers' Market Recap

Our appearance at Not-for-Profit Day at Evanston Farmers' Market Sept. 14 was time well spent. Our chorus and the **North Shore Four** made a good impression on many passersby, we passed out a good number of Open House flyers, and even got some names and addresses of good prospects in our signup book.

Time will tell whether our effort will bring the desired results, but sincere thanks go to all members who showed up, with a special tip of the hat to **Jack Cutrera** and **Pamela Mimura** for working the crowd, and to **Ted Gates** for lending us his distinctive umbrella.

Wanna Volunteer? The Evanston Cultural Arts division is looking for volunteers to distribute literature and pass out and collect response cards at venues during Arts Week in Evanston (Oct. 5-13). If you have time to spend on this worthy showcase of the arts, call Lea Pinsky at 847/491-0266 between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Here's Another Entertainment Opportunity

Thanks to **Phil Schwimmer** for the following info . . .

Want to see a great barber-shop show as a group, like we did for "Forever Plaid?" It's the **Spirit of the Lakes Chorus** (ladies), under the direction of **Joe Liles**, at the Woodstock Opera House, at 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 24. Headline quartet: **Chicago Shuffle**, senior gold medalist. Reserved-seat tickets are \$18. Give Woodstock resident **Tom Leaveck** your order and money. The Opera House seats only 400, so let's get our orders to Tom early.

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QUESTIONS
FROM THE
TEEMING
MILLIONS

Q: Okay, but
don't you at
least have spell-
check on your
computer?

A: I do. Now
quit whining
and have fun
trying to figure
out what I mean.

Labels for Heartspring

Campbell's various products 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
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Open Pit BBQ Sauce 8
Pace Salsa 3
Pepperidge Farm bakery products 7
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Prego sauce 1
Sanwa Ramen Pride Soups 2
Swanson Broths & Poultry 1
Swanson frozen food 7
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V8, bottle 3
V8, can 1
Vlasic Peppers, Pickles, Relish, Kraut, Olives 3
Vlasic olives, can 1



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1=front label	5=register tape w/name circled
2=back panel w/UPC	6=lid/neck band w/UPC
3=lid	7=UPC symbol
4=bottom panel w/UPC	8=logo area of label

'Liner Notes

- ♪ Good to see **Marty Steigman** back at meetings after his coronary bypass surgery.
- ♪ We wish **Mindy Lazor** a speedy recovery following arthroscopic knee surgery Sept. 13.
- ♪ Did you know some of our fellow members sing with other, nonbarbershop choral groups? For example, **Phil Martin** also performs with the North Shore Choral Society, **Pete Brandt** sings with North Shore Senior Center's Goldenaires, **Bill Remien** belongs to the First United Methodist Church Gospel Choir, and **Kevin Jones** and **Rick Prieto** sing in the choir at First Presbyterian Church of Evanston.