



the north shore harmony rag



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North Shore Chapter,
Society for the
Preservation and
Encouragement of
Barber Shop Quartet
Singing in America, Inc.

Meetings:
7:45 p.m. Wednesdays,
Presbyterian Home,
3131 Simpson St.
(Golf Rd.), Evanston, IL
(Guests are welcome!)

November 2003

27 Members

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Right you are:
This issue of
the *Harmony
Rag* is a week
early. The
publication date
of this issue is
Nov. 12, not
Nov. 19. Why?
Because there
are some time-
sensitive news
items in this
issue that we
could not wait a
week to publi-
cize to you.
Please give this
Rag the careful
attention you
give every is-
sue. Then you
can toss it.
Or use it to
wrap fish.



Now that our harmony festi-
val is over, we have a
chance to reflect on the ex-
perience and figure out just

exactly what we have learned
from it.

Most strikingly, we learned
that an undertaking of this
scope is more than an orga-
nization of our size can han-
dle, particularly on a zero
budget.

This kind of event might
make a greater impact and
be more successful if it

were planned and coordi-
nated by a coalition of vocal
harmony organizations.
Also, since arts grants are
available for this kind of
event, it would make sense
for planners of future festi-
vals to get their grant appli-
cations filed early.

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Nominating Committee Presents 2004 Slate of Officers

Nominating Committee
Chairman **Bill Remien** an-
nounced at our Nov. 5
meeting the following slate
of nominees for chapter of-
fice in 2004:

President: **Martin Steigman**
Vice President Membership
and Chapter Development:
Joseph Schlesinger
Vice President Music and
Performance: **Paul Mimura**
Secretary: **Pete Brandt**
Treasurer: **Ed Price**

Members can make nomi-
nations from the floor at
tonight's (Nov. 12) meeting.

Next week (Nov. 19) nomi-
nations will be closed and
the election of officers will
take place.

Also next week members
will select the **Tom Buckley**
Barbershopper of the Year
Award recipient for 2003
and will vote on the adop-
tion of a chapter vision
statement, as approved by
the Board.

Board Chooses Contributions Over Chapter Dues

At its November meeting,
the Board considered the
pros and cons of assessing
chapter dues. After deter-
mining that imposing an
annual dues assessment of
\$10 per member would not
significantly reduce the
chapter's current deficit,

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Sing Around the Kettle Set for Dec. 20

Our annual caroling around
the kettle for Salvation
Army, Evanston Corps has
been scheduled for Satur-
day, Dec. 20. Warmup will
be at 10:30 a.m., and the
chorus will sing from 11 a.m.
to 3 p.m. Location will be
the same as in 2001 and
2002: Jewel Foods, 2489
Howard St. (just east of the
North Shore Sanitary
Canal), Evanston.

As we have done in previ-
ous years, we invite men
from the community to join
our holiday chorus, but we
request that they commit the
time to rehearse with us dur-
ing Wednesday nights in
November and December.
Get the word out to singers
you know who may want to
participate.

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Rag Deadline: Second Wednesday of Every Month

Board Meetings: First Sunday of each month.

The December Board meeting will be held at 7:45 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, at **Lois Karlin's** home, 8353 Springfield Ave., Skokie. All chapter members are welcome, and all newly-elected Board members are encouraged to attend.

Chapter Web site:

<http://evkhome.northstarnet.org/bflat>

(Current Rag issue is also on the Web site!)

COMING EVENTS

North Shore Chapter:

Every Wednesday night—**Informal Guest Night**—BRINGASINGA!

Mon., 11/24—**Interchapter Meeting with Arlington Heights and Chicago Metro Chapters**—7:30 p.m. at Sokol Community Center, 4855 N. Elston Ave. (one block north of Lawrence Ave.), Chicago. Guests are invited.

Wed., 11/26—**No Chapter Meeting**. Happy Thanksgiving!

Sat., 12/20—**Sing around the Kettle for Salvation Army**—11 a.m.-3 p.m. at Jewel Foods, 2485 Howard St. (just east of the North Shore Sanitary Canal), Evanston.

Wed., 12/24 and Wed., 12/31—**No Chapter Meeting**. Happy Holidays!

Sat., 1/17—**Annual Chapter Dinner and Installation of Officers**—5:30 (cocktails) and 6:30 p.m. (dinner served) at Hackney's on Lake, 1514 E. Lake Ave. (just east of Waukegan Rd.), Glenview. **Bill Remien** is taking reservations; details are forthcoming.

Sun. 1/25-Sat., 2/1—**64th Annual Midwinter Convention**—Biloxi, Miss.

Fri., 2/6-Sat., 2/7—**Illinois District Academy of Harmony (IDAH)**—Peoria.

Fri., 3/26-Sun., 3/28—**Illinois District Spring Convention**—Peoria.

North Shore Chapter Web Site:

www.nsn.org/evkhome/bflat

Elsewhere:

Fri., 11/21—**Interstate Woodshed**—8 p.m.

(dinner at 6:30) at American Legion Hall, Hwy. B, Silver Lake, Wis. For information, call the hall at 262/889-8255 or **Gerry Carroll** at 847/678-0092.

Fri., 12/5 through Sun., 12/7—**Northbrook Chapter Holiday Show**—2:30 (Saturday and Sunday) and 8 p.m. (Friday and Saturday) at Glenbrook South H.S., 4000 W. Lake Ave., Glenview. Featuring: **New Tradition Chorus** (2001 International Champion Chorus/2003 Illinois District Champion Chorus), chapter quartets. Tickets: \$23 (Gold Level VIP, evening), \$18 (Silver Level, Evening), \$16 (main floor, matinee), \$15 (Bronze Level, evening), \$14 (mezzanine, matinee); \$2 discount for students and senior citizens, matinee; all evening show seats reserved; group discounts available. For more information, call 800/SHOWCHORUS (746-9246), or see **Joseph Schlesinger**, **Dick Yanow**, or **Mindy Lazor**.

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Corrections, Retractions, and Other Fun Stuff

In the October *Rag*, we said renovation of Elliott Hall would begin Nov. 15. **Bill Remien** has informed us that construction would begin Dec. 15 and will continue for at least three months. We need to have our supplies moved out by that date.

"What Am I, Chopped Liver?" Department: In our prefatory notes to September issue member recruiting articles, we stated that our chapter had nothing to show for this year's recruiting efforts. What we meant to say is that despite the chapter's efforts, our member count remains the same as it was at the beginning of the year. We did not intend to ignore or minimize the value of new members like **Larry Kohn**. On the plus side, our active membership has increased, albeit modestly.

Also in our September issue, the marginal note about our chorus formal uniform stated that Buy-A-Tux would continue to be our supplier. In fact, Buy-A-Tux has ceased to exist; it is their successor, Waitstaff Apparel, that will supply our uniforms. **Mike Shea** will continue to be our contact, **Pete Brandt** will provide details, if and when members need them.

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.

2004 IDAH Class Registration Form
Holiday Inn City Centre, Peoria, IL
Friday evening & Saturday, February 6th & 7th, 2004

Section 1 Please choose the class you will attend (Check one only)

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Barbershop History
<input type="checkbox"/> Show Production
<input type="checkbox"/> Vocal Production/Tune It or Die
<input type="checkbox"/> Quartet Coaching (Quartets only)
<input type="checkbox"/> Chorus Coaching (Chorus only) | <input type="checkbox"/> Theory of Barbershop Harmony/
Sight Singing for Beginners
<input type="checkbox"/> Judging Categories
<input type="checkbox"/> Weekend of Woodshedding |
|--|--|

Excluding IDAH Staff Personnel, all individual attendees, quartets, chorus members and District Officers must submit this registration form. Quartets may register, using one form, listing their contact person below, followed by the other three members.

NOTE: Each member participating in the Chorus Coaching Class must register individually, but send in as a group mailing by your Chapter President. Chapter Treasurers may, at their discretion, write one check to cover all participating Chorus members enrolled.

Section 2 Please fill out your personal information. (**PRINT ALL INFORMATION**)

Chapter: _____ Chapter ID No.: _____

Membership No.: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Zip Code: _____

Phone No.: _____ - _____ - _____

E-mail address: _____

Quartet name: _____

List other _____ Membership No.: _____

Quartet _____ Membership No.: _____

Members: _____ Membership No.: _____

_____ Membership No.: _____

Section 3 Please fill out payment information.

Please check one of the two listed choices, dependent upon the time frame registered

Amount:

_____ individual registration @ \$105 postmarked before 11/15/2003 _____

_____ individual registration @ \$125 postmarked after 11/15/2003 _____

_____ Quartet registration @ \$420 postmarked before 11/15/2003 _____

_____ Quartet registration @ \$500 postmarked after 11/15/2003 _____

Checks Payable To: **Illinois District SPEBSQSA / 2004 IDAH** **TOTAL** _____

Mail to: David L. Davis
903 7th Avenue
Sterling, IL 61081

ILLINOIS DISTRICT ACADEMY OF HARMONY

IDAH / 2004

Hold on to your hats, guys, there's some new and exciting changes on the horizon! Although it may seem early, our 2004 IDAH will soon be upon us. Under the leadership of yours truly, Dave Davis, your District Music & Performance VP, our past IDAH format has been altered and upgraded to encourage higher District Membership participation. To accommodate the expected increase in numbers, the site venue will be moved from the Springfield area to the Holiday Inn Cener, Peoria, IL. The date has been set for Friday evening and all day Saturday, February 6th & 7th, 2004.

Quartet Coaching: Need I say more than **FOUR VOICES, 2002 International Quartet Champions?** This is a Quartet Coaching opportunity of a lifetime you'll not want to miss. Four Voices will be joined by other highly qualified coaches, as we fill staff positions. There will be **a maximum of twelve open Quartet slots available**. Be pro-active and register early. We will also offer each Quartet an opportunity to perform at our Saturday evening Afterglow at your request.

TOP GUN Coaching: This year, we are again providing a highly qualified Top Gun Coaching Staff. **Larry Clemens/Presentation CS, Russ Young/Singing and Rob Campbell/Music Board of Review Member** will provide our Top Gun coaching. The Top Gun coaching is by invitation only and those invited will be determined following this year's Fall Contest.

(New this year)

Chorus Coaching: This year we are offering two openings for Choruses interested in Coaching Sessions, covering both the Singing and Presentation categories. Each Chorus will receive a half day session from each category. All Chorus coaching will be scheduled for Saturday only. Requests will be on a first come, first serve basis. Interested Choruses may contact me directly at ddavis@essex1.com.

Instructors to be announced

Barbershop Potpourri: For those individuals searching for an individual learning experience, take a look at one of the following offerings below. Any choice will be a Rewarding Barbershop experience.

*****Choose one of any Class listed below*****

(New this year)

Barbershop History

Trace your Barbershop roots. Learn how barbershop draws from other musical styles. Listen to recordings and trace the development of the Barbershop Quartet through the early years of the Society.
Instructor/ David Wright

- Vocal Production/
Tune It or Die** Two half day classes, combined into one choice. Learn the basics of good vocal production. Take yourself to the next level and combine these skills with proper tuning techniques. Choose this class and you'll experience the joy of an expanded sound with an abundance of ringing chords.
Instructor/ Rick Spencer
- Theory of Barbershop
Harmony/Sight
Singing for Beginners** Two half day classes, combined into one choice. Love that Barbershop Seventh! Study intervals, chords and harmonic preprogressions. Sing what you see. Learn the fundamentals of transforming the visual symbols of pitch and rhythm into vocal sounds.
Instructor/ Jay Krumbholz
- Show Production** The words and notes are just the beginning. Thrill an audience with a professional show production plan. Develop a high energy presentation, structured toward reaching the ultimate goal, a Standing Ovation.
Instructor/ Mike Maino
- Judging Categories** Everything you want to know about the Contest & Judging Program. What it takes to become a judge. How the judges view your performance and determine your scores. An informative overview you'll not want to miss.
Instructors/ Bob Squires and Ron Rank
- (New this year)
Weekend of
Woodshedding** You're not in a Quartet and prefer singing over a classroom setting. Now is your opportunity to join in the festivities. Jack Baird, a well known District Woodshed guru, will coordinate, or as he says, get you started. Come and participate in an informal setting, meet old friends and woodshed to your heart's delight.
- Registration Forms:** **Registration forms are being developed and will become available soon. Watch for them at our Illinois District Web site (www.harmonize.ws/ILL).**

(Class and housing registration forms are printed as part of this insert.—J.S.)

2004 IDAH Housing Registration
Holiday Inn City Centre
500 Hamilton Blvd., Peoria, IL 61602
 (1-309-674-2500) (Toll Free 1-800-474-2501)

IDAHA will be held on 2/6 & 2/7/2004. **Excluding all IDAH Staff Personnel, all District Officers, Quartet members, individual attendees and members attending for Chorus coaching must complete and mail a reservation form to the address listed below.**

You may reserve rooms individually or in groups of 2, 3 or 4 per room. Roll away bed fees will be added to the established room rate and are available upon your request at desk.

Special room rates (\$72.00 per night) have been negotiated and are based on double occupancy, so please register with a roommate and share the costs.

NOTE: This form applies only to those requiring housing.

Send to:

Holiday Inn City Centre
Attn: Registration
500 Hamilton Blvd.
Peoria, IL 61602

Smoking _____	Room	Check	Number	Roll Away
Non-Smoking _____	Rates	one	nights	Required
Single: 1 person / 1 bed	\$72.00	_____	_____	
Dbl/Dbl: 2 people / 2 beds	\$72.00	_____	_____	
Triple Rate: \$72.00 + Roll away	\$72.00	_____	_____	_____
Quad Rate: \$72.00 + Roll away	\$72.00	_____	_____	_____

Arrival Date _____ Time of Arrival _____ Departure Date _____

List Names of All Individuals in Room

Participating as: Check one only

Q-tet _____ Chorus _____ General _____

Q-tet _____ Chorus _____ General _____

Q-tet _____ Chorus _____ General _____

**Room registered
Under this Name:**

Participating as: Check one only

Q-tet _____ Chorus _____ General _____

Address: _____ City/State _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____ - _____ - _____ E-mail Address: _____

Note: One night room rate deposit due with registration. Check payable to Holiday Inn City Centre

Visa ☐ Mastercard ☐ AmEx ☐ Discover ☐ Personal Check ☐

Credit card number: — — —

Exp. Date: _____ Signature: _____

"It is one of the most beautiful compensations of this life, that no man can sincerely try to help another without helping himself."

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

Dues

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Board members unanimously passed a motion to ask for voluntary contributions from each member at every Wednesday night chapter meeting. The suggested contribution amount is \$5, though members who wish to do so may contribute more.

Our treasury is about \$1,100 short of funds needed to meet current expenses. If every active member—we have 16—attends every meeting and chips in \$5, we'll collect \$80 each night. At that rate, we should be caught up within 14 weeks.

These collections are not intended to be permanent; they will continue only until we can pay off our debts.

The Board thanks all of you members for your patience and cooperation.



"From the Top"

We're now entering the home stretch of 2003. The holiday season is typically one of the busiest times of the year for Barbershoppers, and we're no exception.

The response we have received so far to our formation of a holiday chorus has been gratifying, and we hope the enthusiasm and excitement will continue unabated through our final performance of the year on Dec. 20.

Speaking for myself, it's wonderful to be able to attend meetings in their entirety once more. **Bill Remien** has done a

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Sun., 12/7—**Edge O' Town Chapter (Sweet Adelines International, Inc.)**

Show—2 p.m. at St.

Patrick H.S. Performing Arts Centre, 5900 W.

Belmont Ave., Chicago.

Featuring: **Edge O'Town Chorus, Banjo Buddies.**

Tickets: \$15 (\$10 for children age 12 and under).

For more information, call **Carol Richard** at 773/528-2998.

Sun., 12/7—**Melodeers**

Chapter (SAI) Holiday

Show—3 p.m. at Stevenson H.S., 1 Stevenson Dr.,

Lincolnshire. Featuring:

Melodeers Chorus (SAI current and tree-time past

international champion chorus). Tickets: \$15 (\$12

for senior citizens and children age 12 and under).

For more information, call 800/ACA-PLLA. (222-7552).

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

yeoman job leading the chorus during the early part of our meetings till Dick arrives. Now all we need is a chorus for him to direct when meetings start at 7:45.

Let's all remember the technical points and barbershop craft Dick has taught us throughout the year. Even though some of us have sung the holiday songs for ten years or more, let's remember not to slip into bad, old singing habits.

—**Joseph Schlesinger**
President

October/ November Guests

Jim Gieseler (Arlington Heights Chapter—

Chordmasters)

Gary Goodfriend (former member)

Dave King (Arlington Heights Chapter—

Chordmasters)

Bernie Martin (Arlington Heights Chapter—

Chordmasters)

Rick Orlina (Schlesinger)

Marshall and Sharon Rasof (P. Martin)

Robert Teng (Schlesinger)

Bill Woodring (Salem, Ohio Chapter)

Quartet News

Alchemy scared up some chords at a private Halloween party Saturday, Nov. 1.

They will be the featured guests at the Northbrook Chapter officers' installation dinner Jan. 3. They will attend IDAH for Top Gun Coaching.

Hospitality will entertain the Park Ridge Panhellenic Club at their holiday meeting, Friday afternoon, Dec. 5, at Park Ridge Country Club. On Sunday afternoon, Dec. 14, they will sing at a luncheon the West Suburban (Chicago) Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America will hold at The Terrace Restaurant and Banquets in Lombard.

North Shore Four (Mimura-Remien-Jones-Schlesinger) strolled and sang to residents in the dining room of the North Shore Retirement Hotel in Evanston Wednesday night, Nov. 5.

P. O. Box 741
Evanston, IL 60204

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**Q: Why did the
band leader
save the
drumsticks from
thirty-eight
turkeys?**

**A: Because
he wanted
seventy-six
tom bones.**

**(Happy Turkey
Day to you, too!)**

Harmony (continued from page 1)

Is there a market for a possible second Evanston Harmony Days? Tough to tell. An unusual combination of unforeseen events interfered with three of our activities, resulting in disappointingly low attendance—and in the case of our vocal workshop no attendees.

Likewise, our publicity efforts were hampered by the unexpected closing of one Evanston newspaper and the departure of one of our primary long-time media contacts from another paper. While combining our listings with those for Arts Week Evanston got us some media coverage we might not have otherwise received, it appears the confusion that arose from linking the two events together may have hurt us more than helped us.

Another area in which we defeated ourselves was planning. Because many of the projects we undertook were new to us we underestimated the amount of lead time needed to complete the steps necessary for adequate preparation. The result was that much of the last-minute scrambling we did to find venues and performers might have been avoided. Also, the overall timing of the event, early fall, presented problems when we approached singing groups from the high schools and universities, and when we tried to schedule groups' visits and performances at Evanston schools.

Finally, broader participation from more qualified chapter members in the planning and coordination might have made the whole project go

much smoother. In addition, it was regrettable that some talented members of the committee resigned. But, of course, these things happen—life sometimes makes sudden demands on us.

Should we think about doing this again? That's up to the chapter Board and members to decide.

'Liner Notes

That stranger you saw at meeting three weeks ago was no stranger—he was **Paul Smalley**, briefly in the area from the West Coast.

We wish **Dick Yanow** a speedy recovery from injuries received from a fall in his home.