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# HUNTERDON Harmonizers

Barbershop Chorus



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## HUNTERDON HARMONIZER AUTUMN 2001 SCHEDULE

*make sure to confirm your commitment to performances (sign-up sheets)*

|         |           |   |                           |
|---------|-----------|---|---------------------------|
| Fri     | Nov 9     | Hunterdon Chamber of Commerce Expo, NHRHS | 7 a.m.—7 p.m.             |
| Sat-Sun | Nov 10-11 | Northern COTS                             | TBA                       |
| Tues    | Nov 13    | Chapter Rehearsal/Meeting                 | Elks 7:30 p.m.            |
| Weds    | Nov 14    | Special Holiday Show Rehearsal            | Elks 7:30 p.m.            |
| Tues    | Nov 20    | Chapter Rehearsal/Meeting                 | Elks 7:30 p.m.            |
| Sat     | Nov 24    | Dickens' Days                             | Clinton, NJ               |
| Tues    | Nov 27    | Chapter Rehearsal/Meeting                 | Elks 7:30 p.m.            |
| Fri     | Nov 30    | Holiday Show Dress Rehearsal              | TBA                       |
| Sat     | Dec 1     | Holiday Show                              | TBA                       |
| Sun     | Dec 2     | Holiday Parade                            | Flemington, NJ            |
| Tues    | Dec 4     | Chapter Rehearsal/Meeting                 | Elks 7:30 p.m.            |
| Wed     | Dec 5     | Lights of Love                            | Hunterdon Medical Center  |
| Tues    | Dec 11    | Carol Singing                             | Flemington Baptist Church |



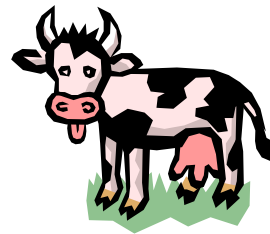
## HARMONIZERS BRING HOPE AND INSPIRATION TO HUNTERDON'S SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

by Jack Gardner

The Hunterdon Harmonizers closed ranks on the steps of the old courthouse in Flemington, NJ, to lead a crowd, estimated by the local police to be three thousand, in a touching tribute to those who lost their lives in the World Trade Center, Pentagon, and Pennsylvania terrorist attacks. Memorials like this one were taking place that Sunday evening, September 23, at Yankee Stadium, Liberty Park, and at county seats all across New Jersey.

Just a week before, we were entertaining people at our 17th Annual Craft Fair. Flemington's Chief of Police heard us sing a very special rendition of "God Bless America" and invited us to lead Sunday's Service of Remembrance. **Development VP Lee Roth** readily agreed. A week of planning by **President Rich**

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## "HOLIDAY HARMONY" SHOW!

Our show, "HOLIDAY HARMONY, A 2001 Holiday Odyssey" will be presented at North Hunterdon High School on December 1. There will be two shows—one at 2:30 p.m. and one at 7:30 p.m. This year we will be featuring the Hunterdon Symphony in the second act of the show.

Ticket prices are as follows: \$7 general admission and \$12 for reserved seats for the 2:30 p.m. show; \$10 general admission for the 7:30 p.m. show, \$15 & \$25 for reserved seats.

Have you seen the monster show postcard in the store front next to the courthouse in Flemington? Wow!!

### **SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE ... (continued)**

**Taylor** and **Director Don Reckenbeil**, along with special rehearsals, brought the program into shape. Former members returned to swell the ranks and by Sunday at 6 p.m., everyone was ready.

The Harmonizers looked out at a crowd standing shoulder-to-shoulder, filling three blocks of downtown Main Street. On the right were ranks of firemen and rescue squad workers and on the left were police and the Hunterdon Central High School band. Between them people of all ages and races waved American flags and red, white, and blue glow-sticks. Behind us, on the portico, were leaders of the religious community; police, fire, and rescue squad leaders; local and county officials; and over thirty local relatives of those who lost their lives on September 11 or were still counted among the missing.

This was not just a concert for the Harmonizers. It was a time for healing and bringing everyone together through song. The evening's selections included: *America the Beautiful*, *My Country 'Tis of Thee*, *The Star Spangled Banner*, *Armed Services Medley*, *It Is Well with My Soul*, *Let There Be Peace on Earth*, *The Lord's Prayer*, and *I'll Walk with God*. Special narrations were featured with several songs. **Don Reckenbeil** directed everyone in singing songs of patriotism and pride.

As the benediction closed the 90-minute service, people left with tears in their eyes, hope on their faces, and songs in their hearts. We felt blessed to be a part of this very special event. It was summed up in our feelings as we sang loud and proud: "And I'll never walk alone, while I walk, while I walk with God!"

### **HH WOMEN'S AUXILIARY NOTES**

by Carol McKeivitt and Sharon Cole

Did you know that the Hunterdon Harmonizers have a Women's Auxiliary? Would you like to join us? Like most organizations the auxiliary has had its ups and downs. In the beginning we helped the guys get started by holding various fundraisers. Over the years, we have had many. We sold calendars, thermometers, candy, and various other things to raise money for our guys. One of our first gifts to the men was hand-sewn arm garters (in kelly green) to go with white shirts and black pants that they wore when they performed their first show.

Another year, we put together our favorite recipes and produced a cookbook that we sold at community affairs and various functions. Later on we got more ambitious when we designed and created a hand pieced quilt of Hunterdon County that we raffled off at one of the Harmonizer annual shows.

### **WOMEN'S AUXILIARY ... (continued)**

Our presence and our support has been felt at the Annual Shows, Annual Craft Fairs, and at the Competitions.

Did you know that the auxiliary has been able to help the chorus with a number of things? We helped them purchase their very first shirts, which were kelly green with our name on the pocket; name tags for the new members; and we also started the purchase of the teal golf shirts with the chorus logo.

Our latest gift to the Chorus is a new banner. The banner is in the stages of being created. It is made of nylon and will have the Harmonizers logo (in raised letters) on it. The package with the banner includes metal poles for it to be free standing and a bag for easy storage and carrying.

Another important goal of the auxiliary is to help the Chorus at their shows. We have a show coming up on December 1<sup>st</sup> with 2 shows, at 2:30 and 7:30 pm. We are asking several things, from all who can help, since this is the one and only fundraiser for the year.

#### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR HOLIDAY SHOW!**

Over the past several years, the auxiliary has had a bake sale table during intermission and after the Holiday Show. This has been very successful for us. We decided to take the advice of The Alexandria Harmonizers Auxiliary by not setting a flat fee for items but to ask for donations instead. This simple process has increased our income from donations by at least 50%.

*We need people to bake.* We are asking that baked goods (preferably hand held holiday theme items) be donated for us to sell. Bring them to the North Hunterdon High School before either the 2:30 or the 7:30 p.m. show.

*We need people to help us at the table.* This is a great way to meet your neighbors and talk with the folks who enjoy the barbershop style of singing.

*We need ushers for both shows.* We need to have a couple of people before hand to help get the programs ready and then man the doors. The staff at the high school has asked that we do not allow food or drinks into the auditorium.

*We need handcrafted holiday items to sell.* As an addition this year, if anybody would like to donate handcrafted holiday items that could be sold we would certainly appreciate it. We had one member donate reindeer Christmas ornaments a few years ago and they were a big hit.

Please call either Carol (908-852-0953) or Sharon (908-806-7114) and let them know what your plans are. Thank you for your time and we certainly hope that you can help us this year.



## **LEE ROTH HONORED AT CONVENTIONS**

by Rusty Williams

**Lee Roth** was honored at the 2001 International Convention by the Public Relations Officers and Bulletin Editors organization (PROBE) of SPEBSQSA as the 2001 International Public Relations Officer of the year. Out of 850 chapters, Lee's work with the Hunterdon Harmonizers was recognized as the best in our entire organization!! We all know that Lee has been our greatest and most dedicated promoter, and it's only fitting that our International Organization credits his dedication this way.

And on the same page, Lee was called to the front of our District meeting in Wildwood during the Mid-Atlantic District Convention and presented with the Mid-Atlantic Public Relations Award for the year! "Hold on ... don't sit down yet, Lee." There were two individual achievement awards presented in our District and BOTH went to Mr. Lee

Roth of the Hunterdon Harmonizers! Call it a clean sweep, call it a hat trick, or call it much deserved recognition of hard work, effective planning, and dedication to the advancement of our hobby and its contribution to our community. Way to go, Lee!!

## **MEMORIAL TRIBUTE WITH HUNTERDON MUSICAL ARTS**

by Rusty Williams

On November 3, the Hunterdon Musical Arts presented a memorial tribute for the Hunterdon County residents who lost their lives in the September 11 terrorist attack. Twenty-five Harmonizers took part in this very worthwhile community event, headlined by the Hunterdon Symphony, and featuring the best musical organizations and soloists in our county. We had the opportunity to perform *I'll Walk with God* and *The Lord's Prayer* and to provide the vocal leadership in a salute to our armed services. A great night, and thanks to all who made it that way!



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### **OFFICERS/CHAIRMEN**

|                                 |                |                                    |                  |
|---------------------------------|----------------|------------------------------------|------------------|
| <b>President:</b>               | Rich Taylor    | <b>Chapter Welfare:</b>            | Nick Rigas       |
| <b>Director:</b>                | Don Reckenbeil | <b>Guest Night:</b>                | Charlie Mohr     |
| <b>Chapter Development:</b>     | Lee Roth       | <b>Program Team:</b>               | Lou Barile       |
| <b>Music &amp; Performance:</b> | Jim Knight     | <b>Correspondence:</b>             | David Holzwarth  |
| <b>Music Librarian:</b>         | Ed Kunkle      | <b>Coffee cups, magnets, etc.:</b> | Dennis McKeivitt |
| <b>Singing Valentines:</b>      | Charlie Sousa  | <b>Webmaster:</b>                  | Warren Lieuallen |
| <b>Uniforms:</b>                | Lou Bowers     | <b>Tenor Section Leader:</b>       | George Schwert   |
| <b>Tshirts:</b>                 | Charlie Mohr   | <b>Lead Section Leader:</b>        | Pat Cerillo      |
| <b>Badges:</b>                  | Nick Rigas     | <b>Baritone Section Leader:</b>    | Brian Lipe       |
| <b>Learning tapes:</b>          | Charlie Mohr   | <b>Bass Section Leader:</b>        | Rusty Williams   |
| <b>Public Relations:</b>        | Jack Gardner   | <b>Choreographer:</b>              | Vida Allworthy   |
| <b>Youth Festival:</b>          | Ron Roth       |                                    |                  |



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