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HARMONIZER SPRING/SUMMER 2000 SCHEDULE

make sure to confirm (sign-up sheets) performances

Tue	May 23	Regular rehearsal	Elks Bldg	7:30 p.m.
Mon	May 29	March in Memorial Day Parade	Flemington	9:00 a.m.
Tue	May 30	Regular rehearsal	Elks Bldg	7:30 p.m.
Tue	June 6	Regular rehearsal	Elks Bldg	7:30 p.m.
Fri	June 9	Cancer Survivor's Dinner/ Relay for Life	NHRHS	6:45 p.m.
		American Cancer Society	NHRHS	8:00 p.m.
Tue	June 13	Regular rehearsal	Elks Bldg	7:30 p.m.
Tue	June 20	Youth Visit to Chapter Meeting	Elks Bldg	7:30 p.m.
Sat	June 24	Beaux Arts 2000	Deer Path Park	3:30 p.m.
Tue	June 27	National Anthem at Somerset Patriots Baseball Field		6:30 p.m.
Sat	Aug 26	Harmonizers Picnic	Deer Path Park	11:30 a.m.-
Fri-Sat	Oct 6-7	District Convention	Wildwood, NJ	

NEWS RELEASE: Hunterdon Quartets WOW Barbershop Audience

by Jack Gardner

Five quartets from the Hunterdon Harmonizers barbershop chorus delighted an audience of barbershop fans at the Northern Division Quartet Contest at the Parsippany Hilton on May 12. This was the result of an intense effort by the chorus and its president, Dick Taylor, to focus on forming new quartets. One of the major goals of SPEBSQSA, the international barbershop quartet society, is to promote quartet singing. The Harmonizers took this goal to heart, and formed four new quartets this year to participate in the Division contest. This meant that 60% of the chorus was in the quartet competition—one of the highest percentages on record for the society!

The first Hunterdon quartet to perform was "Four Tune Cookies" (George Schwerdt, Dave Farber, Charlie Mohr, Ed Kunkel), who selected their songs from the inside of fortune cookies. They drew two barbershop standards "Side by Side" and "Little Pal."

Next came the chapter's most experienced quartet, a group that performed in contest as a quartet last year, "Voice Activation" (Pat Cerillo, Steve Updegraff, Brian Lipe, Rusty Williams) who had the audience laughing with their rendition of "Frog Kissin'."

Dick Taylor's quartet, "Sneak Preview" (with Bob Mahoney, Charlie Sousa, Bob Denlinger) stepped their way to high marks with "Song and Dance Man."

Next up, "Harmony Square" (Tim Snyder, Don Reckenbeil, Art Cole Jr., Warren Lieuallen) told a funny tale of lost love with "The Last Time I Saw Henry."

Capping off Hunterdon's evening was an aptly named quartet called "WOW" (Tom Davis, Lee Roth, Marty Vanderwall, Lou Barile). With red berets and nifty moves, WOW "wowed" the Hunterdon contingent. Soon the whole audience was shouting "Wow!" (Someone remarked that

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WOW upside down spells "MOM", an appealing thought for Mother's Day Weekend.)

Twenty-one other quartets from the tri-state area also participated in the competition. For the men of Hunterdon, there was nothing that could match the enthusiasm and camaraderie of their five quartets. This is what barbershopping is all about . . . making music, having fun, and sharing fellowship while entertaining everyone. More than half of the Hunterdon participants were singing as quartet members in competition for the first time, and all enjoyed the experience and were well received.

The next day, Director Don Reckenbeil led the Hunterdon Harmonizers into chorus competition at the same venue. Fourteen of the best choruses in the tri-state area were vying for the chance to move on to District competition. Some of them had been District champions, so the competition was keen. Buoyed by the performance of their quartets the night before, the Harmonizers were ready for the challenge. Morning workouts were under the watchful eye of choreographer Vida Allworthy, who made sure all moves were properly synchronized.

By the time they took the stage, the Harmonizers were prepped and pumped. They sang the ballad "Pal of My Cradle Days" tenderly and with feeling to honor all their mothers. They shifted smoothly into high gear with the "Barbershop Strut." The audience loved it, and the judges did too. Hunterdon was selected as the most improved chorus in the competition. They placed second in the intermediate chorus category. It was a great performance to top a wonderful weekend.

The Hunterdon Harmonizers perform at civic events, festivals, their own shows, and other occasions throughout the year. They meet on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 in the Flemington Elks Club Building on Route 31. For more information about having a quartet or the chorus perform for your group, or about singing with the chorus, visit the website at www.njharmonizers.org or call Lee Roth, Vice President Development at 908-806-NOTE (6683).

Guest Night March 21, 2000

by Charlie Mohr

Guest night was successful with 20 men and some wives making a total of 34 persons who signed our guest book. The program was one that I personally advocated since it gave prospective members an opportunity to know something about the organization that they might possibly want to join. Within the week, a follow up letter was mailed out to all of the male attendees. The letter thanked them for attending and offered them phone numbers of persons they could contact for additional information. The letter also gave some advertisement about the youth program on April 1.

The success of the guest night is attributable to all of the people who participated. Including Dick Taylor, Lee Roth,

Don Reckenbeil, Rusty Williams and all of the Harmonizers. Special thanks to our ladies auxiliary who arranged for and served the food.

The aftermath of the effort is disappointing since, so far, we have only had one person attending meetings who indicated an interest in joining. Some members have indicated to me that persons that they sponsored showed a real interest in joining.

My next effort will be to make a pitch that these persons be contacted by phone to encourage them to attend meeting and volunteer to pick them up and bring them to our Tuesday meetings. Below is a list of the names and phone numbers of the men who attended guest night. Since all Harmonizers are automatically on the membership committee, would you please take a few moments of your time to call these people, especially the ones that you know.

Wayne Jones	732-764-1656
Mark Yablonsky	973-379-5547
Ron Medine	908-996-4739
Clarence Martin	908-874-3213
Robert Nesius	908 832-7853
Joe Monahan	908-369-7676
Dan Mohr	609-258-3821
Steve Bonick	732-247-9455
Dan Hogancamp	609-298-8829
Ken Friedlander	908-272-1503
Jeff Pearson	609-890-9337
Frank Cleary	908-237-0734
Paul DeMott	908-638-8087
Joe Casey	908-782-9664
Doug Moore	908-782-3105
Ed Martin	908-782-6695
Jim VanArsdale	908-735-5271
Scott Davis	908-782-8752
Tom Newman	908-638-5157

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A HOUSE WITH LOVE IN IT
ALL I HAVE TO DO IS DREAM
APPLAUSE
AS TIME GOES BY
THE BARBERSHOP STRUT
BREAKING UP IS HARD TO DO
DREAM, DREAM, DREAM
GOD BLESS AMERICA
HE'S GOT THE WHOLE WORLD IN HIS HANDS
I'LL WALK WITH GOD
KO-KO-MO
LIDA ROSE
THE LORD'S PRAYER
THE NAUGHTY LADY OF SHADY LANE
ON THE SUNNY SIDE OF THE STREET
PAL OF MY CRADLE DAYS
TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME
THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER
THEY WROTE 'EM IN THE GOOD OL' DAYS

OFFICIAL SCORING SUMMARY, Mid-Atlantic District Northern Division Quartet Contest
 SPEBSQSA, Inc., Parsippany, New Jersey, May 12, 2000

FINALS	SONGS	MUS	PRE	SNG	TOTAL SCORE
1 Good Times	<i>I've Been Workin' On The Railroad</i>	153	144	146	886
	<i>When My Baby Smiles At Me</i>	149	144	150	
2 Vanguard	<i>Roses Of Picardy</i>	149	140	147	867
	<i>That's An Irish Lullaby</i>	147	139	145	
3 Yes, Indeed	<i>Singing In The Bathtub</i>	128	141	125	799
	<i>Coney Island Washboard/By The Sea</i>	136	140	129	
4 Songs-R-Us	<i>Hello! My Baby</i>	125	128	124	748
	<i>Jeepers Creepers/Them There Eyes</i>	120	130	121	
5 Future Four *	<i>There'll Be Some Changes Made</i>	125	127	124	742
	<i>So Long, Mother</i>	125	122	119	
6 CyberSounds	<i>Let's Get Away From It All</i>	128	122	125	724
	<i>When I Lost You</i>	120	113	116	
7 Harmonious Rex	<i>It Had To Be You</i>	120	125	121	722
	<i>The Band Played On</i>	121	118	117	
8 Too-Square	<i>Red, Red Robin Goes Bobbin' Along</i>	122	124	115	713
	<i>If You Were The Only Girl In The World</i>	117	123	112	
8 Workin' Class	<i>I Feel A Song Comin' On/Hallelujah</i>	129	119	114	713
	<i>Blue Of The Night Meets The Gold Of The Day</i>	121	124	106	
10 Top Shelf	<i>Ain't Misbehavin'</i>	129	119	122	712
	<i>Sweet, Sweet Roses Of Morn</i>	115	112	115	
11 Audible Difference	<i>Ring To The Name Of Rose</i>	116	111	116	678
	<i>Ragtime Cow Boy Joe</i>	108	118	109	
12 Once Upon A Tyme	<i>Let's Get Away From It All</i>	114	119	112	674
	<i>Baby Won't You Please Come Home</i>	111	116	102	
13 Harmony Square	<i>The Last Time Saw Henry</i>	116	101	112	647
	<i>As Time Goes By</i>	105	105	108	
14 Dream Street	<i>Let The Rest Of The World Go By</i>	120	109	103	640
	<i>Get Out And Get Under The Moon</i>	110	106	92	
15 Voice Activation	<i>Because Of You</i>	105	106	98	639
	<i>Frog Kissin'</i>	112	113	105	
16 Sneak Preview	<i>I'll Never Write A Love Song Any More</i>	106	91	93	616
	<i>Song And Dance Man</i>	115	110	101	
17 Just For The Heck Of It *	<i>Five Foot Two</i>	97	100	102	589
	<i>If You Were The Only Girl In The World</i>	98	92	100	
18 Close Harmony *	<i>Hello, Mary Lou</i>	85	102	105	581
	<i>How Deep Is the Ocean</i>	92	97	100	
19 Zero Gravity	<i>Sweet And Lovely</i>	104	99	95	562
	<i>Jeepers Creepers</i>	90	84	90	
20 Extra Measure	<i>Dream</i>	109	101	84	561
	<i>Stars Fell On Alabama</i>	98	90	79	
21 The In Crowd	<i>Georgia On My Mind</i>	96	84	90	540
	<i>The Song Is Ended</i>	97	85	88	
22 King's Highwaymen	<i>If I Could Write A Song</i>	97	101	88	536
	<i>Let's Get Away From It All</i>	89	84	77	
23 WOW	<i>If You Were The Only Girl In The World</i>	94	91	79	515
	<i>Yes Sir, That's My Baby</i>	90	85	76	
24 Four Tune Cookies	<i>Side By Side</i>	86	78	79	478
	<i>Little Pal</i>	88	76	71	
25 Executive Suite	<i>You Keep Coming Back Like A Song</i>	92	60	80	474
	<i>Ain't Misbehavin'</i>	86	67	89	
26 Five Town Four *	<i>I Want A Girl</i>	62	60	61	345
	<i>My Wild Irish Rose</i>	61	50	51	

* Indicates a College Quartet
 Future Four is the Northern College Quartet Champion
 Dream Street is the Northern Novice Quartet Champion

PANEL: ADMINISTRATOR	MUSIC	PRESENTATION	SINGING
C. Harner-MAD	S. Jamison-RMD	T. Schlinkert-DIX	B. Barford-JAD
D. Shaw-SUN	M. Knight-EVG	G. Wulf-JAD	B. McFadden-JAD

OFFICIAL SCORING SUMMARY, Mid-Atlantic District Northern Division Chorus Contest
 SPEBSQSA, Inc., Parsippany, New Jersey, May 13, 2000

FINALS	SONGS	MUS	PRE	SNG	SCORE	OnStg
1 Easton, PA Brothers in Harmony	<i>Only A Rose</i> <i>All Aboard For Dixie Land</i>	168	159	163	968	33
2 Manhattan, NY The Big Apple Chorus	<i>Jump Shout Boogie</i> <i>Always</i>	166	162	161	967	49
3 Western Suffolk, NY Twin Shores Chorus	<i>Little Boy</i> <i>WhenTheToySoldiersMarchOnParade</i>	146	153	150	914	59
4 Hunterdon County, NJ Hunterdon Harmonizers	<i>Pal Of My Cradle Days</i> <i>Barbershop Strut</i>	142	127	131	797	32
5 Wilkes-Barre, PA Wyoming Valley Chorus	<i>Red, Red Robin Goes Bobbin' Along</i> <i>IfYouWereTheOnlyGirlInTheWorld</i>	124	128	132	753	31
6 Brooklyn, NY Kings Chorus	<i>It's A Long Way To Tipperary</i> <i>Goodbye My Coney Island Baby</i>	123	115	115	730	28
7 Rahway Valley, NJ Jerseyaires	<i>Just A Cottage Small</i> <i>Jimmy Durante Medley</i>	111	112	111	672	28
8 Ridgewood, NJ Cavaliers Of Harmony	<i>When I Was The Kid Next Door</i> <i>Mardi Gras March</i>	117	105	117	668	23
9 North Brookhaven, NY The Harbormen	<i>When It's Night Time In Dixie Land</i> <i>Sweetheart Of Sigma Chi</i>	109	109	100	638	19
10 Morris County, NJ Morris Music Men	<i>Please Mr. Columbus</i> <i>Funiculi Funicula</i>	95	127	99	628	35
11 Montclair, NJ Dapper Dans of Harmony	<i>There'llBeNoNewTunesOnThisOldPiano</i> <i>Sweet Adeline</i>	109	104	106	622	27
12 Somerset Hills, NJ The SomerTones	<i>When I Lost You</i> <i>Ain't Misbehavin'</i>	100	94	90	587	20
13 Nassau/Mid Island, NY Mid-Islanders	<i>By The Light Of The Silvery Moon</i> <i>Do you Remember When?</i>	103	90	87	580	25
14 Teaneck, NJ Blue Chip Chorus	<i>There'llBeNoNewTunesOnThisOldPiano</i> <i>Ain't Misbehavin'</i>	102	76	77	556	30

Ridgewood, NJ is the Small Chorus Champion.
 Easton, PA is the Intermediate Chorus Champion.
 Manhattan, NY is the Large Chorus Champion.
 Hunterdon County, NJ is the Most Improved Chorus.

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Youth Barbershop Festival 2000

by Ron Roth

*You'd scarce expect one of my age
To speak in public on the stage;
And if I chance to fall below
Demosthenes or Cicero,
Don't view me with a critic's eye,
But pass my imperfections by.
Large streams from little fountains flow,
Tall oaks from little acorns grow.*
—David Everett

The Hunterdon Harmonizers planted an acorn on Saturday, April 1, 2000, at North Hunterdon High School in Annandale, NJ, in the form of a "Youth Barbershop Festival 2000." For the first time in New Jersey Barbershop history, the state approved a grant for the event which the Harmonizers hoped would attract between 200 to 300 students.

Months of planning went into the Festival. The location was secured for the entire day. Music and tapes were prepared for the participants. Arrangements were made to feed the students, staff, and parents. Publicity releases were sent to every New Jersey Barbershop Chapter and music teachers from the public and private schools were given information about the Festival and asked for their support and encouragement.

The Festival had originally been scheduled for February 5, 2000, but because of facility availability, the date was moved to April 1. Fortunately, our two Clinicians were able to make the change and plans proceeded.

Chris Peterson, who is well known to Barbershoppers, flew up from Florida at the end of march to coach our chorus and take a lead role in the Festival. In addition, we were extremely lucky to have Lorraine Barrows, with her impressive credentials, provided by the Sweet Adelines. Joining them for the day were two outstanding quartets: "Fifth Element" from Manhattan and "Night Magic" from Cherry Hill, NJ.

Music Educators throughout the state were enthusiastic and supportive. However, our new date was in direct conflict with all-day tryouts for All-State Chorus and the 200+ students we expected couldn't participate.

Ultimately, we had 28 enthusiastic young people from New Jersey and nearby New York participate. It was very exciting to watch the development, not only of singing and performing skills, but the camaraderie that developed among 28 total strangers. At the end of the day, the girls gave a

performance, followed by a performance by the boys. The "Grande Finale" was the combined voices of all the participants including the quartets and the Hunterdon Harmonizers.

Every student gave the day rave reviews and implored us to do a repeat. Each student promised to bring at least two other students. I can still hear one student telling her friend, "It was the best day of my life!"

The acorn has been planted. Hopefully these young people will become the oak of Barbershopping!

Clinicians, International Quartets, and Educators are rallying for the second Hunterdon County Youth Barbershop Festival

Www.njharmonizers.org . . .

by Warren Lieuallen

The Hunterdon Harmonizers' web site has been updated to include sound clips from the Northern Division contest! If you would like to take a listen, go to the web page at <http://www.njharmonizers.org> and look towards the bottom of the page. Click on the clips to download, or listen if you've already got an MP3 player installed.

The quality of the clips isn't bad, considering they came from a duplicated cassette tape played on the crummy stereo I've got down in the basement hooked up to my computer. The quality of the singing is phenomenal!!

P.S. If you're interested, Harmony Square's page has also been updated with clips from the contest. You can access it through our Quartet page, or go directly to <http://www.njharmonizers.org/harmsqr>.

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