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## HUNTERDON HARMONIZER 2002 SCHEDULE

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

Regular scheduled Chapter Rehearsal/Meeting, Tuesdays	Elks	7:30 p.m.
Sat Jan 12	Installation Dinner at Mountainview Chalet	6 p.m.
Sun-Thurs Feb 10-14	Singing Valentines—ALL needed on Thursday	
Sat Mar 23	1st CD recording session (Total chorus)	
Sat Apr 13	Elks Dinner Show	Elks
Mon May 27	Memorial Day Parade	Flemington
Fri-Sat June 7-8	Northern Division Contest	
Sat June 21	2nd CD recording session (Total chorus)	
Tues June 25	Patriots Ball Game (pending confirmation)	
Sundays July/Aug	Octets/Quartets various Church Choir relief program	
Sun Aug 11	2nd Annual Barbershop Ball Game (pending confirmation)	
Sun Aug 25	Annual Hunterdon Harmonizers' Picnic at Deer Path Park	
Sat-Sun Sept 21-22	Annual Craft Show in Flemington	
Fri-Sat Oct 4-5	Fall District Convention in Wildwood—we are hosting	
Sat Oct 19	3rd CD recording session (Total chorus)	
Sat Nov 9	Bus trip to Alexandria Harmonizers (Mat) Show	
Sat Nov 30	Dickens' Day in Clinton	
Wed Dec 4	Lights of Love at the Hunterdon Medical Center	
Fri-Sat Dec 6-7	Holiday Show	
Sun Dec 8	Christmas Parade in Flemington	

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

My Brother Harmonizers,

Happy New Year! I would like to wish each and every member of the Hunterdon Harmonizers and their families a healthy and prosperous 2002. We have a lot on the calendar and can look forward to an eventful year. We have just come out of a busy and fantastic December full of activities, including a SUPER Holiday Show with the Hunterdon Symphony, and we even produced our first CD! What a great year 2001 was! I'm looking forward to the challenges that 2002 will bring, aren't you? And producing another CD!

My appreciation goes out to all the newly-elected board members and officers for

accepting their new roles in the chapter for this new year. I know that your dedication to the Harmonizers will ensure that 2002 will be another great one.

To the Board of 2001, I would like to thank each and every one of you for a job well done. I especially would like to thank **Rich Taylor** for his guidance as President for the last two years, and also for his ability to fill in where needed. That kind of dedication to the Hunterdon Harmonizers is one we all can try and emulate. Together, we can have another successful year!

Thank you,

Richard Kacvinski  
*President 2002*



## ON OVERWHELMING SUCCESS!

*Holiday Harmony 2001* is over, but not forgotten. This year's show brought out the best in the Hunterdon Harmonizers . . . thanks to all who participated. **Ron Roth's** production of the show, written by **Don Reckenbiel, Warren Lieuallen, and Rusty Williams**, was a masterpiece. The audience was kept spellbound by the antics of the chorus, our own fabulous quartets, and the wonderful sound of the Sweet Adeline quartet—DEBUT—during the first half. During the second half of the show they were captivated by the Hunterdon Symphony presentation and their joint performance with the Harmonizers; the Grand Finale featuring all the performers; and then they were asked to come up on stage and join us all in singing the Hal-lelujah Chorus! When one compares the two and a half hours of pure entertainment to other venues, the cost of the tickets at \$10 to \$25 seems "cheap at twice the cost." I have sold many tickets to a lot of Harmonizer shows and my guests have always commented on the entertainment value of those shows. They've said things like, "The chorus continues to raise the bar" and "How can you produce such a great show with ticket prices so low?" and "Your men are so talented they look like they're having a ball entertaining us!" These remarks and many more make me proud to be in the company of such a talented and committed group of people. And as a performer, they make me strive to be better at each performance. I hope all of the men in our chorus get those same feelings . . . all the "warm and fuzzies" that accompany a great show. And I hope that audiences like ours will inspire each member of our chorus to do their absolute best to prepare and execute our performances.

Thanks again to the team that made this show a success. As President of the Chapter, I couldn't be more proud of the group of men and women that make up our Harmonizer family.

—Rich Taylor, *President 2000-01*  
and *Assistant Director*

### Hunterdon Harmony Holiday CD

We still have some left to sell. If you know anybody who wants one or if you didn't get yours yet, call 908-806-NOTE.

## MUSIC CRAFT COURSE A BIG HIT!

by George Schwerdt

Tuesday night . . . 7:30 . . . and there are Harmonizers sitting in their seats ??

Eager to listen; eager to learn ? Yes, indeed... and they're no dummies either.

Right from opening night of the craft course dubbed "*Barbershop Fundamentals for Dummies*" the sessions have been packed with enthusiastic students. The course is designed to teach some basic music understanding and reading skills to one and all. No previous knowledge is required. Even singers who know little or nothing about theory and notation are able to follow along and ask questions without *feeling* like a dummy.

Participation thus far has been outstanding and the questions raised, excellent ! Even some of the homework has been done. (The rest . . . well I never knew that so many of our members had dogs!)

As the creator and instructor of the course, I must admit that I am really amazed at the overwhelmingly positive response of the guys. I'm not sure that either the Board or the Music Team, at whose urging I undertook this project, realized the extent of the membership's desire for this type of training. I'm already planning to extend beyond the original 8 to 10-week timeframe, and who knows to where. Also, as part of the ongoing effort, future issues of **In Tune** will have a feature called 'Craft Corner' in which I'll do a short piece on a particular topic just to keep the information flowing.

Of course, this is all GREAT because it serves to elevate the knowledge level of the entire chorus. The more we individually know about some of the theory and "mechanics" behind our hobby, the more we can enjoy singing as a group. If fewer of us now look at a piece of music as if it were hieroglyphics, and more of us understand exactly what Don or one of the assistants is saying, the better we can become.

So keep up the good work, and keep on comin', Harmonizers !



## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

03 Dennis McKeVitt  
10 Warren Lieuallen  
10 Nick Rigas  
16 Murray Natkie  
20 Ron Roth  
20 Jesse Mazzariello  
23 Bill Watkinson  
26 Ted Maginnis

## “I CAN’T BELIEVE IT’S BEEN TWO YEARS”

It has been a privilege and an honor to lead the Harmonizers over the past two years. During that time I have come to realize the huge talent-base we have here in this organization. I had a lot of dreams when I came to the Presidency in 2000. And with the teams we had in place during the last two years, I believe we can be very proud of the Chapter we have become. Hunterdon is a Chapter that is sought after for leadership by both our Mid-Atlantic District and the International Society. We have become recognized as a Chapter that “accomplishes,” that “innovates,” that “challenges,” and that “accepts responsibility.” We have also become one of the “well known” local groups in Hunterdon County because of our many community activities and the work of our tireless Chapter Development guru, **Lee Roth**. Among our accomplishments over the last two years were the singing Valentines—a total of 183 of them; the annual shows; the benefits in the community; the September 11<sup>th</sup> tribute this year; our Craft Fairs; the Community Days’ performances; the parades; and the performances for special occasions. All of those activities were opportunities that put the Hunterdon Harmonizers out in front of the community.

We continued our musical growth by producing our first CD recording, *Hunterdon Harmony Holiday*, in 2001. Demonstrating an innovative approach to the job of funding our Chapter’s activities, the Harmonizers are leaders in the District in applying for and receiving recognition and grants from the State Council on the Arts. The International Society recognized **Lee Roth** for his activities in the Public Relations field and I was invited to be the host of the first full “Webcast” of the International Convention this past summer.

In October the Hunterdon Harmonizers will run the 2002 Mid-Atlantic District Contest and Convention at the brand new Convention Center in Wildwood.

We have an active chorus, an active Chapter, a healthy treasury, and active Chapter quartets because we have a dedicated and loyal group of men. I am proud of every one of the men who participated in the last two administrations. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. I wish **Rich Kacvinski** and his team the best in 2002.

—Rich Taylor, *President 2000-01*



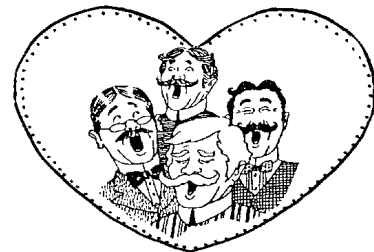
## COMMUNITY HOLIDAY SING NIGHT REPORT

by Charlie Mohr

Guess who came to our Community Holiday Sing Night? Here’s a list of our guests and if one of the Harmonizers brought him he’s listed, too.

Eldon Allen and his grandson, Mike Holzing, were brought by **Frank Sheier** and Larry Lefkowitz came with **Michael Lefkowitz**.

The following guests came because they saw our PR campaign: Thomas Bashtarz, Roger Cooley, Tom Guire, Anthony Mortarudo, Roland Smith, Jason Cecchine, James Chasteen, Chris Ciarlariello, Robby Goldsmith, Tom Henderson, Tim Kozicki, Andrzej Lubaszka, William Magalio, Jim Palmer, Anthony Spadora, Dan Spadora, and Adam Spooner.



## SINGING VALENTINES

“What are your plans for Valentines Day? Whatever they are, you can start them off right by sending a singing valentine to your sweetheart. Imagine a barbershop quartet dressed in red and white singing a serenade and presenting a floral gift to the one you care for. What a Thrill!”

This is similar to how our ads for singing Valentines will start, with an offer to call 908-806-NOTE to schedule one of these memorable gifts. This is where the rest of us come in. We’re offering Valentines on Sunday (1-9 PM), Monday (evening), Tuesday (evening), Wednesday (evening), and Thursday (all day on V-day), and we’ll need full participation (mostly on Thursday) to fill what has been traditionally a successful fundraiser. We sing *Heart of my Heart* and *Let Me Call You Sweetheart*, and there will be plenty of practice to get ready. Block off as much time as you can and plan to be a Valentine. You’ll never have a more appreciative audience!

*It's Great to be a Barbershopper in Hunterdon County!*

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*Holiday Show*

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*Picnic*

Richard Kacvinski

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Nick Rigas

*Health & Welfare*

Nick Rigas

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