



In Tune



with the

HUNTERDON Harmonizers

Barbershop Chorus



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HUNTERDON HARMONIZER 2004 SCHEDULE

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

Regular scheduled Chapter Rehearsal/Meeting, Tuesdays, at the Elks

165 Highway 31, Flemington, NJ

7:30 p.m.

1st Monday of each month, Music Team meeting at

Don Reckenbeil's house

8:00 p.m.

3rd Monday of each month, Board Meeting at

Lee Roth's office

91 Main Street, Flemington, NJ

Other Important Dates:

Tues	May 11	Family/Guest night	Elks	Guests arrive at 8:30 p.m.
Fri-Sat	May 14-15	M-AD Northern Division Contest	Split Rock Lodge, Lake Harmony, PA	
Mon	May 31	Memorial Day Parade	Flemington	TBA
Fri	June 4	Relay for Life	North Hunterdon Regional HS	TBA
Thurs	June 17	Performance	Deer Path Park	TBA
Sun	July 25	Performance	Heath Village	TBA
Sun	August 22	Annual Picnic	Deer Path Park	TBA
Sat-Sun	Sept 18-19	Annual Craft Fair	Flemington	
Fri-Sat	Oct 1-2	M-AD Northern District Contest	Wildwood	TBA

CHANGES AT THE ELKS

by Rusty Williams, Assistant Director

Effective immediately we'll be coming into the Elks using our own private entrance. All our practice arrangements are essentially the same, but as part of our new rental contract, we will be coming and going by means of the basement door in the middle of the north side of the building.

Art Cole, who negotiated our contract for the coming year, has made arrangements for a "Barbershop Entrance" sign to be posted here, so visitors, coaches, and baritones will know which door to use. This access arrangement was important to our hosts, since their personnel occasionally had to stay late to let us out of the main door.

We're going to have additional storage space as part of the new contract and will still have use of the upstairs for special events, such as our May 11 Family Night contest sendoff. Using the front door is okay for this party, but no early birds, since there is an Elks function we need to work around.

LOSE THE LEARNING TAPES AND CDs!!

by Rusty Williams, Assistant Director

As we get closer to contest and notes and words are LOCKED, our learning tapes and CDs become a real liability. The interpretive changes, the volume and tempo adjustments, and the note additions are NOT on these original tapes/CDs. Any review of these outdated aids will reinforce what we are NOT doing. We're all bringing hand-helds to practice and most of us have qualified. Use these tapes or make a chorus tape of your own to sing along with.

NOTE: The Music Committee and Board are agreed that REPERTOIRE tapes/CDs will be put together for our finalized songs so incoming members, as well as the rest of us, can learn and retain more effectively.

SINGING ORDER FOR CONTEST

submitted by Lee Roth, VP Membership

Here's the lineup for the Mid-Atlantic Division Contest May 14-15 being held at Split Rock Resort in the Poconos. If you haven't made ticket (required) and housing arrangements you must contact **Bruce Budde** ASAP!

Quartets

The *Hunterdon Harmonizer* quartets are highlighted in red.

- 1. Fester Bestertester**
2. Basses Loaded
3. Sugar Daddies
4. Livin' Large
5. SDNQ
6. MADIX (collegiate)
7. Audible Difference
8. 2nd Generation
9. Vintage '35
- 10. WOW**
11. Four Card Stud (collegiate)
12. YeGADS
13. 4-B-WE (collegiate)
14. The Majestics
15. Vintage Blend
16. Hudson River H.A.M.S.
17. Our 4 Fathers
18. Harmony Excursion
- 19. Untamed**
20. Freshmen Again!
- 21. Vocaholics**
22. Too-Square
- 23. Assorted Nuts**
24. Greenwich Av
25. Sometime Tonight
26. Extra Measure
- 27. The Beltones**

Choruses

1. Montclair
2. Rahway Valley
3. Nassau Mid-Island
4. Western Suffolk
- 5. Hunterdon**
6. Teaneck
7. Somerset Hills
8. North Brookhaven
9. Westchester
10. Manhattan
11. Wilkes-Barre



THE PHOTO BOARD

by Rich Cronce

You may have noticed the photo that has been put out the past few weeks. Remember the photos I took for the *Who's Who?* Well, I thought it would be a good idea to use them for more than just the "Who's Who?" I thought a photo board with a map indicating where each Harmonizer lives would be a good way for guests to see just who we are and where we travel from. We may have a guest who lives around the corner from you and no one would ever know it without seeing it on the map.

People may see the map and realize that **Dennis McKeVitt** thinks so much of the Harmonizers that he drives right past a bunch of chapters just to be with us. Guests will look at the pictures and see the great smiles and realize that they want to have some of the fun, enjoyment, and excitement of performance for themselves.

So when you bring a guest, take him over to the photo board and share with him why you do what you do and what you know about the other guys who participate in this great hobby.

PUBLISHING DEADLINE

Manuscripts must be in the editor's hands on the 13th of each month for publication in the *In Tune with the Hunterdon Harmonizers* bulletin. E-mail articles to lindaw23@earthlink.net or send them to Linda Williams, 24 Toad Lane, Ringoes, NJ 08551.

SECRETARY'S CORNER

by Ron Newsom

Congratulations to *Harmonizer* renewals presented in April:

Lou Bowers, 13 yrs

Carmen Olivo, 12 yrs

Ted Maginnis, 9 yrs

Welcome to our newest members:

Mark Bentley is a recent transfer from Montclair. He is a Baritone with 42 years in Barbershopping. Welcome Mark and his wife, Janet, to the Harmonizers.

Kyre Cahoon is a recently enrolled lead to the Harmonizers. Kyre and his wife, Eileen, have 2 children. He is active in his church and community and is a welcomed addition to the *Hunterdon Harmonizer* family.

Special Recognition goes to our **Director, Don Reckenbeil**, and was presented with the "Man of Note" pin for sponsoring Kyre in the Harmonizers.

Congratulations to all and welcome Mark & Janet and Kyre & Eileen.

You too can receive a "Man of Note" recognition award by asking someone you know this very simple question. "Have you ever thought about singing with a Barbershop Chorus?" Keep our family growing and ask a friend today.



2004 BETY CONTEST RESULTS

by Linda Williams, Editor

In January, I submitted three consecutive issues (May, June, September) of our 2003 *In Tune with the Hunterdon Harmonizers* bulletin to take part in the Mid-Atlantic District Bulletin Editor of the Year contest and just received the results. The three categories judged are "Content," "Grammar," and "Layout and Reproduction." Out of a total of 2000 points allotted, **our score was 1574**. Last year our score was 1537. I'm not sure where we placed or how many other bulletins were submitted by other choruses because nothing has been posted on the PROBE or Mid-Atlantic websites but I can tell you how we did in each category.

CONTENT: "A good looking, newsy bulletin...would be competitive with the best with only a little more work."—Grant Carson, Gainsville, TX. With the highest score possible being 800 points, **we got 545**. Maybe somebody could e-mail me a report on the Board of Directors meeting for the monthly bulletins? **Ron Newsom's** monthly reports on new members and "Man of Note" awards will add to our score next year, so keep up the good work. Our "Content" score definitely improved over the previous year so keep the news articles coming!

GRAMMAR: "Congratulations on your accomplishments in achieving an excellent score for your bulletin ... it is a pleasure to judge a quality bulletin as yours and a challenge to find problems that are substantive. ...Your bulletin has few weaknesses... The Harmonizers Barbershop Chorus has a treasure in your newsletter for its monthly documented stories communicating news to all members. Your superb efforts are immeasurable to the continued success of barbershopping in your chapter and the communities you influence."—Ken Krancher, Grammar and Style judge. With the highest score possible being 600 points, **we got 560**. I'm not going to take all the credit because you barbershoppers make my job easy by writing as well as you do! Thank you!

LAYOUT AND REPRODUCTION: "You have the makings of a great bulletin. You are fortunate to have a chapter with members who are willing, and able, to write articles for *In Tune*. [They] are valuable assets. ...The Layout and Reproduction category judges the "Stage Presence" of the bulletin. ...I am sure your members appreciate all the work you put into the *In Tune* bulletin, and I am sure they consider your bulletin to be close to perfect. And it is. Your basics are solid and some attention to detail would greatly improve this bulletin."—R. T. DeLorm, Lincoln, NE. With the highest score possible being 600 points, **we got 469**. It's readable, with photos and illustrations, and the judge was pleased with it's overall appearance. But I think he'd like the masthead to be more dominant. For it to scream BARBERSHOP SINGING! Maybe it's time for a change? If anyone is artistic, please e-mail me your ideas!



WHO'S WHO?

by Rich Cronce

As you may be aware, I'm putting together a *Who's Who?* of the *Hunterdon Harmonizers*. I want to have the first issue of the "Who's Who?" available by the end of June but I need your help. I need some information about each and every one of you. I'll be handing out a questionnaire starting April 20 and I need the information completed and given back to me quickly. I want you to tell me everything about yourself that you can possibly remember. I know you will probably need some help from your family. Just tell me everything you want the world to know about YOU. After all, it is all about YOU.

BABY PICTURES

by Rich Cronce

I have baby pictures from 18 Harmonizers. That means I need a bunch more. There will be a *Baby Picture Contest* during the Family Night on May 11, and the pictures will be included in the *Who's Who?* What better way to get to know someone than to see them before they got all experienced, talented and potty trained. I'll remember to send an e-mail reminder if you remember to bring me your baby pictures.

HUNTERDON
Harmonizers
Barbershop Chorus

May 11, 2004

8:30PM

Elk's Club

**FAMILY/GUEST &
MEDIA APPRECIATION
NIGHT**

Invite your family and friends to join us in a celebration of barbershop musical excellence as we make our final preparations for the Northern Division contest.

Scheduled to appear

Assorted Nuts, Fester Bestertester, Scarred For Life, Untamed, WOW, BellTones, Vocaholics.

Special Guests from Somerville High School

And

The Hunterdon Harmonizers





FRIENDSHIP WITH HARMONIZERS

Wouldn't it be great to see each of us as members of the *Harmonizers* doing all that we could to support this chorus? We have so much going for us in our weekly activities. If anyone feels like they are not developing friendships, shame on them. We have been known to be a very friendly group while striving to be a better singing chorus each year. Over the next couple of months there are opportunities for each of us to get to know each other on a more personal level. Why not open up and allow the *Harmonizers* to be your second family.


We have all been invited to **Charlie Mohr's** home in the Pocono's after the contest on May 16. This would be an

excellent time to talk and reflect upon the contest and your singing experience. I hope that everyone will take advantage of the invitation and have their family join them for this great time of fellowship. You would be amazed to see how showing someone you want to talk to them can help you grow closer. Unfortunately each week at rehearsal we aren't able to take the time to get to know each other as individuals, only singers.

In June, we have the opportunity to be together a couple of times. June 4-5 we will participate in the American Cancer Society Relay for Life. It's being held at the North Hunterdon High School and has always been a great time to talk and socialize. If you're up to it you can take a walk around the track with someone and just talk about ... anything but Barbershop. I have had some great times getting to know singers at this event.

On June 17 we have the sing-out at Deer Path Park. You can bring your family and make it a great event with a picnic if you want. Again, I encourage you to mingle and develop friendships with other *Harmonizers*.

If you really want to develop a lasting friendship with a *Harmonizer*, I strongly suggest that you try quarteting. It is amazing how singing with three other men and getting to know their family can develop into lifelong friendships. I will always treasure the friends I have made through singing in a quartet or in the *Harmonizers*.



April 21	Tony Weber
April 24	Rich Cornelison
April 26	Thomas Bashtarz
May 7	Frank Scheier
May 8	Lee Roth

*Any birthday missed only means that you didn't age this year, but get me your DOB and we'll make sure that you age next year!



COMMITTEE CHAIRS (cont'd)

Music:

Section Leader, Tenor
George Schwerdt

Section Leader, Lead
Pat Cerillo

Acting Section Leader, Baritone
Mark Bentley

Section Leader, Bass
Rusty Williams

Electronic Equipment & Learning Tapes
Charlie Mohr

Music Librarian
Ron Todd

Vocal Coach
Ron Knickerbocker

Shows and Performances:

Craft Show
Richard Cornelison
Tony Weber

District Convention
Bruce Budde

Holiday Show
Ron Roth

Picnic
Richard Kacvinski
Rusty Williams

Singing Valentines
Jim Knight
Charlie Mohr

Church Choir Relief (summer)
Jack Gardner

Membership:

Public Relations
Jack Gardner

Young Men in Harmony
Ron Roth

Chorus Welfare:

Badges/ Health & Welfare
Nick Rigas

Uniforms
Lou Bowers

Housing (Elks)
Art Cole

Chorus Merchandise:

CD's
Richard Kacvinski
Ron Roth

Cups, etc.
Dennis McKeVitt

Programs:

Meetings
Rich Cronce

Refreshments
Clarke Applegate

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