



# In Tune<sup>♪</sup> with the

# HUNTERDON *Harmonizers*



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## WHAT A SUMMER IT'S BEEN SO FAR!



Memorial Day

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### MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

Once again, the bright red uniforms of the *Hunterdon Harmonizers* were prominent in the Flemington Memorial Day festivities. I hope we all realize what an honor it is for us to be a participant in this important community event, and how significant a part we play in the closing activities of the Memorial Day parade. This year the temperature at the monument was pretty steamy, and one spectator needed some

medical assistance. With this situation, we cut our performance to one song, but it was a significant one. The *Harmonizers* presented a song that honored the vision of those who have gone before, saluted the men and women serving our country throughout the world, and stated our hopes for the future—as long as we believe in our quest for world peace, we will forever pursue “The Impossible Dream.” It’s an honor to be a barbershopper in Hunterdon County.



Deer Path Park Extravaganza

### DEER PATH 2008

For once, the rain gods passed us by, and we actually performed our Deer Path Concert in the Park—in the park! I believe we had 39 *Harmonizers* on stage for this extravaganza, and the support for our new presidential candidate, **George V. Schwerdt** was electric. The crowd was all-a-buzz with this new alternative to the Elephant and the Donkey. OK, it wasn’t the first time they’ve had a “Lion” candidate, but it may be the first time the candidate

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Ron Newsom

## SUMMER SINGING

The summer is off to a good start with several opportunities to sing at various events. Your support of these events is critical to our success. Please sign up and make as many as you can. In addition, the summer rehearsals are important to keep the quality of our singing up as well as getting the Chorus ready for the summer singing events. We have Lambertville, Deer Path, Patriot Ball Game and Heath Village. The Family picnic is Sunday August 24th. Mark that date on your calendar. It is at Deer Path Park and what a great time we have. Oh yes, we are preparing for Wildwood too. I think Mark and the Music team has done a great job with the music.

Speaking of rehearsal, I know the Church is hot and the board is looking for a solution. Lee has once again come to our rescue and offered his newly renovated building for our use. The board is looking for a more permanent resolution. We will keep you up to date with any developments. Please stay alert for where we will rehearse. As for now, if it is hot we use Lee's place. If the temp is ok.. we use the church. Just work with us. Some have offered ideas and the Board is considering them.

Plans are already underway for the district convention and competition being held in Wildwood on October 3 and 4. The sign up sheets will be coming soon. We are looking at different hotels and activities. Let's get all the wives involved and again make it a great weekend for everyone.

The Board is also considering new risers which are easier to put up and take down and much safer with the addition of backs. Of course funds are needed and we are working on that aspect with the Financial Development Committee.

So you see, things are popping and moving along. Your patience and understanding and support is of great importance.

Keep the Whole World Singing.

## GREAT SHOW AT DEER PATH PARK!

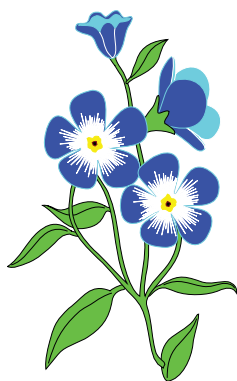


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*Check out the expressions!*



*Chordhouse Steps performs at Deer Path.*



## MARIE SHARKEY

It was with much sadness and regret that the *Hunterdon Harmonizers* learned of the passing of Marie Sharkey, wife of Tom, on June 25, 2008. Several Harmonizers car-pooled up to the Vander Plaat-Stickle Memorial Home in Newfoundland, NJ, on Sunday, and at Tom's request, provided a small musical tribute to Marie. We were joined by several *High Point*

*Harmonizers*, and Tom also added his voice. It is a privilege to be counted among the many, many, members of Tom and Marie's extended family, and our heartfelt sorrow goes out to Tom and his family in this time of great loss.

Tom has asked that donations in lieu of flowers be sent to an organization that has been very important to Marie: Birth Haven, 4 Academy Street, Newton, NJ 07860.



Welcome to the newest member of the lead section's lawyers club. Christian has been doing legal work in the insurance industry for 14 years, and has resided in Flemington for five. He is married to Tracy, and has three children: Jaclyn (13), Andrew (10), and Marcus (2). Christian was in several honors choirs while growing up in Pennsylvania, where he attended Central Bucks High School. He received an accounting degree, and later a law degree from Widener University. With his brother, Dan, he's half of the only current brother-brother combo in the *Harmonizers*!

Christian is partial to other kinds of *a capella* singing, and has many CASA selections on his iPod, including songs by Ladysmith Black Mombasa. He likes softball (Morris County League) and golf, but admits that his football playing days are behind him.

Christian has pitched into the membership scene in a big way, and is helping promote several of this committee's initiatives. It's great to see a new barbershopper "getting it" so quickly and so well. Thanks, Christian, and welcome!



Christian Hunter



Mark Bentley

## THE SELECTION AND INTRODUCTION OF MUSIC

Who picks our music, and is there a process for introducing new music to the chorus? Over the past several years, the *Harmonizers* have developed a well-defined process for the selection and development of new music, and this process has served us well. The development cycle can sometimes run for years, and now with "Rain Medley" and "Masquerade" coming out of the pipeline, it will start again, as we strive to keep our repertoire alive and interesting to the *Harmonizers* and our audiences.

### CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

- The chorus will be able to sing the music
- The music should offer some challenge, but should not overwhelm our singers
- The music is suitable for the purpose at hand (repertoire revision, contest, special show, etc.)

### PROCEDURE FOR SELECTION

- The Music Team will use any and all sources for likely candidates
  - Society Catalog
  - Suggestions from members and friends
  - Songs heard at contests, shows, broadcasts, etc.
- As songs are brought up for discussion, the Music Team will try to obtain a published copy or recording to evaluate
- Initial selection(s) will be determined by consensus

### INTRODUCTION OF MUSIC

- The director and the Music Team will develop a preliminary interpretation and scenario
- A learning recording will be commissioned with the intent that the result will be faithful to the developed interpretation
- Formal introduction of the new song will include a copy of the sheet music and a copy of the learning recording, with a scenario when appropriate
- Parts of the new music may be introduced prior to the formal kickoff, in the form of music training, learning a new tag, or other fun ways of becoming familiar with the song.

If any member has an idea for a song they feel would be appropriate for the *Harmonizers*, tell a member of the Music Team, or—better yet—come to a Music Team meeting and tell us yourself.

It's great to be a barbershopper in Hunterdon County.

## LIFE RENEWED SINGS FOR “ROARING TWENTIES” SENIOR GROUP

by Ron Newsom

*Life Renewed* helped celebrate “Older Americans’ Month” with a Roaring Twenties Party on May 21, 2008. The event was held at the Warrenbrook Senior Center in Warren. We sang many of the old songs like “Cabaret,” “Sunny Side,” “Rainbow,” and mixed in some of the barbershop favorites like “Down Our Way,” “My Wild Irish Rose,” etc. This was mixed in with “Dream” and “Lion” and “Doll.” The white-haired crowd of 100 or so loved the sing-a-long provided by **Al** on the keys, supported by the melodious voices of **Ron, Ed,** and **Charlie,** along with an enthusiastic mob of party-goers.

One of the seniors played a saw to the delight of the listeners. It was a great program.

*Life Renewed* also sang the “Star Spangled Banner” for a beautiful Flag Ceremony presented by the seniors.

Seniors from 90–99 were honored in a special way. All 12 were asked to stand for recognition. Talk about your tough seniors! They did stand . . . walkers, wheelchairs, and all.

A very nice lunch was provided. You can’t have a senior event without lunch. It was great. We lunched with Angela Dubivsky, who is the Director of Nutrition for the Office of Aging in Somerset County. She is also the Director of the Meals on Wheels program. Connection? Her husband is Mark Dubivsky, a multi-talented barbershopper who sings with the Director of Princeton, **Rich Levine.** She knew everything about barbershop and went down memory lane with Ed and Charlie.

When we arrived at Warrenbrook we were greeted by Alwayne Blechar, commonly known to me as Aunt Alwayne on my wife’s cousin’s husband’s side. She ran the entire program and was the Emcee for the day.

We had a lot of fun and the Seniors enjoyed our performance. It was a great day and the *Hunterdon Harmonizers* got a good dose of recognition.

Get in a quartet . . . you will not believe the fun you will have.



Some PR about the event, published in a local newspaper.



## SIGN UP FOR THE ANNUAL FAMILY PICNIC!

August 24, at DEER PATH PARK, 12 noon to 6 p.m. Volleyball, shoes, frisbees, and whatever. The

kid’s recreation area (gym, chutes, climbers, etc.) right next to our reserved Cedar Pavilion is really big and kid-friendly, and will be great fun for baritones of all ages.

The chapter will provide burgers and dogs (cook ‘em too), condiments, paper goods, and soda. BYOBeer and a goodie, small dessert, or salad. This is a great opportunity to BRING A POTENTIAL MEMBER (or a friend who has become part of our extended family).

When you sign up, be sure to advise of the number of kids, what you would like to bring, and add any suggestions for activities. Talk it up with that guy you’ve been trying to hook for the past two years—if he and his family have fun, it may be a step in the right direction.

—Rich Kacvinski & Rusty Williams



## PROBE BETY AND PROTY CONTESTS

by Lee Roth, M-AD DVP Mktg & PR

Our District does at least as well in the communication department as it does in the singing contest. **Martin Banks** of the *Alexandria Harmonizers*, and **Bruce Budde** of the *Hunterdon Harmonizers*, shared first place as Public Relations Officer of the Year (PROTY) for their year long efforts promoting their chapters. In the Bulletin Editor of the Year (BETY) adjudication, **Chris Papa** of the Red Bank Area, NJ Chapter finishing 4th, editing the most improved chapter bulletin in the Society, and **Linda Williams** also improved her standing and came in 3<sup>rd</sup> among all chapters with her *In Tune* bulletin on behalf of the Hunterdon, NJ Chapter. No district did better or has a better record in the communication department.

PROBE is the Public Relations Officers and Bulletin Editors subsidiary of the Barbershop Society. The purpose of the International Bulletin Contest is to promote better communication within our Society. All chapters are encouraged to produce a bulletin. Districts are encouraged to give recognition to their chapter editors. Each district is eligible to submit two entries in the International Bulletin Contest. Winners are announced at the annual PROBE meeting at the international convention.

You can learn more at the PROBE website <http://www.harmonize.com/Probe/default.htm>.

## JULY 4 AT THE LEBANON PARADE



PHOTO BY BILL SABOR

Are those guys having fun or what?



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Chordhouse Steps, **Tristan Peer**, and **Bill Sabor** helped Lebanon Borough “Unfurl the Banner” on a fun-filled fourth of July. Thanks to **Pat** for filling in for an ailing **George**.

## WHAT A SUMMER ... (continued from pg. 1)

admitted it. George was great in his new political role, and he was well supported by the *Harmonizers* and the quartets that were able to support the effort—*Life Renewed*, *Chordhouse Steps*, *Voice Odyssey* (with **Art** filling in for **Max**), and *Untamed*. Our Depression package was well received, and the strong patriotic finish is always a winner. Our job was to provide an entertaining evening of a *capella* music, and it was the crowd’s job to sit back, picnic, and enjoy. We finished first, so this was again a winner for the parks commission and for the *Harmonizers*.

## KALMIA CLUB GARDEN TOUR

Twenty-one *Harmonizers* “whiled away the hours, conversin’ with the flowers” in Lambertville on June 14. We sang to support the Kalmia Club in their charitable efforts. This year, Kalmia has provided support to SAFE (a woman’s crisis center) and also contributed to several area food banks. **Karen Todd**, a member of this group, proposed the event which was presented to the board by her husband, **Ron**. We sang in a cozy little park in Lambertville for about an hour, and then sent *Chordhouse Steps* out on a safari through the hidden gardens that were planted all around the area. It was amazing how much beauty was found growing in the little nooks and crannies of this shaded and quaint town. The *Steps* were able to obtain several contacts through the persistence of **Bill Sabor**, **Jim Siverly**, and **Des Desvernine**, who shadowed

us and got information from anyone who smiled—and maybe even a few who didn’t. It was a hot day, so singin’ in the shade was a nice way to spend the late morning. It was a pleasure to support Kalmia in their charitable efforts, and if we gain exposure and a few members, that is a nice perk for the *Harmonizers*.



Flower Show, in Lambertville



## HARMONIZERS PARTICIPATE IN FRENCHTOWN BASTILLE DAY

by Ed Kunkel

Frenchtown celebrated its 10th Annual Bastille Day and the *Harmonizers* helped them in their entertainment program. *Life Renewed* and *Chordhouse Steps* performed as “street-strolling boulevardiers” on July 12 and 13, respectively, to the delight of a host of people with appreciative ears.

Among the encounters were a mime, with whom there was enjoyable “sing-a-long” activity, and a female clown on stilts creating the perfect setting for “Oh, You Beautiful Doll.”

Beasley’s Bookbindery and The Spinnery helped to make this an enjoyable event with their hospitality (bag lunch and refuge from heat), as well as having us on their “Best Entertainers List.”

Accompanying the quartets were members of our Membership Team—**Jim Siverly**, **Bill Sabor**, and **Graham Cleaves**—making contacts with the public and providing invitations to a Tuesday evening in Flemington at the Methodist Church with the *Hunterdon Harmonizers*.



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## BASTILLE DAY 2

by Rusty Williams

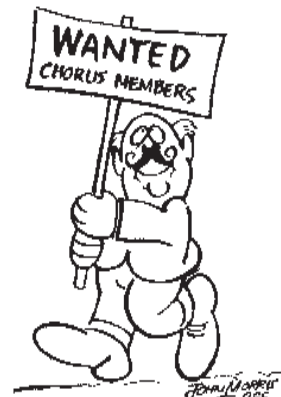
*Chordhouse Steps* had the Sunday shift for this gig, and we had a great time wandering the streets of Frenchtown and serenading ladies and gents alike. Thanks to **Bill Sabor** and **Graham Cleaves** who provided the recruiting backup while we cast the bait for prospective members.

What legs!! We couldn’t resist singing for Brenn, a “Great Big Beautiful Doll” who swayed with the music, and we sang “Lida Rose” with a mime who had been camouflaging a strong and accurate tenor voice. We sang a second song as four mimes, which got a good giggle from the crowd—and we got all the words right!

A few very promising membership leads surfaced during this walk-around, including a singer who started in with some material we had never heard, but were able to harmonize to.

It’s neat to share moments like this with new people, especially since it may lead to acquiring new friends.

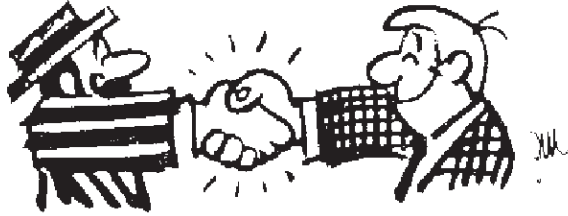
Ours is a great hobby, and quartetting is the best part—especially in Hunterdon County.



♪ **HUNTERDON HARMONIZER 2008 SCHEDULE** ♪

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

Date	Event	Location	Time
July 29	Patriots Barbershop Fest	Somerset, NJ	6 p.m.
August 24	Annual Family Picnic	Deer Path Park, Flemington	12 noon
September 23-24	Craft Fair	Main Street, Flemington	1-2 p.m.
October 3-4	District Convention	Wildwood	info at <a href="http://www.MidAtlanticDistrict.com">www.MidAtlanticDistrict.com</a>



***We've made some great friends!***

Our recent guests that are not members yet include Nick Heitcamp, Larry Coyne Gonzalez, Bob Powers, Eric Cordes, Charlie Cook, Erik Johnson, Ted Koziar, Jeremy Greenway, and David Peer.

**Happy Birthday!** ♪



July 1 .....	Rich Kacvinski
July 12 .....	Doug Lykes
July 14 .....	Rich Cronce
July 21 .....	Carmen Olivo
July 24 .....	Jack Gardner
July 25 .....	Ron Newsom
July 29 .....	Chris Heitkamp

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*District Convention*

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*Holiday Show*

Pat Cerillo

*Picnic*

Richard Kacvinski

Rusty Williams

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**OUR MISSION**

The *Harmonizers'* vision is

- ♫ To be recognized as a quality musical organization performing music in the four-part *a capella* style known as barbershop.
- ♫ Sharing our love of singing well with men of all ages who have similar interests.

The *Harmonizers* are dedicated to

- ♫ Promoting and preserving this truly American art form known as barbershop harmony.
- ♫ Bringing our music and love of music to a broad-based audience.
- ♫ Providing education and instructional experiences in our craft to men of all ages.
- ♫ Inspiring our audiences with memorable performances.



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