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Harmonizers
Barbershop Chorus



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WILDWOOD CONVENTION!

NEWS AND TO-DO'S

The Northern District Convention will be held in Wildwood on October 6–7, 2006. Reserve your room now! We will be staying at the Crusader Resort Motor Inn, on the beach at Cardinal Road, Wildwood Crest (609) 522-6991. Cost for a night is \$90 based on double occupancy. Add \$12 per person for extra persons sharing a room (all taxes are included in the price). Please see **Rich Kacvinski** if you have any questions. He needs your payment in full by Tuesday, September 19.

Friday's quartet contest starts at 6:30 p.m., and the *Harmonizers* are represented by *Untamed*, singing lucky 13th, and the *Vocaholics*, singing 26th. Don't miss a note before, after, or in between.

Here's the lineup for Saturday morning, starting at 9:45. All of the info on meeting times will be in your hands shortly.

Mike Testers: DELASUSQUEHUDMAC chorus

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|------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Bowie (host) | 14. Roanoke Valley |
| 2. Wilkes-Barre | 15. Patapsco Valley |
| 3. Wilmington | 16. Alexandria |
| 4. Anne Arundel County | 17. Easton |
| 5. James River | 18. Salisbury |
| 6. Manhattan | 19. Five Towns College |
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| 9. Hunterdon | 22. Philadelphia |
| 10. Norfolk | 23. Bryn Mawr |
| 11. Dundalk | 24. Cherry Hill |
| 12. Richmond | 25. Harrisburg |
| 13. Princeton | 26. Westchester |

—Intermission—

DISTRICT PREPARATION SCHEDULE

Tuesday, Aug. 29:

Rehearsal; tape contest songs

Tuesday, Sept. 5:

Rehearsal; tape contest songs

Tuesday, Sept. 12:

Rehearsal; coaching with **Ron K.**; tape contest songs

Weekend of Sept. 16–17:

Crafts Fair (Flemington) with contest package

Tuesday, Sept. 19:

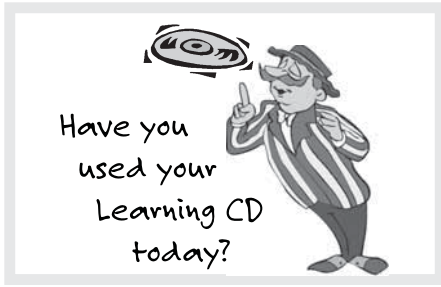
Rehearsal; tape contest songs (final taping day)

Tuesday, Sept. 29:

Rehearsal; rehearse/perform contest package

Tuesday, Oct. 3:

Final rehearsal; rehearse/perform contest package





Lee Roth

AN ACTIVE GROUP

I do not think there is another chapter of our size that is as active as we are, and here's a good example why.

The first thing I saw when I returned from a three-week vacation was **Rich Cornelison** and **Ted Maginnis** staking out spaces for the craft fair on Main Street in Flemington. **Rich** had gotten a banner designed and he plans to have it hung across Main Street for two weeks before the important event.

Then I checked my e-mail and found some communication from **Bill Sabor** about participating in the Flemington 4H Fair. He and his team of **Ed Kunkel** and **Charlie Mohr** had arranged for a full show with strolling quartets.

I found out that **Rich Kacvinski**, **Mike Fordice**, and **Don Reckenbeil** had gotten our CD recording out to the duplicators and were working on the cover.

Bruce Budde, while getting ready for a knee operation, has been working on the promotion of our Holiday Show.

While away I re-read a couple of issues of our chapter newsletter, edited by **Linda Williams**. No wonder she won the recognition of placing 5th among the 800 chapters in the National Barbershop Society. I receive newsletters from a number of chapters around the district and it is clear that we have the best.

Then I heard about the successful efforts of **Ron Todd**, **Rich Kacvinski**, and **Rich Cornelison** in obtaining a financial grant from the State Council on the Arts. Our basic program will be receiving funding for three years. We are the only barbershop chapter in New Jersey to get direct funding from the state.

I found out that our leadership in Marketing and Public Relations has been recognized at the national level. **Mike Fordice** has been offered a position on the National Marketing and PR Committee which was at least partly based on his work for us and his receipt of the PROBE award for his work in 2005.

At my first rehearsal after vacation **Jonathan Frank** was present with a guest from his high school. There was a sign-up sheet for the family picnic which **Rusty Williams** is organizing and will take place in a few days. The guys on the risers and **Don** were working on the new song to be part of the Holiday Show, and perhaps a future contest song.

The Fair booth, or table, was set up for all of us to see. I had a new uniform waiting for me! Our outstanding Auxiliary had procured red golf shirts for the chorus. These will be used at our Flemington Fair performance and are real attention-getters.

We heard one of our quartets that will sing at the Fair. I picked up new music and a learning recording: the president has work to do.



Bill Sabor

HUNTERDON HARMONIZERS GO NORTH

An octet of *Harmonizers* went to Augusta (NJ), Kansas, Colorado, Alaska, and Nevada on August 11th. How did they do it? They went to sing with our brother chapter, the *Sussex High Point Harmonizers*, at the New Jersey State Fair. The *Harmonizers* thought that the bill collector was after them and tried escaping by train, plane, and dog sled. They sang while entertaining their audience at such places as Mary Lou, Kansas ("Hello, Mary Lou") and Alaska ("Alaska, We Love You"—a parody of "Little Lize"). But when the alleged bill collector caught them, it was to tell them that they won an all expense paid trip to sing at the New Jersey State Fair! They weren't the only ones who won. The audience loved the tour around the country embellished with sound effects and props.

The imaginative script was created and executed by the *High Point Harmonizers*, and augmented by one of our quartets, *Untamed* (**Pat Cerillo**, **Art Cole**, **Jimmy Maitland**, **Tom Mariano**), and our other *Hunterdon Harmonizer* members, **Ted Maginnis**, **Don Reckenbeil**, and **Max** and **Bill Sabor**. *Untamed* delighted the audience with four songs, including "Those Wedding Bells Are Breaking Up That Old Gang of Mine," "Over the Rainbow," and "Lost In the Stars"—the last one was performed for the first time in public. **Don** directed the event and **Max** assisted.

When is the end not the end? When you sing in a show with barbershoppers! After the official show, the harmonizers from both chapters wandered through the New Jersey State Fair looking for opportunities to sing; and they were provided with plenty of opportunities. From singing "American Trilogy" in a shed where the acoustics were terrific to singing for small strolling groups, the barbershoppers found many enchanted listeners. The *High Point Harmonizers* even found a few potential new singers.

A good time was had by all!

PHOTO BY BILL SABOR



The *High Point Harmonizers* singing with an octet of *Hunterdon Harmonizers* at the New Jersey State Fair.

CHOIR RELIEF FOR THE FLEMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Hunterdon Harmonizers have a long history with the Flemington Presbyterian Church going back over a decade. Nick Rigas, one the *Hunterdon Harmonizers* founding fathers, helped establish the relationship whereby the *Harmonizers* sang at some church services, and used the church's facilities for our regular chapter meetings and for special rehearsals such as holiday shows. It's no surprise that when our VP of Public Relations and Flemington Presbyterian Church member, **Bruce Budde**, wanted the *Harmonizers* to provide choir relief at his church, we wanted to help him out.

Bruce charmed 17 *Harmonizers* into singing at the church on August 6, and although neither **Don** nor **Rusty** could direct on this date, our newest assistant director, **Max Sabor**, was up for the job, and led the *Harmonizers* in a very successful event.

There was a lot of very positive feedback from the congregation. The minister, Sally Willis-Watkins, expressed her appreciation from the pulpit. Garry Wilbor, a Flemington Presbyterian Church member, said, "Wow, I love to hear men singing. I like mixed choruses as well, but all men, that's great! I can't sing but I golf! If you guys can golf as well as you sing you can be on my foursome anytime!"

Ted Hagios, a charter member of the *Harmonizers*, was really happy to hear us perform and was looking forward to our Holiday show. Ted's son, Denis, stepped in to lead the *Harmonizers* in providing a happy birthday tribute to his mother. A church sing is just one example of how we continue to be a warmly accepted part of our community.

—Bill Sabor



Who would have thought when this picture was taken in 2004, that these clowns would be the three *Hunterdon Harmonizers*' assistant directors in 2006! **Max**, our newest assistant director, is flanked by the old ones, **Rusty** and **George**.

Quartet News >>>>>>>>>>



Gordon Braun, singing lead with **Max Sabor**, **Dan Mirota**, and **Tim Snyder** to "I'll Fly Away."

MAN PROPOSES MARRIAGE—HARDWOOD FOUR SINGS

Gordon Braun, one of the *Hunterdon Harmonizer*'s newest members and pastor of the First Baptist Church of South Plainfield, invited *Hardwood Four* to sing at his church on August 13th. **Gordon** organized a wonderfully musical service where *Hardwood Four* (**Dan Mirota**, **Don Reckenbeil**, **Tim Snyder**, and **Max Sabor**—borrowed from *Voice Odyssey*) sang "I'll Walk With God," "I'll Fly Away," "The Lord's Prayer," "Let Me Call You Sweetheart," and "Irish Blessing."

There were two special surprises. One of the members of the First Baptist Church proposed during the service to his current wife to renew their wedding vows after being married for 20 years. When she accepted, the quartet sang "Let Me Call You Sweetheart." The proposal visibly moved some attendees to tears. The second surprise was when **Gordon** sang lead on "I'll Fly Away" with *Hardwood Four*. Way to go, **Gordon**! This was a truly moving and memorable service.

—Bill Sabor

HEATH VILLAGE SING-OUT



PHOTOS BY BILL SABOR

A pickup quartet singing to the Heath Village desk lady who wanted to be at our concert but was unable to attend. So the guys went to sing for her and you can see she is appreciative.

QUARTET NEWS . . . (continued)



Mike Fordice

ICE CREAM SOCIAL SING-OUT

On Sunday, June 11, *Old Refrain* (Ron Newsom (tenor), Lee Roth (lead), Mark Bentley (bari), Mike Fordice (bass) headed west to the Holland Presbyterian Church to perform at their Ice Cream Social. Mike’s wife, Tanya, joined the group and acted as photographer. We

arrived a bit late as Ron had an earlier commitment with the Knights and was up to his armpits in spaghetti sauce. Also, we drove and drove and drove west from Flemington. I thought that Toledo must be right around the corner. But we got there and were warmly greeted by all in attendance. Our “set” started with “Honey/Little ‘Lize Medley” and our rendition of “Down Our Way” that we had sung at a previous rehearsal. Working through several other pieces we ended with “I’ll Fly Away.”

It was a greatly appreciated performance. They had intended to pay us from a collection, but the quartet opted to return the collection as a donation to the music fund of the church. We had already been very well paid.

PHOTO BY TANYA FORDICE



Old Refrain with L-r: Mark Bentley, Mike Fordice, Lee Roth, and Ron Newsom.



Do you remember the vowel sound that “Coach K” has assigned to you? This is the vowel shape that is your own home base for everything you sing. We can optimize our total sound if every one of us

believes that this is the right shape, works within this target shape, and continually resets to the same base shape.



“TENORS IN THE MIST”

The contest and the Jamboree have spilled into the lobby, So I join my friends to sing—the essence of our hobby.

I found two parts to do a tag. How ‘bout “where or when” or maybe sing a polecat—but first, we need a tenor.

The quartet singing next to me sounds really full and mellow, but the high part in that foursome is a bass, singing falsetto.

Tenors might be tax-guys, from the fed’ral government. When gold is being given, they take twenty-five percent!

But when it’s time to tag a few, although they seemed so near, just like dollars in DC, they quickly disappear!

There’s gotta be some tenors, I heard those quartets ring. I know I saw them... WAIT A SEC! Did the tenor SING?

Could it be the other three are matching so precisely, Creating awesome overtones that fill the tenor nicely?

And when the tenor “sailed” the tag, so purely, sweetly kissed the bari looked suspicious... he’s a darned ventriloquist!

That’s why I can’t find one! The tenor part’s a hoax! It’s been that way since Tulsa... it’s one of O.C.’s jokes!

But I know leprechauns are real, so tenors might exist, I’m fated to keep searching for “the tenors in the mist.”

—Rusty Williams



Rich Cornelison

HARMONIZERS WILL PROVIDE AN ENTERTAINING WEEKEND

Harmonizer “gum shoes” have been at it again pacing up and down Main Street of Flemington with chalk, measuring tape, and stick-on numbers. Rich Cornelison, Ted Maginnis and Tony Weber have become accustomed to this

Autumn ritual in preparation for the *Harmonizer* Main Street Craft Fair held every September. Actually, this is the culmination of a lengthy process that spans the summer months. Solicitation letters go out in May and media ads for crafters begin in June and continue through August.

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ENTERTAINING WEEKEND. . . (continued)

Logistics such as town liaison, signage, porta-johns, and street music must be arranged. Ongoing communications and registration confirmations with crafters become a weekly activity. **Ron Newsom** even lent a hand with one of their mass mailings.

One of the biggest challenges has been dealing with the streetscape design changes such as the light posts and benches that have been added by the town over the last few years. The team says they believe they are ready for the 22nd Annual Fair and 60 crafters. It's always a fun time for the community and it provides a venue for us to entertain attendees with our afternoon music show held both Saturday and Sunday at 1:30 p.m. on the steps of Flemington's historic Main Street Court House. The very last task is to work on the weather man for a sunny and pleasant weekend on September 16 and 17.

HARMONIZERS SING-OUT AT THE HUNTERDON SENIOR CENTER

The singout that a dozen *Hunterdon Harmonizers* did on Wednesday, August 16, was a much more important community event, I believe, than anyone really anticipated. Thanks to those *Harmonizers* who were able to participate. The audience was about *twice the size of Heath Village*, extremely attentive, and they were



Don Reckenbeil

ready, seated, and eager for a half-hour concert by the HH. We sang OK, but certainly not our best effort. Hopefully we intrigued some of these lively senior citizens to come out and hear us again on December 2 for our Holiday Show, "A Capitol Christmas."



PHOTO BY BILL SABOR

The *Hunterdon Harmonizers* sing for a crowd of about 200 people at the Hunterdon Senior Center.

EDITORIAL



Linda Williams

It's exciting to anticipate new entrants in our contests, and there are two this year that I've never heard. The new *James River Chorus*, and the more seasoned mike testers, the *DELASUSQUEHUDMAC Chorus*. For those of you who have never heard of this second chapter, here's a capsule from *Mid'l Antics*, Volume 35, Issue 2, with credits to **Dale Thomas**.

The chapter was chartered in 1956, and took its name from the four major rivers in the District; **DELA**ware, **SUSQUE**hanna, **HUD**son, and **POTO**MAC. Membership in DELA is by invitation only, and in the words of the first president, **Sterling Wilson**, is 'limited to those men of the Mid-Atlantic District who have made substantial contributions to the preservation and encouragement of barbershop quartet singing. The officers include a president, a secretary/treasurer, and all other members are vice presidents. They gather for an official chapter meeting once a year.

When I first encountered barbershop music, I was captured by the fun that everyone was having while trying to sing and compete. I loved the spoofs on every subject imaginable, and even the blatant abuse of acronyms. Although the SPEBSQSA Society name has now been superseded by the more staid "Barbershop Harmony Society," the spirit that drives barbershoppers to create tongue-twisting titles can't be allowed to die. I'll be in the seats for this year's mike testers, and cheering for *DELASUSQUEHUDMAC*, as they sing for the fun of it.



Sing...for life

The Barbershop Harmony Society (that's us) believes in the youth of today, and that the world is a better place when there is singing. When you renew your membership this year, consider adding a tax-deductible gift to help bring the joy of good music to our youth.

BOARD

RIFES

Notes from the minutes of the *Hunterdon Harmonizers Board of Directors Meeting, July 17, 2006*. In attendance: **Roth, Sabor, Weber, Cole, Newsom, Budde, Fordice, Mohr, Cerillo, Kacvinski, Williams.**

REMINDER: All members are welcome to attend and participate in scheduled board meetings, and you can review the full minutes and committee reports on the "Members Only" portion of our website.

NEW BUSINESS

Ron Newsom provided the 7/17 treasurer's report. We had a decrease of cash but total is still healthy. **Ron's** report recommends holding the line on new spending without replacement income.

Bill Sabor provided a membership report which included an update of subcommittee reports. Bill showed the use of the new booth with pictures from the Deer Path and Patriots ball game performances. The booth will be fully manned at the Hunterdon County Fair.

Mike Fordice submitted a report for the music and performance team. The second CD recording has been completed for all HH Chorus songs and the additional quartet recordings have been scheduled (*Note:* completed August 6). The committee provided a budget and timetable for delivery by September 7, 2006. **Graham Cleaves** and **Bill Sabor** are learning to use and operate the equipment at chorus practices.

Rusty Williams presented the final plans for the Cherry Hill visit for 7/18. **Graham Cleaves** will be procuring food for 30-35 guests and spouses.

Bruce Budde provided a marketing and PR report that included the Craft Fair and Holiday Show. **Bruce** is currently contacting professional promotion resources to support the Holiday Show. The report stressed the need to develop a multi-year marketing plan. **Bruce** recommended the HH discontinue further Patriot performances based on 2006 issues.

In addition to approved upcoming performances, Lights of Love, on December 6, 2006, at Hunterdon Hospital, was considered for participation. **Charlie Mohr** is the coordinator.

STATUS AND UPDATES

The Holiday Show Committee provided the refined program budget. Projected income requires sale of 140 reserved tickets in addition to open seating. Additional Holiday Show support volunteers are Budget: **Pat Cerillo**; Promotion: **Bruce Budde**; Ticket Managers: **Ron Roth** and **Graham Cleaves**; and Program Ad Sales: **Rich Kacvinski**.

Charlie Mohr reported inventory progress and requested that HH members identify any HH inventory that they have stored at their homes.

Lee will assign **Ron Newsom** to support the quartet activities while **Bruce** is recuperating.

The women's group has obtained 70 red informal golf shirts for the HH, which are ready for distribution.

Commendations to our bulletin editor, **Linda Williams**, who tied for 5th place in the International Bulletin Contest.

—**Tony Weber**



IN THE SPOTLIGHT



Tristan Peer

What's better than a new member? FOUR new members! Over the past months we've had the pleasure of welcoming **Gordon Braun, Rich Desvernine, Jon Frank,** and **Tristan Peer** onto the *Hunterdon Harmonizer* risers. Let's keep spreading the good word and the good chords, and keep attracting great singers like these guys!

Tristan Peer is going to be a sophomore at North Hunterdon High School this year and is in Dave Lockhart's choir program. He loves the stage, and the time he spends with **Alden** will definitely give him impetus in that direction. He ran the sound board for our most recent CD taping session. He gets a kick out of improvising lyrics, and since rhyme was being discussed, he identified Robert Frost his favorite poet. There is a definite future for him in the Hunterdon Parodizers.

Tristan was a member of the Hunterdon Youth Choir for 10 years. His last year, as one of only three boys, he had to contend with 20 sopranos.



Max Sabor

AMERICAN HARMONY— THE MOVIE

Here's a really great website that you just have to check out. When you go to the site at: www.americanharmonythemovie.com, you will find the following statement: "A documentary film about a true American art form ... AMERICAN HARMONY ... click here to see a sneak peek." Try it for yourself and you will see a terrific trailer from a film still in the making, about barbershop music! The story starts out with "One night a week, in towns and cities in every corner of America, fifty thousand people get together for one reason: to harmonize in the American musical style called Barbershop." Although choruses will be a part of the finished film, the main characters are the quartets who had been followed since last year in Salt Lake City. The producers, a group called the American Harmony Crew, plan on fitting this into a workable 90 minute film and submitting it to numerous film festivals around the world—hopefully securing distribution for the film at one of those festivals. If that happens, the film will be shown in theaters nationwide. The Barbershop Harmony Society will be fully advised of the status of the film, and will communicate to all its members how and when it can be seen.

[*Editor's note:* Thanks for the tip, **Max!**]

♪ HUNTERDON HARMONIZER 2006 SCHEDULE ♪

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

Date	Event	Location	Time
Aug 27	Sun Harmonizers Picnic	Deer Path Park	12:30 p.m.
Sept 16–17	Sat–Sun Craft Fair Main Street	Flemington	sing at 1:30 p.m.
Oct 6–7	Fri–Sat District Convention	Wildwood	
Dec 2	Sat Holiday Show	Hunterdon Central High School	
Dec 6	Tues Lights of Love	Hunterdon Medical Center	Evening

Happy Birthday! ♪

- September 1
David Farber
- September 11
Clarke Applegate
- September 16
Daniel Mirotta
- September 24
Pat Cerillo
- September 29
Steve Thomas



♪ 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!

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.

We 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.

PUBLISHING DEADLINE!!

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