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P^{res.} J^{im} 'S^{peaks} PRES JIM ELDRIDGE'S TALK TO COTS

Fellow SENECA LAND BARBERSHOPPERS. It is an honor and pleasure for me to have an opportunity to talk with you. First, let me say thank you for your vote of confidence in election me President of the SENECA LAND DISTRICT for 1983.

I have chosen a 'slogan' for 1983 which I hope will instill in the members of SENECA LAND the desire to be part of the Five Year Continuing Society Plan. International President HANK WOMACKA has chosen to continue the use of the PEP idea started last year by Pres. MERRITT AUMEN. Pres. WOMACKA has chosen PRESERVE, EDUCATE, PERSEVERE. My theme, along the same line, is that of UNITY and SUPPORT in '83! This is not a new concept in our District, where each Chapter has strived to work together and develop a fellowship and style associated with a Barbershop theme. We here in Seneca Land will continue to grow MUSICALLY and ADMINISTRATIVELY. International's plan is two-pronged in nature, to preserve and develop the Barbershop style and to let people know what true "Barbershop Harmony" is on a Chapter level. Our members must be willing to share their hobby with others.

To implement this concept, our focus is on the work of our DME (District Music Educator), PHIL LAMBRINOS, and his Divisional DME's. The second concept was introduced by the creation of the position of DMDC (District Membership Development Coordinator). This position will be held by GEORGE STOTHARD, and will entail a program of extension, membership development and retention. It is explained in the NOV/DEC issue of the HARMONIZER, and I recommend that you take the time to read the article and encourage your fellow members to do likewise.

The Field Program of the past is history. We, as members of a "singing Society", must as I said earlier, share our hobby so that we might gain new members. However we must not, at the same time, forget those who are present members. We must keep all interested by making our musical program beneficial to all. We must continue to communicate with each other, share ideas, relate problems, and most of all keep JOE BARBERSHOPPEF, foremost in our DISTRICT.

I recently spent two Saturday evenings at the finest examples of InterChapter activities. The ERIE COMMODORES and the VENANGO BARBERTONES worked together to present ERIE's 26th and VENANGO's 10th annual shows.

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THANKS GEORGE!!

All the members of SLD want to express a heart-felt THANK YOU, GEORGE, to our Immediate Past President, GEORGE STOTHARD. To say the GORGE did a great job, would be no more than adequate. We certainly appreciate the hard work and effort that GEORGE put forth on our behalf during the past two years.

And now, the time has come for GEORGE to take a well deserved rest, and let his wife JANNE, get back to a normal existence. BUT NO, he can't have that! GEORGE has taken on the additional job of MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR for our District. We know he is capable and will do a great job for us. The best of everything in this new position and THANKS, GEORGE, for your life!

PJ'S (continued)

This has happened in many types of activities dealing with various Chapters in Seneca Land. This is what BARBERSHOP HARMONY is all about! We MUST have the STRENGTH of ONE and OTHER. You are the heart of your Chapter and therefore MUST communicate this program to your fellow members.

UNITY and SUPPORT in SENECA LAND is what I hope all of us will strive for in 1983. With your help and persistence we can continue to grow in membership and musical quality. Remember to be proud of your District, all of your accomplishments, and most of all let's keep the BARBERSHOP ART FORM alive and well in SENECA LAND DISTRICT.

JIM ELDRIDGE, SLD PRES.

FORMER SENECA LAND BARBERSHOPPER HAS NEW POSITION

JEFF MAHAN, formerly a member of WARREN CHAPTER's CONEWANGO CLIPPERS, and now a member of the UNITED STATES AIR FORCE, has accepted the position of Chorus Director for the PAGES OF HARMONY of SPOKANE WASHINGTON. JEFF is also a member of the BOYS WILL BE BOYS QUARTET which finished in 8th place in the Evergree District Regionals.

JEFF, the son of PAUL and BETTY MAHAN of Warren, was very active in the Warren Chorus and sang with father PAUL in several quartets including THE PJ's, THIRD MAHAN THEME, and FAMILY AFFAIR.

JEFF's fine BASS voice is still where it belongs - in BARBERSHOPPING. We wish JEFF the best in his new pursuits.

From the desk of JAMES ELDRIDGE

Well, COTS for 1982 is over, and we have all returned home and gotten back into that "old routine". However the enthusiasm of our weekend will hopefully carry us toward the growth and development of UNITY and SUPPORT in 1983.

We as Barbershoppers must overcome a problem of declining membership. The key to improving and maintaining our membership is in keeping our Chapter meetings interesting and enjoyable each and every week. But remember please, the Chapter administrative and musical team cannot do it alone! YOU are a very important part of each Chapter meeting and function. YOU can invite a friend to a Chapter meeting to experience the fun YOU experience every week. Seneca Land will grow musically and in membership only with you as a member, the KEY!

Seneca Land can be proud of our accomplishments as part of SPEBSQSA. You the members of the District have made this possible. We have worked together in the past, and must continue working together in the future. We have strength in UNITY; this is evident in our contributions to Logopedics, Community service, and to each other. We must support our District, and by doing so we strengthen the entire Society.

Chapter Activity is the heart of all the growth we are looking for. I am proud to be the leader of a group of dedicated officers on the District and Chapter levels. However it is you, JOE BARBERSHOPPER, who must live the slogan, "It's Great To Be A Barbershopper" Through you, we in SENECA LAND can be a very important part of the song, KEEP THE WHOLE WORLD SINGING!

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DECEMBER, 1982

Have you ever heard the expression "Christmas is the time for giving."? With Barbershop you are not limited to only that time of the year as we give our songs to the hospitals, nursing homes, the Institute of Logopedics, etc., all year long. At Christmas we can give even more and get much more in return. I'll bet most of you have your sing outs (I prefer the word performances), already planned for the Christmas Season. This is great and as it should be, but why not have a bunch of POTENTIAL MEMBERSHIP CUSTOMERS enjoy this with you? The idea is called a CHRISTMAS CHORUS. Here's the way it works:

Back up three or four weeks from your first Christmas performance date and advertise for singers (male) to sing in the Oneonta Christmas Chorus. Don't do this if you live someplace else - use your own Chapter name. Set the first rehearsal date a week later, and quickly order the Christmas Carol Book from International for as many as you expect to attend, including your own members. The cost is very reasonable. The fee to sing in the Christmas Chorus is \$1.00 (to offset cost of the book), and is collected (and mentioned in the ad), when the singer enters and gets his book. The only music rehearsed that night is the proposed number of songs in the Christmas book, right; WRONG! At one point, show off your "Barbershop wares" with a sharp contest number or three, quartets, and be sure to teach one tag! The second week of rehearsal, work on the Christmas songs put out one BRAND NEW ARRANGEMENT to the Chorus to show the new guy that we have to learn just like they do. The third week and probably the last (ED. NOTE: So that you may all save postage, and so that I will not be flooded with sacks of mail, I KNOW THIS WAS PRINTED TOO LATE FOR 1982. When I prepared the original for the first of December, 1982, I realized that it would get in your hands too late to be implemented in 1982. I figured printing it in JANUARY of 1983 would serve to better call it to your attention, and that you would remember the advice for Christmas of 1983! JEH.)

final week, they will be looking forward to the next BRAND NEW arrangement to try, and the other ones that the Chorus did so well! One most important point is that NO ONE hits them up for membership during the rehearsal weeks. It is understood at the completion of the "Christmas obligations" they may be 'able' to join the Chapter if they so desire. If they desire? At this point, they are READY! Why does this work? If you were to ask, 9 out of 10 men would have trouble singing "I'll Take You Home Again Kathleen" but NOBODY will have trouble singing SILENT NIGHT. They also have a buck invested with the group, and if they don't join, they have something that says BARBERSHOP. A time for giving - GIVE IT A TRY!!!

(Ed. Comment: This is the last in a series of SLD articles by KEITH as our DCO. His efforts have been timely and informative, and I for one want to publically thank him for his great effort. THANKS, KEITH! JEH)

CHAUTAQUA SHOW

by JIM STEEDMAN

A rather belated report on our CHAUTAUQUA SHOW - another resounding success in spite of the cold weather! HOW COLD WAS IT? Would you believe 38 degrees at our outdoor afterglow? Naturally the cold affected our crowd but the great talent more than made up for the weather. Headlined by the great BLUE GRASS STUDENT UNION, plus our own Champions, THE NICKEL CITY HARMONY, our fine Chorus Champions, MONROE COUNTY WEST, and the Region 18 Sweet Adelines Champions, the Sigh-Tations, and JIM MCDONNELL'S community sing, all the applause kept everyone warm. We set a record with over \$4000 going to our FAME FUND. We are already excited about next year's show, with the HARRINGTON BROTHERS as headliners. If you heard them in Pittsburgh, you will plan now on being at CHAUTAUQUA the last Saturday in August, 1983; - AUGUST 27.

CHAUTAQUA (continued)

ideas, and if we pick your name, I can guarantee you, you will not receive a prize-for the simple reason the Chautauqua Committee has no budget and spends no money. We WILL PRINT YOUR NAME in the SMOKE SIGNALS though, and I will allow YOU to 'woodshed' with me at the next convention. Let us hear from you and start now to talk about the 1983 show.

JIM STEEDMAN
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ALASKA?

Any of you who are considering traveling to SEATTLE for the INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION, might want to consider an extended vacation while on the west coast.

Presently, continued inquiries are being directed to travel agents, to arrange for a cruise on a luxury liner, via the inter-coastal waterway to ALASKA immediately following the 1983 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION.

Although this is still in the "thinking" stage at this point, if you have any interest whatsoever, please contact:

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MAN NEVER STANDS SO TALL
AS WHEN HE S'POOPS TO
HELP A CHILD

INSTITUTE OF LOGOPEDICS

by DICK DANIELS, SLD LOGOPEDICS CHAIRMAN

\$20 PER MAN IN '82 - ALMOST

Even though you are reading this in JAN. '83, due to printing deadlines I can update you only through Nove '82. As of this writing, SLD has a percapita figure of \$13.37!! We are ahead of the same time last year but far short of our GOAL of \$20 IN '82. Traditionally, December is a big month for LOGOPEDICS, but it's going to have to be REALLY BIG to put us over the top this year. When next you see me if you notice I've lost some weight, "sweating out" December for OUR KIDS is one of the factors!

ASK AND YOU WILL RECEIVE IS TRUE, you know! With only three quartets giving for OUR KIDS I just asked our SLD QUARTETS to help us out and as you can see by the QUARTET HONOR ROLL our quartets proved once again that WE SING THAT THEY SAHLL SPEAK IN SENECA LAND!

Our GOAL of 100% Chapter participation is ALMOST realized with only 4 CHAPTERS "holding out." We'll let you know how close we came in the next issue.

It looks like the EDWARD G CRAWFORD MEMORIAL LOGOPEDICS TROPHY may become a fixture. This Trophy (awarded to the SLD CHAPTER with the highest percapita donation to HARMONY FOUNDATION in the calendar year) was WON last year by OLEAN with a record breaking percapita figure of \$110.51. To date this year PAUL WIND and the OLEAN CHAPTER have a firm hold on this award with a figure in the amount of \$78.18. Personally, I hope another Chapter takes the award of '82. Think what THAT would mean for OUR KIDS!!

I'll take this opportunity to say THANKS to all of you in SENECA LAND who have helped OUR KIDS through HARMONY FOUNDATION during 1982. A special THANKS to all the CHAPTER LOGOPEDICS CHAIRMEN who made it happen. In your next issue of SMOKE SIGNALS I'll present your SCORE SHEET to let you know just how well you did in 1982!

NOTEContributions MUST be in KENOSHA, PRIOR to DEC. 31, for proper credit in 1982!

GEMS from GEORGE

by GEORGE STOTHARD

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR

(This article is also borrowed from the B E and P R publication at COTS)

Our District, like others, has a strong need for more members. The past two years for Seneca Land have been very fruitful but the area in which we are still looking is bodies. And the most tragic part of the situation is that there does not appear to be the desire on the part of enough of us to tell the people we associate with what our hobby is.

1983 will dawn a new era. Our International Society has developed a membership program that is directed at starting new Chapters and has requested the help of everyone in the District. Existing Chapters will be asked to put on package shows in areas that there have not previously been Chapters and DOs/ACs will lend their support and expertise to nurture these locations into Chapters.

We have done many positive things in the last two years, and now we have an opportunity to share our hobby with so many other people. I look forward to working closely, with all of you.

COTS

(The following are articles lifted from the Publication put out by BOB TRIPP's B E & P R class at the recent COT SCHOOL in ROCHESTER)

D. WILLIAM FITZGERALD, of International was the leader of a very capable group of instructors. SLD extends its appreciation to all the men who made COTS a memorable occasion for those in attendance. THANKS.

KEEP THE MEMBERSHIP INTERESTED

by DEL RYBERG, PVP class

When planning chapter programs, remember that we are competing for a man's free time. We must make the meeting more interesting, and more enjoyable than ANYTHING ELSE. The PVP does try to make your meetings interesting, and EXCITING. A chorus cannot afford wasted time at rehearsals, so try to allocate your meeting time.

MEMBERSHIP VICE PRESIDENT CLASS

by BRIAN COX

DON HARBIN from Indianapolis, IN was the instructor for a class of 22 MVPs. The main goal of the class is not only to explain the duties of the MVP, but to organize and plan the year for the best recruitment and retention. Cooperation between the DIRECTOR, PVP and MVP is most important in attaining this goal. Having four membership drive per year was also stressed.

Most members are lost because of dissatisfaction with the music program and/or administration. When asked what is taught in the MVP class to improve the music program, DON smiled and said, "TAGS!"

PRESIDENTS PLEDGE PROGRESS

by NEIL ISHAM

Seneca Land District Chapter Presidents, attending a Chapter Officers Training School (COTS), pledged PROGRESS IN '83. The School at the Holiday Inn, Rochester, NY, was held for newly elected and re-elected Chapter Officers. PROGRESS IN '83 was an important part of the entire training session for the Chapter Presidents.

Taking stock of the status of their individual chapters - where do we stand? - what kind of shape are we in? - inventoring the individual skills within each Chapter - making a list of individuals willing to work-making chapter finances work for the Chapter. The bottom line is - Take a good inventory, and based on that inventory, step forward into 1983.



by CLIFF GRAVES

They had a very capable instructor, JOHN T. GILLESPIE who pointed out to the Treasurers how important it is that they keep very clear and accurate records; that their reports to the government and the Society, be promptly and properly made. One reason for this is to show that the chapter is operating as a non profit organization; this will also let the officers and members of their chapter know of their financial condition.

BITS AND PIECES

by D. KENNELL

It sure was great having an International Champion Chorus director here for COTS! BOB CULBERTSON WAS VOTED THE BEST DRESSED AT COTS.

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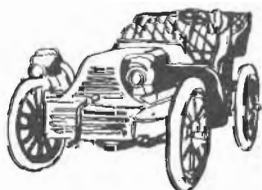
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1982 is past history. It came; we worked with it; and it went by the boards. We were involved with many exciting happenings during 1982 - OLEAN CHAPTER breaking the world record for LOCOPEDICS giving, and when this issue gets to you, you will all know OLEAN did it again in 1982.

Yes, many great things happened in ALLEGHENY DIVISION in 1982, and it seems we are off to a great start in 1983. Six of our 7 Chapters were represented at COTS by all of their officers; VENANGO COUNTY is host for the FALL CONVENTION in NIAGARA FALLS, ONTARIO, CANADA, an ambitious undertaking. JAMES ELDRIDGE, WARREN CHAPTER, is our new SENECA LAND DISTRICT PRESIDENT; BOB CULBERTSON remains as our I B M; as does ELLIOTT SMITH, as DISTRICT SECRETARY.

Our Division plans for 1983 include many more Inter-Chapter activities, both on the Area and Division level. A Division meeting was held at COTS, and one is being planned in the very near future. Everything should begin to take form for 1983 at that meeting and information will soon follow.

We look forward to another great year in 1983. I know that each member of our Division is looking forward to making 1983 the very best year ever. KEEP 'EM SINGING!

***** ERIE Rep-Les Dennison

Hang on to your hats, fellows; the ERIE CHAPTER is on the move. Our annual show was a great success, according to all reports!! Something a little different was tried this year. As an experiment, at least to us, the VENANGO BARBERTONES and ERIE COMMODORES combined efforts, and the Nov. 6 ERIE SHOW and the Nov. 13 VENANGO SHOW were very successful. Under the very able direction by WALT HOLT, ERIE, and BILL MCCOORD, VENANGO, these combined Choruses really put across what we BARBERSHOPPERS are all about. Both shows were well attended and everyone seemed to enjoy them.

A lot of good will was generated by the program we tried for the first time. By arrangement with several Senior Citizens Centers, buses were hired by the Chapter, and interested people were picked up, taken to the show, and delivered back to the residences following the show. The idea really went over big with the 109 people, and, without a doubt, we will have many more if we decide to do this again next year. No extra charge was made for this service; all they needed was a ticket for the show.

Another benefit was gained by combining the two Choruses for the two shows. We ALL had a great time, and got a lot better acquainted. As things look now, the two Chapters will be working together a lot more in the future, and we will all gain a lot.

Enthusiasm is running really high in the COMMODORES. We have taken in about a dozen (Continued, page 5, col. 1)

I can't believe 1982 has come to a close. It seems just a short time ago the my wife, JUDY, and I, were invited by GENEVA CHAPTER to attend their LADIES NIGHT, where we danced to the music of a 15 piece band, and I installed their Chapter Officers. Now when I look at my calendar, I find that is was one year ago!!

1982 ended on an upbeat with COTS (Chapter Officer Training School), held in Rochester. "Dean" BILL FITZGERALD ran one heck of a school, and all in attendance left with their Barbershop batteries fully charged. I am sure you have heard that corny line TIME FLIES WHEN YOU ARE HAVING FUN, but, by gosh it's true.

I feel sad leaving the office of ONTARIO DVP, but I'm excited with the challenge that awaits me as EXECUTIVE VP. Your new ONTARIO DVP DICK DEICHMAN, who is no stranger to the Chapters in the GENESEE AREA, is looking to meet you Barbershoppers in the FRONTIER AREA with anticipation. DICK has two newly appointed AREA COUNSELORS - DICK BENNER will cover the GENESEE AREA, and KEITH MOON will tend the FRONTIER AREA. All three were in attendance at COTS in Rochester, and are chomping on their pitch pipes to get out and have a visit with you.

A final THANK YOU to those Chapters that enriched my Barbershopping experience this past year by sharing their activities with me. And I want to let you know I'm ready to DO IT AGAIN IN '83!

***** AMHERST Rep-Dave Cristantello

The AMHERST FRIENDS OF HARMONY CHORUS was pleased to honor MRS. BETH ANSCOMBE, as the recipient of the 1982 AWARD OF HARMONY. The award was presented during a special recognition ceremony. Mrs. ANSCOMBE has a rather long list of exemplary service to her credit. She has been a volunteer in civic, educational and cultural organizations for the past 30 years. She received the 1972 SUSAN B. ANTHONY Award given by Interclub Council of Western New York. She will begin a second year of a three year term as a representative on the Committee of Hospital Auxiliaries.

MRS. ANSCOMBE, along with her husband ALFRED, received the President's Award of DAEMAN COLLEGE as 'outstanding citizens of Amherst. She is a trustee and president of the Board of Regents of Amherst Museum, and recently received the Volunteer Activist Award from the National Conference of Christians, and Jews. All of these accomplishments are just an abbreviated list of MRS. ANSCOMBE's involvements. She truly is d-serving of the AWARD OF HARMONY. Our congratulations go out to her.

The annual Christmas celebration, Dec 11 was the occasion for the installation of our 1983 Chapter officers. The FRIENDS OF HARMONY extend best wishes to all SLD members & families for a happy & prosperous 1983!

HORNELL HAPPENINGS

The MAPLE CITY CHORUS has been busy this Fall and into early Winter. Although we did not qualify, we attended and sang at the FALL CONVENTION in SYRACUSE. We also put together a very successful SHOW-GLO at our meeting place in HORNELL on Oct. 23. We entertained about 90 people. We want to express our big heartfelt THANKS to the MONROE DOCTRINE and PENNIES FOUR BAND for making the show one of the best ever.

During the Christmas season we were exceptionally busy with caroling downtown, our annual Christmas Party, singing at nursing homes and sponsoring a blood bank.

If all goes well, we will be even busier this Spring, initiating a new concept for a membership campaign. If successful, we will definitely TELL THE WORLD about it!

***** APPALACHIAN DVP: DON EVANS ONEIDA GEORGE COOK ST. LAWRENCE W. FULLER AUBURN Rep-Fred Schneider

The AUBURN CHAPTER's 1982 Show was held on April 17 and featured the EMPIRE EXPRESS and the MELLO-MEN from SCARSBOROUGH, ONTARIO CANADA. The show was a huge success but the Chapter received the news at that time that JOHN LENTS, president, had changed jobs and was moving to DOVER, NH. JIM READ, SKANEATELES, east of Auburn, took over as president for the balance of the year.

The next event was the 44th International Convention at Pittsburgh, attended by 3 members and their wives - FRED & ROWENA SCHNEIDER, HARRY & WINNIE BREESE, and HARVEY & JOANNE WRIGHT. On one of our visits to the Gimbel Store, we were pleasantly surprised, to find the MELLO-MEN singing in the store!

During the summer, AUBURN sat at morning Church Services twice, and performed at the new Auburn Finger Lakes Mall. We were successful in mustering 23 men to perform during the SLD CONVENTION in Syracuse, and had one quartet, THE FINGER LAKES FOUR, singing Friday Night. Let us say we will try harder next time. It was a good experience, and we enjoyed every bit of it!

Sept. 29, the Chorus travelled 18 miles, for a covered dish supper, and furnished the entertainment afterward to an enthusiastic, and packed, auditorium. Chorus members, and their wives, were invited on Oct. 2, to the Charter Night banquet of the Auburn Chapter of the Sweet Adelines. HARVEY WRIGHT is the director of the group. Ladies Choruses, and quartets were in attendance. The LAKELANDERS and the Sweet Adelines were presented with

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DIVISION DOINGS

ALLEGHENY

ERIE

(continued)

new members in the last quarter. According to our MVP attendance at meetings ran about 82% for the last quartet. This is quite unusual, I am told, and is further proof that the ERIE CHAPTER is alive, kicking and very much on the move. SEE YOU ALL IN UTICA!

DUBOIS

Rep-Jack Murray

The first three quarters of 1982 were to say the least, rather frustrating. It seems the DIPLOMATS were suffering growing pains, but I guess this is normal for any new organization. We experienced a number of drop-outs, our number of performances decreased, and this contributed to a generally poor attitude with many of our members.

With our third annual Fall Show being a sell-out and highly successful, things just began to turn around. Perhaps the tremendous talent of the HARRINGTONS and the NITE HOWLS was the catalyst we needed to inspire us to greater things.

A bus load of DIPLOMATS went to Kentucky for the THOROUGHBREDS' SHOW. The show was a great one, and enjoyed by all who made the trip, especially those who had never heard the THOROUGHBREDS before.

We have been able to recruit some fine new members, and some of our drop-outs have expressed a desire to return. Our Dec performance calender was full, and all our Officers have returned from COTS full of ideas, and enthusiasm. Hopefully, in 1983 our attitude will improve and once again the DIPLOMATS to a man will shout, IT'S GREAT TO BE A BARBERSHOPPER!!!

OLEAN

Rep-Paul Wind

BARBERSHOPPER OF THE YEAR - 1982

'Twas the night before last a year ago,
(That much time has passed already),
When we were here in the spirits,
For the fun we were ready.

Then a poet with his problems versed,
To the source he moaned and cursed.
With the burden off his chest,
He lead forward with his best.

Serious business, no more game,
CYRIL had to have a name.
Another man named had to be,
To set the reign of this poet free.

With a furor and a flare,
He in verse did celare,
The man bestowed was too tall,
He had the name of PAUL.

Now this honor as rich as it may be,
has been
Greater than a thousand hearlds times ten.
For this year, to you I give my thanks,
My wife, my family, and all the men
in our ranks.

I'm not a man of many words, or a poet,
I know because I have been told to stow it.
But this job I have to do,
To bring forward one of you.

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ONTARIO

EAST AURORA

Rep-Harry Wooley

With a growing spirit on their minds the EAST AURORA CHAPTER decided to impart it to their friends and family members with a Pot Luck Dinner. It was a very successful meeting with 75 in attendance. A big assortment of food was available to all. The group even enjoyed our practice of vowels & consonants before we rehearsed various songs.

Goals were discussed with members, families and friends by the directors and officers at this meeting. Among these are: more enthusiasm, better attendance, coaching for stage presence, drill in the four voice sections, more freedom in smiles, and, overall good techniques. With teamwork we feel we can put 50 to 65 men on stage at the Spring Convention in UTICA. We could then dream of a possible First Place Trophy.

The EAST AURORA Board applauded the Chorus for its performance in Syracuse. But a better all-around sound and balance needs to be perfected.

We have already donated \$318 to Logopedics, and want to attain a higher goal. To do this we are wearing the new Institute buttons.

Our Chorus of 40 men attended the CAN-AM NIGHT at St. Catharines, Ont., and with 35 men from AMHERST formed a METRO CHORUS. The BUFFALO Chapter was unable to join with us, due to a previous committment. Both Choruses performed individually as well. 10 quartets including two from EAST AURORA and AMHERST, along with 5 choruses performed. There were about 400 men present for a very successful evening of singing old and new songs.

EAST AURORA CHORUS perfomed for patients at the Buffalo Luthern Home, at the Marriot Inn at Amherst for a New York Stage Federation meeting, for the United Church of Christ Men's Club, and at St. Peter and Paul Church in Williamsville. We sent two men as Chapter representatives to COTS in Rochester.

A discussion has been held at our meetings regarding a possible merger of the EAST AURORA and AMHERST CHAPTERS. Discussion of the pros and cons of such a merger has been held during these meetings. The Boards would have to work out details before such a merger could take place. A vote was to be held on Dec. 6, 1982 for a decision. More about this new venture later.

BUFFALO

Rep-Jack Fritsch

Our Annual Show at Kleinhaus was a great success. CURTAIN CALL and SOLID GOLD did a fantastic job for us. The Chapter Chorus and Quartets, with the Sweet Adelines " Harmony Fever" performed without a hitch. There are always so many to thank for a fine job, but I have to say SAM LUX and JOE TRINCI did a great job of staging, and JACK MOFFATT and AL LEUTHE ran a whale of an Afterglow. And of course Show Chairman EARL DIETZ and asst CENE DOCEU must also be congratulated. Our directors BOB BORSH and JACK SCHAUGER, the Show committee, Quartet hosts, the Chorus, everyone, should be proud of a job well done.

Our 1983 officers are going to have their hands full to fill the shoes of our outgoing officers. We had a really great year, with membership increases, super programs, level headed presidential leadership.

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AUBURN

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Oct. 27 the AUBURN Chorus and Quartets were invited by the Auburn Jaycees to sing at the new Senior Citizens Boyle center and joined in with the group for refreshment at the end of the program.

The GENEVA Show Nov. 13, featuring the SUNNYSIDERS, was well organized. The AUBURN CHAPTER helped with tickets, ushering, back stage and the like while they performed. The SENECHORDS and FRONT PORCH REUNION Quartets and the FINGERLAKES CHORUS performed.

Dec. 8 AUBURN traveled to UTICA to an interchapter forum with SYRACUSE, ROME UTICA, and others to hear DAVE LABAR music services director from Kenosha.

The Chapter is planning a Ladies night & Officers Installation banquet on Jan. 22.

The 1983 AUBURN SHOW is set for April 23 featuring the RED ROSE FOUR comedy quartet from LANCASTER, PA, YOUNG MEN IN HARMONY of MEXICO, NY, The Auburn Sweet Adelines Chorus and quartets, Humdingers and Lakeshore 4 with the LAKELANDER Chorus and quartets The FINGER LAKES FOUR and CHORD BENDERS. Em-Cee will be BUD HEDINGER fro Syracuse Channel 9 T V Station.

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OLEAN

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We looked for a person Oh so grand,
One concerned, who'd lend a hand.
One with loyalty, interest, and fight,
Who'd accomplish goals with all his might.

A man whose beliefs are so firm,
He'll reign high in his term.
And to the man, this man a friend,
Who'll stand by to the end.

Alas, with ease the committee knew,
Our man was never cross or blue.
Here is a man so involved,
A score of score problems he has solved.

It is an honor for me to pass,
BARBERSHOPPER OF THE YEAR to a man with
class.

For now if the story is ever told,
It will be . . ED PIPER , , gold!

ONTARIO

BUFFALO

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There is one guy in our Chapter who deserves all the commendation he can get, DAN COTTER. DAN is our Logopedics Man. DAN has done such a fantastic job it is hard to believe. Our Chapter will contribute over \$60 per man this year. He has run raffles, programs, tag sings and whatever to bring our total to over \$3000. If we do not win this year, then we must be second in SLD. Anyway the credit belongs to DAN and his family.

BOB PALAS our dynamic Program Director, ran a Novice Quartet Competition in November with nine quartets competing, and a rematch of the top two. THE MISERABLE FOUR were the winners, but in a contest like this, there are NO LOSERS! This was the biggest turnout for a Novice competition ever. The winners get a prize: their names inscribed on our JAMES STEEDMAN NOVICE QUARTET PLAQUE, and a chance to perform at our annual Christmas Party and Installation dinner held Dec. 18.

Recent performances included the Niagara Luthern Home, and for the Adult Handicapped
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BUFFALO

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Christmas Party at the Troop 'I' post. It is always a good feeling to know you can brighten someone's life by doing what you enjoy!

DAVE LABAR visited us December 10, and we could hardly wait! We heard he is really something, and boy, he sure was!

We still have a Guest Night January 14th and are invited back to the Lancaster Opera House for another show in February. Until then we have more music to learn and plans to make for the Convention in Utica and for our 1983 Show. We will be busy!

GENEVA

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in Ovid where members of St. Stephen Church were meeting, and at the United Methodist Church in Geneva.

A member of the lead section of the Chorus, RICH DRYGAS, was married Nov. 27, and Chapter members offered their congratulations in song at the reception.

Dec 5, the Chorus sang at the Christmas Party for handicapped children in Waterloo, and later in the month contributed to the holiday spirit by performing in several of the stores in the Town and Country Plaza in Geneva during the peak shopping hours.

We meet Monday, 8 PM in the Chamber of Commerce building at the Lakefront in Geneva. All District members who happen to be in the neighborhood are invited to stop in and sing along.

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GENEVA

Rep-Lloyd Powers

GENEVA Area Barbershop fans were treated to an outstanding evening of Barbershop Harmony and fun last month when GENEVA CHAPTER presented our annual show. Over 500 people in the audience listen as the FINGER LAKES CHORUS, our three local Quartets, and former SLD Champions, the SUNNYSIDERS, made the Geneva Middle School ring with applause and laughter. The SUNNYSIDERS, favorites of the Geneva Audiences, also sang later at the Afterglow party. Thanks, SUNNYSIDERS, for an outstanding contribution to our show.

Our own fine quartets have also be busy at singouts of their own. FRONT PORCH REUNION, who placed sixth in District competition, sang at the National Convention of the National Junior Horticultural Assn. in Niagara Falls. They also performed at the reunion of the Class of '32 at Hobart College.

The SENECHORDS sang for Veterans at the Canandaigua Veterans Hospital and at a homecoming service at the Grace Episcopal Church at Willowdale. Another familiar face in SLD also appeared. GENEVA Charter Member AL LEARNED delivered the Homecoming Address.

The other members of the Chapter haven't just been sitting back watching the quartet work. The FINGER LAKES CHORUS has also been raising its collective voice at various events in the area. The Chorus and two quartets offered Barbershop Harmony at the VFW (continued this page, col. 1)



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Rep-Jim Hassel

(ED NOTE: Would you believe I almost forgot to put in my own Chapter's blurb???? JEH)

VENANGO COUNTY and ERIE CHAPTERS did have two most successful shows in November. They have been reported on extensively in other articles in this issue, but we want to mention just how much we enjoyed working with the ERIE COMMODORES and their director WALT HOLT. We also appreciate the hard work both BILL MCCORD and WALT put into the music for the joint appearances. We also want to mention DAN WRHEN, our production man and contact man with ERIE. Thanks to everyone, for a fantastic job.

All of our newly elected Chapter officer for 1983 attended COTS this year, along with three men who will act as assistants to our MVP, PVP, and Treasurer for the coming term of office. With this type of cooperation we can only look forward to a successful year!

VENANGO CHAPTER's Annual Christmas party and Installation Dinner and Dance was once again a huge success. Some 79 members and guests were in attendance. Our Officers were installed by our DVP, JIM HASSEL. The highlight of the evening was the presentation of VENANGO CHAPTER's B O T Y AWARD for 1982 to

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a most deserving man, JAY MOYER. JAY hds., in the past few years served us well as EMCEE, PVP, MVP, and PRESIDENT. He currently is an Area Counselor in the Division, and for the next year is serving the Chapter as MVP.

The Chapter has many plans for the year coming up. We are going to try to schedule more Inter-Chapter functions, are thinking about having another dual or perhaps treble Chorus Show in 1983. But the biggest plans of all involve the SLD FALL CONVENTION.

The FALL CONVENTION is a go situation in NIAGARA FALLS, ONT. CAN. The accommodations, contest site, and agenda are pretty well set at this time. We even have a name chosen for the weekend. It is to be called:

HARMONY HONEYMOON
(FALLS FANTASY)

We expect to have advanced registration for you at the SPRING CONVENTION in UTICA. So look for our booth there. Co-Chairmen for the convention are BOB CULBERTSON, and JIM HASSEL. We look forward to a great one in UTICA in the SPRING. See you all there!



COMING EVENTS!!

JANUARY

* 7, 8, 9: GROSSINGER'S HARMONY WEEKEND

FEBRUARY

* 5: WARREN CHAPTER SHOW
* NIAGARA-ORLEANS CHAPTER SHOW
* 19: PAINTED POST CHAPTER SHOW

MARCH

* 12, 13: SLD BOD MEETING
* 26: SAYRE CHAPTER SHOW

APRIL

* 8, 9, 10: SLD SPRING CONVENTION UTICA
* 9: SLD SPRING HOD MEETING, UTICA NY.
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