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CARE AND SHARE

by JIM ELDRIDGE, SLD PRES.

Think S.M.A.R.T. in 1984. Now what does that have to do with the membership of Seneca Land District? We ended 1983 with a membership of 1,263 with 13 Chapters having a decrease in membership, 4 remained the same, 11 showed an increase in membership. During 1984, we in Seneca Land will be working to discover that SINGING MEMBERS ARE REALLY THERE!

International is planning recruitment drives Society wide. As President of SLD I am asking each Chapter to get behind our DMDC, RUDY REGER, along with your own Membership VP, and help us get the membership of SLD back up. In 1977 we hit a high of 1,459 members here in Seneca Land.

The first society-wide recruitment drive will take place the second week of March, or the second week of April. I hope each Chapter will hold an open house in conjunction with this effort. This will be an excellent opportunity to share our hobby with the community. Let's work together to build and retain the membership of SENECA LAND DISTRICT.

Another important event already in the final stages of planning and implementation, is our District Convention, being held in OLEAN, NY March 30, 31, and April 1, 1984. Chairman PAUL WIND and his committee are hard at work to make this one of the best conventions in Seneca Land's history I hope you will come and enjoy a weekend full of four part harmony and of fellowship with the ENCHANTED MOUNTAIN CHORUS. Remember, this is an excellent way to enjoy having fun with fellow Barbershoppers as well as enjoy the barbershop style of music.

Finally, I would like to say thanks to all of you, the members of SLD, for the excellent start in 1984. Let's all get out and search for those men who enjoy singing, so we can introduce them to the greatest singing organization in the world, SPEBSQSA!



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SENIOR CITIZEN????

by: BOB CULBERTSON, PAST EVERYTHING

It has come that time in my life to become what I refer to as a SENIOR CITIZEN. I have had the privilege of serving you as an Area Counselor, as Division VP, as District President, and IBM for the past seven years.

These seven years have been an exceptional time, and I want to thank each of you for making the experience possible. My wife, LUCILLE, and I have made many friends through out the Society, and have been treated royally. For this we are grateful.

In closing I would like to thank each and every one of you for all of the cards, phone calls, and prayers I received this past September, following my heart attack. So once more, all I can say is: THANK YOU TO THE GREATEST FRIENDS I HAVE: MY FELLOW BARBERSHOPPERS!!!

INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE TO SLD SPRING CONVENTION

Official notification has been received, announcing the International Representative for our Spring Convention in Olean, NY, is our own IBM, GEORGE STOTHARD. GEORGE will be acting as the representative of our International President.

We need not list GEORGE's Barbershopping accomplishments here, because all in SENECA LAND DISTRICT are aware of his efforts, not only for his Chapter, our District, but for our Society as well.

We welcome you GEORGE, as the official Representative of International to OLEAN, and hope your visit is fruitful.



YOU MAY HAVE JUST ELECTED AN INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT by KEITH CLARK SLD NOM. COMM.

Now if this title sounds a little far out, just think about it. All International Presidents started out as members, officers, and involved in a Chapter somewhere. From there involvement in District offices brought him to the International Board. It is from this auspicious group the nomination to Vice President and ultimately to International President comes. Yes, you may have just elected an International President.

What has this to do with this time of the year? NOW is the time to instruct your Nominating Committee to be looking for that man to be your PVP, MVP, and most important, your President. Further, Now is the time to be looking at your District Team to let your District Nominating Committee know who SHOULD BE a great addition to the District Officer Team. Remember - from this group is where we get - you guessed it - your International President. Nominating Committee: The BEST, not the REST, is UP TO YOU.....

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BASS-IC CHANGES

A change in the Bass department of MONROE DOCTRINE, SLD 1982 CHAMPIONS, will find RON BROWN now filling that spot. RON, popular Bass of the SUNNYSIDERS, replaces TIM DRAKE who had to leave because of other commitments. The MONROE DOCTRINE is working hard with their new Bass to develop and maintain their solid singing style and entertaining repertoire. They will be ready for the coming Show season.

DON MORGAN has replaced RON as the BASS for the SUNNYSIDERS. They too are hard at work preparing for the coming year.

SLD wishes nothing but the BEST for the two great quartets.

NEW VIDEO TAPES

The MUSIC DEPARTMENT has just produced and released two new video tapes they are very proud of. They feel the tapes will be very beneficial to our members. They are: WHAT WE ARE TRYING TO PRE-SERVE, with DAVE STEVENS, STOCK # 4012; and ON WITH THE MAKE-UP! ON WITH THE SHOW, STOCK # 4013. THESE new tapes along with two previous ones: PERFORMANCE PACKAGE, # 4010, and THREE WAYS TO TEACH A BARBERSHOP SONG, # 4009, are available for purchase at \$27.00 each. They are also available for rental, at \$8.00 each. Contact GARY STAMM.



MAN NEVER STANDS SO TALL
AS WHEN HE STOOOPS TO
HELP A CHILD

INSTITUTE OF LOGOPEDICS

by CHUCK MCFADDEN, SLD LOGOPEDICS CHAIRMAN
I would like to take this occasion for thanking JIM ELDRIDGE for his confidence in me to serve as District Logopedics Chairman. I hope and pray I can do as good a job as my predecessor, DICK DANIELS. DICK is going to be a tough act to follow! Following DICK is like going on stage in a Novice Quartet just after the HARRINGTON BROTHERS!



When Barbershoppers hit the five million dollar mark in donations to the Institute of Logopedics in November, 1983, many of the students and staff got together to show their appreciation to the members of S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A. whose support since 1964 has played such an important role in their lives.

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CHAPTER _____ VOICE PART _____

ADDRESS _____
NR. _____ STREET _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

NUMBER AND TYPE OF REGISTRATIONS

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TOTAL ENCLOSED:.....\$ _____

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7175 CADIZ ROAD
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SENECA LAND IN ST. LOUIS

by ERNIE HUGENBRUCH, ROCHESTER

The announcements and invitation extended in the upper right-hand corner of page 3 in the January issue of SMOKE SIGNALS still hold. YOU can join the ROCHESTER CHAPTER in their section of the auditorium in St. Louis by letting us submit your registration with ours. Merely send your fee made out to the ROCHESTER CHAPTER, SPEBSQSA to cover all of the registrations desired to:

E.R. ERNIE HUGENBRUCH
22 LAURELDALE DRIVE
PITTSFORD, NY, 14534
PHONE: (716) 381-4069

Please do so by APRIL 1. Your tickets will be sent direct to you upon receipt of the forms by Kenosha.

SENECA LAND DISTRICT DINNER

Details for the SENECA LAND DISTRICT DINNER are not settled as of this writing. The reason is a contact person has not been designated by St. Louis. We hope to have this matter settled in time for the MAY issue.

CAMPING WEEKEND YOU NEED A RESERVATION

The Fourth Annual Barbershoppers Camping Weekend is scheduled for JULY 27-29 at the FLINTCREEK CAMPGROUNDS, POTTER, NY.

The registration trailer will be open on Friday and Saturday for check-in. Friday is also the day we feature the one and only CORN ROAST as put on by the "Krazy-CORN-COKER" CYRIL JORDAY.

As is the past the weekend will be full up with camping, swimming, hiking, hayrides campfires, and the like. BUT THERE IS A BIG DIFFERENCE. Last year with the number that showed up Saturday without prior reservations for the Beef Roast, we ran out of food. For this we are sorry. It takes a minimum of 10 days prior to obtain the choice beef roasts, and all day Saturday to cook. There fore, a prior meal reservation is necessary with the cut off date JULY 17. NO MEAL TICKETS WILL BE SOLD ON THE GROUNDS AT THE CAMPING WEEKEND.

The Beef Roast will consist of the usual choice roast beef, potato, salad, vegetable, and the trimmings. The price will remain at \$5.00, but to keep expenses and the cost at this level, all participants are asked to supply their own plates and utensils.

We're getting excited with the plans for this weekend. It'll be the biggest and best yet. Plan on attending. You'll find a reservation form elsewhere in this issue.

PAUL WIND, CHAIRMAN.

Quartet News NEW

FOUR TOWN FOUR

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ROCHESTER, NY 14625

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936 CLEVINGER RD
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NOTE: THIS NOW GIVES SLD A TOTAL OF 63 REGISTERED QUARTETS. IF WE MANAGE TO GET JUST 37 MORE, THAT WILL BE 100 DISTRICT QUARTETS TO CHOOSE FROM. WOULDN'T THAT BE NICE?

NICKELNOTES

by DENNY JOHNSON, NICKEL CITY HARMONY

A warm "HELLO" to our friends in SENECA LAND Yes, NICKEL CITY HARMONY is alive and well, and still thoroughly enjoying our wonderful hobby.

We have been a very busy quartet during the past year and felt it would be an opportune time to fill the District in on those activities.

Our season started last February with WARREN CHAPTER SHOW, a wonderful time with superb host as always. In fact, we've had many a chance to savor their hospitality over the past couple of years. Along with their annual show, they have called on us to sing at their County Fair, and at a number of package shows. Thank you, guys!! We love ya! April came along with the PRELIMS and shows in ONEONTA and CRAWFORD COUNTY plus a Masonic show at the Statler Hotel.

In May we had our own EAST AURORA SHOW, followed by ITHACA, WARSAW, and the VENANGO COUNTY SWEET ADELINES SHOW. In June we sang one of the WARREN package shows mentioned before.

The two summer months were truly vacation for us. We lost our Bass to Seattle for most of the month. He not only attended the Convention, but visited family while there. In August, JACK decided to direct his German Chorus while on tour in Germany. Can you imagine that??--leaving us for EUROPE? The guy has NO LOYALTY!!

In September we sang on the District PAST - CHAMPIONS SHOW, followed by a lone October sing out for the old Gowanda Gang at the breakfast.

November served as an appropriate finale for the year. We spent some time with our Canadian friends at Kitchener, Ont. Doghouse Night, and Can-Am night. Also we sang two Sweet Adeline shows in Hornell and Williamsport, PA. AS you can see, we had a very busy year! A big THANK YOU to all our Hosts and Hostesses for inviting us to share and enjoy some harmony.

There are a number of Chapters in SLD who in the past have asked us for show bids, and inevitably we had a conflict on dates. We sincerely hope the future allows us to work those out.

This article also gives us the opportunity to say how proud we are to be members of the 121 man EAST AURORA CHAPTER and its FRIENDS OF HARMONY CHORUS. I personally must take my hat off to JERRY and PAT who have given immeasurable time to the Chorus, and I know my fellow Chorus members join me in saying, "You're a little looney, but thank you!!"

As I write this the clock shows it has just become Friday, Feb. 3rd. Tonight we appear with BUFFALO Chapter at the Lancaster Opera House, and tomorrow night We sing with the NIAGARA-ORLEANS CHAPTER. AH YES...Another season begins!! WE LOVE IT!!!!

1983 SLD CHAPTER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Listed below, by PLATEAUS, are the #1 CHAPTERS IN SLD, along with the ranking in the SOCIETY STANDINGS.

PLATEAU 1: ROME, NY, SOCIETY: 2
PLATEAU 2: GENEVA, NY, SOCIETY: 6
PLATEAU 3: UTICA, NY, SOCIETY: 9
PLATEAU 4: EAST AURORA, NY, SOCIETY: 2
PLATEAU 6: ROCHESTER, NY, SOCIETY: 23.

ALSO worthy of note are the following:
PLATEAU 1: NIAGARA ORLEANS, SLD: 2, SOCIETY: 5
PLATEAU 2: WATERTOWN, NY, SLD: 2, SOCIETY: 13.

The members of SENECA LAND DISTRICT SALUTE these Chapters for their achievements in 1983, and look forward to more of the same in 1984.

LOGOPEDICS CONTRIBUTIONS 1983

OLEAN TOPS SLD
WINS CRAWFORD TROPHY
THIRD CONSECUTIVE YEAR

According to the year end report, seven SLD CHAPTERS surpassed the \$25.00 per capita figure to earn the SILVER AWARD, while only six failed to reach the Harmony Award 10.00 amount, and two Chapters almost made it.

OLEAN, NY again led the way, and will be presented with the EDWARD G. CRAWFORD MEMORIAL LOGOPEDICS TROPHY for 1983. Congratulations to all the SLD CHAPTERS for the fine record in 1983 for giving to OUR KIDS.

LISTED BELOW is the order SLD CHAPTERS finished in 1983, in per capita giving.

OVER \$25.00	
1. OLEAN, NY	5. VENANGO COUNTY, PA
2. BUFFALO, NY	6. ROME, NY
3. AUBURN, NY	7. GENEVA, NY
4. EAST AURORA, NY	
OVER \$15.00	
8. DUBOIS, PA	12. ERIE, PA
9. MARK TWAIN, NY	13. NEW BETHLEHEM, PA
10. UTICA, NY	14. NIAGARA ORLEANS, NY
11. ROCHESTER, NY	
OVER \$10.00	
15. CANTON, NY	19. OSWEGO, NY
16. SAYRE, PA	20. HORNELL, NY
17. WARSAW, NY	21. WARREN, PA
18. SYRACUSE, NY	22. MONROE COUNTY, NY
UNDER \$10.00	
23. CRAWFORD COUNTY, PA	
24. WATERTOWN, NY	27. ITHACA, NY
25. ONEONTA, NY	28. PAINTED POST, NY
26. BINGHAMTON, NY	



TENOR.....CHARLIE HAHN
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 NEXT ISSUE - **APRIL 6!**

DIVISION DOINGS

ALLEGHENY

DVP: JIM HASSEL,

PENNSYLVANIA BOB CULBERTSON
CORNPLANTER DAVE FINNEMORE

HASSEL HASSLES

by JIN HASSEL, DVP

The much publicised and awaited and long awaited Allegheny Division meeting scheduled for Jan. 30 was not held. A long lasting bout with illness has caused me to curtail activities, and in this case cancel. It is not completely over yet, but I have managed to get in the WARREN, PA SHOW, a super job, given that the VAUDVILLE QUARTET had to call and cancel 24 hours prior to show time. But THE BOSTON COMMON filled in, and with all of the other quartets and the Chorus, the show was a sold-out success. I also attended the late Christmas Dinner and Installation ceremony in DUBOIS, PA, Feb. 25.

For those who haven't heard, AC JAY MOYER has been forced to give up his job for 1984 as PA AC. He is moving to FLORIDA, and will be sorely missed by the Division and all of the District, not to mention the Chapter. I thank JAY for all his good work the past two years, and on behalf of the Division, wish him all the success in the world. Replacing JAY as PA AC for 1984, is "Senior Citizen" BOB CULBERTSON.

The Division meeting will be rescheduled in the near future, hopefully prior to the Spring Convention in OLEAN. I know it will be seeing you at the Best In The West.

VENANGO CO.

REPORTER: JIM HASSEL

After a slow start in '84, the Barbertone Chorus has speeded things up. Starting with an Appreciation Dinner Jan. 30, followed by a performance on Feb. 14, and with engagements scheduled for Mar. 3, 7, and 10, these next few weeks will be busy ones. We are in the process of preparing for OLEAN, and are looking forward to being on the stage something we missed at NIAGARA FALLS.

The new slate of officers have things in hand, and are planning an exciting, productive 1984. We already can report one new member, and two others in the wings. There are going to be some exciting things taking place in this area, and we look for a boom in Barbershopping.

The Barbertones thank the 1983 officers, for all their trials and tribulations getting us through a difficult period. We are going to be better this year. Count on it!

APPALACHIAN

ROME

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At this point of time, we cannot say if we will be in competition at the SPRING CONVENTION in OLEAN. We are trying hard to sign up the necessary 20 men to be eligible. But the desire of many of us IS TO COMPETE, and to improve on our Tenth place showing last time out. At any rate, we will see you for the CONVENTION in OLEAN come the end of the Month.

*DEADLINE FOR MAY ISSUE: APRIL 6*****

ONTARIO

DVP: DICK BENNER

FRONTIER KEITH MOON
GENESEE BRIAN COX

ROCHESTER

REPORTER: ERNIE HUGENBRUCH

ROCHESTER CHAPTER continues to be very active. The memory of GROSSINGERS is fresh in our minds. You just can't beat singing for other barbershoppers whose enthusiasm is contagious and whose response makes all the effort gratifying. We are busily preparing for our annual show March 10. We then are scheduled for appearances in April, May and June, and then International in July. Of course, we will also be in OLEAN in March.

This is a busy schedule, but there is a group within the chorus, our COMMUNITY SERVICE CHORUS, that is even more active. This chorus, started in June 1st 1982 under the direction of CHURCH WARD, appear at nursing homes and for senior citizen groups at least once a month. The number varies, but there is a core of 18 who have not missed an engagement. Within this core are several members who are in the same age bracket as the people they sing for, a fact that gives significant credibility to the adage that says "barbershopping keeps one young and healthy"

Our fledgling quartets have used these programs to make their first public appearances to gain experience singing before the outside public as well as other barbershoppers, a challenging 'first step' for a four some. In January we were particularly encouraged that four quartets did their thing out front for the first time.

Realistically, these performances can be very tough in that the audiences are generally incapable of complete responsiveness to the performers. The guys keep coming back, knowing full well that the appreciation is there even though it is not forcefully acknowledged. This is basic personal service, the type of activity that benefits our Society, the men who participate, and the recipients, and one that makes us proud to be associated with such dedicated individuals.

BUFFALO

REPORTER: AL SPENCER, JR.

We're off and running in '84. What a year we have ahead of us! We have a fine group of dedicated men as officers and Board of Directors. Past B E JACK FRITSCH is our President; DAN COTTER, BOTY, is MVP, and our MVP, JOHN FRITSCH is a young man with many great ideas.

Our 39th. annual show went off with flying colors. Plans are already in action for our 1984 show in November, on the 10th. OH YEAH!! I just remembered! The HARRINGTON 'S are signed for the show and the Chorus members are really excited about it, so it is sure to be a great show. If you want to see and hear these young men in one of the fine music halls in the country, (Kleinhaus) get in touch with DAN COTTER, phone: 674-1316.

We had a 2 night show at Lancaster Opera House featuring NICKEL CITY HARMONY and the Buffalo Banjo Band. We filled the house both nights, and left people standing in line for tickets!!

BUFFALO CHAPTER is indeed "TALKING PROUD as the saying goes!!!"

APPALACHIAN

DVP: GEORGE COOK

ONEIDA BERNIE HURLBUT
ST. LAWRENCE JIM PALMER

AUBURN

REPORTER: FRED SCHNEIDER

The AUBURN LAKELANDER CHORUS is planning our 15th ANNUAL Show, April 28, at the High School in Auburn. It is titled: "BARN-BER-AHOP HARMONY" 'A BARBERSHOP HARMONY CONCERT' DAVE FORD, CHAIRMAN, has secured the services of comedy quartet JOKERS WILD from Florida. The Auburn Sweet Adelines, LAKELANDER CHORUS and QUARTETS will also be featured.

There will be a 2PM matinee and an 8 PM evening show with DENNIS BOWMAN of Syracuse TV station WSTM as MC. He will do his ventriloquist act with partner CHESTER DRAWERS.

The Chapter's first activity held Jan 21 at Owasco Country Club with Chairman DON BALDWIN making arrangements, was the Installation of Officers and Ladies Night affair. Past President JAMES READ introduced GEORGE COOK, Appalachian DVP who presided at the Installation of new officers for 1984.

The evening's entertainment included the numbers by the Chorus, ERWIN RAY directing, and the quartets, HARMONY BLENDERS and OLD ACQUAINTANCE and FINGER LAKES FOUR. Two of the SWEET ADELINE Quartets, HUMMINGERS and SOUND PIPERS also performed for the group.

RICHARD SYROCKI directed the finale with the men singing WE SING THAT THEY SHALL SPEAK, DAVE FORD on the narration, and our theme KEEP THE WHOLE WORLD SINGING.

The Chapter has been without a bulletin for some time now, but RICHARD SYROCKI has agreed to publish THE WOODSHED and has been able to put out issues in December and January. TOM DANNON is serving as Production Manager.

The Chapter has been continually increasing their gifts to LOGOPEDICS, with HOWARD TABER as Chairman, AUBURN is looking for a great year in '84!

ROME

REPORTER: PAUL YAGER

We are few in number in ROME, but we are making waves to let all know there is a SP-EBSQSA CHAPTER here. Our PVP keeps us busy, our quartets are active and our leaders are following the course set by International that leads to achievement points. The ROME KNIGHTS OF THE MOHAWK placed first in achievement in our plateau in SENECA LAND, and second in International with 511 points in 1983. The top Chapter had 522 points; guess that our goal is for '84! We understand we finished second only to EAST AURORA in ALL plateaus for SLD. We are proud to be a part of such an active Chapter!

The RACQUET SQUAD is coming to ROME for our May 5 Spring Show. Sweet Adelines SOUND OF SILVER and LIMESTONE HARMONIZER, MANLIUS will also be appearing.

New officers for 1984 are PVP HAROLD LITTLE, MVP HARRY MAKARCHUK, and PRO SAM MESSINEO; Pres MORGAN SMITH, SECY ART ZELESNIKAR, and Treas DICK WOODS return.

Feb. finds us busy with performances for Woods Valley Ski Resort, Rome Developmental Center, a GALS group at GAFF CLUB, and a Guest Night on the 29th.

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DIVISION DOINGS

CATSKILL

DVP: JIM PUTMAN
DELAWARE BOB STEVENS
SUSQUEHANNA JIM PALMER

HORNELL

REPORTER: BOB TRIPP

HEY, HEY! There's lots of life here with the MAPLE CITY AREA CHAPTER. A team of new officers for '84 are putting together a busy and song filled year. The addition of a few young new members is sparking a drive to get more and a schedule of sing-outs is firing up the machinery.

Pres. GARY FISK has outlined some ambitious plans for '84 with input from PVP MARK CALKINS and MVP BOB TRIPP. WARD VOTAVA, IPP is manning the quill, and BOB DODGE the money sock. Stepping into the BE slot is DAN REPERT, and, off with a BANG and \$\$ SIGNS, is LOGOPEDICS Chairman, CONNOR STEPHENS. He has some great ideas and will be helping to keep SLD #1 in per capita contributions.

Director VIC SALLADIN is readying us for SPRING COMPETITION and shows in Feb. and in May. Among the activities, our 17th. annual show, May 5, A LITTLE MORE OF 24, takes precedence. Signed and ready to sing along with the performing chorus, is a bright new Quartet from the Chorus, THE MINIMUM DAILY REQUIREMENT. (If their coach is over 6 feet, they could easily be mistaken for a NBA team) THE FOURTH EDITION and everyone's favorite, THE ESQUIRES are on the bill along with another to be announced, due to an unfortunate "conflicktion" cancellation.

Our infamous MUSIC HALL KITCHEN will soon be the scene of some of our GOURMET CONCOCTIONS. A dinner honoring our BOTY and Guest Night affair, followed by a Dinner Show are upcoming. AH, YES, that kitchen is super as abbsanwho have seen it will testify. Those who do certainly become "green" with envy.

Speaking of green--THE GREEN MACHINE will see all you SLDers in OLEAN!!!

ALLEGHENY

CRAWFORD CO

REPORTER: BOB WYCOFF

YESTERDAY'S SOUND annual Christmas Dinner was highlighted by the announcement of the Chapter BOTY, PAUL HAMILTON, a worthy and deserving recipient who was Chapter President in 1981 and '82. PAUL has held other Chapter offices and rendered valuable unselfish service to the Chapter in other ways and on other occasions too numerous to mention. On hand for the fun evening were YESTERDAY'S SWEETHEARTS, Chapter Auxiliary, who were recognized for their continuing valuable contributions to the Chapter's well-being.

At the last Chapter meeting before Christmas, AC JAY MOYER, VENANGO CO., installed our 1984 officers: PRES. GARY FABIAN, PVP: CHARLEY WALKER, SEC: SYD GAFFNEY, MVP: JOHN WALKER, and TREAS: TOM RITCHEY.

Pres. GARY, who conducted a Chapter survey to establish priorities for 1984, indicated our goals for this year as increase in membership, more variety, and more singing with less talking. With the help from his Board, he vows to achieve these goals, and has already made a good start. We have set a goal of 64 members in '84; MVP WALKER planned a series of Guest Nights in the months of Jan. & Feb. More guest activity is planned following our annual show.

The theme for our annual extravaganza, is SHOWBOAT. The Chorus is hard at work on the music. RALPH EGYUD, new addition to the chorus with a fine musical background, has been confirmed by the Board as assistant to Director BERNIE PITKIN. As he has done for several years, JERRY LAZZARO is directing the choreography. Chairman BILL REED has announced two outstanding visiting Quartets are under contract: SLD CHAMPS, THE ESQUIRES, and JAD CHAMPS, HARMONY PARTNERS. BILL MCCORD, VENANGO BARBERTONES will MC.

In another move, We have mailed letters to area churches and other organizations, reminding them our services are available and explaining, for the uninitiated, how to secure the services of our Chorus and/or one of our four quartets.

NEW BETHLEHEM

REPORTER: BOYD CRAWFORD

1983, another highly successful year for the NBC CHORUS, is past. We held about even in membership; our LOGOPEDICS contributions were at our usual average, Chapter activities were increased over previous years, with Chorus Singouts the biggest gainer. We held a highly successful show with the auditorium filled to capacity. The Chorus and Quartets were outstanding. The Afterglow was a sell-out as usual; this was really a night to be remembered.

We had a nice picnic at KEN WOODALLS camp on the same day as we sang for the PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH "COWN BY THE RIVERSIDE. We held our annual Christmas Party at BOSTONIA COUNTRY CLUB with good attendance by members and children.

Three weeks into 1984 we held our annual Square Dance in Clarion. It's hard to believe with temperatures reading 15 to 20 below zero, 95 couples turned out to make it the most successful dance ever. 3 donated prizes were raffled to make \$140 for LOGOPEDICS. It

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EAST AURORA

REPORTER: DAVE CRISTANTELLI

The Annual Installation and Awards Banquet on Jan. 21 proved to be a most fun and memorable evening. The festivities also were a celebration of the first anniversary of a merger between AMHERST and EAST AURORA. To highlight the evening, BILL STRADTMAN received the BOTY AWARD for 1983. BILL was instrumental in the arrangements for a successful and smooth merger. He led us as President through the transition year and is to continue that role in 1984. BILL is certainly most deserving of the honor.

The Annual Banquet was also an opportunity to honor our local citizen of the year with the AWARD OF HARMONY. REV. JOHN AURELIO has presented the 1983 Award. Rev. Aurelio has spent many years in service to the handicapped. He organized on unending number of projects toward enriching the lives of the handicapped. He has been Director of the West Seneca Developmental Cent, an organization that serves handicapped, during the past ten years. His special accomplishments include raising funds to build a pool fully accessible to handicapped, and, more recently, as an author or Childrens books, with focus on helping children better understand and accept handicapped children. Rev. AURELIO is a most outstanding individual, and truly represents the AWARD OF HARMONY. We were proud to present it to him.

The Chorus is settling into its new home and a new row of risers has given cause for redistribution of Chorus positions. TAKING care of this monumental task with great concern and expertise, along with a good sense of humor, are PAT CAMPBELL and BILL STRADTMAN. Of course, all "permanent" assignments have been made in pencil!

Rehearsals lately have focused on some new material. The extra hard work on the part of the Chorus is geared toward our MAY Show. However, the FRIENDS OF HARMONY CHORUS is looking forward to presenting a portion of our new package to all of you in SLD at the SATURDAY NIGHT SHOW in OLEAN. C U THERE

ALLEGHENY

NEW BETHLEHEM (continued from col. 2)

was a really fine night despite the weather and I suppose there were a lot of stiff and sore "Ladies & Gents" the next day. BUT, we recovered watching the SUPER BOWL.

The Chorus is busy learning the songs for our annual show, May 5, in New Bethlehem. Attendance at rehearsals has been very good despite the weather and the MILES some members travel. That is called DEDICATION.

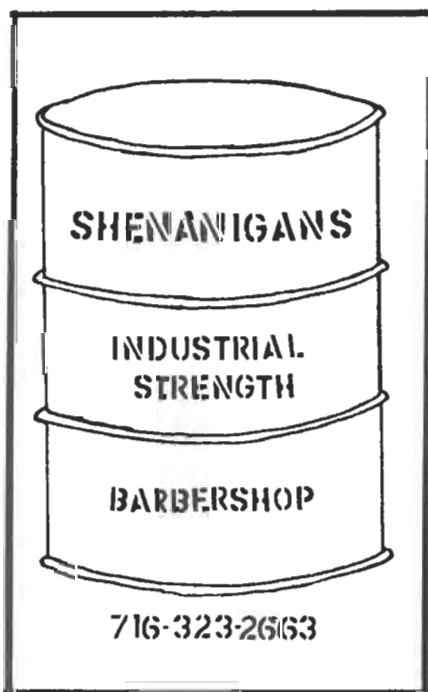
Our new officers have taken over in 1984 and we expect good things. Our outgoing man GLENN BEICHERN did a really outstanding job and we are sure new President BOB SHIELDS, will do equally well in 1984.

Our goals for 1984 include increasing in membership, having more Chorus activity, as sing outs for churches, nursing homes, and any other way we can sow people that "IT IS GREAT TO BE A BARBERSHOPPER.

C U LATER!

DEADLINE FOR MAY ISSUE: APRIL 6

APRIL 6



DIVISION DOINGS ONTARIO GENEVA

REPORTER: LLOYD POWERS

The FINGER LAKES CHORUS and our Quartets are alive and singing, even though this reporter has been lax in his duty the last few months. In January District Officials showed GENEVA with praise by the announcement GENEVA placed first in SLD for activities in 1983 and sixth nationwide.

Following a successful fall show the HOLLIDAY CHORUS displayed their Christmas spirit by performing at shopping centers, local hospitals, and nursing homes.

In January, under the chairmanship of our outgoing PVP JIM FLUKER, THE CHORUS installed our newly elected officers in a unique way. A parade of strange looking characters arrived at the restaurant for the annual event, Jan. 14. A couple from outer space, complete with ray gun and magic cane, a pirate with a pigeon on his shoulder, Groucho Chick and Harpo Marx, cowboys, hobos, gangsters and a couple of large gray mice filled the dining room with laughter and applause, as EVP RAY FERRIGNO and DVP DICK BENNER installed the officers in 1920's gangster land style. Dressed in wide brim hats and dark double breasted suits, FERRIGNO and BENNER introduced each member of the Board of Directors with bear hugs, handshakes and slightly altered names in the style of the occasion.

Newly elected PVP BILL WARNE took first prize in the costume judging, with his pirates garb complete with limp and alinguae. MRS. WARNE dressed as a nurse helped the "Old Sea Dog" around the room. Chorus Director KEITH LANGDON looking and talking like the "god father" of the group, and MRS. LANGDON outfitted in "flapper of the 20's" style, captured second prize. ART and SUE MAESKE, looking like creatures from another world placed third, and JIM FLUKER, BOB and NANCY DENNISON, as the Marx Brothers, received honorable mention, or, in the language of the judges, "darned awful good!"

COLIN MOREHOUSE who will serve his second term as President and MRS. MOREHOUSE were dressed as two very lovable gray mice. RICH DRYGAS, Chapter Secy, arrived as a Hawaii tourist accompanied by MRS. DRYGAS dressed as a hobo.

Since that memorable night, the Chorus has been diligently rehearsing two numbers for OLEAN later on this month, as well as performing at the Veteran's Hospital and Willard State Hospital. The award winning quartet FRONT PORCH REUNION has been pleasing audiences around the area with their performances.

So, although our "smoke signals" have been wispy and slightly scattered during the last few months, GENEVA will be singing up a storm in OLEAN.

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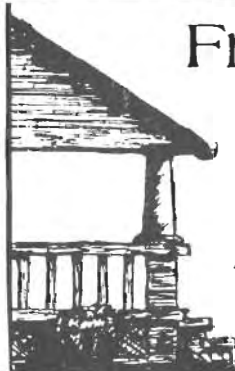
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The Grossinger Experience

BY John Schlieder

(FROM LOU MIHALYI'S WATERTOWN WATER LOG)

It's called a Harmony Holiday, the 17th to be precise. And it was all of that and more. In the course of a day and a half more outstanding barbershopping was aimed our way than us country folk are accustomed to. And on top of that, most all proceeds, we understand, will be sent to be used for our kids in Witchita. Folks from the Institute of Logopedics were there to show us how they've evolved over 50 years. We celebrated together.

The largest crowd ever, including 13 ISLANDERS bodies, sang and ate, laughed and listened as quality entertainment prevailed. Friday night's show featured a comedy group called the RACQUET SQUAD followed by the CHORUS OF THE GENESEE, who did their usual fine job under JAN MUDDLE.

Saturday morning found us with the incomparable FRED KING for a craft session that was over all too soon. The afternoon Showcase of Quartets offered a mixed bag of 4-somes...some fair, some excellent, some old, some young, and one mixed double. Our own RIGHT COMBINATION fitted the second category and received a real roaring response. (Some thought they also occupied the 3rd and 4th categories also.)

DIRECTORY

The 1984 SLD DIRECTORY is barely off the presses and already I have some changes. They all have to do with Chapter annual show dates. PAGE 4 of the 1984 DIRECTORY

AUBURN CHAPTER: CHANGE SHOW DATE FROM APRIL 21 to APRIL 28.

ROME CHAPTER: DELETE ROME SHOW DATE ON APRIL 14, AND ADD ROME SHOW DATE TO MAY 5

HORNELL CHAPTER: CHANGE SHOW DATE FROM MAY 12 TO MAY 5

The SLD Board of Directors meeting is still scheduled for FRIDAY March 30.



DEADLINE FOR MATERIAL FOR THE MAY ISSUE OF THE SMOKE SIGNALS IS APRIL 6, 1984--APRIL 6

The highlight of the day was the appearance, Saturday evening, of CENTER STAGE, 2nd place International finishers and the seventy-five voice DUNDALK SWEET ADELINES. Words simply can not express the quality of music and showmanship these groups presented. You had to be there. It's not too early to think of 1985 and reserve your place for a brief but beautiful holiday and a support of LOGOPEDICS.

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3. THOROUGHBREDS Louisville, KY	1043	Cardinal
4. WEST TOWNS CHORUS Lombard, IL	1059	Illinois
5. NARRAGANSETT BAY CHORUS Providence, RI	952	Northeastern
6. ORANGE BLOSSOM CHORUS Orlando, FL	857	Sunshine
7. TIDELANDERS Houston, TX	1022	Southwestern
8. HEART OF AMERICA CHORUS Kansas City, MO	954	Central States
9. MILE HI CHORUS Denver, CO	915	Rocky Mountain
10. DUKES OF HARMONY Scarborough, ONT.	997	Ontario
11. SINGING BUCKEYES Columbus, OH	970	John Appleseed
12. WONDERLAND CHORUS Wayne, MI	954	Pioneer
13. GOLD NOTE CHORUS Fresno, CA	1011	Far Western
14. CHORUS OF THE GENESEE Rochester, NY	897	Seneca Land
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