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INSTITUTE OF LOGOPEDICS
Couple Volunteers
CARE AND SHARE

By JIM ELDRIDGE, SLD PRES.

"CARING & SHARING"
A VISIT TO WICHITA

While visiting the Institute of LOGOPE-
DICS, my wife HELGA and I had the honor and
privilege of meeting and spending an evening
with WALT and LIZ TOUPIN, Venice, FL, form-
erly of MICHIGAN. They are trading in trop-
ical weight clothes for heavier stuff to in
their own way, return to others some of the
good they have received. Retired from succ-
cessful careers as owners of a food business
the still youthful and energetic twosome is
giving up what most would call the good life
of Florida for yet another experience.

They are at the Institute of LOGOPEDICS,
in Wichita, where they will remain under a
minimum one-year contract as volunteer mem-
bers of the staff. WALT, a long time member
of SPEBSQSA, has first hand experience with
LOGOPEDICS, living with the handicap of st-
uttering for all his life. Now in his early
60's, the halting hesitations, and to him,
infuriating and embarrassing stammers, come
infrequently. But it is the memory of early
years and the torment of his peers that has
driven WALT and his wife to volunteer their
time exclusively to helping those with sim-
ilar problems. Their motivation is honestly
and simply put and was expressed recently,
'Let's just said to ourselves, 'Let's give back
some of the good blessings that the Lord has
given to us.'" says LIZ.

WALT never stutters when he sings and he
jokes that he is just like country singer
MEL TILLIS. The years have not dimmed the
torment of a child who used every cunning
way at his command to escape the notice of
other children when he couldn't 'string two
words together.' WALT relates: "When I was
in school we had to line up for phys ed and
'count off - one, two, three four.' I would
quick count in my head just where to stand
so I wouldn't have to say one or two, since
the 'w' and 't' sounds are just about impos-
sible for someone who stutters."

Fatefully, both his first and last names
begin with just those letter sounds, and it
has made the usually simple task of identi-
fying himself a chore on many occasions.

WALT and LIZ are as excited as freshmen,
at the prospects of the year. WALT plans to
teach woodcraft, a longtime hobby, and LIZ
will ply her skills as a secretary in cler-
ical departments of the Institute. She, too
is well taught in arts and crafts and is so
eager to pass on this talent to those whom
it might benefit.

Charging off into the unknown strikes a
few of their friends as 'strange' but their
Twin Sons, and their daughter are equally
entranced with the idea. Both sons just com-
pleted Dental School.

So for WALT and LIZ it's 'Wichita, here
we come.' WALT and LIZ have chosen to make
their retirement years count for others. It
is their hope that others will take a look
at their example and their experience, and
decide on a similar course of action. If you
are interested in learning more, just write
WALT and LIZ in care of the INSTITUTE. They
will certainly appreciate any and all cards
and letters. Keep an eye of the S S as well
since WALT and LIZ plan to keep SLD inform-
ed through a series of articles in the com-
ing year. Our congratulations and thanks to
two BARBERSHOPPERS who are indeed living up
to 'WE SING, THAT THEY SHALL SPEAK!'

On Sunday, July 8th., my wife BECKY and
I boarded a plane in St. Louis, not to come
home, but to fly to the 'heartland of our
continent' in Wichita, KS. We found it to
be a true land of heart and love, an unique
experience which I am sure will never be
forgotten. From our arrival Sunday afternoon
we were kept very busy and marveled at the
many sights we saw and experiences we had.

The Institute of Logopedics is just inde-
scribable, the fine staff, the students and
the research, just must be experienced to be
able to realize the fine work being accom-
plished. Our relationship as Barbershoppers,
at the Institute, was very evident in the
lives of the children as well as the adults
being served. We had the privilege of visit-
ing the residential homes and saw the ded-
ication of the staff operating a family type
living experience for these children attend-
ing the Institute. The classroom environ-
ment was so conducive to the areas of need.
The dedication of the staff and the response
they received from the children was heart-
warming. We also had the privilege of att-
ending CAMP LOGO. This in itself was a most
unforgettable experience. Staff members as
well as volunteers take the children to camp
daily for weekly sessions. While there, the
Children experience the joy of fishing, can-
oeing, making crafts, and swimming. These
activities involve a staff member or volun-
teer baiting the hook and helping the child
hold the pole, or wheeling him in his wheel
chair to the water and putting him in a boat
for a canoe ride.

The visit to the Researc Center was most
interesting. We saw the great steps in tac-
tual communication the Institute is making,
with the help of HARMONY FOUNDATION. It was
not only explained to us, demonstrated on us
but also show in operation in a classroom.

DR. & Mrs. KLEFFNER are to be admired in
their administrative finesse. As I mention-
ed, the Staff is an excellent example of
people caring and sharing - working togeth-
er to give more and give more.

I could go on and on about the many ex-
periences at the Institute, but I would like
to say "We Sing That They Shall Speak," is
alive and growing. Let us all get out, and
share our hobby of singing for the kids. We
here in Seneca Land are doing our part pro-
moting this wonderful cause.

I received a copy of a letter sent to SLD
LOGOPEDICS CHAIRMAN by THE ESQUIRES. In the
letter they enclosed a check for the pledge
they have made to donate 10% of their show
talent fees to LOGOPEDICS during their year
as SLD CHAMPS. They went on to say that even
though the year is almost over they will con-
tinue to donate 10% of their fees in future
years.

Let all of us in SENECA LAND do our part
to "Sing that they shall learn to speak" at
the INSTITUTE OF LOGOPEDICS.

Happiness is . . .

A song with a smile
in that Barbershop Style!





INTERNATIONAL SENECA LAND CONVENTION IN ST. LOUIS

RAPSCALLIONS WERE ON CENTER STAGE IN VAUDEVILLE WHILE THE HARRINGTON BROTHERS AND THE CINCINATTI KIDS WERE WATCHING THE THOROUGHBREDS.
(THIS HEADLINE IS THE WORK OF WALT AND LIZ TOUPIN)

CARE AND SHARE

by JIM ELDRIDGE, SLD PRES.

The 1984 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION held in St. Louis is now history, but to the thousands in attendance it was a fantastic demonstration of harmony.

Our quartets, THE EMPIRE EXPRESS and THE ESQUIRES as well as THE CHORUS OF THE GENESSEE did a commendable job representing SENECA LAND. There were many familiar SENECA LAND faces among the over 9,000 registered in attendance. These people had the privilege of hearing and seeing the 'best' in the SOCIETY, from the Wednesday night Past Champions Show through the quartet competition the chorus competition and the finale Saturday evening. Summing it into one sentence, the only possible way is to say it was one INCREDIBLE CONVENTION!

Now, we in SLD should take time to look ahead and plan to attend our own SLD FALL CONVENTION Sept. 28 - 30 in WATERTOWN, N.Y. I am putting out a challenge to all Barbershoppers to come to WATERTOWN to have fun, sing, and enjoy the company of fellow BARBERSHOPPERS from our own DISTRICT. The SLD QUARTET CHAMPIONSHIP Competition will begin on Friday evening, with the winner announced Saturday evening, and the District Chorus competition will be held Saturday in the afternoon. The winning Chorus will be our representative to International to be held in Minneapolis next July. Let us all support our Chapter and District, as well as the WATERTOWN CHAPTER to make this convention another success story in the history of SENECA LAND DISTRICT. We hope to see all 28 Chapters represented at this Convention in WATERTOWN.



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FERRIGNOTES

by RAY FERRIGNO, EVP

OBSERVATIONS FROM A FIRST TIME INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ATTENDEE
A LIST OF THINGS YOU DEFINITELY WANT TO TAKE WITH YOU TO THE CONTEST SITE

- #1. Binoculars
- #2. Seat Cushions
- #3. Small Penlight
- #4. Pencil with eraser
- #5. Extra erasure
- #6. Patience
- #7. Sense of Humor
- #8. Tums

A LIST OF THINGS TO BE PREPARED FOR WHEN AT THE CONVENTION

- #1. Walking down the hotel hall, and bumping into the BOSTON COMMON singing for an impromptu gathering.
- #2. Turning the corner and finding THE RURAL ROUTE 4 singing up a storm.
- #3. Singing in a quartet with some Barbershoppers from AUSTRALIA. (Try matching the vowel sounds with them!)
- #4. Singing in a pick-up quartet with some guys from TEXAS. (Try matching vowels with them!)
- #5. Working up the courage to audition in AH-SOW.
- #6. LINES, LINES, LINES, LINES, LINES.
- #7. Having to make dinner reservations two days in advance.
- #8. Meeting some of the nicest people in the world.

When you come home from an International Convention, you have a greater respect not only for this hobby of ours but also for the Quartets and Choruses that represent us on the stage. I lost my identity as a Barbershopper from MONROE COUNTY WEST, but I gained a new identity as a Barbershopper from SENECA LAND DISTRICT.

To put it simply, "Ya gotta be there, to appreciate it!" Don't miss MINNEAPOLIS!



Quartet News

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FERRIGNOTES

by RAY FERRIGNO, EVP

Our July 17th. gathering of the Harmony 4 LUNCH BUNCH was honored with JOE BRADBURY's spirited rendition of the patter for DOWN OUR WAY. What made this so outstanding was that he accomplished it without missing a bite from his meatball sandwich.

In attendance this month were DICK BANNER, GEORGE BOVENZI, JOE BRADBURY, JERRY CZARNACKI, BILL DIBACCO, RAY FERRIGNO, DAN GNAGY, PETE HART, AL KREIS, BURT LOUK, JAN MUDDLE, KEN SIMMONS, BILL SWIFT, BILL SWISHER, BOB THOMAS, and BILL WEGENKA.

It was nice to have PETE HART from the EAST AURORA FRIENDS OF HARMONY CHAPTER, to break break and bend a few chords with us. PETE drove in from Conesus Lake where he was vacationing.

Our next H4LB is TUESDAY, AUGUST 21st., NOON to 1:00 PM at DANDREA'S RESTAURANT at 1713 LYLE AVE, ROCHESTER, NY. The September H4BL is tentatively scheduled for Tue. the 18th., Same time, same place.

CAMPING WEEKEND

by PAUL WIND

The 1984 Barbershopper Camping Weekend is history and can be classified a smashing success in all respects. The number of families camping hit an all time record. There were notably more tenters than ever before. Friday evening prior to the corn roast, the SGR0 BROTHERS put on a fabulous show. These gentlemen are true professionals and we extend a hearty thank you to DOM and TONY SGR0 for helping raise funds for Logopedics. They returned Sunday afternoon for a second performance. The show was followed Friday by a roast of the season's first corn, freshly picked and cooked to a "T".

Saturday was just as exciting with games swimming and singing. Have you ever seen a bunch of kids looking for 200 pennies in a three bushel mound of sawdust? Have you ever seen golfers swinging a wood and driving a 'marshmallow' 20 paces? (sometimes an inch). These are just some of the fun and relaxing antics that happened during the weekend.

PAUL WIND, Chairman, expresses his thanks to all the men and their wives who helped in the work to make the Beef Dinner and Camping weekend the best ever. Special thanks to the SGR0 BROTHERS, to all the QUARTETS for their performance on the Saturday evening show and to CYRIL JORDAN and MARSHALL ALLEN FOR THEIR preparation of "TENOR, LEAD BARI, and BASS, (OOOW) CHILI. And a special Thanks to all of the SLD BARBERSHOPPERS who took the time out to join in the fun.

By popular demand, BARBERSHOPPER'S WEEK-END 5 is scheduled for AUGUST 2,3,4, 1985. MARK YOUR CALENDAR and plan your vacation.

BOARD MEETING

The SLD BOARD OF DIRECTORS will meet in WEBSTER, NY, and ROCHESTER CHAPTER'S HARMONY HOUSE, PROMPTLY AT NOON, SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 9, 1984. This meeting is in place of the meeting scheduled for the Convention in WATERTOWN for Friday afternoon. All District officers, and all DVPS are required to attend. ACs and other Chairmen are invited to attend, but do not have a vote. Remember, Sunday Sept. 9 at NOON, HARMONY HOUSE, WEBSTER, NY.

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BUFFALO

REPORTER: FRED SCHNEIDER

It seems the big event coming up is the SLD CONVENTION in WATERTOWN and AUBURN CHAPTER CHORUS will hopefully be able to stage enough men to compete. Music Director ERWIN RAY has a new job driving bus for the schools, and Secy CHARLES WILEY is also driving with him. They have been able to secure a bus to transport the entire chorus to WATERTOWN.

With the addition of CHARLES HARDY, Auburn now has membership of 39, an increase of 7 since early spring. Attendance at our meetings has been good with 75% of the membership on hand throughout the summer. We have held practice at member's homes; so far, we have been at BOB SIMKIN'S, THORNTON ELDRIDGE'S and DICK SYROCKI'S.

During the summer the Chorus has sung at numerous Sunday Morning Church Services and our quartets, FINGER LAKES FOUR and HARMONY BLENDEES have also sung for various of the Churches in the area. In addition THE FINGER LAKES FOUR also performed for the handicapped Childre at Camp Columbus.

THE HARMONY BLENDEES and OLD ACQUAINTANCE QUARTETS will be competing in WATERTOWN. FINGERLAKES FOUR will not be competing, due to a conflict that same weekend.

Chapter Treasurer, RICHARD SYROCKI, has taken on the added job as Editor of the LAKE LANDER'S WOODSHE, Chapter Bulliten, and is doing a commendable job. He has been printing monthly since last December.

The FINGER LAKES FOUR had a great time at the Camping Weekend in Potter, singing with three other quartets on the show including a Sweet Adelines group and the SHENANIGANS.

The Annual Chapter picnic was held once again at DAVE FORD'S home. Also invited and in attendance were the Auburn Sweet Adeline Chorus. A great time was had by all.

The AUBURN CHAPTER early in the year was in contact with Mr. IRVING BERLIN. MR. BERLIN celebrated his 96th. birthday on May 11 and the AUBURN CHAPTER, with 34 members of the Chorus signing, sent him a card.

by JIM HASSEL, DVP

Many good things have taken place in our Division since I last wrote. It seems that membership in each Chapter is on the increase, and that all Chapters have had a very busy summer. Activities of all sorts have a way of keeping us together. Keep up all the good work. We will have fun.

It also seems that our newest Chapter is well on its way to Chartering. The hard work and dedication of the men in the FREDONIA--DUNKIRK area apparently will pay off. By the time you read this it is hoped they will be in a position to complete their Charter.

Of up-coming importance is the SLD FALL CONVENTION in WATERTOWN. Among other important items, we will be electing our new SLD OFFICERS for 1984. Each Chapter should have their delegate present to vote on this, and other important issues. C U IN WATERTOWN.

CRAWFORD CO

REPORTER: BOB WYCOFF

With summer virtually at an end, members of YESTERDAY'S SOUND have their sights set on WATERTOWN where SENECA LAND Quartets and Choruses will gather for FALL Competition, and fun on the last weekend of September.

While working on numbers for competition the Chorus is devoting considerable time to learning music for the 1985 show April 27.

Pres. GARY FABIAN commented on the great turnout for the Chapter's summer sing outs. In addition to furnishing music for Sunday Morning Services at four area churches, the chorus presented an evening concert open to the public in Greenville, Pa. Members gave one of their most stirring performances for a program presented to a group of handicapped youth at Camp Lend-A-Hand in Crawford County, and took part in the 50th. anniversary observance of Pymatuning Reservoir, on the PA-OHIO border. On Aug. 12 Members and their wives enjoyed a combination picnic-hay ride-corn roast, savoring the hospitality of PAUL and MARIE HAMILTON at their farm. Some of the embers and their wives also took off for the annual show at CHAUTAUQUA, AUG 25.

In late summer, the Chapter welcomed our director, BERNIE PITKIN, back after a short leave of absense. The summer program never faltered under the capable leadership of Assistant Director RALPH EGYUD, with an occasional assist from a sometime Director, BOB BRYDON.

REPORTER: A. SKIP SITZMAN

The CHORDSMEN'S Annual Picnic was held on Sunday, August 12 in Eden, NY. A great time was had by all. Twelve BUFFALO members were in attendance for the International Convention in St. Louis. All agreed the competition to be great, and the Barbershop sound was, to say the least, fantastic.

Many thanks to our booster organizations for hosting the Chapter get-together at ART PARK, which was attended by 75 people. With us was EVP RAY FERRIGNO. It sure was great to have him along. A special thanks to RAY for going with us.

Many of our members are looking forward to the Chautauqua Show, August 25. It should be great.

We are continuing to work hard on songs for our 40th Annual Show at Kleinhans to be presented November 10th. Tickets are available fro DAN COTTER, 716-674-1316.

The QUEEN CITY CHORDSMEN are interested in Inter-Chapter get-togethers, and want to hear from any other Chapters that also have an interest. Contact our PVP JOHN FRITSCH-716-627-3425, or our President JAGK FRITSCH also at 627-3425.

Keep singing - IT'S GREAT TO BE A BARBER SHOPPER!!

EAST AURORA

REPORTER: DAVE CRISTANTELO

The highlight of the summer was to watch our own EMPIRE EXPRESS perform in the Art-Park production of THE MUSIC MAN. The Show was professional in every sense of the word and the EMPIRE EXPRESS was no exception. In fact, their ovation from the audience was second only to the lead characters. They sure looked like they were having one good time on stage!

The summer has been spent preparing for the FALL CONTEST in WATERTOWN. Two new numbers were selected, and a great deal of hard work has accompanied their introduction. The FRIENDS OF HARMONY are looking forward with great anticipation to presenting this contest package later this month.

One aspect of a Barbershop Chorus, that too often is neglected, concerns their uniforms. Not so in EAST AURORA! The Uniform committee has been hard at work to make sure that uniforms are close in conformity. As you can imagine, this is no small task. For us, a lucky seamstress has agreed to make all the necessary alterations. The committee is also introducing navy blue sweaters with the FRIENDS OF HARMONY insignia. The sweaters

are a classy addition to the Chorus' casual attire. So, keep an eye out for all the blue in WATERTOWN, at the FALL CONVENTION and CONTEST.

EAST AURORA FRIENDS OF HARMONY look forward to seeing all the membership of SLD at WATERTOWN, at the end of this MONTH.

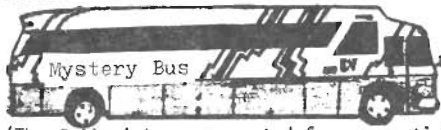
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Advertisement for 'Auld Lang Syne' Barbershop Quartet. Includes contact info: JAN MUDDLE, 1091 TERRY DRIVE, WEBSTER, NY 14580, (716) 671-6557. Slogan: '... just for the sake of it.'

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(The following was excerpted from an article by JIM DAVIS in the BINGHAMTONE editor JACK CATON, and sent in by DVP JIM PUTMAN.)

You mean to say you didn't go? A chance like that an you missed all the fun? It was great and you were missed when you did not make the 1984 MYSTERY BUS TRIP.

Rumor had it we were off to Chicago, New York, Toronto, Philly and some other known places. When we found ourselves heading to the south on 81 most possibilities were now eliminated. Scranton seemed the best bet but when the bus sailed by all those exits, we were confused. We stopped in WILKES-BARRE.

We had been there before, but this was a new meeting place. When we walked in, singing had begun. Pay your paltry fee and join in: most of us did. It turned out three other choruses, WILKES-BARRE, HARRISBURG, and SCRANTON joined in the festivities. I would put the number of singers at 125 or more.

There was plenty of woodshedding prior to the formal program. Each Chapter was to have a quartet, but lo and behold BINGHAMTON had none. We rectified that by conscription: on Tenor KEN THOMAS, Lead George Major, Bari, JOHN SIMON and Bass JIM DAVIS. The quartet warmed up by singing the first two songs in a higher key than normal (I thought it was just right)! We sang the next song in what I think was the right key. Of the four quartets, we did not do too bad.

Then came the food: hot dogs with sauerkraut, onions and peppers, and a few other things; lots of potatoe chips and pretzels, and the liquid refreshments continued to be flowing with ease.

After pigging out, each of the Choruses, WILKES BARRE, SCRANTON, BINGHAMTON, HARRISBURG performed. I may be slightly prejudiced, but we took 'em by storm. After this we had time for more quartets, and DERF HOLDEN gathered up three guys from other chapters, and sang a song.

Then as we sang KEEP THE WHOLE WORLD SINGING, the custom there is to put your arm across the shoulder of the man next to you, and sing. The camaraderie was evident, and I knew they had a great time as we did. And that was a way of saying, come back again.

When we boarded our bus to return home we were still singing. It was difficult to talk the next day, but my wife enjoyed that part. We arrived home on time, and I was in my bed by 2:00 AM, only to rise at 5:45 tired, but happy.

Again, I must say that if you didn't make this trip you missed a great time and a lot of Barbershopping fun and fellowship. When we do it again make definite plans to go. The benefit you get will be most rewarding!!

JIM DAVIS

ONTARIO ROCHESTER

REPORTER: ERNIE HUGENBRUCH

Once again it is time to report on the International Convention and to account for our performance as representatives of SLD in the Chorus Competition. Several years ago, we adopted the motto "BEAT SOMEBODY". It was done in jest to some degree, but it also is a reflection of a realistic appraisal of the level of competition that is encountered on the International stage.

Those top choruses produce a sound that is inconceivable to us in Seneca Land. This sound MUST BE HEARD - LIVE! And their choreography MUST BE SEEN - DIRECTLY! If nothing else, this hearing-seeing experience at the International Convention makes attendance a worthwhile project. Until more of us in SLD share this experience, the District will have little concept of just how far we fall short of the top groups. This year we beat somebody; we placed 15 out of 16, one notch better than a year ago.

Scores in St. Louis were higher than in Seattle. First place was 94 points higher - last place was 87 points higher. The average improvement was 96 points. Nine Choruses repeated from Seattle. Six failed to meet the average improvement and ended lower than in Seattle. Three exceeded the average and each moved up one notch in the rating. ROCHESTER improved 136 points, second only to KANSAS CITY who moved from 10th to 9th place, with and improvement of 148 points. We ARE SINGING and PERFORMING BETTER!

By the time this is printed in the September issue of SMOKE SIGNALS, Our Fall Contest will be only a few weeks away. In the meantime, the CHORUS OF THE GENESEE will be performing at CHAUTAUQUA and will have been busy learning two new contest numbers---ALL DURING THE VACATION SEASON! Over-extended?? May be. But we will be on stage in WATERTOWN, giving it our best shot. SEE YOU THERE!



FERRINGNOTES

by RAY FERRIGNO, EXP

EVENTS TO START PLANNING FOR

COTS - 1985 SLD CHAPTER OFFICERS TRAINING SCHOOL is now planning its curriculum and staffing its faculty. IS YOUR CHAPTER getting ready? Is your nominating committee functioning?

This year, our District will feature a SPECIAL BULLETIN EDITORS CLASS, to be conducted by BOB TRIPP and BURT LOUK, DCO.

BOB is planning a new approach to this class called, OPERATION 13. The basic idea will be to have each student prearrange 13 issues of their bulletin for the up-coming year. BOB and BURT are chomping on their pitch-pipes to get started. BOB state: "It is time for Seneca Land to take command again in producing International quality winning bulletins, and this is going to be the starting point!" Will your Chapter have a representative? Additional classes will be featured in S S as COTS time draws near.

ADVANCED DIRECTORS SCHOOL:

SYRACUSE, OCTOBER 20 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM; conducted by INTERNATIONAL STAFF MEMBER, BOB MUCHA.

In as much as there will be no directors School at COTS this year, and since we have been able to secure the services of the International Music Man BOB MUCHA for this school, and since we do need it, it would behoove each Chapter to send their directors (all of them) to this class. It is an expense that is legitimate for the Chapter to pay, and certainly will help our unsung heroes. So let's DO IT!!!

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND DETAILS, CONTACT SLD DME, PHIL LAMBRINOS,

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(Ed note: Since this will occur prior to the NOVE issue of SS, and since I have not been able to contact PHIL in time for this issue, it is NECESSARY THAT EACH CHAPTER TAKE THE TIME TO CONTACT PHIL FOR THE INFORMATION NEEDED. THIS IS ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF THE FAME FUND IN ACTION. TAKE ADVANTAGE.)

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C O T S '85 OPERATION 13 BULLETIN EDITOR CLASS

(The following is a communication from B E INSTRUCTOR, BOB TRIPP, to S L D D C O BURT LOUK in reference to the 1985 COTS B E CLASS)

Dear Burt:

I have come up with a different approach I would like to try with this year's COTS BE CLASS. The basic idea will be to have each student prearrange 13 issues of their bulletin for the coming year. This class will be known as OPERATION 13. Starting with the Banner and the prescribed wording within the head area, we will set up 13 issues and include all the necessities in the internal copy, to the mailing address section.

For the B E's presently producing, perhaps we can enhance their performance, up-date their copy and help in making their job easier and more enjoyable for the coming year. I plan on using enlarged mock-up layout designed to show what a prescribed bulletin should look like, and by communicating with the B E in advance, they will be coming to COTS ready to work on their next 13 issues.

This communicating will begin with PRESENT CHAPTER PRESIDENTS and BODs. These men should encourage and ensure that THEIR B E attends COTS. The B E should know that this will be a HANDS-ON WORKING SESSION designed to make PRINT-READY 13 issues of a CHAPTER BULLETIN. I believe it will help the BE hurdle that point-in-time when they may throw up their hands in discouragement from an unsupportive BOD or Chapter.

Following is a listing of the material I would like each new/old B E to bring with him, hence the need to prepare the student in advance.

Thanks a million,
BOB (bass) TRIPP

ATTENTION SLD CHAPTER BULLETIN EDITORS: SLD CHAPTER PRESIDENT
SLD CHAPTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS: S L D CHAPTERS

In conjunction with having each student in the 1985 COTS BE CLASS make print-ready 13 bulletins, he will need to bring with him the following to work with during the class.

1. THREE SHEETS of GEO-TYPE or other brand name press type, in different fonts and pica sizes to give him variety in headlines and a degree of professionalism in teaching him to use it creatively.
2. A pad of AT LEAST 36 sheets of 1/4" light blue graph paper for use as a paste up sheet to aid in making up his print-ready copy.
3. At least THREE MAGAZINES (Good Housekeeping, Sat. Evening Post, etc.) These will be used to glean for article headlines, cuts for creating interest and contrast.
4. One LIGHT BLUE pencil, ruler, paper contact cement, one BLACK fine-line felt tip pen, one BLACK ball point pen, roll of scotch tape, These items along with the Geo Type, will put-him-in-business for his future bulletin preparation.
5. NOTE BOOK to keep helpful steps in editing for reference.
6. A list of newly elected Chapter Officers, Music Director, along with a Chapter Roster. Some of these names will be used to set up a schedule of the articles he will need from each Officer at various times during the year, to insure the Chapter is informed.
7. Several copies of the SMOKE SIGNALS, HARMONIZER, PROBEMOTOR, and copies of other Chapter Bulletins from anywhere in the Society. These will be used for items of interest, cartoons and possible LOGOPEDICS news.
8. 1985 Chapter Activities Calendar to prepare in advance the schedule of Society Activities, singouts and other pertinent dates which will concern his Chapter.

It is time for SENECA LAND to take command again of producing International quality WINNING BULLETINS, and this class IS GOING TO BE THE STARTING POINT. If properly prepared, each B E Class member will come to COTS with a very POSITIVE ATTITUDE, and produce 13 copies of print-ready BULLETINS. EVERY CHAPTER IN THE DISTRICT SHOULD HAVE A MAN IN THE B E CLASS.

S L D MEN OF NOTE CREDITS FOR APRIL, MAY, JUNE, 1984

CHAPTER	MEMBER'S NAME	NR	CHAPTER	MEMBER'S NAME	NR
BUFFALO	JOHN BUELL	1	WARSAW	TED KALICKI	1
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	BOB TRIPP	1		ROBERT SEIGEL	1
ROCHESTER	ANDREW NAZZARO	1	SENECA LAND DISTRICT TOTALS: 29		
	GERALD LA DUE	1			
SAYRE	DAVID CLARK	1	As you can see from the totals, SLD did pretty well in the second quarter of 84 in gaining new member, approximately 2% of our membership. BUT- unless we can retain the members we started with this year, we will show a NET LOSS.		
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HOW DID SLD DO IN ST. LOUIS?? Our International QUARTET REPRESENTATIVES, THE EMPIRE EXPRESS placed 19th, THE ESQUIRES placed 38th. CHORUS REPRESENTATIVE, ROCHESTER CHORUS OF THE GENESEE improved to 15th. THE ONONDAGA, AL HUNTER, ED, came in 25, and CONEWANGO CLIPPINGS, GEORGE JARRELL, ED, made 26.



**YE EDITOR, JIM COMING
SPEAKETH**

by JIM HASSEL

As you can see, there is not much space for your Ed. to Speak. That is because of the wealth of material I received for this issue. Thanks, men for your cooperation. I do want you to be aware that the NOVEMBER ISSUE will be my last. at least in the near future. You will have a new editor to work with. I have found a suc...oops, dedicated Barbershopper who has tentatively agreed to take over in 1985. MORE about him and his requirements in the NOVE. ISSUE. J E H



SEPTEMBER:

9: SLD BOB MEETING, WEBSTER, NY
18: H 4 B L: DANDREA'S RESTAURANT
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28 - 30: SLD FALL CONVENTION AND
CONTEST, WATERTOWN, NY

OCTOBER:

15 - 18: BOB MUCH IN SLD VISITS
20: ADVANCED DIRECTORS SCHOOL IN
SYRACUSE, BOB MUCHA, INT.
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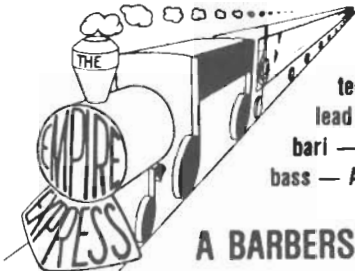
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