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"we sing that they shall speak"

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FERRINGNOTES

by RAY FERRIGNO, SLD PRESIDENT

Happy Holidays!

Our SLD 1984 calendar closed with a productive B.O.D. meeting and an enthusiastic COTS. Your A.C.'s and D.V.P.'s will be bringing the good news to you on their chapter visits. We had over 120 barbershoppers involved in COTS, but not all the chapters were represented. If your chapter could not send representatives because of financial difficulties, I ask that your chapter budget for 1985 include monies set aside for COTS. This is a legal chapter expense. If your chapter did not send representatives because "they were all there last year" or, "they have all gone for the past 15 years", I ask you to re-evaluate what COTS means. Sure, it's a place we send our chapter officers so they can familiarize themselves with their duties. But it's also a place where we share information about our hobby, where we get to know our fellow officers from throughout the district and where we recharge our barbershop batteries for the year to come. For you "old-timers", I ask you not to come to COTS to learn - come to SHARE. We need you. How can our District grow if we can't learn from the guys who have already been there?

After reviewing the questionnaires from COTS, it looks like we will be adding a new class - details to follow, but plan on sending your MUSIC TEAM next year.

Looking forward to 1985, we have the possibility of adding three new chapters to our SLD roster. Dunkirk/Fredonia is licensed and needs only two more men to charter. They are sponsored by the Warren Chapter. We have active extension sites in Canandaigua sponsored by the Geneva Chapter, and Manlius sponsored by the Rome Chapter. Each of

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these sites had a full slate of officers at COTS. They are working hard to gain new members and can use our support. How about your chapter making a visit or, if that's impossible, how about sending them a card of encouragement? The PVP's are, for Dunkirk: DAVID HART, 767 WASHINGTON AVE, DUNKIRK, NY 14048; for Canandaigua: CLAUDE CRESWELL, 83 W. MAIN ST., HOLCOMB, NY 14469; for Manlius: AL CLARK, 4670 POST RD., MANLIUS, NY 13104. Now is the time they need our help.

Our International President, GIL LEFHOLZ, has chosen "MAKE MUSIC MEAN MEMBERSHIP" as his slogan for 1985. To that I add a "M-M-M-M-GOOD", as in the Campbell Soup jingle.

Our D.M.E. PHIL LAMBRINOS has an exciting year of musical activities planned. If we give Phil the support he needs, you can make book that we'll pick up new members.

Let's come alive in '85!

COMMODORE



PERRY

CHORUS

SENECA LAND DISTRICT CONVENTION

ERIE APRIL 12, 13, 14

The Erie Chapter and the COMMODORE PERRY CHORUS extends to you an invitation to historic Erie, Pennsylvania! The SenecaLand International Preliminary Quartet Contest and District Chorus Contest will take place in our fair city on April 12, 13, and 14.

Erie will be an experience you won't soon forget. The people will open their arms and their hearts to

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all competitors, their families, friends and spectators. The downtown area will be ringing with Barbershop Chords.

The Headquarters Hotel is the Erie Hilton, located just a block and a half from the Warner Theatre, with 5 other motels within walking distance to the contest site. Bus service has been set up to move each chorus from their dressing rooms to the theatre. Warmup rooms and a 650 seat "Chorditorium" will be provided at the Hilton along with other interesting facilities including a swimming pool.

The magnificent WARNER THEATRE, which is a part of our new Civic Center Complex, seats over 2,500. It is a classic theatre from the "Golden Age" of theatre and therefore a perfect setting for Barbershop Harmony. As a special note, the Warner Theatre is one of only eight "movie palaces" left in the country and is on the National Register of Historic Places.

Look for your direct mail registration form and hotel reservation forms in several weeks.

Hotel reservations will be made through the Erie Hilton and Chairman ROBERT LYONS, PO BOX 777, ERIE, PA 16512 - PH. 814-456-9885.

Contest Registration Chairman is JIM BARICKMAN, 4268 W. 28TH ST., ERIE, PA, 16506.

Refer any questions about advance contest information to the General Chairman, CARL GRANATO, 4046 W. 30TH ST., ERIE, PA, 16506 - PH. 814-838-3491.

As our Convention Bureau of Erie says: "YOU'LL LOVE ERIE"

AND

"YOU'VE GOT A FRIEND IN PENNSYLVANIA"

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FEB. 6

"MAKE MUSIC MEAN MEMBERSHIP"

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Recognition for the outstanding public relations men in SPEBSQSA
will be given in 1985 when each District and the Society chooses one man
as the Public Relations Officer of the Year for 1984.

The contest is sponsored by the Public Relations Officers and Bulletin
Editors, PROBE, organization. Handling the selection process in SENECA LAND
District is BURT LOUK
(Chairman)

Nominations are now being accepted and chapters may nominate one
or more members who have been responsible for outstanding public relations
programs. Every chapter should have received a copy of the contest rules, but
copies can be obtained from the District Chairman if they are needed.

Scoring in the contest will be in four general areas: Special Events,
Mass Media, Special Publications, and Presentations to Groups. Nominations
should include a description of each persons accomplishments, along with
examples of the materials produced in each of the P.R. events and programs.
Recognition will be given to the person scoring highest in each
category as well as the individual with the highest overall score. The overall
winner in each District will advance to the International Society contest and
those winners will be announced at the Minneapolis convention in July.

Nominations for the SENECA LAND District must be in the
hands of the Chairman by JANUARY 31, 1985
(Deadline Date)



SEND ENTRIES TO } BURT LOUK
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**COMING
EVENTS**



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| JAN 4-6 18th Harmony Holiday | MAR 10 B.O.D. 12 noon Harmony |
| FEB 2 Niagara Orleans Chapter | House, Rochester |
| Snow | 30 Sayre, PA Chapter Show |
| 0 Deadline for submission | APR 12-14 Spring Contest & Conven- |
| of articles for March SS. | tion - Erie, PA |
| Remember to send all ar- | 20 Rochester Chapter Show |
| ticles to BOX 423, CHAUT., | 27 Syracuse Chapter Show |
| NY 14722 | |
| 3 Painted Post Chapter Show | MAY 11 Binghamton Chapter Show |
| 16 Warren, PA Chapter Show | Matinee 1:30 p.m. |
| Matinee 2 p.m. | Evening 7:30 p.m. |
| Evening 8 p.m. | |



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

INSTITUTE OF LOGOPEDICS

WANTED
Campbell LABELS



DIVISION DOINGS



ALLEGHENY

DVP: Dave Finnemore
PENNSYLVANIA CHARLIE PAYNE
CORNPLANTER JERRY PASK

NEW BETHLEHEM

REPORTER: BOYD CRAWFORD

1984 is almost done, and as I look back, it has been a highly successful year for the NEW BETHLEHEM CHORUS. We are all looking forward to the Holiday Season.

Our new officers for 1985 include RICH REITZ as our President.

We have had 3 sing outs in the last couple of months. We were at the Stanton Methodist Church in November. It was a rainy night, but we had a nice crowd and a nice donation for Logopedics. The punch, cookies and coffee after the program were excellent. There sure are a lot of good cookie makers up where BOB SHIELDS lives.

We helped welcome Santa Claus to Brookville on another rainy night. I did not see Santa, but I'm sure if he made it he had to come by boat.

We have one more sing out before Christmas in Punxsutawney for the doctors at the hospital.

Music, quartets and committees are all set for our Show on May 5th, 1985.

From all the members of the NEW BETHLEHEM CHORUS to all our fellow barbershoppers in Seneca Land, "The Best for 1985" and we'll see you in Erie.

WARREN

REPORTER, JIM ELDRIDGE, I.B.M.

"WARREN CHAPTER IS ACTIVE"

The men of the Warren Chapter have been quite active since the Watertown Convention. We joined Venango and Crawford County for the visit of BOB MUCHA. Through the efforts of several people, we had highly successful concerts with the TITUSVILLE, PA BAND and the WARREN AREA HIGH SCHOOL ACAPPELLA CHOIR. This demonstration of cooperation within various communities provided excellent entertainment for many people. At the same time it was excellent P. R. for barbershopping and the Society.

APPALACHIAN

DVP: George Cook
ONEIDA BERNIE HURLBUT
ST LAWRENCE WAYNE FULLER

AUBURN

REPORTER, FRED SCHNEIDER

On December 5, the AUBURN CHAPTER held a planned guest night at Weedsport. Six guests expressed an interest and will be attending the Chapter's next meeting. FRED SCHNEIDER had charge of arrangements and Music Director ERWIN RAY and PVP WAYNE CHAUNCEY had charge of the program.

The LAKELANDER'S CHORUS sang December 2nd at the new Finger Lakes Mall in Auburn and return engagements will be on December 18 and 22nd. The HARMONY BLENDERS quartet sang in Skaneateles on December 5 and the FINGER LAKES FOUR will be at the Northbrook Home for Adults on December 18 in Auburn.

On January 9, the Chorus has scheduled to sing at the Kalet's Nursing Home in Aurburn.

Installation of officers will be on January 12 at the Owasco Country Club. DONALD BALDWIN will be chairman of the event.

The Chapter is already working on songs for the 16th Annual Show "KEEP YOUR SUNNY SIDE UP" on April 20 at the Auburn High School. The featured comedy quartet will be the NOTE WITS, from Maplewood, NJ. The local SWEET ADELINES will also be singing along with the LAKELANDERS CHORUS and their three quartets.

ROME

REPORTER: PAUL YAGER

We've been busy, as usual, here in Rome. We are pleased to be near the top, achievement-wise, again this year in our plateau, both in the district and international. Since August, we have fluctuated between fourth and first place of all chapters with less than 30 members. You'd think such a busy chapter would have no problem with membership, but we have the same problem many other barbershop groups have. How can we gain new members, or even retain the members we have? In any event, we just keep on singing where we're wanted - at nursing homes, senior citizens buildings and hospitals. On December 1st, we had our annual Christmas Show for the benefit of our local Salvation Army, who provide our meeting rooms.

Now, for the BIG NEWS. The KNIGHTS OF THE MOHAWK from Rome and the CRIMSON CHORDS from Utica are merging as of December 5th. It seems natural as we're only fifteen miles apart and are drawing men from each other's territory. Instead of one 25 man chorus and one 50 man chorus, we will have a combined 75 man BIG SOUND chorus. We are hoping that the large chorus will attract others who want to be identified with the big sound of a large group. We're dreaming of 100 men in the CHORUS OF THE MOWHAWK (name not official yet).

The combined choruses will have combined boards for the first year. There are a lot of details to be worked out, but there is a lot of excitement about what is going on in barbershopping here in central New York. Utica's CRIMSON CHORDS are also very active and have a new director, ROB HOPKINS. This definitely should be a good combination and a lift for barbershopping in the Oneida-Madison-Herkimer Counties area.

***** WANTED *****

Information leading to the capture of articles from missing chapter reporters!

1984

SENECA LAND

B.O.T.Y.'S

ONEONTA
Kenneth W. Truhn

VENANGO
Dean Sheatz

WARREN
Steve Cruickshank

Editor's Note: Sure wish I knew who were the other 25 B.O.T.Y.'s in SLD.

Write It - Don't Say It!

MARCH ISSUE DEADLINE IS FEB. 6.



DIVISION DOINGS



CATSKILL

DVP: Dick Davies

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RALPH HOLLENBECK

SUSQUEHANNA

JIM PALMER

ONTARIO

DVP: Dick Benner

FRONTIER

KEITH MOON

GENESEE

BRIAN COX

MARK TWAIN

REPORTER DICK DAVIES

The MARK TWAIN CHORUS has enjoyed a busy fall since the great week-end in Watertown. Our Annual Show was October 20th at the Clemens Performing Center, featuring VAUDEVILLE and SCHIZOPHONICS. There were 1200+ barbershop fans in attendance and many stated that it was the best ever. Seneca Land officers RAY FERRIGNO and JIM ELDRIDGE presented a 30-year chapter membership plaque to the Mark Twain Chapter.

A Halloween Costume/Steak and Shrimp Party was hosted by the DAVIES on November 3rd. 39 people showed up in costume and first prize went to BEV and JACK CAMPING.

The Elmira Elks Memorial Service and The Horseheads Elks were provided with appropriate songs by the Chorus and a quartet made up of Elk members. We do this the first Sunday of December each year.

The Chorus sang at the United Cerebral Palsy Home on December 6, made a TV tape for Annual Arctic League Children's fund raising show, held their annual installation dinner December 15th with D.V.P. JIM PUTNAM doing the honors, sang out at the Bethany Center on December 20, the Marriot Nursing Home and the Arnot Mall on December 21st.

A new registered quartet, "SILVER CERTIFICATE", made up of DICK DAVIES, tenor; JACK CAMPING, lead; BOB KELCHNER, bari; and GREG EMELSKI, bass, plan to be in Erie next spring. We're proud to announce the appointment of BOB MORRIS as director of the MARK TWAIN CHORUS, beginning January 1st.

INT'L STAFF VISITS

BURT SZABO

MAY 28 - Canadaigua

MAY 29 - Manlius

MAY 30 - Northern Chaut.

BOB MUCHA

MAY 31, JUNE 1 & 2 -

Mini-HEP, Syracuse

TOM GENTRY

OCT. 7 - Venango

OCT. 8 - Ithaca

OCT. 9 - Utica

OCT. 11 - Buffalo

EAST AURORA

REPORTER: DAVE CRISTANTELO

The FRIENDS OF HARMONY have elected Chapter officers for 1985. BILL STRADTMAN will again head up the administrative activities as President. This is Bill's third year in the office. This continuity and Bill's capable leadership have been a great asset to properly governing the chorus.

Other officers serving in 1985 are: BOB THOMAS, MVP; DICK WOODWORTH, Sec.; DAVE NUIJENS, Treas.; JACK BRUECKMAN, WALLY EVANS and BIM ROWLANDS members of the Board. (Note: Our PVP had not been selected prior to SS deadline.)

These men will be installed later this month at the annual Installation and Awards Banquet. The BOTY and Award of Harmony recipient will also be honored at that time.

Headlining 1985 will be the Friends of Harmony on floppy disc! Actually, the chorus has decided to cut a record album. The tentative recording date has been set for January 13 in the spacious studios of Club 1581. Four numbers have been selected for this initial effort. Our break into the recording industry missed the holiday season, but there will certainly be copies available for one and all in the upcoming weeks.

The Friends of Harmony offer best wishes to outgoing SS editor JIM HASSEL. Jim did a fine job during his years at the helm. Thanks Jim!

The Chorus also extends a hearty welcome to new editor GEORGE JARRELL. As busy as George seems to be, it's nice to know he is still willing to take on this responsibility. Best wishes George.



ROCHESTER (Cont. from col. 3)

there. With the cooperation of the district officers, this effort should succeed, and once succeeding, should establish precedences which will assure full representation for SLD for years to come.

ROCHESTER

REPORTER: ERNIE HUGENBRUCH

While at COTS in November, I heard a barbershopper say that he was ashamed of Rochester's performance in St. Louis!

Obviously, it disturbed me, but I did not know the fellow and decided to keep quiet until we became better acquainted. As it turned out, he proved to be a sincere, mild-mannered, likeable person who voluntarily gave me considerable personal assistance later in our session. I never reopened the subject with him.

But, I have given it considerable thought and have concluded that he did not indict the CHORUS OF THE GENESEE. The remark was made during a discussion regarding the need for improving SLD's image in the society, and he was merely adding to other comments as to how SLD seems to fall short of other districts.

However, his was the only comment I noted because it dramatized the effect of the basic problem that has plagued ROCHESTER CHAPTER and will affect any SLD chorus representative at the International Convention. Because of the convention's size, it must be held in a large city with large auditoriums and many hotels. Big cities mean high prices, and not everyone can afford to attend. Thus, ROCHESTER has yet to appear on the International stage with the group that earned the right to go. Generally, only two-thirds of the winning chorus makes the trip. Most of the missing third are our younger members who naturally have the better voices. They are fathers with young families, just starting on their careers, faced with limited budgets and little extra vacation time. We want to get them to Minneapolis and place our full first team on stage.

To do so, we have created a special committee to concentrate on the problem, one facet of which is to create more interest and participation by members of SENECA LAND in getting a complete chorus to represent the district out

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SENECA LAND DISTRICT BUDGET
Jan.1,1985 to Dec. 31,1985

PROGRESS REPORT

JIM ELDRIDGE, I.B.M.

	FAME FUND	GEN. FUND	TOTAL
BEGINNING BALANCE	\$ 17,630.	\$ 9,270.	\$ 26,900.
INCOME			
District Dues*	1,800.	10,200.	12,000.
Advertising Smoke Signals	-	250.	250.
Spring Convention*	1,718.	3,782.	5,500.
Chautauqua*	7,400.	-	7,400.
Fall Convention*	1,875.	4,125.	6,000.
Interest & Dividends*	1,500.	-	1,500.
Chapter Show Assessment*#	3,200.	-	3,200.
Miscellaneous Income	-	200.	200.
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 17,493.	\$ 18,557.	\$ 36,050.
DISBURSEMENTS			
Smoke Signals	-	3,600.	3,600.
Chautauqua*	2,500.	-	2,500.
C.O.T.S.	-	1,400.	1,400.
District Directory	-	800.	800.
Insurance & Bonds	-	450.	450.
Postage & Telephone	-	1,400.	1,400.
Office Supplies & Printing	-	400.	400.
Contest & Judging*	1,100.	1,100.	2,200.
Mus. Activities [DME-HEP]* #	1,100.(700.#)	400.	1,500.
Contest Travel*(80 CHOR. 2 QTET)	13,200.	-	13,200.
Awards & Gifts	-	800.	800.
Convention Advisory	-	50.	50.
Public Relations [DCO]/(CON.P.R.)	-	900.(600.)	900.
Dist. Meeting Expense	-	500.	500.
Area Counselor Travel	-	1,500.	1,500.
Dist. Officer Travel	-	5,250.	5,250.
Membership Development	-	700.	700.
Cap.Equip. Expenditures* #	1,500.	-	1,500.
New Judge Training * #	1,100.	-	1,100.
Other Expense	-	200.	200.
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 20,500.	\$ 19,450.	\$ 39,950.
NET INCOME/(DEFICIT)	\$(3,007.)	\$(893.)	\$(3,900.)
ENDING BALANCE (includes Cap.Equip.Exp.)	\$ 14,623.	\$ 8,377.	\$ 23,000.

Annual shows, Christmas parties, officer installations, sing outs and Chapter meetings. That is what the months of October, November and December presented to yours truly. It was my privilege to present District placques to the Elmira Chapter for 30 years since chartering and to Utica for 35 years of barbershop harmony. In addition to hearing some fantastic quartets and choruses, I had the opportunity to meet the members of Seneca Land and their supporters throughout the district. The Buffalo Show was highlighted by a fine program and a standing ovation for the HARRINGTON BROTHERS from Cardinal District.

COTS was once again a great success for those who attended. It would be great if one year we in Seneca Land could have 100% chapter representation. As we move into 1985 the ideas exchanged there will be very valuable to the chapters who had men in attendance.

I completed the year with several fine officer installation dinners in Warren, Rochester and Erie. It is an honor to be asked to represent the District and International in this vital chapter activity. As we move into 1985 let's all work together to grow in membership and musical capabilities. If there are problems don't let them throw you, work it out together. Use your district officers, ask them to help solve those items that can't be resolved on a chapter level. Let's all work together and make Seneca Land grow in '85.



BY GEORGE JARRELL, ED. S.S.

*= FAME Fund Activity
#=(Memo- Fame \$.10/seat fund expenditures = \$3,300.)
(equipment estimate based on vid. cam. and monitor)

Respectfully Submitted B.A.Moore
S.L.D.Treasurer 11/14/84

DIRECTORY ADDITIONS

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This years' COTS was true to form. There lots of excitement, surprises, excellent staff and new ideas. Probably most important was the reinforcement of all the standard ideas and plans that make chapters work to be an instrument of this great hobby BARBERSHOPPING. Oh, yes, there was lots of singing in the lobby, halls, showers, elevators, dining rooms, parking lots, etc. The highlight in Quartet Harmony was our own SLD Champs "Shenanigans", who entertained at our opening lunch on Saturday.

COTS dean, DON HARBIN, set the stage for another memorable weekend, and, after KEITH CLARKS' Induction Ceremony, our classes began. Even though I missed Sat. evening Presidents' Sessions, because of my chapters' joint show with the WARREN H.S. ACAPPELLA CHOIR, many ideas were gleaned from Keith Clark!

All of the comments this writer heard were very positive. I'm sure the theme of "GROWTH" that President RAY FERRIGNO talked of will surely be a reality. With the NORTHERN CHAUT. CO. CHAPTER licensed, two extension sites, CANANDAIGUA and MANLIUS, this sure gets 1985 off to a great start.

An Open Letter

FROM THE SLD C&J COMMITTEE


 MUDDLED FERRIGNOTES
 by JAN MUDDLE -RAY FERRIGNO

We need more judges in Seneca Land. We have a special need at this time for candidates in the Sound, Arrangement, Interpretation and Chairman of Judges categories.

What does it take to become a certified judge? First of all, a burning desire to help your fellow barbershoppers, the willingness to work hard for 3 - 4 years as a candidate and the desire to give your time and talents to learning to be a judge.

What kind of barbershopper are we looking for to join the judging program? You should be at least a 5 year member. You should have sung in competition with your chorus at the district level. You should be or have been a member of an organized quartet; or a chorus or quartet coach; or a chorus director or assistant director; or a group leader. The above applies to all categories.

Specifically, for the Sound and Arrangement categories, a basic musical training or schooling is almost a necessity. The same is true to a lesser extent for Interpretation. In fact, we do have excellent International judges with very little basic musical training. For C. of J., having been a Chapter or District officer is a necessity, plus the ability to manage and spread authority.

What are the rewards? Well, you know that your fellow barbershoppers are the salt of the earth. Certified judges are the cream of the crop. I have never known or enjoyed a better group of men. Also, there is the satisfaction of having successfully completed a difficult training course, of being on a judging panel, of being able to help your peers at A & R sessions and being able to use your newly acquired skills for coaching quartets and choruses. Then there is the thrill of a lifetime when you are introduced before 10,000 people as part of the panel for an International contest.

But it's not all glamour. It takes a lot of hard work, study and practice. And while you are practicing, remember you are on your own. You pay your own way. Sometimes your District will help you get to and from a practice session in another district. Then too, it seems to take forever to be certified, and there are no shortcuts. Also bear in mind that even after certification the learning process continues. At least every 4 years you must attend category school and get a passing grade to retain your certification.

I know that there are a lot of you out there hiding in the woodwork, putting off applying, procrastinating or just being lazy about it. To give you some idea of the kind of men we are looking for, here is just a sampling of a few that come to mind. From East Aurora RON MASON and JERRY THOMPSON; from Warren STEVE CRUICKSHANK and BILL CZOZIER; from Warsaw TED KALICKI; from Syracuse PHIL LAMBRINOS and DICK JONES; from Watertown TRACY ROBERTSON; from Rochester GILL KREPS; from Binghamton JERRY SCHMIDT; from Buffalo BOB BORSH. And, again, this is just a sampling.

So come on gang. Make a decision and join up and share your talents. Write me at 125 Church Street, East Aurora NY 14052 - OR DACJC Joe Bradbury, 936 Clevenger Rd., Ontario NY 14519 for an application.

Clem Cochran, for SLD C & J Committee

Editor note: Clem Cochran is a certified Secretary and Chairman of Judges and immediate past DACJC for SLD.

On October 16, 1984, MONROE DOCTRINE became the first registered quartet to sing for our H4LB. We really appreciated the fine harmony they provided. In fact, CHURCH WARD got so carried away that he had the waitress bring them a round of ice water and asked that it be put on his bill. Guest CRAIG BORCHARD was surprised to see MR. BROWN, his "old" math teacher. This months' extra helping of pasta goes to RAY FERRIGNO for bringing guests CRAIG BORCHARD, RAY GRAPE and BILL SWISHER. Also in attendance were GEORGE BOVENZI, RON BROWN, KEITH CLARK, ART DAVIA, BILL DIBACCO, RAY FERRIGNO, STAN FOX, GEORGE LAYMAN, ED MARTIN, JOE MICCICHE, JAN MUDDLE, TOM NASMAN, PAUL NICHOLSON, WALT NUIJENS, KEN SIMMONS, DON STOTHARD, BOB THOMAS, BOB "CHURCH" WARD, BILL WEGENKA, AL WEITZ and DICK WOOD.

Our Nov. 20 H4LB conversation was spiced with recent happenings from COTS (Nov. 17 & 18) and plans for the upcoming holidays. At the suggestion of 6'4" BILL WEGENKA, a collection for Logopedics was taken resulting in \$14. In attendance this month were KEN BARCLAY, GEORGE BEHRENS, DICK BENNER, GEORGE BOVENZI, BILL DIBACCO, RAY FERRIGNO, STAN FOX, AL KREIS, GEORGE LAYMAN, DAVID LEECY, BURT LOUK (A.K.A. #52), VIC MAZURA, JOE MICCICHE, TOM NASMAN, WALT NUIJENS, ERIC OLSEN, RUDY REGER, VINCE TRINKER (A.K.A. #22), BOB THOMAS, BILL WEGENKA, and AL WEITZ. This months' extra helping of pasta goes to BILL WEGENKA for bringing guest DAVID LEECY.

We meet the third Tuesday of each month at DANDREA'S RESTAURANT, 1713 LYELL AVE., ROCHESTER, NY from noon to 1 p.m. The next three H4LB dates are Dec. 18, Jan. 15 and Feb. 19.

FROM THE EDITOR


 By
 George!

by GEORGE JARRELL

Hi to all in Seneca Land. This first entrance by pen in the SMOKE SIGNALS as your editor is a bit like my predecessor described his last issue - "mixed emotions". I'm really aware of the responsibility and resultant impact the editor of the SMOKE SIGNALS has in SLD. I pledge to do my best to maintain the high standards and continue its' responsiveness to the chapters and members of SLD that JIM HASSEL achieved. Thanks, JIM, for a job superbly done. Late info concerning Jim's operation is that he is doing fine and should be home for Christmas. We're rooting for you Jim!

My space is very limited so even though I have much to say to all of you, I'll try to spread it over the next few issues in the hope you won't get bored.

I really do need your articles and any input you have, including constructive criticism. My main goal is to help make the SMOKE SIGNALS a district bulletin that every barbershopper in SLD can't wait to get his hands on, and when he does, it will be filled with up-to-date info that will help to propell SLD to "Growth". Barbershopping is such a great hobby - we must learn to share it more. I'm confident it can help make our world better.

I must report to you on a very exciting proposal that the BOD has recommended to the HOD to accept in Erie this Spring. It is a proposal to establish Ribbon Recognition for 6 competing choruses as follows: the top 3 choruses to receive appropriate color ribbons - 1st, 2nd, 3rd and the top small choruses, based upon "KEN BURGE AWARD" Rules and Regulations as stated in manual, also to receive Ribbon Recognition. Details for implementing this proposal will be explained to all chapters by DVP's and AC's. So chapter delegates will be prepared to vote in Erie. I personally believe this to be a tremendous step forward in recognition and will be a giant step in creating a more positive attitude about contests.

Just received a note from former OLEAN barbershopper, ED PIPER, Rt. 3, Box 1119-Q, Asheville, NC 28806, who wants to continue reading the SMOKE SIGNALS and, since he will be the MVP and BE of the Asheville NC Chapter, he would like all SLD BE's to put him on their mailing lists. I had the privilege to meet ED several times, and I'm sure many of you will want to see ED and KAY when they come North for the 5th Annual Camping Weekend on August 3&4. Another exciting report is that the new Northern Chaut. Co. Chapter has reached the magic #30 for charter! Great work, guys. We're proud of you.

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