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Hall of Fame Chorus

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DON ANDERSON CHOSEN AS B O T Y FOR 2005

At our annual Installation Dinner and BOTY Award ceremony on January 7, Don Anderson, for the third time in his illustrious barbershop career, accepted the Barbershopper of the Year award for the Canton Chapter. Citing Don's dedication and love for the Hall of Fame Chorus, including his maintenance of our website and his choreography talents, among many other accomplishments, Dan Hughes presented barbershop's most prestigious award on behalf of all of us who know and appreciate all that Don does for us.

Several other appreciation awards were given to some of our members who have gone "above and beyond" for the good of the Canton Chapter:

Norman Dew: for arranging for hospitality rooms, get-togethers, and accommodations at District contest

Curt Dungan and Ernie Jackson: for serving as interim directors

Ben Ayling: for the improvement of the chorus that took place under his direction

Karen Middaugh: for her leadership in the Ladies' Auxiliary

Jim Smith: for hauling our risers and equipment everywhere we sing

Stan Wallace: for his work in obtaining grants and educational funds

Bob Friedman: for being an excellent baritone section leader

Darryl Flinn: for his chorus and quartet coaching and encouragement

Fr. Joe Witmer: for being our Librarian

Jesse Pittman: for taking charge of the Fritter Booth and Poinsettia sale

Larry White: for serving as our Associate and Interim Director

Phil Downey: for serving as President for 6 years

Other Special "Work Horse" Awards were presented to **George Macli, Bob**

Binkley, and **Don Anderson** for their work on behalf of our HOF.

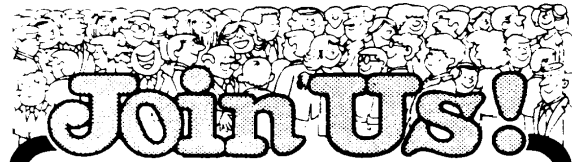
A huge **THANK YOU** to all of these folks who work so hard for us, and to the committee who chose them, a group of members who also have contributed so much time, energy, and talent to our wonderful hobby and our beloved Canton Chapter.

We also want to thank, on behalf of all of us who attended Saturday night, and all in the HOF family who care about our chapter, our installing officer Kirk Roose. As a chapter in transition as we enter 2006, we find ourselves between directors, losing members, and still reeling from and experimental District contest set. Kirk spoke about making fun a priority at chapter meetings, about all of us being responsible for making **this** Wednesday's rehearsal the best ever, and about using all of your senses to relate to your fellow members each and every week. He also said that we all need to have more FUN, and if we do that, the good singing and the increased membership will follow.

Kirk seems to know what he's talking about—have you noticed the improvements in size, singing, and enthusiasm in our good friends from the Akron Chapter since they've been under Kirk's direction? But he didn't just talk about these things—he demonstrated them, right before our eyes! He asked the group at each table, including the ladies, to come up with a song, a jingle, a poem, or whatever, about the new HOF administration. We had five minutes, and the results were surprisingly creative—and hilarious. We came home last night a lot more positive

and encouraged about what 2006 will bring to the Hall of Fame Chorus, and more determined than ever to ascertain our goals and be a part of achieving them, thanks to Kirk's enthusiastic, entertaining, and thought-provoking officer installation "ceremony."

2005 Chapter Board	
President.....	Jake Mandator
Past President.....	Phil Downey
PVP.....	Dave Richards
Music VP.....	Buzz Powers
VP Chapter Development.....	Phil Downey
VP Marketing & PR.....	Don Shoop
Treasurer.....	Fr. Joe Witmer
Secretary.....	Fr. Joe Witmer
Board Members At Large:.....	
.....	Don Anderson
.....	John Barcus
.....	Norm Dew
.....	Dick Dudash
.....	Jesse Pittman
.....	Stan Wallace
Chorus Manager.....	Joe Fraley
Harmony Foundation.....	George Macli
Grants Chairman.....	Stan Wallace



We're having lots of fun!

HOF Calendar of Events	
<i>(Mark Your Calendars)</i>	
Canton Cabaret.....	Feb 11
Spring Prelims.....	April 22
Annual Show.....	May 6
International.....	July 2-8
Annual Picnic.....	July 16
Lakeside Show.....	Sept 2
Divisionals.....	Sept 16
District Contest.....	October 20-22
Amish Door.....	October 28
Chapter Board Meeting...	1 st Tuesday @ 7 PM
MAC Meeting.....	2 nd Wednesday @ 6 PM

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BIRTHDAYS

Bob Daum	Feb 05
Dwayne DeLong	Feb 05
Stan Wallace	Feb 06
Frank Pittman	Feb 14
Dave Richards	Feb 17
John Barcus	Feb 17
Robert Steinturth	Feb 17
Lance Heilmann	Feb 22
Bill Ray	Feb 26
Jim Smith	Mar 09
Joe Fraley	Mar 10
Don Anderson	Mar 12
Scott Eversdyke	Mar 13
Tom Duplaga	Mar 14
Kent Thompson	Apr 09

ANNIVERSARIES

Charlotte & Jack Merzweiler	Feb 14
Barb & Dave Richards	Feb 17
Marjorie & Don Shoop	Mar 11
Joan & Allen Hanft	Mar 26
Marlene & Don Anderson	Mar 29
Robyn & Kent Thompson	Apr 07

If I've missed your anniversary, please write it down and give it to me; so I can include it in the future. I check birthdays

on the Society's Members Only page; so I feel confident that I'm not missing any of those, but I would like to have all anniversary dates and I can only get them from YOU.



Cookie's Corner

AVOCADO DIP

Just wait 'til you experience the great Mexican flavors in this dip. It makes a lot, so it's great for parties.

INGREDIENTS:

- 3 ripe avocados, mashed
- 1 package taco seasoning mix
- 1 can ripe olives
- 2-3 tomatoes, chopped
- 1/2 cup mayo
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- few drops of lemon juice
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1 bunch green onions, chopped
- 8-oz. pkg. shredded cheddar
- 1 can bean dip

Spread bean dip on bottom and sides of a 9x13 dish. Spread mashed avocados over dip. Sprinkle with lemon juice.

Mix sour cream, mayo, and taco seasoning together and spread over avocados.
Combine tomatoes, onions, and olives in food processor, or chop by hand until fine.
Spread veggie mixture and top with cheddar cheese. Refrigerate for several hours to blend flavors.
Serve with tortilla chips.



WHAT DO WE WANT FOR 2006?

(Barb wrote this article before we picked our new director. Because it has a lot of good thoughts in it, I decided to publish it.)

We are in the process of interviewing and trying out new directors for the Hall of Fame Chorus. It goes without saying that we want someone who is very musically talented, an excellent leader, a dedicated barbershopper, and someone whose personality “fits in” with our barbershop family. And, as we’ve learned, someone who lives close enough to Canton so that traveling time and distance are not an issue.

Our new director will have an advantage that few others have—an extremely talented and dedicated team of assistants in Larry White, Ernie (Golden Hands) Jackson, and Curt Dungan, in

addition to coaching and mentoring by none other than Darryl Flinn. Our new musical leader will have to be willing and able to work with this great team, and realize how lucky we are to have them.

But there’s one more thing, and maybe we have made a mistake in not examining this closely enough in the past: we want our musical leader’s goals for himself and for the chorus to match ours. But first, we have to decide what our goals are. Do we want to work very hard and compete at the International level? Do we just want to hang out on Wednesday nights and be strictly a “fun” chorus”? Do we want to sing well, do well in district competition and still have a good time doing it? We have to decide what kind of chorus we want to be and determine what our goals are before we hire a musical leader to help us achieve them. Think about it! Then talk to your administrative leaders that you installed Saturday night about your ideas and concerns. Every one of us needs to get involved to keep the Canton Chapter and the Hall of Fame Chorus the viable and active organization that it has always been! (I’m sure you’ll all agree with me that Larry White perfectly matches the qualifications laid out in the above article.)

Congratulations Larry!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Spencer hired to lead Society music programs

Executive Director Ed Watson taps dynamic musician to lead Society music programs.

Rick Spencer has accepted the position of Director of Music and Education for the Barbershop Harmony Society.

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"Every current and future member of this organization should be given the opportunity to experience barbershop harmony the way he wants it," said Spencer. "I'm looking forward to leading a team of staff and volunteers in expanding and developing educational programs to enrich the experience of all Barbershoppers.

"These are exciting times for the Barbershop Harmony Society. Our Youth In Harmony and Collegiate Development programs continue to grow due to the efforts of the music staff and the countless volunteers involved each year. We are developing programs to build on this groundwork, to work more closely with other a cappella and music organizations to get more young people singing and enjoying the experience that a cappella music offers.

"When you get right down to it, it's all about experiencing the music together, with people who enjoy singing this music as much as you do. That's the very heart of the traditions and fraternal aspects of the Barbershop Harmony Society, core values lived deeply by heroes I follow: Joe Liles, Mel Knight, Greg Lyne."

A 17-year member of the Society, Spencer started barbershopping at the age of ten, and has directed choruses, sung in international-caliber quartets, coached, and taught throughout North America and Europe.

Prior to his appointment, Spencer traveled extensively in the United States, Canada, and abroad for the Society as a music educator, specializing in youth development programs. He regularly conducted clinics for high school and university music programs. His presentations included an emphasis on the stylistic

characteristics of barbershop harmony, tuning, and how singing barbershop can have a positive effect in other genres of vocal music.

In his new role, Spencer will direct the operation of all music education programs and activities which promote the preservation, education, and growth of barbershop singing; oversee the Old Songs Library; operate the annual Harmony University; and manage the music recording, licensing, and publishing activities for the Society.

"Rick Spencer is a fine musician, vocalist, arranger, teacher and extremely well organized, said Joe Liles, a past Executive Director who has served as Interim Director of Music Education the past eight months. "He is in touch with youth and has great vision for the future of the Society. He has already proven himself to be a good manager. I'm looking forward to working with him in his new capacity."

Spencer earned a bachelor of arts degree in music and a bachelor of science degree in music education from the University of Connecticut. Prior to his time with the Society, Spencer was a sixth-grade general music and chorus teacher in Connecticut.

Spencer and his wife, Melissa, reside in Kenosha, Wisconsin, with their baby girl, Caitlyn.



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