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Chapter Motto
"We Enrich Lives Through
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Hall of Fame Chorus

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Fr. JOE WITMER IS 2007 B.O.T.Y!

The Canton Chapter held its annual BOTY "extravaganza" on January 5, and Father Joe Witmer was named Barbershopper of the Year. Father Joe was not present to receive his award, however, having been called to pastoral duties. The plaque was presented to Father Joe at Wednesday night's rehearsal, with a repeat celebration and ceremony surrounding this prestigious prize. Congratulations to Father Joe Witmer on a well-deserved addition to his many accolades and achievements.

We all enjoyed a great dinner and an inspiring and entertaining program at La Pizzeria. Thanks and a hearty "Well Done!" to Joe Fraley and his team for another successful evening. We welcomed some former members of our HOF family, John and Alice Nowell, and were entertained by Lightly Seasoned Quartet and the chorus.

We are so proud to be part of the Hall of Fame family, where the emphasis is on our music and administrative and

musical excellence, but most importantly, on each other. Happy New Year to everyone! It's going to be a great one!

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THINGS LOOK GREAT FOR 2008!

Don't forget the Mid-Winter convention in Albuquerque coming up this month, and in July, we hope you'll be attending the International Convention in Nashville. This year will be very special; as you probably already know, our new Society headquarters is in that exciting

and musical city. Our Society staff wants to show off their new digs, and from what we hear, they're pretty impressive. We're also in store for a great contest and many more barbershop activities.

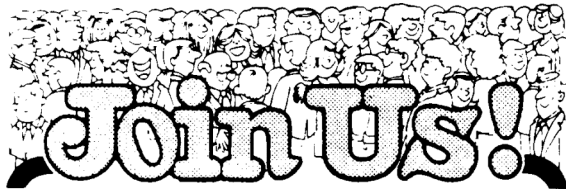
Closer to home, we have our own annual show and Cabaret coming up, showcasing our own constantly-improving barbershop skills, under the direction of David Rubin and his able assistants.

We also hope to do Singing Valentines again this year. The considerable enhancement of our treasury is the least of it; talk to anyone who has ever done SV's and you'll hear how much fun it is, and how the warm fuzzies just keep on coming. Don't be shy! Step forward and volunteer your singing or your organizational talents to HOF Singing Valentines--you'll make memories for lots of people and for yourself!

So get on board, and hang on! We're going to have a wonderful year!

Squawker Deadline March 15, 2008
But don't hold me to it!

We're having lots of fun!



HOF Calendar of Events

(Mark Your Calendars)

Aurora Cabaret.....	Jan 26
Annual Show.....	April 26
Spring Pre-lims	April 11-13
Cabaret.....	May 31
International.....	June 29-July 6
Gospel Show	August?
District Contest	October 17-18
Amish Door.....	November?
BOTY Dinner.....	Jan 3, 2009
Chapter Board Meeting....	2 nd Monday @ 7 PM
MAC Meeting	2 nd Wednesday @ 6 PM

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JUST A HOBBY? I DON'T THINK SO!

Take a few minutes and read Dr. Jim Henry's keynote address at Harmony University that is reprinted in the current Harmonizer, pp. 16-21. He discusses the art of barbershop harmony from its earliest days, and how much it has changed but remained the same.

He notes that when we hear the phrase "It's only a hobby," we know something that so many others (even barbershoppers) don't. To quote Jim: "Several of us chuckle because we know that the word "hobby" doesn't begin to describe our obsession." He calls our love for barbershop a "mission," and gives examples from experiences with his quartet, the Gas House Gang, as well as personal insights, especially as he, his family, and his quartet and chorus, dealt with the illness and death of Jim's brother, Rob Henry.

Don't miss this article! We found it moving, appropriate, and it made us proud to be hooked on barbershop!



BIRTHDAYS

- John TasseffJanuary 02
- Virgil HillerJanuary 10
- Ernie JacksonJanuary 13
- George Macli.....January 17
- Don IslerFebruary 01
- Bob DaumFebruary 05
- Dwayne DeLongFebruary 05
- Stan WallaceFebruary 06
- Frank Pittman.....February 14
- Dave RichardsFebruary 17
- John BarcusFebruary 17
- Robert SteinturthFebruary 17
- Lance Heilmann.....February 22
- Bill RayFebruary 26
- Jim SmithMarch 09

ANNIVERSARIES

- Barb & Dave Richards.....February 17
- Marjorie & Don Shoop.....March 11

If I've missed your anniversary, please write it down and give it to me; so I can include it in the future. I usually check birthdays on the society's Members only page, however it was down for an indeterminate time as I put this Squawker together. I would like to have all anniversary dates and I can only get them from YOU.

When Larry retired from being our full time director, he sent me the following article. I must apologize for my tardiness in publishing it.

To the Canton Hall Of Fame Chorus:

Thank your for such a wonderful surprise dinner send off. It was a superb way to celebrate my last directing performance with you guys. The joint concert was definitely a plus and I think everyone enjoyed the Canton Hall Of Fame Chorus along with the Greater Canton Men's Chorus and the Trinity Church Choir.

Thank you for all of the time and effort you put forward during the last year and a half. I had a great time and I hope you did too.

From my own personal viewpoint, I feel you helped me grow as a director. I only hope I helped you grow as a singer/performer.

We are all in this great hobby together and we do seem to look out for each other.

Larry White

Cookie's Corner:

On the next page you will find the pumpkin bar recipe that many of you asked me for.



PUMPKIN BARS

2 Cups Flour
2 tsp Baking Powder
1 tsp Baking Soda
½ tsp Salt
2 tsp Cinnamon Stir First Five together
1 Cup Oil
2 Cups Sugar
4 each Eggs Beaten
2 Cups Pumpkin
1-1/2 tsp Ginger
2 tsp Ground Cloves
1/2 tsp Freshly Grated Nutmeg

DIRECTIONS Beat eggs, add sugar, oil, pumpkin and spices. Mix in dry ingredients and pour into a greased and floured 11X17 inch jellyroll pan. Bake at 350 degrees F for 20-25 minutes.

For ICING Soften one 3-ounce package of cream cheese and 1/2 stick of margarine and cream together. Add 1 tsp Vanilla and 1 to 1 1/2 Cups powdered sugar and 2 tsp milk. (Add more milk as needed). Frost when cake is completely cooled then cut into bars.



From the kitchen of Barb Richards. Given to her by Carol Park. Tuesday, December 11, 2007

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We meet Wednesdays at the United Church of Christ: 3909 Blackburn Road N.W., Canton Ohio. 7:30 – 10:30
Guests are always welcome!!!

A note from Bob McCullough:
Gentlemen

A quartet named " MSQ" has been singing out of the Akron & Canton chapter for the past Year. The members names are : Bari; Hal Moses, Bass: Mike Sitter, Lead: Bob McCullough, Tenor: Bill Trumpold. Over the holidays we were asked to sing at the Martin's wedding. The following is correspondence and pictures we received after the bride and groom returned to Switzerland.

Bob McCullough

Subject: PICTURES TOO - Blaine Martin's wedding with quartet performance

Hello from the bride and groom too!!

And we would certainly like to also say thank you! As my dad has said, your presence was the big show for the night and we really appreciated such a warm and generous gesture. All the songs and especially the personalized song (and then Christiane said, and then Blaine said...) was indeed very special - we were very touched.

For Christiane and her mom Suzanne coming from Switzerland, to see such a performance really added a rare and special touch to the whole event!

Please see attached a few photos of that wonderful moment – wishing you all the best in 2008!!!

Kind regards,
Blaine and Christiane

Guys,

Your appearance at our sons wedding deserves more than this brief note. Nevertheless.....Thanks so much for the wonderful appearance on 12/23/07 at the O'Neil house reception for our son, Blaine, and his lovely bride, Christiane. They returned to Switzerland with fond memories.

Your appearance was a complete surprise. It was wonderful evening. Selections were on the mark. You cannot imagine the responses from the guests. We are still hearing responses from persons who attended as well as those who did not attend. It was spectacular.

Thanks so much. Wedding gigs must be a good venture. I wish I could have joined you afterward, but my voice and I were shot.

With regards,
Stan Martin



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