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Chapter Motto
It's All About The Music

Hall of Fame Chorus

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DON SHOOP BOTY FOR 2004

“SHOOPY” IS OUR NEW BOTY!



On January 8, 2005, Don Shoop, with his hard work and unflinching efforts to promote the Hall of Fame



Chorus, was named our Barbershopper of the Year. In his acceptance speech, Don said that it is up to all of us to promote our chapter, our chorus, and

Barbershopping. Congratulations to Don, and thank you for all you do!

Darryl Flinn was the installing officer for 2005's officers, and he made the ceremony very inspiring to our leaders and to all of the Canton Chapter members.

2005 Chapter Board

President.....	Phil Downey
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Music VP.....	Russ McQuate
VP Chapter Development.....	Larry White
VP Marketing & PR.....	Don Shoop
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Secretary.....	Jake Mandator
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.....	Don Anderson
.....	John Barcus
.....	Dick Dudash
Chorus Manager.....	Joe Fraley
Harmony Foundation.....	George Macli
Grants Chairman.....	Stan Wallace

On to 2005! It's going to be a GREAT year for HOFC!! Our "dream team" of Ben Ayling, Darryl Flinn, and Larry White, plus all of YOU –your presence and attention at weekly rehearsals, your determination to learn your music at home, and your constant enthusiasm

and commitment to your chorus and your chapter leadership will help to make this year our best ever!

GRANT COMMITTEE REPORT

Stan Wallace reports that the Grants Committee has put in a letter of intent to ask for a grant from the Stark Community Foundation. A reply has been received that we do meet their "specific program priorities" for this year. However, they are sending our proposal for new risers and a trailer to their 65 Donor Advised Funds for consideration in their annual Holiday Non-Profit "Wish List." We will see if any of them are sparked by our project.

The Committee met recently with Johnny Appleseed District Grant Chairman Jim Legters who provided much information for us to use in seeking grants on many levels. The committee continues to work and would be happy for any help or ideas or questions from the men of the Canton Chapter.

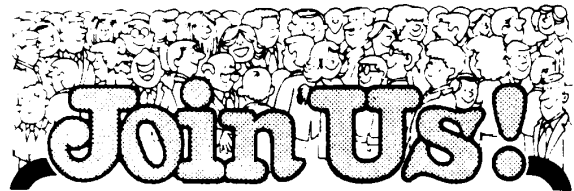
CONTEST NEWS

What? Contest already? No, our Johnny Appleseed District contests are in September and October this year as usual, but they will be here before we know it, and no one knows that better than our director, Ben. We're working on music for the cabarets (January 29 and February 19), in addition to our annual show on May 14. But Ben and the Music Committee have already decided that our contest set is going to have a nautical (and REAL Barbershop) theme.

You can be sure that the HOF is going to make it a whale of a contest! We're really going to make waves in JAD like never before, and our competitors will find some rough sailing ahead to keep up with us. We hope that by September we will have a-mast some new members and honed some of our singing skills. In the near future we'll begin learning our contest music—the schooner, the better.

OK, enough of the sea metaphors; I'm beginning to feel like I'm a little dinghy.

Squawker Deadline February 25, 2005



We're having lots of fun!

HOF Calendar of Events

(Mark Your Calendars)

- Aurora Cabaret..... January 29
- Cabaret.....February 12
- Annual Show May 14
- Chapter Picnic.....July 24
- Amish Door..... October 29
- Chapter Board Meeting... 1st Tuesday @ 7 PM
- MAC Meeting 2nd Wednesday @ 6 PM

Attention Bulletin Recipients!

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BIRTHDAYS

John Tasseff.....	2-Jan
Mike Curry.....	3-Jan
Virgil Hiller.....	10-Jan
Jim Elliott.....	11-Jan
Ernie Jackson.....	13-Jan
Ric Blind.....	14-Jan
George Macli.....	17-Jan
Dennis Setele.....	26-Jan
Chet Alflen.....	1-Feb
Don Isler.....	1-Feb
Dee De Long.....	5-Feb
Bob Daum.....	5-Feb
Stan Wallace.....	6-Feb
Ray Herbst.....	10-Feb
Frank Pittman.....	14-Feb
Dave Richards.....	17-Feb
John Barcus.....	17-Feb
Bob Steinfurth.....	17-Feb
Lance Heilmann.....	22-Feb
Bill Ray.....	26-Feb
Jim Smith.....	Mar 9
Joe Fraley.....	Mar 10
Don Anderson.....	Mar 12

ANNIVERSARIES

Geraldine & Dennis Setele.....	Jan 10
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



Cookie's Corner

Here's a recipe from the other half of B&D Kitchens. It's a hearty and slightly spicy soup that's great as a warm meal on a cold winter's evening. It's very easy—very little more effort than opening some cans, but it's delicious!

Vegetable Bean Soup

- 3 (15 ½ oz) cans great northern beans, rinsed and drained
- 4 cups water
- 2 cans (15 oz each) garbanzo beans
- 1 (16 oz) package shoepeg corn
- 1 can (15 oz) diced tomatoes, undrained
- 1 can (11 ½ oz) condensed bean & bacon soup, undiluted
- 1 can (10 oz) diced tomatoes & green chiles, undrained
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1 medium green pepper, chopped
- 1 T dried cilantro
- 1 T dried parsley (or fresh, if you have it)
- 2 bay leaves
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese

In a Dutch oven or 5-quart soup pot, combine all ingredients except cheese. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and

simmer for 15 minutes. Discard bay leaves. Spoon soup into serving bowls and sprinkle with cheese. Enjoy!

Golden Rules For Chorus Singing From Tim Frye.

1. Everyone should sing the same song.
2. Stop at every repeat sign, and discuss in detail whether to take the repeat. The audience will love this a lot!
3. If you sing a wrong note, give a nasty look to someone near you.
4. Carefully warm up your instrument before singing. That way, you can sing out of tune all night with a clear conscience.
5. The right note at the wrong time is a wrong note (and vice versa).
6. If everyone gets lost except you, follow those who get lost.
7. Strive to get the maximum NPS (notes per second). That way you gain the admiration of the incompetent.
8. Markings for slurs, dynamics and ornaments should not be observed. They are only there to embellish the score.
9. If a passage is difficult, slow down. If it's easy, speed it up. Everything will work itself out in the end.
10. Happy are those who have not perfect pitch, for the kingdom of music is theirs.
11. If the chorus has to stop because of you, explain in detail why you got lost. Everyone will be very interested.
12. A true interpretation is realized when there remains not one note of the original.
13. When everyone else has finished singing, you should not sing any notes you have left. If you have notes left over, please sing them on the way home.

14. A wrong note sung timidly is a wrong note. A wrong note sung with authority is an interpretation.

YOU MIGHT BE A BARBERSHOPPER IF:

10. You've NEVER gone into an elevator and listened to actual elevator music
9. You hear a car horn and immediately reach for your pitch pipe
8. You wonder why the seats on a plane aren't FOUR across
7. The person sitting next to you at the symphony kindly suggests you stop humming the seventh of every chord played
6. You sat through the movie "Vanilla Sky," thinking "Geez, that guy looks just like the bass from Four Voices!"
5. You watched the first round of American Idol and made a list of potential recruits in your city, for your chapter
4. Your most prominent bumper sticker is "I Can't, I Have Rehearsal..."
3. The only magazines in your John are Harmonizers.
2. You have 1-800-876-SING on your speed dial
1. You've ever gotten a punch in the face for asking a stranger in the bathroom if he'd like to learn a tag.



**"With a moo-moo here
and a moo-moo
there..."**