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INSTALLATION DINNER FUN FOR ALL

As is normal, the Installation Dinner, held at Casa Mia on 18 January, went off smashingly. A copy of the program as prepared for the Master of Ceremonies is as follows:

Installation Dinner Program - January 18, 2003
Casa Mia Restaurant, Highland, NY

Cocktails 6:30-7:00pm

Dinner 7:00-8:00pm
Salad
Pasta
Main course
Dessert

John Hadigan - MC

Welcome Special Guests
Walt Lane and wife

Introduction of 2002 New Members (Cavalari)

Eric Dickstein
John Fortin
Dan Griffin
Dan Landa
Chris Schulze

Installation of Officers and Board Members (Walt Lane)

2002 Recap & 2003 Outlook (Schaffer)

Awards (Chieffo)
- Awards of Merit
- NYOY
- Description
- NYOY's assemble as year and name called
- Award reading/presentation

Newyorkers
Just 4 Awhile
Footlighters

END - Keep Whole World Singing - E b

Songs - for time fillers

Wild Irish Rose - B b
Wait Till Sun Shines Nellie - A b
Sweet & Lovely - F
Down Our Way - B b
Let Me Call You Sweetheart - B b
Sweet Roses of Morn - B b
Shine On Me - B b
Heart of My Heart - A b
Old Mill Stream - A b
You Tell Me Your Dream - A b

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 Poughkeepsie, New York
ALL SINGING MEN WELCOME

Website address www.angelfire.com/fl/gbnagy



7 Feb First Friday Luncheon—12 noon, Aloy's Restaurant
 14 Feb Singing Valentines chapter fund raiser—all day
 19 Feb BOD meeting—6 p.m. at church
 4-5 Apr NED West Regional Contest, Troy, NY

DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE
26 FEBRUARY



Poughkeepsie Chapter Mission Statement

The mission of the Poughkeepsie Chapter shall be:
 To perpetuate the art of Barbershop Harmony, and
 To promote and provide opportunities for vocal harmony activities for its members and potential members such as, but not limited to
 Quartetting,
 Vocal crafts and techniques,
 Coaching,
 Chorus singing, and
 Competitive preparation and participation,
 and
 To provide public appreciation of barbershop harmony through public and charitable performances, and
 To promote good fellowship and camaraderie among its Membership, and
 To foster and enhance the ideals and principles of SPEBSQSA, Inc.

Happy Birthdays in February (date order):

Jane Driscoll	9
Doug Murray	11
Greg Howard	12
Ralph Harlow	22
Steve Plumb	26

**POUGHKEEPSIE, NY, CHAPTER
 SPEBSQSA
 2002 AWARDS OF MERIT**

Magistratus Of The Nightus award to **Walt Lane**
 ...for sharing an evening with, and installing our 2003 Poughkeepsie, NY chapter officers and directors
Madison Avenue award to **Ray Brock**
 ...for producing the barbershop feature article in the March 2002 Hudson Valley Magazine
Ringmaster award to **"Duke" Chisholm**
 ...for chairing our successful 2002 Annual Show
Mister Goodwrench award to **Ron Pierson**
 ...for creating the tech plans and stage managing the Annual Show and HF02
Keep 'Em Smilin award to **Bob Hitchcock**
 ...for presentation faces, makeup, show ideas, and special refreshments (w/ Lois)
Man Of The Hour award to **Steve Hagerdon**
 ...for singing Lead at Just 4 Awhile's Nov 17 gig with just 1 hour's notice
Gone Phishin award to **Ray Brock & Al Cavalari**
 ...for conceiving and implementing our phabulous phantom phishing program





Joe Alber Memorial
2002 Newyorker of the Year



The Newyorker of the Year is a Poughkeepsie, NY, Chapter member who has exhibited sustained, unselfish service to the chapter, usually but not necessarily peaking in the award year. He or she epitomizes the spirit of the Newyorkers by cheerfully assuming and discharging many chapter responsibilities resulting in the short and long term health and success of the chapter. The award was founded by 1972 Chapter President Joe Alber who, at his passing, was memorialized in it.

Writer's block. Writer's block. Here I sit.
 Can't think what to write. Nothing of wit.

No words of cleverness, no theme so sublime.
 And I'm running and running, right out of time.

Hmmm . . .
 "Twas the Night Before Christmas", these words are a sign.
 Say that's an idea! I'll write it in rhyme.

So let's state the facts, interspersed with illusion
 to praise our awardee and come to conclusion.

Our man has stature, dedication and talent.
 And for musical knowledge, he has a strong bent.
 But spirit and teamwork are also his kind.
 Support for the chorus is high on his mind.

A spectrum of assets he brings to the fore.
 With sound and with video, he helps us explore.
 He's ABC crafty, but that's not a pun.
 He's a tag-meister too, so we can have fun.

He leads with his voice, all parts can he sing
 And he smiles ear-to-ear when we make the chords ring.
 He arranged for some kids to Explode at the Camp
 And I'm sure in their minds, he's seen as a champ.

So who is this person, our NYOY?
 As I stand on two risers to look in his eye,
 I'm proud to say "The Hag" is the guy.

**2002 JOE ALBER MEMORIAL
 NEWYORKER OF THE YEAR**

Steve Hagerdon



Awarded January 18, 2003 by the Poughkeepsie, NY Chapter SPEBSQSA

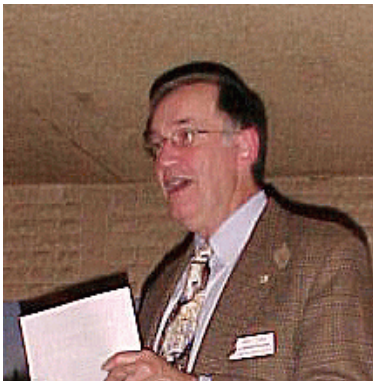
NEWYORKERS OF THE YEAR—HISTORY

The following is a list of the members who have been honored as Newyorkers of the Year.

72 Tom Enger		88 Breck Martyn	
73 Bob Royce		89 Jim Zeigler	
74 Joe Alber		90 Dan Driscoll	
75 Bob Chieffo		91 Tony Krzywicki	30th Anniv
76 Rudy Veltre	15th Anniv	92 Bob Tortorella	
77 Jerry Andersen		93 John Hadigan	
78 Lew DiStasi		94 Renée Silverstein	
79 Ray Benoit		95 Frank Gould	
80 Ev Burke		96 Ed "Duffy" Miller	35th Anniv
81 "Bud" Fair	20th Anniv	97 Garry "Butch" Ashdown	
82 Bob Betscha		98 Greg Howard	
83 Gene Mayer		99 Bill Standish	
84 Fred Gielow		00 Dick Schaffer	
85 Steve Plumb		01 Dave Reynolds	40th Anniv
86 Steve Siegele	25th Anniv	02 Steve Hagerdon	
87 Scott Salladin			

INSTALLATION DINNER PICTURES

Provided by Bob Chieffo



Installing officer Walt Lane



"Duke" Chisholm receives his award as MC John Hadigan looks on



MC Hadigan honors Ron Pierson



Awards Chairman Chieffo with "Smilin' Bob" Hitchcock



The Phishermen are honored



Bill Standish stands in for NYOY Steve Hagerdon—on a chair to be at Steve's altitude

More on Page 5



The NYOY himself, a few days before the dinner



Principal quartet of the evening, The Footlighters



Even Walt Lane was coaxed into a quartet

More pictures from the Installation Dinner will appear in the March issue.

LOST AND FOUND ITEM

From Jim Dodge
NED DVP - Music & Performance

Two vests were left behind at the Lake Placid High School last October. Both are the same, hand tailored vests, black & gold with black & gold buttons.

Please contact Ken Abbott @ (518) 438-1314.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

By Scott Salladin

I want to thank all the members of the chapter that made the selling of the Entertainment Books a great success this year. We sold 59 books. I especially want to thank one member of this chapter whosold the most books, Jack Tacinelli.

VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED FOR INTERNATIONAL

From Greater Montréal Chapter's *Mini Pitch*,
Murray Phillips, Editor
Issue of 20 January

The Chairmen of Committees met last Thursday to review the progress we are making, and the things that need to get more emphasis. The International Convention is going to take place in a little less than six months.

We are starting to accumulate the reserve of volunteers needed to make this a successful convention. The committee members agreed that we would place an ad in *Chanter*, the magazine of the Alliance des Chorales du Québec. This is sent to all the choruses and many of the singers who are members of the Alliance, including ARCIM.

The design for the volunteer shirt was approved for estimates, and we are hoping to have the actual shirts available in time for the Division Contests later this spring.

Most of the committees have presented preliminary budget requests. These are being compiled and evaluated

by Walter Mueller, Treasurer of the Local Committee.

If you know of any former members, friends and acquaintances who would like to see an International Convention from the inside, we can offer them a fun week and a souvenir golf shirt for their time and effort.

[Editor's note: Your editor still has on his hard disk the form for applying to serve as a volunteer. If anyone would like to take part, let us know and we will provide it to you, either as an e-mail attachment or as hard copy.]

BROTHERHOOD PICTURES

Through a combination of circumstances, credit was not given for the pictures of Brotherhood in the January issue, nor were captions provided. The pictures were courtesy of Fred Gielow.

The first picture was of The Brotherhood at the SPEBSQSA International Contest in San Francisco, 1976: Mike Myers (lead), Tony Grosz (bass), Fred Gielow (baritone), Pete Donatelli (tenor).

The second was of The Brotherhood at the SPEBSQSA International Contest in Philadelphia, 1977: Fred Gielow (baritone), Anton Grosz (bass), Mike Myers (lead), Pete Donatelli (tenor).

The third was of The Brotherhood performing at the White House, July 4, 1981: Fred Gielow (baritone), Fritz Jones (bass), Mike Myers (lead), Pete Donatelli (tenor).

We regret this omission.

VLQ CONTEST REVIVED FOR WEST REGIONAL CONVENTION

By Cotton Damon
VP Contest & Judging
Northeastern District

The Northeastern District is re-establishing the Very Large Quartet (VLQ) contest. It has been some years since we've had one but when we (See "VLQ Contest" on Page 6)

VLQ Contest (From Page 5)

did it was a wonderful time. The contest will be held as part of the West Regional Convention in Albany, NY and will take place Saturday afternoon following the Chorus contest. The rules are as follows:

1. A VLQ must have from 5 (five) to 10 (ten) men. The Society considers this a Chorus contest, NOT a Quartet contest, so chorus contest rules apply. (This is different from what I said at COTS.) All participants must be members of the same chapter.
2. All entries must be done through the Society website. Entry procedures are described below.
3. The entry deadline is March 22.

PROCEDURE FOR ENTERING A CONTEST

1. Log onto the Society website at www.spebsqsa.org.
2. In the upper right hand corner of the screen, click on "Members Only/Ops Center."
3. Scroll down to "Contest Registration" on the right of the screen.
4. Click on the kind of contest you want to enter (chorus).
5. At this point you may or may not be asked to log into the Members Only area. Put in your password and the next screen will be the Contest Entry Form. It is possible this form will appear without your having to enter the Members Only area.
6. Complete the entry form.
7. Submit your entry. I am automatically sent a copy and will acknowledge receipt of it to you within 5 days. If you do not hear from me, it means I did not get it, so please contact me. (Please note: I will be away 16-27 January and will acknowledge all entries received during that time after my return).
8. If you have any questions about, or problems with, the entry procedure, please email me or call me: 207-743-8545 or wcd2@megalink.net

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION, MONTRÉAL, QUÉBEC, CANADA

By Scott Salladin

The International Convention will be held in Montréal, Québec, Canada, this year from June 29 through July 6. Make your reservations early. After the Chorus Contest on Saturday, July 5, at 5 pm, Harmony Foundation will hold a dinner for the cost of \$50 per person, with Four Voices. Look for the information in the March/April issue of the Harmonizer.

NED'S SENIOR QUARTET IN TOP TEN

By Cotton Damon
VP Contest & Judging

Congratulations to Close Encounters of the Seventh Kind for their top ten finish in the Society's Seniors Quartet Contest held at the Midwinter Convention in Albuquerque this past weekend. They placed 9th out of 25 quartets that sang. Chuck, Tom, Steve and George did a terrific job rep-

resenting the NED. Those of us who were there were proud of their performance, and when they were through singing, we all knew they had done well and would place high in the standings. They deserve our applause.

Ed. note (thanks to Bob Chieffo): Oldyorker Mike Myers's quartet, Joint Venture, placed 20th.

THE BARONS NAMED 2003 SENIORS CHAMPION

From *SPEBSQSA Live Wire*, 13 January

The Barons won the 2003 International Seniors Quartet Contest held at the Albuquerque Midwinter Convention. The foursome from the Cardinal District, who had placed second in last year's contest, was a clear winner in the field of 25 quartets.

Quartet members are Bud Haggard, tenor; Carl Taylor, lead; Ken Buckner, baritone; and Bill Woodward, bass. Haggard and Woodward are members of the Lexington, Kentucky chapter; Taylor is with the Ashland, Kentucky chapter; and Buckner is a member of the Louisville chapter.

Other medalists included Gym Class from the Illinois District, silver; and three bronze medalists: Auld Lang Syne from the Mid-Atlantic District, third; City Slickers also from MAD, fourth; and Sound Association from the Ontario District, fifth. The contest also included a quartet called Chordial Exchange from the Australian Association of Men's Barbershop Singers.

Complete score information is available at www.spebsqsa.org > Happenings > Midwinter > 2003 Seniors Quartet Contest Scores.

HARMONY SWEEPSTAKES SEEKS ENTRANTS

From *SPEBSQSA Live Wire*, 13 January

The 19th annual Harmony Sweepstakes A Cappella Festival is seeking groups to compete in the 2003 events. Harmony Sweepstakes is open to a cappella groups of all styles. Groups must have between three (3) and seven (7) members. The current national champion is the barbershop quartet Perfect Gentlemen, the Los Angeles regional winner. Complete entry information is available on the web at <http://www.harmony-sweepstakes.com>.

Harmony Sweepstake 2003 dates, venues, and regional directors:

San Francisco, February 22, Palace of Fine Arts; Tim Rogers, 415-455-8602, harmony@singers.com

Mid Atlantic (DC), March 22, Birchmere Auditorium; Ted Donet, 703-519-1927, devocals2001@hotmail.com

Boston, March 8; Cohen Auditorium, Tufts University; Marti Mahoney, h 781-729-2179, w 781-865-5203, mmmahoney@attbi.com

Chicago, March 15, Northshore Center for Performing Arts; Andrew (See "Sweepstakes" on Page 7)

Sweepstakes (From Page 6)

Blenderman, 847-228-1150, sweeps@blenderful.com

New York, April 5, Symphony Space Performing Arts Center; Townsend Belisle, (917) 975-8686, townsend@haystackneedle.com

Pacific NW (Olympia), March 15, Washington Center For Performing Arts; Gary Witley, 360-236-0301, gwitley@visionseed.com

Los Angeles, March 1, Hermosa Community Theater; Peter Nueshal, 310-543-1902, pneushul@cobrascan.com

Rocky Mountain (Denver), March 22; Patricia Williams, 303-355-8540, williamstalk@aol.com

Atlanta (Sub-Regional), February 22; Kris Walker, 678-595-5001, kristopherwalker@yahoo.com

National Finals, May 3, Marin Veteran's Auditorium, San Rafael, CA; John Neal, 415-455-8602, harmony@singers.com

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SINGING VALENTINES PROGRAM

By Scott Salladin, SV Chairman

Let's not forget the people we love so dearly in our lives. Give them a Singing Valentine. For \$50 you get a Barbershop Quartet in tuxes, a long-stemmed red rose, two

songs, and a certificate for two tickets to our Annual Show May 17th, at the Franklin D Roosevelt High School. Please see Scott Salladin and give him your information. We have four quartets out this year.

BARBERSHOP HARMONY FEATURED IN AMERICAN PROFILE

From *SPEBSQSA Live Wire*, 20 January

The Sunday newspaper insert American Profile ran a cover story the weekend of January 19 about barbershop singing. American Profile is similar to Parade Magazine and is distributed nationally in communities of under 50,000 population. The cover photo is of Catfish Bend, the 2002 MBNA Collegiate Quartet Champion.

If you don't receive American Profile, you can view the cover and story on their web site at www.americanprofile.com.

MISSING AN ITEM??

By Bob Chieffo

On the night of 2 January someone or two left items on the corner of the church stage. Are they yours?

- 2002 pocket calendar
- black address book (Tacinelli owned up to this)
- Field Ranger watch with no back
- +1.75 horn-rimmed half glasses with black case.

RSVP to mother Chieffo.

Website for Poughkeepsie Newyorkers: <<http://www.angelfire.com/fl/gbnagy>>

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