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Presidential Thoughts

Eric Dickstein, Chapter President

First, let me welcome you all to another year of great harmony and fellowship!

Someone asked me what my "platform" was going to be. It was a good question because I hadn't really given it any thought; I just wanted to have our organization run as smoothly as possible. Then I gave it some thought and came up with *my* New Year's resolutions. Hopefully, some of them will be yours too.

- 1- Enjoy the singing and fellowship.
- 2- Not lose my temper on the risers (or anywhere else) and give my fellow chorus members the respect they are due.
- 3- Do more quartetting this year.
- 4- Attend one more chorus event than I did last year.
- 5- Try to get an inactive member back on the risers.
- 6- Write at least one article for the Newyorker Times (seems like I just did this one! :))
- 7- Apply all the things my music directors try to teach me—*every week*. ["Stance and Posture," "Connect the Ends of Words Together," "No Chewing" (as in "aintcha"), "Grow louder and softer as directed"—and everything else!]
- 8- Learn new music at home and not on the risers.
- 9- Encourage others to quartet.
- 10- Become a better barbershopper than I was last year.

Not too bad: Only 8 more to accomplish!

Lastly, I have a request of the chorus: Volunteer for a task. There are times when help is asked for; *if you can*, help out! Someone has to do it, and it is always appreciated.

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Note: these are not full-text indexes of every word of every story,

but rather human-powered cataloging of topics and authors.

Note From an Oldyorker

By Bob Hirsh

Now member of Alexandria Chapter
Forwarded by Bob Chieffo

I can't believe it's been 10 years since I left Dutchess County and the Newyorkers. Here's an update, of course starting with the boys. Josh is doing great at Johnson & Wales University at their new Charlotte campus—he's in a combined culinary and business program. Zach is taking classes at Montgomery College (our version of DCC), working at a restaurant, refereeing soccer, and considering the Navy. Wife, Dena, is the Chaos Elimination Officer (that's CEO) for a real estate group. To pay the bills, I'm still a consultant, testing financial applications for the State Department. The Alexandria Harmonizers fill up the rest of the time. While the contest results (and medals) are very rewarding, the thrill of delivering topnotch performances is what's really special. Anyone visiting the DC area should stop by for a Tuesday-night therapy session (oops, make that Rehearsal).

Enjoy the Holidays and may 2005 be Happy and Healthy for all Chieffos and Newyorkers.

Singing Valentines Are Coming Again!

By Eric Dickstein, Chapter President

Here it is, not even Christmas (Hanukkah), and I find myself looking forward to ... Valentine's Day! "Why?" you ask? It's 'cause once again I've decided to do Singing Valentines.

There are really two reasons:

1. It's a great fund raiser for the chorus, and
2. *It is a heck of a lot of fun!!!*

This year, the chorus will (See "Valentines" on Page 2)

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7-9 Jan COTS 2005, Conway, NH
 15 Jan Holiday Chorus performance, Castle Point VA Hospital, 1:00 p.m.
 19 Jan BOD meeting—6:30 p.m. at the Church
22 Jan Installation Dinner—6:30 p.m., Hickory Barbecue and Steakhouse, 743 Rte. 28, Kingston
24-30 Jan Midwinter Convention, Jacksonville, FL
13 Feb Singing Valentines—1 p.m.-9 p.m.
14 Feb Singing Valentines—9 a.m.-9 p.m.
 16 Feb Special evening of coaching from Roger Payne; be at church by 7:00 p.m.

March through May: See Calendar on following pages.

Poughkeepsie Chapter Mission Statement

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
- 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 the Barbershop Harmony Society

DEADLINE FOR NEXT EDITION

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Happy Birthdays in January:

Antony Takahashi	7
Gerry Weiss	7

Happy Anniversaries in January:

Steve and Barbara Plumb	27
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Valentines *(From Page 1)*

have quartets singing on two days: Sunday, 13 February (1 p.m.-9 p.m.), and Monday, 14 February (Valentine's Day) (9 a.m.-9 p.m.). If you cannot sing both days, please consider singing on at least one of them. If you cannot sing the whole day, do as much as you are able. Me personally, I have to stop early on the 14th so I can be with my wife.

The more quartets we have available, the more assignments we can handle. Last year, if memory serves, we did 80+! This year, let's try for 100.

There are learning tapes available, so don't be afraid that you don't know the music. These are Polecats: "Let Me Call You Sweetheart," "Heart of My Heart," "Sweet and Lovely," and "I Love You Truly," to name just four.

Why not try a new part?? Last year, we had Baris singing Tenor and Bases singing Bari. Of course, the Music Team must approve! :) Even if we don't have enough for full quartets, you can be a member of a VLQ (Very Large Quartet). I can promise that you will have a great time—and you will be helping the Newyorkers raise some funds!

There are sign-up sheets for this (really great!) event, and I'd like to see your name on them. I know mine is!



2005 Calendar

January 2005

07-09 - COTS, North Conway, NH

- 15 - Private Performance 2:00 p.m., Castle Point Veterans Hospital, Beacon, NY
- 19 - Board Meeting 6:30 p.m., Reformed Church
- 22 - Chapter Officer Installation Dinner 6:30 p.m., Hickory BBQ & Smokehouse, Kingston, NY
- 24-30 Midwinter Convention, Jacksonville, FL

February 2005

- 09 - NO Chapter Meeting/Rehearsal (Ash Wednesday)
- 13, 14 - Singing Valentines
- 16 - ** Special evening of coaching by Roger Payne **
- 23 - Board Meeting 6:30 p.m., Reformed Church

March 2005

- 16 - Board Meeting 6:30 p.m., Reformed Church
- 18-19 - Yankee, Mountain, and Patriot Division Contest and International Preliminaries for Quartets, Providence, RI

April 2005

- 08-09 - New Yorkers compete at Division Contest, Brattleboro, VT
- 20 - Board Meeting 6:30 p.m., Reformed Church

May 2005

- 13 - Annual Show dress rehearsal (time to be determined), F.D.Roosevelt HS
- 14 - New Yorkers Annual Show 8 p.m., F. D. Roosevelt HS, South Cross Rd (off Rte. 9G), Hyde Park
- 18 - Board Meeting 6:30 p.m., Reformed Church

June 2005

- 15 - Board Meeting 6:30 p.m., Reformed Church
- 18 - Performance for Moulton Memorial Baptist Church, Newburgh, NY

July 2005

- 03-10 - International Convention, Salt Lake City, UT
- 20 - Chapter Rehearsal 6:00 p.m., Reformed Church
- 20 - Performance 7:00 p.m., Bartlett Park, Poughkeepsie, NY
- 27 - Board Meeting 6:30 p.m., Reformed Church

August 2005

- 11-14 - HCX Camp - Youth Camp, Fitchburg State College, Fitchburg, MA
- 12-14 - Harmony College Northeast (HCNE), Fitchburg State College, Fitchburg, MA
- 17 - Board Meeting 6:30 p.m., Reformed Church

September 2005

- 21 - Board Meeting 6:30 p.m., Reformed Church
- 30 - Northeast District Competition, Halifax, NS

October 2005

- 01 - Northeast District Competition, Halifax, NS
- 19 - Board Meeting 6:30 p.m., Reformed Church
- 26 - Holiday Chorus Rehearsal 7:00-8:30 p.m., Reformed Church
- 26 - Chapter Meeting/Rehearsal 8:30 p.m., Reformed Church

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2005 Calendar (From Page 3)**November 2005****02 - Holiday Chorus Rehearsal 7:00–8:30 p.m., Reformed Church**

02 - Chapter Meeting/Rehearsal 8:30 p.m., Reformed Church

09 - Holiday Chorus Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., Reformed Church

09 - Chapter Meeting/Rehearsal 8:30 p.m., Reformed Church

12 - Harmony Fest - F.D. Roosevelt HS

16 - Board Meeting 6:30 p.m., Reformed Church

16 - Holiday Chorus Rehearsal 7:00–8:30 p.m., Reformed Church

16 - Chapter Meeting/Rehearsal 8:30 p.m., Reformed Church

23 - Holiday Chorus Rehearsal 7:00–8:30 p.m., Reformed Church

23 - Chapter Meeting/Rehearsal 8:30 p.m., Reformed Church

30 - Holiday Chorus Rehearsal 7:00–8:30 p.m., Reformed Church

30 - Chapter Meeting/Rehearsal 8:30 p.m., Reformed Church

December 2005**07 - Holiday Chorus Rehearsal 7:00–8:30 p.m., Reformed Church**

07 - Chapter Meeting/Rehearsal 8:30 p.m., Reformed Church

14 - Holiday Chorus Rehearsal 7:00–8:30 p.m., Reformed Church

14 - Chapter Meeting/Rehearsal 8:30 p.m., Reformed Church

Installation Dinner

By Scott Salladin

This year's dinner will be held on Saturday, 22 January 2005, at 6:30 p.m. at Hickory Barbecue and Smokehouse, 743 Route 28, Kingston, NY. Cost:\$27.00 per person. A cash bar will be offered featuring happy-hour pricing of Keegan Ales and well drinks.

Reservation requests are to be made with Scott Salladin; they may be sent to him at Eden Roc Apartments, 166 Academy St A-2, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 (NOTE NEW ADDRESS), by 15 January 2005. Print your name, give the number of persons in your party, and enclose a check payable to Poughkeepsie Newyorkers for the total amount.

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