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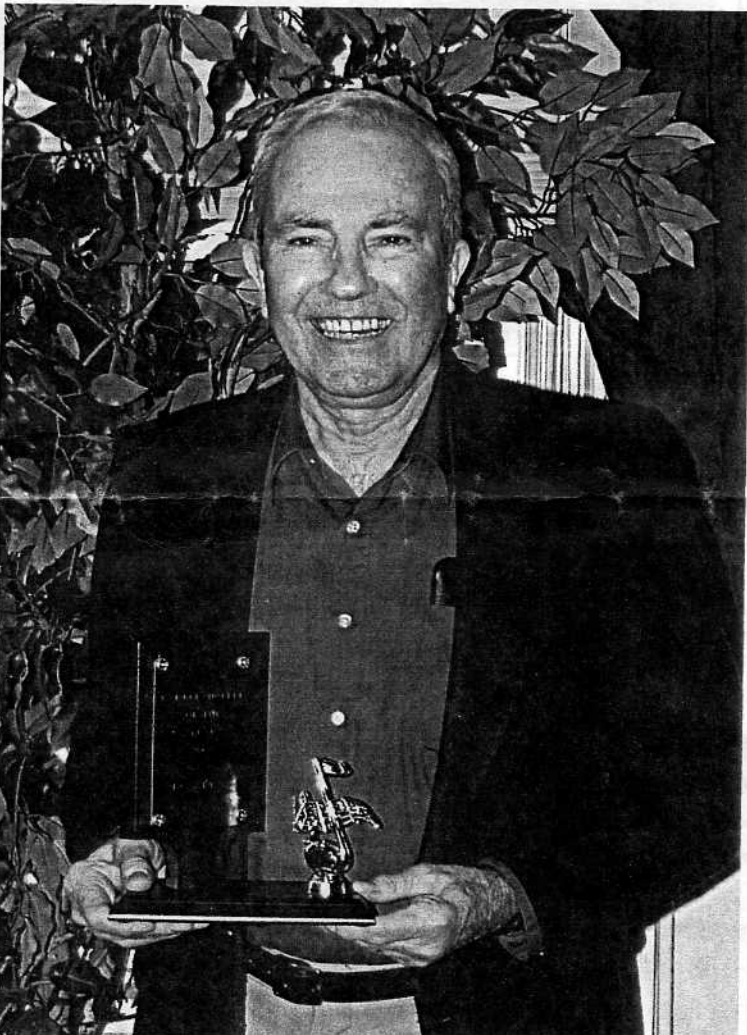
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BARBERSHOPPER OF THE YEAR



**DON LENZ -
"MR. 2007"**

He Made It! FINALLY!!

.....but it took him 57 years

Would you believe it!? Fifty-seven years...for a guy who is so into barbershop. I talked to Don after his acceptance and asked him "How come so long?" His reply was "All I really wanted to do was sing."

Well, he's still singin' - in the chorus *plus* three quartets. A-N-D he has been President of the chapter for the last three years through some challenging times.

2006 BOTY,
John Stager,
has just handed
the trophy over
to **2007 BOTY.**

Both appear to
be pleased,
don't they?



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...AND THE CHORUS KEEPS ROLLING ALONG

The Board and Music Team are working hard to pick up the pieces

The resignation of our former director has given us an opportunity to step back and take a look at ourselves. The Board of Directors created a Chapter Planning Committee to make recommendations concerning the future of the chorus, as follows:

For the present, the directorship will be shared by Phil Lieggi and Harry Drew. They have already made some changes in the way a rehearsal is structured, with sectional rehearsals just about every week. Some new music has been introduced and some past numbers have been put on the back burner.

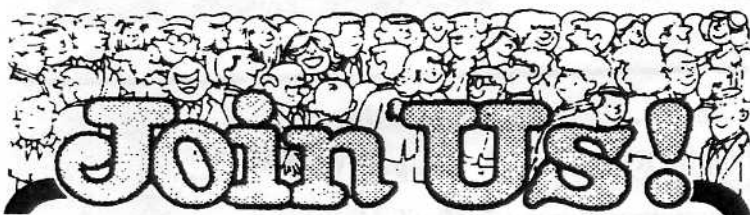
Through suggestions from the chorus and some feedback from our audiences, there has been a review of the repertoire and changes are being made. The Music Team has ordered a variety of arrangements of a dozen or so attractive songs from which four will be selected for contest and others for our repertoire. This work should be done within the next 2 or 3 weeks.

It was also recommended by the Planning Committee that due to the large number of new songs the chorus will be undertaking to learn plus the coming of summer and considering the number of guys who will be missing some time, that we not consider putting on a new show until the spring of 2009.

Currently, the Board is endeavoring to create a Director Search Committee to reach out and see if there are any appropriate candidates for the position of "The Man Up Front." That will not be easy.

So in the meantime, Phil and Harry will see that the

CHORUS KEEPS ROLLING ALONG!



BARBERSHOPPER(S) OF THE MONTH FOR JANUARY & FEBRUARY (MARCH?)



PHIL LIEGGI & HARRY DREW

Outgoing & Incoming Music VP's

Co-directors of the chorus

**Teach new music
(in sectionals)**

**See that we do
a lot of singing**

DELCO ON THE WEB

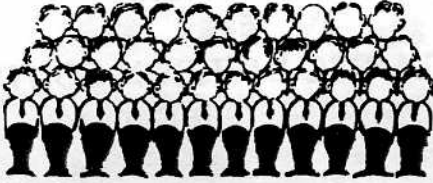
One of our newer members, Norm Brown, is extremely computer literate. So much so that he suggested to the Board of Directors that the chapter should be on the Web. The board agreed to see what he could come up with. He went to work and designed a rather advanced web page which you can access using the address below. It is likely the "The Delchordian" will move to the Internet very soon – perhaps as soon as the first of next month. So, look for Delaware County Chapter activities at

WWW.DELCHORDIANS.COM

Thanks, Norm

Spring division contests are just around the corner Will we be ready?

This year the Atlantic Division convention and contest will be on **Friday and Saturday, May 16 & 17**. The location will be the Doubletree Inn in Wilmington, DE.



If you would like to represent the chapter at the House of Delegates meeting, speak to Don Lenz or Jack Lawler to get details.

KEEP SATURDAY MAY 17 OPEN!

Gabe Ricci Passes Away

A Great, Long Time Member

We mourn the death of Gabe Ricci, who, on Wednesday, February 27, passed into the great chorus in the sky. He had not been well recently, and had been in and out of the hospital.

Gabe loved to sing, especially barbershop. He and his wife, June, moved to New Jersey a few years ago and from time to time they would invite guys from the chorus to visit and sing. Fun times!

Ciao, Gabe

Valentines Still Fun

We sang a goodly number, even as a smaller chorus with fewer quartets than in the past. However, because of the administrative confusion earlier in the year, the final tally is still not conclusive.

Next Month!

CHAPTER CHIT - CHAT

BIRTHDAYS March

5 Linda Leshner
Paul Jacobs
8 Andrea Spencer
25 Hank Bachofer
30 Bill Laurence

April

2 Nancy Drew
10 Dale Tibbetts
13 Anne Tonelli
16 Ron Koller
17 Debbie Lieggi
19 Fred Kempin
29 Barbara Sellers

If I have missed anyone, I apologize. Please let me know and I will correct my list. Thanks ED.



SICK BAY



Mario Gambol is hangin' in there. His reduced activities prevent him from driving (thanks, Meta) and forced him to forego the duties of chapter president recently.

Bruno Tonelli will be undergoing therapy for spinal stenosis beginning this week. Hopefully this will help him get some strength and stamina back in those legs

Norm Brown underwent shoulder surgery on Thursday and I don't have a report yet.

Yours Truly is finally out of the boot made necessary by the broken foot and am finally allowed to drive. Back to normal again (what ever that is?!)

DELCO CHAPTER OFFICERS

PRESIDENT

Don Lenz

VP CHAPTER DEVELOPMENT

Ed Davis

VP MUSIC & PERFORMANCE

Harry Drew

VP MARKETING & PR

Oliver Armitage

VP PROGRAM

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TREASURER

Dick Olsen

CORRESP-SECRETARY

Jack Lawler

RECORDING SECRETARY

Ed Mattee

DIRECTOR AT-LARGE

Phil Lieggi

Bruce Keller

MUSIC DIRECTORS

Harry Drew

Phil Lieggi

BUSINESS MANAGER

John Stager

DELCO DATES

BE THERE!

March 13	Thursday	7:15	Wellington
			West Goshen
25	Tuesday	7:00	Ashbridge Manor, Downingtown
April 8	Tuesday	7:30	The Beaumont Bryn Mawr
May 16, 17	Fri., Sat.		ATLANTIC DIVISION CONTEST Wilmington
June 14	Saturday	7:00	Flag Day Lansdowne
July 4	Friday		Independence Day Lansdowne

The Delaware County Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society meets every Monday evening from 7:15 to 9:30 at St. Marks United Methodist Church on Sproul Road in Broomall.

☎ *For meeting and membership info, call Ed Davis, (610) 325 - 6429.*

☎ *For performance and booking information, call John Stager, (610) 446-0203.*