



### Barbershoppers of the Year – 2008



President Don Lenz presenting the Barbershopper of the Year trophy to Assistant Directors Phil Lieggi and Harry Drew

### BSOY trophy (ies) presented to two assistant directors who kept us alive

As long-term Assistant Directors, these two men stepped up (when our previous director left us) and continued the normal activities of the chorus. They had been assistants for several years and had developed the ability to both lead the men and to teach and refine new

songs for inclusion in the repertoire and for contest. Phil actually stepped up an additional level when Harry broke his leg and was absent due to the resulting surgery. Together they kept the chorus learning and performing until we got our new director, Ig Jacovac, about six weeks ago.

### Chapter Officer Inauguration Party a Very Enjoyable Evening

Seeing as how we are members of an organization that is currently largely made up of a population of over 65-ers, we had our get-together this year at a newly developing retirement community, Maris Grove. Of course, our choice wasn't influenced *much* by the fact that 3 of our guys live there.

Our attendance was impressive and, of course, included our wives as well as a number of specially invited guests: several widows of men who had recently passed on; some guys from other chapters who have been very special friends to us; and one special lady, Anne Bureau, who performed the ceremony of inauguration. She just happens to be the Director of the North Pennsmen Chorus of Lansdale and the wife of our new director.

There was quartet singing all over the room and the Delchordians did their bit by serenading the guests as well as the serving staff of Maris Grove.

We're off on a new path with new officers and a new director.

### Watch Out!

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Hi, Gang! . . .

. . . Thanks for all your hard work in both learning new music and helping me to learn the songs in our current repertoire. I think we have made some great progress. In working with the music committee, we have agreed on a standard set of repertoire songs as well as a standard script for our upcoming performances. This will hopefully be helpful to all of us in ensuring that we are putting forth the best possible entertainment package for our patrons.

We have been focusing on good breath support while making all of our vowel targets as consistent as we can make them. We have also been focusing on singing smoothly in order to provide our listeners with an even more enjoyable experience than they have had in the past. We have built onto many of the strengths of our chorus and I feel that we are most definitely heading in the right direction.

Having a "new guy" around and being the "new guy" takes some adjusting all around. My adjustment period has not only been very painless but actually a lot of fun - that is because of the great cooperation that each of you has given me. My goal is to provide you with quality vocal instruction in order to enable an entertainment package which will take us to the next level of excellence.

As our CEO, Ed Watson, would say, "How'm I doin'?"

## BARBERSHOPPER OF THE MONTH FOR MARCH



**OLIVER ARMITAGE**

**A good lead**

**Doing a heck of a  
job booking the  
Chorus**

**Brings a mature  
business sense to  
the organization**



**BY THE WAY...**

**ARE YOUR DUES PAID?**

# FROM THE MUSIC TEAM

In an effort to keep our sing-outs within the time frames established by our hosts, we have developed a program based on (1) the number of quartets present, (2) the likelihood of the audience enjoying a sing-a-long, (3) a pre-written and memorized script to standardize the verbal part of a concert, etc. We have trimmed a number of very old songs from the repertoire.

We will concentrate on 5 additional songs – Delco Hello, Any Time, Back Home In Indiana, May Each Day, and an Armed Forces Medley. Any Time and Indiana will probably be our contest songs.

It will be very beneficial to us if we really (!) concentrate on learning these songs from the new tapes and disks that are being distributed. Even though we have sung some of these numbers in the past, new interpretation and some new passages have to be learned. As we have said before, we owe it to Ig and to ourselves to make the effort to upgrade the chorus.

## GUYS!

### We need to recruit!

It doesn't take us half the time to put the chairs away as it used to. We all need to put forth a special effort to spread the word about DELCO. If you belong to a group of some sort, try to spot just ONE guy who you might bring to a rehearsal some Monday – maybe just to listen. If you have any bright ideas you think the chapter should try to get ourselves known, bring 'em to a board meeting. You ARE welcome, you know.

**WE ARE SHORT STAFFED, FELLAS.**

# CHAPTER CHIT - CHAT

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## BIRTHDAYS

### MARCH

- 5 Linda Leshner
- 30 Bill Laurence

### APRIL

- 2 Nancy Drew
- 10 Dale Tibbetts
- 14 Anne Tonelli
- 17 Debbie Lieggi
- 29 Barbara Sellers

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

## RECENT GUESTS

KEN LAMMEY

GLAD TO SEE YOU.  
IT HAS BEEN A LONG TIME!  
COME AGAIN, KEN.





**DELCO CHAPTER OFFICERS**

**PRESIDENT:**

Don Lenz

**DIRECTOR:**

Ig Jackovac

**ASST. MUSIC DIRECTORS:**

Philip Liegg

Harry Drew

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Jack Lawler

**RECORDING SECRETARY (Minutes)**

Gil Doan

**INTERNET WEBSITE MANAGER:**

Norm Brown

**BULLETIN EDITOR:**

Harry Drew

**DELCO DATES**

**April**

Sat	4	Martins Run	7:00pm
Thurs	9	Wellington (Note: Afternoon)	3:00pm
Wed	22	New Seasons	7:00pm
Sat	25	Lansdale Chapter Annual Show	

**May**

Thurs	14	Hill @ Whitmarsh	8:00pm
Thurs	16	Wilmington Contest	- - -
Wed	27	Quadrangle	7:00pm

**June**

Sun	14	DAR Lansdown	7:00pm
Tues	16	Sellersville Picnic	- - -
Tues	23	Coatsville VA	2:00pm

**July**

Sun	5	Cape May	8:00pm
Sun	26	Upper Dublin Twnshp	5:30pm

**August**

Tues	4	Res. @ Glen Riddle	6:30pm
Wed	12	Simpson House	7:00pm

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

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