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# THANK YOU, IG





## **DELCO IS MOST IMPROVED CHORUS**

Thanks to the intense rehearsals, during which we learned a variety of singing skills which we desperately needed to know, and the inspiration and dedication of our new director, who made us believe "WE CAN DO IT!", we did it! The Delchordians came away from the

contest not only as "Most Improved" but also "Best Small Chorus." The day became the first time we have sung at the Jamboree in many, many years. Thanks, Ig. And all this with Ig also singing in the Lansdale chorus for Anne, his wife, plus two quartets.

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## SELLERSVILLE PICNIC A REAL (4-PART) BLAST

#### Lotsa Delco heard from

As usual, Lansdale put together a really great event – and not just with beer and hot dogs. The opportunity to hear the plethora of choruses and quartets AND eat and drink makes for a fabulous (albeit somewhat long) evening. What a treat just to sit and listen to all the groups give out with that good ol' barbershop music.

The Delchordians did themselves proud in both their chorus and quartet presentations. Not only did Ig have the big bunch primed for the occasion but to also have three quartets in the spotlight was outstanding. Close Chorders (with Phil Lieggi), Chords Are Us and Cobblerock were great in each of their numbers.

Also special for us was the ability to hear the champion North Pennsmen (with Ig in the front row) and Anne out front PLUS our director in a quartet as well. Wow!

Can't wait 'til next year.

## DIVISION CONTEST A SHOT-IN-THE-ARM

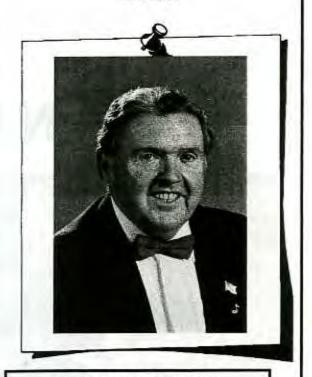
We can (will) get better

The results of the Divisional Contest, Designating the Delchordians as the Most Improved Chorus and the Champion Small Chorus has got to instill in us the idea that we have the potential of becoming an even better singing group.

Under Ig, who has provided us with new and significant learning and singing tecniques, we should be additionally proud to invite prospective members to join our up and growing chorus.

We need to show a new enthusiasm and we will become an outstanding and growing Organization. LET'S DO IT!

## BARBERSHOPPER OF THE MONTH FOR JUNE



### JACK LAWLER

A heck of a lead

Main contact with Kenesha Nashville

Keeps after us to pay our dues

Orders our music



# Direct-ly From 14



#### Gents:

The Barbershop Harmony Society (as part of the efforts of Bill Biffle's Membership Task Force) has authorized a Barbershop Membership Recruiting Contest to run in this area with a cash prize for the chapter that recruits the most members.

Contest information is listed below:

#### BARBERSHOP RECRUITING CONTEST

\$500 Cash Prize to the Chapter that gets the most new members between July 1 and December 31, 2009. New members must be on the BHS list by January 31, 2010. The prize will be awarded on or before February 15, 2010.

The purpose of the contest is to encourage recruiting of new members and to generate and publicize effective recruiting ideas for use by all chapters in BHS. This contest has BHS approval and support.

In addition to reporting new members to BHS, they must be reported to David Baraff (davidbaraff@msn.com) by email and the report must include a brief description of how the new member was recruited. This recruiting information will be provided in a timely way to all eligible chapters.

The contest is open to any barbershop chapter within 30 miles of center city Philadelphia. Members switching from one eligible chapter to another will not be counted unless they have changed their residence. Also new dual memberships will not be counted. Eligible chapters include:

Abington-Levittown	Delco
Bryn Mawr	Cherry Hill
Hamilton	Lansdale
Philadelphia	Pottstown
Princeton	Wilmington

## CHAPTER CHIT - CHAT

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## **BIRTHDAYS**

### JULY

- 2 Mario Gambol
- 3 Joe Bush
- 11 Barb Olsen
- 14 Fran Keller
- 19 Mary Lawler

## **AUGUST**

- 18 Ed Davis
- 21 Nicole Agran
- 21 Marg Davis
- 31 Bruce Keller

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

# RECRUITING IS A PART OF NORMAL OPERATIONS

### It's in each of our hands

As we all realize, membership throughout the entire barbershop organization is on the decline. We feel it severely at Delco, especially with the imminent resignation of Gil Doan due to stamina problems and Matt Reiter moving to Texas.

We each have to be aware of the need to be super alert when we're out in a crowd where there may be potential members, to invite them to a meeting (and not let them go home!)

In addition to the aforementioned contest, there is a back issue of the :Harmonizer, (Jan-Feb '02) with an article "Slow Bleed" dealing with the problem. Ig has copies. We will also be having a visit from Dave Baraff, a local Membership Coordinator on July 13.

BE HERE!

#### **DELCO CHAPTER OFFICERS**

#### **DELCO DATES**

VA Coatsville

PRESIDENT	JULY		
Don Lenz	SAT 4	Pennwood High School 10:00am	
	SUN 5	Cape May 8:00pm	
DIRECTOR	THU 23	Beaumont @ bryn mawr 6:30pm	
Ig Jakovac	SUN 26	Upper Dublin 5:30pm	
Asst. MUSIC DIRECTORS	AUGUST		
Harry Drew	TUE 4	Residence @ Glen Riddle 6:30pm	
Phil Lieggi	WED 12	Simpson House 7:00pm	
VP CHAPTER DEVELOPMENT	OCTOBER		
Bruce Keller	FRI 9	Jenners Pond 6:45pm	
	SAT 17	Widener University 10:30am	
VP MUSIC & PERFORMANCE			
Harry Drew	NOVEMBER		
•	TUE 10	Lima Estates 6:30pm	
VP MARKETING & PR	MON 16	Riddle Village 7:00pm	
Oliver Armitage			
	DECEMBER		
TREASURER	WED 2	Broomall Rehab	
Dick Olsen	WED 9	Brynmaur Rehab	

### CORRESP-SECRETARY

Jack Lawler

#### RECORDING SECRETARY

Vinny Caruso

#### INTERNET WEBSITE MANAGER

Norm Brown

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.

TUE 15

• For meeting and membership information, call Norm Brown (610) 497-1609

• For performance and booking information, call Oliver Armitage:(610) 566-6594 or

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