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**Dick Olsen –  
*Barbershopper of the Year***

## DICK OLSEN NAMED BARBERSHOPPER OF THE YEAR

(IT FIGGERS!)

This is the man who has handled all the numbers for DELCO for the last 10 or 15 years. He has also been a star tenor with Close Chorders. He has been around DELCO since 1965 (minus a short stint with The Mainliners). . . But he came back! Dick is multi-talented but he has concentrated on financial matters with the chapter, handling taxes, investments, payments to and from members and all the groups we have sung for.

This is quite a load for one man. But he's doing it!

The chapter is very lucky to have a man of his caliber aboard to do this work. Congratulations, Richard!

## ANNUAL CHAPTER LUNCHEON INSTALLATION OF 2012 OFFICERS

No, it's NOT 2,012 officers – it's just the dozen or so guys that keep *The Delchordians* on pitch for the year 2012. One sad note – our former President, Don Lenz had to take a leave of absence about a year ago for health reasons concerning him and his wife, Bea. Unfortunately, Bea didn't make it. Don and his son, Chris, are keeping house together these days. However, Don has begun to return to Delco and is learning those songs in our repertoire that are new to him. As you will see on the next page, Don resumed one of his old duties and installed the new officers. WELCOME BACK, MR. LENZ

# **WE SANG A LOT OF VALENTINES**

**THE PROGRAM WAS VERY SUCCESSFUL**

Norm Brown did a very tidy job of setting up the Valentine schedule this year and it seemed that Ollie Armitage was there every day (or night). Not that we sang a thousand times but it was a lot better than we've done in recent years. . . and that Ollie! Of the the 20 valentines we did, he was there for 14 of 'em.

Dick Olsen (our Treasurer) wasn't too sad either. He also sang his share of love songs, too.



Here is one quartet, yours truly included, having just serenaded the young lady in the center. She was over whelmed (as were some of us). What a "fun" activity!

## **PUSH 'EM OUT, BOYS!**

Recently, we have devoted a bit more time at rehearsal in quartetting – especially the "push-out" kind. Beside being another "fun" activity, we have discovered a number of men who want to (and can) sing several parts and will push almost anybody out of the song.

We also feel that singing with a lot of different guys helps to solidify more pick-up quartets as they may become necessary.

Let's have another Bb, Phil.

# **WE'RE GETTING YOUNGER !**

**AND THEY'RE TALENTED, TOO**

It seems that over the last couple of years, the chapter has grown a bit and the new guys have other than gray hair (and "no", they're not bald, either). . In addition to having decent voices, some of them have brought some flexibility with them. A couple of them are already in good-sounding quartets. One guy, and I'll mention his name, Dave Melchiorre, has displayed his talent in directing the chorus, in addition to his capability of singing all four parts, altho being primarily a bass.

This membership movement is very comforting to men who are "maturing" and are concerned about members who have departed leaving vacancies in the ranks.

We (as older guys) hope that the pattern continues and Delco doesn't totally fade away.



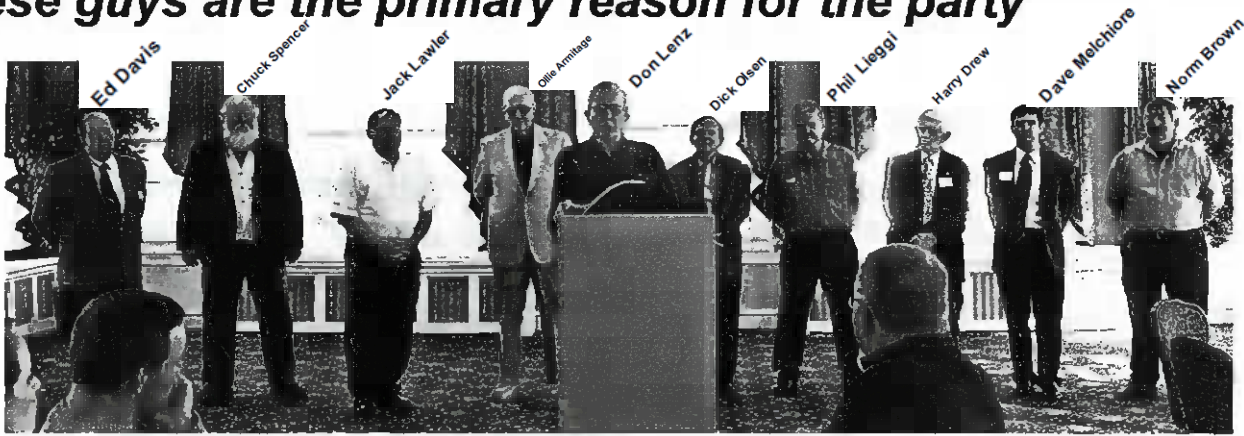
## **THANKS, NORM**

Delco should be mighty grateful to have a guy with your skills – recording (both audio and photo), computing, just to name a couple. Your abilities and willingness to share help us to learn songs by listening to discs, and then to hear what we eventually sound like with your recordings of our performances.

Thanks to you, Mr. Brown



# These guys are the primary reason for the party



and he's the other – Dick Olsen – BOTY ➡



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**DELCO DATES**

**JUNE 14 THURS. LANSDOWNE DAR – FLAG DAY 7 PM**  
**JUNE 20 TUES SELLERSVILLE PICNIC 7 PM**  
**JULY 4 SAT. LANSDOWNE PARADE 9:30 AM**  
**JULY 15 SUN CAPE MAY SHOW 8:00 P M**



*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.*

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