

District Leadership – 2012

President – Dennis "Denny" Evans

Raised in Chesterland, OH. Dennis hails from the New Bern, NC, chapter, and has decades of barbershop quartet and chorus experience along with corporate management skills. Denny spent his working life in the New Haven, CT, area with Southern New England Telephone and retired as an operations General Manager. He joined the Society through the Derby, CT, chapter in 1971, and sang with several quartets, winning the NED championship twice, and represented the district four times on the International stage. Denny is also a past NED Seniors Quartet champion and competed twice at Mid Winter.

Denny and his wife Elizabeth (Betty) raised two children and eventually retired to the New Bern area where he is active in the local chapter and has served the Dixie District as its VP for Membership Development.



Immediate Past President – Robert "Squeak" Tilton

Born in Indianapolis, IN 1930. Raised in Terre Haute, IN. Married: Wife's name is Carol. Son's name is Lee. Spent 46 years, primarily in Transportation and Logistics in the Steel & Aluminum Distribution Business with Ryerson Steel and Jorgensen Steel.

Member of the Barbershop Harmony Society since 1949. Sang Lead in the first International Chorus Contest in 1953 in Detroit, MI. Sang Lead in the Rocky Mount Big Chorus--Dixie District Champions in 2006. Sang Lead in these Illinois District Champion Quartets: The Four Tissimos in 1954 and The Escapades in 1961. In 1955, The Four Tissimos were third place Medalists in the International Quartet Contest in Miami Beach, FL.



Past President of the Pinehurst, NC Chapter; VP of Membership Development-Dixie District 2003; BMAL-Dixie District 2004; Executive VP- Dixie District 2005-2007. Member North Carolina Harmony Brigade since 2002. Member Sage Lake Roundup since 2006.

Executive Vice President – Robert Johns

Bob grew up in the Chicago area and though he was engaged in music through high school was a late-comer to barbershop. While singing in a local (non-registered) quartet in Arkansas he got the bug and when he and his wife moved to Charlotte, NC he joined Charlotte's Gold Standard Chorus late in 2001. Bob has sung both bass and bari in quartets (back to bass and fully recovered from the bari experience) and currently sings in the Hickory based Antics quartet and with Hickory's Caroli a Moonlighters.

Bob graduated from the University of Illinois and worked in the steel industry for more than 40 years, retiring from Nucor Corporation in 2007. When he retired he was Director of Marketing for Nucor's sheet mill group but was actually more involved with international trade and government relations issues.

Bob is currently the Membership VP for the Moonlighters. His tongue in cheek job description as Carolinas District EVP is "Denny's go-fer."



Bob and his wife Margie live in Granite Falls, NC. They have two grown children – daughter Kim who lives in Maiden, NC and son Rob who is in the process of completing a job assignment in the Netherlands and will relocate to Atlanta mid-year 2012.

Secretary – Dave Millson

I was born and reared in Hamlet, North Carolina and graduated from Hamlet High School in 1960 and East Carolina University in 1964 with a BS degree in Vocal Music Education. I worked for CSX Railroad 1965 – 2000. In 1966 I joined the US Army Reserve. I flew fixed wing and rotary aircraft for 12 years. I retired as a Lieutenant Colonel in 1994.

I first joined the BHS in 1965, but had to drop out in 1967. I returned to barbershop singing in 2000 joining the Golf Capital Chorus and singing with several quartets. I have served the chapter as Music & Performance Vice President, Executive Vice President, Quartet Development Vice President, President and Past President. Member of North Carolina Harmony Brigade.

I served as the Dixie District Vice President for Chapter Support and Leadership Training from 2005 until 1 January 2009. I am the District Secretary of the Carolinas District.

I married Mary Joyce, my high school sweetheart in 1962. We have three grown sons and two grandsons. I enjoy traveling, hunting and fishing when not barbershopping.



Treasurer – Tom Martyn

Tom began singing with the Cape Fear Chordsmen of Wilmington, NC when after being invited by Robert Cox to sing in their first Holiday Chorus for the benefit of the Salvation Army in 1996. This was shortly after Tom had relocated to Wilmington, NC from Lynchburg, VA. The hook was firmly set and Tom has been a member of the Barbershop Harmony Society since early 1997. Tom has served on the Board for the Cape Fear Chordsmen as VP of Membership, Treasurer, VP of Music and Performance and President at various times over the years. Tom has also served as show chairman, assistant director and has sung in various quartets within the chapter for shows and Singing Valentines. A few years back, Tom found himself in the midst of an effort to understand what the legal process would need to be to successfully form a new district according to the Society by-laws. He was a contributor to the formulation of the original all-chapter resolution which eventually led to the formation of the Carolinas Association of Barbershop Singers and then the Carolinas District. Since then, Tom has served the District on the Governance Committee that pulled together the original Bylaws and Code of Regulations adopted upon formation of the District. Tom also led the Music and Performance track at the 2012 Leadership Academy.



VP Chapter Development – Robert "Bob" Clark

Bob grew up in northeastern Ohio and found barbershop at an early age, joining the Society in 1952. In 1954 he sang in the first Society chorus contest with the Stephen Foster Chapter in Warren, Ohio.

After graduating from the University of Cincinnati, Bob joined the Marine Corp. as a fighter pilot. Later in life he continued his barbershop career with the Alexandria Harmonizers and was active with the *Firehouse Four* quartet. Bob worked many years for General Motors, serving as President of the Allison Division, and brings strong management and organizational skills to the group. He is member with the Wilmington, NC chapter, and serves the District as a Chapter Support Representative. Bob and Anne have five grown children and 17 grandchildren.



VP Communications (thru August 2012) – Bob Burns

Bob started singing in public at age 4. After many years singing with church choirs, glee clubs, in bars and coffee houses, a friend got him to an open-house put on by The Singing Buckeyes (Columbus, OH) in 1976. One brief Sunday afternoon and he was hooked.

After singing Lead in Columbus for 8 years, including 2 BHS International Chorus Contests and a ton of “fun” quartering, his career took him away from formal barbershopping for way too many years. He got back into barbershopping with the Nashua and Concord, NH, chapters in 2001, met his wonderful wife Joyce online (and turned her from classical singing to bbshop), moved to beautiful Asheville, and joined Land of the Sky, Jan. 2003.



He has been Asheville’s Business manager since then, VP of Marketing & PR, BOTY in 2006, and is currently Chapter President. He was also Dixie District VP of Marketing & PR in 2010 prior to the formation of the Carolinas District, and has been on the Society Marketing & PR Committee since 2008.

Bob owns and manages an online nutritional supplement retail company following a career in medical device sales and marketing management, and business development.

VP Communications (acting from August 2012) Board Member-At-Large and – Robert F. Kearns

A true Coney Island baby, Bob grew up on Long Island, NY before obtaining degrees from the University of Notre Dame and Columbia University. After service in the US Army, Bob spent most of the ‘70s in Europe with a consulting firm before returning to Long Island as President of an aerospace engine component firm. Bob and his wife Cathy moved to Savannah in 2005, where he has since started a company bringing new technology fuel and lubricant products to market.

Although Bob wore out several 78 rpm recordings of “Down By The Station” by age 4, he did little singing while playing guitar in school bands and family gatherings. A fellow choir member dragged Bob to a Chapter Meeting of “13th Colony Sound” in 2006, where he has since served as Music & Performance VP and President during the Savannah Chapter’s transition into Carolinas District.



VP Contest & Judging – Steve Tremper

Steve Tremper (Tenor) joined the Barbershop Harmony Society in Vermont in 1981, singing Lead, until IBM moved him to North Carolina in 1987. Since then he served as President of both the Research Triangle Park and Central Carolina (Durham) chapters, competed on the International stage with the General Assembly Chorus, placed in the International top 20 with The CrackerJacks (1991), and has sung tenor in many other quartets over the years.

Steve currently sings Tenor with [Let's Sing!](#), the 2010 Carolinas District Quartet Champions. *Let's Sing!* is also the 2009 Dixie District Quartet Champions, and represented Dixie on the International stage in 2009 and 2010. Steve is a certified Contest Administrator in the BHS judging program, and currently serves the Carolinas District as Vice President for Contest and Judging.



Steve lives in Morrisville, NC and has two children in college. Steve is an Advisory Technical Writer for IBM.

VP Events – Mike Doheny

Mike Doheny has 19 years in barbershopping. He started singing at the age of 8 years old with three older brothers in the "Doheny" quartet. Mike sang in chorus all through Junior and Senior High School, entered the Navy in 1964 and was a member of the Bluejacket Choir at the Great Lakes Naval Training Center.

He is Past President and VP membership of the "Cavaliers of Harmony" Chorus in Ridgewood NJ MAD. Past President of the "Southern Gentlemen" Chorus in New Bern NC. Voted BOTY 2009. CSR for two years in the Dixie District. Past member of 3 registered quartets.



VP Music – Joe Doub

Joe joined the Winston-Salem, NC chapter of SPEBSQSA in the Spring of 1974 as a bass. Later that year, John Dawson, the founder of the W-S chapter, invited him to join a quartet he was putting together, the "Dixie Classics". They sang together for a couple of years before Joe decided to give the tenor part a try. His next quartet "Easy Street", performed together for about three years. By the end of the 1970s, it was time for another combination. At a party at another barbershoppers house, they were doing some more singing together and were talking about what to call the quartet. Joe happened to be holding a can of his favorite refreshing adult beverage Pabst Blue Ribbon so it just seemed natural to name the quartet "Blue Ribbon Edition". And so it was from 1980 – 1988. This foursome represented the Dixie District at the international quartet contest in 1982 and 1983, in addition to winning the District quartet championship in 1983.



From 1988 – 1996 Joe took some time off from barbershopping to devote more time to his wife and three young children. Also during this time he went back to school at night to finish his Bachelor's degree in Business.

In 1996, while attending the W-S chapter's annual show, Bruce Atkinson (bass of 1980 Dixie District champion quartet Vocal Impressions) approached Joe and asked if he would be interested in forming a new quartet. A short time later, "Voiceterous" was formed and Joe was back in barbershopping. This quartet performed on many shows until 2002.

In 2004, Joe, who had now switched to baritone, and son David singing lead, joined with fellow chapter members Rob Alexander on tenor, and Tom Parker to form "Sweet Mother of Harmony" with the intention of having fun doing comedy routines in contest.

Since December 2008, Joe's current quartet, Let's Sing! (Steve Tremper-tenor, Mark Chandler - lead, and Greg Zinke - bass) has been quite busy with performing on shows and contests, having won the Dixie District Quartet Championship in 2009 and the Carolinas District in 2010. In addition, they represented the Dixie District at international in 2009 and 2010 and the Carolinas District in 2011. They released their first CD in 2010 and plan to be around for a long time. Joe is just waiting for the other three "kids" to catch up to him so they can compete as seniors.

In addition to all this quartet activity, Joe was and is also a very active member in the W-S chapter, serving a term as Membership V.P. early in his career and also as tenor section leader and assistant director for many years. Since 2007 he has been the Music & Performance V.P. for the chapter in addition to on-going assistant director duties.

Joe and his lovely wife Juli have been married for over 30 years and have called East Bend, NC home for most of that time. They have three grown children (Jill, who lives in Chicago and plans to be married

next summer, Jane, who lives and works in W-S, and David, who lives in W-S, sings lead with Triad Harmony Express and plans to be married next spring) who are all educated and gainfully employed. Juli is a career elementary school teacher who loves to read in her spare time and is kept company when Joe is away performing by her ferocious guard dog Poppy, a 5-pound white Maltie-Poo. Joe also loves to read when he's not learning new music or searching for new arrangements for his quartet and chorus. He also enjoys NASCAR races and is a long-time fan of Duke basketball.

VP Youth in Harmony – Mikey Mancuso

Mike has been a member of the Barbershop Harmony Society since 1995, when he began singing LEAD with the Singing Buckeyes Chorus, of the Johnny Appleseed District, in Columbus, Ohio. Although he sang Lead for 10 years in both the Buckeyes and a few quartets, he switched to Baritone with the formation of Legal Limit quartet in 2005, and continues to enjoy singing Bari to this day. In 2007 Mike became a dual member with The Alliance of Greater Central Ohio Chorus, and has competed in the International Chorus contests many times over the years with both choruses, finishing as high as 6th place for 3 consecutive years with The Alliance before moving to South Carolina in 2010.



During his years with the Buckeyes and The Alliance, Mike was very involved with the Singing Buckeyes Harmony Camp, which has become one of the largest camps of its type in the U.S. He was instrumental in presenting quartets to high school aged singers in their schools to expose them to the barbershop style, and in promoting the Buckeye Harmony Camp. The camp grew from 15 boys in the first year, to over 300 high school aged singers for both young men and young women and continues to attract new and returning campers each year. One of Mike's passions in barbershopping is the presentation of the hobby to young singers and to instill a love of singing that they can enjoy for the rest of their lives, whether it is as part of a Barbershop group, church choir or some other form of vocal music within their communities.

Mike worked as a Customer Service Agent for Trans World Airlines and American Airlines, retiring after 33 years in the industry. He worked for 4 more years as a Subcontract Manager, joining NetJets, Inc. in Columbus, Ohio before completely retiring and moving south. Mike resides with his wife, Ann, in Mt. Pleasant, SC, where they moved to be near their daughter, son-in-law and only grandchild. He is a founding member and the President of Palmetto Vocal Project, the newest chapter of the Carolinas District.

Board Member-At-Large – Charles "Charlie" Rose

I joined the Barbershop Harmony Society in 1970. With my wife, Elaine, and our children, Robby and Elizabeth, I have thoroughly enjoyed attending Dixie and Carolina Districts and International Conventions for the past 42 years. This wonderful hobby has allowed our family opportunities to travel all over the United States, Canada and Great Britain, to establish scores of lifelong friendships and many, many wonderful opportunities to quartet beyond my local chapter and District.

Chapter activities include: member of Rocky Mount and Research Triangle Park Chapters, held most chapter offices in Rocky Mount to include chorus director, member of 2006 Dixie District Chorus Champion – Rocky Mount, participated in many local chapter quartets – Rocky Mount and RTP, and hosted the Kingsmen Chorus from England (BABS Affiliate Chorus).



Dixie and Carolinas District activities include: Treasurer of Dixie District for 15 years, President of Dixie District (1991-1992), Board Member – Carolinas District,

Fund Raising Chairman – Carolinas District, Senior Quartet Champion – Dixie and Carolinas Districts (*Village Green*), Hall of Fame and BOTY – Dixie and Carolinas Districts, competed in many quartet and chorus contests over the 42 years in District Conventions.

International Society activities include: Treasurer instructor and COTS Treasurer Coordinator and Faculty Member for 30+ years and teaching in all 17 Districts, Society Board Member – Dixie District 6 years, Society and Harmony Foundation Finance Committees, Harmony Foundation Gold Club Contributor, International Chorus Competition Mic Testing Chorus – Indiana Harmony Brigade, Research Triangle Park and Rocky Mount Chapters, International Senior Quartet Champion competitor – Dixie and Carolinas (*Village Green*).

Society Subsidiaries: Confederate Harmony Brigade – Past Commanding General, North Carolina Harmony Brigade – Founder and Commanding General (21 years), The Association of eXtreme Quartetting Harmony Brigades, Inc – President, member/participant – Indiana, Mid-Atlantic, Great Lakes, High Sierra and New England Harmony Brigades.

My love for this wonderful hobby extends to the many quartets and dozens of friends that have allowed me to share the contest stage with them. My proudest moment on stage was in a Dixie District quartet contest singing with my dear friend, Bobby Wooldridge, and our two sons, Robby and Robbie, trying to hold back the tears and control our excitement for those special words in the Val Hicks’ song and arrangement of “*Singing Here With Dad*”. “*I must admit it’s a greater thrill than any prize I’ve ever won, to be right here before you now singing with my son*”.

Board Member-At-Large – Jim Cheesman

Jim Cheesman grew up in Lynn, Indiana and attended Purdue University. Singing in the Purdue Glee Club took priority over Civil Engineering and resulted in a 4 year stint in the U.S. Air Force as an Air Traffic Controller. In January 1959 he was employed by the Civil Aeronautics Administration/Federal Aviation Administration as an Air Traffic Controller at the Indianapolis Enroute Control Center. He worked there as a Controller, an Evaluation and Proficiency Development Specialist, and as an Air Traffic Control Consultant until November 2000.

Jim and Mary Jane were married in 1955 and currently live in Hilton Head, South Carolina.

A member of SPEBQSA in the early 1960's for several years, Jim joined the Hilton Head Lighthouse Chorus in 2006. He has served as President of the Speed Capitol Chorus in Indianapolis, Indiana and Secretary, as well as President, of the Hilton Head Chorus.

