## Jacksonville New River Harmony

Jacksonville, NC



Chartered: 7/25/01 <u>www.newriverharmony.com</u>

Number: Q091

Members (12/31/13): 13

Rehearsals: Monday, 6:30 PM at Trinity United Methodist Church, 301 Marine Blvd., Jacksonville, NC 28546



**New River Harmony 2012** 

Row 1: (L-R) Johnny Thompson, Mike Ellzey, Mitch Elston, Tony Riggs, Ed Williams, Ricky Gause, Merwin Marshburn. Row 2: Tim Carlson, Eddy Simmons, Lon Elliotte, David Voss, Sandy Sandridge, Dick Price, Bill Bennight.

**Activities/Accomplishments**. Finally starting to grow with four new members in 2013. Events that the chorus or a quartet sang: Marine Corps Birthday Ball for Spouses of Deployed Marines/Sailors, two Habitat for Humanity events - chorus and quartet, chorus sang at Festival of Trees for Hospice in Jacksonville, chorus sang at City of Jacksonville Tree Lighting, quartet sings monthly at area nursing homes.

**Chapter Quartets**: Crystal Clear Harmony

## **Johnny Thompson – Chorus Director**

New River Harmony's director is Johnny Thompson, a barbershopper of 14 years. Johnny began barbershop in high school and eventually became student director. Out of barbershop for several years while beginning a career, he ultimately found his way to New Bern's Southern Gentlemen. While with the Southern Gentlemen, he was with the Riverbank Quartet. When The Southern Gentlemen discovered he grew up with music, he was made assistant director and then director. When his job moved him to Jacksonville, North Carolina, he joined the New River Harmony, singing whatever part was most needed at the moment. Soon he became director where he is today.



## **Chapter Board – 2013**

President – Elton Sandridge Immediate Past President – John Thompson Secretary – Michael Ellzey Treasurer – Lon Elliotte VP PR/Fundraising – Ed Williams VP Membership/Development – Dick Price VP Music/Performance – William Bennight Members at Large – Merwin Marshburn, Tony Riggs

## **Musical Leadership**

Chorus Director – John Thompson Assistant Director – William Bennight Section Leaders – William Bennight, John Thompson, Michael Ellzey, Ed Williams



**New River Harmony** performing on their annual show, 50's Juke Box Review.

# Lexington County Main Street Harmonizers



Lexington, SC

Chartered: 8/5/04 <u>www.mainstreetharmonizers.com</u>

Number: Q096

Members (12/31/13): 22

Rehearsals: Monday, 7:00 PM at Lexington Baptist Church, 308 E. Main St., Lexington, SC 29072



Row 1: Tom Sanford, John Caizzi, Johnnie Nash, Wayne Burress, Keith Williams, Doug McMillan, James Hinson, Tony Counts. Row 2: Paul Jennings, Phil Lee, Cliff Brown, Aubrey Arrington, Keith Phemister,; Paul Gowder, Bob Wayson.

## **Activities/Accomplishments**.

Feb 14 – Singing Valentines – 30

April – South Carolina Governor, Nikki Haley proclaimed April 7 to 13, 2013 to be Barbershop Harmony Week in South Carolina (Thanks to Bob Wayson!)

Apr 22 – Sang at funeral service for MSH member Henry Calvin (Cal) Shadwell

May 18 - Red Bank Horse Arena, Lexington, SC

Jun 23 – Sang at MSH member Mike Weaver's Wedding

Jun – Generations of Irmo (Sr. Living) performance and Chapter afterglow

Sep 15 – 75th Anniversary Show, Lexington Baptist Church

Sep 28 – Pig Pickin' at Regie Price's House/Chapter Picnic

Nov - Sang at funeral service for MSH member Robert "Bob" Wayson

3 Christmas Performances in December, including Hopkins, SC Taste and Tour

**Barbershopper of the Year for 2013**: Keith Phemister

## **Barbershopper of the Quarter:**

1st Quarter: Mike Weaver 3rd Quarter: Gene Tinman 2nd Quarter: Bob Wayson 4th Quarter: Doug McMillan

Chapter Quartets: Laugh Out Loud, Front Page News (tenor moved out of state)

## **Chapter Board – 2013**

President – Keith Phemister
Immediate Past President – Johnny Nash
Secretary – Bob Wayson
Treasurer – Regie Price
VP Program – Frank Brazell
VP Marketing/PR – Clifford Brown
VP Membership/Development – Mike Weaver
VP Music/Performance – David Shoaff

## **Musical Leadership**

Chorus Director – Douglass McMillan
Assistant Directors – Tom Sanford (left in Sept),
Keith Phemister, Keith Williams
Section Leaders:
Tenor – Tom Sanford (left in September)
Lead – James Hinson, Keith Phemister
Bass – Keith Phemister
Baritone – Cliff Brown

## Celebrate Harmony!



A Salute to the **Barbershop Harmony Society's**75th Anniversary

Sunday, September 15, 2013, 6 PM Lexington Baptist Church

## Mount Pleasant Palmetto Vocal Project

Mount Pleasant, SC



Chartered: 6/22/2012 www.palmettovocalproject.com

Number: Q100 facebook.com/pages/Palmetto-Vocal-Project/193209717395137

Members (12/31/13) - 31

Rehearsals: Thursday, 7:00-10:00 pm, Franke at Seaside (Rodenberg Chapel), 1885 Rifle Range Road

Mt. Pleasant, SC



2014 International Chorus Representatives (Las Vegas)
2013 Carolina's District Plateau AA Champions
Derek Street, Director

Row 1 (L-R): Lewis Law, Phil Wilcox, Derek Street, Shawn Whisenant, Chris Holtzendorff. Row 2: Brian Larkin, David Box, Adam Boukal, Brian McGee, Greg Burlos, Gregg Flowers. Row 3: Brantly Cox, Herb Klinker, Mike Mancuso, Tom Nawrocki, Clayton Echan, Michael Stehlik, Bill Andrusic. Row 4: Jeff Woraratanadharm, Richard Harris, Kevin Gillett, Steve Cowart, Bobby Veitch, Brent Flowers, Wayne Hagenbuch, Bill Conway.

Activities/Accomplishments: Singing Valentines with Charleston Barbershop Chorus. Performances: ArtFest (March), 2013 Spring Bridal Show sponsored by *Charleston Weddings Magazine* (March 2013), PVP Spring Show at School of the Arts (April), Carolinas District Convention (April), Hendrick Automotive Group (June), BHS International Convention in Toronto, Canada (July), National Anthem - Rugby World Cup Qualifier - USA vs. Canada (August 2013), Carolinas District Convention (October),



## **Barbershopper of the Year for 2013**: Richard Harris

## **Derek Street, Director**

Music has been a significant part of Derek Street's life since early childhood. He began studying piano at age five and singing in school and church choirs during middle school. Derek graduated from Western Carolina University in 2001 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Music Education (Voice and Conducting).

Derek began his teaching career in the Carolinas at the middle/high school level. Under his direction, Derek's middle school choir won the South Carolina State choral competition for three consecutive years. His high school choir earned the state championship six years in a row. Derek teaches summer art programs for the musically gifted (the "ST-ARTS" and "SMAART" programs). He also serves as a choral clinician for all-county choirs in South Carolina.

Derek is the former director of the Carolina Chordsmen (Rock Hill, SC Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society), as well as singing lead for quartets Hemisphere and Keynote (2013 NSC District Silver Medalists). He relocated to Mt. Pleasant, SC where he recently married his wife, Nikki. Derek teaches music at Pepperhill Elementary in North Charleston.

## Robert Rund, Director

Robert Rund grew up in Saint Louis, Missouri, playing ragtime piano and singing in barbershop quartets since the age of seven. He began composing and arranging music in his teens. Today, he has an eclectic taste of music and art that spans many styles and genres, but continues to be drawn to vocal and a capella music, particularly in the barbershop style.

In the barbershop world, Rund has written over 30 arrangements, many of which have been performed and recorded by international champion quartets and medalist choruses. Many of these arrangements were spawned by his own quartet singing in the early 1990s with Doubletake, who became Barbershop Harmony Society's 1993 Mid-Atlantic District Champion in their first district competition and represented this district twice at the International Competition.

Since that time, internationally recognized quartets and choruses have performed and recorded Rund's arrangements. The list includes international champion quartets Keepsake (1992), Platinum (2002), and Gotcha! (2004), and Storm Front (2010), and medalist choruses Sound of the Rockies (Denver, CO) and West Towns Chorus (Lombard, IL).

In addition, Rund has composed vocal music outside the barbershop style including SATB choral works written for and dedicated to the New Jersey Association of Independent School's All-State Chorus and premiered at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC).

Robert Rund leads independent consulting firm, R2C2. He recently served as the President and Head of School of the American Boychoir School in Princeton, New Jersey. Mr. Rund earned a Bachelor of Music degree in Music Education from Westminster Choir College of Rider University, and a Master of Arts in Arts Administration from Goucher College.

## Chapter Board - 2013

President – Mikey Mancuso

Secretary – Brian McGee

Treasurer – Richard Harris

VP Marketing/PR - Phil Wilcox

VP Membership/Development – Brantley Cox

VP Music/Performance – Tom Nawrocki

VP Program – Shawn Whisenant Members at Large – Bill Conway, Michael Weiss

## **Musical Leadership**

Directors – Derek Street, Robert Rund









PVP performing on the International stage in Toronto (above) and at Art Fest (left).

## New Bern The Southern Gentlemen

New Bern, NC

Chartered 1/2/92 <u>www.newbernbarbershop.com</u>

Number: Q022

Members (12/31/13) - 34

Rehearsals: Tuesday, 7:00 PM at Cornerstone Church, 2304 US 70 Hwy East (James City), New Bern, NC

28560



Fall 2013 Contest - Bette Oglesby & Russ Erwin, Directors

Row 1: Don Knight, BJ Oglesby (Director), Ron Hykes, Jim Wilson.

Row 2: Al Brylowe, Dennis Evans, Bill Morris, Brian Giersch, Bob Reitz.

Row 3: Kenny Taylor, Van Stephenson, Ken Davis, Hank Hudak, Mike Doheny.

Row 4: Dick Berkshire, Russ Erwin (Assistant Director).

**Activities/Accomplishments.** We held our annual show on April 27th. New for us, we used a scrim and projected appropriate images for each song as we sang from the back of the stage. It was relatively easy and well received. We sang regular shows each month for three Assisted Living Homes. Other performances included: The Mum Fest for the city of New Bern and a free 1.5 hour show for the Fairfield Harbour community. Did not do as well as we hoped at the District Chorus Contest held at the Fall Convention in Myrtle Beach, SC but it is always a rewarding experience.

**Director**. Meet our Director, Bette Jo Oglesby. Bette Jo, our Director, (who goes by "B.J.") is a highly skilled musician who has brought "new life" to our chorus. She recently completed the Barbershop Harmony Society's Director's College, where she was placed among the most accomplished directors enrolled. B.J. quickly embraced the 'barbershop style' and is an enthusiast of our craft. She is both an outstanding director and gifted voice teacher. The Chorus feels very fortunate to have her as our Director. Bette Jo is a graduate of East Carolina University of Music in Music



Education. A past president of the Choral Section of the NC Music Educators Association, B.J. teaches choral music at New Bern High School and is Organist at First Baptist Church. Further studies include organ performances with Duke University Chapel organist David Arcus. B.J. is co-director of the Craven Messiah Chorus and has performed in the orchestra as harpsichordist throughout the twenty-five year history of the New Bern Messiah. She also served as Director of Music and Organist for Centenary United Methodist Church from 1980 to 1987.

Chapter Quartets: Chapter Two

## **Chapter Board – 2013**

President – Al Brylowe Immediate Past President – Michael Doheny Secretary – Henry Hudak Treasurer – Bob Reitz VP Public Relations – Bob Reitz VP Membership/Development – Brian Giersch VP Music/Performance – Kenneth Davis VP Youth In Harmony – Donald Knight Members at Large – Jim McMordie, Stephen Robb,

## **Musical Leadership**

Chorus Director – Bette Oglesby Assistant Chorus Director – Russell Erwin

James Wilson, Van Stephenson



# Pinehurst The Golf Capital Chorus Pinehurst, NC



www.thegolfcapitalchorus.org

Chartered 8/17/81

Members (12/31/13) - 42

Number: Q015

Rehearsals: Monday, 7 PM at Community Presbyterian Church, 125 Everett Rd., Pinehurst NC 28374



Fall 2013 Contest - Robert Cox, Director

Row 1 (L to R): Preston Smith, Dave Millson, Lee Grant, Ron Sickenberger, Vern Pherson, Bob Tweed, John Arnold, Jerry Ritter. Row 2: Neil MacDonald, Juan Russ, Bob Tilton, Bob Young, John McCauley, Don Koeze, Bill Price, Ron Sutton, Robert Cox. Row 3: Dave Conklin, Bill Noggle, Alan Langley, Fran Horton, Dick Curl, Randy Burnett, Fred Wolferman, Randy Barefoot, Larry Harter.

Activities/Accomplishments. Known throughout the Sandhills area as The Golf Capital Chorus, the Pinehurst Chapter of The Barbershop Harmony Society enjoyed the most successful year in its 33 year history in 2013. The year began with our annual Installation Banquet on Saturday evening January sixth. We were honored to have Carolinas District president Denny Evans conduct the installation ceremony. Retiring chapter president, Fred Wolferman, presented the President's award to Larry Harter. The 2012 B.O.T.Y. award was presented to Vern Pherson by immediate past recipient Ron Sickenberger.

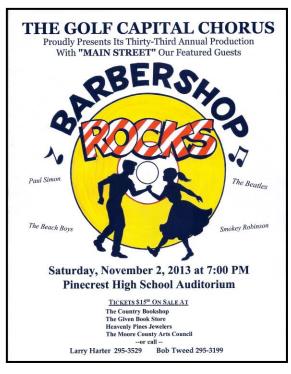
As the page on the calendar changed, chapter quartets delivered over 70 Singing Valentines to both male and female surprised, teary eyed recipients. However our most rewarding songs, flowers, candy and cards were delivered to the families of deployed service members in and around Fort Bragg.



In April the chapter undertook the challenge of hosting the Carolinas District's spring convention. Most of our members were rookies as we began to plan this event. Thanks to the experiences of Bob (Squeak) Tilton and Bob Tweed, who between them have over 100 years of barbershopping experience, as well as much help and advice from other district chapters an enjoyable and rewarding time was enjoyed by all those in attendance. At the conclusion of the convention District President Evans made a President's Award presentation to Bob Tilton who is a member of our chorus and served as the District's first president. He also announced that our director, Robert Cox, had been chosen as the District's B.O.T.Y.

Throughout the year, once each month, members from the chorus traveled to area nursing homes and assisted living facilities to sing for the residents.

In late October members of the Chorus journeyed to Myrtle Beach for the District's annual fall convention. They sang in competition and were pleased that for the first time in our history we achieved a score over 700. As time grew short, we spent our Monday night rehearsals refining notes, gestures and interpretations for our most adventurous ever annual show: "Barbershop Rocks." When I'm 64, Under the Board Walk, Bridge Over Troubled Water and Help Me Rhonda were just a few of the songs we sang in the show which was presented on Saturday evening, November 2nd. The show also featured our special guest quartet, Main Street. The show proved to be an outstanding success on several levels. First, we sold over \$ 26,900.00 worth of advertisements for the show program. We also sold over 1,300 tickets to the Those numbers enabled us to achieve a third record by donating over \$28,000 to local area charities.



Chorus Director – Robert Cox. We were excited in January 2012 when Robert Cox agreed to become our chorus director. As a student, (several years ago) at East Carolina University, he gave up an earlier love of the tenor saxophone to pursue a new found passion...singing. He says: "I joined every singing group possible, the Concert Choir, the Madrigal Singers and the Opera Theater group." He has brought to our group his highly regarded skills in show presentation, music theory and vocal production. In addition to his work with our chorus he continues to direct the barbershop chorus in Winston Salem as well as a gospel group "Masters Men" in Raleigh. Finally, he also serves as a vocal coach for several top flight barbershop quartets.

Quartets: Links, Sandbaggers, On the Tee, Down the Middle, Out of Bounds, Four Under Par

Chapter Awards: President's Award – Bob Nielsen; Barbershopper of the Year – Larry Harter

## Chapter Board – 2013

President – Jerry Ritter
Immediate Past President – Fred Wolferman
Secretary – Bob Young
Treasurer – Bob Tweed
Executive VP – Bob Young
VP Marketing/PR – Ron Sutton
VP PR/Fundraising – Vern Pherson
VP Membership/Development – John Arnold

VP Music/Performance – Ron Sickenberger VP Events – Alan Langley Members at large – Bill Noggle, Steve Heupper

### **Musical Leadership**

Chorus Director – Robert Cox Assistant Director – Dave Millson



Top (L-R): Links, Sandbaggers, On The Tee. Bottom: Down The Middle, Out Of Bounds, Four Under Par.

## Raleigh Sir Walter Chorus Raleigh, NC



Chartered 12/11/61 Number: Q065

Members (12/31/13) - 11

Rehearsals: 7:30 Tuesdays in the choir room at St Mark's United Methodist Church, 4801 Six Forks Rd.,

Raleigh, NC 27609



(L-R) Ron Knight, Al Ward, Larry Griffin, Dan Uyesato, R. C. Fields, Tom Loy, and Ed Nadeau.

**Activities/Accomplishments:** We added six dual members from the RTP Chapter in 2013 for a total of eleven members. We still have experienced singers for each part. Our chapter is small with about six or seven members practicing most Tuesday nights at St Mark's UMC and those members are at our sing-outs. Most of our sing-outs are in retirement homes and we strive for two sing-outs a month—and mostly do, thanks to Tom Loy our events person.

## Chapter Board - 2013

President – Al Ward
Secretary – Larry Griffin
Treasurer – Tom Loy
VP Membership/Development – Ron Knight
VP Music/Performance – Ron Knight
Chapter Contact – Tom Loy
Sergeant at Arms – Ed Nadeau

## **Musical Leadership**

Chorus Director – Ron Knight Ass't Director – Ed Nadeau



Raleigh Chapter Chorus in 1968 at Memorial Auditorium, Director Paul Conway--Dixie District Chorus Champion in 1966 [or 1967 according to Dixie District records] and 1975.

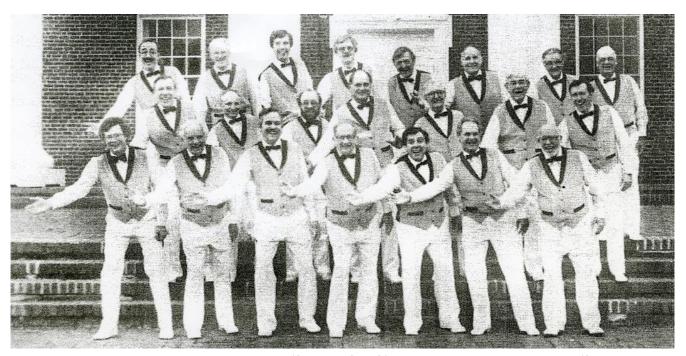
The Raleigh Chapter, Sir Walter Chorus, performed many shows at Memorial Auditorium in the 1960s, 70s, 80s and in 1990 and International Champions performed at these shows--the Buffalo Bills, the Confederates, the Oriole Four, the Hallmarks, and others. In 1969 the Kappatones, the Quartet Dixie District Champion (from the Sir Walter Chorus), performed at Durham High School Auditorium singing "Favorite Broadway hits from 1890s to 1969..."

In 1975 some members of the Raleigh Chorus left and formed the Research Triangle Park Chapter. The bari of the Kappatones, Rudy Partin of the Raleigh Chapter, became the Director of the newly formed RTP Chapter chorus--the General Assembly.



Sir Walter Chorus in the mid-1980s after a uniform change at a Dixie District Convention competition, Director was still Paul Conway.

Those who sung with the Sir Walter Chorus during and after the mid-1980s remember wearing the striking orange uniform at Dixie District Convention competitions. Paul Conway was director of Sir Walter from 1962-84. After that Royal Hayward directed from 1985-88, Jon Wenger from 1989-92, and Ralph Delano from 1992-93.



The Sir Walter Chorus in 1990, Director Jon Wenger (front row far left). Still singing with chorus, Tom Loy (front row 6th from left). And Don Truesdell (back row 5th from left), who recently passed away. We miss his presence at practices.

In 1993 Ron Knight was recruited from the Chapel Hill Chapter to direct the Sir Walter Chorus of about 25 members. Ron participated in music growing up as the son of a Baptist Minister in Weldon, NC--playing the piano and singing in the Choir. He sang in the Yale Glee Club and other musical groups while at Yale. He has attended the Society's Director College and other director workshops. (RTP Dir. Bill Rashleigh was one of his conducting instructors at Director College.) Ron was a member of the General Assembly Chorus during their run of Dixie District Championships and being the Dixie representative at International Convention competitions in the 1980s--5th bronze medal in 1986. Lately at sing-outs, we sing in a VLQ style with Ron giving direction as needed. He is our M. C. at these sing-outs.

## Research Triangle Park The General Assembly

Raleigh, NC



www.GeneralAssemblyChorus.org

Chartered 8/21/75 Number: Q073

Members (12/31/13) - 76

Rehearsals: Monday, 7:30 PM at Glenaire Retirement Community 4000 Glenaire Circle., Cary, NC 27511



## 2013 District Chorus Champion – Bill Rashleigh, Director

Row 1: John Adams, John Frederick, Dale Ehrisman, Bill Pope, Bob Stewart, Paul Martin, Bill Rashleigh.

Row 2: Chuck Rich, Russ Johnston, Al Ward, Warren Fuson, Steve Tremper, RC Fields, Ed Walch, Vern Pike.

Row 3: Dave Williams, Andre Lesperance, Bill McFadden, John Freeman, Mike Muha, Kevin West, Doug Bashioum, Dick Dee.

Row 4: Tom West, John Zweighaft, Kenny Bland, Kazuo Okochi, Mike Myers, Bill Richardson, Mickey Go, Tim Sweet.

**Chapter Quartets**: Let's Sing!, Tucker Street, Doppler Effect, Harmony Grits, Never Home 4, Chord on Blue, You Kids Get Off My Lawn, Southern Piners, Synchronize, The Hardly Boys, The Skinny

Chapter Awards: Barbershopper of the Year - John Zweighaft

## **Chapter Board – 2013**

President - Paul Martin

Immediate Past President – Warren Fuson

Secretary - Al Ward

Treasurer – Michael Myers

VP Marketing/PR – Fred Stevie

VP Membership/Development – Bill Pope

VP Music/Performance – Russ Johnston

VP Events – Andre Lesperance

VP Youth In Harmony – Bob Stewart

Member at Large – Steve Tarantino

### **Musical Leadership**

Chorus Director — Bill Rashleigh Associate Directors — Larry Triplett Section Leaders — Steve Tremper, Kenneth Bland, Michael Muha, Jason Patrick

## Rocky Mount The Rocky Mount Chorus

Rocky Mount, NC

Chartered 1/6/89 Number: Q080

Members (12/31/13) - 4

Rehearsals: Monday, 7:00 PM at Englewood United Methodist Church, 300 South Circle Dr., Rocky Mount, NC

27804



The Rocky Mount Chorus in 1989

The Rocky Mount Chorus (Down East Harmonizers) rechartered in 1988-1989 and competed at Dixie District Conventions until about 1995 or so when older members starting dying and several younger members moved and we became a smaller chorus and struggled to have all parts at rehearsals. The Rocky Mount Chorus continued for a few years singing around town as a Very Large Quartet (VLQ) and had fun several years doing this but our attendance at District Conventions was not to be any more. Several of the original chorus sang with the Rocky Mount Big Chorus that won the 2006 Dixie District Chorus contest and that was a special treat for everyone involved.



The Rocky Mount Chorus – 2006 Dixie District Champion

## Savannah 13<sup>th</sup> Colony Sound

Savannah, GA



Chartered: 9/5/70 <a href="https://www.savannahbarbershoppers.org">www.savannahbarbershoppers.org</a>
Number: Q008

Members (12/31/13): 34

www.facebook.com/pages/13th-Colony-Sound/316523054134

twitter.com/#!/13thColonySound

Rehearsals: Monday 7:00 PM, Thunderbolt Lodge, 3111 Rowland Avenue, Thunderbolt, GA 31404



Fall 2013 Contest - Jeremy Conover, Director

Front row: Duke Andrus, Spence Howell, Mike McLearn, Art Marble, Bob Kearns. Back row: Bill Friend, George Gratton, Jeremy Conover, Nathan Daniel, John Bennett.

**Activities/Accomplishments**. It was a very busy year for the 13<sup>th</sup> Colony Sound chorus and quartets.

- Jan Savannah Storm performs at Int. Youth Festival in Orlando; Fifth Monday White Elephant Sale, social event with wives.
- Feb Singing Valentine Program provided 80 Sing Outs by 3 quartets, sing out at Savannah Cottage Nursing Facility (Qtet).
- Mar Performance for Savannah Friends of Music (Qtet).
- Apr Attended Carolinas District Convention in Pinehurst, NC; Celebration of BHS 75<sup>th</sup> on roof of Savannah Hyatt Hotel; performances for residents of Riverview Nursing Home and in <u>The Music Man</u> at Benedictine Academy (Qtet).
- May Performance of Cabaret Show at St Paul's Church Hall; Performance for residents of Springfield Nursing Home; Initial monthly Harmony Luncheon of area Barbershop Chapters.
- Jun Two Savannah Storm singers perform in individual recitals; performances at Memorial Service of Member Dan Gillespie of Star Spangled Banner at Sand Gnats baseball game; Youth Festival Day at Savannah Arts Academy.

- Jul Performance of Star Spangled Banner/God Bless America Savannah Sand Gnats Southern League Championship Game (victorious).
- Aug Performances: Auxiliary of St Joseph Hospital (Qtet) and for Church Seniors Luncheon in Effingham (Qtet).
- Sep Annual Chapter Show (<u>The Sundae Singers</u>) at Savannah Arts Academy; Performances at De Soto Hotel for 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary, Spanish Oaks Nursing Home (Qtet), Church Dinner at St James Church (Qtet), and Reunion of Army Special Forces Group (Qtet).
- Oct Participated at area Barbershop Chorus Picnic in Bluffton, SC; performances at Association for the Blind Annual Gala (Qtet), USS Enoree reunion families with Moon River Chorus.
- Nov Performances: of Cabaret Show at St Paul's Church Hall, Veterans' Day at Spanish Oaks Nursing Home (Qtet), Church Seniors Luncheon in Richmond Hill (Qtet).
- Dec Performances: Christmas Music for Savannah Genealogy Assn (Qtet), Knights of Columbus crèche blessing ceremony (Qtet), Cathedral of Saint John The Baptist, Christmas Music on River Street (Qtet), Savannah Shriners Christmas Party, Savannah's Jepson Center for the Arts, Habitat for Humanities Silent Auction winner (Qtet), Christmas Music for Landings Rotary club (Qtet), residents of 4 local nursing homes on one day, Christmas Music for patients of Candler Hospital, Christmas Music for patients of JC Lewis Cancer Center, Savannah Area Military Officers Association, Christmas Service of Whitefield United Methodist Church; Chapter Salvation Army Kettle Duty at Oglethorpe Mall, Annual Meeting and Christmas Party at Savannah Yacht Club, Barberbowl Cat Luncheon to analyze 2013-14 college bowl games.





**Director**. Jeremy Conover began his barbershop career in 1997 as a member and co-director of the 2002-2004 CAR International Chorus Representatives, *The Banks of the Wabash Chorus* from Terre Haute, IN. Jeremy has appears in the International Chorus competition as a member of *The Kentucky Vocal Union* (2008-2010), for which he is also vocal coach. As a quartet singer, Jeremy has three collegiate International Appearances, International Appearances with *The Arrangement* (2007) and **The Pursuit** (2010-2012), and is lead of the Carolinas District 2012 Quartet Champion, *1/2 Ton Pickup*. A sought after quartet and chorus coach, Jeremy has worked with male and female groups at all levels from all over the country and Canada and is proud to serve the Barbershop Harmony Society as a singing judge. Jeremy moved to Savannah in 2007 and become Music Director of the Thirteenth Colony Sound in January 2008. In January 2009, Jeremy Launched Savannah Storm Chorus, which has performed in the 2010 and 2011 International Youth Festivals at the BHS Mid-Winter Conventions,

winning Plateau A Championship Trophy in its first year of competition. In his "real" life Jeremy is a Regional Sales Director of CoolMore Fluid Systems, residing in Pooler with wife Jen, daughter Riley, and son Brendan.

**Chapter Quartets**: ½ Ton Pickup, Vintage Four, Fully Invested, Four-Tune Hunters, Four Closure, Four Knights Standing, Natty NaBOBs,



Savannah Storm – Jeremy Conover, Director

### Chapter Board - 2013

President – Duke Andrus
Immediate Past President –
George Graffton
Secretary – William Weaver
Treasurer – Spence Howell
VP Marketing/PR – Nathan Daniel
VP Membership Development –
John Bennett
VP Music/Performance – Robert Kearns
VP Operations – Art Marble
Members at Large – Joe Ryan,
Richard Towns

## Musical Leadership

Chorus Director – Jeremy Conover

## **75th SPEBSQSA Anniversary Celebra8on Atop Savannah Hotel** By Bob Kearns

April 11 was a windy night, but that only filled the sails of 13th Colony Sound Chapter Members atop the Hyatt Regency Hotel, replicating the very first rooftop meeting of a now 75 year old Society.

The first ever SPEBSQSA mee8ng was on a roof terrace of the Tulsa Club on April 11, 1938. Extracts of O.C. Cash's original invita8on, deploring the trend toward loss of individual liber8es, were read to an excited group of Savannah barbershop singers. Chapter Members sang the first ever barbershop tune, Down Mobile, and a number of Polecat tunes. Quartet performances were provided by Fully Invested, Vintage Four, and Four Closure. In honor of our recently deceased member Dan Gillespie, the Chorus sang his favorite tune, My Wild Irish Rose.

The Chapter was honored to have Jim Cheeseman, Carolinas District Vice President, partcipate in the ceremony by presenting a 75th Anniversary Proclamation from the Mayor of Savannah. Tony Center presented a 75th Anniversary Proclamation to the Chapter from the Chatham County Board of Commissioners.

An article describing the event appeared in the April 11 edition of The Savannah Morning News. Radio staton WTKS reported on the event while TV crews from WJCL and WTOC filmed the rooftop event and reported our story on their 11 PM news broadcasts. All attending the celebration were visibly proud of their affiliation with the Society, and a good number of Members carried on the celebration with an Afterglow at nearby Billy's Place. A Committee has been formed to plan the 100th Anniversary celebration of SPEBSQSA, possibly atop the Talmadge Bridge.

# Seneca The Golden Corner Chorus

Seneca, SC

Chartered 1/13/97 Number: Q083

Members (12/31/13) - 17

Rehearsals: Tuesday, 7:00 PM at Senior Solutions Center, 101 Perry Ave., Seneca, SC



www.goldencornerchorus.org facebook.com/groups/GoldenCornerChorus



Row 1 (L-R): Dean Manning, Bob Ely, Steve Cothran (director), Jamie Preston (president), Irv Winik, Eliot Smith, Jack Eckenrode, John Schlueter. Row 2: Ron Naradowski, Mike Cammick, Joe Simmons, Jim Preston, Art Yenawine, Jay Bobo, Jerry Slavik, Dale Gobel.

**Activities/Accomplishments:** The following is a summary of the activities and other highlights of our Chorus' year of 2013.

The chorus participated in nine free performances during the year. They were: Daniel High School in Central (two performances); Spider Farm Charity Festival; Opening ceremonies of the Girl's Softball League in Walhalla; Opening ceremonies of the Boy's Dixie League Baseball in Central; Belvedere Commons Assisted Living in Seneca; Walhalla High School (two performances); Lila Doyle Rehabilitation Center in Seneca.

At the beginning of the year, we had three Barbershop Quartets: The Four D's; The Crows and the Turn of the Century. The latter group disbanded early in the year as two of its members moved away from the area. The remaining two quartets sang at all of the activities listed above and also provided singing valentines. A total of 30 singing valentines were performed in 2013.

In October, the chorus and quartets performed in the show, "Magic and Music Too". The format was alternating songs by the chorus and quartets and performances by individual magicians from the southeast. It was the second time we performed with the magicians. This was a fund raising performance. Included in the chorus' performance was an original song, "Magic is Music", with words and music by Eliot Smith and arrangement by Dean Manning, both chorus members. Attached is the artwork for the show and a photo of the chorus performing in the show.

We began the year with 18 members but lost three due to their moving out of the area. We have had a continuing campaign to recruit new members but were not successful in 2013.

**Chapter Awards:** Barbershopper of the Year – Jamie Preston

**Director:** Following our October show, our director, Steve Cothran was released. Steve had a strong background in public school band and other music programs but did not adjust to the special needs of being a barbershop director. Dotty Russell, an associate member of the chorus, was reinstated as director.

**Chapter Quartets:** Turn of the Century, Crow-matix, Four D's

## Chapter Board – 2013

President – Jamie Preston
Secretary – Joe Simmons
Treasurer – Jerry Slavik
VP Marketing/PR – Jay Bobo
VP Membership/Development – Jay Bobo
VP Music/Performance – Bob Ely
Members at Large – Jimi Preston, Wayne Hickam,
Eliot Smith

## **Musical Leadership**

Directors – Steve Cothran (Jan-Oct)
Dotty Russell (Nov-Dec)
Assistant Directors – Dean Manning,
Art Yenawine













(Above left)

## **Turn of the Century**

Dean Manning (Br), Irv Winik (Bs), Bob Ely (L), Jay Bobo (T)

(Above)

## **Crow-Matix**

Jack Eckenrode, John Schlueter, Jamie Preston, Joe Simmons

(Left)

## The Four D's

Dan Coleman, Dean Manning, Dotty Russell, Dale Gobel

## **Spartanburg** *The Palmetto Statesmen*Greer, SC



Chartered 10/5/65 <u>www.palmettostatesmen.org</u>
Number: Q056 <u>www.facebook.com/PalmettoStatesmen</u>

Members (12/31/13) - 51

Rehearsals: Monday, 7 PM at Duncan United Methodist Church, Main Street, Duncan, SC



Fall 2013 Contest - Dan Seaman, Director

Row 1: (L-R) Roy Bishop, David Lybrand, John Connors, John Ryan, Gerry Rhoads, Tom Sumerel, Director Dan Seaman.

Row 2: Dave Boyd, Matt Phillips, Jim Fannin, Christopher Hale, David Satterwhite.

Row 3: Richard Carey, Wally Stewart, Rusty Kirkpatrick, Frank Griffin, Wilford McAbee, Martin Hill.

Row 4: Steve Banks, D.J.Seaman, Tom Angster, Ken Maes, Steve Pace, Robert Lee.

Activities/Accomplishments. Barbershop fun was evident every week in the Palmetto Statesmen Chorus. Hard work was typical and good fellowship abounded. Our Valentine tradition was indeed alive as we sold 99 (versus 98 in 2012) Our competition results were rewarding as new director Dan Seaman led us to be named Most Improved Chorus in Myrtle Beach. We moved our meeting place from Greer to Duncan UMC in Duncan, SC. The motto of the City of Duncan is "Growth through Harmony". Is that not appropriate?

Quartetting is a strong point with five active quartets composed of Chapter members. The Chord Street Boys, Collage, Not4Sale, One Accord and Partners in Rhyme bring energy to the Chorus and make separate appearances. Collage, One Accord and Partners In Rhyme have competed in the NSC.

Membership was somewhat stable in the period averaging in the low 50s. Retirements were due chiefly to medical issues and secondly to career and work changes. New members came primarily as a result of individual invitation.

Chapter Quartets: Collage, One Accord, Partners in Rhyme, The Chord Street Boys

**Chapter Awards**: Barbershopper of the Year: Gerry Rhoads

## **Chapter Board – 2013**

President – Dave Boyd

Immediate Past President – Jim Fannin

Secretary – Morgan Wynne

Treasurer – Gerald Rhoads

Assistant Treasurer – Steve Pace

VP Marketing/PR – Richard Carey

VP Membership/Development – Tom Sumerel

VP Program – John Connors

VP Music/Performance – Seth Phillips (Jan-Jun)

Tom Angster (Jul-Dec)

Youth In Harmony Coordinator – Roy Bishop, Jr.

## **Musical Leadership**

Chorus Director – Dan Seaman Assistant Director – Tom Angster



## Wilmington Cape Fear Chordsmen Wilmington, NC



www.capefearchordsmen.com

Chartered 4/30/88 Number: Q040

Members (12/31/13) - 58

Rehearsals: Tuesday, 7:00 PM at Winter Park Baptist Church, 4700 Wrightsville Ave., Wilmington, NC 28403



### Fall 2013 Contest - Don Smith, Director

Row 1: (L-R) Mike Prokop, David McQueeny, Roy Holzwarth, Don Smith, Bob Lucas, Larry Reinhart, Jim Benson.

Row 2: Richard Millard, Guy Willets, Jim Boyd, Tom Martyn, Dick Geiger, Bill Clegg, Bob Clark.

Row 3: Kirk Benning, Don Dobson, John Denison, Larry Hunt, Joe Loughlin, Bryson Ley, Arnold Cosby, Don Schmitt.

Row 4: John Alden, Nick Masi, Roger Hawkins, Thomas Garner, Lou Leiner Ed Evans.

## **Activities/Accomplishments.**

We have an annual show in the spring and a Holiday show at Christmas. The chapter chorus does many singouts for assisted living facilities in and around Wilmington and also a hand full of paid events during the year. We also have been doing a very successful annual "Pla-Tune" event which strives to mimic on a local level what "Brigade" does on district and national levels.

Chapter Quartets: BlackJack, Beach Music, Station One, Shrimp 'n Grits

**Chapter Awards**: Barbershopper of the Year – Joe Loughlin

**Directors: Larry Reinhart** joined the Barbershop Harmony Society in 1985 and has been a member of the Wilmington Chapter for ten years. Larry became the Musical Director of the Cape Fear

Chordsmen in 2006. He has competed several times on the international Contest stage as a "quartetter" and chorus member. He currently sings with BLacKJack – 2011 4<sup>th</sup> Place International Senior Quartet Medalists.

Active as a church musician most of his life, Larry has performed as a soloist and ensemble member in numerous productions of musical theatre, opera, and classical choral groups in NC and Ohio. Larry had the opportunity to "spread his conducting wings" over the last couple years by leading spring concerts of the 120-voice "Sea Notes Choral Society" of Brunswick, Co.

Due in large part to the support of the Chordsman, Larry has been a frequent summer music student at "Harmony University" in St. Joseph, Missouri, where he has completed numerous courses in composition, vocal performance, and choral directing techniques. Larry completed category school this past summer to recertify for his second 3-year term as a presentation judge in the Barbershop Harmony Society.

Larry lives in Holden Beach with his lovely wife, Becky. They have two children and two grandchildren.

**Don Smith** began his 40 year barbershopping hobby in Columbus Ohio when he was invited by a fellow church choir member to attend a meeting of the Grove City Chapter's Heart of Ohio Chorus. Bitten by the bug, he spent the next three decades singing with three different central Ohio chapters, and had the opportunity to serve as Assistant and/or Associate Director to many talented gentlemen. Eight of these mentors were named Johnny Appleseed District Director/Coach/Barbershopper of the Year. In addition to the Heart of Ohio Chorus, he was also active with the Singing Buckeyes (multiple trips to the International Convention and contest), and finally the Alliance of Greater Central Ohio (five more trips to the big dance, including two top five medals as a chorus member).

After retiring from a career with Ohio government, Don retired in 2011 to the warmth of coastal North Carolina. He soon found the Wilmington Chapter's Cape Fear Chordsmen, and was quickly involved as baritone section leader, then Associate Director. In July of 2013, following eight year's service as Musical Director, Larry Reinhart's new job opportunity led him to step aside. After a mere 35 year apprenticeship, Don stepped into his first front line director position.



The Chapter presented (above) Larry Reinhart a plaque (right) honoring his eight years as Chorus Director.



## **Chapter Board – 2013**

President – Larry Hunt Immediate Past President – David McQueeny Secretary – Jim Boyd Treasurer – VP Marketing/PR – Jim Bader VP Membership/Development – Charlie Prickett VP Music/Performance – Kirk Binning VP Program – Joe Loughlin Members at Large –Roger Hawkins, Bob Lucas,

## **Musical Leadership**

Don Smith

Chorus Director – Don Smith Assistant Director – Thomas Martyn Section Leaders – Kirk Binning, Tom Martyn, Don Smith, Bryson Ley

## The Cape Fear Holiday Men's Chorus

Proudly presents the 18th Annual Christmas Show of

## Traditional Christmas Carols And other Holiday Music

A Benefit Performance for:

New Hanover County High School Choral Program



Friday, December 13, 2013 at 7:30 pm Roland Grise Middle School 4412 Lake Avenue, Wilmington



Tickets\*: \$5.00 for Adults, \$2.00 for Children under 12

\*Available from Don Schmitt at 799-5850, from any Cape Fear Chordsmen. www.capefearchordsmen.com using PayPal, or at the door.

## Winston-Salem Triad Harmony Express

Winston-Salem, NC



www.TriadHarmonyExpress.com

Chartered 1/18/49 Number: Q032

Members (12/31/13) - 42

Rehearsals: Tuesday, 7:30 PM at Fries Memorial Moravian Church, Winston-Salem, NC 27104



### Fall 2013 Contest - Robert Cox, Director

Row 1: Mike Stehlik, David Doub, Don Lippencott, Joe Doub, Jim King.

Row 2: Ray Gatland, Fred Conrad, Roger Meisenbach, Jon Vickers, Glenn Ogden.

Row 3: Joe Mountjoy, Andy Crutchfield, Taylor Sutherland, Robert Cox, Ernie Geiger, Chuck Miller.

Row 4: Dick Franklin, Bob Keys, Rob Alexander, Mark Thompson, Greg Tuttle, Ted Leinbach, Roland Moy.

**Activities/Accomplishments**. 2013 was a busy year for Triad Harmony Express (THE). In addition to 43 regular Chapter meetings, THE had 21 public performances. THE placed third in the 2013 Fall Chorus Competition, one of its quartets, Harmony Grits, won the 2013 District Seniors Quartet trophy and You Kids Get Off Of My Lawn! placed 14<sup>th</sup> in the 2013 International Seniors Contest.

**Chapter Quartets**: Let's Sing!, Easy Livin', Bar None, Harmony Grits, Village Green, Sound Counsel, You Kids Get Off My Lawn!

**Chapter Awards**: Barbershopper(s) of the Year – Bob Keys and Mark Thompson

Most Faithful Members (those making the most number of Chapter meetings and performances – Robert Cox, Roger Meisenbach and Mark Thompson

## **Chapter Board – 2013**

President – Richard Franklin

Immediate Past President – Ted Leinbach

Secretary – Roger Meisenbach

Treasurer – Rob Alexander

VP Communications – Jon Vickers

VP Marketing/PR – Jon Vickers

VP Membership/Development - Ray Gatland

VP Music/Performance – Joe Doub

VP Program – Ernie Geiger

Members at Large – Jeff Fowler, Mark Thompson,

Bob Keys, Gordon Lankenau

## **Musical Leadership**

Chorus Director – Robert Cox Assistant Directors – Joe Doub, Gordon Lankenau, Ted Leinbach