



# the north shore harmony rag



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(Guests are welcome!)

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Going to fall convention in Peoria, Sept. 27-29? We hope you will!

Your reservation and registration form can be found on the Illinois District Web site ([www.harmonize.ws/ILL](http://www.harmonize.ws/ILL)). Please read them very carefully, then complete and return them.

If our chapter forwards a master list, **DO NOT** send in a duplicate convention registration. Either way, you **MUST** make a room reservation at the hotel if you plan to stay overnight.



It was a new experiment for us. We didn't know what to expect. But the general consensus from those of us who appeared at North Shore Chapter's booth at the Evanston Ethnic Arts Festival was that it was fun and time well spent, even though we came away with little to show in the way of prospective members.



Should we do this again next year? Are there any improvements that could make the effort more productive and a bit more comfortable? We hope to get a brainstorming session together in the next few weeks to discuss these topics and obtain other ideas and insights on ways we can increase our visibility in the community and attract more potential members.

Thanks again to all who helped out, and especially to those who went the extra mile to make our contending with the heat and long hours more bearable.

Our contacts on the festival staff expressed their gratitude to us for helping them set up on Saturday morning.

**Kevin Jones** snapped some photos of us at the festival, including the one above. His photos can be viewed at the following Web site: <http://members.aol.com/kevnjon/ethnic>.

## Let's Sing at Farmers' Market!

Brush up on your E-I-E-I-Os—and all the other vowel shapes, too.

We have a rare opportunity to perform as a VLQ (very large quartet) and recruit new members as part of Not-for-Profit Day at Evanston's Farmers' Market Saturday, Sept. 14.

From 8 a.m. to 12 noon, we will operate a table at the market as one of up to 20 Evanston-based nonprofit organizations who have been invited to exhibit that day only. We'd like to make this a fun-filled chapter activity that will heighten our visibility in the community and perhaps gain us a few new members.

Those of us who manned the booth at the Evanston Ethnic Arts Festival recognize that sometimes the best ideas don't pan out as we'd like—but this opportunity looks like a real winner, and merits a try.

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**Rag Deadline: Second Wednesday of Every Month**

Board Meetings: First Sunday of each month. However, the August Board meeting has been rescheduled to 7:45 p.m. Sunday, **Aug. 25**, at **Phil Schwimmer's** home, 3432 Salem Walk E., Northbrook. The September Board meeting will be held at 7:45 p.m. Sunday, **Sept. 8**, at the same location. All chapter members are welcome to all Board meetings.

**Chapter Web site: [www.nsn.org/evkhome/bflat](http://www.nsn.org/evkhome/bflat)**  
(Current *Rag* issue is also on the Web site!)

**CALL THAT  
YOUNG MAN  
AND BRING  
HIM TO  
PRACTICE!**



### “From the Top”

I won't bore you this time with exhortations to come to chapter meetings, do more quartet singing, attend other chapters' shows, and otherwise pursue our wonderful hobby any way you can.

No, this time I'll bore you with news about nominations for next year's chapter officers, since it's that time of year.

Our nominating committee consists of **Bill Remien**, **Phil Martin**, and **Marty Steigman**. They will present the slate of 2003 officers at the Sept. 4 chapter meeting. Then mem-

bers will have two weeks to present opposing nominations (remember to get the consent of a nominee before you propose his name). The election will be held during the Sept. 18 meeting.

We strongly urge all nominees to plan on attending COTS (in Decatur Oct. 26 and 27), if elected.

On to cheerier subjects: be part of the fun at Not-for-Profit Day at Evanston Farmers' Market (Sept. 14), remember to reserve Oct. 13 for a possible performance as part of

### COMING EVENTS

**North Shore Chapter:**  
Every Wednesday night—**Informal Guest Night—BRINGASINGA!**  
Sat., 9/14—**Not-For-Profit Day at Evanston's Farmers' Market**—8 a.m.-12 noon, south side of University Pl. at Oak Ave. See story on page 1.  
Fri., 9/27-Sun., 9/29—**Illinois District Fall Convention**—Peoria.

**North Shore Chapter Web Site:**  
[www.nsn.org/evkhome/bflat](http://www.nsn.org/evkhome/bflat)

**Elsewhere:**  
Sat., 8/24—**North Shore Harmonizers Barbershop Harmony Festival**—8 p.m. at Wallace Bowl, Gillson Park, Wilmette. Featuring **Foursome, Four Spacious Guys, Chordmasters, Trebled Spirits, All 4 One, Arlingtones Chorus, North Shore Harmonizers**. FREE!! For more information, call **Bob Bieri** at 847/256-6100. In case of rain, the event will move to the auditorium of the Recreation Center, 3000 Glenview Rd. (at Skokie Blvd.), Wilmette.  
Thurs., 9/5-Sat., 9/7—**20th Annual Barber-shop Pioneers Convention**—Midway Hotel (Best Western), 1600 Oakton St. (at Busse Hwy./Rt.83), Elk Grove Village. FREE!! For more information, call **Lynn Hauldren** at 847/570-0848. For special hotel rates and room reservations, call 847/981-0010 and mention the code BAR0905.

**Barbershop Harmony Chicagoland Web site:**  
[www.bbs.singer.as](http://www.bbs.singer.as)

Arts Week in Evanston, and brace yourselves for another Guest Night Oct. 16.

Hey, aren't any other communities showcasing arts and nonprofit groups? Summer's more than half over, and we're just getting warmed up!

(P.S.: Thanx to **Bill** and **Marilyn Remien** for hosting our Rain-on-the-Hamburgers Party. Wasn't the turnout wonderful? And wasn't the weather superb?)

—**Joseph Schlesinger**  
President

### OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

North Shore Chapter of SPEBSQSA is a group of men of all ages who enjoy gathering in fellowship to sing in the four-part, a cappella, close harmony style known as barbershop. As we participate in our varied social and musical activities, including both choral and quartet singing, our members can develop their vocal skills and their appreciation of the rich heritage of American song, which we share with our community through performances in a variety of settings.

“Through song, you climb to the highest palace. From that palace you can influence the universe and its prisons. Song is Jacob's ladder forgotten on earth by the angels. Sing and you shall defeat death; sing and you shall disarm the foe.”

—Elie Wiesel

## Bass' Creed

—Earl McGhee (Daytona Beach Metro, Fla. Chapter)  
from the Harmonet

(Every rational barbershopper knows the bass is the most important harmony part, so this month's creed is for us them.)

1. I will always remember that Basses are God's chosen people and will strive to convince others of that truth.
2. Whenever the notes fall within my "Power Range," I will sing in a manner that conveys the message "I am a Bass! Hear me roar!"
3. Whenever there exists the slightest opportunity for a swipe, I will take it, whether the music is so written or not.
4. I will, on rare occasions, allow the Baritone to take a swipe.
5. I will always remember that the Bass establishes the sound of the quartet or chorus and I will not allow the Bari, Lead and Tenor to forget it.
6. I will remember that the lead carries the melody and message of the song and so, will show him a modest amount of respect. I will not overdo it.
7. I will remember that the Tenor, though he sings girlishly, is a rare and hard to find guy and so, will treat him with grudging respect. I will not overdo it.
8. I will not step on the Lead's pickups and will tune my voice to his, even though he is prone to drop pitch. For I am a Bass and I can reach it.
9. I will frequently remind the Bari that his proper function is to make the Bass sound good.
10. I will do all of the above in a spirit of humility befitting one of God's chosen people.

Next month: another part.

## Grandma's Boys Release New CD Set

The best-known quartet to emerge from North Shore Chapter was a foursome from New Trier East and West High Schools that took Illinois District by storm in 1968 and captivated the barbershop world for years after that, even following their winning the international championship in 1979.

That quartet—**Grandma's Boys**—consisted of former **Shoreliner Chorus** directors **Jay Giallombardo** and **Hank Brandt**, along with **John Miller** and **Don Barnick**—and also **Jeff Calhoun**, **Jim Sikorski**, and **Randy Loos**.

They have now released a two-CD set that combines their three LPs, some previously unreleased material, and a full live performance from a barbershop chapter show. Listeners can now thrill again to such classics as "When the Toy Soldiers March on Parade," "You've Gotta Be a Football Hero," "When I Fall in Love," "William Tell Overture," "I Had a Dream, Dear," and many more.

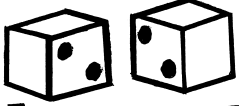
CDs are \$30 each plus shipping and may be ordered from the quartet's Web site ([www.grandmasboys.net](http://www.grandmasboys.net)) or by mail at:

## Quartet News

**Chordmasters:** They're one of the quartets appearing with the **Arlingtones Chorus** on the **North Shore Harmonizers'** 50th anniversary Barber-shop Harmony Festival at Wallace Bowl in Gillson Park, Wilmette, starting 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 24. It's free, and they invite all our readers to come and enjoy the show.

**Hospitality:** They performed at a private party at the Oakbrook Terrace Hilton Friday night, Aug. 9.

**North Shore Four:** They (Mimura-Remien-Jones-Schlesinger) will entertain residents and their families at a Family Fun Fest at St. Matthew's Church Retirement Home in Park Ridge Saturday afternoon, Sept. 7.

**QUARTET?**  
  
**YOU BET!**

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E-mail inquiries to [gboys79@aol.com](mailto:gboys79@aol.com). These guys represented North Shore Chapter's artistic apogee during a golden age in our history.



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**Q: Aw man!  
Who proofreads  
your lousy  
newsletters  
anyway?**

**A: I do. Now  
quit whining  
and have fun  
trying to figure  
out what I mean.**

**Market** (continued from page 1)

We'll wear the casual chorus outfit (blue pullovers, black or dark blue slacks, black shoes and socks). There will be singing by at least a quartet, if not the entire group, during most of the time the booth is operating. That means we'll need either some nonsinging members or wives or sweethearts to hand out flyers and get names and addresses of prospects.

The location is the south side of University Pl. at Oak Ave. There is parking in the vicinity. If you are participating in Not-for-Profit-Day, you can park free at the Maple Ave. parking garage, BUT you must validate your parking ticket at the City of Evanston booth.

**Joseph Schlesinger** and **Bill Remien** will provide more information. In the meantime, mark your calendars and plan to spend the morning with us.

**Ask Yourself:  
What kind of a chapter would my  
chapter BE  
If all of its members were just  
like ME?**

**'Liner Notes**

Good news and bad news about former **Shoreliners**:

- ♪ **Josh Yanow** (not coincidentally, our director's elder son) was married Aug. 11 to **Jessica Grubman**. We wish them both the very best.
- ♪ Sadly, we have some deaths of former members to report. **Mort Glickman**, a member during the 1990s, passed away July 27; **Don Broadbridge**, a member in the early 1980s, passed away Aug. 7; and **Manown ("Bill") Kisor**, a member in the late 1940s, passed away May 9. "So many songs, so little time."