



To: Illinois District Board/House Of Delegates
From: Bob Squires, Illinois District Historian
Re: 2016 Fall HOD Report
Date: September 23, 2016

Board Members and Chapter Delegates,

The Illinois District/BHS and the District Historical Committee would like to recognize the recent donations made by Patty Johnson, widow of Dick Johnson, on the donation of a large amount of historical materials.

These materials included many recordings and video tapes, sheet music and correspondence from the years that Dick was a member of the Society and the quartets he sang with and choruses he directed over those years. Our district historical archives have become richer as a result of these wonderful donations.

Our good news continues as we are beginning to see a light at the end of the tunnel with the preservation of a huge amount of recorded music and quartet and chorus performances, along with many contest performances. The men who continue to work on these transfers include, Frank Fabian, Rick Murahata, Jim Fourmont and Dick Lain. Slowly but surely progress is being made and the results of their efforts can be shared with our district membership.

Once again this Fall we will be honoring our past district quartet champions with a display in the registration area of the headquarters hotel. Look for special displays honoring the BARBERSHARPS on their 50th anniversary and the PIPERS on their 25th anniversary.

Finally I would like to again make a request to our members to be on the lookout for any type of historical barbershop material. Please let me know if anything significant comes your way. I can be reached through the information listed below.

Thanks in advance for anything you would like to donate to the district.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Illinois District Historical Committee.

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