



To: Illinois District Board/House Of Delegates
From: Bob Squires, Illinois District Historian
Re: 2017 Fall HOD Report
Date: October 6, 2017

Board Members and Chapter Delegates,

The district historical committee would like to recognize recent donations made by former district barbershopper, Bill Fick of the Norwood Park and Skokie Valley chapters, and to Tina Walker, the widow of former member George Stybr, for his collection of barbershop recordings.

The preservation of recorded albums, contests tapes and video tapes continues to be a priority for the historical committee. The committee is always in need of help with this ongoing process. We are happy to announce that Carl Missele has graciously volunteered to transfer the last remaining four district contest reel-to-reel tapes which has been a long time in waiting.

Your chairman continues to receive requests from former Illinois barbershoppers from around the country for recordings of past quartets and choruses they have sung. The committee makes every attempt to provide responses to these requests.

Once again this year we will be honoring all of our past district quartet champions with a display in the registration area of the hotel. Of special interest this year are the anniversaries of Velvet Hammer (5th), VOCE (10th), Sharper Image (20th), Chordiac Arrest (30th), Candidates (40th), Avant Garde (50th), the Four Renegades (60th) and the Chicagoans (70th).

Our district historical display will also include materials of interest from our districts oldest chapter, the Chicago #1 chapter, which was chartered in 1939. Please take the time to stop by the display and take in the many years of our glorious district memories.

As always, I invite any barbershoppers, their wives or associates, to keep the historical committee in mind when opportunities arise to donate any materials relating to our district's history.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Squires, District Historian