



DISTRICT HISTORIAN REPORT – FALL 2019

- 2019 saw a big change as Rich Hansen took over the position of District Historian from Bob Squires. The change in personnel required a change in venue for the housing of district historical materials. Rich lives near a storage facility in Mt. Zion and was able to secure a 10' x 11' space in climate-controlled building at a reduced rate compared to the previous location.
- On Friday, May 24, 2019, Rich and one of his students rented a van from the Mt. Zion storage facility and made the trip up to Crest Hill, the previous site of the archives. On hand to assist were Bob Squires, Dave Cowin, and Joe Sullivan. After a couple of hours, the group had emptied the storage facility at Crest Hill and the materials were transported down to the new facility in Mt. Zion and unloaded with the help of Rich's students.
- Throughout the summer, Rich re-organized material and went through some material that Bob had not gotten to yet. It is a work in progress, but the district archives is an amazing collection of audio (albums, tapes, and CDs), as well as multiple copies of past issues of Attacks & Releases and Harmonizers. Also included are hundreds of programs, photographs, directories, catalogued by chapters going back to the 1940s. Bob Squires worked diligently to arrange all the material for many years and should be commended for his efforts to preserve district history.
- Rich purchased some supplies that can be used in upcoming displays. Receipts have been given to Jim Wagner, treasurer for reimbursement.
- Rich is preparing a special display for the Fall Convention in Bloomington. In addition to the champion quartet photos usually on display, Rich has selected certain items from the archival collection for display throughout the convention weekend.
- It is highly encouraged to all district members, that as barbershoppers pass on (or would like to clean out their closets!), Rich would gladly take any materials they or their families may have related to district history to add to the collection.

Respectfully submitted,

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Past President (2015-2016)