



DISTRICT HISTORIAN REPORT – FALL 2023

- Since the last report, donations of materials have been made to the archives. They include the following:
 - **Buzz Haeger Judging Materials returned to the archives by Kevin Keller**
 - **Photo of The Arlingtones with Ed Wilson from 4/12/69 Show by Elmer Sweet**
 - **Misc. music from the Springfield Chapter**
 - **Old *Harmonizers, Attacks & Releases*, and misc. recordings by Frank Fabian**
 - **Misc. pictures & recordings by Bob Squires**
 - **Replica gold/silver/bronze Int'l display medals by an "Anonymous Friend"**
 - **"Gold Coast Four" (1964 District Champs) materials and history by Tom Noble**

- Rich purchased 2 new thumbdrives, magazine and album display racks, ribbons for new replica medals, and a special VHS to DVD/MP3 device to aid in digitizing materials from the archives. Receipts have been given to Leif Wildman, treasurer, for reimbursement.

- Within the archives, there have been found some extra SMAG medals and materials for award certificates, extra trophy replacement pieces, etc. Those materials have been turned over to Doug Ferrier, Awards Chairman

- Rich has been working with Dan Woodman (webmaster) on the issues of "From the Vault", a quarterly electronic newsletter containing photos, audio, and video of items from the archives for the membership to enjoy. These can be accessed via the district website.

- Rich and Joe Guerreri continue to digitize some documents and photos of artifacts that can be pushed out to the members electronically as part of social media announcements.

- As always, Rich would gladly take any materials that members or their families may have related to district history to add to the collection.

Respectfully submitted,

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