



DISTRICT HISTORIAN REPORT – FALL 2026

- Since the last report, donations of materials have been made to the archives. They include the following:
 - Misc. items from the Standing Ovation Program, IDAH, Chapter Histories (Arlingtones/Woodale/Lake Co./Northbrook) from Syl Wetle
 - AIC material (badges, replica medals) from anonymous
 - 1940s era Society dies/stamps for medals from anonymous
 - 1975 International Convention Indiana license plate from anonymous
 - Misc. materials related to Leo Sisk/Town & Country 4 Quartet (medals, ring, ashtray, candle - Leo Sisk Collection) from anonymous
 - 2026 St. Louis convention program from Rich Hansen
 - Autographed Vocal Spectrum 20th Anniversary Album from Rich Hansen
 - 1956 International Chorus LP, Four Rascals LP, Grandma's Boys LP & 1976 Saturday Evening Post article on barbershop featuring Grandma's Boys from Dale Jarvis
- I plan on obtaining both the Decatur and Coles County Chapters' historical materials in the near future.
- I purchased a 1951 program of a Belleville Chapter Show from ebay, misc. supplies, and a Vocal Spectrum 20th anniversary LP for the archives. I will be turning in receipts to Leif Wildman for reimbursement.
- After receiving an updated championship photo of the Improv quartet from Paul Schulte, I added it to the files and submitted it to Glenn Mills to update on the website.
- I received several digital images of the Sundowners from Doug Smith. One of which, their 1971 BHS official photo, has been duplicated and will be part of a special display of medalists planned for 2028 in Chicago.
- I posted the spring and summer issues of "From the Vault" in May and July, respectively.

Respectfully submitted,

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