

**Music and Performance Report**  
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**IDAH Illinois District Academy of Harmony**

This year the Illinois District celebrated its 30th anniversary of IDAH schools, in hopes of not only providing learning opportunities through classes and quartet coaching, but also to promote a tighter fellowship of Illinois barbershop singers. IDAH was held on February 8th and 9<sup>th</sup> in Champaign at the Faith United Methodist Church. There were 9 quartets and 19 class participants for a loss of \$800.31. At the February 2013 Board Meeting a two page report was presented outlining all of the events. This report was also presented at the HOD Meeting on March 31, 2013 at the Spring Convention in Peoria.

As of this writing, no decisions have been made about IDAH 2014. If you have any suggestions for the IDAH Committee, please discuss or send an e-mail to Don Smit or Tom Woodall.

**THIRTY MINUTES OF B FLAT SINGING**

At the Spring Convention (April 13th) we again sponsored the **"Thirty Minutes of B Flat Singing"** event. We had more than fifty men take part and they seemed to enjoy the fellowship and singing. There was no expense for the participants. Two dozen oversized hard copies of "Polecat Music" were taped around the walls of a large meeting room. Men moved from site to site, with the personnel constantly changing. We even had a couple of contest judges joining in. I think this is the fifth year in a row we have done this at the Spring Convention and have received good vibes and low cost (...nothing...maybe not even a room charge?) it seems like a valuable event and singers now seem to look forward to it.

**SINGING WITH A CHAMP**

We plan to continue with the 4th Annual **"Singing With A Champ"** event this coming September 28th in Bloomington. Some two dozen former Illinois District singers who have won a gold medal in a quartet, are expected to join another 35 or 40 singers between 9:15 and 10:00 AM in the Headquarters

Hotel.

There are no judges, spectators or costs to the singers. Former champs (some have sung in more than one quartet) are given a cardboard "crown" that identifies them by name, Quartet name and voice part. They mingle, singing with anyone who wants to sing..tags, woodshedding or sing a complete song. We take a nice group photo that is then distributed throughout the district via the web site and other publication sources. The event seems to be popular with all concerned and the fact that it does not cost the District anything (unless for the use a a room or area), it appears to contribute to the fun of a great fall convention event.