

DISTRICT HISTORIAN REPORT – SPRING 2025

- Since the last report, donations of materials have been made to the archives. They include the following:
 - **SPEBSQSA Clock Wood Piece by Mark Byzstkski (George Zima Collection)**
 - **Info/Photos of “The Uncalled Four” Quartet by Kathy Young**
 - **Aurora Chapter Historical Materials by Jim Fourmont**
 - **Misc. Pieces/Awards/Records/Plaques/Medals & Trophies by Terry Foley (Jim Foley Collection)**
 - **Don Barnick’s Grandma’s Boys Sweater & Toy Soldier Hat/Gloves by Anonymous (Dan Jordan Collection)**
 - **Misc. Photos/Items from Earl Meseth (Dick Johnson Collection)**
 - **Music Educator Guide Songbook by Mike Lockett**
 - **Misc. Barbershop LPs by Bev Friese**
 - **Misc. SPEBSQSA Finalist Pins & Old Logo Block Press by Anonymous**
 - **Barbershop Ballad Songbook/George Coulsen Membership Certificate by the Alan Kershner family (Richard Hise Collection)**

- With the passing of Joe Sullivan, and taking into consideration the ages of current historical committee members, I have appointed two new members to the district historical committee effective January 1, 2025 - **Mr. Dale Jarvis** and **Mr. Tom Kentish**. Both men bring a wealth of barbershop knowledge and experience and will be helpful in preserving our district history.

- In the fall, I received an email from Mr. Jim Gammon in Florida requesting a copy of the Mid-States 4 History & Songbook. I sent him a copy of what we have in our archives and in appreciation, he sent IDEA a donation.

- I purchased an 8 x 10 PR photo of “The Four Statesmen” off of ebay that fills a missing gap in our archival collection of champ photos. Also purchased were a mannequin torso that can be used for displays at the district fall convention and an additional 5 shelf utility shelving unit. Our collection keeps growing and space is needed for more artifacts. Receipts have been given to Leif Wildman, treasurer, for reimbursement.

- I posted the fall and winter issues of “From the Vault” in November and January respectively.

Respectfully submitted,

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