



To: Illinois District Board/House of Delegates  
From: Bob Squires, Illinois District Historian  
RE: 2013 Fall Convention Report  
Date: September 27, 2013

From all reports, our Society 75th Anniversary historical display made a great impression on those attendees at our Toronto convention in July. Our thanks go out to Hugo Feugen for transporting, setting up, taking down and returning the display after the convention. Thanks also to fellow historical committee members, Jim Stahly and Joe Sullivan for their help and consultation. Special mention should be made of the work of Bloomington member, Ken Ota, for his help in fine tuning the graphics. The display will again be on display during the Fall convention in Bloomington.

Also along historical lines, I must compliment the Coles County chapter for their wonderfully entertaining historical travels through our early barbershop history with their presentation during the spring festival event.

Historical contributions to our district archives usually ebb and flow during the year, and we currently are experiencing a lull in individual contributions. This is timely because space in our district storage area is dwindling. Dave Cowin has made replacement shelving which will be installed soon to help with future storage.

I would also like to recognize committee members Frank Fabian and Craig Rigg. Frank continues to work on a few special projects and also enjoys delving into interesting features he discovers on the Internet. Frank's latest work involves the old gathering places of Chicago area barbershoppers and visitors to the city. Frank has put together a list of favorite songs and tags these old timers sang at venues like the Bell Pine, the Normandy House, Ship's Café, LaRay's and the Germania Club. With the help of the late Lynn Hauldren, Frank was able to assemble many of the old song titles sung in those haunts.

Craig Rigg has been actively looking into the early history of his home Macomb chapter and their early quartets. Many early photos have been discovered. His future plans include researching early barbershop activity in the Pekin/Canton area.

Again, please keep the Illinois District in mind when coming across old artifacts and historical materials, especially those of the families of former members. I would be happy to make arrangements to transfer those donations.

Respectfully submitted,  
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