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Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America, Inc.



1998, 2001
Mid-Atlantic District
Western Division
Small Chorus
Champions



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Meets every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church (2nd Floor) 414 E. High Street, Pottstown, Pa. 19464

Director Opening for Pottstown Chapter, Ches-Mont Jubilaires Chorus

The Pottstown Pa. Chapter is looking for a new
Director.

This would be a great starter chorus for an
Assistant Director of a Chapter. We are
members of the Western Division of the Mid-
Atlantic District, and have been in continued
existence for the past 33 years.

We meet every Tuesday evening from 7:30 p.m.
to 9:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church,
414 E. High Street, Pottstown, PA 19464 If
interested contact President Tom Vagasky at
484-949-4409 for details for this position.

Director fees and contract will be discussed at
the audition.

Chapter web page www.jubilaires.com

Guests are always welcomed to sing with us!

Ches-Mont Jubilaires to perform at Ellis Woods Cemetery Memorial Day Sunday, May 29 2016 Service

by Syl Buszta

The Ches-Mont Jubilaires Chorus will take part in
the Sunday, May 29, 2:00 p.m. Memorial Service at
Ellis Woods Cemetery honoring our present and
past service members who died for our freedom that
we enjoy today.

The Ellis Woods burial plot is dedicated to
perpetuate the Memory of seventeen Revolutionary
War soldiers who are buried here in marked

graves. These soldiers were part of Washington's
army who died in an improvised hospital located
nearby, during the terrible winter of 1777-1778.
The cemetery is located on Ellis Woods Road in
East Coventry Township, Chester County.

WORKING TO CONNECT WITH ALL AUDIENCES

(excerpts from The Harmonizer, March/April 2016)

The evolution to the new Performance Category
is decades in the making. Our Judges have
spent many years studying great performances
from many genres.

Over the years, a large number of live
barbershop performances have been evaluated
by outside experts and laymen alike to establish
what resonates with all audiences.

Pending BHS Society Board approval in July
2016, the Fall 2016 barbershop contest season
will mark the retirement of the Presentation
(PRS) Category and the launch of a new
PERFORMANCE (PER) Category.

The new PER Category Description (read the
draft version at <http://bit.ly/draftcd>) is not
radically different from today's PRS Category
Description. The big change is that the PER
judges will be looking to reward more widely-
embraced performances, and thereby foster and
encourage a move towards more natural and
less mannered performance-performances that
will bresonate better with non-barbershop
audiences.

*Ches-Mont Jubilaires Western Division Contest -- 2009 & 2010 Most Improved Chorus Award
Singing fraternity of men, drawn by their love of the four-part, a cappella, close-harmony style of music known as barbershop.*

~~~ 2016 Calendar Dates ~~~

Chapter Guest Night, every Tuesday @ 7:30 p.m.  
Be a Singer Bringer!  
Remember that Membership begins with ME.  
And bring a guest to our Tuesday rehearsals.  
Be a singer bringer! COME and Sing with the Ches-Mont Jubilaires Chorus.  
Keep in mind the six-M's of recruiting:  
Find'em, Bring'em, Thrill'em, Sign'em, Train'em, And Keep'em.  
We, that means that every member is responsible for recruiting. Let's work together and start recruiting NOW.  
Our chapter will grow in numbers if we all try.

2016 Mid-Atlantic District Fall Convention Update.

This message is to inform you of a change to The date of the Fall Convention, 2016.  
The M-A-D Board of Directors authorized a change to the date of our 2016 Mid-Atlantic District Fall Convention to September 16-17, 2016. The Events Team was able to secure the Lancaster Convention Center and the Lancaster Marriott Hotel for our 2016 Fall District Convention.  
The Events Team apologizes for any inconvenience this change may cause to our District members.

Mid-Atlantic District Convention List

- April 15, 2016 - Spring Prelims - Reading, PA
- May 13, 2016 - Central Division - Harrisburg, PA
- May 27, 2016 - Southern Division - Reston, VA
- June 3, 2016 - Northern Division - Cherry Hill, PA
- September 16, 2016 - Fall District - Lancaster, PA
- March 31, 2017 - Spring Prelims - Reading, PA
- April 28, 2017 - Central Division - Reading, PA
- May 26, 2017 - Southern Division - Reston, VA

~~~Happy Birthday ~~~

May 5 ~ Thomas Walker

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OUR VETERANS!

THE ART OF PERFORMANCE

(excerpts from The Harmonizer, March/April 2016)
The new Performance Category is not about impressing Judges, but it's about enabling the Chorus/Quartets to perform in a natural, authentic manner that connects with the audience. It's about helping score with well with everybody.

Points noted are:

- Authenticity, learning from great performers ... making effortless delivery.
- Meaningful choreography, focusing on the audience.
- Items that need to be re-evaluated: clothing; emcee material; jokes; song and arrangement selection; staging; choreography; length of performance.
- Prepare for the audience of your performance.

2016 International Convention

July 3-10 2016 to be held in Nashville, Tenn.
Information at www.barbershop.org/nashville

Barbershopper of the Month

Ken Weber was selected Barbershopper for the Month of March. We thank you for being the Chairman of the Show Committee and arranging the Afterglow function after the Annual Show of 2016

Membership Renewals

Michael Miller - 9 Years
Thank you for renewing your membership in the Pottstown Chapter



Mother's Day is a holiday honoring motherhood that is observed in different forms throughout the world. The American incarnation of Mother's Day was created by Anna Jarvis in 1908 and became an official U.S. holiday in 1914. Jarvis would later denounce the holiday's commercialization and spent the latter part of her life trying to remove it from the calendar. While dates and celebrations vary, Mother's Day most commonly falls on the second Sunday in May and traditionally involves presenting mothers with flowers, cards and other gifts

It's Great to be a Barbershopper
ITS GREAT TO SING IN HARMONY, AND KEEP THE WHOLE WORLD SINGING - JOIN US!