

# Bay Country Chorus

Meeting Every Tuesday at 7:00 pm  
at the Historical Society Of Talbot County Auditorium  
17 South Washington Street, 2nd Floor  
Easton, Maryland

Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America

## Annual Show

Want to hear a shocker ???? Our annual show is eleven weeks away from today, August 11. How are you doing with all the new show music we've been working on?

My work schedule has caused me to miss a number of rehearsals but I pledge to each of you, I will know my part on every song before showtime.

Knowing the way you all respond to direction by Tom, I know you will have all the songs committed to memory far in advance. I thought it might help you to know exactly what we're trying to accomplish through the show theme, and hope that it will inspire you to get a little more "inside" each song. If you feel it, you will know it and, more importantly, show it to the wonderful audience paying to see you...yes, you !!

We all have memories of special holidays. Some are warm and fuzzy, some stirring, some thrilling and some hold sadness for us. All of these emotions are based on how we experienced holidays throughout our childhood and family traditions. It is our fondest hope that we can make our audience comfortable enough to let the years melt away and allow us take them back to a time when life was remarkably simple and, once again, shiver with anticipation at the excitement of an upcoming holiday...through the eyes of a child.

To accomplish this, I will be writing a narrative to lead the audience through a year of holidays. The catalyst to make it all believable, is the spirit of willingness and cooperation of school age children. We hope to have children doing little vignettes on alternating sides of the stage, with special lighting. Scenes of Christmas, Easter, Thanksgiving, etc., will all come alive through the bright-eyed innocence and scrubbed faces of children playing their part and our singing the songs so familiar to everyone in the audience. If that doesn't make you want to dig back into your own childhood and sing these songs with the wonderful abandon you did those years ago, you must have ice water in your veins.

Ed Zimmerman, chairman



## BARBERSHOPPER OF THE MONTH

Barbershopper of the month of June is **Claude Maechling**. A member of the Board Of Directors for three years, Claude has been active in many ways. Has served on the following committees. Trailer lettering, Fall uniform, and Chapter Survey twice. Claude is responsible for hauling our trailer to our various performances and to Harmony College. He with help, head the Tuesday evening refreshments. A member who has missed very few meetings or performances. Congratulations **Claude**.



## FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

At the recent meeting in Nashville, the SPEBSQSA Board of Directors, as a result of our dropping Heartspring as our primary charity, restated our charitable mission, "To preserve our musical legacy through support of vocal music education in our schools and communities." The Board also made "Teach the Children to Sing" the official motto song of our charitable mission. It replaces all motto songs of previous projects including "We Sing that They Shall Speak." The new song was written by Jo Liles in 1995 and was taught to the Saturday night crowd at the Nashville convention.

Campbell Soup labels are still collectible and members are urged to continue to give the labels to Bob Evers for donation to local organizations (schools, churches, etc.) until a national cause is found to benefit from our charitable mission.

The Society's web site has been updated and is now a complete membership site. Go to "www.spebsqsa.org/memdev" for chapter development information including links to district resource personnel; or just go to "www.spebsqsa.org" and click on a variety of links associated with barbershopping and chapter information.

More than 60 Barbershoppers auditioned to become the next voice of Kellogg's Tony the Tiger. A talent agency in Nashville did the taping and submitted the best to the Kellogg Company for a final decision. Chances are that the next time you hear "Gr-r-r-reat" in an ad about Frosted Flakes it will be a Barbershopper.

Tim Herbert

## "SEE HOW THEY RUN"

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A member of our chapter, **Art Wolfe** will be starring in a British farce from the 1940'S called "See how they run" This show is under the directorship of Mr. Alex Handy a local well know director for his work in "The Follies" has a cast of 9. The show will be held at Mason's Restaurant, Harrison St. ,Easton. The first show, preview will be on August 9<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$10. per. Dinner not included. The following dates are August 10-11 and 17-18. These shows are **Dinner Shows** , tickets are \$60.

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## St. Michaels Performance

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It gives me great pleasure to announce that we have been asked to perform in St. Michaels Thursday, Aug. 23 to make up for the rained out date we had. The St. Michaels Community Center, Inc. will be sending out flyers and announcing this event. The time will be the same, riser time 6:30. Plan to be there at least a half hour earlier to warm up. "Unforgettable" will join us as well. "B" uniform Look forward to having a great time.

Cliff

## New Music

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Two new pieces of music has been passed out... Easter Parade and White Christmas. These will be the last of the new songs we will present at our annual show. It is hoped that tapes will be provided shortly.



## BOARD MEETING JULY 14, 2001

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The Easton Chapter board meeting was held July 14, 2001 at the office of Dave Milhollan. Meeting opened at 9:00 AM, by Cliff Ely, Interim President. Attending were Andrew, Milhollan, Hosker, Maechling, Herbert, and Swing.

The Secretary's Minutes and Treasurers Report were accepted as read.

Membership program about to get under way.

Search Committee reported that a meeting will be held between two of the committee, Tom Ewald and a new applicant as soon as possible.

Chorus Manager went over the busy June schedule and reported the fine input from performances.

A committee of one was asked to look into and get samples of a sweater for the chorus to wear on cooler days or nights. The chorus will vote on the style, etc.

### Old business:

Hand out flyers were given out at our outings. The reprinted flyer will be on heavier paper and in color.

Section leaders were reminded that it is their duty to check on all members of their section when they are absent.

### New business:

The Campbell Label program to Heartspring has been discontinued.

A video camera program to film the chorus at a rehearsal is to be look into.

A program for those wishing to stay after 9:30 to quartet, octet, pole-cat etc. will take place at once.

Agreed that 7:00 - 9:30 will be the time of chapter meetings.

A tape of our Annual Show will be taken, edited and a promo tape made.

The Nominating Committee is in place.

The Installation and Awards Dinner is scheduled for December 4 at William Hill Manor.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM.

Next Meeting will be August 11, 9 AM at Dave Milhollan's office.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY !

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August 2	John Farrell
August 15	John Crampton
August 22	Jay Embleton
August 25	Stu Margrey

## Addition To "B" Uniform

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A committee is looking into sweaters for the chorus. They will be useful when the weather get cooler. We will wear them when performing and use them to show the public we are members of the Bay Country Chorus for they will have our logo on them. Samples are to be shown at our meeting.

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## ATTENDANCE

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Attendance from January 9 through June 26 shows the following:

Average attendance	22
Perfect	1
Missed	4

January, February, March and April are the most attended months, with May and June, being time for vacations etc., attendance falls off as to be expected. Attendance at our performances are a little below the average of a regular meeting night because of the dates and times.

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## PAST CHAPTER PRESIDENTS

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Cliff Ely  
Joe Mueller  
George Gaffney  
Bill Hosker

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## PAST BARBERSHOPPERS OF THE YEAR

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Cliff Ely  
Andre Marechal  
Dave Milhollan  
Carson Andrew  
Art Wolfe

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## Geezers

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Geezers are easy to spot. This is slang for an old man. During a sporting event during the playing of the National Anthem, they will hold their caps over their hearts and sing without embarrassment. They know the words and believe in them. They remember World War I, the Depression, World War II, Pearl Harbor, Guadalcanal, Normandy and Hitler. They remember the Atomic Age, the Korean War, the Cold War, the Jet Age, the Moon Landing and Vietnam.

If you bump into a Geezer on the sidewalk, he will apologize. Pass a Geezer on the street and he will nod, or tip his cap to a lady. Geezers trust strangers and are courtly to women. They hold the door for the next person and always when walking, make sure the lady is on the inside for protection. Geezers get embarrassed if someone curses in front of a woman and children, and they don't like violence and filth on TV and in movies.

Geezers have moral courage. Geezers seldom brag unless it is about their grandchildren in Little League or music recitals.

This country needs Geezers with their decent values and common sense. We need them now more than ever. It is the Geezers who know our great country is protected not by the so-called politicians or police, but by the young men and women in our military that are serving their country in foreign lands, just as they did, without a thought except to do a good job and the best you can and to return home to loved ones.

Each and everyone of us should thank God for Old Geezers.

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## Participation Is The Key

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Excerpt from Frank Ortega in *The Masters Voice*

Are you a contributing member of your chapter?  
Evaluate yourself with this checklist. 10 points for each yes.

### **Do I attend every meeting?**

Though not always possible, perfect attendance is a worthwhile objective.

### **Do I set goals for myself?**

Where am I from musical excellence?

### **Do I use a recorder to practice?**

### **Do I practice music & choreography at home?**

### **Do I exercise self-discipline on the risers?**

Raise your hand, be recognized, let everyone hear and benefit from what you feel compelled to say.

### **Do I participate in contests and shows?**

Never refuse an opportunity to sing.

### **Do I serve on at least one Chapter Committee?**

Everyone should have a job with the chorus, no matter how small. We must be a team.

### **Do I offer suggestions to the board?**

Let people know how you honestly feel. It is your chorus and our chorus, not their chorus or his chorus.

### **Have I brought a guest this year?**

Guests make it more fun, prospective members even more so. Now follow up – get them there at least 3 times.

### **Have I written an article for the Chapter bulletin this year?**

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## REGISTER FOR THE MIDWINTER AND INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS

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It's not too early to think about registering for the midwinter convention in Riverside, California, January 20-27, 2002 and the international convention in Portland, Oregon, June 30-July 7, 2002.

There are two ways to register: call 800-876-7464 x8462 or online at [www.spebsqsa.org/midwinter](http://www.spebsqsa.org/midwinter) and [www.spebsqsa.org/Portland](http://www.spebsqsa.org/Portland).

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Special savings are available on recording and videos from the Nashville convention, but the offer does have an expiration date of October 31. Order the quartet and chorus cassettes and save \$4; order both CDs and save \$5; order both videos and save \$5; order both PAL (European format) videos and save \$10. An order blank is available on the inside front cover of the July/August issue of *The Harmonizer*; order by phone at 800.876.7464 x8410; or order online and [www.HarmonyMarketplace.com](http://www.HarmonyMarketplace.com)

## Board Of Directors

President	Cliff Ely	770-8262
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Secretary	Tim Herbert	745-3847
Treasurer	Dave Milhollan	822-7407
Members at Large	Claude Maechling	822-2535
	Carson Andrew	822-0952

## Calendar

August 23	Performance, St. Michaels, 6:30, "B" uniform
September 29	Performance, Rock Hall, 1:00 chorus, 2:00 quartets, "B" uniform
October 2	Election of officers for 2002
October 5-6	District Convention, Wild Wood, NJ
October 27	Easton Annual Show, Easton High School
November 24	Performance, Festival of Trees, Tidewater Inn, 6:00, "A" uniform
December 1-2	Southern COTS
December 4	Annual Installation and Awards Dinner



### Committees

#### Music Committee:

##### Section leaders:

Lead - Tom Ewald / Carson Andrew

Tenor - Andre Marechal

Bass - Dave Milhollan

Baritone - Ed Zimmerman

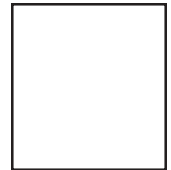
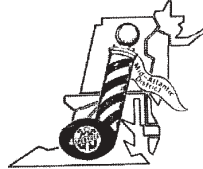
## BARBERSHOP HALL OF FAME OPENS IN PENNSYLVANIA

The Barbershop Hall of Fame, part of the Vocal Group Hall of Fame in Sharon, Pennsylvania, will hold its grand opening August 18, 2001. Built at a cost of more than \$1 million, the BHOF houses memorabilia from SPEBSQSA, photos of all the champions, costumes and much, much more. The museum is located in a separate building across the street from the VGHOFF.

For more information, call the Vocal Group Hall of Fame at 800.753.1648 or e-mail to: [vocal@infonline.net](mailto:vocal@infonline.net).

The museum is located at 32 W. State Street, Sharon, PA 16146.

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