

# Chapters

The Carolinas District began the year with 26 Chapters. During the year the Brunswick County, *Coastal Harmonizers*, was chartered April 8, 2013. The following pages contain information on Carolinas District Chapters:

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Greater Gaston, NC <i>Gaston Chordweavers</i>	Seneca, SC <i>Golden Corner Chorus</i>
Greensboro, NC <i>Greensboro Tarheel Chorus</i>	Spartanburg, SC <i>Palmetto Statesmen</i>
Greenville Area, NC <i>Brotherhood of Harmony</i>	Wilmington, NC <i>Cape Fear Chordsmen</i>
Hickory, NC <i>Carolina Moonlighters</i>	Winston-Salem, NC <i>Triad Harmony Express</i>
Hilton Head Island, SC <i>Hilton Head Lighthouse Chorus</i>	

# Anderson

## *Anderson Electric City Chorus*

Anderson, SC

Chartered 4/21/86

Number: Q018

Members (12/31/13) – 4

Rehearsals: Thursday, 7:00 PM at Anderson Place, 311 Simpson Rd., Anderson, SC 29621



On December 13, 2012, 14 barbershoppers walked the floors of Anderson SC Memorial Hospital singing to individual patients, their visitors and hospital staff. Left to right: Barry Hewlett, John Yane, Rick Polsdorfer, Gail Elrod, Charles Carpenter, Santa (aka Norman Blankenship), Merl Twigg, Jeanine Douglas, Doug Douglas (kneeling), Fred Treaster, John Witmer, Liz Abbott and Jim Abbott. We were able to put smiles on the faces of folks who were facing trying times. This is Community Service at its best. Christmas Caroling should be part of every chapter's regular program.

### **Chapter Board - 2013**

President – Barry Hewlett

Secretary – John Yane

Treasurer – John Yane

# Asheville

## *Land of the Sky Chorus*

Asheville, NC



Chartered June 10, 1948

Number: Q027

Members (12/31/13) – 61

Rehearsals: Tuesday, 7:30 PM at Westwood Baptist Church, 150 Westwood Place, Asheville, NC 28806

[www.ashevillebarbershop.com](http://www.ashevillebarbershop.com)

[www.facebook.com/landofthesky](http://www.facebook.com/landofthesky)



**Fall 2013 Contest – Kevin Kehres, Director**

Row 1: (L-R) Richard Damon, Jack Dublynn, Dave Vrooman, Claude Kayler, Hal Lunsik, Bob Burns. Row 2: Keith Nyland, Warren Fieffer, Gerald Ashby, Rook Wetzell, Lyle Petersen, Bob Huff. Row 3: George Albright, Stanley Mills, Jim Gordon, David Schwab, Justin Slack. Row 4: Clay Plemmons, Derek Simmons, Dan Gregg, Kier Klepzig, Randy Johnson, Bob Gunn, Kevin Kehres.

**Activities/Accomplishments:** The year started as usual with a strong singing valentines effort—5 quartets delivered 54 singing valentines across the greater Asheville area. Asheville was the first Carolinas District Chapter “Supercharge Your Chapter” workshop, put on by Paul Ellinger. The District will be sponsoring 4 of these throughout NSC is 2013. The chapter continued its show-orientation with entertaining audiences as the primary goal. Our Spring Show, *The Bare Necessities*, was performed in Asheville and Waynesville. During the year we had several performances: at the Givens Estate; annual show in Franklin, NC; at the Highland Performing Center; at a show for the Voice in Laurel; and for the Friends of the Weaverville Library. Our VLQ’s took part in Stroll n’Sings around downtown Asheville, Waynesville, Biltmore Square, and the North Carolina Mountain Fair. Once again we performed the National Anthem for multiple Asheville Tourist games (minor league baseball team) and for the Southern Conference basketball finals. The year ended on a very positive note with a joint show, A



*Season for Harmony* – an a cappella celebration, with the Song ‘o Sky Chorus from the Asheville Chapter of Sweet Adelines, Inc.

**Chapter Quartets:** Aire, Milestone,  
Mountain Vocal Project, Supersonic

**Chapter Board – 2013**

President - Bob Burns  
Secretary - Bob Huff  
Treasurer – David Schwab  
VP Marketing/PR – Jim Gordon

VP Membership/Development - Russell Brickhouse  
VP Music/Performance – Hal Lunsik  
Board Members at Large – George Albright, Jack  
Dublynn, Ralph Johnson, Clay Plemmons, Wirt  
Skinner, Rook Wetzel

**Musical Leadership**

Chorus Director - Kevin Kehres



**Laughter**  
**Love**  
**Song**

**The Bare Necessities**

Land of the Sky CHORUS

**May 11, 2013**  
7:30 pm, Saturday  
Tuscola High School, Waynesville  
\$15.00 [Students FREE]  
Group Pricing Available  
866.290.7269  
[www.AshevilleBarbershop.com](http://www.AshevilleBarbershop.com)



**SEASON for HARMONY**  
*an a cappella celebration!!*

Land of the Sky Chorus

**IN A JOINT CONCERT**  
**DECEMBER 7TH. 7:30PM**  
**TERRACE AUDITORIUM**  
**at LAKE JUNALUSKA, NC**  
689 N Lakeshore Dr.  
General Admission \$15.00 - Students Free  
**866-290-7269**  
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Song O' Sky Chorus



Song ‘o Sky and Land of the Sky choruses performing at the *A Season for Harmony* Show. Sherry Sprague, directing.

# Beaufort

## *Beaufort Harbormasters*

### Beaufort, SC



Chartered 8/6/99

Number: Q085

Members (12/31/13): 23

Rehearsals: Monday, 6:45 PM at Sea Island Presbyterian Church, Beaufort, SC 29907

[www.beaufortharbormasters.org](http://www.beaufortharbormasters.org)



**Harbormasters at 2011 Christmas Show – Cliff Kosier, Director**

(L-R) Mike Masters, Gary Gebhardt, Hal McCann, Jim Rowe, Ernie Thomas, Gene Pfister, Darryl Poovey, Bob Welborn, Tom Van Etten, George Hancock, Tim McGrath, Doug Bittner, Director Cliff Kosier, Mark Siegel, John Devlin, Craig Glenn.

**Activities/Accomplishments:** Performances at local charitable and civic events. Entertainment at private functions. Delivery of singing valentines. Presentation of formal (ticketed) shows and some free shows.

**Chapter Quartets:** Eu-4-ia, Tidal Fource

#### **Chapter Board - 2013**

President – Michael Masters

Secretary – Craig Glenn

Treasurer – Timothy McGrath

VP Marketing/PR – Gray Gebhardt

Member at Large – Darryl Poovey

#### **Musical Leadership**

Chorus Director – Jim Valieant

Assistant Director – Michael Masters

# Brunswick County

## *Coastal Harmonizers*

Shallotte, NC



Chartered April 8, 2013

Number: Q101

Members (12/31/13) – 20

Rehearsals: Thursday 7:00 PM at Southport Senior Center, 1513 Howe St. Suite 1 - Smithville Crossing  
Southport, NC 28461

<http://coastalharmonizers.org>



### **Coastal Harmonizer at April Chapter Meeting**

Row 1: Bill Clegg, Bill Fassbender, Tim Gugan, Barbara Berry, Barry Zimmerman, Jerry Block, Phil Andreano.

Row 2: Dick Landry, Ken Hall, Dick Geiger, Jim Berry, Bill Meiners, Dave McQueeney.

Row 3: Bob Zinke, Joe Loughlin, Dan Fink, Guy Willetts.

### **HISTORY OF THE COASTAL HARMONIZERS FROM THE BEGINNING**

One evening, back in the year 2011, a couple of barbershoppers were returning to Brunswick County after rehearsing in Wilmington with the Cape Fear Chordsmen chorus. They were Bill Clegg and Mike Prokop from Shallotte and Bob Zinke from Winding River, Bolivia. By the end of the long drive, conversation turned to the notion of having a barbershop chapter closer by, like right here in Brunswick County. The idea was suggested to a few other Brunswick County barbershoppers, namely: Dave McQueeney from St. James, Guy Willetts from Bolivia, Dick Geiger from Arbor Creek, Joe Loughlin from Southport, and Tim Gugan from Leland. Bill and Bob, and these pioneers began meeting and singing together every week.

At first, on July 14, 2011, the singers met at the Brunswick Electric Building on Rte. 17 in Shallotte. Soon, by personal contact, flyers, and newspaper ads in the Brunswick Beacon and the Southport Pilot,

other men from nearby communities started to come and sing with the group. There was Jerry Block from Winding River, Lee Stead from Southport, Dan Fink from St. James, Ken Hall from North Myrtle Beach, and Phil Andreano from Ocean Isle Beach.

Not long after, with permission from the County, the group moved their weekly meetings to the Literacy Council building in Supply. Up to that time there was no music director. In November, 2012, a church choir director, Jannette Schroeder, was asked to lead the group. She had no experience with barbershop harmony, but she was instrumental in helping the singers learn some music in preparation for their first guest night. Jerry Block pulled some strings and arranged to hold the event at the Brunswick County Community College in one of the side rooms of the Odell Williamson Auditorium. Bill Clegg was responsible for organizing things, and for developing the evening's program. Joe Loughlin took care of advertising and promoting the event. He was also the program MC. The guest night took place on March 15, 2012. All the Brunswick singers pitched in to make the guest night a success. Members of the Cape Fear Chordsmen came and joined in the singing. The Blackjack quartet and a couple other quartets, including the Brunswick Stew quartet, also sang. About 75 guests attended.

Not long after the guest night the group got its first experienced barbershop music director, Barbara Berry. Barbara brought with her lots of musical talent as a pianist and vocalist. She previously directed women's choruses and sang in a Sweet Adelines quartet. She also sang with Bill Fassbender and Bob Zinke in the "Mixed Doubles" quartet prior to joining the Brunswick group.

During that year (2012) the "COASTAL HARMONIZERS" was chosen as the chorus name. The chorus performed their first sing-outs at Arbor Landing and Sacred Heart Villas. Board of Directors meetings were already being held each month by volunteers. The first BOD meeting was held on October 30, 2012. In the Fall, the process of submitting application for Chapter membership got under way. Tex Irek, Barry Zimmerman, Bill Clegg, and Dick Geiger took on the task of handling all the paperwork and communications required by the Harmony Society headquarters and the Carolinas District. The process continued into January.

On January 5, 2013, ten people from the group attended leadership training courses in Hamlet, N.C. The one-day training was to prepare them for leader positions in the Barbershop Chapter. The following barbershoppers completed the training: Barry Zimmerman, Tex Irek, Dick Geiger, Barbara Berry, Dave McQueeney, Bob Zinke, Phil Andreano, Jerry Block, Joe Loughlin, Guy Willetts.



Coastal Harmonizer perform in early 2013

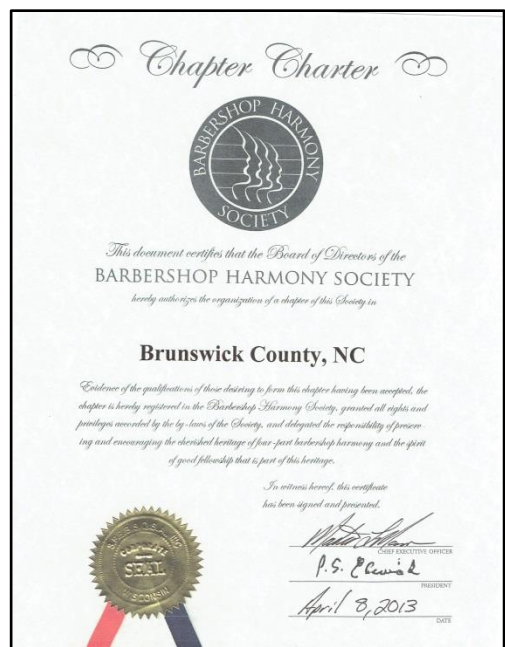
In February the Coastal Harmonizers participated in the Singing Valentines program by advertising and selling to people in Brunswick County. They also supplied two quartets on Valentines day. The Cape Fear Chordsmen ran the program operations in Wilmington, and the Harmonizers were paid their share for the serenading.

In March, 2013, the new chorus logo was designed with help from Jim Berry, Bill Clegg and Bob Zinke. Uniform shirts with the new logo were ordered for the chorus.

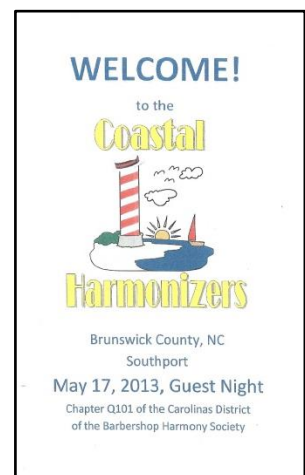
Arrangements were made by Phil Andreano to promote barbershop music and the Coastal Harmonizers in Brunswick County. Phil prepared the way with the local Telephone and TV Company, ATMC, for a daytime show slot on cable TV. Acting president Barry Zimmerman and Dave McQueeney of the Harmonizers were interviewed on the Jim MacCallum show on March 15. The Brunswick Stew quartet also appeared, and provided a sample of some barbershop singing.

The chapter charter was granted on April 8, 2013. And so the new “Brunswick County, N. C. Chapter” was officially added to the Carolinas District in the Barbershop Harmony Society. The Charter members were: Phil Andreano, Jim Berry, Jerry Block, William Clegg, Daniel Fink, Richard Geiger, Tim Gugan, Joe Loughlin, David McQueeney, Guy Willetts, Barry Zimmerman, and Bob Zinke.

On May 17, 2013, the new Coastal Harmonizers put on their 2<sup>nd</sup> guest night at the Senior Center in Southport. It was a huge success. There were lots of people, over 200, in attendance. There was plenty of barbershop singing provided by the Harmonizers, the Cape Fear Chordsmen Chorus, the “Let’s Sing” District Champion quartet. Larry Reinhart demonstrated four-part harmony with his quartet, and the Brunswick Stew quartet closed singing the Irish Blessing. The “Let’s Sing” quartet was especially entertaining. And they came because they wanted to acknowledge the occasion of the Coastal Harmonizers becoming a new Chapter in the Carolinas District of the Barbershop Harmony Society. The guest night was organized and programmed by Bob Zinke and his committee, with much help from members of the Harmonizers.



Coastal Harmonizers perform at May 17, 2013 Guest Night. (Photo Ken Thomas)





On July 13, (2013) the Chorus performed at the Senior Center in Southport.

On Aug 15, Chorus and Brunswick Stew quartet performed for the Brunswick County Republican Women's group at the Southport Community Center

On Aug 16, Chorus members competed in quartets and VLQ at the PLATUNE event in Wilmington.

On Sept 12, Chorus performed for Brunswick County Vets at the Sr. Ctr. In Southport.

On Sept 15, a Harmonizer Octet sang the Lord's Prayer at a Winding River memorial service.

During the month of September the Nominating Committee announced the candidates for chapter officer positions for 2014. And so, the first official Board of Directors was established for the Coastal Harmonizers. The following members were elected on Sept. 26, 2013:

- Chapter President - Barry Zimmerman
- Chapter Secretary - Richard Geiger
- Chapter Treasurer - William Clegg
- Membership VP - William Meiners
- Music & Performance VP - Robert Zinke
- Board Member at Large - Jerry Block

Barbara Berry will continue as Music Director, and will also continue to serve on the Music Committee along with Bill Clegg, Dave McQueeny and Bob Zinke. Tex Irek has volunteered to become the Chapter historian. Also in September, Jerry Block took the initiative and designed and produced the Chapter website – [coastalharmonizers.org](http://coastalharmonizers.org).

On Oct 11, the Chorus and Brunswick Stew quartet performed at the "Seniors Helping Seniors" program at the new Senior Center in Shallotte.

On Oct 17, the Chorus sang for the folks at the Sacred Heart Villas in Southport.

On Oct 25 & 26, the Coastal Harmonizers joined the Chordsmen from Wilmington in co-hosting the 2013 fall Carolinas District convention and contest in Myrtle Beach, SC. Bill Clegg directed the efforts of the Harmonizers by establishing their work assignments which included registrations and other supporting activities that were required for the quartet and chorus competitions.

# Central Carolina *Heart of Carolina* Chorus

Durham, NC



Chartered 8/10/2005

Number: Q099

Members (12/31/13) – 36

Rehearsals: Thursday, 7:00 PM at Blacknall Presbyterian Church, 1902 Perry St., Durham, NC 27705

[www.hoccmusic.org](http://www.hoccmusic.org)

[www.facebook.com/Hoccmusic](https://www.facebook.com/Hoccmusic)



**Fall 2013 Contest – Susie Smith, Director**

Row 1: Daryn O'Shea, Matt Gorman, Susie Smith, Mark Stomski, Jack McCallus.

Row 2: Steve Tarantino, Roy Schmidt, Michael Adams, Pete Peterson, Greg Tuttle, Fran Kucheravy.

Row 3: Joe Simpson, Steve Mark, Mark Haskell, Tom Halverson, Elmer Shertzer, Adam Bridges.

**Activities/Accomplishments.** Heart of Carolina Chorus appearances in 2013 included performances at churches and several retirement communities, as well as guest segments on two shows produced by the Golden Triad Chorus, of the Kernersville/Winston-Salem Sweet Adelines chapter. A VLQ from HOCC sang at the St. Baldrick's Day cancer fundraiser, at which many members also had their heads shaved for charity. HOCC fielded several quartets to deliver singing valentines, and chapter quartets performed at several other small events during the year. Chapter member Matt Gorman helped teach a very popular barbershop workshop at the annual SoJam festival in Raleigh (a heavily attended event of CASA, the Contemporary A Cappella Society of America).

**Chapter Quartets:** Chord on Blue, Synchronize. The Hardly Boys, WHAMMY!

**Directors:**

**Chris Slacke** was a barbershopper from 1972 until his retirement from BHS in 2013. He sang in three international competition quartets, and in a mixed quartet with his wife. Chris directed two choruses in New Jersey before moving to North Carolina, where he then directed the Research Triangle Park chapter's chorus from 1994 to 1998. He founded the Central Carolina Chapter in 2005 and directed its Heart of Carolina Chorus from 2006 through mid-2013.

**Susie P. Smith** served as interim director of the Heart of Carolina Chorus from July through November of 2013. This was her first adventure with directing a men's barbershop group, and she was outstanding! Susie has directed the Sweet Adelines Raleigh chapter's Carolina Harmony Chorus since 1997, when she won the award for "Novice Director" at their Spring regional competition. Susie's extensive musical experience includes studying music in college and participating in choirs, bands, musical theater, and choruses over a 35-year span. Susie has a Master's degree in teaching. In the past, she has worked as both a science teacher and a music teacher. Susie has been a member of Sweet Adelines since 1980. Prior to directing, she served as Tenor section leader, Choreographer, and Assistant Director. She is a Certified Director through the Sweet Adelines Director Certification Program. Susie has also been very active in quartetting, competing in regional top-ten quartets and medaling many times (including three First Place medals).



Heart of Carolina Chorus performs at Aldersgate Methodist Church in Durham. Chris Slacke, directing. (Photo Beth Haskell)

**Chapter Board - 2013**

- President – Charles Peterson
- Immediate Past President – Jack McCallus
- Secretary – Joe Simpson
- Treasurer – Gerald O’Neil
- VP Marketing/PR – Mark Stomski
- VP Membership/Development– Jack McCallus
- VP Music & Performance – Mathew Gorman
- Members at Large –Gene Martin, William Cottrell,  
Francis Kucheravy

**Musical Leadership**

- Chorus Director – Chris Slacke (Jan - Jun )
- Chorus Director – Susie Smith (Jul – Dec)

# Charleston

## *Charleston Barbershop Chorus*

Charleston, SC



Chartered 7/12/67

Number: Q019

Members (12/31/13) – 24

Rehearsals: Tuesday, 7:00 PM at Grace United Methodist Church 1601 Sam Rittenberg Blvd.,  
Charleston, SC 29407

[www.charlestonbarbershopchorus.com](http://www.charlestonbarbershopchorus.com)

[www.facebook.com/charlestonbarbershopchorus](http://www.facebook.com/charlestonbarbershopchorus)



**The Charleston Barbershop Chorus Christmas Concert**

Row 1: Ken Mero, Kevin Gillett (Music Director). Row 2: Bill Gowder, Randy Moody, Harvey Rumph.  
Row 3: Jim Abbott, Charlie Harbin, Gordon Long, Phil Russell. Row 4: Richard Harris, Eric Herzlich,  
Wayne Hagenbuch, Brian Pokrant, Doc Priore, Richard Daehler-Wilking.

**Chapter Quartets:** Three Sharps and A Flat, Fort Sumter Tag Company

**Chapter Awards:** Barbershopper of the Year – Doc Priore

### **Chapter Board – 2013**

President – Brian Pokrant

Secretary – Doc Priore

Treasurer – Harvey Rumph

VP Marketing/PR – Wayne Hagenbuch

VP Membership/Development – Don McCurdy

VP Music/Performance – Doc Priore

Member at Large – Charlie Harbin

### **Musical Leadership**

Chorus Director – Kevin Gillett

Assistant Director – Richard Daehler-Wilking



**Three Sharps and A Flat**  
Richard Daehler-Wilking (T), Mike Wolford (L),  
Doc Priore (Bs), Phil Russell (Br)



**Fort Sumter Tag Company**  
Richard Harris (T), Kevin Gillett (L),  
Hal Reid (Bs), Gordon Long (Br)

# Charlotte

## *The Gold Standard Chorus*

Charlotte, NC



Chartered: 2/15/50

Number: Q028

Members (12/31/13): 46

Rehearsals: Monday, 7:30 PM at Aldersgate Retirement Community, 3800 Shamrock Dr., Charlotte, NC 28215

[www.goldstandardchorus.com](http://www.goldstandardchorus.com)



**Fall 2013 Contest – Larry Lane, Director**

Row 1: Will Saunders, Chris Puckett, Wally Miles, Keith Brown, Dave Dell, Mark Rodda, Larry Lane (director).

Row 2: David Lorenz, Jerry Herbert, Al Sundling, Jeffrey Meekins, Arden Hintzman, Phil Goodman, Paul Collom.

Row 3: Ralph Mulligan, Steve Tarrant, Dave Laughery, Ken Smith, John Earnhart, Lloyd Haase, Rob Armstrong, Jan Muddle.

Row 4: Jeff Sims, Chuck Johnson, Steve Curula, Walt Bauer, Ben Mills, Chuck Villier, Dick Kruse, Bill Gronning.

**Activities/Accomplishments.** 2013 was another successful year for the Gold Standard Chorus. The calendar started off with Singing Valentines, with various performances through-out the year, including a small group appearance on the Hickory show and before the Carolina Folk Music Society, and concluded with our joint Christmas show with the Charlotte A Cappella Show Chorus Sweet Adelines. We were thrilled when chapter quartet Zero Hour, featuring director Larry Lane as well as active members Ben Mills and Mark Rodda, won the District Quartet Championship, becoming the first Charlotte quartet to do that since Midnight Express in 1985 (Dixie District).

**Chapter Quartets:** Antics, Bar None, Harmony Grits, InVoice, Quartet X, Still Standing, You Kids Get Off My Lawn! Village Green, Zero Hour

**Chorus Director – Larry Lane.** Larry V. Lane is on his second tour of duty as the director of the Gold Standard Chorus – and we are thrilled to have him back! Larry is an accomplished singer, musician, and music educator. He grew up in Charlotte, attending South Mecklenburg High School, and graduated from Winthrop College in 1986 with a BME in Music Education.

Larry has played trumpet professionally in the orchestras for numerous Broadway touring shows (Oklahoma, Sound of Music, Man of La Mancha, A Chorus Line, How to Succeed In Business, Peter Pan), The Ringling Brothers’ Circus, the Charlotte Philharmonic Orchestra, the PTL Club Orchestra, CPCC Summer Theater Orchestra, and the US Air Jazz Band. He has performed with Joan Rivers, Ralph Macchio, Rue McClanahan, Rita Moreno and Robert Goulet.

Larry is an active vocal musician, vocal coach, and conductor having sung in and directed the eight voice jazz group IMPROMPTU, an affiliate of the Charlotte Choral Society, served as Assistant Director and Director of the Main Stage Chorus of the Charlotte Choral Society, served as Musical Director of the men’s a cappella chorus The Carolina Chord Company, and also served as guest conductor for the Metrolina Music Ministries. Larry has also served as Minister of Music at St. Stephen UMC in Charlotte, and Worship Leader and Adult Choir Director at Faith UMC in Indian Trail, NC. His composition for brass quintet, Theme and Variations on a Hymn for St. Stephen, was premiered at St. Stephen UMC in 2001.



Larry’s professional career encompasses 23 years of teaching in the Charlotte School System, including stints as Director of Bands at Olympic High School, Northwest School of the Arts, and Myers Park High School, and 8 years teaching General Music at Highland Renaissance Academy Elementary School. Larry has also worked as in substitute teacher in Union, Gaston and Cabarrus County School Systems, and from for the 2011-2012 school year, was the Interim Band Director at Westminster Catawba Christian School in Rock Hill, SC. Larry has a Music K-12 teaching certificate for both North and South Carolina.

Larry is or has been a member of such groups as Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia (Honorary Music Fraternity), NAFME (formerly Music Educators National Conference), Tri-M Music Honor Society, North Carolina Band Directors Association, South Central District Bandmasters Association, The Fellowship of United Methodist in Music and Worship Arts, Metrolina Music Ministries and the American Choral Directors Association. Larry sings lead with ‘Zero Hour’, the 2013 Carolinas District champions. He and his wonderful wife Robin and have two daughters, Austin and Amanda, and four granddaughters.

**Chapter Board – 2013**

- President – Bill Gronning
- Immediate Past President – Mark Rodda
- Secretary – David Cauble
- Treasurer – Walt Bauer
- VP Marketing/PR – Jeffrey Meekins
- VP Membership/Development – Stephen Curulla
- VP Music/Performance – David Lorenz
- Board Members at Large – Rob Armstrong, Jan Muddle, Steve Tarrant

**Musical Leadership**

- Chorus Director – Larry Lane

# Edenton *The Albemarle* *Sounds*



Edenton, NC

Chartered 4/15/05

Number: Q035

Members (12/31/13) – 10

Rehearsals: Thursday, 7:30 PM at First Presbyterian Church, 200 South Moseley St., Edenton, NC 27932

[www.albemarlesounds.com](http://www.albemarlesounds.com)



**The Albemarle Sounds perform at the “Railroad Ramble” Concert**

Row 1: (L-R) Gil Burroughs (conductor), John Caveney, Bob Germain, Jeff Knox, Jack Parker, Jim Gioffe, Bill Webster, Wes Hostetler, Ronnie Rountree. Row 2: Ernie Wahlers, Bob Higerd, Rob Germain, Don Johnson, Mark Woodbury, Charlie Brohawn, Dave Johnson, Bruce King.

## **Activities/Accomplishment:**

The Sounds were involved in 15 sing-outs during 2013, highlighted in mid-May by performances in Belhaven and Greenville in a pair of combined concerts organized by the Greenville chapter. The Sounds also performed at Memorial Day and Veterans Day services in Edenton, at the home opener of the Edenton Steamers baseball season, and at local churches and retirement communities. The Christmas season was particularly busy, with the Sounds performing at the Edenton tree-lighting ceremony, the Caroling at the Court House celebration, and the annual Christmas parade.

The Sounds’ most intense period of activity again focused on Valentines Day. As in all previous years since the late 1990s, the Sounds delivered singing Valentines throughout Chowan, Perquimans, and Pasquotank counties. In 2013, three separate quartets delivered 57 singing Valentines—two love songs and a rose for the low price of \$25.00—throughout the three-county area over a two-day period. (No mean feat, considering that during the year, we rarely even reached a total of 12 singers in our weekly rehearsals.) From the proceeds, which were down somewhat due to continuing economic



difficulties in this area of the state, we were able to donate \$1725 to vocal music teachers in the 19 public schools in the three counties.

In October at the Carolinas District Fall Convention, 2#2Bb, the Sounds' premier quartet, became Edenton's first entry ever in a District-level quartet competition. (While in Myrtle Beach, they took advantage of the opportunity to perform impromptu serenades in local restaurants when we all went out to enjoy the delicious local cuisine.) The group enjoys wide support in our region of North Carolina and was called on to perform at twelve public and private engagements during the course of the year.

Early in the year, the Sounds decided to take advantage of the offer made by the District and asked for help in how to go about injecting some new vitality into the organization. At our request, Denny Evans and Bob Clark came to Edenton on Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, to facilitate our discussion of what we would like to improve and to lend their insight on how other chapters have faced the challenges of advancing age and shrinking membership. We had nearly 100% turnout for the Saturday morning meeting and are in the process of seeing what we can do to get the most out of our rehearsal time while increasing everyone's enjoyment level. We are very happy with the support we received from the District and sincerely hope to build on the experience.

As has become our custom, we concluded the year with a gathering of Sounds, spouses, and significant others for a Christmas party at Nothin' Fancy, a local Edenton restaurant that will tolerate a little boisterous geriatric singing as long as the more mature among us maintain some modicum of control. (It helps that we are always ready and willing to dedicate a song or two to the servers.) All in all, it was a fitting way to celebrate the conclusion of another successful year of barbershopping in our community.

#### **Quartets: 2#2Bb**

**Gil Burroughs, Director.** Gil began singing barbershop with the Winston-Salem chapter while a student at Wake Forest College in 1956. He has also sung with the Rocket City chapter in Huntsville, Alabama and the Arlingtones of Arlington, Virginia. Gil has been with the Albemarle Sounds from their beginning in the 1980s. He has been the choir director at First Presbyterian Church in Edenton for the past forty-four years. Gil is not a musical educator but a research physicist turned high school science teacher. He has been retired since 1995, giving him ample time for his enjoyment of singing, sailing, and supporting a variety of local government and charitable efforts."

#### **Chapter Board - 2013**

President – David Johnson

Vice President – Charles Brohawn

Secretary/Treasurer – Bob Higerd

#### **Musical Leadership**

Chorus Director - Gil Burroughs

# Grand Strand

## *The Low Country Chorus*

### Surfside Beach, SC

Chartered 3/19/86

Number: Q009

Members (12/31/13) – 21

Rehearsals: Tuesday, 7:30 PM at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 2061 Glens Bay Rd., Surfside Beach, SC 29575

[www.lowcountrychorus.org](http://www.lowcountrychorus.org)



#### **Fall 2013 Contest – Marty Rhoades, Director**

Row 1: Norman Zanders, Bob Young, Marty Rhoades, Jim Rogers, Rod Saunders.

Row 2: Don Theiss, George McKenna, Jack Cox, Dave Luck.

Row 3: Jerry Terwilliger, Gerry Sherwin, Bob Behrens.

**Activities/Accomplishments:** The Grand Strand Chapter began 2013 by attending a New Year Open House at Secretary, Norman Zanders' home.....425 nativities on display, good food, fellowship and as always, good Barbershop Singing. Several sing outs during the year at "Life Expo's, Can/Am Days at the Mall, Blessing of the Inlet, RV Campground, Retired Military, Nursing Homes and Sr. Citizen Centers.

We did not have an Annual Show, but we did join with the Sweet Adeline's as guests on their show in February.

President Gene McCoy resigned as President due to moving near family in Florida. We were glad to send his membership transfer and to hear he is remaining active in Barbershopping.

Our Chorus of 12 on stage did participate in the Fall District Convention which was held in Myrtle Beach October 25 – 26, 2013

Two new members joined our fellowship this year: Gerry Sherwin and Jim Rogers. Jim was installed as our 2014 Chapter President at our Annual Christmas Dinner. Bob Young was presented with the 2013 Barbershopper of the Year award.

We are a small Chapter with big dreams for a more active 2014 year.

**Director:** Marty Rhoades joined SPEBSQSA in December 1975 as a member of the Akron Derbytown Chorus in Akron, Ohio. He sang bass with the Gaslight Gallery Quartet 1980 to 1983! He moved to South Carolina in 1983. Marty started singing with the Grand Strand Chapter of the Low Country Chorus in 1985. He became the Director in 1990, which makes this his 23rd year as Director. Marty also sang bass with "The Harmony Construction Company for eight years.

**Chapter Awards:** Barbershopper of the Year – Bob Young

**Chapter Board – 2013**

President – Dave Luck

Secretary – Norman Zanders

Treasurer – George McKenna

VP Marketing/PR – Bob Behrens

VP Membership/Development –  
Don Theiss

VP Music/Performance – Dave Luck

VP Youth In Harmony – Rodney Saunders

Members at Large – Jack Cox, Ken Hall,  
Rodney Saunders

**Musical Leadership**

Chorus Director – Marty Rhoades

Assistant Director – Dave Luck



A successful Guest Night was held in March.



Performing at the Blessing of the Inlet.



CAN/AM Days at the Coastal Grand Mall 2/16/13.

# Greater Gaston

## *Gaston Chordweavers*

### Gastonia, NC

Chartered 2/27/91

Number: Q081

Members (12/31/13) – 9

Rehearsals: Tuesday, 7:30 at Unity Place, 201 W Franklin Blvd., Gastonia, NC 28052

#### **Chapter Quartets: Still Standing**

#### **Chapter Board - 2013**

President – Bill Crenshaw

Immediate Past President – Lynn Stewart

Secretary – Ed Warnok

Treasurer – Ed Warnok

PR Officer– Herman Hester

VP Membership/Development –  
Abner Harrington

VP Music/Performance – Jim Young

VP Program – Herman Hester

VP Youth in Harmony – Jim Young

#### **Musical Leadership**

Chorus Director – Jim Eddings

Assistant Directors – Steven Burke



The chorus before they perform the National Anthem at the Collegiate Grizzlies Baseball game.

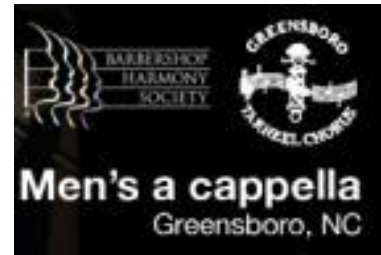
**Activities/Accomplishments.** The Gaston Chordweavers are alive and doing great. The photo (above) is our group before singing the National Anthem at our Collegiate Grizzlies Baseball game in July. We have been involved in singing Valentines. This is our biggest fund raiser. We sang at several Assisted Living Centers, a Wedding, we sang Christmas songs to the Military USO Club and travelers at the Charlotte International Airport and some other functions in the year 2013. The airport singout always give us a lot attention and publicity.

We have a lot of fun and enjoy the fellowship of each other. Also we have the best director, Jim Eddings, in the state. Prior to directing the Gaston Chord Weavers, Jim was the director of the award-winning Greater Gaston chapter of Sweet Adelines. In the Barbershop Harmony Society Jim is a dual member of the Gaston and Rocky Mount chapters. Rocky Mount was a District Chorus Champion. Jim is also charter member of the North Carolina Harmony Brigade. Outside of barbershop, Jim is the Information Technology Manager for the Firestone Fibers and Textiles Company in Kings Mountain.

# Greensboro

## *Greensboro Tarheel Chorus*

Greensboro, NC



Chartered 1/12/51

Number: Q031

Members (12/31//13) – 43

Rehearsals: Monday, 7:30 to 9: 30 PM at Christ United Methodist Church, 410 North Holden Road, Greensboro, NC 27410

[www.greensborobarbershop.com](http://www.greensborobarbershop.com)



### Fall 2013 Contest – Greg Zinke Director

Row 1 (L-R): Jerry Meisner, Bob Tilyard, Chris Malone, Joe Carrigan, John Long, Joe Clark, Greg Zinke.

Row 2: Wes Overby, Carl Stock, Doug Susong, Richard Tilyard, Frank Gurd, Dave Cook, Wayne Price.

Row 3: Wayne Workman, Ken Gordon, Chuck Murphy, Glenn Ogden, Bob Kellogg, George Brown, David Grove.

**Chapter Quartets:** Let's Sing, CLASS, Easy Livin', Pulling 60

**Chapter Awards:** Barbershopper of the Year – Budd Klena

### Chapter Board – 2013

President – Carl Stock

Immediate Past President – Gerald Meisner

Secretary – Wayne Workman

Treasurer – Walter Bower

VP Membership/Development – Budd Klena

VP Music/Performance – Doug Susong

Members at Large – Joseph Clark, Glenn Ogden,  
William Wegenka

### Musical Leadership

Chorus Director – Greg Zinke

Assistant Directors – Richard Tilyard

Section Leaders – Glenn Ogden, Carl Stock,  
Richard Tilyard, John Long

# Greenville Area Carolina Chord Connection Greenville, NC

Chartered 11/28/79

Number: Q075

Members (12/31/13) – 20

Rehearsals: Monday, 7:00 PM at Parks & Recreation Bldg., 2000 Cedar Lane, Greenville, NC 27858

[www.tinyurl.com/22s6c93](http://www.tinyurl.com/22s6c93)



Row 1: Jo Broadway.

Row 2: (L-R) Charlie Enzminger, Howard Shokler, Mark Leggett, Don Wigent, Steve Goodwin, Al Ingenito, Jack Fisher.

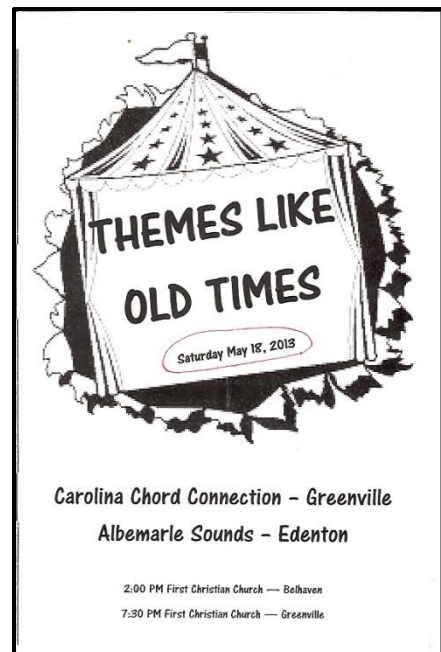
Row 3: Paul Bright, Bob Paciocco, Tom Erickson, Ken Gibson, Dan Sprau, Jack Thorton.

Row 4: Bob Hanrahan, Bruce McGee, Tommy Hodges, Don Lawler, Mike Warren, Rick LaBrune, Carroll Hearing.

**The chorus April 2012 - Jo Broadway, Director**

## Activities/Accomplishments:

- Feb. 13 and 14: Singing valentine programs in Greenville and Washington, NC. More than 50 singing valentines were presented by about 6 different quartets.
- Feb. 18: Annual chapter "Sweethearts Dinner" was held for members, their wives, families and friends. 2013 officers were installed and chapter Barbershopper of the Year Award was given to Ken Gibson.
- Spring, 2013: Busy singout schedule to area nursing homes and other charitable organizations.
- May 18: Annual chapter show, "Themes Like Old Times" was held; 2 PM in Belhaven, NC and 7:30 PM in Greenville, NC at the First Christian Churches in both locations. Choruses from Edenton NC and New Bern, NC performed along with The Carolina Chord Connection Chorus. Quartets from all 3 choruses contributed. An afterglow was held at the Greenville show location.



- June 29: Chapter picnic for members, families and friends was held, organized by Steve Goodwin.
- Aug. 16: Chapter participation at the 2nd Annual Wilmington, NC chapter's tag-singing event. About 8 chapter members attended.
- Aug. 23: "Sing for Baby Lee" benefit was held at the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, Washington NC, organized by Steve Goodwin, Bruce McGee and Jo Broadway. Proceeds from donations for the chorus performance were given to the family of the baby; granddaughter of Jo Broadway, to help defray medical expenses for a prolonged hospital stay necessary for a serious neonatal condition. Over 150 attendees raised approximately \$1200 for the family. Bruce McGee presented a miniature red bowtie and honorary chapter membership certificate to the baby's parents.
- Summer, 2013: Active singout programs to nursing homes and other venues continued. The stellar event was the chorus's performance at a grand opening of a new Walmart store in Greenville. It attracted many shoppers and some prospective new chorus members.
- Oct. 25-26. Carolinas District convention and competition, Myrtle Beach, NC. About 8 chapter members attended but the chorus did not compete as a group.
- Fall and Winter, 2013: Active singout schedule for area charities and organizations, senior citizens luncheons, church group functions, etc. The Christmas season was especially busy, averaging 3 or 4 singouts per week during late Nov. through mid-Dec.

**Director:** Directing the Carolina Chord Connection is a barbershop lover from way back. Jo Broadway fell in love with it long before she even knew what it was called, as a small child. Beautiful harmony has always been the sweetest sound to her ears. She began singing barbershop in 1972 in a chorus that later became a Sweet Adeline Chorus in PA. For years she enjoyed singing and competing in regional Sweet Adeline contest as a chorus member & as a quartet member. She has sung in at least four organized quartets and has served as an assistant director in two ladies' choruses as well as directing two ladies' choruses. Jo has had the pleasure of directing the Brotherhood of Harmony in Greenville since May, 2011 until they chose a new name and became Carolina Chord Connection.

**Chapter Quartets:** The Usual Suspects and The Four Tune Cookies

**Chapter Awards:** Barbershopper of the Year – Ken Gibson

### Chapter Board - 2013

President – Bruce McGee  
 Immediate Past President – Michael Warren  
 Secretary – Randy Driggers  
 Treasurer – Kenneth Gibson  
 VP Membership/Development – Steven Goodwin  
 VP Music/Performance – Robert Hanrahan

### Musical Leadership

Chorus Director – Jo Broadway

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**\$10.00**

Special guests



Southern Gentlemen,  
New Bern  
(Greenville show only)

**SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2013**

**2:00PM:** First Christian Church  
419 E Main St., **Belhaven, NC**

**7:30PM:** First Christian Church  
2810 E. 14th St., **Greenville, NC**

# Hickory

## *Carolina Moonlighters*

Hickory, NC



Chartered 2/18/75

Number: Q029

Members (12/31/12) – 16

Rehearsals: Thursday, 7:00 PM at Catawba County For the Arts Bldg., 243 3rd St. NE, Hickory, NC 28601

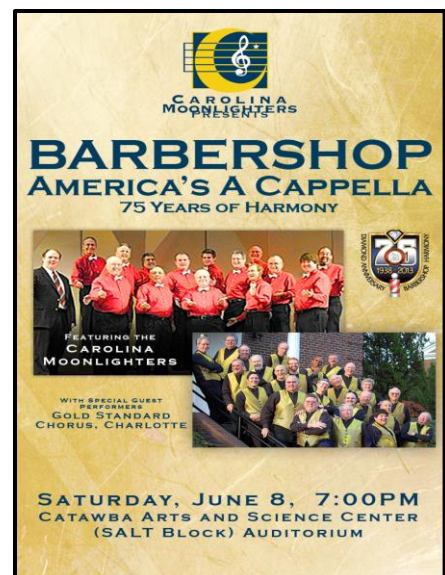


**Carolina Moonlighters – Don Lang, Director**

Kneeling: Don Lang, Director; Row 1: ( L-R) Isaac Stewart, Joel Eads, Ed Walk, Roger Beaver, Dennis Kimbleton, Bill Jones. Row 2: Arden Hintzmann, Bob Johns, Jim Coble, Rook Wetzels, Barry Smith, Stan Mills. Missing: Gardner Seese, Lee DeArmond

### **Activities/Accomplishments:** Major accomplishments for the chorus in 2013:

- Ran a very successful June show. It was a joint show involving an ensemble from Charlotte so we could emulate the 26 man group that assembled in Tulsa 75 years prior.
  - In conjunction with that show our promo included radio spots, City Council proclamation of Barbershop Week ahead of the show, Antics quartet sang at City Council meeting.
  - The show itself was unusual in that we sang 33 songs in a 1 hour 50 minute show that included intermission. The MC basically covered for ensembles and quartets as they move in and out of the spotlight. Songs covered the 75 years of musical influences on the barbershop style including songs that may have been sung in Tulsa; big band era songs; movie songs; Broadway show tune; pop recording stars like Sedaka, Nelson, Elvis; gospel; etc. Working with two chorus and 3 quartet repertoires





- made selection the hard part – we had to leave some great songs on the “cutting room floor.”
- We had an almost full house for the first time in years and audience feedback was that it was the best barbershop show they had seen in Hickory plus amazement on the part of many non-regular barbershop audience folks as to how many influences there have been on the music and that it was for people of all ages.
  - We launched a major partnership effort with the Hickory Soup Kitchen. We suggested a format and revenue model that their board put on steroids and had the most successful fund raiser they’ve ever had. Involved a dinner show held in front of a packed house at Lake Hickory Country Club. For this “abbreviated” show the chorus and our two quartets sang 23 songs excluding an “impromptu” happy birthday to one of the community’s leading ladies (her 90<sup>th</sup>). The HSK wants to continue this format going forward.
  - We resumed our partnership with the Hickory High School choral program and Catawba Regional Hospice in the form of a Christmas benefit show that was also well attended and yielded a nice contribution that was split between those two entities.
  - On the membership side, we were able to reverse the “aging out” issue we’ve had over the past couple years and have started back on a growth pattern.
  - Internally, we embarked on an annual planning regime, developed our first policy manual, instituted numerous changes to add fun and camaraderie to our chapter and meetings and achieved significant improvement in singing quality.

### **Chapter Quartets: Acappella Fellas, Antics**

#### **Don Lang – Music Director, Moonlighter Chorus**

Don started singing barbershop harmony with his parents and sister while still in high school. Now more than 50 years later, he still finds time to direct the Moonlighters, sing baritone in the Acappella Fellas quartet, and tenor in the Antics quartet. He has held all chapter offices at least once and often more than once in the many chapters he has been a member. Don as also been involved in the Harmony Society judging program for over 35 years serving as a Certified Sound Judge, Certified Chairman of Judges, and Certified Contest Administrator. He has also been active on the Dixie District Board including a stint as District President. His awards are many including Barbershopper of the Year awards from the Asheville and Winston-Salem Chapters and Dixie District Barbershopper of the Year in 2006. Don has directed the Moonlighters since 2006.



#### **Chapter Board – 2013**

President – Robert Johns  
 Secretary – Roger Beaver  
 Treasurer – Ed Walk  
 VP Marketing/PR – William Jones  
 VP Membership/Development – Rook Wetzel  
 VP Music/Performance – Don Lang  
 VP Program – Robert Johns  
 Members at Large – James Coble, Isaac Stewart

#### **Musical Leadership**

Chorus Director – Don Lang  
 Assistant Chorus Director – Rook Wetzel

# Hilton Head Island

## *Hilton Head*

## *Lighthouse Chorus*

Hilton Head Island, SC



Chartered 4/15/75

Number: Q072

Members (12/31/13) – 35

Rehearsals: Monday, 4 PM at The Country Club of Hilton Head, 70 Skull Creek Dr., Hilton Head Island, SC 29926

[www.hhibarbershoppers.org](http://www.hhibarbershoppers.org)



**Hilton Head Lighthouse Chorus, Wayne Vanderslice, Director**

Left to right from the top: Jon Norris, Russ Collins, Ed Swift, Dick Campbell, Larry Sauer, Paul McNamara, Wally Stone, Charlie Brown, John Degnan, Jim Baden, Warren Baunach, Jim Cheesman, Matt Gates, Mike Dorsey, Dennis Chojnacki, Duke Andrus, Rick LaSpisa, Terry McPherson, Wayne Vanderslice, Don Tartock, Bill Green, Bob Pentz, Jim Grove.

### A SHORT HISTORY OF THE HILTON HEAD LIGHTHOUSE CHORUS

In the fall of 1974, seven men met in Dr. Hank Calhoun's home to consider forming a barbershop chorus. They agreed to go ahead and in a few short months the chorus grew to thirty-five members.

After a short discussion among the members, the majority expressing interest in joining S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A. The application for a Charter was granted on April 15, 1975. The Lighthouse Chorus put on their first Annual Show on April 18, 1975 and the group has held a show every spring since then with many champion quartets as guest performers.

These shows have produced funds for the chorus to support both The Hilton Head and Bluffton High Schools with thousands of dollars in scholarships, instruments and band uniforms. Additionally, the

chorus has been able to sponsor a high school barbershop chorus from nearby Savannah, Georgia, named “Savannah Storm” in their regular participation in regional and national competitions, not only with funding, but also with practical on-stage experience in performing in our annual shows.

**Activities/Accomplishments (2012-2013).** Provided dozens of Singing Valentines. Produced our 39th consecutive Annual Show which was entitled, “An Historic Journey Through Barbershop Harmony: Its Music and Its People.” Performed Christmas program for The Cypress Retirement facility. Performed at the Christmas Tree lighting ceremony at the Country Club of Hilton Head. Gave the Hilton Head Island High School a 60-inch television screen. Performed at several Birthday and Anniversary events. Provided \$2700 in travel funds for “Savannah Storm” to participate in competition.

**Chapter Quartets:** Four Knights Standing, Recycled, Uncalled Four.

**Chapter Board – 2013**

- President – Donald Tartock
- Immediate Past President – James Baden
- Executive VP – John Britton
- Secretary – Larry Sauer
- Treasurer – Dennis Chojnacki
- VP Marketing/PR – Dick Tyrrell
- VP Music/Performance – John Degnan
- Members at Large – Bill Green, Walter Stone

**Musical Leadership**

Chorus Director – Wayne Vanderslice



**Recycled**

Jim Cheesman, Wally Stone, Larry Sauer, John Degnan



**Uncalled Four**

Charlie Brown, Rick LaSpisa, Wayne Vanderslice, Duke Andrus