

The Squires Wire

June 21, 2016

BucksMont Squires of Song

Home of the 2013 Atlantic Division Plateau A Chorus Champion

Dave Gale, Chapter Advocate, visited the Squires last Tuesday to discuss the issues confronting our chapter. It was an informative evening and we should follow-up several of his ideas.

Dave recommended a leadership team with everyone actively involved. He advised us to get heavily involved into social media such as face book, with postings of photos, events, etc.

He also emphasized that rehearsal nights are to work on sound, i.e., making music. Do at home preparation to know notes and chords to your part, but you should also know the lead/melody part. Visiting the North Pennsmen to see how they conduct a meeting and observing the director's style was also suggested.

There is a "new" member program called "Step Up and Sing," a six-week program that invites guests to learn to sing. North Pennsmen ran the program with success and the Country Gentlemen are planning to start it soon. He recommended the program for us and would send more information.

He reminded us that the Barbershop Harmony Society is a brotherhood/fraternity and fosters fellowship. Some chapters have weekend retreats to reinforce this aspect and, of course, go over their music repertoire. Coaches are sometimes invited, and in light of the new "Performance" judging category to achieve natural and entertaining performances and other singing techniques, would be very informative.

(Synopsis of article contributed by Steve Gold)

The Squires/Vintage Harmony Picnic –

The BucksMont Squires of Song and the Vintage Harmony Chorus combined for a picnic at Core Creek Park in Middletown Township, Bucks County. About 30 picnickers (including a great-grandchild!) gathered on a bright, warm Saturday afternoon to share our fellowship, singing and picnic food, with plenty of desserts. The Fox Portable Catering Service hosted the grilled food, hot table, and picnic essentials. Individual picnickers provided the covered

dishes, snacks and drinks. Needless to say, there was an abundance of food and drinks, and the dessert table was exceptional.

"In The Mood" kicked off the entertainment for the afternoon. A cavalcade of quartets and VLQ's, both rehearsed and ad hoc followed them. The Vintage Harmony and BucksMont Squires choruses also sang, as well as variations of the choruses in attendance.

A very pleasant day spent with friends and family on an exceptional Saturday afternoon.

(Photos by Eleanor Fox)





Happy Birthday for the Month of June to:
Dale Habel (02) (Retired) and Bill Schaick (28) (Retired)

EVENTS CALENDAR

(Events are also listed at website: bms.harmonize.com)

PERFORMANCES & OUTINGS	EVENTS OF INTEREST
June 21, Tue, Lansdale Songfest June 28, Tue, Guest Night	

Mark Your Calendar

- ⇒ **31st Lansdale Songfest** at Sellersville, June 21, Tue, arrive 6pm
- ⇒ **Guest Night**, June 28, Tuesday, Blue outfit with nametags.
- ⇒ **4th Annual Middletown Independence Parade**, July 4, Mon, Arrive 8am, Blue Outfit, Patriotic hat
- ⇒ **BHS International**, July 3-10, Nashville, TN
- ⇒ **Northampton Concert**, Thurs, July 28, Northampton Municipal Park. Arr 6:15, Sing at 7PM; Black outfit
- ⇒ **68th Middletown Grange Fair**, Aug 17-21 (Date/Time TBD)
- ⇒ **Ft. Washington Estates**, Sep 1, Thurs, 6:15 pm arrival, sing at 7pm; Vestless uniform
- ⇒ **M-AD Fall District Convention**, Sep 16-18, Lancaster, PA
- ⇒ **Sen. Tomlinson Seniors Expo**, Sep 22, Thur, 10-1, Sing at 11, Falls Manor Catering, Bristol. Table display. Blue Outfit.
- ⇒ **Election of Officers for 2017**, Oct 11, Tue.
- ⇒ **Rep. Frank Farry Seniors Expo**, Oct 14, Fri, 10-1, Neshaminy Activity Center, Feasterville. Table display. Blue Outfit.



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