

# THE RECHORDER



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## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

### DECEMBER

- Dec. 17 Barbara & Bill Jameson
- Dec. 19 Etta & Ken Kokes
- Dec. 26 Lonni & Mark Fuerniss
- Dec. 27 Bev & Kim Anderson
- Dec. 29 Donna & Bob Lundberg

JANUARY - None

## 2005

### CHAPTER OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

- President.....Chris McGahan
- Membership VP..Jon Peterson
- Music VP.....Jim Baruth
- PVP.....Ron Mays
- PR VP.....Darby Vannier
- Secretary.....Roger Pearson
- Treasurer.....Tom Tipton
- At Large Board Members  
Dwight Hammer  
Dick Roberts  
Roger Millnitz

### KITCHEN “VOLUNTEERS”

January & February

**BIRK ADAMS**  
**DON WUNDERLICH**  
**RUSS WORKMAN**  
**BOB SWAN**  
**ED SHAW**

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

#### DECEMBER

- 9 Mel Dudley
- 10 Chuck Evans
- 14 Aaron Burklund
- 14 John Jones
- 14 John Gill
- 16 John Lindahl
- 17 Ken Krohn
- 18 Dan Wiedel
- 27 Kim Anderson
- 29 Gerry Wirth

#### JANUARY

- 8 Earl Elwonger
- 8 Russ Workman
- 14 Chris McGahan
- 15 Dwight Hammer
- 16 Birk Adams
- 21 Kevin Burklund
- 21 Milt Havekost
- 27 Cliff Lant
- 27 Aaron Smith

### Barbershopper of the Year(2005) International PR Man of the Year

- Darby Vannier

### Lance Powell Award Winner(2005) International Hall of Honor PROBE

- Bruce Anderson

## NEW MEMBER



Paul Svoboda

**Paul Svoboda** is our newest member. He grew up on a dairy farm near Mead, Nebraska. He went to school at Mead and has an Associates Degree from South East Community College at Milford. He is currently a service manager at Truck Equipment Service Company. His singing experience is with the Vine Congregational Church Choir.

Paul is married to Cheryl, who is from Beatrice. They have two grown children, Jenny and David. Paul says his hobbies are golf and woodworking. Among his talents he lists being a painter and a builder. **Jerry Jordan** introduced Paul to barber-shopping by simply inviting him to come and sing with us. See how easy it is to bring in a new member? Paul sings bass.

**Welcome Paul, we can always use a good bass, they are the foundation of our music. Thanks also for your involvement, Your willingness to help has not gone unnoticed.**

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**Monday Nov. 7 –Guest night at Warren Social Hall. Be there early to greet our guests and help set up. Wear a Continentals shirt, any one of them.**

**Sunday, Dec. 4 – PERFORMANCE – Holiday Show. Trinity United Methodist Church, 16<sup>th</sup> & A Streets, 7:30 pm. Be there at 6:30 pm. Uniform – Black pants, purple Continentals shirt, black socks & shoes**

**Saturday, Dec. 17- PERFORMANCE – Sing for Capitol Beach Community Association Holiday Party at the top of the US Bank, at the Nebraska Club. Be there at 6:45 pm in the bank lobby, sing**

**at 7:30. Uniform, Black tux, red vest, black tie, socks and shoes.**

**Monday, Dec. 19 – PERFORMANCE – Sing for the LANDING residences at 3900 Faulkner Dr., (south of 40<sup>th</sup> and Old Cheney) Be there at 6:30 pm. Black pants and long sleeve Continentals shirt.**

## EDITORIAL

By R. T. DeLorm

Is it possible that every Lincoln Continental (except the Editor) is perfectly satisfied with his barbershop chapter? Is it possible that no one has a dream of a bigger and better singing chorus, more fun at chapter meetings, more sociability among members and spouses, more frequent and better planned public performances, more quartets, etc., etc., etc.? Since **No One** has given us any input to print in this bulletin, for the past year, we might draw the conclusion that everyone is satisfied with the status quo that has exemplified the Lincoln Continentals for the past several years.

I don't believe that everyone is perfectly satisfied. I'll be willing to bet good, hard money, that men are saying to themselves – "I suggested something once and nobody listened" or "The same old crowd runs this chapter every year, so what do my ideas count for?" or "If I suggest something, they'll either ignore me **or tell me to do it.**" Do these thoughts sound like someone has been reading your mind? Don't make anyone guess what your ideas are.

IF you want to build a better barbershop chapter, pick up your pencil, spend a few minutes of your time and tell your fellow barbershoppers how you would change the Lincoln Continentals into a better barbershop chapter. If you want to share your thoughts with the world, write an article for the bulletin. If you want a smaller audience, just hand your writings to the bulletin editor or a chapter officer. You could be the start of something **BIG**.

## CHAPTER ELECTIONS

Early in November the membership of the Lincoln Chapter held an election for Officers and Board members for 2006. The following are the most important people in the chapter.

<b>President</b>	<b>Darby Vannier</b>
<b>Program VP</b>	<b>Kim Anderson</b>
<b>Membership VP</b>	<b>Jon Peterson</b>
<b>Music VP</b>	<b>Russ Workman</b>
<b>Public Relations VP</b>	<b>Jason Linder</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Tom Tipton</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Roger Pearson</b>
<b>Members at Large</b>	<b>Dwight Hammer</b>
	<b>Dick Roberts</b>
	<b>Ed Shaw</b>
<b>Past President</b>	<b>Chris McGahan</b>

We thank those men who have filled these positions in the past. **Chris McGahan** has guided the chapter the past 3 years, through some rough (financial) times. **Darby Vannier** has lent his talents and skills as Public Relations VP and will guide the chapter for the following year. Thanks to **Ron Mays** for filling in as the Program VP when he could. **Marv Ehly** was an able backup. **Jon Peterson** has worked for the past few years in bringing in new members and guiding our membership efforts. Jon has also guided our YMIH program and the recent waffle feed with stellar results.

**Tom Tipton** took over the treasurer's duties and has us on the right road to solvency. His efforts on special projects; the waffle feed, YMIH, membership, and singing valentines have helped ease our budget crunch. **Roger Pearson** stepped in as Secretary and his special efforts as MC on our singouts has been appreciated. **Roger Millnitz** put in some time on the Board and lent his expertise in helping to set up a foundation to help the chapter. He also used some of his contacts to get us some free advertising for our events.

**Ed Shaw**, who has been our past president for the past 10 (??) years is back on the Board to continue his contributions to the chapter. **Dwight Hammer** is back on the board after serving as Music VP and **Dick Roberts** continues after serving as ticket chair for all events for the past year.

**Kim Anderson, Russ Workman** and **Jason Linder** join this hard working board as they tackle the job of taking the chapter to new heights. Good luck to the new officers and board. We can express our thanks for their efforts, by helping when asked, or...helping before you are asked.

## Annual Awards and Installation Banquet

The annual installation and awards banquet will be held at the Knolls Country Club, 2201 Old Cheney Rd., on Sunday, January 8, 2005.

This is always a fun night where we honor, and thank, last years officers, welcome, and install, this years officers and board members, and present awards for service to the chapter. **Bob Alderholt**, our chapter advisor, has agreed to do the installation. Should be a great night, should be done by 8:30 pm.

Cocktails will be served from a cash bar at 5:30pm, with dinner at 6:00. We hope to have a good crowd in the banquet room.

COST: **\$17.00** – includes tax and gratuity

## Valentines Day Singing

The Chapter needs someone (or more than one) who can sit down and work out a plan to put 5 or 6 quartets on the streets to sing a song, give a rose, take a picture, make people happy and help the Lincoln Chapter. We also need the help of everyone who can sing these polecat songs. The more quartets we have, the more singing valentines we can deliver, the more valentines we can deliver, the more money our chapter can realize. For years, whenever we had a project to raise money for the chapter, we heard the membership say that they were not good at that activity, be it selling ads, show tickets, etc.,etc.. Now we have a chance to, of all things, SING, to make money. Now is your chance to make a difference. If you do not feel that you can sing, then as least support the program by driving a van, taking pictures, being part of the planning, manning a phone, or as a favor to your friends or spouses by buying, or selling a singing valentine.

Need to do it NOW!

## HOLIDAY SINGING

Saturday evening, December 4, 2004, the Continentals, dressed in their casual uniforms, gathered at the Trinity United Methodist church to perform a holiday harmony concert. Forty men squeezed onto the steps of the sanctuary to bring joy to this happy crowd. They responded with a standing ovation as the Continentals sang under the direction of **Dale Comer, Jon Peterson, Jerry Neeman** and **Bob Lundberg. Roger Pearson** was our Master of Ceremonies. .

Immediately following this performance the Continentals retreated to the home of **Lonnie and Mark Fuerniss** for a Christmas gathering. As usual, Lonnie and Mark provided us with food and drink and the Continentals took advantage of this opportunity to join in fellowship. Thank you Lonnie and Mark.

## CHAPTER THANKS DALE COMER FOR 25 YEARS

The Chapter paused on a Monday evening in late November to say thanks to **Dale Comer**. Someone counted back to when Dale took over the duties as Chorus Director of the Lincoln Continentals and determined that it had been 25 years. Sounded like a reason to celebrate. **Ron Mays** brought it to a few members attention and, in a short time, others pitched in to set up an evening devoted to **Dale Comer**. Of course, it had to be a surprise.

**Kevin Burklund** arranged to have a cake made for the event and **Dick DeLorm** got some ice cream. Dick, who is our chapter historian, went to the archives and put together a number of picture boards with ALL of the choruses that Dale had gone to contest with in those 25 years. Dick also pulled out all of the show programs from all the chapter shows since 1981. Another picture board held all of the quartets Dale had sung in over these 25 years and a mixture of photos of Dale from the archives. Kevin contacted quartet members from Lincoln, Fremont and Omaha and invited them to Lincoln for the event.

On the evening of the “surprise party” Kevin called Lila to invite her to the event. The evening started as any other Monday evening: warm-ups,

work on holiday songs and an early break for a business meeting. Soon Dale was calling the chorus to get back on the risers to do some more work on the holiday songs, when **Dick DeLorm** stepped in and announced that he had one more event before we went back to the risers. Dale seemed taken aback because this was not Dick’s style.

Kevin dashed out the door to get the cake, the KP guys went to the kitchen to set up the drinks and serve the ice cream and Dick stepped backstage to where he had stashed the picture boards and the show programs. In no time the shrine to **Dale Comer** was set up and Dick took pictures of the cake and cut it into 100 pieces. While the members were lining up for refreshments, in walked Lila and Sarah and Dale’s old quartet pals. For the next hour the group reminisced about the past 25 years. Of course, an afterglow was staged at a local pub.

