

Penn Notes



2010 Atlantic Division
Large Chorus Champions

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Happy Thanksgiving
To all our North Pennsmen family





President's Corner – Ig Jakovac

Hi Gang – The District Contest is behind us – congratulations to one and all – it was a great contest and we did ourselves proud – I continue to get unsolicited comments from people in the district that bump into me, telling me how much they enjoyed our contest set. We put onto the stage a great entertainment package and people really appreciated that – we sang very well and that enhanced the level of enjoyment which our outfits and staging contributed to the overall performance – AWESOME JOB!!!!

Mean Old Mr. Grinch is almost ready to make an appearance at Branch Creek for our annual Christmas show – we only have a few weeks before Showtime and I'm confident that we'll once again put on a fantastic Christmas Show. Our annual Christmas party will be held at Hidden Springs Club House (thanks to Ken and Louise Ehrlich) and we are all looking forward to another scrumptious meal which will be catered by the Liberty Belles Chorus.

Finally, we have elected officers for 2011 – the installation ceremony will be in the New Year – below is the list of officers elect:

- President and VP Chapter Programs
Ig Jakovac
- Past President
Rich Maurer
- VP Music and Performance
Al Anderton
- VP Chapter Development
Vince Czepukaitis
- Secretary
Pat Shelly
- Treasurer
Ken Gingrich
- Board Members at Large
Dave Baraff ,Al Pasquale, Tom Telford



From The Director

Hi Gang!

Autumn is upon us in a big way. As our trees keep losing their leaves we are reminded that the holidays are fast approaching. For many of us, the holidays mean perhaps extra trips to the store or opening up the house to friends and family. Within the North Pennsmen Family, autumn means preparation to another **Sold Out** Holiday Show!!

Our preparation will include finding just the right character for the second half of the show and making up the fabric of the great citizens of Y'ville! Our preparation will also include building our characters so that our audiences get the sense that they are transported into our little 'town'. Each one of us will take on our role on and off stage – I am reminded of the elves a few months ago, as they emerged from their *bonding time* in the kitchen during a coaching session with Gary Plaag. That was way cool!

If you need help please see Steve Montgomery or brainstorm with one or two other guys in the chorus.

Another important piece of our preparation is...you guessed it! - the music. No one will EVER say that you have rehearsed or prepared a song WAY too much! In fact, did you know that a quick review of every song will give you more confidence and will enhance not only your performance but your enjoyment of that performance!! Never underestimate the power of going back to basics. As Vince Lombardi said to his players the day they returned to their first practice after winning the Super Bowl "Gentlemen this is a Football". To this I say "Gentlemen, this is a Pitch Pipe!"

Enjoy each and every song and enjoy your Autumn!

Anne



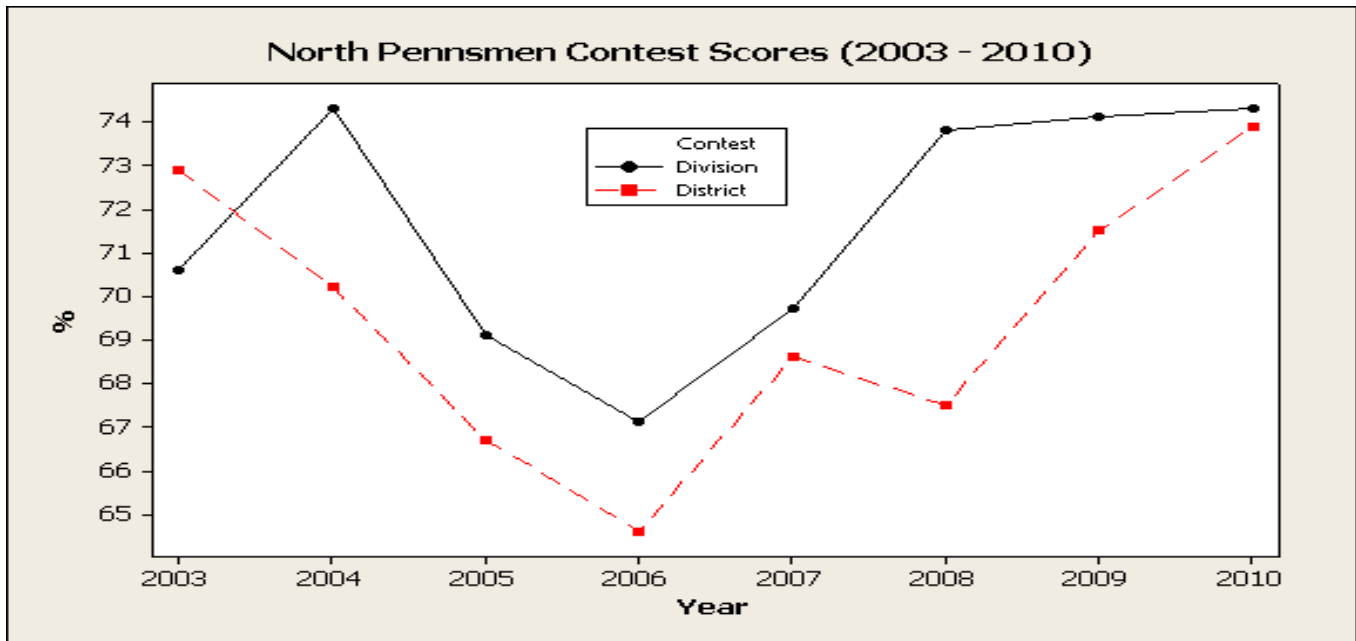
Ig's Singing Corner

Hi Gang – in case some of you have not seen the scores from our Mid Atlantic District Contest, I have summarized them below:

Song Performed	MUSIC			PRESENTATION			SINGING			Grand Average
	Judge 1	Judge 2	Judge 3	Judge 1	Judge 2	Judge 3	Judge 1	Judge 2	Judge 3	
When The Toy Soldiers March On Parade	75	75	68	70	77	77	75	75	76	74.2
Toyland	73	77	66	72	76	76	74	73	75	73.6

The grand average score for all categories and all songs was 73.9%.

The graph below shows progress over the last 7 years:



Notice that the red and black line have come together – this means that we had no significant degradation in scores in going from the Division to the District Contest – this is a big deal for us.... let's keep at it – we are singing well and many of our good singing skills are becoming habit – how exciting is that????

Meet Dave Landolt

by Jerry Heebner

Dave Landolt sang with the Christ United Methodist Chancel Choir for many years and it was there that he became acquainted with former North Pennsmen Lead Bruce Keller. Through Bruce's encouragement, Dave attended the annual Spring show and realized that he wanted to be part of the fun. That was 16 years ago.

He always felt he would like to be part of a chapter quartet and says he has had a blast singing with Chordial Agreement quartet as their Bass voice since they formed around 2005.

Dave started singing in high school (Audubon, NJ) where he was part of the ensemble and concert choir. He qualified to be part of the All-South Jersey Chorus, All-State Chorus and All-Eastern Chorus. The culmination was a tour through Europe with the high school concert choir.

He also sang with the Montgomery County, PA Community Choir for three to four years.

Early on, Dave was instrumental in reviving Penn Notes for a number of years when he served as its editor. He eventually turned it over to Dino Colon and thinks that it has improved with color photography and graphics, an option that he did have because of technology.

Another challenge Dave took on was chorus directing which still gives him enjoyment from time to time. In his endeavor to improve his ensemble singing, he has put directing on the back burner, concentrating on learning more from his experiences with Anne and Ig and with his quartet. It was music that brought Dave and his wife, Mari, together. There was a professional organization that they both belonged to that was sponsoring an event at the Mann Music Center in Philadelphia. They attended, they met, they dated, and they married the following July. That was 26 years ago this past summer.

Mari is currently teaching at Hatfield Elementary School where she gets 1st graders off to a very good educational start in life.

They have a daughter Noelle, 24, living in nearby Montgomeryville, who is an online marketing manager for David's Bridal company located in Conshohocken. Dave comments that he, unfortunately, is not the *David* of David's Bridal.

Both of his parents still reside in his hometown of Audubon, NJ. One younger brother has moved to West Berlin, NJ and another brother, also younger,

has migrated to Souderton, PA. Neither brother enjoys singing as much as Dave does.

Dave became involved with computers early on. He started as a software programmer right out of college back in 1973 (*computers in '73?!*) with Burroughs Corporation in Wayne, PA. Six years later he moved on to Sperry Univac in Blue Bell, still as a software developer. Burroughs realized their loss and merged with Sperry Univac to form Unisys. During his years of service with Unisys, Dave held the positions of software configuration engineer and worked on many software packages such as linear optimization, voice mail and messaging applications, mainframe spreadsheets, and project management.

He received many achievement awards and was co-inventor of two patents having to do with software architecture for voice messaging systems.

Dave used his computer experience to volunteer to help with TeamChildren, a non-profit organization in Audubon, PA that refurbishes old computers so that they can be sold to underprivileged children at a very low price. For the last two years he has been working part time as a retail associate with Macy's department store in the Montgomeryville Mall. You can find him in the Men's Polo department where he will be glad to assist you in choosing a nice shirt or tie.

The Landolt's still have fond memories of their honeymoon trip to Bermuda, but perhaps the most memorable was the family vacation to Disney World when their daughter was only four years old. To be able to provide the wonder of all the activities as seen by a young child is a treasured experience.

For relaxation, he still considers singing his main hobby and lists "Lord of the Rings" as his favorite movie. Favorite cuisine? That would be seafood, making Red Lobster his restaurant of choice. He has been known to eat at West Main Diner (Walt's Diner), fairly often.

As a North Pennsmen singer he has been quite active. He has served on the Board of Directors and been a member of the Music Committee. He has been VP of Music & Performance, editor of the chapter bulletin, organizer of quartet encouragement, and associate music director. In recognition of this participation, he was selected Barbershopper of the Year three times.

Dave would encourage everyone to sing in a quartet and perform regularly. He feels that it makes you a better singer and provides unforgettable experiences.



Wheel'n and Deal'n members (I-r) Miles Shaffer; Nick Flint, and Ricardo Leon

Music Is Their Medicine

By -Christine Wicker

This band knows how to rock-and roll. At a high school graduation party in North Texas, three young men wheel themselves into a suburban den and begin to jam. Nick Aint, 24, belts out a soulful rendition of Johnny Cash's "Folsom Prison Blues." Ricardo Leon, 21 beats the drums till the whole house shakes, while Miles Shaffer, 21, blows a mean harmonica.

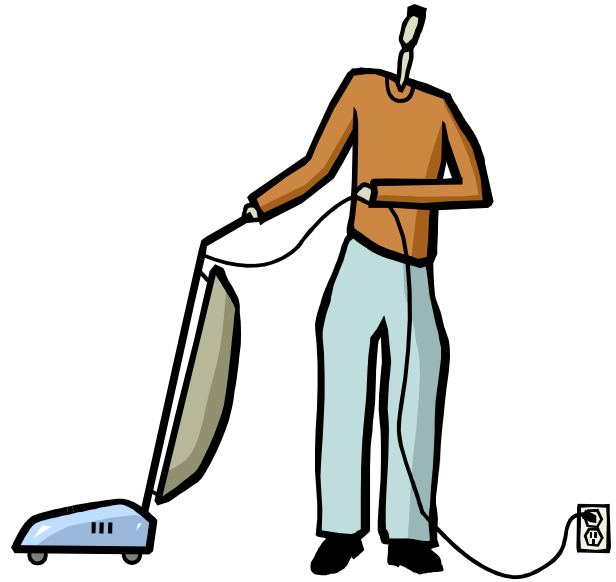
The members of rockabilly band Wheel'n and Deal'n met nearly 10 years ago at Camp John Marc, one of 77 summer camps sponsored by the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA). But it was music, not illness, that brought them together. When Leon confided his dream of playing the drums, a teacher gently said, "That's going to be difficult, don't you think?" Leon, then 11, already knew about difficult-a neuromuscular disease had left him unable to walk. But he had good upper-body strength and never doubted he could master the drums.

He's now an architecture student at the University of Texas in Arlington, where he performs with an Afro-Brazilian ensemble. "It's an adrenaline rush," he says. "Playing drums lets me express my joy." Shaffer-who plays keyboard, harmonica, "anything that needs playing"-writes Christian songs and is studying for a career as a music producer. He knows that music can inspire courage.

"Two years ago, I was in the hospital," he says. "I had heart failure, and I didn't know if I was going to live from one day to the next." Then he listened to "Never Let Go," by Christian artist David Crowder. "It brought tears to my eyes," Shaffer says. "It comforted me." Flint first began to pick out songs on the guitar at Camp John Marc when he was 13.

Today he performs professionally. "Music is the best medicine," he says. "You hear a song and you're feeling one way, and a few minutes later you feel differently." Wheel'n and Deal'n performed at the Dallas Cowboys' new \$1.2 billion stadium in January, and they hope to play the Jerry Lewis MDA Telethon in Las Vegas someday. But their biggest dream is to help others make music.

"Anybody can do it," Leon says. "If you think you can't, you're selling yourself short." Adds Shaffer: "Music is like a presence that heals you."



Gentlemen:

Please keep the following comments in mind when you are at our rehearsal hall each week. Although we pay a small fee to use the facility, we are still guests of the church, and proper respect is appreciated. When rehearsal is over, please take with you all water bottles, cups, food, and any personal items you had in the hall. No coffee, soda, or food is to be taken into the narthex (the large carpeted area outside the entrance to the hall.) When using any of the rooms for section

All who are physically able are asked to help with putting up and taking down the risers, but please be careful not to damage any of the doorways when rolling them in and out of the storage area.

Thanks for your support.

Bob and Ellis

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To my North Pennsmen and Pennettes Friends

Thank you for your prayers, your caring thoughts and heart warming words.

They all mean more than you could possible know.

I miss all of you and think of you often.

With sincere gratitude and love,

Fran Phifer



Thanks to this month's contributors:

Ig Jakovac, Anne Bureau, Jerry Heebner, Fran and Bob Phifer, Christine Wicker, Phil Calabria



Happy Birthday

to all

November

- Nov. 03 Fran Phifer
- Nov. 05 Dick Shimmin
- Nov. 06 Linda Payne
- Nov. 08 Joyce Thiessen
- Nov. 09 Gerrie Shimmin
- Nov. 11 Anne Bureau
- Nov. 17 Don Detweiler
- Nov. 26 Ruth Fennimore
- Nov. 26 Don Pearce



**Dec 10 and 11
Christmas Show**



December

- Dec. 1 Judy Baumgartner
- Dec. 1 Shelly Pasquale
- Dec. 3 Sandy Ward
- Dec. 6 Nick Clemmer
- Dec. 6 Jackie Maurer
- Dec. 10 Darrel Rocke
- Dec. 10 Dave Baraff
- Dec. 11 Tom Wilson
- Dec. 12 Doug Martinez
- Dec. 25 Merrill Alderfer
- Dec. 30 Sarah-Jane Clemmer

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A lot of exciting things are happening at the North Pennsmen Chapter. Bring your friends on any Tuesday night. They will have an enjoyable evening because..

**“It’s great to be a Barbershopper!
Especially at Lansdale!”**

Contributors to this News Letter are wanted. So if you have anything of interest to Barbershoppers send it to me. The **deadline** is the **15th** of the month.



Join US!



PHIL'S FORTUNES

Always remember-
For every problem you will have one solution which is simple, neat and wrong.

If you live a long life, it will be a testament to your friends self control.

If you don't have a solution
you should admire the problem.

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Historian.....	Ken Ehrlich
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Golden Pennsmen Director...	Don Detweiler

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CHRISTMAS SHOW IT'S SHOW TIME

**Please come prepared
To rehearsal. Listen to
your learning tapes and
go over your music.**