

Inventory of the

**Kishwaukee Valley Chapter of the
Barbershop Harmony Society**
DeKalb County, Illinois

Records

In the

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INTRODUCTION

Larry Ball, President of the Kishwaukee Valley Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society donated the group's records to the Regional History Center on May 18, 2007.

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SCOPE AND CONTENT

The collection contains the records of the Kishwaukee Valley Chapter of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America (S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A.) from 1967 to 2007. The records include newsletters, minutes, correspondence, administrative files, show material, district and national information, contest information, audio-visual material, as well as an individual's judging secretary records. These records reflect the singing and philanthropic activities of the Kishwaukee Chapter within the national organization. While the records document performances and contests throughout the history of the chapter, the only performances of the Kishwaukee Chapter recorded are from 1998 to 2004.

The collection is organized into four series: Kishwaukee Valley "Kish-Wau-Keys" Chapter (I), Illinois District (II), National S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A. (III), and Audio-Visual (IV). The first series contains several subseries: Chapter By-Laws and Information (A.), Reports, Minutes, Newsletters (B), and Show Material (C). The third series, National S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A., is further divided into four subseries: General and Chapter Information (A), Performance and Show Information (B), Institute of Logopedics (C), and John R. Barker, National Judging Secretary (D). The materials are arranged chronologically with the audio-visual material arranged chronologically within record type.

HISTORICAL SKETCH

Started around 1961, the Kishwaukee Valley Chapter of the S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A., was organized to provide men the opportunity to sing barbershop harmony for personal enjoyment. The group, which also sang competitively, was comprised of men from DeKalb County and its surrounding areas. The group sang under the national organization of S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A., which was organized in 1938 is now known by the simpler name Barbershop Harmony Society. The Kishwaukee Chapter took part in philanthropic endeavors, including raising funds for the Institute of Logopedics which aids individuals with hearing impairment. The Kishwaukee Valley Chapter or "Kish-Wau-Keys" continues into the present, delighting DeKalb County residents with their performances.

SUBJECT TRACINGS

Barbershop Harmony Society

Kishwaukee Valley Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society

Singing Societies

COLLECTION INVENTORY

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Series I. Kishwaukee Valley "Kish-Wau-Keys" Chapter		
Subseries A. Chapter By-Laws and Information		
1	1	Correspondence Regarding becoming S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A. Chapter, June 1961-January 1962
	2	Chapter By-Laws and Statement of Policy, (1962-1973)
	3	Kishwaukee Chapter By-Laws and Illinois Secretary of State Correspondence, 1998
	4	General Business Information, (Circa 1970-1987), no date
	5	Business Correspondence, (1958-1998), no date
	6	Chapter Business and "Roving Him Singers," 1969-1997
	7	Membership Booklet- "Especially Prepared for Barbershopper John Dougherty," circa 1964
	8	Membership Applications, 1950, 1960-1971
	9	Membership Lists, 1962-1979
2	1	Membership Lists, March 1980-October 1989
	2	Membership Applications and Dues, July 1985-November 1988
	3	Membership Lists, January 1990-July 1998
	4	Membership Applications and Dues, March 1991-November 1995
	5	Membership Lists and Information, no date
	6	Chapter Officers, (1961-1996), no date
	7	Directors, 1978, 1991-1992, 1995
Subseries B. Reports, Minutes, Newsletters		
	8-10	Meeting Minutes and Financials, (1961- 1977)
3	1-12	Meeting Minutes and Financials, (1978- 2006), no date
	13	S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A. letterhead, no date
	14	Attendance Records, January 1983- December 1987, circa 1989
	15	Quarterly and Monthly Activity Reports, 1962-1990
4	1	Achievement Scores and "Top 10 Chapters," 1992
	2	Convention and Contests, (1962-1987), 1994

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4	3	Awards, 1986-1987	
	4	Ladies Auxiliary, 1975	
	5	Chapter Historian, 1977	
	6	Bulk Mail Rate Correspondence, February 1988- March 1989	
	7	Broadcast Music Incorporated (BMI) licenses, (1986-1990)	
	8	John E. Roser funeral card, 1976	
	9	House of Delegates and District Executive Meetings, 1962-1963	
	10	Illinois District Directory, 1984	
	11	Rehersal Meetings, 1967	
	12	Guest Night Program, 1988, no date	
	13	S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A. Guest Register, 1962-1981	
	14	Articles and Pamphlets on Barbershop Singing and the S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A., 1977, 1980, 2002, 2011, no date	
5	1	Thank You's and Appreciation, 1977-1996, 2004	
	2	"Brush 'N Mug" Newsletter, circa 1982-1982	
	3	"Kish-wau-Keys" Newsletter, circa 1983-2003	

Subseries C. Show Material

4-11	Show, (1962-1978)
12	"Gauze and Applauze" with Quartet, Kishwaukee Hopital, March 1978
13	Show, (1979-1999)
25	Barbershop Show, 2000
26	Barbershop Show, 2001
27	Barbershop Show Program, 2001
28	Barbershop Show, 2002
29	Barbershop Show Program, 2002
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37	Barbershop Show Program, 2006
38	Barbershop Show, 2007
39	Show, no date

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6	1	Show Posters, 1975-1976 S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A. Scrapbook
7		Harmony Foundation Service Award Plaque, 1985-1986
8	1	Show Production File, (1963-1985), no date
	2	Event Finances and Lists, 1959-1982, no date
	3	NIU Concert with S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A. Thank you, September 12, 1973
	4	Visiting Quartets, 1 of 2, no date (9 photos)
	5	Visiting Quartets, 2 of 2, no date (13 photos)
Series II.	Illinois District	
	6	House of Delegates Meeting, (April 1977- April 1985)
	7	District Officers Meeting, no date
	8	Illinois District Executive Board Meeting, 1970-1971, 1977
	9	Illinois District Budget for 1987, 1986
	10	Convention Manual, 1979
	11	Northern Division Counsel of Chapters Meeting, 1979
	12	Correspondence, 1981, 1984
	13	Illinois District Newsletter, May 1971, April 1974
	14	Membership Summary, 1981
	15	"A Twenty-Five Year History of Barbershopping in Illinois," 1964
	16	Illinois Directory, 1976
	17	Illinois District Academy of Harmony, 1984-1985
	18	"Attack and Release," January/August 1984, November/ December 1986
	19	Illinois District Work Plan, 1975
	20	District Reports, 1979, 1983-1984
Series III.	National S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A.	
	Subseries A. General and Chapter Information	
	21	"Melodies for Millions," 1965
	22	"Keep America Singing," 1970
	23	Barbershop Music and History, 1961, 1973, circa 1975, no date
	24	Public Relations, 1961, 1966, no date
	25	Chapter Directory, 1973
	26	Correspondence on general society matters, 1974, 1976

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8	27	Mailing, 1975, 1980, no date	
	28	“Good of the Chapter,” Chapter Questionnaires and Problem Solving, 1975, no date	
	29	“The Harmonizer,” January/February 1982, 1984	
9	1	Chapter Rules, Regulations, and Ideas, 1982, 1987, no date	
	2	Bulletin Manuals, 1981, no date	
	3	Annual Achievement Awards Program, no date	
	4	Harmony Month, 40 th Anniversary Correspondence and Information, January- April 1978	
	5	“Probemeter”- Official Bulletin of the Public Relations Officers and Bulletin Editors, Fall 1981- Fall 1983	
	Subseries B. Performance and Show Information		
	6	Show Production Information, (1968-1984), no date	
	7	Harmony College and Education, 1973-1974, no date	
	8	Harmony Shows, 1975-1978, 1980-1981, no date	
10	1	Show Production Handbook, no date	
	Subseries C. Institute of Logopedics		
	2	Logopedic Institute Information, 1974-1975	
	3	Paddlewheel Press, July 4-5, 1984	
	4	Institute of Logopedics, “50 Years of Service...,” 1984	
	5	Institute of Logopedics Summary Information, no date	
	6	Logopedics Chairman’s Manual, 1977, no date	
	7	Harmony Foundation Award, 1988	
	8	Harmony Foundation, January 1979	
	9	Correspondence concerning Logopedics donation, September 27, 1984	
	10	Kishwaukee Valley Chapter Logopedics Contributions, 1985-1987, 1992	
	Subseries D. John R. Barker, National Judging Secretary		
	11	“An Introduction to... Contest and Judging or, Everything You Wanted to Know About Judging but... Were Afraid to Ask” 1980	
	12	Correspondence regarding Secretary candidacy, 1980-1982	
	13	Correspondence about judging, June 1979-April 23, 1981	
	14	Essay on the Job of the Secretary of Judges, no date	

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10	15	Insurance, January 1983	
	16	Correspondence Concerning Computers, January 1983	
	17	“Directions,” Official Publication of the International Contest and Judging Committee, 1983-1984	
	18	Dixie Availability, November 1982, January 1983	
	19	Judging Information for Fall Convention and Contest, July-September 1983	
	20	Judging Information for Spring Convention and Contest, October 1983, January- March 1984	
Series IV.	Audio Visual	Photographs:	
	21	Second Show at old Sycamore High School, Fall 1962 (1)	
	22	Kishwaukee Valley Chapter at District Contest, September 1963 (1)	
	23	Kishwaukee Valley Chapter at District Contest, circa 1963 (1)	
	24	Kishwaukee Valley Chapter in Rockford, Illinois, April 1969 (2)	
	25	Illinois District Contest at Chicago, Illinois, circa late 1960s-Early 1970s (1)	
	26	Singout at NIU’s 75 th Anniversary, August 1975 (4)	
	27	Kishwaukee Chapter in Batavia, Spring 1976 (1)	
	28	Birthday Party for Del Stonsifer- DeKalb Elks Club, November 10, 1979 (3)	
	29	Group photo, circa 1981 (1)	
	30	Event with presentations, December 1981 (19)	
	31	First Lutheran Churchman’s February Dinner Meeting, February 1987 (1)	
	32	Institute of Logopedics Award group, 1992 (1)	
	33	Barbershop Group and Individual photos, 1998 (24)	
	34	S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A. float in parade, no date (3)	
	35	“April Harmony Month” ad on bus, no date (3)	
	36	Unknown joint performance, no date (8)	
	37	Quartet with Shriner, no date (1)	
	38	Event photographs, no date (4 photos, 3 negative strips)	
	39	Unknown quartet performing, no date (2)	
	40	Performance, no date (1 proof sheet)	
	41	Possible contest group photo, no date (1)	
	42	Quartet individual photos, no date (4)	
	43	Jim Baker at performance, no date (1)	
10	44	Kishwaukee Chapter, no date (3)	

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	45	Contest group photographs, no date (1)	
	46	Group photograph- possibly contest photograph, no date (1)	
		VHS Tapes:	
11	1	“When Johnny Comes Marching Home,” March 28, 1998	
	2	2000 Barbershop Show	
	3	“Travelin’ Along,” Kish-Wau-Keys Show 2001	
	4	Barbershop Show 2002 (second half only)	
	5	Barbershop Show 2003	
	6	Barbershop Show 2004	
		Cassette Tapes:	
	1	Barbershop Bonanza 1977	
	2	Champion Barbershop Quartets and Choruses, circa 1970	
	3	Barbershop Quartets Top Ten 1977	
	4	The Best of Barbershop (1964-1976) 13 Years of Winner- Barbershop Quartets	
	5	The Top Ten Barbershop Quartets of 1975	
	6	International Convention, Detroit 1981 (with songs from Champions since 1951)	