

## Alexandria Harmonizers 70th Anniversary Throwback Thursdays

### No. 33 – 1999 Step in Time

Alexandria Harmonizers, 1998 International Champion Chorus,  
Swan Song Performances



Sixty First Annual International Convention and Contests, SPEBSQSA, Anaheim  
CA, June 28-July 4, 1999

Music Director **Scott Werner**    Artistic Director **Geri Geis**

Associate Director **Mike Wallen**

Package Show Producer **Ken Fess**    Chapter President **Burt Stueve**

As the outgoing Chorus Champion, the **Alexandria Harmonizers** produced a total of seven performances during the Anaheim International Convention and in special appearances at Cal State Long Beach and Disneyland. In the afterglow of our Fourth Gold Medal, we were understandably engaged in tribute and remembrance of our founder, **Dean Snyder**, who passed away on May 7, 1999.

The Marriott and Hilton ballrooms served as performance locations during the week for the Mid-Atlantic District Pep Rally (4 songs), AH Master Class (9 songs), *World Harmony Jamboree* (4 songs), and AH “MEGA-Glow” (10 songs). Our various uniform combinations included casual oxford blue AH shirts, striped and silver vests, white dinner jackets, and white tie and tails.

Our Tuesday evening package show with **The Bay Rum Runners** at The Richard and Karen Carpenter Performing Arts Center benefited the California State Long Beach dance student scholarship fund. Harmonizer **Ed Allen** and **Judy Allen**, Chair of the Dance Department, arranged for our contract performance. We sang 19 songs and had 5 costume changes.

On Thursday the Harmonizers got good reviews on our *World Harmony Jamboree* performance: “‘*Battle Hymn of the Republic*’ stirred every patriotic fiber in our collective being. ‘*Always/In the Wee Small Hours of the Morning*’ still had all the subtle magic that won the gold a year ago. ‘*Glenn Miller Medley*’ (with Bob Arbetter, trombone) was a big Broadway production number...In ‘*Director’s Lament*’ Scott Werner resorted to shooting a pistol in the air to get (the chorus’)...attention. The crowd went berserk...and would not let the Harmonizers go without an encore. ‘*When You Wish Upon A Star*’ filled the bill nicely.”

The Friday *Disneyland Barbershop Festival* featured the Harmonizers on the Plaza Gardens Stage with celebrity **Dick Van Dyke** and the **Dapper Dans** quartet. After introducing the chorus, Van Dyke got to play the Deagan Organ Chimes with the Dapper Dans. We sang 8 songs including “God Bless the USA” with the quartet. Dick Van Dyke received an Honorary Society Membership during the convention.

For our Saturday “Champs Package” at the Arrowhead Pond, we performed “I’ll Be Seeing You,” “Steppin’ Out Medley,” and “Hooked on Classics.” The **Masters of Harmony** won their 4th chorus championship, just two points ahead of **New Tradition**. **FRED** was crowned quartet champion.

Harmonious Tagline:

*Millennial Movement*: **Scott Werner** retires in July 2002 after nearly 30 years as Music Director. **Terry Reynolds** takes the chorus to its Fifteenth District Championship in October 2002. **Richard Lewellen** becomes the Harmonizers’ seventh Music Director in January 2003.