

Alexandria Harmonizers 70th Anniversary Throwback Thursdays

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Last in a series celebrating the **70th Anniversary** of the Alexandria Virginia Chapter, Barbershop Harmony Society.

A chance meeting on a rainy night and the *power* of an idea brings the **Alexandria Harmonizers** to life.

The *power* of a skilled, creative, and caring membership brings the **Alexandria Virginia Chapter** to fruition as a respected and emulated world class arts organization.

Over 1,200 Harmonizers “sing it forward” in a rich legacy landscape (over 500 songs), with the *power* of experiences and accomplishments worthy of the **Chapter’s 70th Platinum Anniversary - More Precious than Gold.**

“**Breathless Moments**”...our creative mentor and friend, **Darryl Flinn**, coined the sobriquet that became the title of the Chapter’s monumental 50-Year History 1948-

1998, wherein he recalls his illuminating response when asked “What is the secret to the Harmonizers’ great success?”

“I found myself saying that if all the Harmonizers were wearing beanies with little lights on top, and if one were to look down at the town of Alexandria day or night, seven days a week, one would see dozens of little lights buzzing all over the place.

And those lights would be members of the Harmonizers who were totally committed to doing the myriad things that go into a great gold medal chorus.

Things like row rehearsal at Geri’s studio, section rehearsals at a leader’s house, individual voice lessons, remedial sessions for guys to get up to speed, board and committee meetings, music team strategy meetings, huge fund raising activity—and this says nothing about how a chapter manages to have all or part of twenty quartets on its roster.”

Predict the **Alexandria Harmonizers’** future? A risky proposition at best. **Dean Snyder** keeps us on the right track: *“If there’s a song in our hearts, we will never grow old.”* And **Joe Cerutti** helps point the way: *“It really only takes one person to make a difference.”*

Let’s just say that there are many more **“Platinum Moments”** to be discovered by those who let their little lights shine over a fertile landscape when other lights may dim.

It’s (still) great to be a Harmonizer!

Harmonious Tagline:

Composed by **Michel Legrand**, Lyrics by **Alan and Marilyn Bergman** (edited) –

“How Do You Keep The Music Playing?”

How do you make it last? How do you keep a song from fading too fast?

How do you lose yourself to someone, and never lose your way?

How do you not run out of things to say?

If you can be the best of lovers, Yet be the best of friends,

If we can try with every day to make it better,

As it grows, with any luck, then I suppose,

The Music never, never, never ends.