

## **Alexandria Harmonizers 70th Anniversary Throwback Thursdays**

### **No. 8 – 1962 Fourth Chorus Uniform**

1962 Mid-Atlantic District Barbershop Convention and Contests, SPEBSQSA, Inc., September 28-30 1962, Mayflower Hotel, Washington, D.C. Hosted by the Alexandria, Virginia Chapter.

The Harmonizers chose not to compete in the chorus contest but sang for the Constitution Hall audience at the Quartet Finals and Jamboree in their new powder blue tuxedo jackets. Their first number was a “Welcome” song with words and music by our Chorus Director, Harold “Bud” Arberg (1951-62). The convention was a huge success due largely to the planning by General Chairman Harold Schultz, charter member and 1953-54 Chapter President. Alexandria also hosted the 1970 and 1978 District Conventions in Washington.

Over the years, the Alexandria Harmonizers developed a tradition of exceptional service to the Mid-Atlantic District in positions of leadership and honor. Forty seven Harmonizers have been inducted into the honorary subsidiary, DELASUSQUEHUDMAC, and 23 members into the District Hall of Honor. Seven Harmonizers have served as District President. The Harmonizers have been awarded 26 District Chorus Championships and 20 District Quartet Championships.

District Presidents: Harold Schultz, 1958-60; Buck Dominy, 1962-63; Wilbur Sparks, 1966-67; Alan Wile, 2005-06; Gary Plaag, 2009-10; Bill Colosimo, 2013-14; Dennis Ritchey, currently serving.

District Hall of Honor: Dean Snyder, Wilbur Sparks, 1986; Buck Dominy, 1988; Scott Werner, 1990; Jed Casey, 1994; Walter Latzko, 1998; Jack Pitzer, 1999; Bob Wachter, 2000; Bud Arberg, 2001; John Hohl, 2002; Mike Gorham, Gary Plaag, 2004; Terry Jordan, 2005; Mike Wallen, Alan Wile, 2007; Chuck Harner, 2009; Bill Colosimo, Steve White, 2010; Rick Taylor, 2012; Keith Jones, 2013; Mike Kelly, Terry Reynolds, 2015; John Santora, 2016.

“Welcome, barbershoppers from each Mid-Atlantic State, We’re glad to see you, really glad to see you, We hope all your barbershopping’s been just great! We hail from Virginia, Alexandria, we do, Howdy you all, Have yourselves a ball! Alexandria welcomes you!” *Bud Arberg 1962*

