

# The Squires Wire

January 12, 2016

BucksMont Squires of Song

*Home of the 2013 Atlantic Division Plateau A Chorus Champions*

The **Annual Installation Dinner** was held at Spring Mill Manor in Ivyland. There were 21 members and guests plus the "Cross Keys Connection" quartet. After Aaron Fox made his welcoming remarks, *Ray and Meryl Cramer* performed the lighting of the Memorial Candles. The awards followed the three entre buffet dinner. *Joe D'Andrea* received the Phil LaFleur award for member recruitment. *Dave Borton* received the Doug McPherson plaque for unselfish service to the chapter. The Dan Buzz award for dedicated service went to *Ray Cramer*. *Tom Hankin* was recognized for contribution to our music and vocal education with the Music Man award. *JoAnn D'Andrea* received recognition for service to the chapter by a non-member. Finally, the **Barbershopper of the Year (BOTY)** was deservedly claimed by Tom Ferguson as outstanding member in 2015.

The installation of Officers and Board Members was officiated by *Rob France, DVP, Atlantic* (and, Lead singer in the "Cross Keys Connection"). Then, there was a brief announcement about the upcoming Valentines Greeting Campaign and it's importance to the chapter.

A cavalcade of quartets started with "Under Construction" followed by "Vintage 4" and the special treat of Marty Kuhn playing his favorite selections on the accordion (BTW, Marty is our newest member!). We

continued with "As Time Goes By" and "4 Tunes" quartet, before the chorus came forward and performed a three-song set of our favorites.

"Cross Keys Connection" took the stage and provided the feature entertainment with a well-rounded sound and a varied program of "Brand New Day," "Working on the Railroad," "Paper Moon," "What'll I Do," "Three Nuns, Two Old Ladies and a Nurse" (a hilarious parody to the tune of God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen) and concluded with the spirituals "When I Lift Up My Head" and "Irish Blessing." After everyone absorbed the entertaining patter and singing of Cross Keys Connection, "As Time Goes By" came forward and presented "Everyday of My Life."

The president, Steve Gold, offered his remarks and thanks to conclude the program. He extended his thanks to "Cross Keys Connection" all the quartets and Marty. He greeted family and friends (Bob Wilkinson) for joining us and extended a warm thank you to our Harmony Belles for supporting the chapter and the members to enhance our barbershop experience. His recurring dream for the chapter is an increase in membership and he urged all present to help towards that goal.



## THE AWARDS





(Photography by Eleanor Fox)

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This February will be highlighted by the three days of ♪ **Valentines Greetings** ♪, February 12, 13 and 14. As a reminder to our members, the presentation of the chapter's vital fundraisers. Our publicity concentrates on print, radio, email and social media, but the distribution of business cards, solicitation is by your "feet on the street!" So, get out there and let your people know about this great and unique opportunity to say, "You're the greatest," to their special someone. How else will they find out if YOU won't spread the good news? *We offer two songs, a presentation rose and a personalized greeting card to the loved one, at a time and place chosen by our client. Ask about the deep discount for family members. The Coordinator is Joe D'Andrea. Contact us at [BucksMontSquires@gmail.com](mailto:BucksMontSquires@gmail.com) or Joe at 215.885.0915 or ask your friendly Squires member.*



**ReMEMber - MEMbership begins with ME**

*Happy Birthday for the Month of January to:  
Rick Edelman*

*Ramblings of a Retired Mind:  
Aging: Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying  
about your age and start bragging about it.*

**EVENTS CALENDAR**

(Events are also listed at website: [bms.harmonize.com](http://bms.harmonize.com))

<b>PERFORMANCES &amp; OUTINGS</b>	<b>EVENTS OF INTEREST</b>
Mon, Jan 25, <b>Music, 7pm &amp; Board, 8pm Meetings, LUM</b> Fri-Sun, Feb 12-13-14, <b>Valentines Greetings</b>	Mon, Jan 18, <b>MLK, Jr. Day</b>

**Mark Your Calendar**

- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Monday, January 18
- ⇒BHS Mid-Winter Convention, Jan 26-31, Reno, NV
- ⇒**Guest Night**, Tue, March 15, LUM
- ⇒Spring Prelims, April 15-16, Reading, PA
- ⇒**M-AD Central Division Convention**, May 13-14, Harrisburg, PA
- ⇒**M-AD Harmony College East**, June 16, Salisbury, MD
- ⇒BHS International, July 3-10, Nashville, TN
- ⇒**M-AD Fall District Convention**, Sep 16-18, Lancaster, PA



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For the record, The Squires Wire was not published during the December 22 and 29 rehearsal day "holidays."