McLean County Museum of History

# Barbershoppers Collection

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## Collection Information

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| VOLUME OF COLLECTION: | 1 Box |
| COLLECTION DATES: | 1949-2010 |
| RESTRICTIONS: | None |
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| ALTERNATIVE FORMATS: | None |
| OTHER FINDING AIDS: | None |
| LOCATION: | Archives |
| NOTES: | None |

## Brief History

        The Bloomington Chapter of the SPEBSQSA was originally named the Bloomington Harmony Club.  The Bloomington Chapter held its first meeting April 27, 1942.  Founding members of the Bloomington Chapter are as follows: B. Paul Jefferson (first president), L. Earl Bach, John Hanson, K.R. Ward, Joe Bunting, Otto G. Beich, Dave Ward, Hugh A. Henry, Floyd Dana, Art Kane, John Hanson (first director), and Dan Carmody.  They held their meetings and rehearsals at Illinois Hotel.  The Bloomington Chapter was a large chapter from the beginning, with around 55 founders, according to *The Birth of SPEBSQSA* by Joe Bunting.

        Since 1942 the Bloomington Chapter has had annual shows.  The shows are held the last weekend of February each year and usually feature a guest quartet.  They have sung the National Anthem at Wrigley Field twice, and perform regularly in Bloomington's Concert under the Stars and Sounds of Christmas programs.

## Scope Note
This collection contains programs, historical information, booklets, newspaper articles, and a newsletter.  The collection spans the years from 1949-2010.

# Box and Folder Inventory

**Folder 1: Programs- 1940s-1950s**
1.1     Annual Parade of Quartets and the Corn Belt Chorus program (1949)
1.2     16$^{th}$ Annual Parade of Quartets and Show program (1958)

**Folder 2: Programs- 1960s**
2.1     20$^{th}$ Annual Barbershop Show program (1962)
2.2     21$^{st}$ Annual Barbershop Show program (1963)
2.3     22$^{nd}$ Annual Barbershop Show program (1964)

**Folder 3: Programs- 1990s**
3.1     48$^{th}$ Annual Barbershop Show program (1990)
3.2     49$^{th}$ Annual Barbershop Show program (1991)
3.3     50$^{th}$ Annual Barbershop Show program (1992)
3.4     CD of 50$^{th}$ program (1992)
3.5     56$^{th}$ Annual Barbershop Show program (1998)

**Folder 4: Programs- 2000s**
4.1     63$^{rd}$ Annual Show program (2005)
4.2     65$^{th}$ Annual Show program (2007)
4.3     66$^{th}$ Annual Show program (2008)
4.4     67$^{th}$ Annual Show program (2009)

**Folder 5: Programs- 2010-14**
5.1     68$^{th}$ Annual Show program (2010)
5.2     69$^{th}$ Annual Show program (2011)
5.3     70$^{th}$ Annual Show program (2012)
5.4     71$^{st}$ Annual Show program (2013)
5.5     72$^{nd}$ Annual Show program (2014)

**Folder 6: Programs- 2015-**
6.1     73$^{rd}$ Annual Show program (2015)
6.2      73$^{rd}$ Annual Show ticket information card (2015)
6.3     74$^{th}$ Annual Show program (2016)
6.4     75$^{th}$ Annual Show ticket brochure (2017)  2 copies.
6.5     75$^{th}$ Annual Show program (2017)
6.6     76$^{th}$ Annual Show program (2018)  2 copies.

**Folder 7: Celebration Booklets**
7.1     25 year history of barbershop singing in Illinois
7.2     District Champions booklet (1976)  2 copies.
7.3     50 year anniversary booklet

**Folder 8: Newspaper Clippings (*Pantagraph*, unless noted)**
8.1    "Mr. Plumm Reminisces. New Recalls Singers of Bygone Era," May 3, 1942
8.2    "Bloomington chorus named best in state" Monday September 27, 1976
8.3    "Barbershop delights crowd" February 27, 1977
8.4    "Barbershoppers in circus theme" February 1980
8.5    "A half-century of harmony" February 28, 1992

**Folder 9: Newsletter**
9.1    Megaphone newsletter, Bloomington Chapter No. 1 of SPEBSQSA September 2, 1958

**Folder 10: Script**
10.1    Script for 2-man Route 55 program, Dec 16, 2015.