

PAPPYS HISTORY

This organization was conceived and founded in 1983 by Reg Loughead, Al Hollis, Doug Schofield and Dennis Grant of the Truro Chapter as a mentor source for the Sunrise Division of the Northeastern District of the Barbershop Harmony Society. They believed the **Presidents And Past Presidents of Your Society** in the Division, because of their barbershopping and administrative experience would be a "**sound**" resource base to provide assistance in promoting our hobby and helping chapters that might need a "shot in the arm". It was patterned after a similar organization Al Hollis visited in Florida called "**The Brass Hats**". Membership was first restricted to Sunrise Division members however membership was eventually expanded to any Society Past Chapter President.

They arranged the first meeting of the "to be named" organization and it was held, with 23 PAPPYS present, at the Halifax Airport Hotel on January 12, 1983. Roy Grant, father of Dennis, and a member of the former Liverpool Chapter suggested the adopted name for the organization. The first Chairman was Past DVP Reg Loughead of the Truro Chapter. When Don Duncan was elected to head the new organization, as he had just become a grandfather, he insisted that as Chair of the PAPPYS he be called Grand PAPPY. To humour him the title stuck.

As a result of the successful camp-outs at Hartie Champion's cottage he and Murray Banks, both **Past Presidents** of the Dartmouth Chapter, arranged the first "PAPPYS" picnic at Fraser's Camp Grounds, Brule Shore, Colchester County, Nova Scotia. This became one of the first projects of the new organization. The picnic was held at the same place for the next five years. Many barbershoppers arrived at the campgrounds on Friday evening, brought their musical instruments, and enjoyed the traditional campfire.

It was a family event and on Saturday those attending enjoyed games of golf at the nearby course and, for non-golfers, there were games of horseshoes. There were also organized games for the children; swimming in the Northumberland Strait, barbecues, woodshedding and fighting off the largest mosquitoes in the country. The greatest expense in those days was the renting of a large tent for Saturday Evening performances. Saturday afternoon was a time to rehearse for the skits to be presented at the community hall in the nearby village of Tatamagouche, and for the chorus to be honed for its performance that evening. Following the evening performance the chorus prepared sacred music to be sung at a local service in a local United Church on Sunday morning. The Sunday morning Service became a tradition that continued wherever the picnic was held.

A popular event on Sunday mornings was the pancake breakfasts instigated by Harvey Cooke, Halifax Chapter, with help from Ed. Himmelman, Lunenburg Chapter. Funds raised were donated to the Harmony Foundation. Harvey also brought a "dunk tank" which created fun and raised some revenue to offset costs.

In 1987 Hartie Champion, with the help of Dennis Grant, designed the PAPPYS logo. Pins were made and the crest has been placed on T-shirts used as fundraisers.

These "picnics" continued at the same location until 1991 when they were moved to Playland Park at Hilden, about 10 kilometres from Truro. The program changed somewhat at the new location since there is no easy access to a golf course. In 1988 The Adventurers Quartet, past Northeastern District Quartet Champion was brought in to sing on the Saturday evening show by GRANDPAPPY Don Duncan. However, the traditional Saturday night shows and Sunday morning church services continued till the last picnic, which was held in 1997.

The founders of PAPPYS believed that their experience as chapter administrators could be channelled into service to the Division and raise funds for worthy causes. To this end projects were developed as they appeared to be needed.

Other than the picnics the first of these was a show to bring members of Maritime Chapters together to perform as a group in the Bicentennial Theatre in Upper Musquodoboit, Halifax County, NS, on June 6, 1986. The proceeds were shared between the sponsors and PAPPYS. A second show was held at the same place on June 10, 1989. In that year 108 people; 26 PAPPYS, 23 other barbershoppers and 49 family members attended the Picnic. Funds raised were donated to the Harmony Foundation.

In November 1989, PAPPYS provided an opportunity to support the Lunenburg, Nova Scotia, Chapter, which was having difficulty, by coordinating the efforts of other local chapters in providing a performing chorus, and quartets,

for a show. It was a great success; however the Lunenburg Chapter eventually disbanded.

In 1993 the PAPPYS decided to change the name of the event to "SUNRISE BARBERSHOPPERS' JAMBOREE". It retained some of the attributes of the Picnics and featured a male/female double quartet and a novice quartet, male and female, contest. We welcome the attendance and participation of members of Harmony, Inc. This new format was continued till the 1997 JAMBOREE, which, for various reasons was the last Jamboree

In 1994 Ralph Morehouse published a history of the Sunrise Division (1946-1994). The printing and distribution was supported by PAPPYS.

In July 1995 PAPPYS sponsored Al Hollis and Doug Schofield who drove The MINOR CHORDS a young quartet from St. John's NFLD to the SPEBSQSA International Convention in Miami to compete in the College Quartet contest, where they placed 5th.

In May 25, 1996 a Sunrise 50th Anniversary Concert was held at the Rebecca Cohn Halifax. It was produced by David Bain, Director of the Bedford-Sackville Chapter and directed by Dr. Walter Kempt of Dalhousie. 320 participated, about half barbershoppers. \$7000 went towards a fund, the interest from which would be a **Dalhousie Sing Sunrise** bursary to be given students studying Choral music. The prize was renamed "**ATLANTIC BARBERSHOP HARMONY AWARD**" in 2009. The following are the recipients of the prize:

- 1997-98: Stephanie Robinson, B00083925, Dartmouth, NS
- 1998-99: Geoffrey North, B00083492, Halifax, NS
- 1999-00: Laura McBurnie (now Laura Sylvis) B00083379, Belfast, PEI
- 2000-01: Anne Phillips, B00099847, Debert, NS
- 2001-02: Rebekah Sheppard, B00126031, Hampton, NB
- 2002-03: Rebekah Sheppard again
- 2003-04: Andrew Meade, B00146120, Halifax, NS
- 2004-05: Andrew Meade again
- 2005-06: Ben Duinker, B00160604 (now at McGill), Halifax, NS
- 2006-07: Melanie Marlin, B00376387 (now at grad school, not sure where), Bridgewater, NS
- 2007-08: Sarah Barrett-Ives, Hampton, NB
- 2008/2009 - Kimberley Taylor, voice, Riverview, NB
- 2009/2010 - Maria Murphy, voice, Saint John, NB

On April 23, 1996 PAPPYS was registered as a Society with the Nova Scotia Registry of Joint Stock Companies under the name "**Present and Past Presidents of Barbershop Harmony Society**".

On July 20, 1996 PAPPYS organized 42 Barbershoppers from 6 Chapters who preformed at a Seniors Expo, which was held in the Metro Centre.

Quartet Support Fund: This fund was established in 1998 to provide financial assistance to Sunrise Division Quartets to compete at District Conventions. Ian Flemming, summarised as follows, drafted the rules: Each chapter would be assessed \$3 per member to a maximum of \$150. Each eligible Quartet would receive \$100 per man except for NFLD, which would receive \$150 per man. There will be a 3-year trial period. Quartets will receive a maximum of \$400. (\$600. To a NFLD Quartet), depending on available funds. The fund is continuing as of 2007. In order for a quartet to receive a contribution from the fund it's chapter must be current with the fund.

CHAPTER CONTRIBUTIONS

| | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 |
|-------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|------|--------|--------|-------|------|------|
| Moncton | 84.00 | 96.00 | 96.00 | 90.00 | | 75.00 | 81.00 | 75.00 | | |
| Truro | 60.00 | 45.00 | 51.00 | | | | | | | |
| Dartmouth | 150.00 | 150.00 | 150.00 | 150.00 | | 150.00 | 150.00 | | | |
| Halifax | 81.00 | 84.00 | 102.00 | 78.00 | | 84.00 | 84.00 | 84.00 | | |
| Kentville | 147.00 | 150.00 | 142.00 | 120.00 | | 96.00 | 96.00 | | | |
| Cape Breton | 75.00 | 78.00 | 66.00 | 66.00 | | 81.00 | 63.00 | | | |

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| St. John's | 90.00 | 93.00 | 108.00 | 120.00 | 150.00 | 147.00 | |
| Fredericton | | 51.00 | | | | | |
| Bedford/Sackville | 78.00 | 114.00 | 120.00 | 129.00 | 129.00 | 129.00 | 139.00 |
| P.E.I. | 33.00 | | 51.00 | 51.00 | | 36.00 | |
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| | 798.00 | 861.00 | 886.00 | 804.00 | 765.00 | 786.00 | 298.00 |

DONATIONS TO QUARTETS

| | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 |
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| Seventh Wave | 350.00 | 300.00 | | | 400.00 | 400.00 | | | | |
| New Dimension | 350.00 | 300.00 | | | 400.00 | | | | | |
| Cavendish Square | | 450.00 | | | | | | | | |
| Tapestry | | | | | | 400.00 | | | | |
| US Can- Fusion | | | | | | 400.00 | | | | |
| Voices United | | | | | | | 540.00 | | | |
| Procrastinators | | | | | | | 360.00 | | | |
| Just For Harmony | | | | | | | 360.00 | | | |
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| | 700.00 | 1050.00 | | | 800.00 | 1200.00 | 1260.00 | | | |

Sing Sunrise Valentines: Halifax Metro area chapters, as suggested by PAPPYS, agreed in 1999 to use proceedings from Singing Valentines to support **Dal Sing Sunrise** prize as sufficient moneys to support a bursary had yet to be realized.

Donations: PAPPYS has made donations over the years to the Harmony Foundation, Logopedics, Heartspring, Sunrise Harmony Youth Festival and the Nova Scotia Hearing and Speech Clinic.

In 2003 the PAPPYS voted to transfer the College Quartet Fund totalling \$384.30 to the Harmony Youth Fund that was being held in conjunction with the Sunrise Harmony Homecoming.

GRANDPAPPYS:

1983 Reg Loughead (Chairman)
 1988 Don Duncan
 1991 Hank Fisher
 1995 Ralph Morehouse
 1997 Eric Peters
 1998 Ian Flemming
 2000 Ian MacDonald
 2002 Russ Blenkhorn
 2004 Earl Lohnes
 2006 Dennis Grant
 2009 Doug Schofield

SECRETARY/TREASURERS:

1983 Dennis Grant
 1990 Doug MacLean