

# The Squires Wire

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Squires of Song

BucksMont

## Remember the Squires and Vintage Harmony Picnic?



**The Middletown Independence Day Parade** - Thirteen Squires attended the parade. After decorating the hay ride farm wagon and setting up our sound system, we set off onto the parade route. The tow vehicle was *Dave Borton's* work van, which powered the sound system with an onboard converter. We had a cavalcade of fire trucks in front of us and the Levittown VFW Honor Guard behind us. Riding with us were *Don* (and his son), who helped us with the sound setup, and *Gus Cales*, in his Marine Corps League uniform, who greeted the crowds lining the parade route. We handed out about 350 "invitation to sing" and "a cappella invitations" to the fans. Some had attached lollipops – a big hit with the kids. *Happy Independence Day!*



**Holy Redeemer Lafayette Ice Cream Social** - On July 6<sup>th</sup>, thirteen Squires entertained at an ice cream social for the residents and friends at Holy Redeemer Lafayette Retirement Community in NE Philadelphia. We presented our long program, with two quartets, directed by *Tom Hankin* and with *Aaron Fox* as Emcee. In the large audience, you could spot many of the people lip-synching with us – always a good sign they were enjoying the show.

**79<sup>th</sup> Annual BHS International Convention**

– The site for the Society's 79<sup>th</sup> International Convention was Las Vegas, Nevada. Planet Hollywood was the HQ Hotel. Thirty choruses and fifty-five quartets sang in the competition, plus twenty-three quartets in the Youth Barbershop contest. The Mid-Atlantic District (M-AD) was well represented in the final results.

The International Chorus Champion is **Masters of Harmony** (Santa Fe Springs, CA), scoring 96.4 percentile with 112 men on stage. The next four choruses were: 2<sup>nd</sup> - *The Vocal Majority* (Dallas Metro, TX), 96.2, 160 men; 3<sup>rd</sup> - *Central Standard* (Metro Kansas City, MO), 94.3, 56 men; 4<sup>th</sup> - *Toronto Northern Lights* (Toronto, ON), 94.0, 54 men; and, 5<sup>th</sup> - *Parkside Harmony* (Hershey, PA), 92.0, 49 men. The other M-AD Chorus, in addition to *Parkside Harmony*, was the 10<sup>th</sup> place *Voices of*

*Gotham* (Hell's Kitchen, NY), 87.8 percentile, and 32 men on stage.

The International Quartet Champion is **Main Street**, scoring 92.8 percentile. The next four quartets were: 2<sup>nd</sup> - *Signature*, 92.5; 3<sup>rd</sup> – *After Hours*, 91.1; 4<sup>th</sup> – *Throwback*, 90.5; and, 5<sup>th</sup> – *Quorum*, 89.5. In 10<sup>th</sup> place, from M-AD, was *'Round Midnight*, 85.8 percentile. The Harmony Foundation International Youth Quartet Champion is **Flightline**, scoring 80.5. Two Youth Quartets from M-AD were: 5<sup>th</sup> place, *Brothers In Arms*, 77.5 and 10<sup>th</sup> place, *Tradition*, 75.2.

Go to “2017 International Las Vegas” at Barbershop.org to get all the scoring details and the full experience of the Convention. Look in on the Daily Bulletins, aka “Desert News,” for the human-interest side of the Convention.

**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>
July 18, Tue, Guest Night August 17, Grange Fair Sep 6, Wed, Phila. Protestant Home Sep 14, Wed, Tomlinson Expo Sep 19, Tue, Novice Qtet Contest Oct 6, Fri, Farry Expo	July 25-30, Harmony University, Nashville, TN September 4, Labor Day September 10, Grandparents Day September 15-17, Fall District Convention September 21, Rosh Hashanah September 22, Fall Equinox September 30, Yom Kippur October 9, Columbus Day

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- ⇒ **Guest Night**, July 18, Blue outfit with Name Tag
- ⇒ **Harmony University**, July 25-30, Belmont University, Nashville, TN 37212
- ⇒ **69<sup>th</sup> Middletown Grange Fair**, Aug 17, Thursday, Arrive 5:45pm, Blue Outfit
- ⇒ **Philadelphia Protestant Home**, September 6, Wednesday. Arrive 6:15pm, wear Black Outfit.
- ⇒ **Senator Tomlinson Senior Expo**, September 14, Wednesday, Falls Manor Catering
- ⇒ **Fall District Convention**, Santander Performing Arts Center, Reading, PA, September 15-16.
- ⇒ **Novice Quartet Contest**, September 19, Tuesday, Wear outfit suitable to quartet song.
- ⇒ **Rep. Frank Farry Senior Expo**, October 6, Friday, 10-1. Neshaminy Activity Center, Feasterville. Table setup 9:15-9:30am. Wear Blue Outfit



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