

The CENTRAL STATES Serenade



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Central States District, SPEBSQSA-Colo., Iowa, Kan., Mo., Nebr., So. Dak., Wyo.

JANUARY 1967

COTS IS COMING

WELCOME TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM OF OUR DISTRICT!

We're looking forward to a "Banner Year" in 1967 and we're counting on you to help us.

To help you in your job as a Chapter Officer, your district has secured the services of some outstanding Barbershoppers from all across the Society to serve as the faculty for our third Chapter Officer's Training School to be held in Lincoln, Nebraska on Jan. 21 and 22. In addition to possessing thorough knowledge of their subjects, they are great idea men as well, so you can look forward to an informative as well as interesting school.

Registration will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday morning and continue through noon. Lunch will be served at noon and will be the first of three meals in which we will eat together as a group and will also be paid for by the district. Dinner on Saturday evening and lunch on Sunday noon will also fall into this category. Saturday nights lodging will also be paid for by the district. Breakfast on Sunday morning will be at each mans own expense.

The first session will convene at 1:00 p.m. after which we will go to our individual classes. There will be separate classes for Area Counselors to be conducted by Lloyd Steinkamp. Judges and judge candidates are also invited to attend with their three meals and one nights lodging to also be paid by the district.

Chorus Directors will attend a class conducted by Bob Johnson and we are suggesting that the respective chapters either pay the expenses of their director or help to defray his expenses.

Due to Al Ives job transfer, Local Contact will be Don Little, 430 Indian Road, Lincoln, Nebraska 68505. Dons Phone number is 402-434-1181.

It's going to be a great weekend of Barbershopping and we know you'll be just as enthusiastic as we are after taking part in this outstanding event. Get together with your fellow officers and plan to attend.

CHAPTER OFFICERS, TAKE NOTE

Take a lot of notes, at Lincoln, on January 20-21-22. These are the faculty members for that school, each bringing impressive credentials.

Lloyd Steinkamp was the "enthusiastic" keynoter at our first COT School. He's since become an International Field Representative, with Central States a part of his circuit. Lloyd will be dean of the faculty and, if we're so fortunate, he'll have some ideas for all of us.

From East York, Ontario, Bill Hofstetter comes down to meet with our Program Vice Presidents. Bill's forte is Public Relations and Parades and he'll have some pointed advice for what we hope will be a class of 50.

Sev Severance, who could teach anything from barbershop records to barnacle removal, goes with the former and a class of Secretaries. His transient Navy days over, Sev has settled in the Illinois District, next door to the best. This is also his second year at Lincoln.



Bob Gall returns for his second successive year on the faculty. He's a member of the HEART OF AMERICA Chapter and the MERRY MUGS Quartet. A past District President, he will be an International Vice President at the time of the school.

Also returning is Ralph Ribble, instructing Administrative, or Membership, Vice Presidents. Ralph is from Dallas, a baritone, and is director of his chapter chorus.

Our Treasurers will sit in with Wayne Adair of Plainview, Texas. We draw two SWD Officers; he is Treasurer and Ribble is President. Wayne is a CPA with a master's collection of barbershop records.

Last year's COTS was very well attended, despite cold weather. Lincoln in January can offer just about anything underfoot and overhead. If you're a chapter officer for 1967, make up your mind right now that you'll take advantage of this weekend school, come what may.

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District Activities Calendar

DISTRICT ACTIVITIES CALENDAR
January 21-22 - Chapter Officer Training
School Lincoln, Nebraska
April 7-9 - International Preliminaries
Sioux Falls, South Dakota



Initial Luncheon - Noon Saturday - Meets Here

EUGENE ENGLISH, JR.

Gene English, long a barbershop leader in the St. Louis area, was killed in an automobile accident, near Wentzville, in September.

At the time of his death he was President of ST. LOUIS SUBURBAN Chapter. He had been Bulletin Editor for some time and held many other offices and responsibilities in Chapter and Area organizations.

It was Gene who got to a COTS weekend over ice-covered roads, though his leg was in a long cast; it was Gene who made every barbershop activity of every barbershop group in the St. Louis area, where attendance was open, often two or three in a day; and it was Gene who drove, by himself, across Missouri to attend the Logopedics spectacular at Kansas City after participating in a like program at St. Louis the preceding night. And it was on the return trip that he met his death.

His passing is a tragic loss to his chapter, his area, his district, and his society. But it is a personal loss to barbershoppers in almost every one of our chapters.

HERB DICK

We just received word this week of the untimely passing of another of our ardent Barbershoppers and personal friend, Herb Dick, Area Counselor from Fort Dodge, Iowa. Herb was our contact man for the Fort Dodge chapter and as is evidenced by the month delay in receiving this news now we wonder how we will get any information from that area. Herb died of a heart attack on December 10, 1966, one day after being admitted to the hospital. For a man who would have been sixty nine this week Herb gave his all to our society and in particularly the Fort Dodge chapter and Denison and Storm Lake for whom he served so capably as Area Counselor. Our condolences to Mrs. Dick and the family.

With the retirement of George Dain because of ill health and the passing of Herb, this District will be the loser, for these two men have cut a wide swath making their replacements all the more difficult.

ENTER G.W. WITH HATCHET

When Bob Lego summarized 1966 at the House of Delegates meeting in TOPEKA he accepted blame for the erratic publication of the SERENADE during the past year.

For this he is to be commended because, with the exception of an instance, the irregularity has been the doing of the editor. So we demand the onus which is rightfully ours.

And with these words we turn in our card after several years at the desk. It's been a pleasure, and we want to thank the men who have made it so.

District officers have shown us much-appreciated patience. And we have to give top billing to the chapter bulletin editors of the district. It's with no blind loyalty that we say they're the greatest in the Society. From them we've received most of the information we've used in the SERENADE and to them we extend our sincere thanks.

From Detroit and Kenosha we've received only the best cooperation and the most heartening encouragement.

We hope that this assistance from all will be given to our new editor, a man with all the dedication and talent required to make the SERENADE the best district publication of them all.

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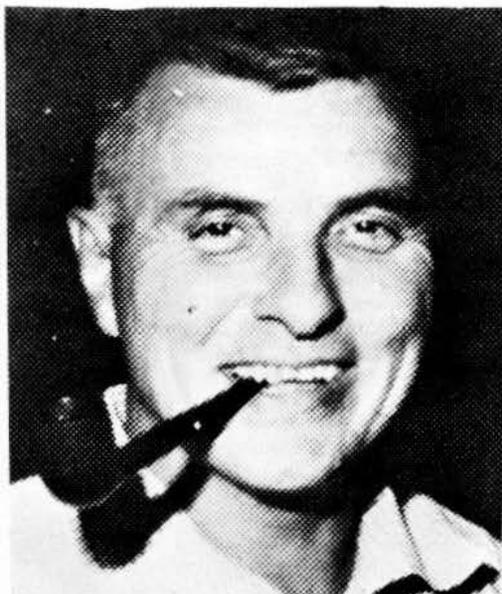
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