***Membership Report for VHS Board Meeting July 20, 2022***

***Goodbye to a real Barbershopper!!***

*In July of 2022 not only our chorus, but the entire Barbershop Harmony Society community lost a real Barbershopper.*

*Shelly Herman was only 19 years old when he joined the (S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A.) Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Quartet Singing in America.*

*He was always a historian, collecting memorabilia throughout his 71 years in the society. Shelley was our oldest member, (90). Throughout the years Shelley assisted in setting up the sound systems for the International and far Western District Conventions, as while as chorus chapter shows. Shelley served on the Board as Past President, Historian and Member-at-Large. Shelley also updated our chapters By-Laws several times.*

*In 2014. I (Ben Marder) was very honored to receive the Barbershopper of the Year Award from Shelley Herman. Throughout the years Shelley contributed memorabilia from the Reseda Valleyaires, San Fernando Valley Valleyaires, right up to the present Valley Harmony Singers. Shelley proudly bought his wife Rochelle into the chorus when we became a mixed chorus.*

*Shelley was like a father figure to the chapter. Shelley will be dearly missed by all who know, sang, and admired him.*

***Meetup:***

*This month I made up a new mailing list on Meetup. It consisted of the names of 47 of our Meetup members who live in L.A. Ca. 20 members living in the San Fernando Valley.*

*I sent all of them a message regarding our upcoming summer show, and information how to download our show flier. We now have a total of 91 people who have joined our Meetup. 44 of our Meetup members live outside of our area, state and country. After our show I’m going to send out a message to the 47 members of Meetup polling if they would attend a Meetup guest night in-person.*

***Candidates:***

*Both Madison and Jonathan haven’t been attending our rehearsals for the few weeks. Hopefully this will change after our show.*

***Chapter:***

*We only have two more full rehearsals before our first show since 2019. We’ve all been working very hard first on Zoom then in-person to make this the best entertaining show possible.*

*I know it hasn’t been easy with the passing of two of our members; Don Ribeiro and now Shelley Herman. These were two showmen. They would want us to go on that stage on July 30th and do the very best we can possibly do to move our audience. I want all of us to leave that stage after the show knowing that we did our best. Hats off to Tom, Bob, Jeffery, Mark Wolf and the music team for getting us to this point.* ***For the good of the chorus****: We need Phil and Warren on the stage on July 30th. To rehearse for over two years with their section and not perform just isn’t fair to their section. The Basses need them. That’s my opinion.*

*Sincerely, Ben Marder, MVP VHS 7-20-22*