***Membership Report for December 14, 2022 Board Meeting*** *from your Membership V.P.*

*In just 21 days we’ll be bringing in the new year* ***2023.*** *Because this will be my last Membership report of 2022; I would like give you a summary of our chapter’s members events of the year.*

*On January 9, 2022 the Valley Harmony Singers Mixed Barbershop Chorus held our* ***62nd Annual Installation & Awards Banquet*** *at Lulu’s Restaurant in V.N.* ***Beth Karlin*** *was presented with* ***Barbershopper of the Year Award.***

*In January our director Tom Raffety introduced the chorus to a new candidate* ***(Alma Johnson****-****Hawkins).*** *In January the chorus was given the opportunity to perform twice at* ***ONEgeneration Encino Farmers Market.*** *We received $ 178.00 in tips for both performances. This was the first time we all sang together since the pandemic.*

*Some of our quartets raised revenue for the chorus on* ***Valentine’s Day.***

*On March 29, 2022 former chorus member* ***Don Ribeiro*** *passed away at the age of 90. Don was a member of the SPEBSQSA for 47 years, joining the Valleyaires in 1993. Don was Program VP when I joined. He led the warm up and all tag singing.*

*On April 18, 2022* ***Alma became our first member since 2019****. That same evening guest* ***Jonathan Burns*** *was introduced to the chorus.*

*We continued to sing at the Farmers Market throughout the year. In May a few people joined our* ***Meetup****. Very few joined us on Zoom.*

*All this time our chorus were preparing for our first show,* ***“Surfs’ Up”*** *which was scheduled for June 18, 2022 at The Hall of Liberty. That was cancelled because of their remodeling schedule. Luckily, I had reserved July 30th at ONEgen. for our Ice Cream Social. Unfortunately, that wasn’t meant to be. On July 18 the show stage manager, soundman, and several chorus members contacted the* ***Covid-19 Virus.*** *The show was postponed. The chorus had to go on Zoom until our members recovered. Our heartache and misfortune had just begun.*

*On July 10, 2022 active member* ***Shelley Herman*** *passed away at 90. Shelley was a 71-year member of the* ***SPEBSQSA.*** *Shelley joined the society at 19. He was our chouses sound engineer, and announcer at most of our shows. Shelley presented me with the* ***B.O.T.Y****. award in 2014.*

*On Monday October 10th we all celebrated* ***Tom Raffety’s 80th Birthday.*** *Also, inactive member Bill Cohen, and former member David Livingston share the same date and year.*

*Sadly, on October 16, 2022 unexpectedly* ***Gloria Rosales*** *left this world in body, but not in spirit. Gloria was a gentle soul who loved to sing 4-part harmony.*

*On Saturday October 22nd we joined the Santa Monica Oceanaire’s at Veterans Memorial Park in Culver City for a* ***Singing Barbershop Bonanza.*** *Led by Tom Raffety and Laura Pallas. Both choruses and quartets performed.*

***“Surf’s Up” Show*** *was scheduled to perform at the newly remodeled Hall of Liberty on November 19, 2022.*

*On November 19th to an audience of over 100 family, friends and guests the Valley Harmony Singers with just 17 people on the stage presented,* ***“Surf’s Up”.***

*At the end of the show, we received a standing ovation. It was all donations. The show was a financial success.*

***Warren Garfield*** *will not be renewing his membership in 2023. Warren has been a member for 16 years. When the chorus resumed in-person rehearsals in October of 21’, Warren decided to go on zoom. Warren was joined by Saiba Singh and Phil Lockwood. In May Saiba got a new job, and will not be able to continue on Zoom.*

*Hopefully on Sunday December 18th if the weather allows, the chorus will perform at* ***Encino Farmers Market****.*

*On December 19th we are having our* ***Annual Holiday Party.*** *This will be the end of a very turbulent year for the Valley Harmony Singers. With all our loses, the chapter is only left with 19 active members, and 4 inactive members. With the help of the music team led by our Director Tom Raffety and assistant Jeffery Bunch, the chorus has never sounded so good. All it takes is the willingness to practice each day; and the desire to improve. We’ve all proven we are capable of that. Keep up the good work****. A Happy and Healthy Holiday & New Year.*** *Ben Marder, Membership V.P>. 12-12-22*