Membership Report for VHS Board Meeting January 18, 2023

**Happy, Healthy, Prosperous New Year to All.**

A new year, a new start, and a new beginning for the Valley Harmony Singers.

On Sunday January 15, 2023, the Valley Harmony Singers held our 63rd Annual Installation & Awards Banquet at Lulu’s Restaurant. The service, and meal were outstanding, with lots of leftovers for all.

The installation of Officers Ceremony was conducted by the fabulous “Ms. Cellaneous” Quartet. They were creatively, funny, witty, with a great selection of songs in their program. After the dinner we were also entertained by “All In Accord” quartet, minus Mathew. Tom Raffety baritone sang with them. The “Great American Sound Company”. with their new baritone also entertained everyone. We had approx. 28 attendees.

The Awards presentation was conducted by chorus President, Jack Press.

Broken Donkey Award: For Outstanding Contributions to the Chapter and Chorus, Above and Beyond. Two members received this award, Bob Karlin and Mark Wolf.

Rang Hansen Memorial Awards: For rendering the most Service to the President and Chapter. Both Dave Kirby and Kirk Prather received the award.

Doug Ward Memorial Award: For Service, Humility, and Innovation in 22’ was given to yours truly, Ben Marder.

Owen Edwards Memorial Award: For Personal Achievement and Development was awarded to Toni Wilson.

Barbershopper of the Year 2022: For Outstanding Dedication to Barbershopping throughout the year through Contributions, Participation, and Performance.

A well deserved award for Toni who through her spirit, joy, and enthusiasm inspired the chorus to have more fun.

Thanks to our President Jack Press, all the quartets, and Ms. Cellaneous Quartet for a wonderful evening of fun, laughter, and beautiful music.

As you know Warren Garfield will not be renewing his membership. I just learned that Phil Lockwood will not be available to attend our Monday night rehearsals on Zoom because that’s the night Phil takes care of his father. Therefore, I imagine that our Zoom will be closed on Monday nights only. All guests on Meetup will probably attend in-person from now on with of course strict covid protocols, which the music team will probably set up.

I began my report with these words,” A new year, a new start, and a new beginning for the Valley Harmony Singers”. Let’s make this a year of growth, production, and progress. We all need to participate in this. Ben Marder, Membership VP 1-17-23