MEMBERSHIP REPORT FOR VHS MARCH 15, 2023 BOARD MEETING

**Members**: In the month of February, we averaged 14.25% attendance. Some members were visiting family, other were out sick. We still managed to have good productive rehearsals under the leadership of our director Tom Raffety and his associate Jeffery Brunch, who has engaged our members with challenging warm ups.

**Chuck Brooks** also has contributed by having craft sessions, and teaching the chorus tags after coffee break when asked to so.

**Mathew Schreiber,** and has wife Karrie have been away all month assisting their nephew who is recovering from kidney transplant surgery. Since Mathew (Baritone) in “All in Accord” quartet was not available during this year’s Valentine Day sing outs; I volunteered to take his place. It was a pleasure singing with Mark Nudelman, (Lead), Dave Kirby, (Tenor), and Mark Singer (Bass). We surprised Kathy Edwards and dozens of people at the Dialysis Center in Van Nuys with our Singing Valentines songs. The quartet also had other in person Singing Valentines, and several over the phone. Mathew will be back in time to join us on the risers in Burbank.

**Members Eternal:** (Which use to be called **Chapter Eternal).**

Please check out the Harmonizer March/April issue. After the Customer Service Department of the BHS messed up and entered Shelley Herman in their last two editions; They finally got it right. You will find **Gloria Rosales** name in this Harmonizer on the **(Members**) Eternal page 29 under Far Western. *May Gloria rest in peace.*

**Recruiting & Promoting our Chorus:**

Last week I displayed the Valley Harmony Singers newly revised, (Guest Information Brochure) which I recently completed. Next, I will be updating our business cards. As leaders of our Chapter, it is our responsibility to bring in new members. Last year we were very fortunate to bring in one new member, (Alma Johnson-Hawkins). Now that we have the Guest, (and Member) Information Brochures; we have the information that any new perspective member will want to know. 30 years ago, I was handed one of the Valleyaires Information brochures; It sure helped me understand what I was getting into. Let us all take some brochures and hand them out to anyone you feel would be interested in being a part of this wonderful hobby we call **Barbershop 4-Part Harmony.**

**Upcoming Spring Convention:**

The entire chorus is registered to complete on March 25 in Burbank at the Far Western District Spring Convention. We are all looking forward to competing once again as a Mixed Chorus. All in Accord will be entering the Novice Contest with their baritone, Mathew.

**New Community Room:**

The ONEgeneration Adult & Child Daycare Centers new Community Room is now completed and available for rentals. I sent our Music V.P. all the information I was recently given by Sue Sexton, Director of Development & Marketing at Onegenerational Daycare Center. This may turn out to be a good venue for short coaching sessions, and our smaller events. They also have a built-in speaker system.

***We may be small, but we have the desire to grow and succeed. Ben Marder, MVP. 3-13-23***