

One Voice Music Team

Donald J Clause (picture)

It was the spring of 1949, and 'Coach' Don Clause, an energetic young trumpet player from Lodi, N.J. joined a fledgling organization (SPEBSQSA) that was promoting camaraderie, singing in harmony the old songs from the turn of the century, that became a lifelong hobby now approaching sixty years. From winning an international bronze medal singing lead with The ***Howntown*** quartet in 1958, to coaching ten gold medal winning quartets over three decades, coaching/mentoring five International Champion Choruses, and directing three choruses on the international stage from the Mid-Atlantic District, winning two bronze medals and one silver medal. His contributions could easily fill a book, and the medals he has earned, or coached other talents to win, would speak volumes! Nobody in the Society exceeds "Coach Don's" feats ranging from coaching scores of medal-winning quartets towards reaching their dreams, and his success in mentoring, tutoring, contributing, judging, educating, has earned him not only the respect of his peers, but an exclusive award "The Unsung Hero Award" from the Association of International Champions (AIC).

George G Gipp (picture)

George Gipp has been involved in barbershop singing for over 37 years, joining the Society as a high school student in Chicago. He earned seven international medals with the Southern Gateway Chorus in Cincinnati, Ohio, ten more with the New Tradition in Northbrook, IL, including gold in 2001. In addition, he's collected three more medals for international quartet competition with ***The Cincinnati Kids*** and the ***Chicago Chord of Trade!***

As chorus director, he's won a District championship for the Jacksonville's ***Big Orange Chorus***, another with Rockford, IL the ***Second City Chorus***, and another with West Allis, Wisconsin's The ***Heart of Harmony Chorus***. Now directing ***The Sarasota Chorus of the Key's***, he has become a certified International Presentation Judge, serves on the faculty of the Society's Harmony University, and professionally specializes in human resource outsourcing and leadership development as founder and president of "***G Three Enterprises***".