

Sign on....I'm a singer. When I was just 15 or so, I gave a talk at church, and our choir director, a lady named Pearl Jacobson, who was our choir director, and also the choir director at Eureka High, asked me to join the choir because of my bass voice range. I did, and singing just came naturally to me. In my senior year at Eureka High, after singing in the mixed chorus in my junior year, I joined the EHS choir under the direction of Tom Hibdon, in his first year as a director. He was a nice guy, but we were not nice to him. The choir went to San Francisco for competition, and you know how teenagers will behave when turned loose in a big city. I don't remember how we did, but we had a good time! I sort of dropped out of church, as kids will do, but One day I went back and the choir was singing. I told myself, "I have to get into that!", and I did, and loved it.//Then, a fellow church choir member bugged me to come sing Barbershop with the Humboldt Harmonaires. I put him off for a while, then one day said my car is broke down, so I can't come. Dave Carlson was his name, and he said "I'll pick you up". That began 55 years of Barbershop singing. The organization was named "The Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Quartet Singing in America", or SPEBSQSA for short. The name has since been changed to the Barbershop Harmony Society. One day, a fellow named William -Bill-Edmondson showed up, and thus began 49 years of his membership in the group. Bill and his wife Jackie were both very musically talented and kept the group going. Bill directed us and helped any of us who needed assistance in all aspects of singing and performance abilities. Jackie came along as our director later. The problem was that the society didn't allow

women directors. We listed her on the membership roster as Jack E. Edmondson. That eventually led to the Society allowing women directors. There is currently a move going on to allow women in choruses.//We are currently preparing for our fall show-a Beer and Peanuts show, and are looking for more members. If any of you gentlemen like to sing, we meet at the First Congregational Church at the end of J street at 7 :00 on Monday nights. We sing until 9:30 with a refreshment break in the middle.//Now, the sad news: Bill Edmondson passed away recently, and we are very saddened by his passing. His son, Jon Majors, is stepping up to use his talents, as did Bill and Jon's mother, to make the chorus, and participating quartets, pleasing and enjoyable pastimes. ~~Competition is tough in the Eureka area, with other top quality musical groups entertaining the public.~~ So, as I said, if you like to sing, and enjoy the company of Other men who also like to sing, come join us at the first Congregational Church- Mondays-7-9:30 P.M, at the end of J Street.

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