

MEET DICK NAAS

MUSICAL DIRECTOR OF THE LAMPLIGHTERS

Dick Naas grew up in Dedham, MA, and now resides in Fountain Hills, AZ. He was a self-employed professional golf instructor for twenty years in Massachusetts. His dynamic program for teaching Juniors and Adult Groups grew every year. His first ever video program of instruction was well received by all of his students.

Dick graduated from Northeastern University and holds a Masters Degree in Communication from Emerson College.

In 1965, Dick joined the Canton, MA Chapter of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of BarberShop Quartet Singing in America (SPEBSQSA). Since then, his enthusiasm has remained constant from his first directing job with the former Newton-Wellesley Chapter in 1966 to his current position as the Musical Director of the Lamplighter Chorus of the Mesa, AZ Chapter.

Choruses have improved their singing and performance levels under Dick's leadership because he has inspired them to work hard.

Dick has competed with two quartets at the International level. In 1968, he sang tenor with the Four Scores quartet, and in 1983, was the baritone of Anything Goes, Northeastern District (NED) Champions. He sang as the lead for the Four Rascals quartet for a year. He also sang for three years with two-time NED Senior champion quartet RING, who also finished in the top ten at the Senior International contest in 2005.

For seven years, Dick served as the Director of Music Education for the NED. He ran music schools and helped coach many quartets and choruses throughout New England, New York State and Canada. His efforts were recognized when he was named Northeastern District Barbershopper of Distinction.

In the early 1970s Dick directed the Canton Sweet Adelines chorus, his first attempt at directing a female chorus. In 1977, he became the director of the Harmonettes chorus of Harmony, Inc. His tenure there led to multiple contest medals, including an international championship.

Dick became the Music Director of the A Classic Sound chorus when it formed in 1987. Because of his vision, enthusiasm, and energy, members of A Classic Sound aspired to a higher performance level and experienced travel and other opportunities that few choruses realize. A Classic Sound successfully auditioned for and performed at the White House, twice at Walt Disney World in FL, twice in Ireland, and twice on cruise ships. The last was the famous yearly Boston to Bermuda DooWop Cruise.

Dick is also president of his Home Owners Association, a Board member of his local Rotary club, and a Paul Harris Fellow.

Our goal is to sing traditional barbershop songs well and have fun doing it, in a non-pressurized, positive environment. If you like that, then the Lamplighters are the place for you. *Dick Naas*

