



## Historical Highlights

- The Houston Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society was founded in October, 1946, in the Sam Houston Room of the Rice Hotel. Since that time, the chapter has grown to an active membership of over 100 men, most of whom participate in what has become recognized as one of the premier a cappella choruses in the country, the Houston **Tidelanders**.
- The chapter continued to improve musically and started to enter Society chorus competitions in the late 50's. By the early 60's, the **Tidelanders** began to win Southwestern District competitions and in 1965, competed in its first-ever International competition. The chorus placed 12<sup>th</sup> that year.
- In 1968, the **Tidelanders** placed 2<sup>nd</sup> Internationally followed by a 4<sup>th</sup> place finish the next year. The Tidelanders won 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place International medals in 1973 and 1976, respectively. A Houston chapter quartet, the **Insiders**, was also picked as the International Gold medalists in 1976.
- The **Tidelanders** returned to International competition five times in the next eight years but then experienced eleven years without qualifying. The dry spell ended when the chorus scored back-to-back 11<sup>th</sup> place finishes at the 1995 and 1996 International Conventions.
- In 2001, the **Tidelanders** again won the District Chorus championship and have qualified for International competition ever since. Out of over 800 choruses in the Society, the **Tidelanders** have placed 9<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> in 2002, 2003 and 2004. The chorus will again compete at the International Convention in Salt Lake City in 2005.
- With a history spanning over 55 years, the **Tidelanders** have appeared hundreds of times to audiences in the Houston area and throughout the United States. The chorus performs a repertoire of traditional four-part harmonies, including Barbershop favorites, classics to jazz, patriotic to sacred, rounded out with poignant love songs and Broadway pops. Engagements include Barbershop shows, local community concerts, individual and commercial bookings and well as the **Tidelander** Annual and Christmas shows in the theatre district.
- The **Tidelanders** have produced five recordings: *If My Friends Could See Me Now*, *Tidelanders on Parade*, *On With The Show*, *It's The Most Wonderful Time Of The Year* and our most recent presentation, *Steppin' Out*.