

The 4 Sharps



Harmony and Fun in Four Parts



Joe Pfeifer - Rich Casanzio – Jim Castanien - Don Barnes

Bio's

Joe Pfeifer – Tenor:

Joe first learned about Barbershop Singing from a church choir member in 2001. The church member gave Joe a "Voices" tape to listen to and he was thrilled at the sounds. Soon after, he learned that a newly formed *Central Florida Chapter* was looking for members. Joe attended the second meeting and it was love at first chord. He quickly learned the Lead part to all the chapter songs and was chosen as the 2003 Barbershopper of the Year. He later went on to sing Lead in a new chapter quartet. Early on, Tenors were scarce, so Joe was asked to sing Tenor and a new Lead found rounding out the quartet. When asked; 'what do you like most about Barbershop Singing?' without hesitation, Joe says "singing with the guys, especially in a quartet". This marks the 8th consecutive year Joe has attended Harmony University.

Rich Casanzio – Lead:

Having spent 30 years in church choirs, both traditional and contemporary, Rich joined Barbershop in 2001 singing with the 2nd City Chorus, Rockford Metro Chapter in Illinois. While there he formed a performing quartet – *A CaFellas*. In addition he served as Show Chairman for 2 consecutive years before retiring to The Villages, FL. He is now pleased to be a member of the *Heart of Florida Chorus* where he served on the 2008 Show Committee and 2011- 12 VP of Music & Performance. He is thrilled to be asked to sing Lead for *The 4 Sharps*, an established quartet performing regularly in The Villages, Ocala and Leesburg areas of Central Florida.

Jim Castanien – Bass:

Jim joined The Cleveland West Chapter of BHS in 1999 after retiring as a science educator. He was active as Bass section leader and president for several years. He was a dual member of the Independence chapter as well until moving to The Villages in 2009. He was a member of the quartet Harmonium in the Cleveland Ohio area as well. Since moving to Florida, Jim has sung with the Heart of Florida Chorus as well as the One Voice chorus. He also sings with the quartet Further Adieu and now is the Bass for *The 4 Sharps* as its newest member.

Don Barnes – Bari:

Don graduated from College as a vocal music major, teaching vocal music in the public schools for several years before switching to physical education and health. Retiring to The Villages, Fl. in 2005, he joined the *Heart of Florida Chorus* where he has become the Assistant Chorus Director and Baritone Section Leader. Don has been a member of *The 4 Sharps* for 5 and a half years.

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