

The 4 Sharps



Harmony and Fun in Four Parts



Joe Pfeifer - Rich Casanzio – Ric Blind - 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 6th 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 is serving on the 2008 Show Committee. 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.

Ric Blind – Bass:

Ric began singing Barbershop in 2000 when he joined the *Hall Of Fame Chorus* in Canton, OH, where he became bass section leader in 2003 and also sang with that chapter's VLQ. Also in 2003, he joined the *Schoenbrunn Valley Chorus* in Dover, OH. After retiring from the steel industry in 2004, Ric moved to Hilton Head Island, SC, and began singing with the *Hilton Head Island Lighthouse Chorus*. After nearly a year he moved to South Florida and sang with the *Fort Lauderdale Sunshine Chordsmen*. Finally, after settling in the Ocala, FL area, Ric joined the *Heart of Florida Chorus* in 2008. He is very excited to be asked to sing with *The 4 Sharps* Quartet 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 Baritone Section Leader. Don has been a member of *The 4 Sharps* for a year and a half.

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