

“ABOUT SINGING VALENTINES...”

“SINGING VALENTINES” Say “I Love You” on Valentines Day

Now for something completely different for Valentine's Day: Four men in black tuxes or red bow ties arrive with a rose, candy and a card. A pitch pipe sounds a note, and a love song in four-part harmony floats from the four. Between the two songs there may be a little more explanation about someone who loves you sending them to present the songs and gifts. This is the “Singing Valentine”.

Where do these acappella troubadours go? To the restaurant, in the middle of a special Valentine's Day dinner...To homes, to serenade a spouse or top off a Valentine's Day party...To the nursing home or hospital, where friends and relatives are visiting...Renaissance Festival...Police precinct...Anywhere...Everywhere!

This is Valentines Day for the members of the Mesa/East Valley Lamplighters Barbershop Chorus. Their quartets have criss-crossed the East Valley for over a decade.

"What we really provide is a 'feeling' more than a service", explained Jerry Fox, Chorus President and bass of a quartet called “Backspin” of Chandler. “It's hard to describe the feeling when we're singing a song and they look at each other-and the words we're singing are the same as the feelings they have for each other”.

Many people make special requests, or choose from several songs like: "Let Me Call You Sweetheart", "I Love You Truly", "My Wild Irish Rose", and "Love at Home".

Typically, someone calls in a request and gives a window of time for the quartet to arrive and present the gifts. With Valentine's Day on a Sunday, February 14, they will also sing all day on Saturday, February 13th. We will do other days by appointment. Call early and reserve a time. The cost is \$40 and special arrangements or extra songs, etc. are negotiable. A portion of the proceeds goes to support their charitable mission to support vocal music education. The Mesa/East Valley Lamplighters Barbershop Chorus has delivered hundreds of valentines over the last decade.

Orders for SINGING VALENTINES can be placed by phone at 480-615-SING (7464) or by e mail to info@evbarbershop.com and at our web site <http://evbarbershop.com>. Across the country, a valentine can be ordered at <http://singingvalentines.com> .

[This is an adapted article printed previously concerning our non-profit group's “Singing Valentine” service. We can add a photo to this article or e mail us and we can send a photo of current quartets. You have permission to use or quote this article as desired. Contact Jerry Fox at 480-703-1011, or at info@evbarbershop.com]