



# Lamplighters Newsletter

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## News and Announcements

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Everyone's invited  
**LAMPLIGHTER ANNUAL INDOOR PICNIC**  
Heritage Hall | Sunday, August 17, 2025  
Doors Open at 5:15pm | Burgers by Derrick  
Condiments, Chips, Drinks Provided  
Ice Cream Dessert furnished by Handel's  
*Please sign up for a Side Dish to Share!*

The **ABCD Quartet** formed in 2021 and has morphed into an LQ (large quartet) of 6 or 7 singers (depending on the day). We are a registered quartet with the Barbershop Harmony Society (BHS), a national organization of Barbershop singers with international affiliates. Most of us are affiliated with the Austin, Texas Chapter of BHS and its chorus, called A Cappella Texas. We provide dozens of performances throughout the Austin community, at retirement residences, private parties, public events, and A Cappella Texas chorus performances. We love to sing and we take great pride in bringing the joy of harmony to the greater Austin community.



Our program comprises a fun mix of traditional barbershop tunes plus familiar popular and contemporary songs arranged in the barbershop style. We also enjoy engaging the audience with sing-alongs and with an entertaining and informative demonstration of barbershop harmony. We promise an evening of rich, harmonious fun.

*It's The "LQ" ABCD Quartet*

## Lamplighter's Card Ministry

About a year and a half ago, **Sheila Porter** reached out to me with a wonderful idea: to send birthday cards to our class members who are 80 and older and unable to attend class due to physical limitations or transportation issues. She asked me to help by providing photos of the recipients, so others in our class would know who these thoughtful cards were going to.

What began as a small gesture to let members know they were not being forgotten has transformed into something much more meaningful. Now, classmates who are listed on the ABC Weekly Care list from Bill McGinnis also receive Get Well or Thinking of You cards.

Sheila has taken on the bulk of the responsibilities, including buying cards, gathering stamps, organizing folders, and creating a photo display for each recipient. Her dedication truly makes her an Ambassador for those in need. We currently have 20 ladies who have joined Sheila as Ambassadors, each with a unique role: from designing the cards to addressing cards of care and concern, celebrating birthdays, and ensuring the mail gets sent out.

Sheila's vision to honor individuals who might otherwise be overlooked has blossomed into a meaningful Ministry. She remains devoted to her mission of helping others.

I'm sharing a few of the Thank You cards that Sheila has received as a testament to the appreciation and gratitude expressed by those who feel remembered and cared for.





*Jean Marie (Hall) Meeks*

*October 22, 1937*

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*July 22, 2025*

*Wife to Charlie Meeks*



Charlie Meeks

Jean Marie (Hall) Meeks, 87, passed away on Tuesday, July 22, 2025. Jean was born in Austin, Texas, on October 22, 1937, to the late Samuel McNerren Hall and Agnes Gunn Hall. Her sister, Bette Jo Hall, preceded her in death. She attended Austin High School and the University of Texas at Austin. She married the love of her life, Charles Tate Meeks, on September 11, 1956.

Jean found strength and peace from her faith in Jesus. She was a member of Austin Baptist Church and served faithfully throughout her life, often working in the nursery or Vacation Bible School. She also volunteered with the Assistance League of Austin's Operation School Bell for many years.

Jean enjoyed traveling, boating on Lake Travis, reading, quilting, and collecting art and antiques. One of her proudest accomplishments was being "Gramma" to her 10 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Jean is survived by her husband of 68 years, Charlie; children, Randy and his wife, Lee, Bryan and his wife, Kay, Scott and his wife, Martha, and Sherry and her husband, Brad; grandchildren, Kristen (Chase), Ben, Lindsey (Jeremy), Conner (Taylor), Sam (Rachel), Chris (Katie), Amy, Emily, Andrew, and Alex (Gianna); and 12 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday, August 15, at Austin Baptist Church. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to [UsAgainstAlzheimer's](#).

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<b>1</b>  Dottie Joy	<b>2</b>  Sue Dammann
					<b>Jim Linardos</b>	<b>Bethany Spencer</b>
<b>3</b> Terry & Francyne Bromlow 57 Years Linda Jacobson	<b>4</b> Raman & Becky Dewan 41 Years	<b>5</b> Tom & Priss Clark 65 Years Cindi Davison	<b>6</b> Linda Blackmon Diane Love	<b>7</b>  Jim Eagle	<b>8</b>  Ron Mullen	<b>9</b>  Mitchel Wong
					<b>Matthew &amp; Naomi Wilson</b> 6 Years Bill McGinnis Janet Parks	
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>  Gerald McPhail	<b>12</b> Troy & Cindy Wappler 36 Years	<b>13</b> Earle Chappell, Jr.	<b>14</b> David & Kay Moore 54 Years	<b>15</b> David Caudle	<b>16</b> Debbie Hart
<b>17</b> Sarah Bone	<b>18</b> David & Selena Procter 47 Years	<b>19</b> Mitchel & Rose Wong 64 Years Cynthia Linardos Siba Spencer	<b>20</b>  Carol Newman	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>  Jean Bellard	<b>23</b>  Fred Davis
			<b>Debbie Bailey</b> Kathryn Manske		 Marlene Rich	 Terry Odneal
						 Sid Rich
<b>24</b> Vickie Regan	<b>25</b> Eddy & DaLee Trevino 41 Years	<b>26</b> Robert & Beverly Christianson 60 Years Bonnie Glasgow Donna Noble	<b>27</b> Jack & Eula Sharp 59 Years Don Carrington Jeannie Weigl	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Cherie C. Copus
<b>31</b>  Dale Carmichael		<div> <p><b>SPECIAL NOTE:</b></p> <p>Class Members pictured here will be celebrating their 80th (Plus) Birthdays in the month of August!</p> <p>Be sure to Wish them a Special Happy birthday!</p> </div>				
<b>John &amp; Helen Boyd</b> 57 Years Galan & Kathryn Manske 34 Years Linda Tobler						