

## **Terry Aramian - 1995**

Terry Aramian has been a barbershopper since he was a teenager, joining the Phoenix Chapter over 30 years ago. It has not been an easy task for him to earn his own place in the sun, following in the footsteps of his Society-renowned father, Sam. But he has proven successful in carving out his own niche in the in Far Western District and the Society.

Terry has immersed himself in both the musical and the administrative levels of the organization. He has been an active quartet man since the day he joined, gaining much recognition with the Sound Committee and Music Appreciation 101 quartets.

He has served as chorus director and assistant director with the Phoenix, Tucson, Fresno, Reno, and San Jose Chapters. He was a Certified Sound Judge and, at present, is Certified in the new Singing Category. He is also know throughout the Society as well England as a superb all-around coach.

Administratively he has served in almost all officer and committee positions on the chapter level as well as serving the district as Division Vice President, Executive Vice President, and President (2 terms). On the International level, he has been and International Board Member, International Vice President, serving on the Executive Committee, and International President in 1992. He will continue serving as Immediate International Past President in 1994 for a second term.

While serving as International President, Terry instituted the College Quartet Contest and the Youth Outreach Program, including Harmony Explosion. He brought back community singing to our contests and shows which had gone by the wayside because "we didn't have time!" He created a Finance Committee that was realistic and made up of experienced businessmen who could and would advise properly. He reinstituted a staff review program that had been allowed to go out of existence. Under Terry's leadership the Society was able to make a U-Turn away from disaster and redirect its path for a bright future. He continues to serve in that capacity and is the only light at the end of the tunnel.

Terry stands above the rest, constantly sharing his innovativeness with all of us. His creativeness, drive and leadership have caused us to grow in membership as well as musical quality. Like his father, he is dedicated to developing non-dues income to allow us to pay for the extras that would normally have to be supported by increasing the member's dues.