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Looking Ahead!



*Keith Hopkins
Sunshine District
President*

After such a successful Spring Convention, let's extend our thanks to: all Sunshine District Members who participated, our tireless Convention Committee, the hard-working Host Chapters, and our entire District Leadership Team (including **Tony & Alexis Fortune**, Registration & Housing; **David Hanser**, outgoing Dir. of Conventions; **Chad Bennett**, new Dir. of Conventions; **Nick Schwob**, Dir. of Events; and **Mark Schlinkert**, Exec. Vice-Pres.).

Thanks to all of them, we can feel a little more financially secure, and we can be even more optimistic about events in our near future:

2010 and beyond – We're moving our next few conventions a bit further south, so we hope for even wider participation from chapters throughout the state.

June – Many of our chapters are giving generously in support of the upcoming Harmony Explosion Camp. (There will be no Sunshine Sizzle in 2010.)

July – Why not join the many thousands of barbershop fans visiting Philadelphia for our 2010 International Convention?

August – It's not too late to register for Harmony University (Harmony College, Quartet College, or Director's College)! This happens in the first week of August every year, and you'll love it! See:

www.Barbershop.org/HarmonyU

September – The Labor Day Jamboree will again feature exciting, high-caliber quartets and contin-

ues to draw barbershop families from all across the country. Join us!

September – The Joe Breedon Memorial Panhandle Workshop at Camp Timpoochee continues to provide coaching, fellowship, and fun for Sunshine District members plus dozens of high school kids.

October – Our Fall Convention in Ocala will feature a bigger venue, very appealing hotel rates, less travel time for our southernmost Chapters, and it's the same distance from our Panhandle Chapters. Let's set a new attendance record!

November – Time to elect 2011 Chapter Officers. Let's grab this opportunity to let more men share the fun and challenge of Chapter Leadership.

Do your Chapter Members a favor: promote ALL of these exciting opportunities, especially among newer members. Barbershop fun in the Sunshine District goes on all year round!

In addition, please send me your requests for assistance and information, as well as your suggestions for improving Sunshine District programs and services. Thanks!

Sincerely yours, Keith Hopkins –

President@SunshineDistrict.org

Love For Sale

The entire month of May is the target for the **3rd Annual Singing For Life** event. Those of you who'd like to get a head start may visit the Sunshine District web site and click on the **Singing For Life** logo on the home page to find links to all the information currently available and the tools located on the Society web site. **SFL** registration is open and ready for your chapter's input at:

<http://www.barbershop.org/singingforlife>

where your chapter's contribution to the health and welfare of your local community is waiting.

While the target date is anytime in May of 2010, your chapter

*Christopher Baker
Director,
Marketing & PR*



may pick a time that is best for your group this year. May is known for having low blood donor turnout due to travel and holiday plans. This is also a time when blood is needed most because of the increased number of travel-related accidents. That is why it was selected but it's only a suggestion.

Scheduling Conflict?

If another date works better for you or your local blood center, then feel free to schedule your **Singing For Life** event when-

Is Your House In Order?

Keeping on track with our annual duties, all chapters should have completed their Florida Department of State Not-For-Profit Corporation Annual Report, and submitted IRS form 990. Failure to file either would result in the administrative dissolution of your chapter and it will no longer be recognized as an active corporation.

Nashville has been requesting that all chapters to go into e-biz and record the fact that these taxes and forms have been filed, along with another related item. Thus we get to the e-mail message I sent out in May.

Use E-Biz

Historically chapters have always been asked to send copies of their 990 filings to Nashville. Society has now given us the ability to update this information on e-biz ourselves. To access ebiz and mark this information, find the "Financial Filings" link on your chapter's roster page.

More specifically:

1. Go to <https://ebiz.barbershop.org/ebusiness>
2. Under the "My Memberships" select "My Chapters" then click your chapter's name in the resulting list.
3. At the top of the roster you will see a series of links; one will say "Financial Filings". *Click it.*

I have been told by Nashville that the Chapter President, Chapter Treasurer, and Chapter Secretary all have access to this interface. If you can't find this interface, contact me so I can help you. There is a possibility that you don't have your chapter leaders listing in e-biz up to date. From the "Financial Filings" page, you should see a page with three "categories" of information. There's a separate interface for each:

990 Filings
Financial Review
State Incorporation Filings

The "990 Filings" is where you need to record the fact that you've filed your taxes. Select your tax year (i.e. 2009) in the Fiscal Year drop-down, enter the date the taxes were sent, and click Add. If you have already sent the hard copy to Nashville, this may already be filled in for you.

The "Financial Review" category is a way to tell Nashville that you've done a review of your chapter's books. You are

Lewis Law
Sunshine District Secretary



doing this regularly, right? This is an informal thing, I'm not talking about a formal financial "audit". One suggestion I've heard is to find a treasurer from a nearby chapter, meet up for an afternoon and inspect each other's previous year's books.

It's always good to have another set of eyes looking at stuff like this and that's the point of the review. Anyway, similar to the 990 Filings category, select the fiscal year, enter the date the review was done, and click Add. Similar to the tax filing, if you've sent evidence of such reviews to Nashville, then they should have added a record here for you already.

Incorporation Filings

The "State Incorporation Filings" category is how you tell Nashville that you've been diligent with keeping your incorporation status current. This one everyone will definitely need to fill in. In this case the "Fiscal Year" will be the year corresponding to the report interval which odds are should be 2010. The Date Filed is when you sent the report and "Expires" should be filled in

with the date of your next incorporation anniversary (this is the date when the next Annual Report is due). Select FL for the State and click Add.

It's YOUR HOD

Now lets cover another little bit of house keeping. Spring House of Delegates was held in Jacksonville on April 09, 2010. A discouraging attendance was achieved with only 17 chapters being represented. Please encourage your chapter president and delegate to attend this function, as any decisions agreed upon affect everyone in the district. Fortunately, this spring we handed out more awards, than we did any voting on district policy.

That's it for now. Have a great summer!
Keep a Song in Your Heart,

BMI/SESAC show approvals.

November 6, 2010 Orange Ridge P-051
December 04, 2010 Englewood P-038
March 12, 2011 Charlotte County P-006

Harmony Explosion

By now I'm sure everyone has read the March-April 2010 *Harmonizer* and has been impressed with reading about the success of the youth movement in our Society. This is a major movement for the good of our Society for with this movement comes not only excitement but new ideas which are wrapped around the solid foundations to which we hold.

Our music has evolved somewhat, but we still sing the great old songs, still have that wonderful "sound" that makes us distinctive, and still have those fantastic song endings that makes your hair stand on end. What a joy it is to be able to pass on to a new generation some of the important things we hold so dear. To see these young folks faces when they "bust" a chord or react emotionally to a ballad is just pure joy.

Our Next Camp

On June 17-19 at the *Florida Institute of Technology in Melbourne*, the Harmony Explosion Camp will again introduce barbershop harmony to a new crew of eager young Florida singers. Nearly 100 singers and fifteen music educators will explore the joys we have known for years. Two very talented clinicians, **Dr. Bill Adams** and **Dr. Steve Jamison** are ready, *Prestige*, our teaching quartet from *Bowling Green State University, Ohio*, 4th place Medalist in the Collegiate Contest, are chomping at the bit to share

*Bill Bernard
Retiring Camp Director*



what they've learned, songs have been purchased and distributed, dorm rooms and rehearsal rooms are secured and meals are arranged.

The Saturday Show

There will be a gala show on Saturday Evening, June 19 at the Florida Institute of Technology, *Gleason Performing Arts Center*. Please plan to attend this show and encourage these young men. If your chapter hasn't yet contributed to the cause, please contact your President, or any other chapter officer, and beg, coax, cajole, demand that your chapter board discuss supporting the Harmony Explosion Camp immediately.

You Can Help

The cost for a chapter to support one boy to Camp is \$150. Please support as many boys as you wish. Contributions should be sent to **Ken Carter**, Camp Director, at 1202 Arriago Way, The Villages, FL 32162. Tickets for the Saturday night show on June 19 are \$15 each and can be purchased thru **Ken Carter** as well. Ken's phone number is (352) 259-3574. Many, many thanks to all chapters and organizations who have helped to make this camp a success.

And Yet Another New Kid on the Block!

Well, wasn't that an interesting Spring Convention!!!! Being the new district events guy this year we thought that changing the whole format in the last couple of weeks before the convention would get everyone's attention, and I think that we succeeded in doing so. We had talked about doing a convention in this format, all self contained, but I thought that we would have at least a couple of years to do so. The Convention Team did a fantastic job in last minute planning and adjusting and the district came out financially better than had done recently.

Right around the corner is the fall convention and since we're in the era of change, we thought that we would continue on and add some more changes. We are working on getting the information out to you as soon as we can to give you as much advance notice as possible. But, we know that there will be changes at the last minute as usual and ask that if you haven't already done so, please sign up for the *Sunshinenet* as this will be fastest way that we can get

*Nick Schwob
Director, Events*



information out to you. This convention has the lowest rooms rates in a long time with free parking at the hotel and also at the venue. The venue is a fine arts high school so you know that the audio/video will be great. All the restaurants you can possibly imagine right around the corner. This one's going to be fun!

On another note, there have been a few changes in the Convention Team as we go forward this year. **Chad Bennett**, who has been handling the Production Director duties for the past couple of years has stepped into the Director of Conventions and **Bill Billings** has moved into the Production Director slot. I know that they will do an excellent job. I wish to thank **David Hanser** on behalf of the Convention Team and the district for all his help and assistance as Director of Conventions for the past number of years.

Sunshine District's Leadership in the President's Council

By Randy Loos

President's Council Coordinator

Those of you that were able to be in **Tampa** for the recent Midwinter convention and took in the Youth Chorus Festival on Saturday were able to share in some of the results of your contributions to Harmony Foundation! Not only were the performances of superb quality, but the real thrill was seeing the joy on the faces of the young men as they created great barbershop music, most for the first time.

Harmony Foundation is funding all the youth outreach activities and programming of the Barbershop Harmony Society. Given the demographics of our organization, your support couldn't be more crucial as we come to a crossroads of declining membership and revenues. As President Biffle is fond of saying... "We want our grandchildren's grandchildren to have the opportunity to sing barbershop and have the wonderful life experiences that we've had!"

You Are Appreciated

If you're already a member of the President's Council, THANK YOU for your leadership. Many members of our great district have not only joined our efforts, but after seeing the results of their contributions, have increased their

annual giving to a higher level. Your dedication to the preservation of our wonderful hobby is much appreciated. I'm proud to tell you that Sunshine leads the Society in per capita giving to the Foundation.

If you aren't a member of the President's Council and are considering joining this wonderful circle of members, I'd encourage you to take a closer look. In addition to having the amazing feeling of helping a wonderful cause, there are some wonderful benefits that go along with membership in the President's Council, including priority seating at district and international conventions, special receptions, tax deductibility and more.

You Can Designate

One special note that many of you may not be aware of is that you may designate up to 30% of your contribution to be directed back to your chapter and/or district! If you have any questions or would like to discuss this more, please feel free to give me a call or shoot me an email. I promise you'll never regret taking the first step... just watch a young man's face when they ring their first chord, and recapture the feeling when YOU did that for the first time!

Thanks again to all the current members of the Council, and thanks in advance for your consideration!

WE'RE LOOKING FOR A MUSIC DIRECTOR

The Melbourne, Florida Chapter is seeking applicants for the position of Music Director. The Chapter is an active chapter of about 45-50 men and are seeking to continue to improve their quality of sound.

If interested, please contact:

Don Anderson donander@cfl.rr.com

Phone: 321-636-1751

Just a friendly reminder that Standing Ovation Reviewers across the State are willing to come to your next chorus or quartet performance - for free even - to give experienced opinions and suggestions on what they see and hear. The intent of this Society program is to bring help to local chapters - to improve Barbershop Shows nationally and give greater satisfaction to you, the performers who work so hard to make these events special.

To schedule a review, email Jon at StandingOvations@SunshineDistrict.org.

Society Board Meeting Report

Shannon Elswick



Spring has sprung, district conventions and prelims are in progress and the society board completed its spring planning meeting on Saturday, March 27, 2010. All members of the board were in attendance as were appropriate members of the harmony society staff and several distinguished guests. Here are some of the items I thought were of particular interest from our meeting.

2-Year Rotation?

The board received an update from **Ed Watson**, CEO, on the current Contest and Judging Committee discussion regarding the proposed 2-year chorus rotation. This proposal would establish a year and a half between the prelim convention and the actual competition so there would be two distinct contest tracks, effectively doubling the number of choruses which would be able to participate on the international stage. The current effort to obtain input from the membership on this topic is the survey and corresponding blog on the BHS website. While the current results indicate a fairly strong majority generally favor the proposal, there are still active discussions, especially among the district presidents, about how the change might affect participation at the district conventions.

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Task Force Updates

The board received updates from the Chairs of the four mini-task forces which have been formed as adjuncts of the Membership Growth Task Force (MGTF). The groups and their chairmen are as follows:

Delivery Methods	Alan Lamson
New Chapters	Alan Wile
External Focus	Gary Parker
All Ages	Shannon Elswick

It was interesting to note that the various groups, while having different charges and different members, have begun to identify some common themes and ideas. The groups are tasked with completing their work and making a final recommendation to the full board for presentation at the July meeting in **Philadelphia**. Watch for an update from MGTF Chairman **Noah Funderburg** in an upcoming edition of the Harmonizer.

Skipp Kropp, Chair of the **Carolinas District Task Force**, submitted a written report indicating the task force had successfully completed the charge as issued by the society

board. President **Biffle** read to the board an official correspondence to the members of the task force thanking them for their time and announcing that their work is now completed. The 17th district of the Barbershop Harmony Society is now authorized and officially recognized as such. It is anticipated that the new District will formally begin operations on or before July 1, 2010.

The board heard a report from the **Global Strategy Development Task Force** which is chaired by **Connie Keil**. A considerable amount of time and energy has gone into working with the affiliate organizations to determine their thoughts and ideas about how to best relate to the society and those discussions are ongoing. The board acknowledged that membership continues to be job one but it is appropriate and important for the society board to have a strong voice (pardon the pun) in a cappella harmony throughout the world.

Financial Report

Society Treasurer, **Jim Lee**, gave the financial report. The Audit for 2009 is progressing nicely and is largely completed at this point. There are no issues reported so far which would likely result in any significant audit adjustments. The final sign off of the audit is expected to be sometime near the end of May. This is a very timely process and speaks well for our financial team and their accounting procedures. The balance sheet and income statement for FY 2010 year to date were reviewed. Financial performance for the first two months is nearly \$150,000 ahead of budget and over \$100,000 better than last year at the same time. With registrations being relative strong for Philly, we are also hoping to meet our budget expectations for the international convention.

CEO Ed Watson gave his report. As noted above, registrations for Philadelphia are running strong as compared to budget. Adam Scott has been hired to become the third music specialist on the society staff. This position was created by combining two part time positions. Ed reminded the board that 2010 is the cycle for a full leadership forum and the OT is working on a proposed funding scenario for the society and the 17 districts to share the cost. He wrapped up his report by describing two proposed programs

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to get additional help to the chapters. One program, "Tag Team," will effectively put additional manpower into the field for chapter visitation. This new program will focus on recruitment, retention, planning, goal setting, education, creating fun, music, performance, and much more and will be available to chapters who want and need the help. Another program, "Four on the Road," will identify/create a quartet dedicated totally to represent BHS and travel into schools and communities throughout the society. This group might also be available for guest nights, chapter shows and other direct support opportunities. Stay tuned for details on these exciting programs.

The Annual Planning Cycle Review Committee presented its update and the board approved the AIMs for 2010 and 2011. Here are the specific numerical metrics:

AIM #1

Reverse the declining membership trend, return to positive growth, and increases the number of chapters.

- Increase the number of chapters with 12 or more members by 5 in 2010 and 10 in 2011
- Decrease the net loss of membership to 600 in 2010 and achieve positive net growth in 2011

AIM #2

Chapters enrich lives through singing in community service.

- Establish a baseline for the number of chapters reporting community service by the end of 2010 and increase that number by 5% by the end of 2011
- Develop a program to provide for meaningful reporting overall by chapters, get baseline data by the end of 2010, and get comparable data again by the end of 2011

In Conclusion

As I have noted in the past, these are merely some of the highlights of the meetings as opposed to a detailed description. Please feel free to let me know if you want more or less of this kind of information. I appreciate hearing from you when ever there is something on your mind which relates to the policies and/or governance of the barbershop harmony society. I continued to be humbled and honored to serve as your designated society board liaison.

If not before, I hope to see many of you in **Philly**. Until then, keep singing and keep smiling.

The Sunburst

Chapter & Quartet Happenings

Polk County

By Jim Hatt

On March 27, 2010 the **Polk County** Chapter, the **Citrus Lakes Chorus**, presented a show for the local barbershop lovers, "Thanks for the Music!". The chapter had not produced a show since 2004. Historically, it was the first show of this new reorganized chapter. There were well over 200 people that attended the show and they had many comments of commendation for the chapter.

Ron James, our co-director was at the helm conducting our chorus of 23 men. **Rebecca Renfro**, a local talented lady, served as the emcee. We had two in house quartets sing for our enjoyment, the **Good Ol' Boys** and **70 Somethin'**. **Rebecca** also joined 70 Somethin' in their presentation of *Lida Rose*.

Also a youth quartet from the **Harrison School of the Arts** entertained us well. The **Orange Ridge** Chapter, from the very far east side of Polk county, sang for our audience as well as a quartet from their chapter, **RES Q**. To finish off the evening, our guest quartet was the **Harmonious Hunks**. They were enjoyed by all with their comedic flair. Thanks to **Byron, Jerry, Mark** and **Bill** for a wonderful ending to our show.

Without the help of our wives and significant others it would have been impossible to produce the show. Many thanks to **Morgan Smith** for chairing the Show Committee and to **Bjarne Johnson** and **Jim Hatt** for serving on the committee. Without their work, it would not have happened.

We are already beginning to work on our 2011 show.



Chapter & Quartet Happenings (continued)

Martin/St. Lucie

By Bart Van DeMark

A visit by the Finns:

The *Martin/ St.Lucie Mariners* had the honor of guesting a touring men's a capella singing group of ten, *Uusikaupunki Male Choir / VeikkoSet Ensemble*, at our meeting on Tuesday, March, 3.

The director uses a tuning fork. He was in awe of the pitchpipe and we gave him one, which was only slightly used. The fact that their English was, shall we say, rusty, did not keep them from fitting right in and singing along with us. Overtones were a new discovery for them.

They remained participatingly enthusiastic right through the afterglow. Their repertoire included Evaline.



The Finns Entertain

Their Letter

Dear Mariners

During our visit in *Florida*, we had an excellent opportunity to participate your rehearsal on March 2. That was really fantastic occasion. It was nice to notice, that there are different and same ways to do things in choirs. When you have a concert ahead, you have to practice the songs, take care of many practical issues etc. That's the same with us.

Then you had these feedback sessions and several directors. That was

something new as well as that get-together event after the rehearsal. You have many quartets in your choir. That is what we have tried to get in our choir. Thank you **Errol** and all of you offering us this opportunity.

We had very nice time in Stuart and we had a wonderful audience in out concert in your library. The feeling was really good during the concert and afterwards we have many times remembered that atmosphere.

Whenever you have plans to visit *Europe* or *Scandinavia* and *Finland*, please let us know.

Please tell regards and thanks to all of your singers and all best for your concert.

Raimo Rantanen

Uusikaupunki Male Choir / VeikkoSet Ensemble, Finland

Wise Guys Gift

By Dave Parker

For several years, we took the elderly mother of a friend of my wife to barbershop shows in *Jacksonville*. **Cynthia** loved the music as well as the comedy routines. But for the past few years, her increasing frailty prohibited her attendance.

On March 20, **Cynthia**, now living in *Riverside Presbyterian House* in *Jacksonville*, turned 100 years of age. When her daughter discussed birthday gifts with her, **Cynthia** mentioned that she would love to hear the barbershop quartet that sang about the squirrel running loose in the *Baptist Church* in *Mississippi*. **Cynthia**'s daughter phoned my wife to ascertain the name of that quartet, and whether they still sing together. As luck would have it, I was together with a couple of members of that quartet the very next weekend, and

I related to them the story of their 100-year-old fan in a *Jacksonville* nursing home.

The quartet remembered by **Cynthia** is *Wise Guys*, one of Florida's most popular quartets for many years, during which time it has been Sunshine District Champion and also qualifier for International competition on several occasions. It has performed on chapter shows throughout North America. Most audiences never forget baritone **Brett Cleveland**'s solo performance on "*The Squirrel . . .*" which is undoubtedly their most-requested number.

So I asked *Wise Guy*'s lead, **Mark Schlinkert**, if by any chance they might be performing in Northeast Florida during the third week of March, and might drop in to sing a song for **Cynthia** on or about her 100th birthday. "No way," replied **Mark** without pause. "We are going to put on a mini show for her entire nursing home as our birthday gift to her." But, I pointed out, these people aren't very well off. "It doesn't matter," **Mark** said. "There is no cost involved." So, I gave him **Cynthia**'s daughter's phone number and the next thing I heard was that the show was scheduled for 6 pm on March 18th, two days before her birthday — what a great present she is receiving from some extraordinary singers.

People often ask me what is the magic that keeps me involved in barbershop singing all these years. I usually respond with the enjoyment of the music coupled with the camaraderie of my fellow singers. But the real answer, I believe, is the quality of human beings that belong to our hobby — people like the four members of *Wise Guys* who genuinely are more interested in the pleasure of each member of their audience than in personal gratification or monetary reward. I can proudly join with countless

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other fans in saying: "We love you *Wise Guys* and we hope you keep on spreading your musical cheer for many years to come".

Charlotte County

By Ed Lewis

The Neil Plum Scholarship Fund

The **Charlotte County Chapter** Board of Directors voted to establish a scholarship award fund to be used for deserving students in **Charlotte County**. Although wholeheartedly supported, the question was how to fund such an operation without taking away from our chapter's finances, nor detracting from our financial support of the Society.

Our annual show was on March 20, 2010 at the **Charlotte County Events and Conference Center** and prior to the show, members were soliciting advertisements for our program book.

It was suggested that at the same time, we could also ask if our advertisers would like to contribute merchandise or provide items that could be chanced off at our show, with the income going into our scholarship fund. Many of our advertisers were more than willing to supply things that would support a scholarship fund.

In the lobby at our show, a table was set up with a separate box for each of the potential prizes that were offered. Persons who contributed a dollar (or dollars) could place their ticket(s) into the boxes for the prize they hoped to win. At the intermission of our show, each prize and the contributor was announced, then the ticket was drawn and the award given to the attendee who came forward with the matching ticket.

We are very happy to say, we raised over \$1000 toward our new **Neil Plum Scholarship Fund**. Neil has over 50 years with the Society, most of them as a chorus director, and he retired a little over a year ago but sings with the chorus, although he is still up there directing when needed.

Neil is a quartet member who has competed on the International level, and also possesses Gold as a member of the Senior Champions, **Saturday's Heroes**. As our Director Emeritus, the Board felt it only right to name our Fund after one who has contributed so much to our Society.

CAPE CORAL

By John Feldmann

Ten in Ten...

That's 10 new members in 2010. That's the challenge accepted by the members of the **Cape Chorale**. Through April, we've added 6, so we are well on the way. Formal guest nights only go so far, and we do not depend on them. Members bring in prospects, and we involve them at once in chorus activities. We teach them a simple tag and make a point of ringing a chord with the guest. Ring a good one, and he's hooked. At his second visit we provide Pole Cat music and learning discs to get him ready for his audition. He tells us when he is ready.

We delivered 82 Singing Valentines this year and again shared the proceeds with **Pediatric Speech Therapy** at **Lee Memorial Hospital Foundation**.

Our Snow Birds have begun to fly the coop, but we make sure they leave with music and learning CDs on the new music for next year. That way they can hit the ground running when they return in the Fall.

In Memorium

Fred Weigel

From David Ergman

Fred Edward Weigel, 83, of Palm Harbor, Fla., passed away Tuesday, May 4. He was born in Harmony, Sept. 29, 1926, the son of Fred Ellsworth Weigel and Estelle Kristophel Weigel.

He is survived by his loving wife of nearly 62 years, Marian Johnston Weigel. He was predeceased by his daughter, Beth Weigel Grawburg, but he is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Ron and Linda (Clemens) Weigel of Mechanicsburg; a son-in-law, Larry Grawburg of Mount Pleasant, Mich.; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Fred lived in Zelienople, where he was a former officer of the Zelienople Library Board and retired as vice president of the Dollar Savings Bank, Pittsburgh.

He and his wife moved to Palm Harbor in 1984, where he was an officer and 25-year member of the **Palm Harbor Crystallaires** Barbershop Chapter.

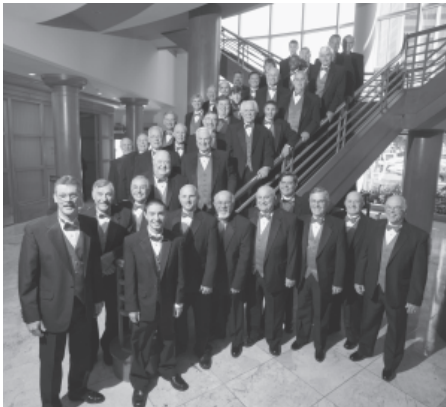
2010 Spring Chorus Contest Results



Jacksonville Big O 981
District Chorus Champ, Most Improved,
Plateau AAAA Champ



Tampa 922



Ft. Walton Beach 808
Plateau AAA Champ



Central Florida 781



Sebring 780



Melbourne 758
Plateau AA Champ



Naples/Ft. Myers 742



Orange Ridge 704
Plateau A Champ

2010 Spring Chorus Contest Results



Hernando County

685



Clermont

570

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2010 Spring Quartet Contest Results



The PURSUIT 79.1
International Qualifier



Power House 77.9
Collegiate Champ



Fortissimo 77.1
International Qualifier



Spanglish 73.9
International College
Qualifier



HotShots 73.0



Frequency 813



Southern Comfort



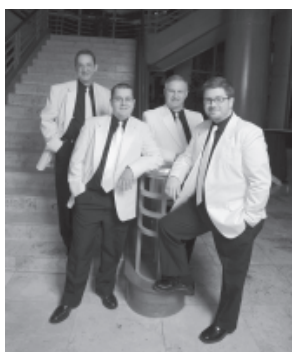
So Much More



Crosstown Connection
Seniors Champ



Miller Drive



After Six



The Four Sharps

2010 Spring Quartet Contest Results



Sounds of Sebring



Sunset



Sunny Boys

Competing out-of-district



Zamboni Brothers
International Qualifier

Contest & Judging

Harold lathom
Director, C&J



After a very successful spring contest in Jacksonville, it is time that we all start planning for our fall contest in **Ocala**.

The feedback that I have received with the move of the finalist quartet evaluations to Sunday morning in **Jacksonville** was positive.

The quartets had the opportunity to sing in the various hospitality rooms on Saturday night without having to worry about attending the evaluations on Saturday night. Therefore, we are going to have the finalist quartet evaluations in Ocala on Sunday morning.

New Evaluation Times

Regarding evaluations, attending an evaluation with the judges is the best way for a quartet (and chorus) to hear what the judges felt about your performance(s) and receive tips on what you can do to improve your performances. We encourage all of you to take advantage of the valuable things that the judges can offer you.

The cutoff for entering the fall contest in **Ocala** for quartets and choruses will be Friday, September 26th. The draw will be conducted on Saturday, September 27th and published on the Sunshine Net. Follow-up emails will be sent that same day to the contact person indicated on the CJ-20.

Change Requests

Requests for changes in the draw must be received by me no later than Monday, September 29th. All requests will be considered. If the draw is changed due to requested changes, the revised draw will be published on

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the **Sunshine Net** and emails to the contact individuals.

Quartet members, keep in mind that you may sing in more than one quartet for the District Championship. This does not apply to Seniors quartets, since we will be selecting the Sunshine District representative to the International Seniors competition in **Las Vegas**. However, a man may sing in a seniors quartet and a quartet entered into the district quartet contest.

Before you make your entry into the contest on the Society website, make sure you have all the required song information gathered, as this is a requirement to complete your entry.

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Greater Canaveral

Gold



Tampa



Ocala



Sun City

Silver

Bronze



Polk County

New CSR's



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James Brown



Tim Hanrahan



John Pennington



Farnsley Peters

BETY John Alexander Big "O"



Gold



Tampa

Quality Chapter Awards



Naples/Ft. Myers

Silver

Bronze



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Jacksonville Big "O"
District Champion
AAAA Champion
Most Improved



Ft. Walton Beach
AAA Champion



Melbourne
AA Champion



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A Champion

50 Year Barbershoppers



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Registration for Fall Convention 2010

We, your District Convention Registration Team, still find that there are many questions asked about the registration process for each district convention. We would hope that an experienced member in each chapter take the time and responsibility to instruct any new member on the various methods of registration and the terminology used in each, especially if that chapter is competing.

A New Form

There is a new registration form in this issue, and also on the district website, and there are some changes that we hope will clear up any misunderstandings from past forms. Any competing member must hold a valid registration and current society membership to compete onstage. That member can then register his wife, and guests for a full registration to all events; or, if they are not going to attend the whole convention, single event tickets may be purchased.

Students, under the age of 24 with valid student ID, can register for the Youth Package at \$20. Single event youth tickets go for \$10. Complete quartets may register on one form and list their guests on a separate sheet or form.

Recordings

One video recording per chapter or quartet may be ordered; and remember, by society and union rules, only one copy is allowed per chapter or quartet.

50 Year = Free

A 50 year member receives a free registration to conventions, and hopefully, the new district website will allow him to register online without making a payment. Don't forget, we have a list of 50 year members, so you can't pull any tricks!

Web Site

This brings us to the new website; and hopefully, when it is up and running, registration will be a little more straightforward. Don't be put off by the request for a **Paypal** password. You don't need a Paypal account to use the website. Paypal is merely the conduit for the payment. If you do not have a Paypal account, just by-pass that block and continue with filling out your credit card information for the registration. Paypal is very secure, and we have had no problem with this process over the last four or five conventions.

Tony & Alexis Fortune
Registration Chair



A New Hotel

It's a new hotel for us too, of course. The hotel's 800 number is at the top of the new form, and you can find a link to the hotel's reservation website on the district's web pages. It is our intention to open up registration and hotel reservations on June 1, 2010.

We'll Help

If you have any problem, we are always available by phone or email. We would hope that you will use the district website first; then a mailed form to the address on the form, and lastly by fax to the number on the form; but please, use this only as a last resort as faxed copies can be very hard to read.

Early Bird Date

Please note that the Early Bird cut-off date has moved dramatically forward. It is now August 15 for this 2010 Fall Convention. After this date, the price for a full registration will jump to \$60. So don't procrastinate; get those registrations flowing.

Thank you, and we look forward to seeing you in **Ocala**. The winner, from the name badge drawing in **Jacksonville**, of a free registration to the Ocala Convention is **Michael Metz** of the **Ft. Lauderdale Chapter**. Congratulations. Your Registration Team.

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SUNSHINE DISTRICT CONVENTION
FALL 2010
OCTOBER 1 - 3
Ocala, Florida



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CONTEST VENUE: WEST PORT HIGH SCHOOL

REGISTRATION

<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>	
FIRST NAME	<i>As you wish to see it on your name badge</i>	LAST NAME	
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CHAPTER NAME		EMAIL ADDRESS	
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SINGING PART	PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL	HOF	50 YEAR 1ST TIMER
			PHONE NUMBER

ADDITIONAL REGISTRATIONS *(Name as it should appear on Name Badge)*

	<i>First Name</i>	<i>Last Name</i>	<i>Singing Part or Guest?</i>
REGISTRANT #2			
REGISTRANT #3			
REGISTRANT #4			
REGISTRANT #5			

REGISTRATION ORDER

ALL COMPETITORS ARE REQUIRED TO PURCHASE AN ALL EVENTS PACKAGE
EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS AUGUST 15

NAME BADGES, AND TICKETS, ARE REQUIRED TO BE SHOWN EACH TIME UPON ENTRY/REENTRY TO THE AUDITORIUM

ALL EVENTS PACKAGE (EARLY BIRD RATE)	\$40.00	X	QTY	=	\$	
ALL EVENTS PACKAGE (AFTER AUG 15)	\$60.00	X	QTY	=	\$	
ALL EVENTS PACKAGE YOUTH (UNDER 24)	\$20.00	X	QTY	=	\$	
SINGLE EVENT TICKET - ADULT	\$20.00	X	QTY	=	\$	SPECIFY: ___ QTS ___ CHORUS ___ QTF
SINGLE EVENT TICKET - YOUTH (UNDER 24)	\$10.00	X	QTY	=	\$	SPECIFY: ___ QTS ___ CHORUS ___ QTF
VIDEOS (ONLY 1 PER CHORUS OR QUARTET)	\$20.00				\$	
GRAND TOTAL FOR ALL PURCHASES					\$	

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OR:



NAME AS IT APPEARS ON CREDIT CARD

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EXP. DATE

SIGNATURE

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For Sale (cont'd)

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ever you wish. Some Chapters went for April and some for June but the ultimate choice is yours. It is **NEVER** too late to get involved.

In addition to the promotional materials provided by the Society you can also go the to **Sunshine District MegaStore** and select from dozens of promotional items you can use for yourselves and for the Blood Center personnel. The profits from the sales of these items go directly to your district treasury for its programs.

Thanks For The Memories

I have been a Barbershopper for the past ten years ever since the local Chapter President at the time [Dick Nickel] kept after me to visit. One tag [When It's *Sleepy Time Down South*] with his quartet later, I was hooked.

I eventually became a chapter officer and joined a quartet [Surftones] that traveled all over the country singing to audiences from one person [Valentines] to sixty-thousand [Fourth of July at *Daytona Speedway*] including three Governors.

Five years ago, I was recruited to be your Director of Marketing & P.R. where I'm writing from right now. It's been a great run but it's time for me to move on to other things in my life. Last year, I lost the Tenor and Baritone of my quartet to cancer. For the past couple years, my own vocal production has not been where it needs to be.

To tell the truth, the fun has gone out of Barbershopping for me on a personal level. I enjoy the people and the work but I find that more and more of my time is being spent in other pursuits that leave little for my Barbershop activity. That's not fair to any of you.

I will be tendering my resignation as your Director of M & PR effective the end of June when my current membership expires. I will then retire from the Society and Sunshine District. I have no regrets. I have had a lot of fun singing, taking pictures, emceeing shows, and helping wherever needed. I thank all of you for wonderful memories.

I will still be available to all of you if you need audio tracks or graphics for your chapter operations, at no cost to you or your cccchapters.

As always, if you ever need any help, you can still email me at barbershopper@bellsouth.net or call me at **FUN-290-3452**.

So long and thanks for everything.

The Sunburst

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2010

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Sept. 3-6	Labor Day Jamboree	Crystal River
Oct. 8 - 9	SUN Fall Convention	Ocala

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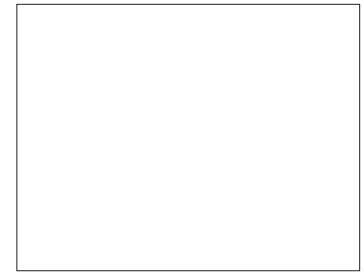
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