



2013 Midwinter Convention

Top: HD Chorus, PLATEAU AAA  
Champions Directed by Alex Rubin

Left: Main Street, 2012 5th Place  
International Bronze Medalist

RIGHT: 2013 Sunshine District  
Representative OLD GUYS RULE



## Midwinter Convention



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### THE TOP FIVE

Gold **Ringmasters**  
Silver **Musical Island Boys**  
Bronze **A Mighty Wind**  
Bronze **Masterpiece**  
Bronze **Main Street**



TOP TO BOTTOM

**The Gas House Gang**

1993 International Champion

**The Liberty Voices**

**The Buzz**

2004 SAI Champion

**The Crowd**

**Mike O'Neill**

BHS Music Specialist





**Top to Bottom  
Crossroads**

2009 International Quartet Gold Medalist



**Lemon Squeezy**

2012 Collegiate Quartet Champions



**New Harvest Singers**

Gold Medalist Chorus  
Holland Harmony 2009





*Dan Brinkmann*  
Secretary

Congratulations to all our chapters and chapter leaders. All but one of the current leaders of Sunshine District Chapters has been entered into the Society web site. That's one thing we don't need to worry about until next year. BUT,

### **State Incorporations:**

Secretaries and other chapter leaders it is once again time to confirm your Florida state incorporation status renewal is complete. This must be done by May 1. If you find your chapter is deficient in this status, you can renew immediately online at **<http://www.sunbiz.org>**. If this function is normally done by the chapter Treasurer, then please confirm that it is complete. If you are late, your chapter may be required to pay a late fee to complete the transaction.

### **Caution:**

Failure to submit the annual report by the deadline will result in the loss of Not-For-Profit Corporation Status and in the administrative dissolution of your corporation and you will no longer be recognized as an active chapter within the Barbershop Harmony Society.

**A chapter that is not incorporated is not technically in compliance with the Society Bylaws, Statements of Policy, rules and regulations, and is not eligible to compete, have a vote in the House of Delegates meeting, register quartets as part of its chapter (which will affect their ability to compete also) or be covered under any of the Society's liability insurance coverage, and subjects the chapter president and officers to personal liability.**

### **Taxes, Taxes, Taxes:**

Another annual housekeeping function regards filing your taxes. Again, this applies to all chapter leaders and especially Treasurers, but chapter Secretaries can help by reminding the Treasurers. The 990s for fiscal year 2012 should be filed by May 15, 2013. Instructions can be found at <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/i990ez.pdf>, and the form itself can be found and completed at <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f990ez.pdf>.

## DISTRICT BUSINESS

### **Did you know that:**

Under section 6652(c)(1)(A), a penalty of \$20 a day, not to exceed the smaller of \$10,000 or 5% of the gross receipts of the organization for the year, can be charged when a return is filed late, unless the organization can show that the late filing was due to reasonable cause.

**AND once you have completed this, it is imperative that you log onto eBiz (<https://ebiz.barbershop.org/ebusiness/>) for your chapter and complete the "Financial Filings" entries for the fiscal year 2012.**

### **ASCAP**

We did super regarding payment of ASCAP fees for last year's performances—100% compliant. This year, the 2013 ASCAP fees payable to the Barbershop Harmony Society have changed once again. For 2013, the fee is \$235.00 **if your chapter does not gross more than \$51,111.11** in ticket sales for all performance(s) during the year of 2013. When submitting your fees, please fill out **SECTION A** of the ASCAP submittal form and mail it with a check made out to BHS for the minimum amount - **\$235.00**. This process applies to 95% of our chapters. Keep in mind, the annual minimum fee is just that- an annual fee, not a per show fee.

If your Chapter grosses more than \$51,111.11 in ticket sales for all performance(s) during 2013, please fill out **SECTION B** and submit the appropriate fee using the formula on the form. The ASCAP form is to be completed to comply with the agreement between The Society and The American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP). You should submit this form to your District Secretary (me). My Address is:

Dan Brinkmann  
4399 Wood Haven Dr  
Melbourne, FL 32935

Once again, checks should be written out to the "Barbershop Harmony Society" NOT ASCAP.

**DO NOT SEND ANY PAYMENTS DIRECTLY TO ASCAP.**

Download the form and more information from the Society web page at <http://www.barbershop.org/document-center/category/71-show-clearance-and-legal-ascap-etc.html>

### **BMI/SESAC:**

BMI/SESAC licensing is no joke. We pride ourselves in being able to show our friends and family

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all the hard work we put into learning our craft. However, if your chorus fails to submit a BMI/SESAC for show clearance, your time and effort could end up behind locked doors. That's not the worst of it, if you fail to obtain proper show clearance, you may not be properly covered for insurance purposes. So, check, double check, and triple check that you have that show clearance on hand the day of your performance.

### **Show Calendar:**

Want to know if your show is "on the schedule?" Well, here is how you can check:

On the Society Master Schedule:

Go to the Society Web Page,  
<http://www.barbershop.org/home.html>  
Click on the "News and Events" tab  
Scroll down to "Full Calendar of Events"  
Check the date for your show

On the District Master Schedule:

Go to the District Web page,  
<http://sunshinedistrict.org/>  
Click on "Events"  
Scroll down to "Calendars"  
Scroll to "Sunshine District Registered Chapter Shows"

Now you will see that there can be other information regarding your show that can be included on the calendar. You are not able to add the show or contact person but I can and if you include more information on the BMI/SESAC form you send me, I will include it in the information. If you want to include a map to your show location, I will need the address so Google maps will pick it up. You may

also include specific times and a person to contact with a telephone number too. The more information you provide to me, the more information gets placed on the calendar

### **Legal Music**

You may have noticed that Society has been paying more attention to choruses and quartets singing only legal music. It is highly recommended that you get with your chapter librarian and confirm that all of the music in your library is cleared legal music. A suggestion for identifying legal music is to use one color of ink for your chapter name and a different color ink for numbering each piece of music. Guest music also must be legal and labeled.

### **Youth Members:**

With the recent membership drive, many chapters have seen potential new members. If this person is less than eighteen years of age, you must take steps to protect your chorus. Contact his parents and have them read and sign the Youth Membership Form. This is a legal requirement. The chapter is responsible for the student when he is at chorus practice or other chorus events. Getting youth involved in our hobby is a great way to preserve it but we can't neglect our responsibilities as adults.

I would like to pass on a suggestion while talking about membership. We all have health conditions no matter if it is allergies or high blood pressure. Consider developing an emergency health card for each member. The information would include health conditions, allergies, and emergency contact numbers. All information is considered private and should be available wherever the chorus meets. This way when an emergency arises, you will be prepared to assist.

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**John Spang**  
President

Barbershop in the Sunshine District in 2013 will be a year to remember! First of all, 2013 represents a Society that has grown to 23,000+ members since its first organizational meeting some 75 years ago. Secondly, we've already experienced an incredible display of our youth and senior talent at the Mid-winter Convention held right here in Orlando this past January. Third, Orlando will once again host our own District Conventions in April & October. Fourth, our Society will celebrate its 75<sup>th</sup> year with the Society's International Convention in Toronto in July. Top it off with the always exceptional Labor Day Jamboree and there is plenty of barbershopping for everyone! I hope you'll take advantage of these opportunities to experience the fun that barbershop means for all of us.

I can't tell you how impressed I've been with the chapters I've been able to visit in my year as President. I've found each to be uniquely different but all to be very active in their communities and each to have a real love of singing. As President, I've done a number of chapter installations these past two years and found those chapters to be in very good hands moving into 2013. Those chapters are experiencing growth in their membership and can often tie their success to an active group of Chapter Officers and having an active and

## President's Message

visible Chapter in their communities. I hope all of our District Chapters will make 2013 a year in which we no longer keep barbershop singing a secret but tell everyone we know about the joy we have in singing four-part harmony.

Your District staff continues to try and look for ways to make barbershopping more fun for everyone. This year we'll open up our convention to those that want to compete as a VLQ (very large quartet) (no relation to Wiseguys who not only dwarfed us with their powerful sound but their size). You can look for some learning opportunities as we try to bring more activities to our conventions. Do you have some ideas on how to make conventions more fun for those that want to compete? Let us know so we can see if that is something we can make happen. Better yet, volunteer to help us work on the project so you can ensure it happens!

This year will be an exceptional year for barbershopping if we want it to be. Get involved and don't let 2013 pass you by. Help your chapter leadership team to make your chapter a place that male singers want to come and spend their evenings. Attend and support District events so the District can continue to offer the amazing events and programs that occur each year. Join our District Team in helping to make this the very best District in the Society! Above all, just have fun being part of the world's best hobby, barbershopping!

John Spang

## Chapter Happenings

This Quartet from the Gulftones Barbershop Chorus, Panama City, FL, was featured on the front page of the News Herald on Feb 14th delivering a Singing Valentine. The recipient met her Valentine on Feb 14th, 60 years ago in 1953!! The News Herald article contained the Singing Valentine story, and links to the Quartet singing and Chapter website.

Pictured from left are Jack Machtley (42 year charter member) Tenor, Jim Vandervest, Lead, Matt Albritton, Bass, and Chapter President Sky Cunniff, Baritone.

Sky Cunniff  
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## DISTRICT NEWS

WOW, did we ever have a great Midwinter Convention this year here in Orlando. We had *more Youth Choruses than ever before and we were told that over 640 youth crossed the stage to sing and perform* which was an all time high also. Couple that with 28 Senior Quartets participating in the Seniors Contest, and you have one heck of a week of Barbershopping. The Thursday Night Show and the Saturday Night Show of Champions was the icing on the cake.

We have not received the final figures as yet, but we were very close to the all time high record set by Las Vegas in 2011 for registrations and attendance.

On behalf of the Sunshine District who were the host's for this event, I want to thank all of the volunteers for all their help and assistance to make this week run smoothly. We managed to cover all the events with a cast of a little more than 40 volunteers. The feedback from the BHS has been extremely positive and you should all be very proud of your efforts!! Thank you again!!!

While we're on the subject of the Sunshine District and how we are perceived in the Society as a District, last year the chapters in the District had the highest percentage of legal requirements completed for their chapters (your 990's, Financial

*Nick Schwob*  
Exec. Vice Pres.



Filings, etc.) than any other District in the Society. This is due largely to the combined efforts of Dan Brinkmann, District Secretary, and all of the Chapter Secretaries and Treasurers working together to meet the various deadlines for each requirement. Congratulate yourselves for a job well done!!!

We're back at the Orlando Airport Marriott for the next couple of years for our District Conventions and Labor Day Jamboree, and it will be great having everything under one roof. I think that you all enjoyed the Marriott hospitality and location two years ago, judging from the attendance, and it will be great to be "back home" again. We're hoping to have a few new things for you to do at the next conventions. We did get the new schedule dates for 2017 and we are scheduled for the middle of March for the Spring Convention and the end of October for the Fall Convention. This should open up more quartets and choruses to be able to compete.

2013 is promising to be a fantastic year with the number of events that are being planned for your Conventions. Plan on attending----it's going to be FUN!!

## Chapter Happenings

### Naples-Ft. Myers Gray Poehler

The Gulftones Barbershop Chorus, Panama City Florida, participated in the Annual Xmas Parade. Jim Vandervest, Membership Officer, decorated his 25 foot Seahunt fishing boat which included "Men Who Like to Sing" Banners.

Thousands of onlookers waved to the Gulftones as we sang "Jingle Bells" for several miles.

Many thanks to Legendary Marine, Panama City, who was our sponsor.



Pictured front row: Jim Vandervest, Sky Cuniff, Pat Mumme. In the boat: Jack Machtley (charter member 1972), Matt Albritton, Joe Wander and Bob Jones





Arne Helbig  
V. P. Youth in Harmony

Wow! What a Midwinter Convention! If you didn't attend I hope you saw the webcast. The Youth Choruses were awesome! Special congratulations to our three Sunshine Choruses that participated in the Festival: **HD**, directed by **Alex Rubin**, **University Blue**, directed by **Dr. Tim Workman**, and the **Citrus County Youth Chorus**, directed by **Fran Donohoe**, (Thanks to **Bob Spence** for forming this chorus!). You all did a great job and we are very proud of you!

Following the convention, I had the special privilege of spending some time with **Lemon Squeezy**, our current International Collegiate Champs from Sweden. These guys are a class act and wonderful ambassadors for our Society. After a Sunday afternoon meeting with CEO **Marty Monson**, **Lemon Squeezy** and **Lorin May** (Harmonizer editor and also a great guy), I drove the quartet and Lorin to Tampa. We had dinner at my parent's place (who are very Swedish) and had a great time dining on Floridian food and listening to some great singing. Monday, we visited **Debbie Cleveland's** (the **Buzz, Showtime**) high school. The quartet sang for and did a Q&A with 3 of her choruses. The kids absolutely loved them, (especially the girls!) We then visited another high school where the guys put on a clinic for the quartet singers at that school. Once again, they were incredibly well received. We drove Lorin to the airport where he did a video interview with the guys before flying home. Later that evening, we attended the installation banquet for the **Heralds of Harmony**. **Lemon Squeezy** sang their set amazingly well considering all the singing they had done that day. Their encore was a folk song sung in Swedish. Many of the Herald's had tears in their eyes

**Next Sunburst Deadline**  
**May 15, 2013**

## Youth In Harmony

after listening to that beautiful song. Tuesday, the guys visited 2 middle schools in Pinellas County and then flew to Ft Lauderdale for a Youth Special thanks to **Matthew Kaskel** and his team from the **Miamians** for coordinating this wonderful event, and **Christian Diaz** for hosting **Lemon Squeezy**. Wednesday night, the quartet and GQ sang at an afterglow style event with the **Miamians**, the **Sunrise** chapter, some of **HD** and any of the kids and parents from the workshop who wanted to attend. The guys had Thursday off from school visits and enjoyed the day with GQ in the warm Miami sun. Friday they were scheduled to visit a school in WPB but unfortunately illness struck 2 of the guys and they had to cancel. The quartet flew back to Sweden on Saturday. This was such an amazing week! **Lemon Squeezy**, if you see this article, thanks once again! Words cannot express our appreciation for the positive impact you had on the youth and barbershoppers in Florida!

I encourage everyone to become a member of the Ambassador of Song or President's Council programs. For a small monthly amount, you can help fund youth events that will help ensure the future of our Society. Let's not allow this great hobby to die with our generation!

Please remember to set aside funds for **Harmony Explosion Camp** scholarships in your chapter's budget. **Ken Carter** and his staff are in the process of planning our 15<sup>th</sup> annual camp. We are happy to announce the camp is going co-ed this year and should be our best camp ever! Please help!

Please let me know about any youth activities occurring in your chapter. The District YIH VPs are going to be communicating on a regular basis and I'd like to share what you are doing. I can be reached at: [chbgh@allstate.com](mailto:chbgh@allstate.com) or 813-310-6914.

Thanks!  
Arne Helbig  
Youth in Harmony VP



Planning on traveling to Toronto to celebrate our 75th Anniversary? While this year's celebration will be special in many ways, the fact that it will be held in another country can present some unusual issues for some barbershoppers outside of the U.S. Of course, these are the same issues faced by our Canadian brothers that come year-in/year-out to the many conventions held in the U.S.

I'm specifically talking about the "Men of Good Character" requirement to enter the country. If you or someone you know is planning to attend this year's International Convention in Toronto, please be aware of this rule. Here is the exact response from the Canadian authorities regarding this rule:

"From: CBSA-ADFC\_CONTACT  
Sent: Tuesday, February 05, 2013 11:09 AM  
To: 'Montana Jack Fitzpatrick'  
Subject: RE: Entry into Canada for a convention.

Persons who are inadmissible to Canada include those who have been convicted of minor offenses (e.g. shoplifting, theft, assault, dangerous driving, unauthorized possession of a firearm, possession of illegal substances), or of indictable criminal offenses (e.g. assault with a deadly weapon, manslaughter). As well, those who have been convicted of driving while intoxicated (DWI) are considered members of an inadmissible class. Driving while under the influence of alcohol is regarded as an extremely serious offense in Canada.

Information on persons who are inadmissible to Canada is accessible from the "Who is inadmissible?" section of the Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC) Web site at: <http://www.cic.gc.ca/English/information/inadmissibility/who.asp>.

Information for inadmissible persons about obtaining entry to Canada is accessible from the "Rehabilitation for Persons Who are Inadmissible to Canada Because of Past Criminal Activity" section of the CIC Web site at: <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/kinformation/applications/rehabil.asp>.

*John Spang*  
President



Persons who are inadmissible to Canada because of past criminal activity and who wish to overcome the inadmissibility in order to obtain temporary or permanent admission to Canada can apply for individual rehabilitation if at least five years have passed since they completed your criminal sentences. This application can be used inside or outside Canada. To apply, please contact the nearest Canadian diplomatic representatives for additional information. Contact information for Canadian representatives abroad is accessible from the "Canadian Offices Abroad" section of the Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada Web site at <http://www.international.gc.ca/ciw-cdm/embassies-ambassades.aspx?lang=eng>.

Links to additional information about visiting Canada are accessible from the "Visiting Canada" section of the CIC Web site at: <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/index.asp>.

Should you require additional assistance with your inquiry, we recommend that you contact Citizenship and Immigration Canada. From within Canada, you may contact CIC at 1-888-242-2100.

If you are located outside of Canada, please contact your nearest Canada visa office. A list of offices can be found at: <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/information/offices/index.asp>.

Additional contact information for CIC is available at: <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/contacts/index.asp>.

Thank you for contacting the Canada Border Services Agency."

The Canadian Government is very serious about exercising this control at their borders. Awareness is everything to ensure you or someone you know is not stopped at the border and refused admission.







**Dick Shaw**  
V. P. Financial  
Development

## FREE CONVENTION REGISTRATION

Here's a deal for you. The Sunshine District Board has agreed to promote membership in the Ambassador's of Song fund raising program by offering two free registrations to a District Convention to each man who is a new donor. The program is a double barreled shot at raising money for youth programs in the Society. By committing to \$20 a month for a year the Harmony Foundation collects \$240 from you for programs benefiting our emphasis on exposing young men to our hobby. Of that \$240, 30% (or \$72) is returned to the district in the "donor choice" option and this dividend to the

## Harmony Foundation

district is also spent directly on youth programs. Do the numbers and calculate the benefit to you and to singing programs for young men.

Elsewhere in this issue is the registration form wherein you can register for the two free registrations and provide information for collecting from your credit card or checking account. When I receive your application, I will notify Tony Fortune of your decision and your registration will be completed. Please be reminded that this is a one time benefit for new members of Ambassador's of Song only. Your convention badges will be created from this application and will be waiting when you present yourself at the registration desk.

Please register early so that we can conduct the registration process ahead of time. It is a bargain and gives you one more way to feel good about your hobby. See you there.



**Arne Helbig**  
V. P. Youth in Harmony

### Please help!

For the past 14 years, the Sunshine District of the Barbershop Harmony Society has sponsored a Summer Music Camp for Florida high school boys and their Music Educators. This year we are happy to announce the camp is going co-ed! This Camp, called Harmony Explosion, is entirely FREE (except for a small non-refundable registration fee of \$35.00 for the students). There is nothing to buy and there is nothing to join. This is not just another Camp. The students will experience the very best of every aspect of Barbershop singing! Please plan to attend the **Saturday Night Show** at 7:00 pm that will include **Max Q** and the **Buzz!** It's the best \$20.00 you'll ever spend.

The Camp is a three day musical experience for teachers and students. The dates for the 2013 Camp are June 13 -15. The venue will be the Florida Institute of Technology, 150 W. University Blvd., Melbourne, Florida. The students will sing music in the barbershop

## Harmony Explosion

style taught by top clinicians and demonstration quartets. It's a great way for students to gain part independence, develop ear-training skills, sing in concert with their peers and have a lot of fun! The Florida Barbershop, Sweet Adeline, Inc and Harmony, Inc chapters, quartets, and individuals make every effort to provide full scholarships (at \$225 each), which will cover dorm rooms, meals, music and rehearsal halls for Students and Music Educators. This camp also receives financial support from Harmony Foundation International, which is the charitable arm of the Barbershop Harmony Society.



**Ken Carter** and his amazing staff are preparing an awesome event but your financial help is greatly needed. Please find it in your hearts to contribute to the future of barbershopping by sending a contribution made payable to the Sunshine District to Ken Carter, Camp Director, 1202 Arriago Way, The Villages, FL 32162-0106. Gifts are welcomed from individuals, quartets, choruses and businesses.

Thanks for your help!



Youth Chorus Festival Sponsors

Convention Emcees  
Keith Hopkins and Joe Cerutti

Citrus County FL Chorus  
Directed by Fran Donohoe

University Blue, Florida/Georgia  
Directed by Dr. Tim Workman







*Bart Van de Mark*  
V. P. Chapter Development

## Very Large Quartet (VLQ)

### **The Very Large Quartet (VLQ) Contest is back in the SUN!**

The Sunshine District will conduct a VLQ (Very Large Quartet) contest at the Spring (2013) convention in Orlando with the following conditions and parameters.

- a. A VLQ shall consist of five to eleven singers.
- b. All singers shall be members of the Sunshine District, although not necessarily the same chapter.
- c. Each singer shall possess an all-events pass.
- d. A SUN VLQ may include no more than two members who are members of any current registered quartet.

Ed: This will hopefully open small ensemble opportunities for new and/or inexperienced singers to be part of a fairly competitively even contest.

- e. The VLQ contest shall be conducted as part of the chorus contest, and shall be included in the draw for Order of appearance.

Ed: An opportunity to perform to a larger audience.

- f. VLQs shall compete in one of three categories
  - i. Youth (26 and under),
  - ii. Senior (55 and older),
  - iii. Regular (everyone else)with champions in each category.
- g. All members of a VLQ competing in the "Youth" and "Senior" classifications shall meet the age restrictions for that category in order to qualify for competition.

- h. VLQs competing in the "Regular" category may consist of a mix of age group singers.
- i. The completion set shall consist of two songs selected by the VLQ which meet the Society Standards for Barbershop competition.
- j. A VLQ shall enroll in the contest via the Society Website.
- k. The official judging panel assigned to judge the convention contest will score a VLQ using the same judging standards used for quartets and choruses.
- l. Champions shall be determined for each competition category.
- m. A Scoring Summary shall be created listing all of the VLQ's and their scores. This would only be a Sunshine District report.
- n. There would be no formal evaluation schedules for the VLQs. However, a VLQ would have the option of contacting the scoring judges post contest and asking for a written evaluation of their performance.

Editorial from my perspective as the A: Chapter Development (Membership) VP for the Sunshine District and from my perspective as B: Music Director for the Martin-St. Lucie Mariners.

A:

- Smaller chapters might now have a chance to perform at a convention in a contest.
- If we continue to next Fall, the concept will provide a focus opportunity for chapters which suffer from snowbird depletion in the Summer months.
- What an inter-chapter opportunity!
- What an opportunity for a chapter to sponsor a youth ensemble from a local school!  
Think about it.

B:

- It'll create some focus for the Summer months.

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## Chapter Support & Leadership Training

As your new VP of Chapter Support and Leadership Training, I would like to invite everyone in the Sunshine District to feel free to contact me at any time to offer ideas. These would include ways to make our Leadership Academies more interesting, exciting and more profitable. This past year, we had to cancel the Stuart and SW Florida venues due to lack of interest. I do not know the reasons, but if you would contact me, we could try to work out the reasons.

I know we have a tremendous pool of resources available to us from our own Sunshine District membership. We need to tap into that expertise and draw some innovative ideas. If that sounds like you, PLEASE contact me.

I draw my experience upon my 23 years in the Society after holding every chapter position except President. I strongly feel many members often feel separated from their District officers, but I hope to change that. Change begins with letting me know your interest, wishes and desires. I promise to review every idea and proposal submitted no matter

*John McGoff Jr.*  
V. P. CSLT



how small it may seem. Communication is essential for the Sunshine District board to provide it's membership with the most beneficial opportunities available. Continued support from everyone in the Sunshine District will make our district even stronger. Every time you attend a district event, it makes our district financially stronger and affords the capability for growth and stability.

I am looking forward to 2013 being a great year of growth for Florida and the Society as a whole. My contact information is:

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## BQPA/Pioneers Spring Festival

### BQPA/Pioneers Spring Festival Tempe, AZ - April 10 -14, 2013

This is to let you know that the next festival organized for the Barbershop Quartet Preservation Association/Pioneers is scheduled for April 10th through the 14th, in Tempe, Arizona.

Why should you be interested? Because our get togethers are nothing more or less than three or four days of do-it-yerself quartetting in the old style. While we do have a "luck-of-the-draw" quartet contest on the Friday evening, almost all of the remaining time is occupied by informal quartetting. Find three other parts and belt one! (Or finesse one if you prefer ballads.) Find three other singers and teach 'em a tag! Or get together with someone who'll teach a tag to you! Woodshedders are welcome, but that's not all we do, we sing old songs, tags, familiar arrangements from the 40s through the 90s—you name it, in quartets that form and melt away and re-form, on and on from morning 'til the wee hours.

Oh yeah: there's golf on Thursday and Friday mornings. Sing a song on every tee. But ya gotta sign-up ahead of time to be sure we've got enough tee times.

You can find details on the BQPA/Pioneers website: [www.bqpa.com](http://www.bqpa.com). Check out the "Events" page.

Specifically, we'll be at the Embassy Suites, 4400 South Rural Road, Tempe, AZ 85282. Their phone number is 480-897-7444, and their website address is [www.embassysuitestempe.com](http://www.embassysuitestempe.com). (If you're reserving a room, make sure you tell 'em you're with the barbershoppers or that you'll be attending the BQPA gathering so you get the festival room rate—VERY attractive.)

Hope to see you there! Look me up and sing a tag or a song with me!

Barily yours,

Tom Noble, President  
BQPA/Pioneers





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Marty Monson,  
CEO & Executive Director  
With the  
Gold Medalist Chorus



HD Chorus  
Directed by Alex Rubin



The  
Liberty Voices  
Featured Vocalist  
Aaron Stratton

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### Everglades Florida Chapter

Bob Dimond, VP/Promotion & Advertising

The Barbershop Chorus of the Everglades, buoyed by the presence of several new members, is returning to its roots on March 22 when it presents "A Classic Barbershop Program" at St. Paul's Church in East Naples.

"This program is a salute to our true fans of barbershop," said Chorus President Frank Bates. "They love the old songs, the songs that built the reputation of barbershop. The songs that they all know and that tend to bring back great memories."

There will be many warm and fuzzy moments when the likes of **My Wild Irish Rose**, **Let Me Call You Sweetheart**, **Heart of My Heart** and **Wait Till the Sun Shines Nellie** echo within the walls of St. Paul's. "These are songs," Bates added, "that our fans have sung since childhood and they make for special private moments for everyone in the audience."

Local quartets will share the spotlight on the program and will offer numbers that feature the same "Classic" theme.

Just as memorable are some of the great patriotic numbers that stirred the home front during both World Wars I and II, and they, too, will be featured on the program. **George M. Cohan** helped many a doughboy make it "over the top" with his heart-thumping **Yankee Doodle Dandy** and **Give My Regards to Broadway**, among many others.

Doors for the 7 pm performance will open at 6 pm. Tickets are \$14 a piece. Call 239-250-0457 for tickets.

### The annual "Pub Crawl"

Once again this past holiday period, multiple quartets blanketed the Naples nightclub scene on a Friday evening to serenade Christmas revelers and collect donations for the Salvation Army... with a record number in sight.

The tireless group of carolers reached that record – over \$4,000 – after a long evening of delighting hundreds of Neapolitan diners who were happy to have their eating interrupted by the melodic Christmas sounds of one of several Everglades' quartets making the restaurant and pub rounds.

The annual "Pub Crawl" is a highly organized operation involving up to 40 to 50 or so restaurants and pubs throughout the Naples areas whose management had agreed beforehand to allow the carolers to come in and sing and accept donations for a good cause.

Everglades' quartet members split into several groups, each of which launches an evening-long string of visits to an assigned list of destinations. Groups spread out to North Naples, the downtown Naples area and even over to Marco Island.

The evening ends with a rendezvous at Joe's Crab Shack, where it began, with a late night salute to a successful evening and a discussion of how to improve next year's "Crawl". And the Salvation Army was thrilled with the generous donation of more than \$4,000; over the past three years the Everglades chorus has now collected more than \$10,000 for the "Army".



L-R Don Dilg, Capt. Pierre Smith, Robert Dimond

**Next Sunburst Deadline  
May 15, 2013**







*Harold Nantz*  
V. P. Music & Performance

Greetings! Hope everyone is well, and that you had a wonderful holiday season. Hopefully, you got a chance to participate in the Midwinter Convention held in Orlando, Florida last month. Speaking of Midwinter, **OLD GUYS RULE** did a great job of representing the Sunshine District in the Seniors Quartet contest. Congratulations on a job well done!!!

Also at Midwinter, a Standing Ovation Program certification class was held. I am pleased to report that Sunshine now has four newly certified reviewers in the Standing Ovation Program. They are **Eric Christensen, Bill Billings, John Pennington** and myself. Be advised that Eric Christensen will be chairing this program. If you would like to see about getting a review of your chapter show, please coordinate your request through Eric. I will be working to revise the District web site information to have requests made through the site to be forwarded to him. Or you can contact him directly through his email, [highgear3@gmail.com](mailto:highgear3@gmail.com). We will do our best to accommodate all requests. We will also be developing additional reviewers through

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training classes to be held here in the District. Keep an eye out for further notices about this training. This is a good program guys. You need to take advantage of this tool provided to you by your District. It will provide positive feedback on your show, as well as give you some ideas on how to make it more entertaining and enjoyable for your audience. Hope to hear from you soon!!!

On another note, have you registered for the upcoming Spring Convention (April 26-28, 2013)? It will be held in Orlando, Florida, at the Airport Marriott (site of last year's Labor Day Jamboree). Is your chorus competing? How about a quartet? No? Then how about going to support your favorite quartet in their quest to qualify for the International competition being held this summer in Toronto, Canada? Chorus too small? Then form a Very Large Quartet (VLQ) and compete (details available on the District's website)! If not, then just go to hear some good singing, do some good singing, and see some of those friends that you only get to see at these events! See, you have no excuse! Hope to see everyone there!!!

As you prepare for contest, or a show, don't forget that the Coaches Guild is available to help! Check for additional information under the Services button on the District's web site! Hope to see you all soon

## Labor Day Jamboree

### Labor Day Jamboree Grapefruit League A Cappella Festival and Novice Barbershop Quartet Contest

At 3 PM on Saturday afternoon of the 2013 Labor Day Jamboree, before, during or after (to be determined) the annual Novice Barbershop Quartet contest, the first annual Grapefruit League Amateur A Cappella Festival is to be presented.

It will be open to any genre, as long as it's amateur a cappella: vocal jazz, doo wop, spiritual, high school, middle school, grammar school, college, mixed, all male, all female.

The purpose of this event will be to expose more

singers and their families to the joy of all kinds of singing styles, including, of course, the barbershop style. And maybe to partake of the fun LDJ has to offer.

In addition, we plan to support a charitable organization to be named a little later.

The final organization of the event is a work in progress, but we want people to know that it will happen. Details will follow on the Sunshinenet and in future Sunbursts.

If you know of any group who might be interested in doing a two or three tune set in front of an enthusiastic and knowledgeable and supportive audience, please let me (**Bart Van de Mark**) know at [membership@sunshinedistrict.org](mailto:membership@sunshinedistrict.org).

## Event Horizons

It's that time of year, and your Sunshine District 2013 Spring Convention is just around the corner! Make plans now to join us at the Orlando Airport Marriott for the weekend of April 26 – 28. Details can be found at [www.sunshinedistrict.org/conventions](http://www.sunshinedistrict.org/conventions) and will be updated often with new events and information. The online store is open, so you can purchase your All Events registrations and Single Event tickets now. Some traditions are returning to your Convention, including individual hospitality suites and Harmony Marketplace – and new traditions begin, with the Youth Hospitality & Pizza Party. Space is limited for afterglow activities, so be sure to get your request in as soon as possible. Choruses, quartets, and other groups are welcome to host a hospitality room. For more details, email Chad Bennett.

If you plan on competing, there's a link to eBiz on the Conventions page where you can fill out the online CJ-20 form. Along with International Quartet Preliminaries and the Sunshine District Seniors Quartet and Chorus Championships, we're bringing back the Very Large Quartet (VLQ) contest. More details and official rules can be found on the Conventions page. In short, a VLQ is any group with 5 to 11 singers. This competition will be held in conjunction with the Chorus contest on Saturday morning. Award presentations begin following the chorus contest. There are some new and returning awards this year that you don't want to miss. Be sure to get your Barbershopper of the Year

**Chad Bennett**  
V. P. Events



nominations to Alex Rubin before the deadline.

Harmony Marketplace is coming back, and we will be accepting other vendor applications as well. More info and applications will be posted on the website. We're working on a very special Video Vault feature this time, "American Harmony" is planned for a screening on Friday night for youth, and Saturday afternoon for everyone else. Speaking of youth, there will be a youth only hospitality room throughout the Convention, including a Saturday night pizza party.

Rooms at the Orlando Airport Marriott are going quickly, so reserve your room now via the link on the website to get the \$99 rate. We're negotiating with overflow hotels now, and more information will be posted when it becomes available. Our relationship with the Marriott is growing, and we will be returning for Labor Day Jamboree and both Conventions for the next few years.

Bring the whole family, invite your friends, and join us for the Spring Convention. You won't be disappointed, there's fun, food, and fellowship for all. See you in Orlando!

## Chapter Happenings

### The Sunrise Chapter

The Sunrise Chapter of the Barbershop harmony Society has concluded weeks of preparation for a wildly successful set of shows. Held at the Broward Center for the Performing arts Amaturo Theater, there were two public performances at 2:00 PM and 7:00 P.M.

Opening the show were two local actors Tess Rowland and Jeffrey Streitfeld acting from a script written by our own Steve Moody. The show was called:

"Barbershop Salutes Disney"

In all, fifteen numbers were performed by The

Sunshine Chordsmen and Quartets from within the chapter. The incredibly rousing "Circle of Life" had two soloists in Kevin Mendez and Andrew Lujan.

We all left the stage on an incredible high, especially after receiving standing ovations from the audiences our portion of the show concluded.

Our "guest" performers were the Humdingers from Orlando featuring Aaron Stratton, Roger Ross, Kevin Miles and the irrepressible Tony DeRosa.

A better time couldn't be found anywhere.

David Hanser  
V.P. Marketing

**Show photos shown on back cover.**





### Hernando County Chapter

The audience and those performers who participated in the *Christmas Spectacular* at Northcliffe Baptist Church in Spring Hill on the weekend of DEC 15 and 16 were certainly impressed - what a production! And what a crowd (a packed house of approximately 1,000!) on each day. The show was great, with a little bit of everything included - big production of several Christmas selections, a full orchestra, fine soloists, a team of black light mimes, a group of bell ringers, and even a

gentleman playing *The Christmas Song* on a saw! It was great for the *Hernando Harmonizers* to have played a part in it.

*~With a song in my heart~*

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### Very Large Quartet (VLQ) (cont'd)

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- It'll allow me to sing facing the audience.
- It'll give coaching opportunities for other members of the chapter.
- We'll treat VLQ's like quartets and allow them the opportunity to perform in front of the chapter, with the understanding that VLQ rehearsals will be separate from the chapter meeting.

Bart Van de Mark  
SUN VP Chapter Development  
BHS Membership Committee  
Music Director, Martin - St. Lucie Mariners  
Sunny Boys Quartet  
Substitute Tenor, Bari or  
Bass in other Quartets

## Ambassador of Song Special Registration

### Sunshine District Spring Convention – Orlando Airport Marriott – April 26-28

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I am also part of \_\_\_ President's Council \_\_\_ Hall of Fame \_\_\_ 50 yr. member

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Chapter Name \_\_\_\_\_ Chorus Name \_\_\_\_\_

Quartet Name \_\_\_\_\_ I am a first time convention attendee \_\_\_

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# SUNSHINE DISTRICT CONVENTION

Spring 2013  
April 26 - 28

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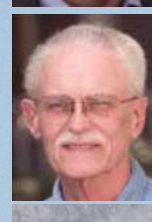
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