



## 2014 Sunshine District

### International Quartet Competitors

Top Left, Main Street  
Top Right, Throwback  
Center, The Society



### International College Quartet Competitor

The Sunny Boys





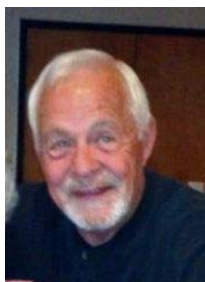
**2014 Sunshine District Chorus Champions  
Tampa, FL “Heralds of Harmony” Director - Tony DeRosa**



**Miami is the Sunshine District’s 2014 Very Large Quartet (VLQ) Champions**



**Lunch Break, (Left) and Overture, (Above), qualified for the International Quartet Contest. Both quartets are from the Dixie District**



*Nick Schwob*  
President

## President's Message

For those of you that attended the Spring Convention, I hope you all had a good time. We were very pleased with the number of quartets this time out and hopefully this will start a trend and continue on. The choruses were great and we were also happy to see the number of college quartets that were with us and hopefully this will start a trend and continue on.

There were a number of items that were addressed at the House of Delegates meeting and for those of you that were in attendance, please convey all of the information that you received back to your respective Chapters. We try extremely hard to keep the membership informed as to what is going on in the District but we need your help so that all of the members are as up to date as possible.

This brings up another thought. Your Board of Directors have decided that we will be meeting with all

of the Chapters in the District this year at least once. We realize that email, telephone call, etc. are usually OK to solve immediate problems but it's also nice to know that the District does care about you and what you might be going through regarding membership, retention, and the list goes on, and the only way is to personally meet with you and your Chapter. Someone on the District Board will be calling you to set up a visit so please take advantage of this opportunity to ask any question, request assistance in any area, and as Paul Harvey used to say "Here is page two" and hear the rest of the story. I know that I'm looking forward to this and have already spoken with some of you and will be meeting with you shortly. Thanks guys.

One last item, if you, or someone you know, would like to assist the District in any way, such as coming on the Board, assisting with the Convention Team or in any other area, please contact me. We are always looking for younger, and more energetic team members to replace us "old guys", but it would really be advantageous while we're still here to assist you in the transition.

That's it.....see you at LDJ.....if not sooner.

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](mailto:StandingOvations@SunshineDistrict.org).**

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Aug. 15, 2014**

### THIS AND THAT

#### IT'S TIME AGAIN FOR ANNUAL FILING REQUIREMENTS.

Hey!!

As of this writing we have done pretty good as far as meeting the Federal, State and Society requirements for annual filing. Here is what I found:

##### **State Incorporations:**

Should have been done by May 1, and only one chapter remains delinquent in filing this document. But here is the kicker: Even if your chapter has completed the State registration and paid the money for the incorporations, that fact still needs to be documented with the Society in the eBiz section of the chapter. There are six chapters that still need to complete this Society requirement.

##### **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 2013 should have been filed by May 15, 2014. And like above, we've been pretty good. From what I have been able to ascertain, ONLY TWO chapters have not filed.

##### **Solicitation:**

In Florida, all not-for-profit entities that collect donations from the public are required to register. This helps the State to regulate and prove the legal status of the entity. So far, four chapters registration/licenses have expired, three have lost their registrations because of non-payment, and 4 are getting close to their expiration date.

#### **HARMONIZER:**

Did you happen to gloss over the articles in the last Harmonizer that talk about having a Sharper Focus. Man, there were some really good articles in this issue. If you want to know what the society is attempting to do, this is a good primer and I recommend you not gloss over it but study it and talk to your chapter leadership about putting some of these great ideas into action.

#### **SO, WHAT'S HAPPENING?**

I'll bet most of you are getting a little tired of reading the articles from the district leadership,

*Dan Brinkmann*  
Secretary



right? Well, so am I. I'd love to hear more about what is happening in your chapter. What have you been doing? How are you reaching out to your community to spread the word about your chapter's activities? Let's share some of those ideas. Bob Johnston, the Sunburst editor, is starving for some chapter interest stories. Send them to him.

#### **THE WEB SITE**

Have you checked out the district web site lately? Roger Smeds, our web master has done some really marvelous things to make this a more delightful, interesting and informative tool to pass on information to all of us. Go ahead and browse through it and if you have some suggestions to improve the site, I'm sure he would be happy to listen to them. Just let him know.

#### **BOARD AND HOD MINUTES**

Speaking of the web site, did you know the minutes from the Board of Directors and the House of Delegates meetings are posted on the web site. I would strongly suggest you take a look at the minutes to get an idea of how hard the board has been working to make the Sunshine District the best in the Society. In the minutes you will see lists of action items that the board members are working on and if you have an opinion regarding one of the items, let the point of contact know.

#### **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"

That's enough—send in some articles to Bob Johnston.





**Dave Kannberg**  
Treasurer

It's that time of year again. By the time you read this, all you chapter treasurers should have filed either a form of IRS 990 or an extension to file. The deadline was May 15. At this writing, 8 chapters have not filed their 990 with the IRS according to Ebiz. If you have filed your tax return but haven't reported it, please go to the society website, log in, click on my memberships and your chapter, find financial filings and fill in the information for your 2013 tax return. Remember to send a copy of your return to Nashville. Heather is not there, so it will now go to [jclinard@barbershop.org](mailto:jclinard@barbershop.org). Seventeen of the chapters have not done their financial review or logged it on Ebiz. This also needs to be done.

For your future planning, watch for a Leadership Academy in January, somewhere in central Florida, along the I-4 corridor. It is still in the planning stages, but it looks like it will probably be a couple

## Financial Filings

day event. Remember, Labor Day Jamboree is coming, August 30, 31, Labor Day September 1. Fall Contest is October 10-12.

Even with the lateness of the spring convention, it appears your district is doing fine in the financial department. We can always do better. We are looking at ways to get more people to attend conventions and other events that the District has. The money we make on conventions and events gives us the money to be able to send people out to the chapters across the district to help them in any way they need; organizational, program, membership, public relations, music and coaching, etc. We are here to help you, but it costs money to send people to the chapters.

If you need any help with financial record keeping or chapter tax returns, etc., I am only an e-mail away.

Dave Kannberg,  
SUN Treasurer  
[treasurer@sunshinedistrict.org](mailto:treasurer@sunshinedistrict.org)

## Chapter Happenings

### Winter Haven Chapter Dick Shaw

The Winter Haven Chapter is perking along and fielding many requests for performances. We have recently sung to open for the Lakeland Concert Band and for Nurse on Call that sponsored a benefit for the Florida Baptist Children's Home. Scheduled are the Winter Haven Rotary and the Winter Haven C of C political meet and greet. Two more opportunities are in the works. Yeah, well, it keeps us off the streets and, so far, we have had great audience reaction.

Our November 8 annual show is shaping up with the Sentimental Journeymen chorus to be joined by Boardwalk as headliners. Now, these are four great guys, all with excellent reputations as entertainers. The Polk State College Men's ensemble will round out the program and we are delighted to have them. If you are anywhere within driving distance, ya need to buy a ticket. Do it at [sentimental-journeymen.com](http://sentimental-journeymen.com) about mid-September.

Recently, the college men's choir got the barber-shop bug. They are raiding the "free and easy" stuff off the website and are polishing "Irish Blessing." When the call came in for more challenges, Dick Shaw found a collection from the 50's and supplied them with some beginner barbershop. He visited while they were learning "While Strolling Through The Park One Day." "They are like any other group of novices tuning their ear to our harmonies," he said. "It was a pleasure to listen in."

We are about to enter vacation season but new songs are out and we are working hard to be ready for the fall season. "Now that Billy Joel's 'For The Longest Time' has hit the half century mark it is finally old enough to sing," joked director Mike Smith. But an updated "I've Been Workin' On The Railroad" has also been added and will provide some entertaining novelty to our package.

We meet at 7 on Thursday nights at the St. Matthew Catholic Church in Winter Haven. Come and visit us some time.

## Quartet Contest



**Main Street** Qualified for International Quartet Contest  
*TR, Roger Ross* *LD, Tony DeRosa*  
*BR, Michael McGee* *BS, Myron Whittlesey*



**Throwback** Qualified for International Quartet Contest  
*TR, Paul Betancourt* *LD, Sean Devine*  
*BR, Alex Rubin* *BS, Michael Skutt*



**The Society** Qualified for International Quartet Contest  
*TR, Thor Young* *LD, Andrew Borts*  
*BR, Kevin Mendez* *BS, Amos Velez*



**Impact**  
*TR, Frank Ierna* *LD, Dean Davis*  
*BR, Nick Collins* *BS, Larry Cocoa*



**Lowdown Sound**  
*TR, Paul Whittlesey* *LD, Lucas Lord*  
*BR, Blake Williams* *BS, Jeff Buehler*



**Orlando Exchange**  
*TR, Jon Kelly* *LD, Greg Patterson*  
*BR, Sean Stork* *BS, Matthew Boutwell*



**Four More Guys**  
*TR, Dan Kulik* *LD, Kenneth Moyer*  
*BR, Rick Chapman* *BS, John Alexander*



**The 4 Sharps**  
*TR, Joseph Pfeifer* *LD, Richard Casanzio*  
*BR, Donald Barnes* *BS, Jim Castanien*



## Quartet Contest (cont'd)



### **Street Lights**

TR, George Sunny  
BR, Lionel Leon

LD, Johnny McDonald  
BS, James Brown



### **TQX**

TR, Ernie De La Fe  
BR, Shannon Elswick

LD, Roger Smeds  
BS, Steve Moody

## Collegiate Quartet Contest



### **The Sunny Boys**

TR, Eddie Mejia  
BR, Nick Gordon

Qualified for International  
Collegiate Quartet Contest

LD, Albert Rico  
BS, Christian Diaz



### **Frim Fram Productions**

TR, Giancarlo Otolara  
BR, Robby Black

LD, Nathan Meisser  
BS, Craig Johnson



### **Flying By Paint**

TR, Michael Palmisano  
BR, Brandon Pack

LD, Nicholas Devereaux  
BS, Elvis Le



### **Define Four**

TR, David Desorcy  
BR, Nick Collins

LD, Sean Hawthorne  
BS, Danny Wunderlin



### **The Academy**

TR, Andrew Lujan  
BR, Kevin Mendez

Qualified for International  
Collegiate Quartet Contest  
Out of District in JAD

LD, Peter Cunningham  
BS, Michael Skutt



### **Flown The Coop**

TR, Nathan Mobley  
BR, Elie Diaz

LD, Matthew Arzon  
BS, Rashaad Everett

## Quartet Development

The first weekend in May was our Spring District Convention. If you are under the impression that our conventions are only about competition, you couldn't be more wrong. Hundreds of your brothers in harmony came together to sing songs and tags, to learn about how to improve their chapters, to discuss important Sunshine District matters, and to relax in the Florida sunshine with like-minded friends. Some of us were there for the competition; whether to improve our scores or to qualify for an opportunity to sing on the international stage, 19 quartets and 9 choruses walked across the stage to entertain the best audience in the state. Three of our district quartets, two collegiate quartets, and two out of district quartets qualified to go to Las Vegas to sing for the best audience in the world! Several convention attendees were there for the very first time, and some of them were competing in their very first quartet or chorus. There was even a VLQ (very large quartet) that formed from two different chapters.

Our district is growing and more and more quartets are getting together to sing, compete, and entertain. We're here to help! In April we had the first of hopefully several quartet-coaching sessions in Stuart. Four quartets got together and worked through the

*Sean C Stork*  
SUN Director of  
Quartet Development



day to improve their craft. Each of them worked with two skilled coaches who were able to give them specially tailored advice on how to sing and perform better. If you missed it, don't worry, we'll have many more in different parts of the state so that as many people as possible can benefit from our fantastic guild of coaches. A special thanks goes out to Randy Loos and the SDAQC for their invaluable help, as well as our host Bart Van de Mark. We'll also be providing coaching for our novice quartets who will be participating in the annual Grapefruit League Novice Competition at Labor Day Jamboree (August 30<sup>th</sup>-September 1<sup>st</sup>) as well as the Panhandle Regional Festival (September 19<sup>th</sup>-September 20<sup>th</sup>). More information about all these events will be available at [www.sunshinedistrict.org/events](http://www.sunshinedistrict.org/events). We hope to see many of you there to help us make The Sunshine District the best quartetting district in the society!

Harmoniously,  
Sean C Stork  
SUN Director of Quartet Development

## Financial Development

We are always looking for ways to increase the District's revenue. My commitment to this Board position is to put a plan in place to do just that. At the May, 2014, Board meeting, a couple of ideas were presented and approved. Both are still in the planning stage.

- State-Wide Donor Program — This idea is to solicit those with available funds to support the various programs of the Sunshine District, be that our youth activities or upgrade equipment needed to support our conventions.

*Dave Roberts*  
VP Financial  
Development



- Program Advertising — This idea is to leverage our convention program, *Sunburst* Magazine, and our District website in providing advertising revenue.

The above activities will be staffed by volunteers from the Sunshine District. A small team for each activity will be needed and, if successful, will provide a significant revenue stream.





## **Thank You Harold**

We held a memorial for the life of Harold Lathom yesterday in Christ Church, Jacksonville. It was attended by Sunshine District officers as well as members of Harold's original Big Orange Chorus and his family and friends, including son Jeff who followed his Dad's footsteps as a lifelong barber-shopper.

Harold only lived 69 years, but he packed an enormous amount of service to the Barbershop Harmony Society into his adult years. Of course, he loved to sing, like all of us who pursue this hobby. But Harold also loved to organize, so he was attracted to volunteer as a contest administrator. He was so good at it that he quickly rose through the ranks of barbershop Division and District competitions to administer International competitions of the very best talent in our society.

In fact, Harold was so good at contest administration that he was tapped to be the BHS administrator of the contest administrators, a position that he held for several years, in addition to traveling throughout the United States and Canada to announce the winners of annual competitions. Many barbershoppers throughout our Society came to recognize this serious-looking man with the neatly trimmed moustache, even though they didn't remember his name.

He became the society's symbol of our competition judging results. All of us who ever competed in a barbershop singing contest are indebted to Harold's organizational talents.

Thank you, Harold, for a lasting contribution to all of us in the Barbershop Harmony Society.

Dave Parker

April 2014

## Chorus Contest



Heralds of Harmony

Director, Tony DeRosa

Tampa is the 2014 District Chorus Champions.



Big Orange Chorus

Director, Tony DeRosa



Fort Walton Beach

Director, Paul Whittlesey



## Chorus Contest (cont'd)



Chorus of the Keys

Director, Byron Poore



Harbor City Harmonizers

Director, Gretchen Lux



Heart of Florida

Director, Scott Werner



## Chorus Contest (cont'd)



Orange Blossom Chorus

Director, Matthew Boutwell



Paradise Coastmen

Director, Jim Shubert



Cape Chorale

Director, Dave Barton





**Amos Velez**  
At Large Member

It's a great time to live in the Sunshine District. Thanks to the efforts from the Board of Directors, Chapters and individuals, we have begun to witness a rise in attendance by our district's youth at our conventions. Everywhere you look, there are now more young men in their upper teens/lower 20s singing tags around the corner and it is quite refreshing to see. In an attempt to capitalize on these results, the district is now proactively supporting the inception of a district-wide youth chorus unlike any other that has ever been attempted. We need your help to get it off the ground.

**Vision** – This chorus will have representation of your local chapters because much like an All-State Choral festival, it will include the best and brightest young male singers in your area. This will create camaraderie among singers who are of similar knowledge and ability, and promote excellence among the youth of Sunshine. The growth of this chorus isn't as important as the mastery that it will exude. We hope it is the catalyst for gaining support from the music educators, who will essentially be the ones that we need to develop barbershop programs in their schools.

**Rules** – There aren't many rules in place for participants and sponsors of the chorus. The most important one is that in order to be a member of the chorus, the individual must want to be there. Many times choruses are hindered by the folks who are there but would rather be doing something else. The members of this chorus will be "chapter agnostic" in order to make sure that every chapter in Sunshine can benefit from its success by promoting barbershop in your small area of the state. This chorus is not meant to be a recruiting tool for your local chapters. It is meant to help strengthen and promise a long term future for barbershopping in the Sunshine District. It is critical that the District Youth Chorus be autonomous. There will need to be some adult involvement in which we would help to execute plans. There can be no creative/directive involvement by anyone in the board of directors/supporting chapters. We will need to provide only supportive involvement.

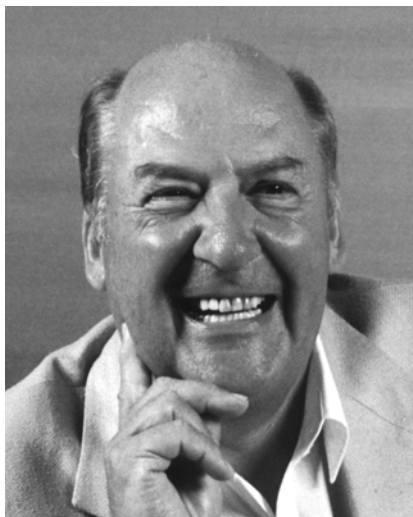
**Organization** – The chorus will need a director who is older than the group's average membership

but still considered a member of the youth. We are looking at a few different candidates to lead this group and it will take some time to find the right individual. The chorus will have a Music Coordinator to keep track of the licensing, purchasing and learning tracks of the music that will be sung. A Travel Coordinator will be an essential part of the organization because as a District-wide group, it will need to have a point person to help with hotel accommodations and to disseminate the necessary itineraries to all who will be traveling to rehearsal locations or district events and performances. There will be Chorus Administrator position whose role is to ensure that all necessary paperwork is in order for each singer, including parental consent forms, medical release forms, convention registrations, memberships and meeting all filing deadlines for submitting rosters. The organization structure may evolve over time but these positions will always need to be a part of the group if the group is to be successful.

**Sponsorships** – The main sources for sponsorships must come from the chapters. There will be members of the chorus that will be representing your area and it is very important that the chapters stand in line with the vision for this group. We will need chapters as well as individuals to help with sponsorships of specific line items such as food, transportation, show tickets, music, outfits, etc... as well as a broad fund to help cover other unforeseen expenses of running a project of this magnitude. We have district members that have sponsored youth events very generously. We hope that we can continue to count on those individuals of means to support this project that has great potential to revitalize the Sunshine District and bring a desire to participate from our youth.

Providing a future for the youth in our hobby is something that I'm very passionate about. I've seen people try all the wrong things and just end up spinning their wheels. We have had some success in South Florida with HD Chorus and I believe that this is a model that can be copied by the District which would help to bring in new younger members as well as provide a good youth representation for the District at Society events. I am a product of the Youth in Harmony program and 14 years later I am still a productive member of the Sunshine District. I would like to use my experiences to help guide our district's youth toward a bright future for barbershopping in Sunshine.

## 2013 Sunshine District BOTY Tony Fortune



I know that the requirements for BOTY are supposed to encompass only the year for which the award is designated; however, to truly evaluate Tony's worthiness for this award, you must consider the entirety of his contributions to Barbershopping

as a whole. For instance, his participation in the management and production of the Sunshine District conventions began when he first accepted the role as Host Chapter Chairman in 2005-2006, and then accepted the position of Registration Chairman for all conventions from 2007 to the present.

That's more than 13 conventions of solving registration problems and soothing headaches from so many attendees who are unable to use the web for convention registration. In addition to his district service, he has also served three terms as President of his chapter and for the past seven years he maintained the office of Chapter Treasurer. Anyone who has toiled in the events arena knows the majority of problems exist with registration issues and Tony, with his able assistant Alexis, has masterfully met and solved these problems with minimum repercussions. He has implemented several policies, practices and new innovative registration techniques to prevent similar problems in the future.

Tony is that rare individual who loves to sing and will continue to provide the support and encouragement to those who endeavor to compete.

We need to recognize all the "Tonys" around us and this BOTY award is one way to do it. He is fully deserving of this award.

Dan Brinkmann

## Director Search

The Hernando Harmonizers, a chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society and located in Spring Hill, is searching for a Director. The Harmonizers primary goal is to entertain our local community while bringing enjoyment to our members via four part harmony. We are not dedicated to being a competition chorus but enjoy the opportunity to demonstrate our proficiency at an annual competition.

Our new Director, male or female, will have some experience in vocal group directing and have the ability to communicate with a forty man chorus.

There is a remuneration package for the Director's service plus the opportunity to attend the annual Harmony College newly relocated to Nashville, TN at the chapter's expense.

If this opportunity is of interest to you, please contact Gene Schuh, Vice-President of Music and Performance, Hernando County Chapter. He can be contacted at:

Gschuh6@gmail.com

513-703-8965

**Next Sunburst Deadline August 15, 2014**





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

**The Sunshine District will conduct another VLQ (Very Large Quartet) contest at the Spring (2014) convention in Orlando with the following conditions and parameters. Please note the changes in section d.**

- 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 50% of its members who are members of any current registered quartet. IE: in a VLQ of 8 members, 4 may belong to a registered quartet; in a VLQ of 9, 4 may belong to a registered quartet; 10, 5; 11, 5; etc  
**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 competition 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.

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## VLQ Contest (cont'd)

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- 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 ask 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.
- 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  
VoxFire Quartet, Tenor/Bari

## Director Search

### ATTENTION !!!

**The Big Sun Chorus, a chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society and located in Ocala, FL, is searching for a Director. The chorus's primary goal is to entertain our local community while bringing enjoyment to our members with four part harmony.**

**There is a remuneration package for the Director's service, plus the opportunity to attend the annual Harmony College newly located in Nashville, at the chapter's expense.**

**If this opportunity interests you, please contact Chapter President, Doug Oxford.**

**Email: [doxford@embarqmail.com](mailto:doxford@embarqmail.com)**

**Telephone: 352-527-6980.**





### 2014 Labor Day Jamboree

As usual, we have another amazing LDJ in the works! Our headliners for this year are the **1996 BHS International Champions, Nightlife, 2013 BHS International Champions, Masterpiece and 2014 SAI Silver Medalists, BLING!** As always, you'll have to stay tuned to learn of all of the groups that commit to attend over the next

several months! I'm telling you, it will top this past years LDJ weekend!

### **The Dave LaBar Memorial Golf**

**Tournament** was a smashing success in 2013 and will be even bigger and better this year! The course, North Shore, is an excellent course and is in great shape! Registration for the tourney will open soon.

Now is the time to plan on attending **LDJ 2014**. The dates for this year's event are

**August 29—September 1.**

Put it on your calendar. The weekend is something you won't want to miss! Ask last years attendees. If you missed it in 2013, you missed a good one!!

Mark Schlinkert, LDJ Chairman

<http://www.LaborDayJamboree.com>

## Next Sunburst Deadline Aug. 15, 2014

I asked Nicholas Devereaux, the lead of Flying By Paint, how they came up with the name of their quartet. He answered with the following:

**Flying By Paint's** name is an action that describes how the Navy pilots, who fly the Blue Angels jets, manage to fly so closely without crashing. Each pilot stares at a specific paint on the jet closest to them while the pilot in the lead looks ahead. Whenever the lead pilot turns his plane not even a fraction of a centimeter, the other pilots see the slight movement and turn with him. That's how they're able to fly inches apart from each other while doing insane acrobatics and not crash! The same principle is how barbershop quartets work. All the singers listen closely to each other and move together as a group so their sound is completely accurate and unison with each other so they sound like one warm sound and not 4 different sounds singing together.



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## Sunshine District Harmony Explosion

For the past 15 years, the Sunshine District of the Barbershop Harmony Society has sponsored a Summer Music Camp for Florida high school students and their Music Educators. Last year, we were happy to announce the camp was going co-ed! It was a huge success so we are continuing with the co-ed camp concept. 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!

The Camp is a three day musical experience for teachers and students. The dates for the 2014 Camp are **June 12th-14th**. The venue will be the Florida Institute of Technology, 150 W. University Blvd., Melbourne, Florida. The students will sing music in the barbershop style taught by amazing clinicians **Tony DeRosa** and **Debbie Cleveland**. It's a great way for students to gain part independence,



Support the Sunshine District's  
young men by supporting  
Harmony Explosion

Arne Helbig  
V. P. Youth in  
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develop ear-training skills, sing in concert with their peers and have a lot of fun! The Florida Barbershop and Sweet Adeline, 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 the Students and Music Educators. This camp also receives financial support from Harmony Foundation International, which is the charitable arm of the Barbershop Harmony Society.

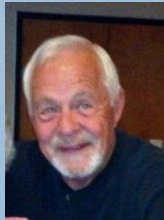
The HX Camp staff is preparing an awesome event but your financial help is **greatly** needed. **Please** find it in your heart to contribute to the future of barbershopping by sending a contribution to Arne Helbig, Camp Director, 4610 Grainary Ave., Tampa, FL 33624. Gifts are welcomed from individuals, quartets, choruses and businesses. Donations can also be made on line at the HX Camp website <http://sunshinehx.org>. You'll also want to plan to attend the incredible Saturday night show at 7:00 pm. Its the best \$20.00 you'll ever spend. Tickets are available on the website or at the door.

### Thanks for Your Help!

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