QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER OF THE SUNSHINE DISTRICT BARBERSHOP HARMONY SOCIETY



The Simple Life is the 2017 District Quartet Champion

Tampa Heralds of Harmony will represent the Sunshine District at the 2018 International Chorus Contest in July. Jacksonville Big O proudly qualified as a Wild Card, and THX is honored to be the mic testers



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Easy Street and Great Western Timbre Company will represent the Sunshine District at the International Seniors Quartet Contest at Midwinter



Our First Mixed Harmony Quartet Champion, Pink Flamingo











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Chuck Steiner III Sunshine District President

First off - THANK YOU for making the 2017 Fall Convention such a success! You showed up in droves and got to be a part of a very spe-

cial weekend! From the Friday night contest and SDAQC "Super Show," to the Chorus Contest and District Awards, to the Saturday Night Finals and Champions Show (and afterglow!), it was a weekend to remember. The future is bright in The Sunshine District!

Special thanks to **Randy Loos** for coordinating the SDAQC Show on Friday night, which was literally a once-in-a-lifetime event...to have that much talent amassed on one stage was just an awesome treat for the ears; our Championship-caliber quartets treated the audience to an evening of pure harmonic bliss! Helping **Keepsake** celebrate their 25th Anniversary, and cheering on **Main Street** for winning the Gold this year would have been a show in itself...but not for this District! We have **Signature**, **Throwback**, and **Rooftop Records** that are all representing Sunshine so well in all that they do-so a very special thank you to all of those involved in making that night truly one to remember!

Our Events Team, once again, set the bar in drawing up the blueprint for how a convention should be run; everyone involved in the weekend from the pre-planning to final execution was spot on. We have MUCH to be proud of when it comes to our Events Team and Host Chapter!

Now, it's on to **Sunshine Spring Convention March 9–11, 2018**...and then Orlando will host the **BHS International Convention in July 2018!** All of that information and MUCH more can be found on the District website www.sunshinedistrict.org – just scroll to the bottom of the home page and click on the many events listed there.

President's Message

Chapters, don't forget to list your chapter shows there. Tickets can be generated from listing your shows on the District Calendar! For International, it is "all hands on deck." The Sunshine District is hosting, and Convention Chairmen **Nick Schwob** and **Bill Billings** will be asking for volunteers to pull this off.

We are excited to announce (again) that we have a very generous donor (who wishes to remain anonymous) that will match dollar for dollar until our goal is reached for buying new District Risers (SUNrisers™). We are hoping to have these risers delivered by our Spring Convention to test them out, then use them on the International stage...and then they're ours for years to come!

We are getting close to our goal of \$15,000, <u>but</u> <u>still need some help!</u> Go pitch in now. Any and all donations are appreciated and are tax deductible! We have about 1,100 members in this District...so those \$10, \$20, \$50 and \$100 donations add up. Please go here to pitch in: https://sunrisersfund.eventbrite.com

NOTE: If your Chapter (our group of Chapters) would like to "team up" and purchase a set of risers, please contact District Treasurer **Dave Kannberg** at daveatcs@att.net

I'd like to welcome some new Board members for 2018, as approved by the BOD and voted on by the House of Delegates:

- VP Contest and Judging Paul Agnew (SUN/ Frank Thorne)
- VP Harmony Foundation Arne Themmen (Miami/Sunrise)
- Board Member at Large Howland "Howdy" Russell (Jacksonville/Tampa)

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President's Message

- Board Member-at-Large Jeff Buehler (Ft. Walton Beach)
- (Needs replacement) VP Financial Development – VACANT
- (Needs replacement) Director of District Education-Leadership Academy - (currently John McGoff)

We have a VERY busy 2018 ahead of us. I hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday season, we are now full steam ahead!

Yours in song, Chuck Steiner III

Secretary's Message

Brian Wunderlin Sunshine District Secretary

IMPORTANT CHAPTER END-OF-YEAR TASKS AND WELCOME 2018!!!

What a year 2017 was... but now onto 2018. So last October's chapter election results should have been recorded in the member section of the Barbershop Harmony Society webpage. Also, the persons who were there when the elections were made and the voting results should be in the secretary's minutes for that meeting; you know the old rule about a quorum and stuff like that, right? Something that is different with the New Member Center is it is preferred to edit the ending date of recurring officers. In the past, they preferred it if you reentered the officers each year, but now you can simply edit the end date and extend the officer for another year. This should make updating the officer list a much simpler task since most of us keep doing our jobs until we no longer can (for whatever reason).

Don't forget, if you had a show during last year then ASCAP fees need to be paid. What? Gotta pay that in addition to the BMI/SESAC fees we paid when we got the license for the show? Yep! This is a one-time fee for all the perfor-

mances for the entire year.
Forms to calculate the ASCAP
fees are on line at the Society webpage. A
change from last year; the form no longer gets
sent to the District Secretary!!!!!!! I repeat, DO
NOT SEND TO ME... THE DISTRICT SECRETARY.
With that said, the form is sent directly to the
Barbershop Harmony Society. The mailing address and instructions for sending can be found
on the new forms which you can download from
the Member Center. If you are having trouble
locating the new form, you can call BHS directly
or email me at secretary@sunshinedistrict.org

I would be remiss to not thank everyone for the awesome support you have shown at the Districts events, especially the Labor Day Jamboree and more recently the Fall Convention. The attendance was beyond words, and I hope everyone had a great time... I know I did. Thanks for helping make the Sunshine District one of the best in the Society and I look forward to serving as your Sunshine District Secretary again in 2018... and remember to continue to Support the District!!!!!

Thanks, Brian Wunderlin

Executive Vice President's Message



Arne Helbig
Executive Vice President

Hi Everyone,

What a great, <u>very</u> well attended, Fall Convention! Thanks to all who came out to experience and participate in this wonderful occasion! I am confident in stating our convention team is second to none! What a great job they all do! The <u>amazing</u> Sunshine District talent that sang throughout the weekend was unprecedented. Special thanks to **Randy Loos** for helping bring all this talent together for this incredible event!

Congratulations to **Bryan Hevel** and **Jim Northrop** (posthumously) for their induction into the Sunshine District Hall of Fame. Thank you to these fine gentlemen, who are so deserving of this honor, for over 25 years of their hard work and shared talent that helped make the Sunshine District the wonderful organization it is. Thanks also to **Bill Billings** for his moving tribute to **Jim Northrop** and for bringing in members of Jim's family to share this special time.

Congratulations to Louisa "Gracie" Kannberg for being selected for the Martin Rubin Award for Continual Outstanding Service. For years, many judges, visiting dignitaries, quartets and Board members have appreciated all her hard work hosting the President's Suite. She could open a restaurant with her BBQ alone!

The President's Council / Harmony Foundation reception was opened to the general membership at the Fall Convention for the first time. Along with hearing about some of the wonderful programs being supported through donations to the Harmony Foundation, all who attended

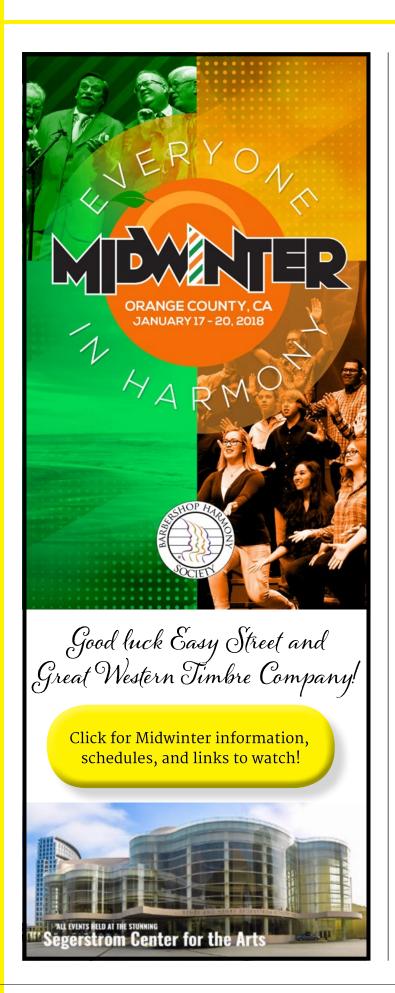
enjoyed snacks, libation, and some <u>great</u> entertainment. Consider attending at future conventions!

Many thanks to **Byron Poore** for his continued excellent coordination of our annual **Labor Day Jamboree**. The atmosphere is always fun and relaxed. Byron arranged for world-class entertainment that helped bring in some of the largest audiences seen in quite some time! As wonderful as this event was, Byron and his team have some innovative ideas to make next year's event even better. I hope to see you there!

Thanks to **Steve Cragg** for his work helping coordinate many aspects of the Youth in Harmony Workshop program this past fall. Fall is always a busy time in Sunshine for youth events. Even with the hurricanes impacting some of the events, many students and teachers were introduced to our favorite "hobby" and learned that singing can be a lifetime enjoyment. Thanks, Steve!

Midwinter is just around the corner. Chuck Steiner and I will be attending the District President and BHS BOD meetings in Orange County and will share the discussion topics with you in the next Sunburst. The chorus from Gaither High School in Tampa under the direction of Debbie Cleveland will be participating in the Youth Chorus Festival at Midwinter! I have had the pleasure of hearing her groups for years. They are always wonderful and will make a great impression at the Festival! Good luck to our Senior Quartet Representatives Easy Street and The Great Western Timber Company. We're proud of you!

As you've read in other articles in this *Sunburst* issue, 2018 is going be a great....and busy.... year. What a great time to be a member of the Sunshine District!



Bart Van de Mark VP Chapter Development



SUN Great Beyond

October 2017

Jack Harding Bob Deline Gene Samperi Tom Hogshead Jim Gogolin Selwin Millington **Dennis Carnine** Fred Miller Michael Marino Richard Gordon **Howard Gollnic** Al Proctor Milt Pritchard **Robert Ross** Carl Mickle **Charles Mather** David O'Dwyer Lawrence Butts Stanley Mansfield Philip Haas Robert Kean Dean Wise John Frobose **James Tobin** Rudolph Veltre Kenneth Taylor Ron Carnahan Jim Northrup Dave Parker **Chuck Hofelich** Dodge Melkonian Jim MacElravy **Charles Stevens Butch Hill**

Chapter Happenings

Emerald Coast Chorus

The Emerald Coast Chorus of Fort Walton Beach, Florida, is pleased to announce Main Street, 2017 International Champion Quartet, will be our featured quartet on our show "Songs of Stage and Screen."

February 23, 2018, at 7 p.m. Location: Village Baptist Church, 101 Mathews Blvd; Destin, Florida

Cost: \$20.00

We are also pleased to announce we have arranged for a special room rate at the Fairfield Inns and Suites of Marriott (Destin) for those wanting to stay overnight. Call (850) 654-8611 and ask for the Barbershop rate. Fairfield Inns has a large group coming in so make your reservations early. You can cancel up to 24 hours in advance.

Tickets will be available online or from any *Emerald Coast Chorus* member. Limited seating is also available at our Afterglow. Call **Jim Brown** for additional information at (850) 218-2038.









Sunshine District BHS Spring Competition 2018

PLEASE - come cheer on Sunshine's finest quartets as they qualify for International, and cheer on Sunshine's finest choruses as they compete for the 2018 District trophy and rev up for International.

Oh, by the way...WE ARE HOSTING INTERNATIONAL in Orlando this summer!

Friday, March 9-10, 2018

Orlando Airport Marriott

7499 Augusta National Dr

Orlando, FL 32822

Book your group rate for Sunshine District BHS Spring Competition 2018 before February 22, 2018

\$114/night



Register Now!





Nick Schwob VP Events

Back in February 2010, **Bill Billings** and I met with International convention site decision makers

from the Society, in Orlando, to see if it would be feasible to bring the International to Orlando in either 2014, 2018 or 2019. When our meetings with the venue and the hotels concluded that week, it was decided by the Society that if Bill and I would host the event, they would consider Orlando and would let us know within a short period of time when it would be. Before I could take a breath, Bill said "sure, we'll do it." And so it was decided that the year would be July 1st – 8th, 2018.

So, here we are. It's 2018. As you can imagine, this is no small undertaking and the need for volunteers is much greater than the Midwinters that we have done in the past. The Society is expecting record numbers for this one. With the convention site on the doorstep to Disney and the discount programs that will be available from the Orlando Convention Bureau and others, this is going to be a perfect time to bring along the family as we have done in years past.

They have added another session for the Quartet Quarter Finals on Tuesday, so we'll be starting a day earlier than we have before. The need for the additional volunteers just adds to the total picture, and since we know all of this in advance, we have it covered. There is a link on the Barbershop Harmony website, International, Orlando 2018 that says, "Volunteers Needed." There is also one on the Sunshine District website. Just click on these links, open the form and volunteer away. The link is right here, so there's no excuse.

Volunteer Now!

The Sunshine District has always stepped up to help whenever asked and I'm sure this will be no exception. We need lots of guys and gals to pull this one off. If you volunteer for two shifts, you will receive a commemorative shirt designed by **Arne Helbig** (with the help of many others).

If you have questions about anything regarding the Convention, please don't hesitate to reach out to either **Bill Billings** or me, and we'll be right back to you. This can be a fun time as you will be working with a great team that loves to make things run smoothly, making it so much easier for the rest of us. **THANKS FOR YOUR HELP, AS ALWAYS!**

Nick Schwob & Bill Billings, Co-hosts for 2018 International Orlando

2017 Fall Convention Quartets (order of appearance)



ROOFTOP RECORDS

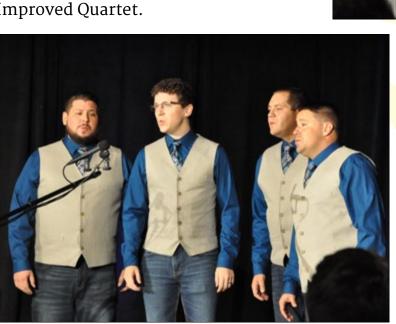
TR, Chase Guyton LD, Dustin Guyton BR, Jamie Breedon BS, Jackson Pinder

2017 International 11th Place Mic Tester

EASY STREET Tampa

TR, Paul Carter LD, Dave Cross BR, Charlie Nelson BS, Bryan Hevel

Easy Street will represent the Sunshine District at the International Seniors Quartet Contest at Midwinter and is the Sunshine District Most Improved Quartet.





YOU BET! Tampa

TR, Matt Crisostomo LD, Michael Cross BR, Alex Kuen BS, Daniel Wunderlin Seniors Quartet Int'l Prelim Scoresheet

Mixed Harmony Scoresheet

Photography by Andrew Borts

2017 Fall Convention Quartets, continued

District Quartet Contest Scoresheet

Seniors Quartet Int'l Prelim Scoresheet RARE BLEND (Mixed Harmony)

TR, Betsy Reid LD, Rebecca Roberson BR, Shannon Elswick BS, Gregory Patterson





IN-A-CHORD Tallahassee

TR, Robert Brunger LD, Steve Pennington BR, Rodney Atherton BS, Michael Linzy



TR, Jeffrey Paul LD, Lance Lubin BR, Clare McCreary BS, Kurt Popp



2017 Fall Convention Quartets, continued



District Quartet Contest Scoresheet

Seniors Quartet Int'l Prelim Scoresheet

EASY DOES IT (Seniors & District)

Sarasota & Naples / Fort Myers

TR, Bill Colleran LD, Bob Schall BR, Glenn Siebert BS, Jim Schubert

Mixed Harmony Scoresheet

GREAT WESTERN TIMBRE CO.

(Seniors & District) Central Tx, California Delta & Sunrise

> TR, Roger Smeds LD, Dwight Holmquist BR, Norman Liddell BS, Ron Black

Great Western Timbre Company will represent the Sunshine District at the International Seniors Quartet Contest at Midwinter.





THE SIMPLE LIFE Miami & Nashville

TR, Andrew Lujan LD, Ryan Modrall BR, Kevin Mendez BS, Michael O'Neill

The Simple Life is the District Quartet Champion.

District Quartet Contest Scoresheet

2017 Fall Convention Quartets, continued

Seniors Quartet Int'l Prelim Scoresheet

TBQ (Seniors)

Rock Island, Sunrise & Tampa

Mixed Harmony Scoresheet TR, Ed Mckenzie LD, Frank Bovino, Jr BR, Joe Kane BS, Dean Sellers

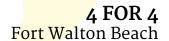




PINK FLAMINGO (Mixed Harmony)

TR, Jennifer Poore LD, April Qualls BR, Byron Poore BS, Aaron Ledger

Pink Flamingo is the Sunshine District Mixed Harmony Quartet Champion.



TR, David Roberts LD, Johnny Mcdonald BR, Lucas Lord BS, Jeff Buehler



2017 Fall Convention Quartets, continued



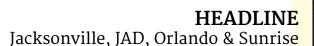
District Quartet Contest Scoresheet

Seniors Quartet Int'l Prelim Scoresheet

WEE SMALL HOURS
Martin / St Lucie & Sunrise

TR, Aaron Elswick LD, Roger Smeds BR, Shannon Elswick BS, Patrick Elswick

Mixed Harmony Scoresheet



TR, Greg Hilliard LD, Shawn Thomas BR, Kealan Rivers BS, Tom Bronson





HOT SHOTSSpecial Appearance

TR, James Kastler LD, Andrew Borts BR, Mitch Greenberg BS, Paul Agnew

2006 Sunshine District Quartet Champion International Chorus Prelim Scoresheet

International Chorus Prelims



EMERALD COAST CHORUS Fort Walton Beach

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Directed By: Jeff Buehler



HARBOR CITY HARMONIZERS Melbourne

Directed By: Gretchen Lux

Harbor City Harmonizers is the Sunshine District Most Improved Chorus and improved from a C+ to a B- level chorus



Directed By: Matthew Boutwell

The Orange Blossom Chorus achieved a grade level improvement form a B-to a B level chorus



International Chorus Prelims



International Chorus Prelim Scoresheet

CAPITOL CHORDSMEN Tallahassee

Directed By: Greg Hilliard



THX Sunrise

Directed By: Alex Rubin

Mic Testers at the 2018 International Chorus Contest in July



BIG ORANGE CHORUS

Jacksonville

Directed By: Jay Giallombardo

Qualified for Wild Card at the 2018 International Chorus Contest in July International Chorus Prelim Scoresheet

International Chorus Prelims



SUNSHINE SENIORS CHORUS

Directed By: Gene Butterfield



HERALDS OF HARMONY

Tampa

Directed By: Tony De Rosa & Clay Hine

Heralds of Harmony qualifies to represent the Sunshine District at the 2018 International Chorus Contest in July and achieved a grade improvement from an A- to an A level chorus



Harmony Foundation Corner

Submitted by Arne Themmen

Our Sunshine District is leading the way with great chorus singing and high-quality quartets! International Champion, Main Street, Signature, Throwback and Rooftop Records are current examples. This is not an accident but is the result of the foresight and dedication of our barbershop brothers; icons who have contributed their time, talent, and funding to bring us to this wonderful juncture. Not many are blessed with the talent, energy, and ability to nurture and support the young performers that share their gifts and entertain us.

In recognition of this support, **Signature's** CD, "A Hint of Gold, a Tribute to Gene," celebrates their coach, mentor, and friend, **Gene Cokeroft**. Gene was instrumental in

organizing and hosting youth workshops in South Florida. He had a significant impact on the four young men that many believe will win the gold in Orlando this year. Wherever they place in the contest, we can be proud of the music they make. Treat yourself when you have the opportunity and listen to their CD.

Think how much benefit you receive from singing in a chorus or a quartet. Creating barbershop harmony is a gift we are fortunate to enjoy and should share with others. Let's make this a 'signature' year and make a donation that will support youth workshops and continue the legacy of our talented brothers.

Visit HarmonyFoundation.org to make a gift.



The Martin Rubin Service Award

This award recognizes an individual who has made significant contributions in support of the Sunshine District over a period of time, regardless of membership in the Barbershop Harmony Society. This award is named for Martin Rubin, who faithfully served the District for many years on the Convention Team of the support o



Louisa "Gracie" Kannberg receiving The Martin Rubin Service Award-Fall Convention 2017

on the Convention Team even though he was not a member of the Barbershop Harmony Society.

Congratulations 2017 HOF Inductees

Bryan Hevel

Jim Northrop (posthumously)

Keepsake 25th Anniversary of winning the Gold

Main Street
2017
1st place International
Gold Medalists



SDAQC Show

(Sunshine District Association of Quartet Champions)





Signature
2017
2nd place
International
Silver Medalists

Throwback
2017
4th place
International
Bronze Medalists





Rooftop Records
2017
11th place
International Mic Testers and
2016 SUN Quartet Champs



Heralds of Harmony with Main Street Directed by Clay Hine

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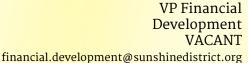
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