

THE Sunburst



QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER OF THE SUNSHINE DISTRICT BARBERSHOP HARMONY SOCIETY



Jacksonville's Big O Chorus

**Our 2018 District Champions
Jacksonville
Big O**



Hot Shots



The Simple Life

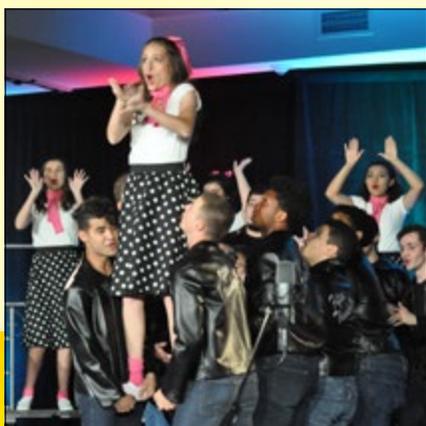
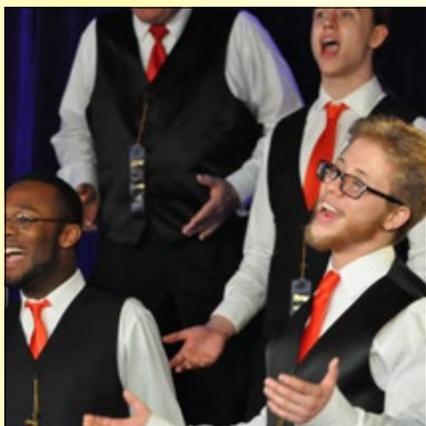
**Sunshine District
Qualifies 3 Quartets for
2018 International
Competition in Orlando!**

**...and maybe more to
come!**



Throwback





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June 15, 2018**

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Chuck Steiner III
Sunshine District President

First- **Thank you to ALL who helped make our Spring Convention a great success!** Our competitors were high caliber, the audience was a “controlled rowdy,” and the Events Team, as always, was top-notch. Special thanks to the **Orange Blossom Chorus** for hosting the convention and hauling the risers. Great job.



Congratulations to our 2017 Barbershopper of the Year (BOTY) **Tony De Rosa** (See article on Page 5), and to **Mike Sobolewski** for his nomination.

Before the qualifiers are recognized, I need to thank each and every person who donated to the “SUNriser Fund” to purchase our brand new District risers! The choruses that broke them in on the stage at Spring Convention got them ready for the “big stage” at International. Special thanks to **Dave Kannberg** and **Danny Wunderlin** (and the Riser Crew) for insuring that they were ordered and arrived in time for our convention.

By the way, we are still a few thousand dollars short of our goal, so if everyone reading this can chip in \$5 or \$10 (or more, if you are willing...), it would be appreciated. Our anonymous donor picked up the difference so that we could have them in time for Spring Convention, but the agreement was a dollar for dollar match.

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President’s Message

Congratulations to *Throwback* (89.7), *The Simple Life* (77.8), and *Hot Shots* (77.5), for qualifying to compete at International in Orlando



this summer. We know you’ll make SUN very proud! Stellar performances all around, gentlemen. We also have a few of our quartets that I am aware of competing out of District (*Signature* and *Rooftop Records*) that we wish the very best of luck! We are poised to be VERY well represented as we prepare to

host the International Convention right here in our own backyard!

The Jacksonville **Big Orange Chorus** are your District Champion Chorus...Ten times winning the District trophy! That’s quite the feat. Proud of you guys!



Dave Roberts, President of the Heralds of Harmony, turns the District trophy over to the new Champions, The Jacksonville Big O

Best of luck to Jacksonville **Big O** and the Tampa Bay **Heralds of Harmony** as they represent SUN at International, and a huge shout out

to the men of **T.H.X.** as they will serve as mic testers.

Quite the showing for our very proud District!

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Speaking of Orlando...have YOU registered for International Convention yet?

Register for International Convention here! Have you registered to volunteer yet? Many shifts are needed, and most don't require any physical labor. Go to the District website and click on the "ORLANDO" graphic to sign up, or click the button below. Registering to volunteer is easy (promise)! You can even see a description of the job before signing up for it.

Register for 2018 International.
CLICK HERE!

Bottom line is this: International is being hosted by The Sunshine District. **That's ALL of us!** So sign up for a few shifts and let's show 'em how it's done. **Nick Schwob** and **Bill Billings** are doing an awesome job co-chairing the Committee for hosting this event, and they'll even give you a free (not orange) t-shirt if you volunteer for two shifts!

Register to Volunteer at International Now!

Thanks again for all who came to Spring Convention. We had great showings by ALL of our competitors and even had a chorus make their District debut (Lookin' at you **Boca Raton!**).

Next up:

- Jul 1-8** BHS International Convention
Orlando, FL
(Orlando Convention Center)
- Aug 31-Sep 2** SUN Labor Day Jamboree
Orlando, FL
(Marriott Airport-Lakeside)
- Oct 26-28** SUN Fall Convention
Orlando, FL
(Marriott Airport-Lakeside)

In Song,
Chuck



Sunshine District is hosting the International Convention this year right here in our own backyard at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando! Register to attend and volunteer by clicking the buttons above or using the links at www.SunshineDistrict.org



Tony De Rosa – Our 2017 Sunshine District BOTY!

by Roger Smeds

One of the great moments of the Sunshine District Spring 2018 Convention was the announcement of **Tony De Rosa** as our 2017 Barbershopper of the Year (BOTY).



Tony De Rosa IS the face of the Sunshine District to the rest of the barbershop-ping world. In our hobby, Tony's legendary status as the most decorated barbershop singer in history is an amazing tribute to his continuing contributions to the Sunshine District. He's instantly recognizable to nearly every barbershopper in the world as a Sunshine District performer and competitor and NEVER fails to give credit to the support received from the Sunshine District. He continues to be a true ambassador for the Sunshine District in his many roles as competitor, director, master musician, coach and mentor. His four gold medals, with Sunshine District Quartets: *Keepsake*, *Platinum*, *MaxQ* and *Main Street* are a testament to his talents as a singer...plus as the lead in *Main Street* and the 2017 Gold Medal Quartet, he was a top five competitor for five of the last six years! His record of achievement is unmatched!

Tony is much more than a competitor.

As a Chorus Director, he led the **Heralds of Harmony** to nine straight International competitions in 1994- 2002, and has returned the *Heralds* to even loftier heights in his current engagement (2012 to the present) having led them to their highest International qualifying score in their history in 2017. He also directs the current 3rd place Sweet Adelines Chorus

(Tampa) – **The Toast of Tampa**, and was previously a Director for the **Jacksonville Big-O** chorus from 1997 – 2016. He also directed the **2017 District Past Champion Quartets Chorus**, and was the **AIC International Chorus** Director in 2014, 2016, and 2017.

Tony is a much sought after vocal coach and clinician for quartets and choruses around the world. He's taken personal interest in helping other Sunshine District quartets to excel and represent the district. Tony volunteered his considerable coaching skills to two notable Sunshine District quartets: *Signature* (2017 International Quartet Silver Medalists) and *Easy Street* (2018 Senior International Quartet Silver Medalists.) He's a master performer and is nearly always seen on the Sunshine District stage as a performer with one of his quartets... including his newest quartet: *Backstreet 4*, with his son **Joseph De Rosa**! Tony also earned the prestigious Master 700 Director designation with SAI in 2017. He helped coach both **Vocal Majority** and **Masters of Harmony** to the 1 – 2 finish in the 2017 International Chorus Competition. In addition, as a music support technician, he created learning materials for 2017 International Chorus Medalist quartet, *Throwback* and 11th place International Quartet and “mic tester” – *Rooftop Records*, providing further testimony for his support of Sunshine District competitors.

Tony has been a role model and mentor to many youth in the District. He's been an HX Facilitator for 10 plus years, and served as male music clinician in 2017. He also volunteered his time to coach a new young quartet, in Tampa – *You Bet* – to a 4th place finish in the 2017 District Competition. He also volunteered as coach to work with **Debbie Cleveland's** Gaither High School chorus who received a Superior Rating and was voted “Audience Favorite” at the 2018 Midwinter in Costa Mesa, CA.

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As an entertainer, **Tony's** innovations with *Main Street*, in particular, have seen his contributions to the image of the Sunshine District soar. His concept, development and recording of "These Will Be the Good Old Days, Twenty Years from Now" has generated over 2.6 MILLION views of *Main Street*! Tony was also instrumental in experimenting, in Sunshine District, with chorus combinations to bring more singers to the International competition experience. In 2016, the combination of Tampa with Jacksonville resulted in a 9th place finish in the International Chorus Competition. Tampa is currently competing in combination with the **Atlanta Vocal Project**, under the **Heralds of Harmony** and Sunshine District banner.

Tony is highly deserving of the Sunshine District Barbershopper of the Year because of his decades of service as THE consummate master of our craft that is known, and loved, by barbershoppers everywhere.



BARBERSHOPPER OF THE YEAR

The Sunshine District Barbershopper Of The Year (BOTY) award is our most coveted annual award because it's related to all those ingredients that go to make up the complete Barbershopper during a calendar year.

Due to a broader criteria, the candidates are not necessarily the same as Chapter Barbershopper Of The Year winners. This fact should be kept in mind whenever chapters prepare to submit the names of one or more candidates.

The award is made annually at our Spring Convention and is overseen by a District committee comprised of the last three award recipients.

Current BOTY 2017 – Tony De Rosa, Tampa

Past BOTY Recipients

- 2016 – Sean Stork, Winter Park
 - 2015 – Roger Smeds, Martin/St Lucie & Sunrise
 - 2014 – Dave Kannberg, Palm Beach County & Sunrise
 - 2013 – Tony Fortune, Daytona Beach Metro
 - 2012 – Nick Schwob, Tampa
 - 2011 – Chad Bennett, Winter Park
 - 2010 – Alex Rubin, Ft. Lauderdale
 - 2009 – Bart Van de Mark, Martin/St. Lucie
 - 2008 – Keith Hopkins, Winter Park
 - 2007 – Mark Schlinkert, Tampa & Jacksonville Big O
 - 2006 – Ken Carter, Central Florida
 - 2005 – Daniel Proctor, First Coast Metro
 - 2004 – Dan Brinkmann, Melbourne
 - 2003 – Bill Bernard, Central Florida
 - 2002 – Bill Billings, Tampa
 - 2001 – Stephen Barrett, St. Petersburg
 - 2000 – Shannon Elswick, Clermont
 - 1999 – Jim Breedon, First Coast Metro
 - 1998 – *Ed Williamson, First Coast Metro
 - 1997 – Steve Aliaoulios, Palm Beach County
 - 1996 – Larry Swan, Sarasota
 - 1995 – Gene Cokeroft, Miami
 - 1994 – *Al Copp, Polk County
 - 1993 – *Clair Chellberg, Ft Walton Beach
 - 1992 – Bill Fowler, Tampa
 - 1991 – *Joe Breedon, Ft Walton Beach
 - 1990 – *Frank Caldarazzo, Orlando
 - 1989 – Jim Simon, Tampa
 - 1988 – Bob Ross, Winter Park
 - 1987 – Roger Ross, Winter Park
 - 1986 – Dick Shaw, Polk County
 - 1985 – Bob Romaine, Pensacola
 - 1984 – Tim Hanrahan, Greater Canaveral
 - 1983 – Al Woodard, Palm Beach County
 - 1982 – Jim Tobin, Sarasota
 - 1981 – Phil Lundeen, Sarasota/Venice
 - 1980 – Mike McGarry, St. Petersburg
 - 1979 – *Grover Baker, Miami
 - 1978 – *Stew Nichols, Greater Canaveral
 - 1977 – *Fred Anton, Miami
 - 1976 – *Bert Warshaw, Miami
 - 1975 – *Bud Harvey, Martin County
 - 1974 – Bill Stahl, Polk County
 - 1973 – Burt Szabo, Orlando
 - 1972 – Barry Porter, Polk County
 - 1971 – Brett White, Palm Beach County
 - 1970 – *Bill Wood, Orlando
 - 1969 – *Jack Baker, St. Petersburg
 - 1968 – *Cline Cary, Polk County
 - 1967 – *Dick Ott, Sarasota
 - 1966 – *Chuck Williams, Clearwater
 - 1965 – Hank Vomacka, Sarasota
 - 1964 – Keith Korneisel, St. Petersburg
 - 1963 – Jessie Dean, Miami
 - 1962 – *Rik Ogden, Miami
 - 1961 – *Marshall Walsh, Jacksonville
 - 1960 – Joe Griffith, St. Petersburg
 - 1959 – *Bob Boemler, Miami
 - 1958 – *Fred Breedon, Jacksonville
- *deceased

Secretary's Message

Brian Wunderlin
Sunshine District Secretary



TIME AGAIN FOR ANNUAL FILING REQUIREMENTS... AGAIN!!!!

Let me first take the time to thank the chapters that have taken the time to keep their chapter legal and off the radar. This helps make my job as well as those at International easier; and for that we are grateful. Unfortunately there are still many chapters which are delinquent in several areas and I would ask that each of you go to your chapter's member center website and check your financial filings status to verify you have indeed met all requirements to date.

With that said, here again is a reminder of what needs to be done to maintain the legitimacy of the chapter: The filing for nonprofit corporation status, the filing of the tax report for last year, ensuring the paperwork for solicitation is done, the completion of the financial review for last year.

Here is a list of items that need to be addressed annually by all chapters in the Sunshine District:

State Incorporations:

This needs to be completed by May 1. 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 Member Center of the chapter; this needs to be completed to meet Society requirements.

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 2017 should have been filed by May 15, 2018. Upon completion this also needs to be updated on the Member Center... all chapters not filing and updating this information will be delinquent after

May 15th.

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. If you are not sure if your chapter is up to date you can visit the SunBiz website at <http://search.sunbiz.org/Inquiry/CorporationSearch/ByName> and check your chapter's status. If you need help, you can contact me at secretary@sunshinedistrict.org and I will be more than happy to assist.

Listing Chapter Officers:

Did you know if you have someone filling a job that is not on the list, you might be able to get that job title added if you ask? If you are in that situation, let me know and I will help you. Also, please make sure that throughout the year you keep the list updated as people on the Board may change midyear for whatever reason. This includes Delegates for the House of Delegate meeting. If this were to change between the spring and fall conventions please make sure to update your leadership roster accordingly.

Financial Review:

This is the area where we are most lacking and it should not be because it is easy to do. Chapter Treasurers need to take a look at the Treasurer's manual and see what needs to be done. There is even a suggested form that can be used. This is not an audit, but the form or report needs to be sent to Headquarters and the date of the review needs to be annotated in the Member Center. All others not completing and updating the Member Center will be delinquent after May 15th.

Thanks for helping to keep the Sunshine District great.

Executive Vice President's Message



Arne Helbig
Executive Vice President

Hi Everyone,

What a great **Spring 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 amazing Sunshine District talent that sang throughout the weekend was inspiring.

A special highlight to the Friday evening session was an incredible presentation by **Gaither High School's Hurricanes of Harmony**. This wonderful group won the coveted **Audience Favorite Award** at this past BHS Mid-Winter Youth Chorus Festival! Under the direction of the amazing **Debbie Cleveland** (who also was awarded the **BHS Music Educator of the Year** at Mid-Winter) this group chartered a bus, drove over from Tampa in Friday night I-4 traffic, performed an awesome three-song set from the musical "Grease" that received two standing ovations, and then drove back to Tampa. We are so grateful to this group for their willingness to share their talents with us!

Another highlight was watching *Pink Flamingo*, our **2017 Mixed Quartet Champion**, being awarded with our very first Mixed Quartet Champion Traveling Trophy, presented by **Sharon Towner, Executive Secretary of the Mixed Barbershop Harmony Association**. The Sunshine District is a strong promoter of Mixed Harmony groups. I'm sure we'll be enjoying mixed harmony for many years to come!

Congratulations to **Tony De Rosa** for being selected as the **Sunshine District's 2017**

Barbershopper of the Year. Not enough can be said about Tony's amazing accomplishments and his genuine willingness to share his talents with all who he meets, especially through the Youth in Harmony program. He is such a wonderful role model and a great BOTY!

Congratulations to *Gloryland Way* for being awarded the **Seniors Quartet Champion**, the **Big Orange Chorus** for being awarded the **District Chorus Champion** and to *Throwback, The Simple Life* and *Hot Shots* for being our quartet representatives in Orlando! I'm confident we'll have more international quartet representatives due to a few Sunshine quartets that will be competing out of district.

Speaking of International, convention co-chairs, **Nick Schwob** and **Bill Billings** are leading their convention team toward what will be an absolute great convention! I encourage everyone to go to the Sunshine District's website to sign up for a few volunteer slots to help out. It really is a lot of fun!

Harmony Explosion Camp is right around the corner. **Steve Cragg** and his team are planning another wonderful event. I encourage you to attend the **Saturday Night HX Show** on June 16th in Melbourne. It truly is amazing to see what these campers can put on stage after three short days. It is one of the best shows you will see. As always, the camp relies on your financial support. Please give to this very worthwhile cause!

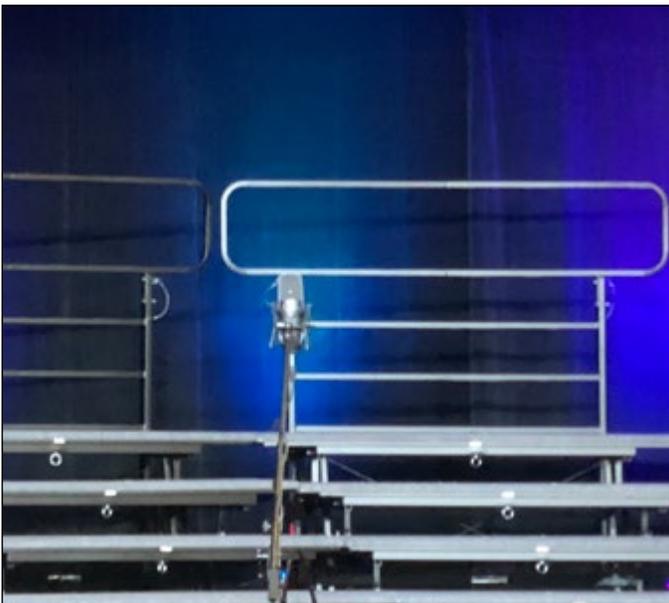
Keep an eye out for more information on the **Sunshine District's Senior Chorus**. Director **Gene Butterfield** has a wonderful enthusiasm for this exciting opportunity. Please jump on board and enjoy singing with brothers throughout the District to compete in the Fall Convention, with hopes of performing at a future BHS Mid-Winter.

Treasurer's Message



Dave Kannberg
Treasurer

If you were at the Spring Convention, you saw a project completed that was about two years in the making. At the convention, we used our new SICO risers. It will allow us to set up the stage quicker and with less people. They cost the Sunshine District just over \$17,000 for 11 sets of four-step risers. We raised, through the generosity of the members and chapters in the Sunshine District, a total of around \$11,000, and have pledges of just over \$2,000 more. An anonymous donor stepped up to match dollar-for-dollar the donations up to the cost of the risers.



Our new District risers

To those who pledged and/or donated, we thank you profusely for your generosity. We will be using the risers at International and all our future contests.

Of course, I have to step into my treasurer's role and remind the chapter treasurers about things they should be doing as we speak. Namely, if you haven't done so already, your 2017 tax return and your financial audit. Remember, the financial audit isn't really a true audit unless your Board wants it to be. Your 2017 tax return is due May 15, 2018. Please send a copy to Nashville and mark it in what used to be called Ebiz that it is done.

Your District is still on a firm footing even though we are financing both Harmony Explosion 2018 and the International Convention at the same time. We are expecting both to make some money for the District. There are a large amount of volunteer slots still available for International. My understanding is that if you work two volunteer slots, you receive a nice 2018 Orlando International Convention shirt for free. The Board and I will be there all week working various slots. Please come and help us.



Chapter Happenings

Englewood Chapter

Englewood Chapter 2017 BOTY and President's Award Winners



Jay Teutenberg, left receives the President's Award from President, Gary Morton



Dick Court, right, receives the Barbershopper of the Year Award from Ray Schmidt.



Hernando Chapter

Hernando Harmonizers Installs New Board



Chapter Officers for 2018 installed by Dave Roberts: President Bill Ruff; VP Music & Performance - Jerry Timmons; VP Chapter Development (Membership) - Pat Lanphier; VP Program - Allen Magnus; VP Marketing & Public Relations - Jack Voorhies; Secretary - Bob Spence; Treasurer - Bob Polk; Immediate Past President - Paul Just (non-voting); Board Members At Large: 3 yrs - Jay Gettig, 2 yrs - Jim Freye, 1 yr - Pete Petracco

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| APR 10 Tue 2018 | Space Coast Chorus Guest Night @ EFSC Cocoa Campus Apr 10 @ 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm |
| APR 21 Sat 2018 | ENCORE! '18 - Tampa Heralds of Harmony @ USF School of Music Concert Hall Apr 21 @ 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm |
| | ENCORE! '18 - Tampa Heralds of Harmony @ USF School of Music Concert Hall Apr 21 @ 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm |
| MAY 5 Sat 2018 | Big Orange Annual Show @ Bishop Kenny High School - Carla Harris Performing Arts Center May 5 @ 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm |
| | Big Orange Annual Show @ Bishop Kenny High School - Carla Harris Performing Arts Center May 5 @ 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm |
| JUN 14 Thu 2018 | Sunshine Harmony Explosion Camp @ Florida Institute of Technology Jun 14 @ 8:00 am - Jun 16 @ 11:00 pm |

[CLICK HERE](http://www.sunshinedistrict.org/calendar/)
 to check out the District website
 for up-to-date chapter events
www.sunshinedistrict.org/calendar/

Chapter Happenings

Cape Coral Chapter

GULF COAST HARMONIZERS NAMES NEW DIRECTOR

Prepared by Merle Banek

The **Gulf Coast Harmonizers** (Cape Coral chapter) has recently named **Jonathan Riviere** as its Director, making him the newest and youngest chapter director in the Sunshine District. He is also among the youngest directors of the Society's more than 700 chapters in the country.



Jonathan Riviere

Jonathan Riviere has made the most of his short tenure with the Barbershop Harmony Society. A five-year member, he got his start as a high school senior in Tampa, Florida, receiving a scholarship to attend a Harmony Camp directed by **Tony De Rosa**, four time gold medalist and current lead of the 2017 International Quartet Champions, *Main Street*.

He attended Florida State University where he sang with the **Tallahassee Capital Chordsmen**. He served the chorus as Lead Section Leader, Youth Membership Chair, spearheading several fundraising projects, as well as recruiting nearly twenty men to join him on the risers, making him the hottest recruiter in the Sunshine District. He was awarded "Barbershopper of the Year" by the Tallahassee chapter.

While in Tallahassee, **Jonathan** also served as Musical Director at Gray Memorial United

Methodist Church and held various positions in Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, America's oldest and largest music based fraternity, serving as Musical Director, President, and Collegiate Province Representative. Upon graduation from Florida State, he received a B.A. in Music and a B.S. in Marketing.

Jonathan relocated to Fort Myers in July of 2017 to begin a career with the world's leading IT research firm, Gartner Inc., and is ecstatic to also be working with the **Gulf Coast Harmonizers**. Rehearsals typically are a combination of hard work, a plethora of well-placed jokes, and the occasional "Dilly Dilly!" His priorities for 2018 focus on recruiting enthusiastic men looking for a stress-free environment to work on their personal singing. He urges interested singers to "Please stop by!"

Chapter president, **Jim Burg**, says that Jonathan's appointment completes a series of moves by the chorus, formerly known as the **Cape Chorale**. Earlier, the group moved its rehearsal site to a more central location in Lee County and also changed its name to reflect its appeal to a broad spectrum of southwest Florida. Information on the organization and its upcoming annual show in March can be found on its website gulfcoastharmonizers.org.



Chapter Happenings

Naples/Ft Myers Chapter Paradise Coastmen

Submitted by John Kirkpatrick

Written by Glenn Siebert, Sing for Salvation Chairmen

As another beautiful Christmas approached Florida's Paradise Coast fifteen years ago, a member of Naples, Florida, barbershop chorus (then called the **Neapolitans**) suggested that the chorus should do something extra for Southwest Florida in 2002. He reckoned that visitors and residents of this beautiful part of America were caring and generous people and would love to help his favorite charity if given the opportunity.

So member **Jim Rutt** contacted the local Captain of the Salvation Army and asked if they would support his idea to collect money for the local folks in need in Marco Island and Naples. They agreed and the barbershop chorus idea of Singing for the Salvation Army was born.

The Chorus divided into groups of seven or eight singers and dropped in on a number of local restaurants and pubs just before Christmas of '02 and sang Christmas songs to the patrons. The Chorus collected a bit over \$1100 that night.

Many things have changed in Southwest Florida since that warm Christmas night years ago. The **Neapolitan Chorus** has become **The Paradise Coastmen Barbershop Chorus** and has grown to represent Florida's southwest coast from Marco to Ft. Myers. The member's desire to help the needy has also grown.

This year **The Paradise Coastmen Chorus** assisted by members of the **Chorus of the Everglades** (formerly a part of the **Neapolitan Chorus**) spread out over Southwest Florida; with six groups of carolers (accompanied

by many wives acting as elves) they collected over \$8000 from area diners in just over three hours. Since that first year in 2002, our singers have raised over \$75,000 for the area needy.

What wonderful things can happen when a few barbershoppers come together in harmony to support their community with song! Your chorus can do it too.



Far left: Bob Slade, President, Paradise Coastmen Barbershop Chorus, Naples; 2nd from left: Major Gilliam, Lee County Salvation Army; 3rd from left: Dennis Rousie, Chorus of the Everglades, Naples; Right: Glenn Siebert, Sing for Salvation Chair, Paradise Coastmen Chorus



Left: Glenn Siebert, Sing for Salvation Chair; Center: Major Dan Proctor, Collier Co. Salvation Army; Right: Bob Slade, Pres. Paradise Coastmen Barbershop Chorus



ORLANDO

2018 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

Help Wanted!



Bill Billings
Co-Chairman for Orlando 2018

You may have heard by now that the Sunshine District will be hosting the 2018 BHS International Convention this year in beautiful Orlando, Florida, at the Orange County Convention Center on International Drive. We are thrilled to be hosting this event and really look forward to showing the rest of the barbershop world how we do things here in Sunshine!

If you have never attended an International, this is a huge event and you will never have a better opportunity than right here in our own District. The week will be filled with exciting things to do and see including the International Quartet and Chorus Contests as well as the AIC Show, World Harmony Showcase, Gospel Sing and, new this year the Varsity Quartet & Chorus Invitational. So plan now to attend.

As you can imagine, this endeavor requires a lot of support from the District and we need everyone's help to pull this off. We have a

very user friendly website where you can see all the open positions requiring volunteers. Just go to www.sunshinedistrict.org and then click on the Orlando 2018 Convention logo, (or click the button below), this will take you to the volunteer website. Most shifts are four hours long and do not require a lot of training in order to complete. Each job contains a description so you can get a feel for what you will be asked to do during your shift. If you choose to volunteer for at least two 4-hour shifts, you will receive a limited edition volunteer polo style shirt with the convention logo. A volunteer is not required to be registered for the convention, however to have a seat in any of the performance venues, you are required to have a registration or a single event ticket for that particular event. Many of the jobs are outside of the contest venues, so depending on what you choose to do, you may or may not be able to attend some of the scheduled events during the week. For those of you who live close enough to come and go and will not be staying at any of the hotels, the convention center has a reduced rate daily

Volunteer Now!

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parking lot and there is even a free lot available, albeit a very long walk from where most of our work will be happening.

Nick Schwob
VP Events



**It's easy
to volunteer!**

Click here
to see the list of
available possibilities!

Please consider attending the Orlando International Convention and also helping your Sunshine District Events Team by volunteering for at least one shift. I guarantee it will be an experience you will never forget. We are looking forward to seeing everyone in Orlando in July!

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



Harmony Foundation Corner

by Arne Themmen



The Time is Now!

There has never been a better time to follow through, make a donation, and become a member of the President's Council.

Supporting the goals, objectives and accomplishments of the Foundation, you may have considered making a gift, but just didn't get to it.

This July, one of the best choral performance weeks of the year will be in our backyard, at the Orlando Convention Center.

Many of you will volunteer and have an assignment for part of the time, but when you want to sit and enjoy the competition, a good seat through President's Council membership is important because it is a flat-floor venue.

We anticipate that the Sunshine District will have two choruses and five quartets competing this year. There will also be next generation varsity quartets competing from Sunshine. This is a great time to support your favorites from good seats.

In addition to funding choral music educator and student scholarships and programs, you can benefit your chapter or the District through Donor's Choice.

So many wonderful reasons to make a donation.

The Time is Now.

Visit HarmonyFoundation.org to make a gift.



Harmony Explosion Camp

by Steve Cragg

Harmony Explosion Camp

Jun 14-16

Melbourne, FL

REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

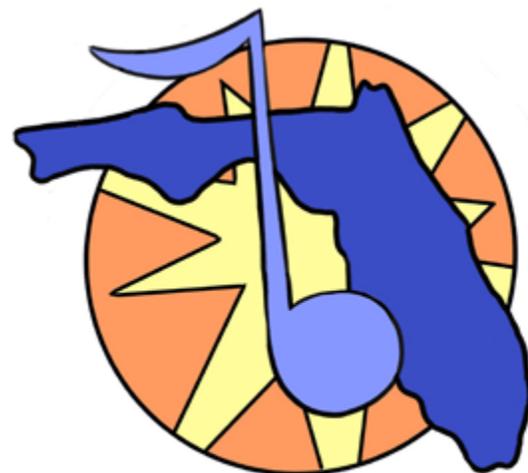
Chorus youth representatives, get the word out to students in your area! Reach out to high school students in your area to sign up now!



Scholarships are available. More in-

formation on www.sunshinehx.org. Our special guest this year on the final show is *Main Street*! Contact me for further details at studentactivities@sunshinedistrict.org

Sam Cragg helps out at the Spring Convention basket raffle which raised about \$800. That provides scholarships for eight kids to attend camp! Thanks to all who contributed!



SUNSHINE DISTRICT
HARMONY EXPLOSION



Paul Agnew
SUN VP of Contest & Judging

We're off to a great start for 2018 and our Spring Convention and Contest was a musical success. For the International Prelims, we just qualified three quartets for the 2018 International - *Throwback*, *The Simple Life*, and *HotShots* (returning to the stage after a ten-year hiatus). But, we're not done, yet! We have two more SUN quartets vying for slots on the big stage in the coming weeks as guests of SWD - *Rooftop Records* and *Signature*. I hope everyone gets a registration for International and comes to help give them all the advantage of having the biggest hometown crowd in BHS history.

Register for 2018 International.
CLICK HERE!

In the chorus contest, **Jay Giallombardo** directed the Jacksonville **Big Orange Chorus** to a solid win.



Jay Giallombardo

Great things are happening in Jax and the Fall Chorus Prelims is shaping

up to be a real battle royale. Put the fall convention dates in your calendar now so don't miss the shootout. We should also congratulate the **Hurricane Harmonizers** from Boca Raton who competed for the very first time. They had some great eval sessions with the judges and are a shoe-in for Most Improved Chorus next Fall.

Gloryland Way took top honors in the Seniors Quartet Championship with a classic ringing barbershop sound that



Gloryland Way

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was a joy to hear. They will represent SUN well as our Champs and I hope to see them in the Seniors Prelims in the Fall. Speaking of which...

A couple of years ago, the SUN Board of Directors made a hard decision to change our convention dates in response to requests to accommodate our snowbirds by holding our conventions and contests during the annual southern migration window. By doing so, we now have the Spring contest much earlier and the fall contest later than we used to. We've seen some modest increases in choruses joining in the contests, but I'm surprised that we only had two seniors quartets enter the spring contest. This is Florida, so I know we should be able to get at least six or eight Seniors quartets together for the next contest and I challenge you all to put on your matching socks and join the fun. There is no more appreciative audience than a SUN audience. If you need coaching or any other guidance, please contact me and we'll get you set up with someone from the SUN Coaches Guild. We have the resources to help you with your quartet, but you have to take the first step. By the way, we also had no youth quartets this time around. As much as we've been focusing on Youth in Harmony, it's going to take us all encouraging the young men we know to grab three other guys and start singing. Our future depends on it...and

we have a Youth Champion Trophy gathering dust. Maybe we need a Junior/Senior Division like we had when I bowled in high-school?

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For all of our competitors, how great is it to have downloadable audio and video recordings? I don't understand how it all happens, but I know it's a labor of love and we all owe **Andrew Borts** a pat on the back for the hours it takes to get them organized and uploaded for us to access. These recordings are not just mementos of the contest, they are invaluable tools for reviewing your performance and identifying what to work on.

Looking ahead...The fall contest is scheduled for October 26-27 in Orlando - later than in past years so you can get your snowbird singers on stage with you. We built it...will you come? The awards your group can vie for next Fall are: District Quartet Championship, International Chorus Representative, International Seniors Quartet Representative, Most Improved Chorus, Most Improved Quartet (Gene Cokeroft Award), College Quartet Championship*, Mixed Quartet Championship*, and VLQ Championship*. (*If there are entries.) Start thinking ahead and make a run at the award that best suits your group.

Most of you have noticed by now that the Friday night quartet contest rounds are now open to more than just BHS quartets as part of the



BHS Everyone In Harmony initiative. We have expanded Friday night to include guests to our stage: mixed quartets, mixed choruses, and other invited groups from the area. The goal is to give them a chance to expe-



rience singing in a BHS contest and to receive direct coaching from our judges. The groups that have joined us on Fridays have all had a great time and were very appreciative for the face-to-face coaching we provide. Now, these aren't strangers. They are our barbershop brethren singing with their sons, daughters, and wives... or bringing their friends into the barbershop world. By welcoming to our stage, we are helping get "everyone in harmony."

Enough talking...let's sing!

Paul Agnew

SUN VP of C&J

2018 Int'l Representative Quartet Semi-Finals (order of appearance)



EASY STREET

Tampa

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

2018 International Seniors 2018 Silver Medalist

Mic Tester



THE KEYNOTES

NSC

TR, Walter Johnson
LD, John Groseclose
BR, William Sirmons
BS, Michael Stehlik



RARE BLEND

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

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HOTSHOTS Miami & Sunrise

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



EASY DOES IT (B) Sarasota & Naples / Fort Myers

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

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WEE SMALL HOURS Martin / St Lucie & Sunrise

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



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THROWBACK Hershey, Miami & Sunrise

TR, Paul Saca
LD, Sean Devine
BR, Alex Rubin
BS, Michael Skutt

TBQ (S) Rock Island, Sunrise & Tampa

TR, Edward Mckenzie
LD, Frank Bovino, Jr
BR, Joe Kane
BS, Dean Sellers



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FACTS ONLY Jacksonville, Mount Pleasant & Tampa

TR, Brian Kerr
LD, Mark Graham, Jr
BR, Mark Roblez
BS, John Alexander



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DEWEY, SINGUM, AND HOWE Greater Pinellas

TR, Jeffrey Paul
LD, Lance Lubin
BR, Norman McGraw
BS, Kurt Popp



GLORYLAND WAY Cape Coral

TR, David Donaldson
LD, Rodney Johnson
BR, Stephen Smith
BS, Bob Brutsman

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Pink Flamingo (M)

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



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THE SIMPLE LIFE
Miami & Nashville

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



What sunshine does when only one judge shows up for contest....



They have him direct a mass sing! Of course.



2018 Sunshine District Chorus Championship (order of appearance)

SENTIMENTAL JOURNEYMAN Winter Haven

Directed By:
Mike Smith



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HURRICANE HARMONIZERS Boca Raton

Directed By:
Christopher Waite

HEART OF FLORIDA Central Florida

Directed By:
Scott Werner



2018 Sunshine District Chorus Championship (order of appearance)



THE FLORIDA SUNCOAST CHORUS Greater Pinellas Chapter

Directed By:
Tom Roan & Lance Lubin

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BIG ORANGE CHORUS Jacksonville

Directed By:
Jay Giallombardo



CHORUS OF THE KEYS Sarasota

Directed By:
Drew Kirkman

2018 Sunshine District Chorus Championship (order of appearance)

HERNANDO HARMONIZERS Hernando County

Directed By:
Doug Stewart



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GULF COAST HARMONIZERS Cape Coral

Directed By:
Jonathan Riviere

ORANGE BLOSSOM CHORUS Orlando

Directed By:
Matthew Boutwel



2018 Sunshine District Spring Convention



HERALDS OF HARMONY

Tampa

Directed By:
Tony De Rosa & Clay Hine

Singing For Score

MIC TESTERS AND DICK DREGER MEMORIAL CHORUS

Directed By:
Robert Hughes

The Spring 2018 Convention is in the books, and the **Dick Dreger Memorial Chorus** had a sudden influx of singers (thanks to a conveniently-timed announcement at the beginning of the chorus competition!) to bring our ranks to 31 on the risers! This ensemble did a fantastic job of starting the contest, testing the microphones, and representing the diversity of the Sunshine District!

Isn't that a great-looking group? If you were unable to join the chorus this go-round, why not consider just how much greater it would be if you joined us on the risers in the fall?

Stay on the lookout in the weeks following this summer's International Convention for information on how you can do just that. I will make sure it is known which Polecat tunes we will be singing (including sheet



music and learning tracks for review), and as the Fall Convention gets closer, I will let you all know where and when we will get together to put some polish on the chorus before we take the stage.

I'm looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible come the fall. Until then - I'm looking forward to seeing (and volunteering with) as many of you as possible in July at the International Convention in Orlando!

In harmony,
Robert Hughes, B.MusEd
Director, Dick Dreger Memorial Chorus



MidWinter News...

Easy Street Takes Silver

Our very own EASY STREET placed second in the world in the Seniors Quartet Contest, and brought home a Silver Medal from the BHS Midwinter Convention in Orange County/Costa Mesa, CA!

A HUGE CONGRATS to **Paul Carter** (Tenor), **Dave Cross** (Lead), **Bryan Hevel** (Bass), and **Charlie Nelson** (Baritone).

We are so proud of you and the work that it took to achieve that.



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Midwinter Finals
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Also of note, SUN and HOH friend **Debbie Cleveland's** Gaither High School Chorus, **Hurricane of Harmony**, scored a "Superior" rating in Plateau A (which is the highest possible), and was also voted the audience favorite!

Oh, by the way...the Gaither Chorus is the outstanding chorus that performed for us at our SUN Spring Convention in March, a real treat!

Debbie Cleveland was also awarded the 2018 NafME (National Association of Music Educators) NATIONAL Music Educator of the Year...a testament to the work that she does in the lives of her students for many years.

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VP of Communication & IT's Message



Roger Smeds
Sunshine District VP for Communication & IT

The Communications team has lost a great team member due to some health considerations. Our Social Media specialist, **Mike Tarlton** has had to step down from his position so he can focus on those issues. So, we are looking for someone who is active on Social Media to pick up the reigns of this important position for the district. This position will become more important as time goes on and we move into a more connected world as a district. If you are that person, or you know of a person who has those skills, please contact me directly at the address listed below and let me know of your interest so we can move forward with our district Social Media plans.

We are using ConstantContact to help keep you informed about upcoming events going on in our district. Please make sure your email is up to date in the BHS member center as that list is what we use to keep ConstantContact up to date. If you are not receiving emails from the district, you can reach out to me at the address below and I will make sure your entry in ConstantContact is correct. You can make those changes yourself at: <https://members.barbershop.org/> or you can ask your chapter secretary to do it for you.

The **2018 International Convention in Orlando** is coming up very quickly! Sunshine District will be hosting the convention and it is time for you to think about how you can help out **YOUR** district with the hosting process. Your District Communications team will be handling Communications, Daily Bulletin (both print version and online version), scoresheet printing and distribution. This means that we will be needing lots of help and there will be probably 12-15 volunteer positions that need to be

filled in these areas. In particular, we need 2-3 (or more) **reporters** to do interviews and write copy for inclusion in the Daily Bulletin. Also we will need 2-3 (or more) **photographers** to take candid shots covering the happenings during the week of convention to help out the reporters and add visual imagery to the publications. If you have ever wanted to show the world your reporting or photography skills, please email me at communications@sunshinedistrict.org or call me at (772) 215-8078. The more people we have involved the easier it will be on all of us. It is easy to sign up to volunteer to help. We are using VolunteerLocal to sign up and you can click below to start the process, or you can click on the

Register to Volunteer at International Now!

Orlando International Convention logo on the home page of the District website as well. Signing up for two sessions will get you a volunteer tee shirt (be sure to tell us your size).

Don't forget to support our District programs through purchases at smile.amazon.com!

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Please feel free to contact me regarding questions/suggestions about the District website.



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Sunshine District LeadAC/Harmony College



Big changes are coming for 2019! In conjunction with Leadership Training (LeadAc), we are developing some exciting new programs to strengthen, broaden, and build up our chapters and our members as singers and musicians. The Sunshine District deserves nothing less!
Details to come soon!



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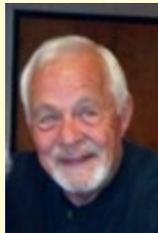
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