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QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER OF THE SUNSHINE DISTRICT BARBERSHOP HARMONY SOCIETY

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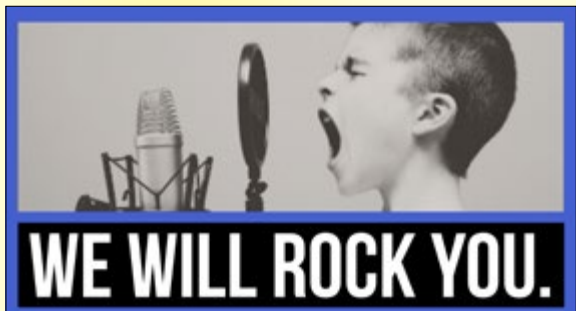


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President's Message

Chuck Steiner III
Sunshine District President

Hello Sunshine,

What a great start to the year we've had! We've had some changes, some new programs, and a Spring Convention that I'd venture to say was one of, if not *THE* best in a long time. The friendly atmosphere, total involvement by everyone, and a true sense of the love of our craft helped to make this feel like a real convention, rather than a contest-only event.

A huge "kudos" to the entire Events Team for pulling off a record-setting Spring Convention—and the most impressive part is that our world-renowned SUN Events Team was almost all new people; yes, a near-full turnover! There were challenges and some very *good problems* to overcome — namely, YOU. You showed up in drones, and helped set a 8 year record for attendance. We had a full compliment of quartets and choruses — that is always appreciated, and it's been a long time since SUN put that many groups on stage. *Wonderful* problem to have!

Byron Poore, your newly-pinned 2018 BOTY, is also our new Convention Chairman. Under Events VP **Bruce Checca**, he and his team solved logistical puzzle after puzzle, trimmed some costs, and made it *appear* to you that everything was working like the well-oiled machine that you have come to know and love. Any organization should consider themselves lucky to have Byron on their team- he's a doer and an outside the box thinker. **Wayne Helbig**, **Paul Carter**, and **Harold Nantz** kept things rolling backstage, onstage, and competitor movement, too. **Jerry Johnson**, who replaced the stalwart **Bill Billings** as Production Coordinator, did a *fantastic* job of making things "go". Although our Chorus Directors and quartets may not like it, I always get a nice

sense of calm when we are told "we're running ahead of schedule." *Everyone in this paragraph (sans Harold Nantz) was in a brand new position!*

Speaking of having a sense of calm, that's what we should all feel when *The Orlando Orange Blossom Chorus* is hosting our convention. Aside from the regular hosting duties that are pre-planned, things tend to pop up. OBC doesn't even blink. They just ask, "what needs to be done, where, and how many people?"— and it's taken care of. Your brand new Registration Team, also part of OBC, was phenomenal. That is a thankless job— everyone seems to think that your tickets and passes just appear out of nowhere— NO! **Rich and Maureen Barry** were awesome in their new roles!

Our Riser/Equipment Crew, led by District Equipment Manager **Danny Wunderlin**, had everything in place for you. Lots of trucks, trailers, time, and manpower throughout the entire weekend was much appreciated.

A behind the scenes guy that doesn't get a whole lot of praise is **Daniel Proctor**; he creates and prints all our programs, and also runs sound in the Capri room for meetings and afterglows. He loves his equipment, and from what I gather, he buys something new daily.

While everyone that took the stage was a winner, the ones that scored the highest took home the hardware. We had 11 Choruses singing in the competition, and 2 singing for score only. We had 15 quartets and 2 singing for score only.

- Congratulations to *Orlando Harmony (Winter Park)* for winning the District Chorus Championship.
- Congratulations to all of our choruses that

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participated in our very first Mixed Chorus Contest; *The Suncoast Chorus (Greater Pinellas)* was our inaugural Mixed Chorus winner.

- Congratulations to all quartets; a comment was made by several judges that they like to come to SUN not because it's Orlando, and not because they can plan a vacation around their stay...but because the level of talent here is so high- nothing under a 63 in the chorus OR quartet contests- not many Districts can say that. We have some up and comers- as we say in Alabama, "we don't rebuild, we reload!"
- **Signature** (91.8), **Throwback** (90.7), and **Rooftop Records** (89.8) will carry the SUN banner at International in Salt Lake City this summer. SUN will be **VERY** well-represented, as usual!

Congrats, guys — so proud of you all!

- **TBQ** is your new Seniors Quartet Champion.
- **Cleftomaniacs** is your Youth Quartet Champion (and all first timers, at that!)
- *The Heralds of Harmony (Tampa)* will be your SUN Chorus representative in SLC.
- *The Big Orange Chorus (Jacksonville)* is competing under the NSC (Carolina) banner as they combine with a chorus from that District.

For the second time, SUN Livestreamed our contests on Facebook, and we had quite the viewership from all over the world. A donation format was linked to our District PayPal account for a very easy donation process, and viewers stepped it up this year to help us cover costs and not only break even, but made a profit! BONUS- you got to watch yourself if you competed right when you got home (all

Livestream links are still up on our District web page, www.sunshinedistrict.org — oh, by the way...if you enjoyed watching, the donate button is still up and working, right below the contest links.

We were very honored to have our **BHS CEO, Marty Monson** with us for the weekend. He and our very own **Chad Bennett** sat in on all of our BOD and HOD meetings, and then hosted an *Everyone In Harmony Roadshow* on Friday afternoon for two hours. Well-attended, informative, and made you think about the new ways to help your Chapter grow.

On my plate:

- The District is searching for a grant writer that has experience in writing grants for Performing Arts. This will benefit you. If anyone knows of someone that is experienced, please send me or Nick Schwob their contact info at president@sunshinedistrict.org or EVP@sunshinedistrict.org. We'll soon be asking for all Chapters to send in a list of things that you do in and for your community; shows, hospitals, nursing homes, national anthem performances, mixed groups, youth camps...anything that we can give to a grant writer that could be considered part of our "arsenal" of good. The reason we are doing this is because the VP of Financial Development role has been eliminated from the board (it was vacant). We added a second VP of Chapter Development (we'll have a North state, and a South state representative). A Grant Writer is needed in today's competitive market for money. The idea is for any grants received to be kept by the District, but a portion disbursed among Chapters. That's why we want to

Livestream
links on
website!

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know what you are up to in your respective communities.

- EVP Nick Schwob and I attended Midwinter in Nashville, which was full of all-day meetings with Presidents and EVP's from all BHS Districts. We talked about EIH, and how each District is handling it; we are asking for a voting seat on the Society Board to elect new Officers (all Districts were in unanimous agreement that the Districts should have some say in our Societies election process). We discussed contests and conventions- guess who was the District that had the most to offer in that discussion? (It was us!) Midwinter is growing in popularity — I highly recommend that if you haven't attended one, go! It's just a blast to see all of our top talent on full display- plus stellar High School Show Choruses (our own **Debbie Cleveland** and Tampa's Gaither High Schools' "*Hurricane of Harmony*" took home top honors and got the coveted Crowd Favorite Award. If this feels like a "de ja vu moment," it's because they did the same thing at last year's Midwinter!)
- One thing that we really need to work on is getting a **SUN Seniors Chorus** up and running to compete at Midwinter. Nearly every District has a Seniors Chorus made up of members aged 55 and older (we have that covered), can sing (covered), like to

travel (covered), and like to compete on stage (covered). *Why on earth doesn't The Sunshine District, of all Districts, not have a Seniors Chorus?* You'll be hearing more on this from **Sean Stork**, our SUN VP Music and Performance. Oh...and **Midwinter is in Jacksonville in January 2020**, so if there was ever a time to show 'em what we've got, it's on our home turf!

- **Harmony Explosion Camp donations.** This is one of our most popular events; it attracts youth from all over the state- but it is also our most expensive. Head on over to Eventbrite here:

[Harmony Explosion Camp Tickets Here](#)

click "TICKETS", scroll to the bottom, and you can help sponsor a young adult to attend the camp.

- **LeadAc and our inaugural Harmony College** took place in January; **Matt Crisostomo** will give the highlights of what we think will grow into a "must go" event for our District.

Thanks for your continued support!

Proud President, in song (and preferably in tune)

Chuck Steiner



Mix It Up at the 2019 Spring Convention



Harmony Foundation Message

Arne Themnen

Sunshine District VP Harmony Foundation

Sunshine District Spring Convention was awesome. We will have 3 top quality quartets and 2 fabulous choruses competing at International in Salt Lake City this July.

Sun Shine Bright!

On the foundation front, we are 2nd in the nation in terms of percentage participation (22%). This needs to be improved if we hope to attract donations from outside the Harmony Society.

Sean Devine shared some new initiatives to help improve our showing. Each chapter has been asked to designate a foundation

representative and forward that information to Sean.

This will enable the Foundation to respond directly to questions from your members and also provide data and information pertinent to your chapter. In addition a chapter challenge has been created. The top 5 chapters in the nation in terms of percentage participation will be recognized at our Midwinter Conference in Jacksonville.

Every gift is important and each and every one should support, not our hobby, our lives in harmony. We give so they may sing!



Turn a regular high school kid into a singer for life!

THE SUNSHINE DISTRICT IS LOOKING FOR CHORUS CHAPTERS THAT ARE WILLING TO SPONSOR A KID THIS YEAR'S HARMONY EXPLOSION CAMP!

Will yours be a chorus that makes a difference in the life of a student this year?

For more information: Contact Steve Cragg at sunhxcampdirector@gmail.com or (813) 390-3690

Sunshine District Barbershop Harmony Society

The advertisement features a background image of a large, ornate concert hall with tiered seating and a stage. The text is overlaid in various colors and fonts. The Sunshine District Barbershop Harmony Society logo is in the top right corner.

Chapter Happenings



NEW DIRECTOR WANTED

The Palm Beach County Coastmen of Boynton Beach, Florida seek a new director for once a week rehearsals (Wednesday), Sunshine District competition, and local community performances.

Our 25 member chorus seeks a candidate with some experience directing a cappella music and a desire to continue to develop his/her directing skills. The new director should possess the ability to communicate and create a fun/enjoyable environment while working to achieve excellence in singing and performance.

The position is compensated.

**Contact Chuck Swenson:
coastalswede@comcast.net**



TBQ at the 2019 Spring Convention

2018 Hall of Fame Inductee Dan Brinkman

Award presented by Alex Rubin



The Sunshine District of the Barbershop Harmony Society is proud to induct Dan Brinkmann in grateful recognition of significant contributions to the District by spreading the spirit of harmony for over 25 years.

Dan joined the Society just over 25 years ago. Since joining the Society he has held numerous chapter officer positions including having been his Chapter's president more than a few times. He has been a member of 6 registered quartets and has an incredible 18 Men of note.

He is a past District Barbershopper of the Year. He's served as the Sunshine District President, District Secretary for more than five years and was a two year member of the the Society's Board of Directors.

He is a Barbershopper's Barbershopper, always willing to make music while strongly encouraging others to do the same.

An extremely loving husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather.

Our inductee's contributions to the Sunshine District and barbershopping are endless. It gave me great pleasure to introduce to you our 43rd and newest member of the Sunshine District Hall of Fame... Dan Brinkmann.

Dan joins a long list of dedicated and accomplished Barbershoppers in the Sunshine District Hall of Fame.

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Moment's Notice at the 2019 Spring Convention

VP of Events' Message

Bruce Checca
Sunshine District VP of Events

Well, the season is young yet, but there has been a lot going on in Sunshine!

January saw a great LeadAc session - one of the best so far with the addition of new courses! I'm sure you'll be seeing more about it in Matt Crisostomo's article!

March isn't quite over, but we've already had a great District Convention (I'm sure you'll hear all about it from Byron Poore, the Director of Conventions!).

We have a few other event going on this year around the district that you might want to

attend! Labor Day Jamboree is going to be great again! The Fall District Convention will be coming up in October before we know it! Many of you know that Mid-Winter in January 2020 will be in Jacksonville!

What do all of these have to do with you? We need you to be there ... whether it's as a spectator or as a competitor! That's why we do all this! Haven't been to one of these in a while? Or maybe never? Now is a good time to take part! Need more info? There's a lot of info on the District Website...stop by and take a look!

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VP of Communication & IT's Message

Roger Smeds

Sunshine District VP for Communication & IT

What a great Spring Convention we had. Congratulations to our new three 2019 International Quartet qualifiers: **Signature**, **Throwback** and **Rooftop Records**! The competition was great with 16 quartets in the mix on Friday night. This included competition for District Seniors Championship, which was won by **TBQ**. We also had in the mix on Friday night two Mixed Quartets who were singing for eval only. Congratulations also go to our new District Chorus Champs *Orlando Harmony* from Orlando for a great performance. We also crowned our first ever Mixed Chorus Champions *Florida Suncoast Chorus*. Sunshine District will be well represented at International in July. Links to scoresheets are on the District Website.

For the second competition in a row we have streamed the contest sessions via Facebook Live. Thank you to those who donated to this effort as it will ensure we can continue to provide this capability in the future. We received enough donations to cover costs plus a little. The stream was viewed by several hundred individuals. Links will remain up on the District Website for a while if you did not have a chance to join us in Orlando. If you do, please consider a donation to support our ongoing efforts to bring you this service.

If you were in Orlando for the convention and took photos or videos on your mobile device, please send me copies of what you took. We would still like to produce a collage of the event in order to show some of our members who have not attended a convention recently, or members of the general public,



what they are missing out on by not attending. Please send them to me at communications@sunshinedistrict.org so I can include your creativity.

Are you always on Social Media? Do you post to Facebook, Twitter, Instagram etc, on a regular basis? Would you like to help out with the districts efforts relating to Social Media? If so, please contact me at communications@sunshinedistrict.org and we can discuss how you can help the district in this area.

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

As of February 2018, the district has received \$196.38 from our members supporting us on smile.amazon.com. Not a lot you say? Maybe, but it is money the District would not have received otherwise to help support our programs. If all of our membership who shop online at Amazon were signed up, it could be a lot more. It is easy to sign up and there is always a link on the home page of the district website that will take you to the right place to sign up. Please consider doing so, if you haven't already.

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

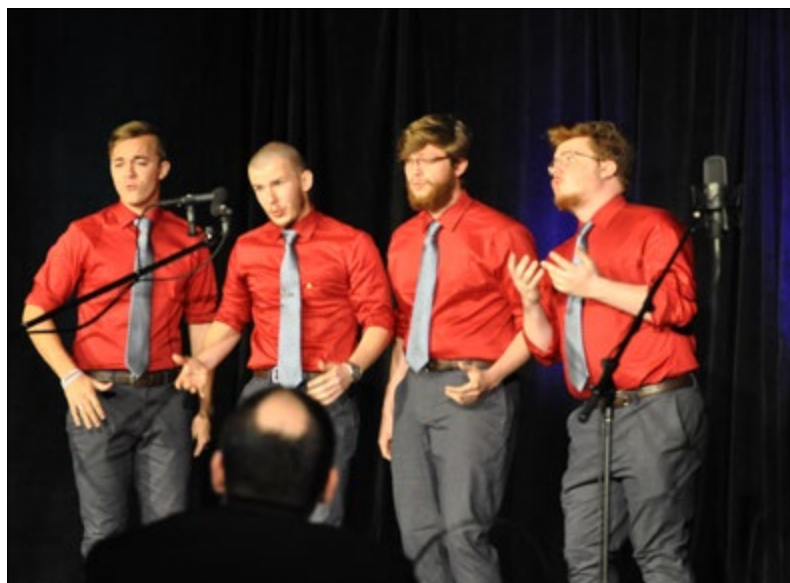
Roger Smeds

VP for Communication & IT

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2019 Int'l Representative Quartet Semi-Finals (order of appearance)



Spring 2019 Competition Results

COPELAND STREET Tallahassee (FSU)

Tr, Devon Joyce
Ld, Alexander Charles
Br, Stephen Fodroczi
Bs, Kevin Waldman



3 OF A KIND Sunrise & Winter Park

Tr, Aaron Elswick
Ld, Gregory Patterson
Br, Shannon Elswick
Bs, Patrick Elswick



SENIOR CLASS Tampa

Tr, Paul Whittlesey
Ld, Daniel Deignan
Br, Ralph Brown
Bs, Arnold Helbig

2019 Int'l Representative Quartet Semi-Finals (order of appearance)

CLEFTOMANIACS

Tampa

Tr, Kyle Ojeda
Ld, Shawn Klein
Br, Matthew Howard
Bs, Jordan James



Spring 2019
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BOURBON BROTHERS

Orlando & Tampa

Tr, Matthew Nelson
Ld, Christian Espinoza
Br, Alex Kuen
Bs, Matthew Boutwell

2019 Int'l Representative Quartet Semi-Finals (order of appearance)



Spring 2019 Competition Results

BIOLUMINESCENT Martin-St Lucie & Sunrise

Tr, Carl Stock
Ld, Roger Smeds
Br, Kenneth Smeds
Bs, Robert Thau



SIGNATURE

Tr, Paul Saca
Ld, Daniel Cochran
Br, Wilfredo Rodriguez
Bs, Dan Walz



THE VOCAL CHORDS Central Florida

Tr, Martin Jahnel
Ld, Reed Johnson
Br, David Bankard
Bs, Samuel Townsend

2019 Int'l Representative Quartet Semi-Finals (order of appearance)

MIX IT UP!

Tampa & Toast of Tampa (SAI)

Tr, Elisabeth Sinclair
Ld, Raegan Stauffer
Br, Matthew Howard
Bs, Donell Torres



TBQ

Rock Island, Sunrise & Tampa

Tr, Edward McKenzie
Ld, Frank Bovino, Jr
Br, Joe Kane
Bs, Dean Sellers

Spring 2019 Competition Results

THROWBACK

Miami, Sunrise & Hershey (PA)

Tr, Dan Rubín
Ld, Sean Devine
Br, Alexander Rubín
Bs, Michael Skutt



2019 Int'l Representative Quartet Semi-Finals (order of appearance)



Spring 2019 Competition Results

MOMENT'S NOTICE Tampa & Sarasota

Tr, Andrew Kirkman
Ld, Matthew Crisostomo
Br, Ralph Brown
Bs, Chuck Steiner, III



ROOFTOP RECORDS Gainesville & Seattle (WA)

Tr, Chase Guyton
Ld, Dustin Guyton
Br, James Breedon
Bs, Jackson Pinder



PINK FLAMINGO Tallahassee & MBHA

Tr, Jennifer Poore
Ld, April Qualls
Br, Byron Poore
Bs, Aaron Ledger



2019 Int'l Representative Quartet Semi-Finals (order of appearance)

4 FOR 4 Fort Walton Beach

Tr, David Roberts
Ld, Johnny McDonald
Br, Lucas Lord
Bs, Jeff Buehler



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2019 SUNSHINE DISTRICT CHORUS CHAMPIONSHIP (order of appearance)

**Chorus
Scoresheet**



HARBOR CITY HARMONIZERS
Melbourne

Directed by: Sean C Stork



ORANGE BLOSSOM CHORUS
Orlando

Directed by: Matthew Boutwell



CHORUS OF THE KEYS
Sarasota

Directed by: Drew Kirkman



2019 SUNSHINE DISTRICT CHORUS CHAMPIONSHIP (order of appearance)

HERNANDO HARMONIZERS
Hernando County

Directed by: Chris Barthauer



THE FLORIDA SUNCOAST CHORUS

Greater Pinellas Chapter

Our very first mixed chorus champs!

Directed by: Lance Lubin & Tom Roan

GULF COAST HARMONIZERS
Cape Coral

Directed by: Jonathan Riviere



2019 SUNSHINE DISTRICT CHORUS CHAMPIONSHIP (order of appearance)



HARBOR CITY HARMONIZERS
MIXED HARMONY
Melbourne

Directed by: Sean C Stork



ORLANDO HARMONY
Winter Park

Directed by: Marshall Webb



THX
Sunrise

Directed by: Alexander Rubin



2019 SUNSHINE DISTRICT CHORUS CHAMPIONSHIP (order of appearance)

SENTIMENTAL JOURNEYMEN
Winter Haven

Directed by: Mike Smith



HEART OF FLORIDA
Central Florida

Directed by: Scott Werner

Singing for Score Only

HERALDS OF HARMONY
Tampa
Directed by: Tony De Rosa

BIG ORANGE CHORUS
Jacksonville
Directed by: Jay Giallombardo

Sunshine District
Harmony College
is not just for Leadership
it is FOR EVERYONE IN
HARMONY

Message from VP CSLT

Matt Crisostomo

Sunshine!

2019 LeadAc/Sunshine Harmony College was a great success!! I am proud to report our attendance numbers went up! We had new instructors for LeadAc who brought in some new insight and ideas and got everyone talking. Our Harmony College instructors helped with some basic music skills to also helping our Directors be more confident in their techniques. It was a great weekend of learning and getting to know each other and our chapters.

2020 promises to hold more for us with some additions to our Harmony College side from quartet coaching, to continued education of the basics and more with music theory and vocal training. Also, more rotation of our LeadAc instructors to ensure we keep new ideas and engagement happening from all of us. 2020 also may change again just slightly and become our first all weekend event having some classes start on Friday night and have things run through Sunday morning. With some pick up quartet activities and always time to spend singing tags and enjoying learning all we can to learn, grow, and make Sunshine a continued success.

Look out for more information soon!!!

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