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QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER OF THE SUNSHINE DISTRICT BARBERSHOP HARMONY SOCIETY

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Stay calm.
Stay home.
Stay healthy.
Sing!*

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President's Message

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Hello, Sunshine!

Well, what a year it has been. That's an understatement. We have dealt with blow after blow on multiple fronts, but the largest is the Covid pandemic that has crippled our craft as we know it. It's been rough to watch, and even harder to feel helpless. But I know and believe with all of my heart we'll come out of this- and when we do, we'll all appreciate our "hobby" and being with each other even more.

I know that a few Chapters around the District have been meeting in person (with social distancing and masks), and other Chapters have been quite active with online ZOOM rehearsals. The District and Society requests that any in-person rehearsals follow all CDC guidelines - be overly cautious and safe!

I know that the *Orlando Orange Blossom Chorus* has been conducting a "Master Coaching Series", which has included many well-known and loved coaches from around the barber-shop stratosphere, and they have graciously opened these up to all SUN & BHS Members.

The Tampa Bay Heralds of Harmony have been meeting diligently via ZOOM, as well, and have published two very high quality virtual projects; one for the 4th of July, and "The Monster Mash" for Halloween...*more to come for Christmas!*

[HOH 4th of July / Salute to America](#)

[HOH Monster Mash](#)

[HOH Christmas - Dec 13, 2020 at 3p.m. EST](#)

UPDATE: Regrettably, SUN will not be holding a Spring 2021 Convention in St. Augustine. After a discussion with the Board and House of Delegates, we feel that since quartets are qualifying for Cleveland via video submission, and the choruses from Los Angeles as well as those that had a high score will be automatically invited, there is no reason to hold an in-person convention that would most likely be sparsely attended. This is disappointing, but we cannot risk the expenses it costs to hold a convention if we have no chance of even breaking even. This is trending among most Districts.

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- Board Member At Large **Howdy Russell**
- Board Member at Large **Saurin Shah (NEW)**

BHS/HFI Update:

The Sunshine District and District Presidents Council (DPC) remains strictly neutral on who you send your money to. As of this writing, both groups are supporting various programs in The Sunshine District. It is not our place or intent to tell you how to allocate your donations. We can, however, request that you make specific requests of what programs your money is to be used for: that is your right.

We can also ask that you take full advantage of gifting the maximum percentage possible back to your Chapter, District, or both!

HFI- up to 30% back to Chapter, District, or both; BHS- up to 85% to Chapter, District, or both.

Of course, the best and most efficient way to support The Sunshine District is to send donations directly to our Treasurer, Dave Kannberg.

Indicate what SUN program you would like it to support, if any. No overhead costs, no middle man, and all of your dollars stay in your District.

That's it for me. I know that some of you are contemplating leaving or not renewing. I would respectfully request that you change to EZDues if you've not done so already (monthly dues payment) and keep the flame lit... because when we do return (and we will!), we want YOU to be with us.

Please enjoy the other articles and find out what other District Officers are up to, as well as what Chapters around SUN are doing to keep Members engaged. It is SO important to keep your voice working, and use this as an "opportunity" to enhance your music skills.

In Harmony,
Chuck



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Sunshine District Chapter Development Liaison

Les Mower

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Member at Large Orange Blossom Chorus

"Learn the rules like a pro so you can break them like an artist." Anon

November 7, 2020 by Les Mower

We missed you at practice!

Once I asked my Jazz singing sister why if we came from the same parents and when we were kids we both had good voices, she made her living as a singer and I worked on computers. Her answer was that she has practiced every day of her life and I had not. Since Covid hit so many of us have not been able to sing together and it may be some time before all of us are willing to risk face to face practice. As a result we probably aren't the singers we were back in January.

Since then, there has been a rapid development of technology that makes singing together online possible. Yes, there is latency, but it is not a problem sufficient to stop us from practicing, learning new material and most importantly having some fun singing again!

It is a challenge learning any new technology, but for some of us, it is learn something new or sing to a mirror (my wife is over listening to my private performances). The good news is that hundreds of us have been singing for months and it can be done.

Better news is that just like any other barbershop gathering, a Jamulus tag party is filled with friendly people who are eager to help you get onboard. It doesn't take a lot of money; it can take a bit of patience. [Anand Sitaram from the Vocal Revolution did an excellent video presentation about the state of online singing with Jamulus, one of the leading free software applications and other options. He also created an extensive guide to installing Jamulus. Chris Rimple has also contributed a definitive dissertation on the subject.](#)

There are numerous Facebook groups dedicated to online singing including the [Official Jamulus Group](#), [Jamulus Choral Community](#) and an amazing weekly show called [Jamulus World Jam](#) which is broadcast live every Saturday with live bands (predominantly) and the occasional Barbershop group.

AND THE STATE OF ONLINE BARBERSHOP SINGING IS GOOD! It is also diverse, there are tag parties, Polecat parties, chorus practices, quartet practices, visiting choruses (where two or more choruses join together just for the fun). There is a project ROSE where incredible coaches spend hours with auditioning singers to form quartets that span continents and oceans. I have rung chords with people on 4 continents and several islands.

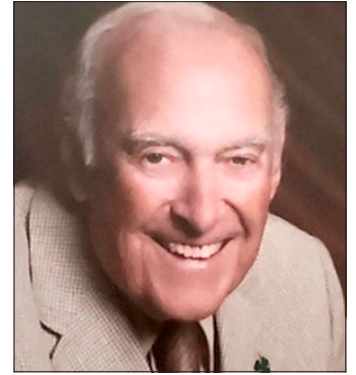
Is it the same as being on the risers? No, but it is here and available to you for the asking. Coaches and Directors are finding that there are actually some things that are easier to teach online than on the risers. If you aren't singing now you are losing your ability to sing. Don't wait for a better answer, use what is available and be prepared when we can return to "normal".

The technology is here, the technique is here, the only thing that is missing is you.

Tim Hanrahan one of our stalwarts of the Sunshine District, Past Society President, Past district president, Hall of Fame, and BOTY Passes at 90

He died on April 18 at the age of 90.... BREVARD COUNTY • SATELLITE BEACH, FLORIDA – On Saturday, April 18, 2020, Timothy H. Hanrahan, loving husband, and father of four children, passed away at age 90.

Tim was born on May 8, 1929, in El Paso, Texas to Timothy B. and Mary (Ward) Hanrahan. He received his B.S. in Aeronautical Engineering from the University of Notre Dame in 1950.



Involved in the U.S. space program from the very beginning, Tim first worked as a test engineer for newly developed rocket engines at White Sands Proving Ground, New Mexico.

In 1958, Tim and his family moved to Satellite Beach, Florida where he worked at Cape Canaveral/Kennedy Space Center for the Ramo-Woodridge Corporation (later TRW) responsible for the launch operations of Atlas ICBM, MIDAS, SAMSOS, and Mercury launch vehicles.

In 1963, Tim was hired by the newly formed Aerospace Corporation to be their program director for Titan III ELV. He later became the Principle Director of the Aerospace Regional Office responsible for the technical management of all USAF launch vehicle and spacecraft operations.

He retired from The Aerospace Corporation in 1996. During his career, Tim participated in over 800 test and launch operations. Considered to be one of the “original rocket men” at Cape Canaveral/Kennedy Space Center, Tim was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award in 2010 by the National Space Club.

Tim was married to Pat Barden in El Paso on July 4, 1953. They raised one son, Sean, and three daughters, Shannon, Kerry, and Maureen.

Tim had a passion for many things. Chief among these were The Barbershop Harmony Society and Notre Dame football. Tim was a founder and active member of the Greater Canaveral Chorus, Sunshine District President 1986-87, and the Society’s International President 1996-97.

He was also Vice-president of the local Melbourne Notre Dame Alumni Club as well as a member of the University of Notre Dame Alumni Senate. Tim was one of the original parishioners and Eucharistic Ministers for Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church.

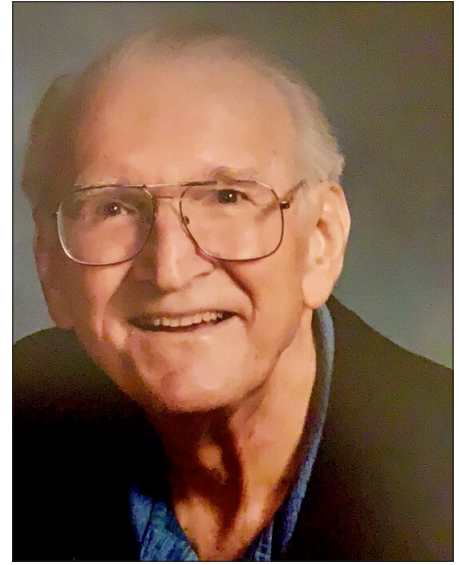
Tim was preceded in death by his father, Tim, mother, Mary, sister, Maryanne, and wife, Pat. He is survived by his four children, Sean (Susie), Shannon (Richard), Kerry (Geoff), Maureen (Jerry), eight grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held mid-summer. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent In Memory of Tim Hanrahan to the Harmony Foundation International, P.O. Box 24030, Nashville, TN 37202.

Don Anderson, Past District President and member of the Hall of Fame, passed October 13, 2020

MELBOURNE, FL-

Donald Duane Anderson, 87, born February 5, 1933 in Milford, NE went to be with our Lord and Savior on Tuesday, October 13. He is survived by his loving wife of 68 years, Virginia, and their daughters Tamara (David) McLeran, of Colorado Springs, CO; Roxanne (Larry) Kerley of Cocoa; and Rita (Douglas) Martin of Rockford, IL, and six grandchildren Amy (Dan) Pocius, Lt. Col. USAF Charles (Kelly) McLeran, Laura (Tyler) Smith, Amanda (Matt) Sulick, Dawn Martin, Michael Martin, seven great grandchildren, and two brothers Dale Anderson of Seward, NE and Kenneth (Linda) Anderson of Las Vegas, NV, and numerous nieces and nephews.



Don served his country in the US Air Force from 1953-57. After his discharge, while the space program was still in its infancy, Don moved his young family in 1958 to Brevard County to work for RCA followed by Lockheed Martin from 1972-1995. Don was dedicated to his faith, family, and barbershop singing. He was active in his church serving on numerous boards, committees, and multiple choirs throughout the years. He was a member of The Barbershop Harmony Society for over 50 years and held local and district offices with the organization. He was active in the local Harbor City Harmonizers Chorus where he sang in numerous quartets and enjoyed working with local high school Harmony Explosion camps. Always hitting the high tenor notes, Don was happiest when striking the perfect chord with other barbershop enthusiasts.

Don was predeceased by parents Ruth and Duane Anderson, sister, Sharon Neihardt, and grandson, Keith Ryan Martin.

Services were held at Faith Viera Lutheran Church, Rockledge, FL October 19. COVID physical distancing protocol was being followed and livestream option was offered via YouTube.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made in Don's memory to Faith Viera Lutheran Church, or Harmony Foundation International 110 Seventh Avenue North, Suite 200, Nashville, TN 37203 or St. Frances Reflections Lifestage Care 1250 B Grumman Place, Titusville, FL 32780 reflectionsisc.org/donate

The song is ended, but the melody lingers on. -Irving Berlin

Don Long, Past District Treasurer and Sunshine District Hall of Fame, Passes

February 20, 1935 - June 19, 2020

Donald I. Long, 85, passed away in Brandon, Florida. His parents, Lester B. Long and Gladys Long, predeceased him. He grew up in Irondequoit, NY, a suburb of Rochester, NY. He attended Purdue University in W. Lafayette, IN and was a member of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity. He worked for General Telephone in Ft. Wayne, IN and later for GTE Data Services in Tampa, FL where he received his MBA from the University of Tampa. He managed Data Service Centers in Michigan, Texas, Iowa, and Washington State before returning to Tampa where he was in charge of quality control. After retiring, he did consulting work for the University of Tampa, and Eckerd College as well as working for Equifax. Don loved music and played the guitar and ukelele in high school. In Ft. Wayne, IN he was introduced to Barbershop singing and sang in chapters everywhere he lived including starting a chapter in San Angelo, TX, which still is in existence today. While a member of the Heralds of Harmony in Tampa, he served as Stage Manager, President, and was Treasurer for the chapter for 18½ years and the Sunshine District for 16 years. He also taught at Chapter Officers Training School to help others learn how to be a good treasurer. Later in life he learned to play the clarinet and loved Dixieland and Sousa marches. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Dana S. Long, daughter Shelli D. Long, son Kevin W. Long (wife Randi), and 4 grandchildren and 3 cats.



Memorial contributions can be sent to Alzheimer's Association, 14010 Roosevelt Blvd., #709 Clearwater, FL 33762. Include Don Long on memo line of check; or to Heralds of Harmony, P. O. Box 274076, Tampa FL 33688-4076, include Don Long on memo line of check.

Don Long, a wonderful Heralds of Harmony alumni, passed peacefully on June 19, 2020. Don was once the chapter president of the Tampa Bay Heralds of Harmony. He was also chapter treasurer for many years, 1988 BOTY and won multiple BOTM awards. Don was elected into the Sunshine District's Hall of Fame in 2007 and served on the District's board of directors as treasurer for many years, always doing an amazing job. Don was a great, very smart guy, passionate about his chorus, district and mostly his family. He will be missed. ~Arne Helbig, Tampa Bay Heralds of Harmony

Chapter Happenings

Sarasota Chorus of the Keys Awards College Scholarships to Local High School Seniors

The Sarasota Chorus of the Keys recently awarded Sheridan E. Brown Memorial Scholarships for 2020 to three high school seniors who have demonstrated outstanding musical achievement and will be pursuing vocal or instrumental study as part of their college curricula. Chorus President Ken Rear announced that the scholarships, totaling \$7,000, have been awarded to two Venice High School seniors: Ryan Randi (University of Tampa), and Kerry Carr (Florida State University), and Riverview High School senior, Alex Garcia (Florida State University). The Chorus of the Keys, a chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society, is celebrating its 71st anniversary in 2020 and has been entertaining Sarasota area residents with four-part a cappella harmony since 1949. The Chorus has been awarding college scholarships to deserving students for the past twenty years. More information about the Chorus is available at: www.chorusofthekeys.org.



Ryan Randi Venice High



Kerry Carr Venice High



Sarasota Chorus of the Keys
February 22nd Annual Show Chorus photograph



Alex Garcia Riverview High



Jacksonville

New Mixed Chorus in Jacksonville! They are fully active as of 5/01/2020.

The Jacksonville, FL chapter currently has 20 members and performs as a mixed chorus known as Bold City Sound. Bold City Sound's values are family, community, musical excellence, and fun!



Chapter Happenings, Con't.

Tampa Heralds of Harmony



Facebook link: <https://fb.watch/1qJWo79ibB/>

YouTube link: <https://youtu.be/qoC4jclIZAk>



VP of Music and Presentation Message

Jack Klotzbach
Sunshine District VP of CSLT

Hello Sunshine District! I am Jack Klotzbach, your new Vice President of CSLT and continuing as the Vice President of Director Development, I look forward in providing the educational needs of the district chapters, directors, and my fellow district leaders.

I currently sing with the Fort Walton Beach chapter, but have been a member of the Orlando chapter and Jacksonville chapter. I joined the Society in 2005 in Mid-Atlantic District (Norfolk, VA chapter). I have been leadership in three different chapters including chapter development, music and performance, and President. I have also developed and provided training in youth

outreach in the Mid-Atlantic district.

We are planning to kick 2021 off with new type of LEADAC with virtual class, please see the Virtual LEADAC page in this Sunburst.

Also I am planning to establish a chat room for directors only, so they can discuss director issues and concerns with other directors. I am also hoping to provide two or three planned director workshops so the directors can get some training and work with some coaches to improve their skills and techniques.



Virtual LEADAC

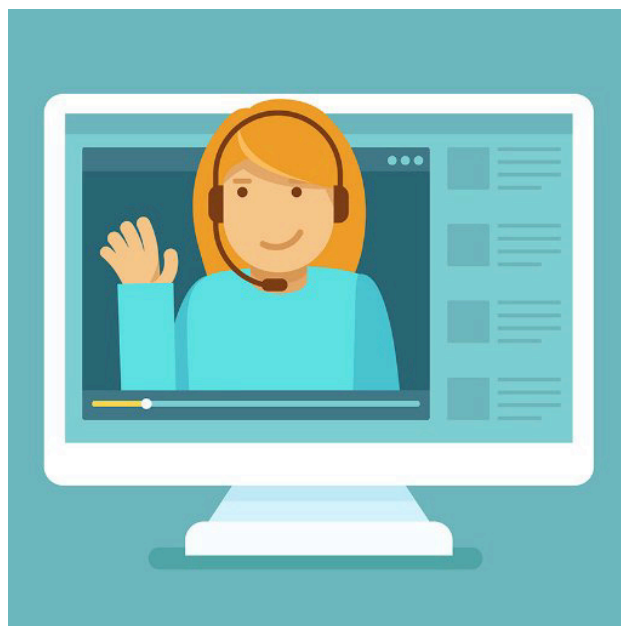
Are you a brand new chapter officer or took an office you have never held before, and you are wondering what your job is; then this virtual LEADAC is for you. We are bringing back the basics, to introduce you to the position you have volunteered for. We will also be introducing you to current methods to support your efforts to do your best for your chapter and chorus.

The following positions will be supported in these virtual classes:

President
Secretary
Treasurer
Vice President of Music
Vice President of Chapter Development
Vice President of Marketing

Classes will be held during best available hours in January 2021 and will be recorded for review on the district website.

We are also planning to hold round table discussions for District level positions with other district officers to help share information.



Each class will be between 3 to 6 hours (with breaks) depending on the quantity of material and level of participation.

The date, time, and syllabus for each class will be made available in December 2020.

The class will be \$10 to help offset the cost of the virtual meeting source and mentor fees. An Eventbrite link will be set up to support the payment.

To register for class contact Jack Klotzbach at jackklotzbach@gmail.com or call 850-377-7229.

Exec VP & VP of Events Message

Bruce Checca

Sunshine District Exec VP / Events VP

“Well, it’s sure been interesting...”

That’s about the best I can think of to say about 2020 so far. While we started out looking at a very successful year for barbershopping here in Florida, Covid-19 sure threw us a curve! And if I didn’t know any better, I’d say that the latest Tropical Storm was just making fun of us by reminding us how erratic things can be with its track!

We had a very successful LeadAc in January! We had record attendance! We also ran a very successful MidWinter Convention in Jacksonville! Our setting up for our March Spring Convention was well under way when... well, you know the rest!

Since then, most of our chapters and quartets

have been spending a lot of time trying to figure out how to have some sort of meaningful interactions. Some have found Zoom is a decent way to stay in touch, and several groups have been putting together some pretty amazing compilations based on Zoom! Go online and search them out...you’ll be amazed at what you might find!

Some have tried Jamulus, some have tried in person meetings outdoors...and a few have even met indoors! Hopefully, we can all get through this OK, and get back to getting together to do what we all miss ... making music together!

Let your district leaders know about what YOU are doing to keep your hand in!

Until then, stay safe... and keep singing!



VP of Music and Presentation Message

Steve Culpepper

Sunshine District VP of Music and Presentation

This has been a strange year, learning music we may not get to perform, lots of zoom meetings and on-line seminars. The important thing is to keep singing. Looking forward to 2021!



VP of Communication & IT's Message

Roger Smeds

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What a strange time 2020 has been! As we all try to deal with the changes in our hobby it is important that we make an attempt to keep singing (somehow) so that when things return to normal, we are ready! I know that is hard for all of us, but there are things we can do. It is a good time to work on your vocal skills and take time to practice the things you might not have had time to get to when things were in full swing.

One area that you may have seen people expand their efforts in, is the area of technology for virtual singing/rehearsal. Software like Jamulus and JackTrip have enjoyed an increase in popularity as musicians in all genres have tried to keep their groups viable in the world of COVID-19. Please be aware that if you need help with these software environments, the communications team will stand ready to be of assistance. Don't hesitate to reach out.

The Barbershop Harmony Society is in the process of putting together a Virtual MidWinter Convention as you are probably aware. Sunshine District will definitely have a presence at the Virtual MidWinter Convention and if your chorus or quartet would like to participate, either by providing videos of past performances, live streams or working as volunteers in the virtual world that will be the Sunshine District's contribution to the Virtual MidWinter Convention, please let us know how we can include your group. Much more information will be coming soon, but under consideration at the moment are the following areas (rooms) in the Sunshine District area:

- Winter Park Chapter room
- A Tech Room where we will share "How

to" information via discussion or video walls regarding technology to promote virtual singing together for quartets and/or choruses. This would show how to setup and use software like Jamulus and/or JackTrip.

- An All-Chapter room - could be used by multiple chapters who didn't want to have a whole room. Could put up info about their chapter, video of chorus or quartets, etc.
- A Quartet room - could be used by any district quartets that wanted to provide video or even live stream events like a small show set perhaps.
- An International Quartet Competitor room - Video and/or live stream performances from past Sunshine District International Quartet Champions and our great International Quartet competitors
- A Tag room - could be done using Jamulus. We already have some volunteers to work in this area.

Hope you do your upcoming holiday shopping at smile.amazon.com! As of August 2020, the district has received \$377.43 from our members supporting us on smile.amazon.com. Not a lot 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 sign 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. Every little bit helps!

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Foundation Corner

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The Harmony Foundation remains a viable organization with a strong balance sheet and no debt. Donors choice checks covering January 1 to June 30 are now being sent out to chapters and districts whose members have participated.

The AIC (Association of International Champions) has engaged HFI to fund raise for their educational out reach programs. As part of this activity, AIC will be sending championship quartets to a workshop in Tampa, being hosted

by Debbie Cleveland, next fall(2021).

The Harmony Foundation has requested the District submit other funding requests, for consideration by the foundation grants committee.

The Harmony Foundation continues to support youth outreach and Barbershop Harmony endeavors through out our District and deserves our support now and in the future.



*There once came a period of flue.
There was nary a thing we could do.
And though Coronavirus
May really desire us...
I SING! Aren't ya' glad I'm six feet from you?*

~Don



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