



Carolinan District
Barbershop Harmony Society

Carolinan District History

The "First Year"

July 2010- December 2011

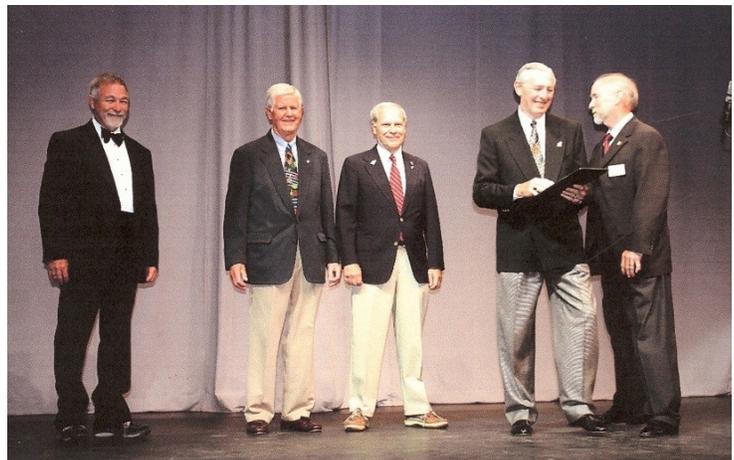
It happened on July 3rd, 2010. The place was the 72nd International Convention of the Barbershop Harmony Society (BHS) held in Philadelphia, PA. It was at the beginning of the Saturday night Quartet Finals. Robert "Squeak" Tilton, Carolinas District President, joined Ed "Doc" Watson, CEO of the Barbershop Harmony Society, at center stage for the presentation of the Carolinas District Charter. It had taken several years, but the Carolinas District was now officially established, effective July 1, 2010 and the new district leadership was ready to roll.



This history covers the activities and achievements of the new Carolinas District, for the first 18 months from July 1, 2010 thru December 31, 2011. The District was chartered with 741 members and 44 registered quartets in 27 chapters across the states of North Carolina and South Carolina.

The Year in Review Section covers the highlights of the 18 months. The Chapter Driven District Section describes the District's approach to putting a chapter-oriented focus on all its activities. The next three sections provide a comprehensive look at the Fall 2010, Spring 2011 and Fall 2011 District Conventions including photos of all the competitors.

The Chapters and Quartet Sections feature a page or more for each Chapter or quartet respectively. The Leadership Section includes photos and bios of the leadership. Finally, the Awards Section lists the District non-singing award winners for this 18 month period.



Carolinan District Charter Presentation. (L-R) Bill Biffle (BHS President), Bob Clark, Denny Evans, Bob "Squeak" Tilton, and Ed Watson (BHS CEO).

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Central Carolina, NC
 Jack McCallie HOD
 CAPE FEAR CHORD SMON
 Richard Millard

Ashville
 Bob Burns

CHARLOTTE
 Jim A. Mudella

Beaufort SC "Harbormasters"
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Highway
 Bob John

TRIAD HARMONY EXPRESS!
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John Lundquist
 GRAND STRAND CHAPTER

Anderson SC
 JOHN YANE

Ron Sutton
 Pinchurst - GCC

Charles ton Barberston
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Charles M. Harbottle

South Carolina Chorus
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Georgiana Trenchel Chorus
 Tom Camin

EDMUND ALBEMARLE JOURS
 Dave Johnson

Marvin Hammy -
 Jacksonville
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Steve Trempier
 VP CONTEST & JUDGING!

Michael J. [Signature]
 VP EVENTS

Bob Clark
 VP Chapter Development

Bill Ralbach
 VP
 Music & Perk.

DAVE MILLER
 Secretary

Dennis Evans
 Ex. VP

spartanburg
 Jim [Signature]

Sir Walter Raleigh
 Donald Widenhouse
 HILTON HEAD IS
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Research Triangle Park
 Warren Fuson

Greenville Area NC
 Bob Harrold

Golden Crown Chorus
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Mike Manus
 Rock Hill SC

LEXINGTON COUNTY (SC)
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Rocky Mount
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Bob Tilton
 Assistant
 Board of Directors
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Charlotte
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District Charter

This certifies that the International Board of Directors of the

Society

for the

Preservation and Encouragement

of

Barber Shop Quartet Singing

in

America

(Incorporated)

Hereby authorizes the organization of a District Association of Chapters to be known as:

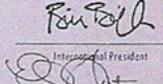
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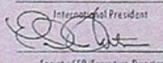
To include all duly chartered chapters of the SPEBSQSA in the following territory:

The states of North Carolina and South Carolina

This charter is granted with the stipulation that the above District Association of Chapters shall, at all times conform, and be subject to, the Constitution, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of the Society and all amendments thereto promulgated from time to time by the International Board of Directors.




 Ed Watson
 International President


 Bill Biffle
 Society CEO/Executive Director

Dated: July 1, 2010

Presented to
 Bob Tilton, Denny Evans, and Bob Clark
 by Ed Watson, CEO and Bill Biffle, President
 Philadelphia Convention
 July 3, 2010

The Carolinas District Charter was presented to Bob "Squeak" Tilton, Bob Clark and Dennis Evans by BHS President Bill Biffle and CEO Ed Watson on the International Contest Stage on July 3, 2010. The effective date of the Charter is July 1, 2010. Signed by Chapter Presidents and District Officers at the HOD Meeting July 17, 2010.

Charter Chapters

Anderson, SC
Anderson Electric City Chorus

Asheville, NC
Land of the Sky Chorus

Beaufort, SC
Beaufort Harbormasters

Central Carolina, NC
Heart of Carolina Chorus

Charleston, SC
Charleston Barbershop Chorus

Charlotte, NC
The Gold Standard Chorus

Edenton, NC
Albemarle Sounds

Grand Strand, SC
The Low Country Chorus

Greater Gaston, NC
Gaston Chord Weavers

Greensboro, NC
Greensboro Tarheel Chorus

Greenville Area, NC
Brotherhood of Harmony

Hickory, NC
Carolina Moonlighters

Hilton Head Island, SC
Hilton Head Lighthouse Chorus

Jacksonville, NC
New River Harmony

Lexington County, SC
Main Street Harmonizers

Mooresville, NC
Carolina Classic

New Bern, NC
The Southern Gentlemen

Pinehurst, NC
The Golf Capital Chorus

Raleigh, NC
Sir Walter Raleigh Chorus

Research Triangle Park, NC
The General Assembly

Rock Hill, SC
Carolina Chordsmen

Rocky Mount, NC
The Rocky Mount Chorus

Seneca, SC
Golden Corner Chorus

Spartanburg, SC
Palmetto Statesmen

West Jefferson, NC
Mountain Overtones

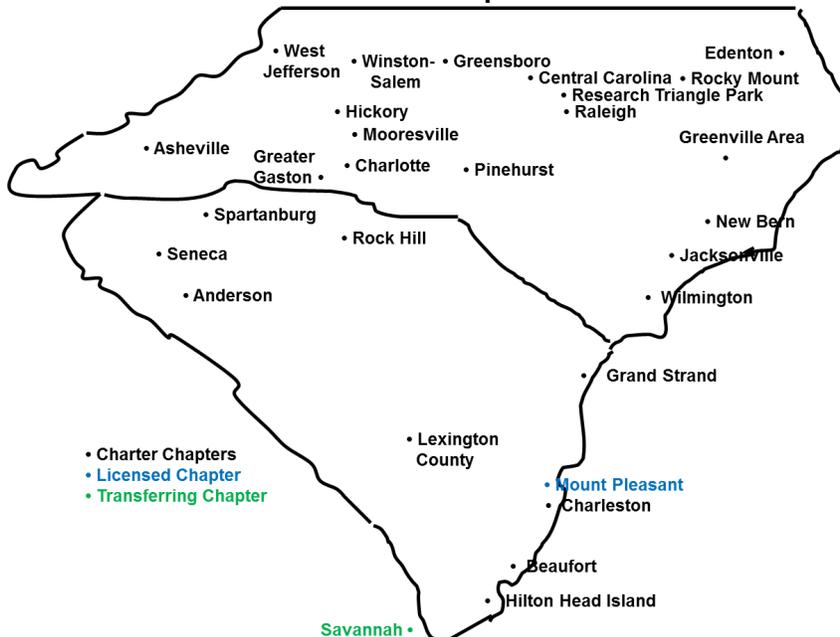
Wilmington, NC
Cape Fear Chordsmen

Winston-Salem, NC
Triad Harmony Express

Charter Quartets

17 Below
 Acappella Fellas
 Antics
 Bar None
 Beach Music
 BLackJack
 Brunswick Stew
 Carolina Chord Company
 Carolina Quadraphonic
 Carolina Sundown
 Chapter Two
 Cherry Road
 Chord Of Appeal
 Collage
 Crystal Clear Harmony
 Dixie Gold
 Doppler Effect
 Easy Livin
 Eu-4-ia
 Four Accidentals
 Four-in-Exchange
 Front Page News
 Grandstand
 Hazardous Moving Parts
 InVoice
 Just 4 Fun
 Lakenotes
 Let's Sing!
 LINKS
 Locked & Loaded
 Mountain Vocal Project
 Never Home 4
 Out Of Bounds
 Partners in Rhyme
 Sound Center
 Sound Counsel
 Still Standing
 The Chord Street Boys
 Transfusion
 Tucker Street
 Tune Shiners
 Turn of the Century
 Village Green
 WJBG On The Air

Carolinas District Chapters 2010-2011



The Year in Review

On July 17th, just two weeks after receiving its charter, the very first meeting of the Carolinas District House of Delegates was called to order by District President Bob “Squeak” Tilton. The agenda included such tasks as electing a slate of officers, discussing the inaugural Carolinas District Fall Convention set for October 29th and 30th and the on-going fund raising program so critical to this ‘start-up’ organization. These were very exciting times! At the close of the business part of the meeting, all Chapter Presidents were invited to come forward, and one by one they ‘autographed’ the matted portion of the original charter document. Following the Chapter Presidents, the district officers also signed.

The work of the District began immediately, and the first District Board meeting was held September 25th in Florence, SC. Everything on the Board’s plate was “brand new” and much of it had to be created from scratch. Priorities at that time were getting the District’s financial house in order quickly as expenses were already occurring for the convention. The District leaders worked to create the management structures, processes, and systems needed to run, in essence, a small business. They needed accounting software, bank accounts, a Finance Committee, merchandise for a Marketplace, convention signage, an American flag and stand, name badges for contributors to the President’s Circle, a logo and letterhead for the District, insurance and bonding concerns – and the list goes on.

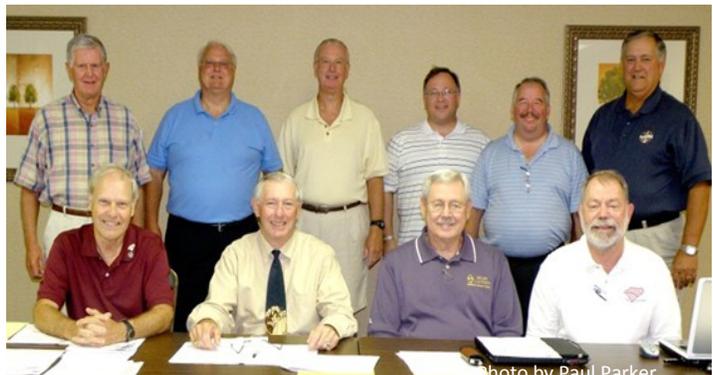
On the agenda for both the September meeting and the follow-on December board meeting were these questions: “How do we immediately take actions that begin to deliver on the promise of a “chapter driven district?” And, “What significant actions are those?”

The board determined that they would completely change the paradigm for a Spring Convention from that of a traditional convention-contest, to a “barbershop festival with an International Quartet Qualification Contest.” In this type of convention there would be no chorus contest because many of the chapters indicated that they only wanted to take their choruses to contest once per year. Instead, the District

would take advantage of the coaching expertise of the judging panel to work directly with chapter quartets and choruses. In addition to coaching sessions, every barbershopper in attendance would be given the chance to sing in one of five “zone choruses” created by assigning nearby chapters into geographic “zones.” The District agreed to provide sheet music and learning tracks for all convention attendees to begin a common repertoire across the District and encourage more singing at conventions.

The Inaugural District Fall Convention was held October 29-31, 2010 in Myrtle Beach, SC, and was a tremendous success. The 2011 Fall and Spring Conventions were just as successful, a testament to the leadership of the new District.

The remainder of this section provides the highlights of those conventions, contests, and district champions.



Carolinas District Board Meeting September 25, 2010

First Row (L-R) :

- Denny Evans – Executive Vice President
- Robert “Squeak” Tilton – President
- Robert Lee – Treasurer
- Dave Millson – Secretary

Second Row:

- Bob Clark – VP Chapter Support
- Charlie Rose – Board Member-at-Large
- Bart Franey – VP Communications
- Steve Tremper – VP Contest & Judging
- Bill Rashleigh – VP Music
- Michael Doheny – VP Events

Carolinas District Inaugural District Convention

The convention was held October 29-31, 2010 in Myrtle Beach, SC. It was a rousing success with a large audience in attendance to see the first District Champions crowned. *Let's Sing!* was the District Quartet Champion, *Village Green* was the District Senior Champion, *Easy Livin'* was the District Novice Quartet Champion, and *The General Assembly* from Research Triangle Park, NC were the Chorus Champions. *The General Assembly* qualified to represent the District at the 2011 International Chorus Contest in Kansas City. *Village Green* (and *BLackJack*, as a wild card) qualified to represent the District at the 2011 International Senior Quartet Contest in Las Vegas.



Let's Sing!
2010 District Quartet Champion



Easy Livin'
2010 District Novice Quartet Champion



Village Green
2010 Seniors District Quartet Champion



The General Assembly – Research Triangle Park, NC – Directed by Bill Rashleigh
2010 District Chorus Champion

The North Carolina Harmony Brigade Rally

Pinehurst, North Carolina
January 14-16, 2011



The North Carolina Harmony Brigade held its 19th annual rally at the Little River Golf Resort and over 150 men from all over the United States, Canada and Sweden were in attendance to include a panel of 3 judges ready to adjudicate quartet contests held Friday and Saturday nights. The weekend included an annual show held at the Sandhills Community College - Owens Auditorium on Saturday night and attended by over 500-600 barbershop fans enjoying the NCHB chorus of over 130 men plus *Village Green* Senior Quartet Champion and *Let's Sing!*- Carolina District's Quartet Champions.

All participants for the weekend quartet activities were provided a learning cd and music consisting of 12 songs that they were to know well enough to sing in an informal quartet contest on Friday and Saturday nights held in the ballroom at Little River Golf Resort. Approximately 35 quartets competed Friday night for the honor of making the top 10 and again competing Saturday night for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place quartet honors. The men in the 35 competing quartets came from 19 states and 3 foreign countries and over 85 men are Carolinas District chapter members from North and South Carolina. The mystery of this quartet weekend is arriving not knowing who will be the other three guys in your quartet and what song in the set of 12 songs will your quartet draw to sing in the contests.

The North Carolina Harmony Brigade (NCHB) held its first annual rally in January 1993 and the number of similar brigades have formed in Indiana (IHB), Mid-Atlantic (AHB), Michigan (Great Lakes HB), Nevada (High Sierra HB), Ontario (Ontario HB) and New England Harmony Brigade (NEHB). Other brigades being formed are in Texas (Lone Star Harmony Brigade) and England (British Association – BHS Affiliate). The numbers of eXtreme Quartetting Harmony Brigades are increasing each year and this reflects the desire of the Barbershop Harmony Society membership wanting to enjoy and participate in this type of weekend quartet activity.

The North Carolina Harmony Brigade is a proud supporter and contributor to the newly formed Carolinas District. Chorus risers for the Carolinas District were purchased on behalf of the North Carolina Harmony Brigade and donated to the Carolinas District.



Chuck Greene standing tall and proud as he directs the North Carolina Harmony Brigade Chorus on the 2007 Saturday evening show.

2011 International Mid-Winter Convention

The International Mid-Winter Convention was held January 25-30 in Las Vegas, NV. In the Seniors Quartet Contest **BLackJack** brought home the District's first medal finishing in 4th Place and **Village Green** was 21st. **Savannah Storm** finished 3rd in Plateau A of the Youth Chorus Festival.



BLackJack

2011 International Fourth Place Medalist Seniors Quartet



Village Green



Savannah Storm – Savannah, GA Chapter – Directed by Jeremy Conover

District 2011 Spring Convention

The first Spring District Convention was held in Charlotte, NC and featured the International Quartet Prelims contest but also included a Saturday morning and afternoon full of classes and the opportunity for choruses to be coached by members of the excellent judging panel. Another feature added to the Spring Convention was the Zone Choruses to give everyone to opportunity to sing in a large chorus. The chapters were divided into five “zones” with each chorus performing on the Saturday night show. **Let's Sing!** qualified to represent the District at the International Contest in Kansas City, MO.



Let's Sing! International Qualifier

2011 International Convention and Contests

Competing against the very best in the Barbershop Harmony Society at the 2011 International Convention in Kansas City, MO. **Let's Sing!** raised their position by 15 places over their 2010 showing, coming in 33rd. And **The General Assembly** had 62 on the risers, and came in 28th.



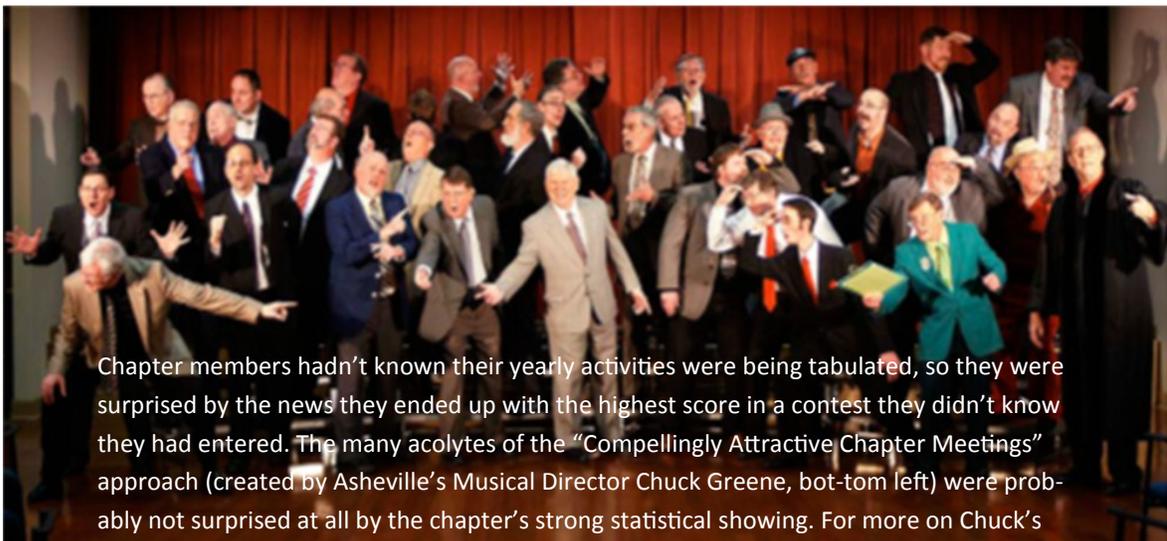
Let's Sing!



The General Assembly – Research Triangle Park, NC – Directed by Bill Rashleigh

BHS Chapter Achievement Program

In 2010 the BHS rolled out a survey called the Chapter Achievement Program to demonstrate beneficial programs and activities, encourage BHS chapters to participate, and allow them to be rewarded for great participation. 333 Chapters participated and **Asheville, NC** was the number one chapter.



Chapter members hadn't known their yearly activities were being tabulated, so they were surprised by the news they ended up with the highest score in a contest they didn't know they had entered. The many acolytes of the "Compellingly Attractive Chapter Meetings" approach (created by Asheville's Musical Director Chuck Greene, bot-tom left) were probably not surprised at all by the chapter's strong statistical showing. For more on Chuck's

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2011 Fall District Convention

The District's second Fall Convention was held in Florence SC. Nineteen quartets competed for various titles. **17 Below** was the District Quartet Champion, **BLackJack** was the District Seniors Quartet Champion, and **Sounds Like A Winner** was the District Novice Quartet Champion. Eleven choruses competed. **Heart of Carolina Chorus** from **Central Carolina, NC** was the District Chorus Champion. **Village Green** and **BLackJack** qualified to represent the District at the 2012 International Senior Quartet Contest in Tucson, AZ. **The General Assembly** qualified to represent the District at the 2012 International Chorus Contest in Portland, OR.



17 Below
2011 District Quartet Champion



Sounds Like A Winner
2011 District Novice Quartet Champion



BLackJack
2011 District Seniors Quartet Champion



Heart of Carolina Chorus – Central Carolina, NC – Directed by Chris Slacke
2011 District Chorus Champion