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Register for Leadership Academy - January 22

by *Bev Greene, Dean*

Everyone (whether in a formal chapter leadership role or not) is invited 2022 Leadership Academy (LeadAc). Featuring special guests Christian Hunter and Bob Cox from BHS, LeadAc 2022 is your opportunity to re-imagine the future for your chorus. Just by attending the classes, we know you will leave better informed, curious and capable. *Note: given the current COVID situation, LeadAc will again be virtual via Zoom, making it even easier for you to attend. As always, the event is FREE.*

[Click here for more information and to register](#)

Teasers:

- BHS Board of Directors member Christian Hunter will present "All Things Leadership"
- Bob Cox, Evergreen District Leadership Liaison and EVG Hall of Fame member will be presenting Chapter Development and Membership, with considerations for Basic Recruiting, Retention, Orientation, Plans for Growth. Something for EVERY MEMBER if not in another class!

Aspire Places 5th in 2022 International Senior Quartet Contest

Congratulations to **Aspire** on their 5th place finish at the 2022 International Senior Quartet contest. The quartet, comprised of Ted Leinbach, Wally Miles, Rob Hopkins, and Tom Parker, represented the Charlotte and Winston-Salem chapter. They continue the recent string of success for Carolinas Barbershop Harmony at the Midwinter; Let's Sing! finished 2nd and 3rd at the contest in 2019 and 2020. BLackJack, representing Wilmington, was our first District medalist in the International Senior Quartet contest, placing 4th in 2011.

...and a Message from Let's Sing!

Hello to all our friends and fans! Believe it or not, Let's Sing! is alive and well and looking forward to a great year ahead. Unfortunately we had to bow out of competing at this year's International Seniors Quartet contest due to a family health issue, as our Bari Joe Doub explains:

My wife Juli was diagnosed with Multiple Myeloma a little over two weeks ago. We have been encouraged by what the Oncologists have told us as to the treatability of this blood cancer and that people are able to live with the disease for a long time. Her twice-per-week chemo treatments started last week and will continue for the next 3-4 months. Also, starting the first week of January, she will begin radiation treatments. While she has initially tolerated the treatments with only a small amount of nausea, her mobility has been severely limited by a fractured vertebra caused by the cancer. She is taking significant medications to address both the cancer and the pain. She will also become more immunocompromised as the treatments progress.

Because of her situation, she is almost totally dependent on me for daily activities and I have not left her for more than short times to go to the grocery store and pharmacy. Since her diagnosis, I have had to put almost all other activities and interests aside. At this point, my priority and all my emotional and physical energy will be focused on her comfort, pain management and remission.

Due to this situation, I had to "pull the plug" on competing at the upcoming Mid-Winter Senior Quartet contest in Pasadena, CA in mid-January. Fortunately, I have very understanding and supportive quartet brothers. As the weeks and months progress and her condition improves, I hope to be able to re-engage and continue our quartet journey.

I covet your thoughts and prayers for healing and remission.

While we could not be there in person, we were delighted to cheer on our District representatives **Aspire** and congratulate on their 5th Place finish!

We're looking forward to getting back into performing on chapter shows and contest, and are beginning work on some new songs and a new Christmas CD, hopefully to be available in time for the Christmas season.

We hope you are all doing well and staying healthy and safe. Hopefully soon we can all get together again and say, "Let's Sing!"

2022 Spring Convention - April 1-2 in Walterboro, SC

After a successful Fall convention, we are looking forward to seeing everyone at the 2022 Spring Convention in Walterboro, South Carolina. Registration information is coming soon. The contests will take place at the beautiful Colleton Civic Center in central Walterboro. The Baymont by Wyndham will be the headquarters hotel.

See you there!

From BHS HQ...

Nine Different Models for Chapter Success

from *Livewire* December 226, 2021

Sitting by the fireside, watching embers slowly glow, thinking about growing your singing community in 2022... sounds like a great holiday evening. While you're pondering, give some thought to these [nine distinctive chapters](#) that have found their way by knowing who they are and what they want to be.

Discover chapters that put quartet singing first, day-time programming for retirees, a medalist-caliber chorus that meets twice a month, and more.

Did you know? The entire 80+ year run of the magazine is available to BHS members in the [BHS Document Center](#).

This information was first communicated in BHS' weekly LiveWire email. [Sign up](#) to receive these emails directly from BHS.

The Calendar

Your Link to Upcoming District Events and Chapter Shows

Click the link for the official [District Calendar](#). Here's a recap of what's coming up in the next three months. Contact District Secretary Richard Harris at secretary@carolinasdistrict.org to get your chapter show cleared for posting to the District calendar.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
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January 22 - Leadership Academy

Feb 5 - Triad Harmony Express Show - Winston Salem

Feb 5 - Bull City A Cappella Slam VII - Durham

April 1-3 - 2022 Spring Convention - Walterboro, SC

July 3-10, 2022 - International Convention in Charlotte

Important Links

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Thanks for reading!

Please feel free to send in letters to the Editor, photos and comments of your opinions and experiences to share.

Yours in Harmony,

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