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Hello Beverly, here's what's going on:

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2023 NSC Annual Convention - Open for Registration

Calling all Carolinas Quartets and Choruses! The 2023 contests are now open for entry! This is the only contest weekend the Carolinas District will have this year so do not miss it. Titles up for grabs for the **quartets** include *District Champion, District Senior Quartet Champion, Novice Champion, NextGen Champion*, as well as *representatives for International and the International Senior quartet championship*. **Choruses** will be competing for the *District Championship, Most Improved*, and the *various plateau categories* as well as for the right to *represent the Carolinas District at the 2024 International Convention in July 2024*. You can compete for these titles or you can perform for score and evaluation only. All competitors in the formal contests will be able to receive feedback from our certified judges.

New this year! If your chorus does not want to compete in the formal contest, we are offering the *Chorus Showcase* for a limited number of choruses. This Showcase will take place immediately following the chorus contest on Saturday of the convention. Choruses can perform any and as many songs as they like within an 8-minute time frame. This is a chance to perform your most entertaining songs. Choruses will receive feedback on their overall performance from our qualified District coaching personnel.

For updated information, [check our website!](#)

** To enter the formal contest, go to [How to Enter a BHS Contest](#). **The deadline for entry is Friday, February 24th.** To enter the Chorus Showcase - or if you have any questions - reach out directly to [Steve Curulla](#).

MidWinter Recap

BHS's mid-winter conventions have long been the province of seniors in their golden years to celebrate golden memories and compete among them selves for top quartet honors. Add to that gold (and silver and bronze) medal performances of top finishers of past Internationals. Give a generous helping of Youth Choruses and leaven it with a new Seniors Chorus competition. Cook it all up at a Daytona Beach resort and you have a recipe for an awesome barbershop experience. That was Daytona Beach Midwinter 2023.

The Carolinas has been active at midwinter's in the past, but in this one the time and effort paid off with gold.



The Carolinas 'Hall of Fame' quartet Let's Sing!, put on stage one of their best performances ever to take home the gold medal. Everything came together—great singing, great staging, and great personality— all shown through. Their signature 'At Last' was freshened with Tremper taking the final high notes while Mark carried the melody. 'One for My Baby' bore the stamp of George Gipp's coaching with a virtual bar scene setting and poignant, authentic delivery. The audience went from goose bumps to standing ovation for one of the contests' gold medal moments.



This wasn't the first standing ovation of the contest. **The Carolinas Statesmen won the audience and a bronze medal.** And they did it with their comedic

schtick for 'Old Bones' and 'Old Guys Still Got it'. From Paul Martin's toilet paper trailing entrance to the final front row cane drop, the audience was riveted with laughter. There wasn't a dry seat in the house.

On the Youth front, the **Wade Hampton singers did the Carolinas proud, earning a superior rating** and praise from Marty Monson for their collaboration in creating three new songs for Barbershoppers to perform and enjoy.

The Saturday Night final wrapped it all up with performances by Let's Sing!, Quorum, Vocal Spectrum, GQ, The Ladies, the Combined Youth Chorus, the All Chapter Chorus, Queens from Harmony Inc and Sweet Adeline's and our hosts The Heralds of Harmony and Atlanta Vocal Project.

Congratulations to our Carolina competitors: **To all the men of the Carolinas Statesmen and our Director Larry Triplett, who chose to spend his Birthday here with us in Daytona. To Ted Leinbach, Wally Miles, Tom Parker and Rob Hopkins for their 9th place finish with 'Aspire'. To the quartet members in 'Hastily Assembled': Rob Alexander, Gerry Davis, Dick Franklin, Nate Pendley. To the student singers at Wade Hampton, and the Upstate South Carolina chapter under Larry Gilhousen and our Youth program under Kenneth Tice that supported them.**

The singing carried into the night back at the Hilton Daytona Resort as afterglows and tag singing created new personal golden moments and collective golden memories of a fun-packed weekend of fellowship for our entire barbershop family.

Next time there's a chance to attend a Society or District event, seriously consider it. It could be a golden opportunity.

Chapter Highlights

From the Winston-Salem Chapter:

Hats off to the Winston-Salem Chapter, who was represented in 3 quartets (*Aspire*, *Hastily Assembled*, and *Let's Sing*) and a chorus (*Carolina Statesmen*) at the 2023 Mid-Winter Convention. Of the 25 active chapter members, 15 members of Triad Harmony Express sang on the stage in Daytona Beach. Congratulations to the Winston-Salem guys for their outstanding participation and performances!

From Upstate SC Chapter:

Youth In Harmony Outreach Show: On December 3rd **The Palmetto Statesmen** presented "**Barbershop Through the Ages**" featuring choral groups from Mauldin, Riverside and Wade Hampton High Schools, **Palmetto Forte**, several Barbershop Quartets, the Sweet Adelines **Vocal Matrix Chorus** and starring the Barbershop Harmony Society's 2019 International Champion Quartet **Signature**.

Signature, as Association of International Champions (AIC) outreach ambassadors, provided educational seminars to over 450 Upstate students and teachers at the Mauldin HS Auditorium. We are grateful to the AIC and Harmony Foundation International for providing partial funding for this event.

For more information on this AIC outreach, contact [Larry Gilhousen](#).

Let us include your Chapter Highlights in the future!

Leadership Academy 2023 Now Available to You...

Thank you to all who helped make LeadAc 2023 a success!

An incredible amount of valuable, and oft times new information was presented and discussed. Every time. Every part. It was a very good year!

If you weren't able to join us, or just to review great ideas, we have posted all available video, Powerpoint, and reference documentation on our Google Docs area. Please click through for valuable information on critical work for each of our Chapters.

Contact Leadership Academy Dean [Beverly Greene](#), or Upcoming Dean [Bob Boone](#) if you have questions.

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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3	4	7	8	9	10
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Mar. 10-11 - [2023 Annual Convention - Spartanburg, SC](#)
May 13 - PVP Show: Guest Quartet Entourage, and more...
June 3 - Cape Fear Chordsman 35th Anniversary Show
Aug. 4-6 - [Lakeside Harmony Weekend - Clemson, SC](#)

Crooner Question to you all...

I have huge ideas for the Crooner of the future...but would love to know what you wish to see, and how frequently, to make the Crooner an information filled connection for you, with your District.

Please email me to sound off, suggest, offer up your great experiences, ideas, and expectations.

Thank you! ~Beverly

Important Links

[Carolinas Barbershop Harmony](#)

[Barbershop Harmony Society](#)

[BHS Upcoming Events \(Int'l, HU\)](#)

[BHS COVID-19 Resources for Barbershoppers](#)

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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