

A Publication of Carolinas Barbershop Harmony July 2023: Updates, Education and News!



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

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A Message About Your District Team...

A Special Thank You...

Your NSC District is truly dedicated to getting things right for you. The activity and caring that goes in to every element is amazing. The short articles below don't even begin to reflect the behind-the-scenes work, dedication, successes (and sometimes frustrations) of your <u>Leadership Team</u>, including your Board. Please take a moment when you next see them to say thank you, or even extend an interest in getting involved...we're always open. Thank you to all!

You REALLY don't want to miss Lakeside...

August 4-6 at Clemson University-Register NOW Co-sponsored with the Dixie District, we are promising a spectacular, all-inclusive weekend!

Can you imagine singing with...medalists and old friends from NSC and Dixie? Seeing and singing with Forefront? Hobnobbing with fabulous

coaches, directors and leaders, never mind your fellow singers? Tag Time? Ice Cream? SINGING the entire weekend....

<u>Click through for more information and class listings for Lakeside</u> <u>Harmony Weekend</u>, and the link to the registration.

Quartet and chorus coaching spots are full, but we can handle many more registrants-over 200 to date! Please don't miss this opportunity; come and join us for your best ever Barbershop weekend experience, and make new friends as a bonus.



Director Updates

A New Director in Greensboro!

> The Greensboro Tarheel Chorus is pleased to welcome Detra Davis as our new Director! She is an accomplished singer, performer, music teacher, vocal coach and choral conductor, and is looking forward to broadening her barbershop experience.

Detra holds a Master of Music in Performance, Voice, and is working on her doctorate. She is currently on the teaching faculties at UNCG and Averett College.

Please welcome Detra, and introduce yourself at Clemson!

And still Searching...

The Coastal Harmonizers Barbershop Chorus seeks a music director for weekly rehearsals, sing-outs and shows. We are a chapter of 15 men, regrouping after Covid-19, located in coastal North Carolina. Our membership includes Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, Shallote/Southport, North Carolina. Contact William Clegg at <u>ncclebil@aol.com</u>, Jay Williams at <u>ejw0901@gmail.com</u> or go to <u>www.coastalharmonizers.org</u>.

Barbershop on the International Stage

The Carolinas District was well represented during the week of July 4 in Louisville, Kentucky, during the Barbershop Harmony Society's annual

International Convention. **Soundtrack** competed in the open quartet contest and placed 39th out of the top 60 quartets in the world on their first time out! **Hoopla** placed 15th out of the top 20 collegiate aged quartets in the Next Gen contest. Local chorus, the **Heart of Carolina A Cappella** won top honors in the International Chorus Festival <u>and</u> placed 29th in the Chorus Contest.

As a surprise bonus, after the quartet competition was over and before results were announced, **Let's Sing!**, our reigning Seniors Quartet Champions, entertained with a set.

Thank you to all our Carolina champions and competitors; you represented us well!

Looking for Risers

We have a request within the District, for risers that a chapter wishes to sell/donate. If so, please **<u>email me</u>** and I'll forward the information. Thank you!

An Update from our President (while meeting in Louisville)...

We were able to bring together the Society Board of Directors, Harmony Hall Leaders and the District Presidents Council to determine root cause challenges with our current organizational structure, revenue model and value proposition to our members. This past February at the midwinter convention, we gathered all those groups together and made solid progress identifying over 20 interdependent elements that need to be addressed. Since that time 6 sub-groups have been working to establish goals, identify challenges and propose actions to improve those key elements. Then, this past week, the whole crew reconvened for over 4 hours of additional workshops that resulted in prioritizing 4 action items, including testing potential future membership or participant and revenue models via pilot programs with several chapters. Our hope is that the resulting changes will make it easier and more desirable for many more people to be part of the barbershop experience for many, many years to come. So stay tuned and I'll keep you up to date with our progress.

~*Nick DiLorenzo* President, Carolinas District

How can we help?

Managing a successful chapter is not for the feint of heart, right? We're here for you...send along your question or request, and we'll get right on it.

The Calendar Your Link to Upcoming District Events and Chapter Shows

Click the link for the official <u>District</u> <u>Calendar</u>. Here's a recap of what's coming up in the next three months. Contact District Secretary Richard Harris at <u>secretary@carolinasdistrict.org</u> Sun Mon Fri Tue Wed Thu 3 2 1 3 7 8 9 10 10 11 15 16 17 14 17 18 22 23 24 24 25 30 31

to get your chapter show cleared for posting to the District calendar.

July 23-30 - Harmony University@Loyola U, New Orleans, LA Aug 3-6 - Harmony Explosion (Youth) Lakeside; Clemson, SC Aug 4-6 - Lakeside Harmony Weekend; Clemson, SC Aug 6 - Show! Forefront Gold Medalist Featured at Clemson, SC Aug 20 - NSC Board of Directors Meeting

Important Links

Lakeside Harmony Weekend Harmony Explosion Lakeside Weekend Carolinas Barbershop Harmony Barbershop Harmony Society

Thanks for reading up on our latest District activities!

Please feel free to send in letters, photos and comments with your opinions, ideas and experiences to share, and ideas to ponder. Thank you!

Yours in Harmony,

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