



A Publication of Carolinas Barbershop Harmony
September 2023: Updates, and so much more!



*** * SEE YOU SATURDAY (on Zoom) * ***
HOUSE OF DELEGATES MEETING
October 7, 2023. 10 am - 2 pm

All may attend!

Presidents (or designee) will hear updates from each officer, discuss the 2024 budget, and vote for 2024 Slate of Officers

Everything you need to know...be there!

Note: If Chapter President cannot attend, please email your alternate to secretary@carolinasdistrict.org

See Zoom link at bottom of this message

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

• **HOUSE OF DELEGATES MEETING THIS SATURDAY-
BE THERE!!!**

- Aspire representing NSC at Midwinter...cheer them on!
- NSC's Newest Director-Welcome Detra Davis
- Contest & Judging Applications Now Being Accepted
- Steve Denino named new Society Interim CEO
- Annual Convention and Contest 2024 Date/Place
- Save the date for Leadership Academy 2024
- What's in your Future? Ideas and Planning...
- A Conversation with Marty
- Calendar - Your Link to Upcoming Events
- Important Links (Docs on Website)

NSC will be Represented at Midwinter!

Will we see you in NYC in January?

Aspire is competing at the International Senior Quartet contest at Midwinter!
Cheer on our quartet representatives.

NSC's Newest Director

Triad Harmony Express (THE) (Winston-Salem) has been actively encouraging Detra Davis as she begins her directing duties with the **Greensboro Tarheel Chorus (GTC)**. GTC is being featured in the upcoming (October) THE show, with Detra directing one of the joint numbers. THE and GTC held 4 joint chapter mtgs over the summer, and Detra has shown great interest and promise – having attended LHW and now singing in a chapter quartet.

The same THE show will feature the Salem Academy A Cappella Singers. This group is only a year old, and is under the direction of Forecast tenor Mike Fitch. A handful of the singers, along with Mike and his wife Missy (former music educator) attended LHW. Mike has done a tremendous job getting this group off the ground (through his volunteer time and efforts), and Salem Academy is one of 5 local high schools that receive modest financial support from Triad Harmony Express.

~Tom Parker, CSLT

Contest & Judging Applications Now Being Accepted

BHS is accepting applications for members to become scoring and administrative judges. The Contest & Judging program is looking for individuals who are passionate about helping our choruses and quartets become better singers, musicians, and performers, and who are actively coaching and teaching. For administrators, we are looking for individuals who have great organizational, project management, computer, and communications skills. For more information, go to the [About Our Contest & Judging Program](#) page on the Barbershop.org website, and download the '**What It Takes to Be a Judge**' document.

Please contact **Steve Curulla** for the application and an overview of the process - or if you have any questions. One key requirement is to obtain two letters of recommendation from existing certified judges in the category to which you are applying. Applications and letters of recommendation must be sent to Steve by December 15th.

Welcome our New Interim CEO!

Steve Denino, an influential leader on the Barbershop Harmony Society Board of Directors, has been appointed the **Society's interim Chief Executive Officer and Executive Director**.

[You can read the full article here, on the BHS website](#)

2024 Annual NSC Contest!

Our 2024 All-Inclusive Annual Contest will be:

April 19-20 in Pinehurst, NC.

Mark your calendars and arrange your schedules...
this is a "Don't Miss" event for everyone!

Save the Date!

NSC Leadership Academy:

Jan 27, 2024 via Zoom

Mark your calendars, and start now preparing all leadership and potential leaders in your chapter to attend. There will be something for everyone! All chapters are highly encouraged to attend. More information coming...

If you have any questions, email to la@carolinasdistrict.org

What's in Your Future?

What is the next big thing you want your chapter to do? Have you spoken it out loud to anyone?

Nothing happens until we talk about it...kick the tires, bat it around, light the fire...you get the idea. And the ideas generated from a "bull session" are so very valuable...even if off topic, they are a wealth of information for future projects, and a window to member's desires. (Be certain you are taking notes.) So, look to the future...what might be the ultimate successes (note the plural) for your choruses and chapter? How might you get there? And how long will it take? Remember, it's never a single person that gets things done; they might be the initial spark, but we already know you work together well... So, maybe set the date now for your annual planning session?

A Conversation with Marty Monson

Dear Marty,

What a ride! There have been twists and turns and we've ended up not precisely at the destination you had in mind, but we're certainly further down the road and in the right direction.

You've been the chief guy in thinking outside the box. You've even climbed atop that box and used it as a soapbox to challenge us and inspire us and cheer us on to do more; to be more.

You've taught us the importance of story. How we change lives through singing. And we should continually cherish, remember and retell these stories for all to hear.

You have a lot to look back on and be proud of. It's under your watch that 'Everyone in Harmony' grew from a marketing slogan into a reality. We now all have so many choices to enjoy Barbershopping in almost any form, and it's all good.

There have been bumps in the road. Who could have anticipated Covid and

how it would change everything, both short and long term. And that led to financial problems, and the unfortunate fratricidal conflict with HFI.

But now these, too, are behind us.

Thank you for your insight, energy and motivation to make barbershopping what it is today. You've changed our lives, and for the better.

~Paul Martin, Carolinas District, IPP

(Sept 25, 2023)

Thanks Paul!

I really appreciate you taking the time to reflect and write. It's been a wonderful journey, and there is no doubt in my mind that we've opened more hearts and minds to the possibilities all of this barbershopping can provide. It's so exciting!

Thank you for all you've done and encouraged during the same timeframe. It takes a village and I'm extremely fortunate and grateful to have met many wonderful people along the way, like YOU!

Be well,

~Marty

How can we help?

Not certain how or whether to start or end something? Your district has a HUGE body of experience. Please reach out, and we'll get the right people to work with you! And, thank you for reading this far...

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.



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Oct 7 - NSC House of Delegates Meeting on Zoom

<https://www.carolinasdistrict.org/event/nsc-house-of-delegates-zoom-mtg/>

Oct 15 - NSC Zoom BoD Meeting @ 8pm

Nov 4 - Pinehurst Show "Songs for Lovers"

Nov 19 - NSC Zoom BoD Meeting @ 8pm

Dec 15 - Central Carolina Show, "Holiday Music"

Important Links

[Carolinas Barbershop Harmony](#)

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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