



*A Publication of Carolinas Barbershop Harmony*



Membership Stats a/o 7/1/2025: NSC Active Membership: 478  
NSC Registered Active Quartets: 44 / NSC Registered Active Choruses: 30

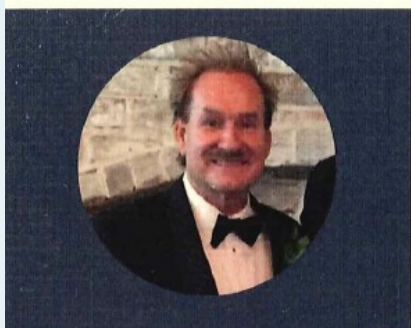
### **It's JULY. It's HOT. Grab a cool one and ENJOY...**

- Welcome our Newest Chorus Director to Wilmington
- BHS International: WE WERE THERE IN DENVER...
- BHS International Spotlight on: EXTRA CREDIT QUARTET
- LHW Lakeside Harmony Weekend-Success! (And a Video Teaser!)
- LHW The Great American Tag Contest
- LHW Just a Great Observation...
- Our Coaching Team is Out There!
- What's Going on with Chapter Support...
- Trader Joe's? Truly?
- Singout in Wilmington
- Request for What, Where, How, When...We know Why
- And last but not least, our trusty **Calendar** of upcoming events

#### DIRECTOR SHOWCASE

### **Wilmington Chapter Welcomes New Director**

The Wilmington Chapter of the Carolinas District (Cape Fear Chordsmen) would like to welcome our new director, Mr. Thurman Lucas.



**Mr. Lucas** comes to us with a vast background in musical education including Welsh University and Nashville Tennessee where he was music department chair and professor; he also was on the directing staff of Lee University where he obtained his Masters in Conducting. He also assumed various positions in the Wilmington North Carolina area hosting church music programs and school music directors before forming his own business, the Wilmington Conservatory of Music. He currently hosts over 300 different students, offering voice lessons along with multiple different instrument

lessons.

The Cape Fear Chordsmen wholeheartedly welcome him into our midst and look forward to years of musical Improvement and variety in the Barbershop Style

# DENVER: What Amazing Talent and Creativity!

Whether you saw them in person, watched live broadcast, or are just awaiting the chance to see the videos...they were all incredible in Denver.

Congratulations to our district for helping such talent make the stage, and for said talent to shine!

- **Extra Credit (Featured this issue)**
- **Knock Knock**
- **Land of the Sky Chorus**

We hope to keep you posted about where/when you can see each of these...so please send info along for when you will be showcasing them on your shows!

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## SPOTLIGHT: BHS INTERNATIONAL 2025

### Extra Credit Quartet

The Upstate SC Chapter **Youth Outreach ambassadors – Extra Credit** – traveled to the Barbershop Harmony Society's (BHS) International Convention in Denver and placed 44th in a field of 65 of the top Quartets from around the world. **Outstanding!**

We are very proud of **Kayla, Amy, Haley and Nate** for their performance achievements as **Carolinas District's Quartet Champions**, and for sharing their talents with Upstate Carolina's Youth.

**Extra Credit** is comprised of four (4) Upstate Carolinas choral directors. Two of them have had their top high school choirs invited to the BHS Midwinter NextGen Chorus Festival in Pasadena, CA in January 2026. The Mauldin Singers are directed by Kayla Fernandes and the Wade Hampton Singers are directed by Amy Moyer. *Great job, Ladies!!!* They will need lots of financial support for this journey.

*~Larry Gilhousen*



**NEXT ISSUE: Spotlight Asheville's Land of the Sky Chorus!**

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## LAKESIDE HARMONY WEEKEND 2025

### LHW WAS AMAZING-AGAIN!!

**Harmony Xplosion and Lakeside Harmony** at Furman University were tremendous successes. Over 60 Youth attended the Harmony Xplosion Camp and some 150 adults

enjoyed the Lakeside Harmony Weekend there. (More to follow on HX)  
Furman's campus was easy, the food great, the learning incredible, the entertainment spectacular! (And there was ice cream and pizza, I heard...) If you were in attendance at **LHW**, we hope it was more than you anticipated!

- 31 Coaching Sessions
- 26 Classroom Sessions
- Saturday Night Show including: Youth Choruses, Extra Credit, Sleep in Time, Boardwalk, Full Effect, Radiant
- Lots of tag-singing and fellowship

~We have sent a **survey** to all attendees and faculty and staff; please take a few minutes to let us know what you thought of the weekend.

~For all who want to review the **classes** they attended, or missed, we are [uploading the presentations \(if available\) Click here](#) for access!

~A **HUGE THANK YOU** is so well deserved for everyone who had a hand in our success!

And now, for just a taste of the weekend, click here or on the image:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/4dGTmCgqqUufoARQ8>



#### LAKESIDE HARMONY WEEKEND 2025

## Inaugural Great American Tag Contest

The 2025 Lakeside Harmony Weekend saw the **first ever Great American Tag Contest!** Quartets were randomly created, sent away to practice a tag of their choice, and scored by their colleagues in the class.

~ Tom Parker

**The 1st Place Winners** were “**Sadder But Wiser**”, who performed a masterful, chilling rendition of the Cry tag, Below, left to right, are **Bob Boone** (Golf Capitol Chorus), **Caleb Sutton** (Sound of Tennessee), **Jim Brown** (Gold Standard Chorus) and **JT Herndon** (Atlanta Vocal Project).



Finishing a close **2nd** was “**Who’s the Lead?**”, sharing a stunning, tender rendition of On the Lone Prairie. Below, left to right, are **Caleb Sutton** (yes the same one!), **Hadia Block** (Heart of Carolina), **Lewis Law** (Palmetto Vocal Project), and **Harv Hobson** (Big Chicken).

Grabbing **3rd place** honors was “**Farewell Stairwell**”, with their high energy version of the Smile tag.

Left to right are **Scott Ellis** (Palmetto Statesmen), **Hadia Block** (yes, another dual winner!), **Jake Overton** (North Georgia Barbershop Singers), and an unfortunately unidentified 4th medalist.







**Quote:**

"Lakeside was a blast! I had lots of fun at the challenging tag classes with Don and others, and everyone was so gracious and happy to sing whenever they could—even in the lobby during intermission!"

~Scott Simmons

MUSIC AND PERFORMANCE TEAM UPDATE

## District Coaching Program

If you're not on the list (yet), contact Tom for more information!

**1 session completed to date in 2025**

- Grand Strand Chapter with Jay Butterfield (April)

**Upcoming sessions**

- Pinehurst Chapter with Gary Plaag (Aug 8,9)
- Men in Harmony (Asheville) with Robert Cox (Sept 17?)
- Men in Harmony with Tom Parker (date TBA)
- Kids at Heart (Charlotte qtet ) with Tom Parker (July 30)
- Oak City Sound (RTP) with Gary Plaag (date TBD)

**Interest shown**

- Grand Strand Chapter
- Wilmington Chapter with Fern Sicilia (?), (date TBD)
- Carolina Harmony Express (W-S based Sr Chorus)

~Tom Parker

CSLT UPDATE

## Chapter Support & Leadership is BUSY

Justin is incredibly busy with his CSLT team!

- CSLT Chapter Visits/Calls upcoming
  - Ken Thomas arranging visit with Brunswick County
  - Ken Thomas arranging visit with Greensboro
  - Phil Wilcox arranging visit with Savannah
  - Justin Slack arranging call with Edenton
  - Justin Slack arranging call with Pinehurst
- Chapter Membership Review (June)
  - Increase of members in Asheville, Jacksonville, and Upstate South Carolina
  - Addition of quartet in Pinehurst - The Backswing Boys

For more information, questions, etc. on what's next, contact Justin Slack

## I Heard a A Rumor about Trader Joe's?

Rumor has it, there will be a FLASH MOB at a Trader Joe's in the next few weeks! We will be certain to bring you details, and hopefully pics and great stories in the next issue! Or so teases Ted Leinbach...

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## Cape Fear Chordsmen Entertain!

Our most recent Assisted Living singout:



## We Can't Do It Without You!

**Literally EVERYTHING** to do with Barbershop includes **TEAMWORK**.

Celebrate! Show Off! Ask Questions!

**IMAGINE...YOU! SPOTLIGHTED HERE!**

Please continue (or begin) sharing your chapter/chorus and quartet stories and pics with us! The Crooner is sent monthly, normally just after the monthly District Board meeting, approximately week 3 every month. So there's plenty of time to get your content to me for the next issue! And thanks to all who send me updates and ideas! **The more we share our stories, ideas and pics, the more excitement there is...and that's just the beginning of success...**

*~Beverly Greene, Editor*

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## Endless Opportunities to Experience our Best!

1. **Chapter Shows:** Upcoming shows are on the calendar below-take a day or a weekend and catch one in person!
2. Let us know when your **rehearsals** are-especially if they'll be outdoors and open-air for everyone to enjoy! We'd love to showcase them here.

### Our Calendar

#### Your Link to Upcoming District and BHS Events



Click the link for the official [District Calendar](#), that includes time and place. Here's a recap of what's scheduled to date. Contact District Secretary **Richard Harris** at

[secretary@carolinasdistrict.org](mailto:secretary@carolinasdistrict.org) to get your **chapter show** cleared for posting to the District calendar, etc.

**Oct 10 -Charlotte Chapter Show, Youth in Harmony Event**

**Oct 18- Winston-Salem Chapter Shows**

**Oct 24 - Central Carolina Chapter Show**

**OCT 25 - NSC House of Delegates Meeting via Zoom**

**Nov 8 - Pinehurst Chapter Show**

**January 13-18, 2026 - BHS Midwinter Convention, Pasadena, CA**

### Important Links

[> Carolinas Barbershop Harmony](#)

[> Barbershop Harmony Society \(BHS\)](#)

[> BHS Free Classes and Tutorials!](#)

[> Previous Carolina Crooners](#)

Please send in letters, photos and comments with your opinions, ideas and experiences to share, and ideas to ponder. **We're always interested in celebrating what it is you are doing** out and about and at your rehearsals!

Beverly Greene, VP Communications

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