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## **NSC NOVEMBER '25 News**

Membership Stats a/o 11/3/2025: NSC Active+Current Membership: 464  
NSC Registered Active Quartets: 40 / NSC Registered Active Choruses: 30

### *November News For All:*

- MidWinter Convention Details - and Deke Sharon in person!
- BHS and HFI Alignment Announcement
- Leadership Academy coming to you on Zoom...it's easy, so join us!
- Did everyone receive the latest Crooner (Even non-members?)
- Spring Convention in WNC in 2026
- Update: Chapter Leadership & Support
- Update: District Coaching
- Update: Youth Activities!
- Please Support our Youth for Midwinter Junior Choruses attending
- Dec 6 - See you in Charleston?
- Year-End Secretarial Duties
- For Seniors, if you didn't click through last month...
- And last but not least, our trusty Calendar of upcoming events-Join Us!

### MIDWINTER FOR NSC AND...

## **Mid-Winter in Pasadena, CA... And Deke!**

NextGen Jr. and Seniors Chorus Invitational, Friday, Jan 16th:

Maverick Chorale - *Juniors* - Singing 6th

Wade Hampton Singers - *Juniors* - Singing 10th

Carolina Harmony Express - *Seniors* - Singing 13th

Seniors Quartet Championship, Saturday, Jan 17th:

Retreads - Singing 11th, Qualifying Score 70.5%

AND...What else can add to this excitement?!! **Deke Sharon !!**  
Deke will lead a reading session and master class for the students attending the Junior Chorus invitational, If you're not familiar with fabulous personality AND his musical genius, [click here and be astounded!](#)

THE BIGGER PICTURE:

## BHS and HFI Align Operations

From the November 6 *LiveWire*:

**The Barbershop Harmony Society and Harmony Foundation International this week announced a significant strategic decision to align operational and legal structures, effective January 1, 2026.** The move builds on months of collaboration by the boards for both organizations to achieve a more mutually beneficial partnership, and creates an optimized framework to better serve our members, chapters and donors. Going forward, Harmony Foundation will become a Type I Supporting Organization of BHS, allowing for a unified vision and execution of our shared mission to bring people together in harmony.

[Click here to read the full article](#) And please consider including BHS/HFI with your annual giving.

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LEADAC-SAVE THE DATE!

## Leadership Academy in January for All Saturday, January 31 - via Zoom

**Our annual LeadAc is pulling together! It's open to EVERYONE, and very strongly recommended for ALL Board Members - especially:**

- anyone who is new to their office
- anyone who hasn't attended before
- anyone who has something they want more info about
- anyone with interesting anecdotes that will help other chapters/officers
- anyone who wants to know more about how NSC works
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***See you on the 31st-more info to follow!***

Contact: [Jessica Cerri](#), LA Dean

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DISTRICT EVENTS/NEWS

## Reminder for Meeting Nights:

Please mention to all your chorus members, that the latest issue of our newsletter, the Crooner, should be in their email! We are aware many do not check their email regularly, but this is one of our important modes of communication. If they are not in receipt of the newsletter, please forward them a copy, and have them contact me if they wish to be added to the mailing list. THANK YOU!!!

~Beverly Greene

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ANNUAL CONVENTION-SAVE THE DATE!

## Spring Convention and Contests

**Save the Date: April 17-18, in Hendersonville, NC**

Of course there's more info to follow...plan on a great time, come strut your stuff for us all to enjoy, stay up late singing, or just sit and enjoy the incredible talent. SEE YOU THERE!

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#### CHAPTER SUPPORT AND LEADERSHIP

## Membership Update!

**November BoD report from Chapter Support reports an increase of members in:** Grand Strand, Pinehurst, Greenville Area, Brunswick County, Upstate South Carolina, Mount Pleasant. Congratulations!

For more information, [Contact Justin Slack, VP CSLT](#)

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#### MUSIC & PERFORMANCE:

## District Coaching Program

**November BoD reports** two more requests for coaching for 2025 or early 2026. This more than doubles the number of coaching events from last year. Congratulations to our great team of coaches! If you wish more details of their experience and/or successes, and to get on their schedule for 2026:

[Contact Tom Parker, VP Music & Performance](#)

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#### YOUTH HAPPENINGS

## Youth Upcoming Events

- **November 25, 2025 – “Real Men Sing” at Davidson County Schools**
  - Winston-Salem Chapter & Carolinas District supporting
- **January 10, 2026 – Harmony Explosion in Pinehurst NC**
  - North Carolina Harmony Brigade is sponsoring & Carolinas District supporting
  - With help from: Tom Parker, Extra Credit Quartet, and Michael Martin (Moore County Schools). Approx 60 students anticipated to attend!
- **January 13-18, 2026 – BHS Midwinter Convention**
  - Two Greenville, SC high school choruses with support from NSC (**Wade Hampton Singers**, directed by Amy Moyer, and the **Maverick Choral** directed by Kayla Fernandez).
- **April 25, 2026 - A Cappella Spring Sing in Winston-Salem NC**
  - Salem Academy and Forecast Quartet are sponsoring
  - Winston-Salem Chapter, Carolinas District, and others supporting
  - Three brand-new custom arrangements of contemporary songs in the barbershop style are in the works; one TTBB, one SATB, one SSAA.
- **July 16-19, 2026 – Harmony Explosion Camp at Lakeside Furman**
  - NSC and SHD joint venture
  - **Confirmed: Teaching Quartets:** Full Effect, Radiant; **Clinician:** Wyatt Carter

~ [Mike Fitch, VP-Youth in Harmony](#)

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#### YOUTH SUPPORT

## Please Support Our Youth at BHS Midwinter!

The **Wade Hampton Singers** directed by Amy Moyer are participating in the

Barbershop Harmony Society's Midwinter Convention NextGen Music Festival in Pasadena, CA the week of January 13-18, 2026. Joining them for the first time will be the **Maverick Chorale** directed by Kayla Fernandes. Both Amy and Kayla are Upstate South Carolina Chapter members, high school music teachers and in the NSC District Champion Quartet **Extra Credit**. The teachers and Upstate youth need lots of financial support for the journey to the BHS Midwinter Convention in Pasadena. To help them and our Chapter's **Youth Outreach** efforts please go online to [www.palmettostatesmen.com](http://www.palmettostatesmen.com). On the website click on **Donate**, then click on **Youth Outreach Fund Donate Now**. Any amount you give will help!

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OUT-AND-ABOUT:

**A DON'T MISS show for the holidays! And what a great excuse to visit Charleston before the season gets too busy..perhaps for a Sleigh Ride? (There's always so much more...)**

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**Bring friends and family to enjoy the Palmetto Vocal Project's dazzling vocals (and a few surprises) that'll have you laughing, tapping your toes, and singing along to the music.**

**December 6 at 3:00pm/Northwood Baptist Church  
2200 Greenridge Rd, North Charleston**



**Tickets \$20, children under 13 free. Use the QR above for tickets**

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ANNUAL CHAPTER UPDATES

## **It's Time: Secretaries, Update Officer Info!**

To all Chapter Secretaries: This is a critical item, a reminder to update the BHS database with your incoming 2026 Board Officers! This *can* be done prior to Jan 1. If questions, please contact [Richard Harris, District Secretary](#).

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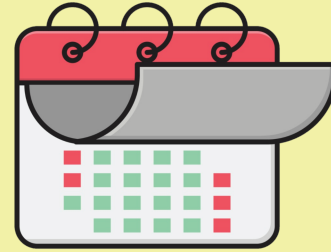
SENIORS RESOURCES

## **Seniors, and Those Who Sing With Seniors...**

In case you missed it last month: The [BHS Senior Singers Resource Page](#), supporting lifelong singing, wellness, and community

## 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, as shown on our website.. Contact District Secretary **Richard Harris** at [secretary@carolinasdistrict.org](mailto:secretary@carolinasdistrict.org) to get your chapter show, etc. cleared for posting to the [District calendar](#), etc.

**Dec 4 - Greensboro Chapter Christmas Show**  
**Dec 6 - Charlotte Chapter "A Cappella Christmas"**  
**Dec 6 - Palmetto Vocal Project "Lowcountry Sleigh Ride"**  
**Dec 10 - Wilmington Christmas Show**  
**Dec 16 - Research Triangle Park Christmas Show**  
**January 13-18, 2026 - BHS Midwinter Convention, Pasadena, CA**  
**Jan 31 - Leadership Academy - (via Zoom) - NSC,SUN**  
**April 17-19 - NSC Annual Convention and Contests, Hendersonville NC**  
**June 28 - July 5 - BHS International Convention, St. Louis MO**  
**July 16-19 - Lakeside Harmony & Harmony Explosion Camp, Furman U**

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## Important Links

[> Carolinas Barbershop Harmony](#)

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

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

[> Previous Carolina Crooners](#)

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**WANT MORE? SEND US YOUR NEWS TO SHARE, EDUCATE, HELP, AND CELEBRATE!!!** 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!

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