

THE Sunburst



QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER OF THE SUNSHINE DISTRICT BARBERSHOP HARMONY SOCIETY

Three and a Half Men Grab Gold!

International Quartet Champions

— Cleveland, 2024 —

Tony De Rosa Earns
Record-setting 5th Gold Medal
in Cleveland!



Heralds of Harmony
International Chorus Silver Medalists

— Cleveland, 2024 —



Suite Life

NextGen Varsity Quartet
second place honors and
winners of the
139th Street Legacy Prize Award

President's Message

Bruce Checca

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Our Fall Schedule is fast approaching!

Boy, does time fly! Here it is the beginning of August already, and Labor Day Jamboree and District convention will be here before we know it!

LDJ will once again be held at the Omni at ChampionsGate over the Labor Day weekend, and as always, a great time will be had by everybody! The show talent will be stellar, and the chance to mingle with old friends and make some new ones is always welcome! Grab your tickets now!

Fall District Convention will take place in St. Augustine at the World Golf Village Renaissance October 18-20th. The best our

District has to offer will be on parade, and competing as well! Your best chance to mingle with old friends and make a few new ones as well...not to mention sing a few tags!

In the past, the dates for our conventions may have varied due to availability of hotels, but the District has set new policy that our convention dates will be the first weekend in May and the 3rd weekend in October going forward from now on. This should allow you to better schedule your participation ...and we DO want to see all of you there!

Looking forward to getting together again!
Bruce Checca



Message from Education VP

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Hello Sunshine District! It has been quiet on the training front. I am asking all chapters to have some planning meetings and assess your board and chapter for opportunities that will 1) determine if your chapter needs some training or support from the district and 2) determine if your chapter can help support district youth events like Harmony Explosion or a youth event hosted by your chapter. The district leadership is here to help you.

In order to assist your chapter in a small way, I can arrange for a director workshop for your chapter. The workshop last 6 to 8 hours and includes coaching and practice directing, and

a director collaboration session. The cost is \$75 per director. Please have your president, secretary or director contact me for more information. Workshops are open to all chapter directors and assistant directors, or whoever is waving their arms in front of the chorus.

2024-5 LEADAC will be held by Zoom Meeting possibly as early as December 2024. More information to come.

If you have any questions, please email me at leadac@sunshinedistrict.org

VP of Communications & IT

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The Sunshine District was certainly represented well at the 2024 International Convention!

Three and a Half Men, our 2023 Sunshine District Quartet Champions, have taken the gold medal in Cleveland, OH. They scored a total of 6794 points or an average of 94.4%! Notably, that gold medal was Tony De Rosa's record setting 5th gold medal. Well done Tony! Will son Joseph De Rosa continue and/or surpass his father's success? Stay tuned Sunshine District.

In the NextGen Varsity Quartet competition, Suite Life took second place honors with a score of 1432 points or an average of 79.6%. The quartet also won the 139th Street Legacy Prize Award which includes a check for \$10,000.

In the Chorus competition, the Heralds of Harmony took home Silver medals, scoring 2251 points or an average of 93.8%.

Also in the International Quartet Competition, Wildfire, placed 24th with a score of 1963 points or an average of 81.8%

Score sheets for the International Convention are available [HERE](#).

I wanted you all to know that after many years of being the VP for Communications & IT for Sunshine District, I will be stepping down at the

end of 2024. It has been my honor to work with the great gentlemen and ladies of the Sunshine District and the Board of Directors. Thank you all for your great support over the years. You have made the job very fulfilling for me. My wife and I are spending more and more time traveling the world and residing at our home in Scotland. Plus, I feel it is time for younger talent to address the communications needs of the District going forward.

Since the Spring Convention, I have been working with Jason Dearing, President of the Big Orange Chorus who is transitioning into the role of VP of Communications & IT for the district. Jason is pro-active, enthusiastic very technically competent and a great guy. I know that he will be an asset for Sunshine District and the Board of Directors going forward. Welcome Jason!

If you attended International Convention and have picture or videos that you took while there and are willing to share them, please be sure to forward them to our Social Media team at social.media@sunshinedistrict.org. Also, if you have chapter annual shows or other performances that you would like to spread the word about, please send the information to our Social Media team as well.





Labor Day Jamboree is Aug 30-Sep 2!

**Omni Orlando Resort at Championsgate
1500 Masters Boulevard
Championsgate, FL 33896**

Join us for the long weekend, enjoy the world-class Omni Orlando Resort, and hear some of the best barbershop quartets in the world.

This year's shows feature:

- ***Three and a Half Men***
- ***The Ladies***
- ***Tofu Concern***
- ***and more!***

LDJ Information is [HERE!](#)



Join us for Harmony Platoon at the Fall 2024 SUN Convention:

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- ♪ CHARTS and all LEARNING TRACKS for 6 songs (every part predominant and full mix).
- ♪ More QUARTET SINGING than you ever have ever done at a convention (before Platoon came along).
- ♪ A quality QUARTET CHALLENGE that is exciting, fun, and memorable.
- ♪ NEW FRIENDS from all over the Sunshine District who can't wait to sing with YOU!
- ♪ Deluxe color-coded Harmony Platoon LANYARD to locate other HP singers ALL WEEKEND.



Go to <https://www.barbershop.org/events/harmony-platoon>
for more information and to sign up.

Title	Arranger	Contestable	Track Artist	Note
<i>Required Songs. Must Learn All Four.</i>				
Beyond the Sea	Kevin Javier	Yes!	Kksounds.com	Bobby Darin iconic song – and contestable!
I Don't Mind Being All Alone	BHS	Show	BHS (Tim Waurick)	Fun classic @ 1926
Let the Rest of the World Go By	Kirk Roose	Yes!	BHS (old school "masked singer")	Classic that Yesteryear turned gold in 1997, @1919
I'm Beginning to See the Light	Marshall Webb	Yes!	Drewwheaton.com	Platinum gold in 2007
<i>Bonus Challenge Song (Difficult)</i>				
It is Well with My Soul	David Harrington	Show	Studiosh.com	Platoon's first ever tenor melody.
<i>Very Challenging, Very Optional BONUS Song</i>				
Favorite Pair of Pants	Dominick Finetti & Will Lynch	Yes!	KKSounds.com	Brand new song!



Chapter Happenings

Venice Gondoliers

by Lee Frayer

After more than 45 years of directing Barbershop type choises Lee Frayer a 57 year Barbershopper and Sunshine District Hall of fame has stepped aside from the long time directing of the Venice Gondoliers to let a younger, talented Gloria Julius take over.

In addition to countless competition mic tester

choruses Lee has directed nine different chapter choruses both the men and the ladies. Said he liked directing the ladies most of all. Tee hee.

Originally a long time front line comedy quartet guy Lee said at 86 he's not done yet. Now it's on to just singing with the chorus and chapter quartets and maybe a little coaching on the side.

He still believes that barbershop singing is a way of life and not just a hobby.



Sarasota Chorus of the Keys

by Roger Murphy

Sarasota Chorus of the Keys Awards College Scholarships to Local High School Seniors

The Sarasota Chorus of the Keys recently awarded Sheridan E. Brown Memorial Scholarships for 2024 to two (2) high school seniors who have demonstrated outstanding musical achievement. Chorus President Ken Rear announced that over \$6000 in college scholarships have been awarded to Troy Ashby of Sarasota High School and Caleb Blocker of Riverview High School.

The Sarasota Chorus of the Keys, a chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society, is



celebrating its 75th anniversary in 2024 and has been entertaining Suncoast area residents with four-part a cappella harmony since 1949. The Chorus has been awarding college scholarships to deserving students for more than twenty years. More information about the Chorus is available at: www.chorusofthekeys.org.



NEAT! quartet (Jamie Lynn Sutton Gilliam, Jack Voorhies, Josh Gilliam and Chris Barthauer), with members from Toast of Tampa Show Choir, Heralds of Harmony, Heart of Florida Chorus and the Hernando Harmonizers, performed The Star Spangled Banner for The Tampa Bay Rays May 21st game against The Boston Red Sox!

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Three University of Miami Frost School of Music students (left to right: Sammy Strent, Jacques Yarris, and Jason Fieler) at Labor Day Jamboree 2023.



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