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YOUR HOT *August* News

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**JUST A NOTE:
OUR DISTRICT IS NOW 519 MEMBERS STRONG!
CONGRATS TO US ALL!**

MIDWINTER OVER 55 OPPORTUNITY

Don't Miss Your Chance! Sing With Us at Midwinter in San Antonio

The Winston-Salem Chapter's "Seniors" chorus has qualified to sing at the Midwinter International Seniors Chorus Championship in San Antonio next January! We had our first mixed group rehearsal last Saturday, and the 38(!) of us loved it! We are looking for other "seniors" to join as we begin our journey.

Here are some particulars:

- To compete in a "seniors" chorus you must be at least **55 years old** as of the Midwinter contest date of January 31, 2025.
- **Robert Cox is our director**; Our contest songs are **Mountain Music** (Jon Nicholas) and **Trout Don't Live in Ugly Places** (Larry Triplett).
- **Monthly Saturday rehearsals** will be: September 28, October 26, November 16, December 14, January 11, and maybe January 25, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (no lunch break) at Fries Moravian Church in Winston-Salem.
- You will ultimately have to be a member of the Winston-Salem Chapter,

but we will worry about this stuff later.

There is still time to join us! Please email triadharmonyexpress@gmail.com or call Ted Leinbach at [704-519-5428](tel:704-519-5428). Come join the fun!



NSC CHAPTER SUPPORT

Where To Find Your Chapter Support Rep?

The Charlotte and Winston-Salem choruses, Gold Standard Chorus and Triad Harmony Express respectively, held an Inter-Chapter Mtg in Salisbury NC on Mon Aug 12 in preparation for their 2 upcoming joint shows. The evening was full of good fellowship, laughs, and good, solid 4-part harmony, under the direction of Rob Hopkins and Robert Cox. The shows are Sat Sept 21 in Mooresville, and Sat Oct 5 in Winston-Salem, both offering free admission.

I am planning a trip to the coast in November to visit chapters in that area. If you'd like to find out more about what is Chapter Support, contact Tom!

~[Tom Parker](#), VP-Chapter Support

LHW: LAKESIDE HARMONY WEEKEND

Another Amazing Clemson Weekend!

Another amazing weekend is in the record books! LHW was definitely a huge hit, based on our follow-up survey and conversations. We received glowing reports on the classes and "extra-curricular" activities. (Not so much on the food, but it wasn't that bad...and there was ice cream, after all.)

We can't express enough how important is the growth, learning and experiences of the "wider world of barbershop" to all who attended. Plan now on joining us next time!

If you wish to know more, contact [Jason Kekas](#) or [Jeff Osborne](#)! And if you haven't yet responded to our survey request, please do so, and THANK YOU!

YOUTH IN HARMONY

Upstate Chapter Youth in Harmony Donation

The Upstate SC Chapter provided stipends of \$100 per student to the choral departments of 17 youth who attended the Carolinas (NSC) and Southeastern District (SED) Harmony Xplosion (HX) Camp at Clemson

University held on July 25-28, 2024. A total of 67 youth attended the HX so the Upstate was well represented. Schools receiving the donations are Emerald High School Chorus, Woodruff High School Chorus, Wade Hampton High School Chorus, one "Home School" program and Mauldin High School Chorus.

Many thanks to the *Carolina Blend* and *Partners in Rhyme* Quartets and to the *Palmetto Statesmen* who donate to the Chapter's YIH fund!

~[Larry Gilhousen](#), President, *The Palmetto Statesmen*

Below: HX Saturday Night!



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DISTRICT COACHING

Want to Enjoy Singing Even More?

Do you want help in making barbershop more fun at your chapter or in your quartet? One approach to getting help with that is to arrange to have one of the district's talented coaches come work with your group. The cost is only \$50 toward the expense of bringing in a coach. We expect that the coach will be willing to accept a modest stipend and is able to drive to your location. If you want to take advantage of this NSC program, contact Rob Hopkins, NSC Music and Performance VP, at rghopkins@verizon.net or call [315 272-8318](tel:315-272-8318). Rob can help you find a coach to meet your needs.

Also, there is still time to take advantage of the opportunity to have a professional choral conductor come to your chapter meeting and work with your director and provide your chorus members an opportunity to learn more about how improved conducting gestures and techniques can help everyone enjoy their hobby even more. Retired Professor of Choral Activities Don Campbell can visit your chapter and work with your director. The cost the chapter is \$100 and providing overnight housing to Dr. Don if necessary (and that can be at the home of a Barbershopper). The chapter also needs to agree to video record the session. All other costs will be covered by the District. Again, if you're interested, contact [Rob Hopkins](#) .

~[Rob Hopkins](#), NSC VP for Music and Performance

CLASSROOM TEACHINGS

Care of the Senior Voice

At Clemson, Dr. Don Campbell taught a class, "Care of the Senior Voice". He

has been gracious enough to share his notes in the form of a pdf, which you can [read or download on our website now](#). Check it out!

MEMBERSHIP IDEAS

Cape Fear "Launches" T-Shirts for Visitors

The Cape Fear Chordsmen Came up with a program to provide visitors with a t- shirt to commemorate their visit!

The slogan came from the members: suggestions were taken, a list generated, then voted on: "I LOVE to SING em, I LOVE to RING 'em". We plan on giving out a t-shirt to any guest that comes to visit the Cape Fear Chordsmen, using a space right after break where we bring up the guest and "launch" the t-shirt with lots of fanfare, safety glasses, and their OK, of course.

These pictures are from our first night and it was well received. The program was designed by our EVP Louis Petroni. For more information contact the Ken Thomas (President) at (bsa787@gmail.com) or Louis Petroni (EVP) at (bondjames8ond@gmail.com)



LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

Mark Your Calendars for the Latest at LA!

We've scheduled our 2025 Leadership Academy for Saturday, Feb 8, via Zoom.

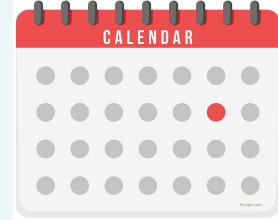
- Everyone is invited for Saturday morning stimulation and knowledge acquisition!
- Classes will be held for all major Board positions-but ALL are welcome to see what it's all about, what interests them!
- Chapter officers are expected to take their respective officer courses if they have not taken it in the last five (5) years.
- Tentatively, Steve Denino, Acting CEO of BHS, will be giving the Keynote Address
- Additional classes of interest will be offered..we'll keep you updated here!

For more information, contact [Bob Boone](#), Dean Leadership Academy

The Calendar

Your Link to Upcoming District Events and Chapter Shows

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 **Justin Slack** at secretary@carolinasdistrict.org to get your chapter show cleared for posting to the District calendar, etc.



Sept 15 - **September NSC BoD meeting** via Zoom
Sept 21 - **Gold Standard Chorus "Hills, Hollers & Harmonies"** Mooresville
Sept 28 - **Greensboro Tarheel Chorus Show** - Greensboro NC
Oct 5 - **Winston-Salem Chorus "Hills, Hollers & Harmonies"** - W-S
Oct 19 - **NSC Hours of Delegates Meeting (HoD)** via Zoom
Nov 2 - The **Golf Capital Chorus "Show Songs for all Seasons"**- Southern Pines, NC
Jan 28-Feb 2 - **BHS Midwinter Convention** - San Antonio, TX
Feb 8 - **Leadership Academy** - NSC District via Zoom
April 4-5, 2025 - **2025 NSC Convention** - Pinehurst, NC

Important Links

> [Carolinas Barbershop Harmony](#)

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

> [HU Warmup Series on YouTube](#)

> [Previous Carolina Crooners](#)

Please send in letters, photos and comments with your opinions, ideas and experiences to share, and ideas to ponder. We hope to see you in Pinehurst...stop by and say hello!

Yours in Harmony,

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