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## **NEW QUARTET PRELIM EVENT – APRIL 30th, 2022 - TACOMA, WA**

With the change in plans regarding the Division IV convention not being able to hold a quartet Prelim contest, there was a lack of opportunity for Evergreen District quartets to qualify within the District for the upcoming International quartet contest in Charlotte, NC. This has now been remedied!!

Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 30, 2022! A few chapters around the Seattle area, led by the Bellevue Chapter, will be hosting a 1-day quartet qualification event. This will be a relatively light event, with room for 8 quartets only. No choruses, no post-contest evaluations, just sing and score. Audience members are welcome and encouraged to join us. Guest registration/tickets details will be available at a later date.

Details are still in the works, but the day will be fairly simple:

**Location:** Stadium High School - 111 North E Street Tacoma, Washington 98403

**Schedule:** Session 1 at noon followed by Session 2 at 6 pm

Lots of singing, dinner, afterglow, and fellowshiping throughout the other hours of the day. If you are a quartet wanting to perform, please contact either Sean Kelly at [स्कelly83@gmail.com](mailto:स्कelly83@gmail.com) or Ken Potter at [mohken@aol.com](mailto:mohken@aol.com) **NO LATER THAN FRIDAY APRIL 8th, 2022.**

There is a minimal \$25/quartet member registration (\$100 total per quartet). Any quartet within the Evergreen District, from Anchorage to Ashland, Bellevue to Billings, and even in Western Canada, are welcome to join, as well as all quartet alignments (all-male, mixed voices, all-female), so long as all members are active members of the Barbershop Harmony Society.

Four songs will be expected of each quartet, to be sung in 2 separate sessions. Note that, while we are accepting requests to perform from all quartets, because of the limited schedule, priority for this contest will be given to quartets that have the goal of qualifying to attend the BHS International Convention in Charlotte, NC. Additional quartets will be granted a spot according to the order of request.

As COVID 19 continues to impact lives around us, we will be following guidance and requiring all attendees to show either proof of COVID 19 vaccination or a negative PCR test within 72 hours of the event. Please be ready to show this proof upon arrival.

More details to follow, hope to see you there! **Sean Kelly and Ken Potter**

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### **AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM EVERGREEN EVP – BILL HICKMAN**

#### **What Is Your Purpose?**

In the December issue of the Timbre, I suggested that you pose two questions to your board or to your members. The questions were “What Do We Want?” and “What Do We Need?” These were not mundane questions; they were questions designed to start a conversation.

You see, whether we are merely singers on the risers, section leaders, or even a member of the music team or board, we all share a common goal. We want to make our Chapter/Chorus/Ensemble better. Experience tells us that beating people with music stands is probably counterproductive to that goal, but since most of us are not in leadership positions or trained leaders, how can we help? Believe it or not, the answer is quite simple.

There are two, and only two, skills necessary to become a better leader than you are at this moment. They are simple and require no election to a chapter position or training other than that which you learned as a child. These all-important skills are the skill of Asking Questions and the skill of Listening to Answers.

Used properly these skills do precisely what I was aiming at with my questions last month. They are intended to start a conversation. Many “leaders” assume that they are supposed to know the answer to any problem that may arise. Unfortunately, even with years of experience and even deep training in a given field, it is impossible for anyone person to know everything. That is why the leadership skills I am sharing this

month are so important.

You may not know the answer, but if you ask the right question, it is highly probable that someone in your group knows the answer or how to find it. That is why the second skill, that of listening to the answer is so important. If we listen with the sense that we already know the answer, we are not going to hear what the other person really said. So, Ask Questions and Listen to the Answers. Our attitude in listening is critical. We need to hear what someone actually says, not what we expect to hear.

This month I will pose a different question – What is your Chapter/Chorus/Ensemble's Purpose? In a wonderful book entitled The Wisdom of Teams, authors Jon Katzenbach and Douglas Smith say that every successful team, be it a sports team or a business team, has one and only one thing in common: They have a sense of shared purpose. In the barbershop world, this can be to get on the international contest stage, to entertain local senior centers, or even to support Harmony Explosion.

The purpose doesn't matter. What DOES matter is that you have one and that it is shared by all the members of the group. So, I ask again, what is your purpose? If you cannot easily answer that question by yourself, pose it to your Board or your membership. It is another question designed to start a conversation. Ask the question and listen to the answer. You might be pleasantly surprised.

If you need help, call me. I am at your service.

[Email Bill](#)

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Attention Marketing VP's....

I am inviting **Chapter Marketing VPs** to join me in a conversation about your Marketing plans and any marketing issues you face. This is a time to get acquainted, discuss and brainstorm the issues you face in real-time. This is not a lecture or a seminar it is a conversation.

The meeting is free and only requires your time, an open mind, and a desire to share your ideas, needs, and concerns. Once I receive your registration request, I will send the Zoom link and password.

**Meeting: April 23, 2022**

**Time: 10am -11:30am (PST)**

**Venue: ZOOM**

Max. Participants: 12 Register: via Email

If your chapter doesn't have a Marketing VP you can register an interested member. I look forward to meeting you.

Greg Kronlund

[Email](#)

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## Save the Date

Hi this is David Dobson from the Tualatin Valley Harmony Masters and thanks to the AIC Outreach with the funding help from Harmony Foundation, we have booked the 2017 International Champs Main Street) to come to Our Cabaret on September 24<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm, They will also give an extra day for community Outreach in ....(local High & Middle schools.

This is going to be a great weekend and a real energizer for the TVHM and the Local community) And it's free to the (TVHM) That's a good deal!

Thanks, AIC and HFI We can't wait.





Hello, Choruses and Quartets!

Harmony College Northwest is now open for registration ([www.harmonycollege.org](http://www.harmonycollege.org)) and on Saturday, June 18th, at the end of a day filled with amazing classes and presentations, we'll once again present a fabulous show to celebrate our barbershop art form!

As the 2022 Show Chair, I'm writing to tell you about an opportunity to perform on this year's show! Here's what you need to know:

- The show will be approximately 90 minutes long, featuring ten choruses and ten quartets from the Pacific Northwest, plus a couple of headlining quartets from afar.
- Upload your video of one (1) song to YouTube (publish it for public viewing).
- Send the link to your YouTube video to me at the email shown below.
- The deadline for submitting your video is May 17. If you have one available now, go ahead and send it. This will give our producer the time needed to put together a fabulous, seamless show.

If you have any questions, please contact me at the email shown below. This is going to be another stellar show, and I am sure looking forward to seeing all of the performances!

In harmony,  
Kathy Scheel  
HCNW 2022 Show Chair  
[Email Kathy](#)

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### Harmony College Northwest Update

We have not one, but two incredible weekends of barbershop education lined up. To give our students more options, we're spreading our class sessions over two weekends: June 10-11 and June 17-18, concluding with a fabulous virtual evening show on Saturday, June 18. This year's online program will once again offer classes tailored to your needs, including music leaders, chapter leaders, riser singers, and quartets.

Our ever-popular Arrangers Workshop will be held Thursday to Friday of the second weekend (June 16-17), and this separate program is limited to 50 students.



We're finalizing faculty and schedules now. Registration for both programs will open on April 18, so be sure to keep an eye on our Facebook page ([facebook.com/HarmonyCollegeNW](https://facebook.com/HarmonyCollegeNW)) and our website for more information: [harmonycollege.net](https://harmonycollege.net).

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## Mel's Glow (a celebration of life)

Will be held for Mel Knight at 1PM, Saturday, May 28, 2022 (Memorial Weekend) at 4825 NE Starr Blvd, Hillsboro.

Alumni from the Lebanon High Jazz Ensemble (stage band) will play some of Mel's compositions under the direction of Susie Jones, and of course there will be barbershop galore. Mel's son, Cory will be singing with Over Time.

Feel free to send a FB message or better yet, shoot Mel's daughter Erin an email: [backbeat12@gmail.com](mailto:backbeat12@gmail.com).



Everyone's invited, but expect to see:

Lebanon High Jazz Ensemble (stage band), Cascade Chorus, Oregon Senateaires, Bridgetown Sound, QCED Chorus, PDX Voices and InVoice Quartet.

Mel Knight, baritone, was born in 1934 and has been a member of the Barbershop Harmony Society since 1961. He won the Evergreen District quartet championship with The Cascade Connection in 1982 and directed the Eugene, Oregon chorus to district championships in 1982 and 1983. He also directed the Cascade Chorus to an 8th place finish in the 1983 International competition in Seattle. He is a Music Judge, arranger and coach and was the Society's Director of Music Education from 1988-1994. Mel is in the Evergreen District Hall of Fame.

We lost him on 8/24/21 at the age of 86.



The Vancouver Thunderbird Chorus proudly presents its 70ish Anniversary Celebration highlighted by the championship Lions Gate Chorus, our own 2nd Inversion Quartet, the Thunderbird Chorus, and featuring from Stockholm Sweden the 2012 World Champion Quartet, The Ringmasters.

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