

# CHAPTER LEADER NEWS

Building Relationships Between Chapter and District Leaders

April 15, 2024

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**Bill Hickman**  
**EVG - District President**

## PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT

**April 2024**

How's your term as president going? Are you doing what you planned to do? If so, great! If not, it might be time to figure out why. Do you need to rethink the plan or are other factors holding you back?

The easiest way to figure this out is to ask questions. Start with your board members and later branch out to your members. There are three questions that you can ask to get a conversation started. They are:

***What's going well in the chapter?***

***What's not going well in the chapter?***

***What could be done better?***

The trick is to listen very carefully to the answers you receive and then to ask follow-up questions based on what you hear. I have taught these questions in leadership workshops for decades and in every instance the result of these non-threatening questions is a conversation during which a great deal of new information will surface. Try it and I guarantee you will like it!  
I am at your service. Bill

## PRESIDENTS ZOOM MEETINGS

**4th Sunday - each month**

Bill Hickman is inviting you to the next President's Call Zoom meeting.

The meetings are scheduled for the fourth Sunday of each month  
at 7:00 PM Pacific Time.

**Join Zoom Meeting:**

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88132547633?  
pwd=UGQ3eE5CYzIDZFFxUFV5RXVCQkhudz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88132547633?pwd=UGQ3eE5CYzIDZFFxUFV5RXVCQkhudz09)

Meeting ID: 881 3254 7633  
Passcode: 229613

# Chapter Leader Tasks

<https://evgdistrict.com/chapterleaders/>

## April

- **Chapter secretaries:** Please update your current chapter leaders on the society website. The link is: <https://members.barbershop.org/s/article/Chapter-Profile-How-to-Add-or-Update-Chapter-Leaders> .
- Remind your Chapter Treasurer to file any necessary Federal forms (ie, IRS Form 990-N E-Postcard filing is required by May 15 or CRA Form filings). (Pres)
- Remind your Chapter Treasurer to report to the board once the filing is completed (Pres)
- Remind Annual Financial Review Committee that their review must be filed by the Chapter Secretary by May 15th through the Chapter Profile in the BHS Member Center. (Pres)

## MAY

- Receive the report from the Annual Financial Review Committee, post a copy for membership to review, give a copy to the Chapter Secretary for the record, and review with the Treasurer. (Pres)
- Receive from the Treasurer a copy of the acknowledgement of the Federally Required Forms (ie, IRS 900-N E-Postcard filing other IRS 900 Return, or CRA required forms). (Pres)
- Receive a copy of the Annual Financial Review. Post to your Chapter Profile in the BHS Member Center (Compliance Filings and Reports), and file in chapter's official record. Keep for a minimum of seven years. (Sec)
- File IRS or CRA required forms by May 15th. Provide copy to President and Secretary. (Treas)
- Review with the President the Annual Financial Review. (Treas)

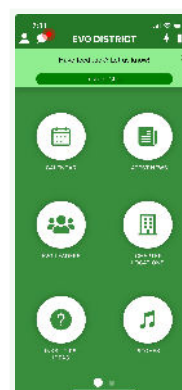
## EVG DISTRICT APP

GET THE LATEST NEWS - EVG CALENDAR  
FIND A CHAPTER - GET A PITCH  
and MORE!

for smartphones - tablets - computers

FREE! It is our own APP!

Get your chapter members connected!



### SHOW CLEARANCE - USING THE APP

You can accomplish much of your Show Clearance procedure using the EVG District App... Just Open- Click- Check - Click

1. Open the app
2. Click the Links-Tips - Ideas button
3. Check what's Inside the button..
4. Click the Show Clearance Link...

Download the app today...Get started at [evgdistrict.com](https://evgdistrict.com)

## HCNW Scholarships

Cruise on the Scholar Ships to HCNW ....

With registration for Harmony College Northwest (HCNW) opening, we also have the season where some members would like to attend but may not be able to afford to. We have good news!

There are three pools of scholarship funding available for attendees at HCNW. The Bud Leabo Memorial Fund (BLMF) has provided HCNW scholarships to Evergreen members for years and continues again this year. Check out the [BLMF web site](#) for application instructions.

HCNW itself has a new capability of providing scholarships and allows additional applicants. Email ([michael.g.sheldon@gmail.com](mailto:michael.g.sheldon@gmail.com)) to request a scholarship form.

And finally, the Chapter Development director for the Evergreen district also has a budget for scholarships. Chapter development scholarships focus on programs that individuals will then take back to their respective chapters focused on membership recruiting/orientation/retention, director development, section leader training, and community outreach opportunities and other topics. Apply through BLMF noting your chapter development focus.

Please apply to just one of these organizations for your scholarship opportunity. The groups will coordinate to assure that we provide as many scholarships as possible with the available funding.  
Chris Powell, EVG Secretary, BLMF Chairman

## NEW - CHAP CHAT

### Chap Chat: Say that Fast Five times...

District Communications team unveils a new tool inside the **EVG District App** allowing chapters to share upcoming events like Open auditions, Family and Friends Night, a Charity Gig – Service to community, even fun chapter activities.

It's **Chap Chat**, allowing a brief description and a picture. It's located on your main app screen.

1. **Chap Chat** may ask you to accept notifications; please allow.

1. Click on the **New Message** button... add description and upload image...

3. There's a place for the communications team to **reply**... and others "like" your entry...

4. When you receive a reply... Go back to **Chap Chat**, click on the small comment icon, scroll down to see the reply.

Don't hesitate to post your chapter activities for our publications and calendar. Remember, shows must be pre-approved, but your chapter activities do not.

District goal: **Chapters In Action—Members In Action** and **District in Action**. To acknowledge your chapter's value, we need to know your activities to share them with the rest of the district.

## HFI - AIC Outreach Grants



Hi Friends!

Besides our donor direct checks going out to chapters, the district and brigades (last year was \$650,000), the month of April has been busy! HFI has continued its partnership with the Association of International Champions with the AIC Outreach Program. HFI was able to send **Masterpiece** to Salem on April 5-6 and **Quorum** to Portland on April 12-13. It's been a wildly successful and impactful program that has touched the lives of THOUSANDS of young people all over North America... and their parents and local music educators.

Harmony Foundation AIC Outreach grants cover everything:

**Airfare for quartet -- Hotel -- Venue Rental -- Food / T-shirts for kids**  
· If something costs \$, we pay for it

Most chapters do not have \$7,000 - \$10,000 to bring an international quartet champ and run an outreach program like this for kids: *they need financial help!* To our current donors who made these events happen, thank you! To the EVG folks on the fence about joining us, be part of the solution. Ask me how.

-Donny, (253) 241-5616, [Drose@HarmonyFoundation.org](mailto:Drose@HarmonyFoundation.org)



## CHAPTER DEVELOPMENT



**Bob Cox**  
EVG - Chapter  
Development

[bcox5578@comcast.net](mailto:bcox5578@comcast.net)

Recruiting isn't the only element of Chapter Development. Chapter Development includes community outreach, director development, quality singing by all performance groups within the organization, and having a solid and functioning administrative and music team. All of these need to work together through idea sharing, established and agreed upon plans and programs, and most importantly open communications. If any of these elements are missing, your success and growth will be limited.

Acknowledging your members for their special contributions when they happen will result in their future support.

Listen to what your members are saying, asking, or doing. Quality leaders are in touch with their teams on a regular basis, not just on meeting or rehearsal night.

Having a weekly published plan will result in more productive rehearsals and meetings. Plan your Work and Work your Plan. Meet after rehearsal and ask yourselves - what went well and what could use improvement? Then Reset your Plan for the next gathering.

I guarantee you that if you work on improving those simple elements of success, your support and growth will happen almost instantly.

The District Chapter Development Team is here to help. Don't hesitate to reach out to us with questions or assistance. We are as close a phone call, text, or email.

## EVG - Barbershopper of the Year

Nominations are still open for Evergreen District Barbershopper of the Year. Any EVG member in good standing who has made a significant contribution to the Barbershop Harmony Society, predominately at the district level, is eligible. It takes just a minute to nominate someone through the form on the EVG website:

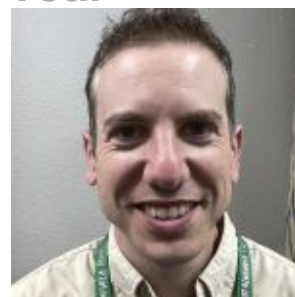
**Deadline is Saturday, May 18th.**

Nomination Form is on:

[evgdistrict.com/barbershopper-of-the-year/](http://evgdistrict.com/barbershopper-of-the-year/)

If you have questions, send me an email:

[mal@evgdistrict.com](mailto:mal@evgdistrict.com)



**Duncan Gilman**  
EVG - Member-at-Large

**HCNW is CELEBRATING EVERGREEN!**



Make your plans now to attend HCNW. Registration costs go up after May 13th. We have 16 quartets and 2 choruses signed up for coaching sessions this year! That translates into one fantastic Saturday Night Show featuring our own quartets and choruses..... and our EVG special headliner quartet is **Metzin' Around!!**

Singers are signing up to be part of the 2024 HCNW Chorus! Come sing with them.

**[www.harmonycollege.net](http://www.harmonycollege.net)**

HCNW Harmony Platoon & Arrangers Workshop = June 13-14th




**Harmony College Northwest - Registration is Open!!**  
**Coaching and PVIs are available!**


Harmony College Northwest

**A weekend of premier  
music education for the  
Pacific Northwest**

Coaching and classes for

- Full choruses
- Quartets
- Individuals

 **June 14-16**

 **University of Puget Sound**

Register now: [harmonycollege.net](http://harmonycollege.net)

A photograph of a group of people, mostly men, standing on a stage. They are wearing blue shirts. A large circular logo for Harmony College Northwest (HCNW) is overlaid on the image. The logo is green and blue with a treble clef and the text 'HARMONY COLLEGE NORTHWEST' and 'HCNW'.

## STAR HARMONY & PANDA EXPRESS

Star Harmony Chorus has been looking for ways to raise funds for our young chapter. As the Marketing and Public Relations Chair, I've been working to grow our social media presence, both on Facebook and on Instagram. One of our strategies has been to follow other choruses in both SAI and BHS. By interacting with other choruses on a daily basis, I noticed that quite a few choruses in California were hosting a Panda Express online fundraiser.

I researched the fundraising opportunities, which were online and in person, and we determined that the online fundraiser was the best option for our chorus. We submitted a

request to Panda Express for April 5. When followers placed an online order, anywhere in the US, using our fundraising code, Star Harmony would receive 28% of all online sales.

The Panda Express fundraiser netted \$283 for our chapter. One of the keys to making this event successful is to have all members share the fundraiser on their social media pages and by emailing friends and family. Most of our chapter members are not avid social media users, and this resulted in less funding for our chapter. A large chorus with active social media users could have great success with this fundraiser. You can learn more and sign up at <https://community.pandaexpress.com/fundraisers>

Janie Best, Star Harmony Chorus, Marketing and Public Relations

## MUTINY ON THE RISERS



Greg Kronlund  
EVG - Communications

The President was positive, the Secretary was confident, and the Treasurer was certain. They discussed it at every meeting, every afterglow, and every sing-out. Even with all this communication, the chapter seemed stagnant. The President, more puzzled than ever, decided to sort this issue out once and for all.

On Tuesday night, the president announced from the risers, "If you believe our chorus is a community singing group, stand over there... and if you think we're a competition chorus, stand over here with me."

The singers stepped off the risers and joined the appropriate side. As the president looked around, he saw the singers were on one side of the room, while he, the secretary, and the treasurer were on the other side.

Of course, you see the flaws and the assumptions made. Only the three executive officers were discussing their understanding of the chorus's purpose. They failed to include their members in the process.

All chapter leaders and members must communicate in unison for better harmony.

## EVG DISTRICT CONVENTION - OCTOBER 4-5, 2024

### BIG IDEA LAUNCHES - AUGUST 4, 2024

Get your chorus involved.



Learn more about: **THE BIG IDEA** - at [harmonycollege.net](http://harmonycollege.net)

## STAY CONNECTED

LET US KNOW: If Your Chapter is having an Open House - Guest Night - FREE Family and Friends Performance - Youth In Harmony Weekend- or special **free event** send the information to [marketing@evgdistrict.com](mailto:marketing@evgdistrict.com) We will add it to the EVG Calendar and post the item on Facebook... Send banner/poster and a three-sentence invitation. Shows must be cleared by the District Secretary.

[history.evgdistrict.com](http://history.evgdistrict.com)

[EVG YOUTUBE](#)

[harmonycollege.net](http://harmonycollege.net)

[BARBERSHOP HARMONY SOCIETY](#)

Next GREENSHEET - April 1st: Send your items to: [Greg Kronlund, Communications](#)

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**PLEASE CHECK TO MAKE SURE YOUR OFFICERS RECEIVED THIS ISSUE!**

Note: All Chapter and District Leaders are included in this contact list.

Questions: [webmaster@evgdistrict.com](mailto:webmaster@evgdistrict.com)

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