

# CHAPTER LEADER NEWS

Building Relationships Between Chapter and District Leaders

October 15, 2024

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**Bill Hickman**  
EVG President

## **PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT - October**

Whew! What a GREAT convention in Portland. I sincerely hope you were able to attend, but if not, I hope you were one of the 80 separate opportunities viewing the webcast.

It is now October. Have you completed your elections for the 2025 team that will lead your chapter? If not, you still have time. Please ensure that your Member Center listing is updated to include your new officers. We in the District Board use that listing to pass along critical information to your chapter.

Separately, what is your chapter doing for fun? Are you planning holiday concerts, get togethers, or other activities? This can be the busiest, but most satisfying and enjoyable time of the year for barbershoppers. What are you planning? Need some ideas? Why not join the Presidents Call on the fourth Sunday evening on the month and ask your peers?

Finally, how are you doing? I mean personally, how are YOU doing? Is leading the chapter creating stress in your life? If so, please talk about it with someone. If you have no one to talk with, call me.

I am at your service. Bill

## **PRESIDENTS' ZOOM MEETING**

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**

# BOB ROBSON - 2024 EVG HALL OF FAME



Bob Robson was inducted into the Evergreen District's Hall of Fame during the District Convention. Bob has been singing and involved in barbershop activities for over 50 years in Calgary, Alberta, Canada and in our EVG District. Read more about Bob at:

<https://evgdistrict.com/hall-of-fame/> When asked to speak, Bob had this to share with those in attendance:

*If there is one message to share with the rest of Evergreen it is this: Don't be afraid to step up and share some of your time and talent to work on 'stuff' that is outside your own chapters. There are great opportunities to learn more about BHS and there are many wonderful people to meet and be associated with. Thankyou and I will wear this green jacked with pride.*

## DISTRICT MEMORIES: PICS & VIDEOS

Photos from District are on our APP and will be posted on the website this week.



Quartets and Choruses may still order their performance videos and/or photos until October 25 at <http://SilentKnightStudio.com/evg24>

The replay of the complete contests and awards are available by pass or subscription at <http://tv.silentknightstudio.com>

Video: Bob Robson Hall of Fame  
<https://youtu.be/JN3cgVDMJVA>

Video: Quartet Awards, Daddy Magic, Vocal Summit, KTWWS - <https://youtu.be/gypu6wUSUS0>

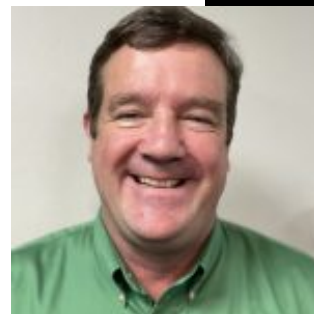
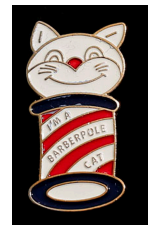
## POLECAT 1 CHALLENGE 2024

Enters for the Challenge begin today.....

Barberpole Cat Songbook 1 Challenge....

We all learn the Barberpole Cat Songs so we can sing with other Barbershoppers on the spot. But have you noticed that every chapter has their own take, interpretation, and nuance to these over 100-year-old songs? (Yes, we know that "Sweet and Lovely" is only about 53 years old).

Join the Barberpole Cat Songbook 1 Challenge 2024 to show off your own special take on one of these songs. Entries begin October 15th and end October 31st.. Evergreen District Facebook postings will begin in November.



Sid Brown  
District EVP

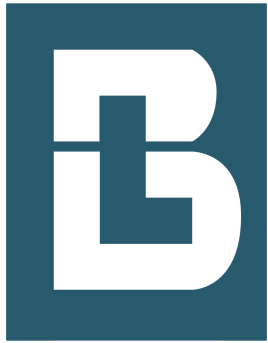
We challenge you to choose a Barberpole Cat 1 Song – video it - and send the video link (make sure it is downloadable) to [communications@evgdistrict.com](mailto:communications@evgdistrict.com)

### Challenge Guidelines:

1. Only Titles found in the official BHS Barberpole Cat Songs 1 Book.
2. We encourage adding verse or pater for a new take on these old songs. Perhaps you'll discover meaning in these songs you hadn't thought of.
3. Video's No longer than 2 minutes 50 seconds.
4. Phone videos are acceptable.

5. The submitting organization must provide completed material and video link (no editing is available from the Facebook admins).
6. Facebook postings for viewing, comments, and entertainment.
7. We invite All organizations to participate. Men only – Women only- and All Voice choruses and quartets are welcome.
8. Extra Brownie points if you pick a song we seldom sing.
9. Entries begin October 15th and end October 31st. Evergreen District Facebook postings will begin in November.
10. Remember this is just for fun... show your unique take on these timeless songs.

## BUD LEABO MEMORIAL FUND



### **Bud Leabo Memorial Fund serving you!**

We shared a bundle of news at the District Convention – a new website, recent successful grant applications, and how you can join with us in supporting worthy projects in the Evergreen District. Now's the time to put on your thinking caps! What could your chapter or group do to spread the joy and impact of barbershop singing if you could share the cost of doing the work? Think about it, figure out what your chapter or group can do, put together a plan, and then figure out what kind of help you need to pull it together. We'd love to hear from you and to support your projects!

<https://budleabo.com/>

## CONSIDER BEING A BUD LEABO TRUSTEE



Bud Leabo Memorial Fund announces search for trustee candidates

The Bud Leabo Memorial Fund is searching for candidates to serve as trustees of the Fund. The Fund provides scholarships and grants to members of the Evergreen district to further barbershop singing education and outreach initiatives in the community.

Bud Leabo Memorial Fund announces search for trustee candidates

### **Trustee responsibilities include:**

**Communicating and promoting the purpose of Bud Leabo Memorial Fund (BLMF) which is to advance and enhance within the boundaries of the Evergreen District of the Barbershop Harmony Society:**

- Barbershop harmony singing
- Vocal music training and education in support of Barbershop harmony singing
- Membership growth for BHS chartered chapters in good standing
- Support chapters' community engagement with barbershop style music

**Providing consultation, guidance and voting on applications for grants and scholarships submitted to BLMF for funding.**

**Communicating and promoting the use of BLMF scholarships for Evergreen members and grants for projects consistent with the BLMF purpose.**

If you are interested in serving or have potential candidates in mind, please contact the trustees at [trustees@budleabo.com](mailto:trustees@budleabo.com).

## WINTER & HOLIDAY SHOWS



**Chris Powell**  
[EVG Secretary](#)

## Winter and Holiday Shows are coming!

You've been to the District Convention, now what's next? On to holidays shows and sing-outs! I already have several chapter shows cleared and booked so they'll enjoy the benefits of having their dates reserved and their shows advertised on the District website and in District publications. How about we get yours there too? I hope that my inbox is flooded with chapter show clearance requests and that every chapter in Evergreen has a joyous holiday concert season!

### Big WINTER show in the works?

### Want to advertise it to the District?

### Remember the guidelines...

**Step 1:** Use the [Show Clearance Form](#) on the district [website](#) to alert the District Secretary.

**Step 2:** Complete the hard copy clearance form and return to the [District Secretary](#) Chris Powell.

**Step 3:** When your show is approved the [Communications Director](#) Greg Kronlund will contact you for show information and poster.

**Step 4:** Approved shows are added to the District Calendar, and released to GreenSheet, Timbre, Facebook and Instagram to alert the District about your show. Remember for distribution all shows and event information is sent to the [communications](#) email.

## ARE YOU OUR NEXT: TIMBRE EDITORS

I would like to take a moment to commend Timbre Editors Bob Robson and Doug Gardner for their fine work over the past years. Bob has been The Timbre editor for the past 8 years and Doug joined a few years ago. Bob and Doug have decided to retire from their positions, effective mid-December.



**Greg Kronlund**  
[communications@evgdistrict.com](mailto:communications@evgdistrict.com)

We are seeking Editors for the Evergreen Timbre, the district's quarterly newsletter. We are looking for dedicated team members willing to share their skills, and excited to build a quarterly newsletter. If interested contact Greg Kronlund, District Communications Director at 206-265-9706 or [communications@evgdistrict.com](mailto:communications@evgdistrict.com)

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

The Communications team wants to know, "what's working in your chapter." We want to know about your chapter guest nights, charity events, member recruitment strategies, community performances, and other activities that your chapter can't wait for. We want information about your approved annual shows.

These activities are great stories and articles for many of our Evergreen publications.

To reach the communications team there is only one email to use... [communications@evgdistrict.com](mailto:communications@evgdistrict.com)

Using [communications@evgdistrict.com](mailto:communications@evgdistrict.com) insures that your information lands in the right place for distribution to the right publication.

[communications@evgdistrict.com](mailto:communications@evgdistrict.com) avoids lost email, and inbox clutter for the communications team.

Evergreen Communications Team home of: Evergreen Timbre, Greensheet, Chapter leader News, Facebook, Instagram, EVG District app.

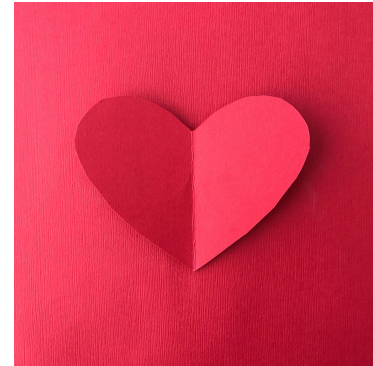
## SINGING VALENTINES

### First 5 Steps

We're notorious for planning singing Valentine's on February 1st. A better idea: start planning in late October-early November.

#### Pre-Planning:

Make sure you have a **Singing Valentine Chairperson**, **Quartet Wrangler**, and **Logistics Manager**.



**Chairperson** oversees the event; **Quartet Wrangler** ensures quartets (especially pick-up qtets) are practicing and functioning as an ensemble. **Logistics Manager** works to find the most efficient and effective use of quartet time.

**Step 1:** build your quartets. Remember to sell the benefit and fun of this event. A chance to perform, celebrate someone's love, and to raise funds for the chapter. Announce delivery dates and hours to allow members to check for availability. Can you stretch this into a multiple day event...

**Step 2:** get them singing together and planning their Valentine songs. Allow quartets to choose songs beyond "The Story of the Rose" and "Let Me Call You Sweetheart."

**Step 3:** build time into your meetings for quartets to practice.

**Step 4:** start building, posters, brochures, outside advertising, community outreach, and create or update your order forms.

**Step 5:** decide sales dates and delivery times. When do you start and end. Is this a multi-day event? Know your pricing. Keep the price point at a level your community will support. Consider economic trends and select your prices carefully.

**To be continued.**

## CHAPTER DEVELOPMENT

The upcoming holiday season is probably the very best time of year to expose your community to the barbershop style of acappella singing. Many choruses are having a community chorus or a holiday Sing Sing Sing program. Both have proven very successful at building community awareness and gaining new members. Why? Because just about everyone loves, and loves to sing Christmas carols.

Even if your chorus is small and won't be able to put on a Christmas show, you can still perform around town, at the local town square or mall, for service organizations, or for the community tree lighting and senior centers. The intent is not to raise money, but to build community awareness. As you see audience members singing along, take the time afterwards to engage the audience as individuals. Invite them to your next rehearsal. Get their contact information to be able to keep them informed about your performances and follow up with them about attending a rehearsal.



**Bob Thomas**  
[Chapter Development](#)

## Chapter Development ideas, pulled from the Sept 2017 Harmonizer.

**Train and develop a musical leadership.** Make sure your chapter is fostering educational opportunities. You'd be surprised how many choruses have a director who never intended to be the director. Smaller chapters can be especially susceptible to this. If your director moves, quits, or retires, do you have a plan? I have visited chapters where the new director is in the position because he was a great chapter president, or because he was the only charter member in the chorus, or because he was the best singer. Foster assistant director(s) and future section leaders. Take time for quartets each week. The BHS hosts numerous programs such as Harmony University, CDWI, and even online musicianship training.

**Foster an environment of openness and inclusiveness.** Is your chapter welcoming? Can anyone visit? Are you easy to locate? If you had a guest walk through your door, how long would it take for someone in your chapter to greet them, offer a handshake, and give them a guest book? Although these steps seem obvious to some, an open and happy chapter is a guest-friendly chapter. Is your leadership open to trying new ideas? Can it accept criticism? Does your board listen to the concerns of the general membership?

**Conclusion** Many of our smaller chapters provide a fulfilling experience for their members, musically, socially, and in their desire to give back to the community. No chapter is perfect, and even the best-run chapters can always find areas for improvement. However, you will find that all successful chapters (whatever their size) are successful because they planned to be successful. I hope these 10 tips can inspire some discussion and planning that can help your chapter provide a better experience for its current and future members!

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**WANT TO KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENING -- AND ANY LAST MINUTE CHANGES??**

**STAY UP TO DATE!**

**Go to your APP Store  
and add "EVG DISTRICT"**



## FREE MUSIC - you just pay the postage

Our Evergreen Historian has a large collection of FREE music that is legal to "pass on" to choruses, quartets, and individuals. Check out the FREE MUSIC list (titles, arrangers, and # of copies available) on our EVG website, then email Ken Galloway a list of the songs you'd like, and he will pull them out of the files and mail them to you... all you need to do is then mail him a check for the postage. It's a great way to fill in missing copies or to check out new titles.

<https://evgdistrict.com/free-music/>

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## STAY CONNECTED

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

Note: All Chapter and District Leaders are included in this contact list which is pulled from the current information in the BHS Member Center database.

**EVERGREEN EDITORIAL PRACTICES**

- Show Policy: Chapter Show Posters and information must have district clearance to appear in Evergreen Publications and Social Media.
  - Publications editors reserve the right to edit content for length.
  - Submissions must meet or beat the deadline of the 10th of the month.
  - Maximum word count for Chapter Leader News 175 – 225 words.
  - The Evergreen Communications team may hold over generic content to the next publishing date when appropriate
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