

CHAPTER LEADER NEWS

Building Relationships Between Chapter and District Leaders

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MARCH TIMBRE OUT NOW!



PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT - BILL HICKMAN



Why are we here?

Last month I shared with you that a key lesson from the Big Leap; that mission and vision really matter. Our mission should define our purpose, and our vision should articulate our destination. Of the two, the mission is the most difficult to write, simply because it is easy to get lost in minutia. What helps is to remember we are trying to answer the question of why we exist. Why indeed? In our digitized and politicized world, it is easy to lose track of this.

For me, the reason we get together is basic – there are no politics in singing. We don't care about politics, religion, nationality, ethnicity, or any of the other things that could divide us. All we care about is singing. When we do everything else fades away. Think about that and share it with your chapter.

Call me if you need me. I am at your service. Bill

PRESIDENTS' ZOOM MEETING

Bill Hickman is inviting you to the next Presidents' 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**

CALL TO SERVE - BOB COX



In past articles I've posted the importance of succession planning. Now I'm writing as **District Nominating Committee Chairperson**.

Evergreen District has a history of elected and volunteer leaders who have gone on to serve Society in leadership roles. Many started as committee chairs and chose to serve as key chapter officers.

Our future lies in the hands of new leaders with ideas and commitment to help preserve our hobby.

As we begin realigning our divisions, the Board is seeking leaders for **Division VPs**. We're expanding board leadership to manage, coordinate and promote Youth Outreach. Our current **Board Member at-Large** is moving up to **Executive VP**, and we need someone to fill that position.

District Board positions establish policies and procedures for effective management of the affairs and events of the District. We also have need of non-elected volunteers to help support events, activities, training, and other internal positions.

If you're a dues-paying member, passionate about the art form and growth, a good listener & communicator, a team player, able to leverage your professional and volunteer experience, and eager to find fulfillment in serving for the good of your fellow/sister and future members, we want to talk to you. Send me a brief note with your name, chapter, email, and cell number to Bcox5578@comcast.net and a committee person will arrange a time to talk.

EVENTS TEAM UPDATE - DEENA WOLFE



2025 Convention October 3-4, Surrey, BC

Contest events at Chandos Pattison Auditorium

Primary Hotels: Sheraton Vancouver Guildford Hotel & Civic Hotel, Autograph Collection

The Harmony Platoon and HOD Meetings will likely be held at the Civic Hotel. Location of the Presidents reception/afterglow is TBD.

We are in the process of contacting other local hotels in the area as our two primary hotels will sell out quickly. We will provide information about other hotels as soon as we have that information.

Contest events at the Morrison Theatre

- Hotel is TBD. We should have that information in the next few weeks and will provide that as soon as we know. The 2026 EVG convention is at the same time as the combined FWD & Pan Pacific convention in Hawaii. We will be inviting anyone from FWD who does not want to travel to Hawaii to join us – so get these dates on your calendar!



CHAPTER DEVELOPMENT - BOB THOMAS



Congratulations on your Singing Valentines! What a great way to share our craft with the public! For American chapters, “**National Barbershop Quartet Day**” is **April 11th**. Please plan to have your chorus and/or quartets out in your community spreading the joy of our style of a cappella singing.

Sunday, March 2nd was our first Chapter Development Zoom call.

The next call will be:

Topic: **Membership Roundtable 2**

Time: **Apr 6, 2025, 07:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82025167921?pwd=lgAbtQ9HnNOt8WbyhKLxOc8XQB1Cq1.1>

Meeting ID: 820 2516 7921

Passcode: 739198

Our first call was very well attended. The main topic was recruitment, because without guests, everything else is moot. There is already a fair amount of info on the [District](#) and Society websites regarding membership. Please check out the following links:

One-on-one personal invitations were identified as the best method of recruiting, but many choruses are having success with the [Ready, Set, Sing! Program](#) or a version of it. You can find info on that at: or you may contact me.

You're not selling "barbershop." You are making people aware of how great and how fun it is! More great ideas: [Supercharging Your Chapter – with Paul Ellinger](#)

LEARNING RESILIENCE - SID BROWN



Want your child to be more resilient?

One of the most important qualities for a young person to develop is resilience. This involves their ability to overcome adversity.

Resilience is perhaps more important now than ever. Today's young people have been facing adversity on a mass-scale, thanks to COVID and all the disruptions to their education and social, home and working lives.

The good news is: that resilience can be learned from our experiences and interactions with others.

Parents may not be aware that one way to develop resilience is through group music-making, such as in a school or community choir, orchestra or band.

Teamwork

In order for a group of players to make a piece of music work, they have to work together.

People have to listen to each other, understand what is happening around them, and be prepared to change how they play something (slow or fast, loud or soft) depending on how the group is performing. You need to value the contributions of other people, not just your own.

[Read the rest of this article.](#)



EVERGREEN COMMUNICATION TOOLS

1. Evergreen Timbre – A quarterly Report that looks back on the previous 90 days to get a sense of what’s happened in the District. We encourage chapters to share brief success articles. The Evergreen Website posts The **Timber** along with prior issues. Send articles to: communications@evgdistrict.com

2. Greensheet- looks forward to both district and chapter events. The publication includes information about conventions, workshops, family and friends events, charity events, and FREE singing activities. Send articles to: communicaiotns@evgdistrict.com

3. Chapter Leader News – District leaders provide information directly to chapter board members. **CLN** offers information and ideas for chapter governance. to improve chapter life, board responsibilities, and officer to officer help.

4. Evergreen Website – offers the District Calendar, Links to current and previous publications. District Board contact information, ideas for Membership and Marketing, District History, and more.

5. Evergreen YouTube, Facebook/Instagram work together to share pictorial and video history, events, and fun. Send items for consideration to communications@evgdistrict.com

6. EVGdistrict App (Free) – A direct link to items on the website, notifications of important dates, a pitchpipe, and links to district leadership. The app features “Chap Chat” (Chapter Chat) to ask questions and exchange ideas.

MORE MEMBERS MEAN . . .



What does "growth of your chapter" mean? We often say we want to grow but seldom articulate why. Think about this:

1. More members mean a fuller richer sound.
2. More members mean more volunteers
3. More members mean new ideas born from different experiences.
4. More members mean new leadership – avoiding leader burnout.
5. More members mean more community impact.
6. More members mean increasing your overall reach, and influence.
7. More members mean more dues collected.
8. More members mean new energy.
9. More members mean more places to perform and new contacts.
10. More members reduce the workload for everyone.

NOMINATE A BARBERSHOPPER OF THE YEAR

Do you know someone in the district who made a significant contribution to the Evergreen District in 2024? If so, why not [nominate that person](#) to be the 2024 Evergreen District Barbershopper of the Year?

For questions about the nomination process or the form, [contact Duncan Gilman](#), Chair of the Barbershopper of the Year Committee.

EVG HALL OF FAME NOMINATIONS

District Hall of Fame Nominations

The Evergreen District Hall of Fame is filled with our Evergreen heroes, people who have given so much of their time and talent over the years. Do you know someone in the district who made a similar long-term contribution to the Evergreen District? If so, why not recommend that person for the evergreen Hall of Fame?

Send your recommendations along with their contributions and accomplishments to a member of the District Board or to the Chair of the Hall of Fame Committee, Kendall Williams (kendall.a.williams@frontier.com). Your recommendations will be taken into consideration



when an honoree is selected. The award will be presented at the District Convention in October.

Who will join the Hall of Fame in 2025?

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

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Go to your APP Store and add "EVG DISTRICT"



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 Policy

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.

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