

CHAPTER LEADER NEWS

Building Relationships Between Chapter and District Leaders

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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.

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.

MEMBER CENTER REMINDER

Chapter Leader News is emailed to 282 chapter leaders listed in the [BHS Member Center](#).

Please forward to others in your chapter.

Make sure your chapter information is up to date in [BHS Member Center](#).

HCNW AND CONVENTION - DEENA WOLFE



2025 HCNW and Surrey BC Conventions tips...

HCNW Planning: For Canadians crossing the border to HCNW make sure you have your passport ready to show. Remember HCNW registration is at par, however, restaurants, stores, and other retail items are not. Consider using a credit card that doesn't charge fees for conversion of payment from US to Canadian dollars.

Surrey BC Convention Planning: For Americans heading to the Surrey BC Convention, be sure to renew your passport now! You need a passport or passport card to enter Canada. Use a credit card that doesn't charge fees for conversion of payment from Canadian dollar to US dollar.

We hope you are as excited as we are for these two exceptional events.



HCNW REGISTRATION - BILL HICKMAN

Singers have been coming together for 45 years!



Harmony College Northwest

June 13-15, 2025

Tacoma, WA



HCNW Canadian Currency At Par

Evergreen understands the difficult situation our Canadian barbershop brothers and sisters face.

Not only the political situation, but the extraordinary financial problem with the exchange rate. Currently **\$1 US = \$1.44 Canadian**, which means many Canadians will find it difficult to attend the June **Harmony College Northwest**.

While there is nothing we can do to ease the political difficulties, there is something we can do about the cost of HCNW. The **Evergreen District Board** voted that the **2025 Harmony College Northwest** registration will treat the currencies as equal.

All Canadian members of BHS, SAI, HI, including unaffiliated musicians/directors/arrangers/etc. will receive this benefit. Register today for HCNW at <https://harmonycollege.net/registration/> and click the **Canadian** button.

We want everyone to share the very best music education offered in the barbershop world. HCNW 2025 offers directing, arranging, and leadership workshops, plus over 150 additional courses.

The Evergreen District Board believes in taking every possible step to make this happen. To our Canadian brothers and sisters, please accept this as a token of our appreciation.

MEMBERSHIP ROUNDTABLE - BOB THOMAS



Membership Recruitment and Retention

In case you missed them, here are the recordings of the first two Chapter Development Zoom calls (click on titles for links):

[Membership Roundtable I](#)

[Membership Roundtable II](#)

Our next [Zoom Meeting](#) is **Sunday, April 27th** at 6:00pm Pacific Time.

Please check out the following information locations: [Membership and Marketing](#)

One-on-one personal invitations were identified as the best method of recruiting, so please check out: [Supercharging Your Chapter with Paul Ellinger](#)

Many choruses are having success with the [Ready, Set, Sing! Program](#) or a version of it. Please note the link provided for Ready Set Sing! is an older document, but it works for mixed and all-voice choruses as well

Lastly, on the [2025](#) website, there is info on everything from recruiting to retention of members at the [Leadership Training Page](#)

Feel free to contact me at chapterdevelopment@evgdistrict.com

PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT - BILL HICKMAN



Let's sing. If we ever needed to hear that phrase, it is now. Let's sing.

When I began barbershopping, I was fascinated by the fact that people who were radically different from each other could stand side by side and simply sing. For my first five years, I stood between a millionaire and a mechanic...their economic difference didn't matter. I saw men of every color on the risers...and that difference didn't matter either. We simply sang.

Currently, there is a difference in political ideas and nationality, but with serious respect, should it matter? I appreciate there are many among us who are angry, and I don't mean to trivialize that emotion, but in our world, should it matter? When we sing, there are no politics or differences that interrupt the sound. There is simply the joy of singing.

In these troubled times, we all need to be reminded of this simple truth. Please share this thought with your chapter board and your members.

Let's sing. -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=UGQ3eE5CYzIDZFExUFV5RXVCQkhudz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88132547633?pwd=UGQ3eE5CYzIDZFExUFV5RXVCQkhudz09)

Meeting ID: **881 3254 7633**

Passcode: **229613**

LICENSE FOR THAT - CHRIS POWELL



Wait, I need a license for THAT?!

With many chapters doing sing-outs and accepting donations for them, we've had the question of whether those require BMI/SESAC licensing. When an ensemble is invited by another party to perform - whether paid or for free - they are considered a "work-for-hire" under current US law and are not liable to do ASCAP/BMI/SESAC licensing for that performance. Most retirement homes, healthcare facilities, and schools are managed by parent entities that ensure legalities are in place.

However, smaller, stand-alone businesses and facilities might not! So, several of our chapters have filed ASCAP and BMI/SESAC reports/payments for peace of mind by avoiding passing the liability of music licensing on to those businesses without them knowing it.

Regarding chapter-produced events that are not ticketed but free-will donations are accepted to benefit the chapter financially, these events are *not* exempt from

ASCAP and BMI/SESAC reporting and should be submitted with payment accordingly.

FREE MUSIC - KEN GALLOWAY



Free legal music ready for delivery...

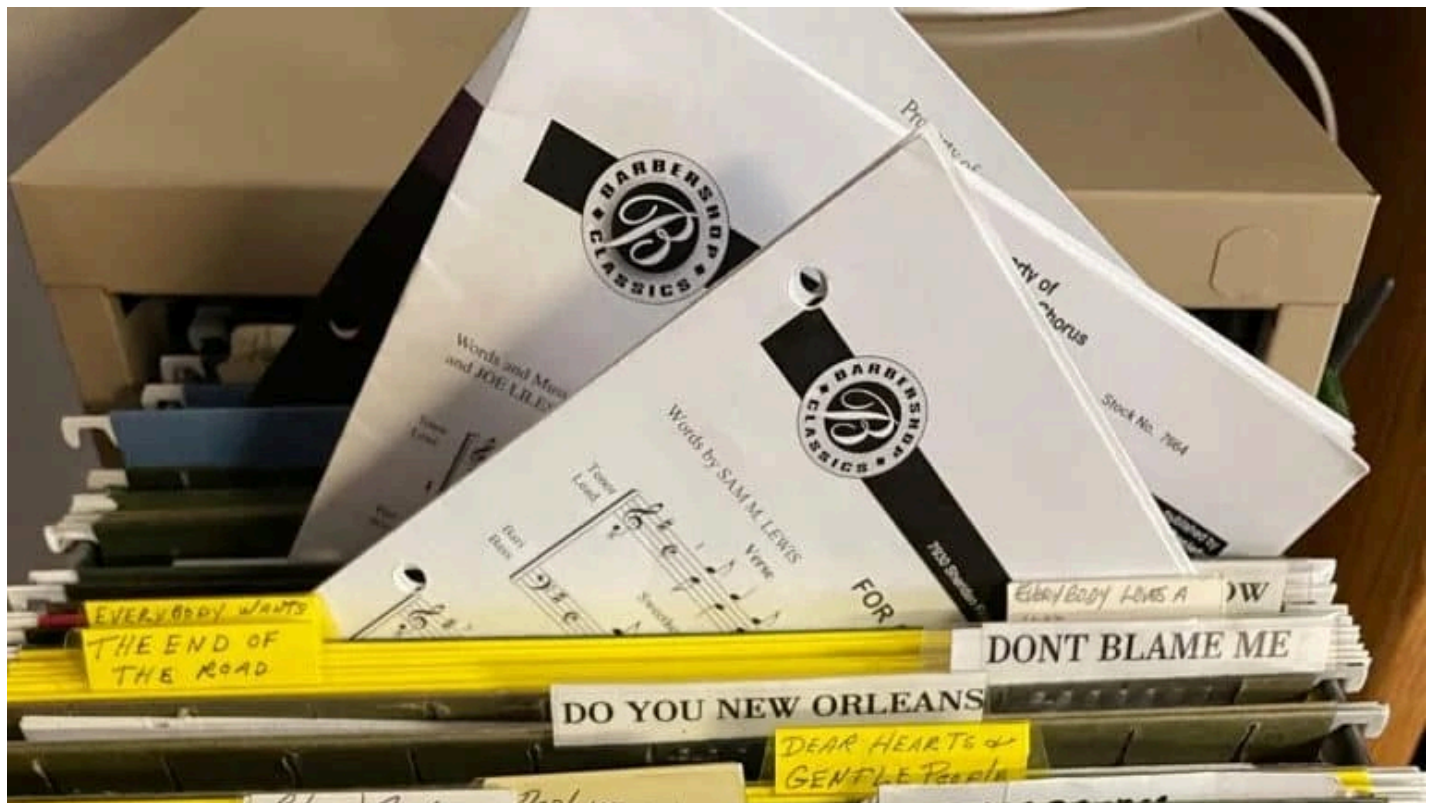
We have over 150 different song titles with 4 to 100+ copies. [Check out the list.](#) We have supplied music to over ten choruses and quartets with over 750 copies of over 110 songs. We have four drawers filled with music available. You only need to cover the postage for legal copies for your group. Let me know what you would like, the number of copies, and the mailing address. Checks or money orders only.

Contact:

Ken Galloway (kengalloway45@gmail.com)

Evergreen District Hall of Fame

District Historian



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.

SEATTLE CHAPTER'S NEW NAME

We're Changing Our Name!

The Seattle Chapter of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America is changing its name & branding.

Being an all-gender chorus, we felt like “The SeaChordsmen” did not represent all of those who sung with us on the risers.

The chorus held a meeting on March 4th, 2025 to vote on changing the name. The vote passed with an overwhelming majority in favor of the change.

Over a week's time we voted using a ranked choice system to select our new name from members of the chorus. We celebrated the name change as a chorus at this week's rehearsal. We are so excited to share what is next for The Seattle Chapter.

It will take a bit to get acclimated to our new name, so you might see some of our old logos here and there. (New website soon too!)

Until then, please celebrate with us:

We are Rain City Voices.



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HCNW UPDATED INFORMATION

Registration cutoff date for residents: June 6th (new University of Puget Sound policy).

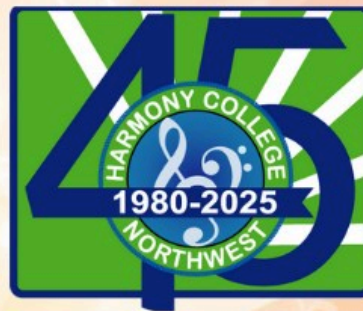
Commuters can register upon arrival.

REGISTER NOW!

Harmony College NW

June 13-15, 2025

University of Puget Sound | Tacoma, WA



<https://harmonycollege.net/registration/>

NOMINATE A BARBERSHOPPER OF THE YEAR

2024 Barbershopper of the Year- DEADLINE May 18th, 2025

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?

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