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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



After a month off following the Salt Lake City convention, the Heralds resumed rehearsals on Aug 5. Right away we began work on some fun new songs, and are also polishing up repertoire in preparation for our upcoming shows. We'll also be getting some new Christmas music to add to our holiday repertoire. Exciting stuff ahead!

After submitting a demo recording of the National Anthem to the Tampa Bay Bucs several weeks ago, we got a short-notice invitation to sing the anthem for the pre-season game against the Cleveland Browns on Friday, Aug 23. The guys in the chorus responded promptly and enthusiastically, and we expect to have 46 singers for that performance. A tremendous opportunity to “show our stuff”, and hopefully get some new followers / fans.

The following Monday, Aug 26, we will hold a guest night. More info on that event elsewhere in this edition. Guests are always welcome at any rehearsal, and we continue to get several in attendance nearly every week, which is great! That night the Music Team will tailor the rehearsal to be a little more “new guy friendly”. And, as always, former members are invited to come back for a little “ear candy”, and some refreshments.

We are not competing in the Sunshine District chorus contest this fall. But our older (over 55) guys have the

option to compete with the Sunshine District Seniors Chorus. That chorus will sing in the district convention and the Mid-Winter BHS Convention in January. Check the Sunshine District website for more info.

Finally, be sure to mark your calendar for May 29-31, 2020. We will be celebrating the 75th Anniversary of the Heralds of Harmony and the Tampa Chapter. Lots of fun activities being planned including a kick-off dinner/banquet, golf outing, shows, alumni reunion, etc. Be on the lookout for more info, and plan to join us!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### 2019

Aug 23	Buccaneers National Anthem Performance
Aug 26	Guest Night
Oct 13	Lake City Show
Oct 25-27	Fall District Convention — not competing
Nov 10	St Paul UMC Performance — Largo
Dec 7 or 8	Christmas Show — Location TBD

### 2020

Mar 13 - 15	SUN Spring convention – District chorus contest
May 29 - 31	Tampa chapter 75th anniversary
June 28	Lake Magdelene UMC performance
Oct 23-25	SUN Fall convention – chorus prelims for 2021 Cleveland International

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# Harmony University

by Dan Deignan

For each of the last three years, I have spent the third week of July in Nashville, on the beautiful campus of Belmont University, attending Harmony University. Total cost for the week, including room, board, classes, two high quality shows, nightly ice cream socials, and unforgettable experiences, is \$855, about \$122 per day. I think it's the best bargain in barbershop.



I arrived on Sunday about noon, and a bus was waiting at the airport to take us directly to campus. I checked into my dorm and met my new friend and roommate, Yoran, from Sweden. After dinner and a few tags at the cafeteria everyone gathered at Massey Hall for the opening session, highlighted by the Keynote Address, given this year by our own "We've Got Shane" Shane Scott. His presentation was "Barbershop and Broken Hearts", and he told us all how barbershop, and barbershoppers had helped him deal with the heartbreaking loss of his lovely wife Kristi, who had recently lost her battle with cancer. His story and anecdotes were heartfelt, moving, and sincere. When he taught us all the tag he had written in her memory "My Kristi, I loved loving you", at least some of us (not including me) were able to sing through the tears. The 700 students and faculty who were there will never forget that moment. Thank you, Shane, for a memorable start to a memorable week.

Monday morning after a huge breakfast (way too many choices) and the first of six daily "general sessions", I checked in for my morning class, "History of Barbershop", taught by barbershop legend David Wright. After lunch was the first rehearsal of the HU Men's chorus, working on the three parodies we were going

to sing on the Saturday night show, including "H U on my backpack, H U on my cup" sung to the tune of "It's You" from the Music Man. Our director was Dusty Schleier, who also directs the Nashville Music City chorus (Think "Star Wars". Think eleven points.)

After dinner came my favorite class, "Extreme Harmony Brigade", for which I had to memorize eight new songs. This year there were seven singers in each voice part. Monday and Tuesday we were to fill out our "dance card" by singing at least one song with each singer on the other three parts. After Tuesday's class, we were randomly assigned to a quartet and asked to pick a name (we chose "Fake News"). We were assigned our first contest song, which was "Between you and the Birds and the Bees and Cupid", the same arrangement sung by Throwback. Wednesday night was the preliminary contest, followed by the finals on Thursday night. Fake News did not finish in the top three, but we had a blast anyway, and I met and sang with 27 new barbershop friends.



Dan (second from left) and Fake News

Add to this some one hour elective classes like Dinner with Patrick McAlexander (child prodigy arranger), Lunch with Drew Ochoa (lead of After Hours), Mathematics and Music (also taught by David Wright), and Gold Medal Hour (with the After Hours quartet). Mix in a Friday night show featuring all the quartets and three choruses who had received coaching during the week. Stir in a Saturday night Big Show featuring the Men's, Women's, and Next Generation choruses, followed by an awesome set by After Hours, and you have the makings of a fun filled educational experience unique to our hobby. I'm going again next year. Why don't some of you make plans to join me?



# Have you liked our Facebook Page?



Members of the chorus sang the National Anthem at the Clearwater Threshers Baseball game on July 27th. The video of the performance has been viewed on Facebook over 5,700 times, and led to the appearance of the chorus at the Buccaneers game on August 23rd.

Easy Street has announced that they will no longer be competing. Family obligations have severely limited rehearsal time, so they made the difficult decision to retire. "We have been proud and honored to represent the Heralds of Harmony and the Sunshine District in 3 Senior International contests, proudly winning a 5th place and 2nd place medal."



The Heralds would like to express our sincere condolences to the family and friends of Mark Dickhaus. Mark lost his valiant battle with cancer and passed away on July 13th.

Mark sang with the Heralds for many years (in this photo he is to the immediate left of Tony) and was a mainstay of the front row. He then moved to Tennessee where he sang with the Music City Chorus, winning a 5th place chorus medal in 2018.

We were so very happy to see Mark when he visited one of our rehearsals in Salt Lake City, and to know that he was going to sing on stage with his brothers in the Music City Chorus.

As one of our members said, "Mark was a great barbershopper, a great person, and a great husband to his sweetheart Sue"

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## FRIENDS OF THE HERALDS

“Friends of the Heralds” (FOH) is a fund-raising program that is an important part of the Heralds yearly operating budget. Our mission is to preserve and further develop a cappella singing through musical excellence. FOH was established to help sustain Heralds of Harmony financial needs as we increase the number of singers on the risers and continue to improve our musical performance.

We are a non-profit organization supported by our performance ticket sales, dues and grants. Under the direction of Tony De Rosa, we will continue to offer the best musical and entertainment experience for our audience. In 2018, we placed 6th at the International Chorus Competition of the Barbershop Harmony Society, with our highest score ever.

Just as importantly, our chorus has seen a growth in youth members, bringing our total to more than 14 men under the age of 30.

The Heralds are poised to continue this significant growth and progression. FOH allows members, Alumni, as well as our friends, family and barbershop fans, to assist us on our musical journey and support our financial needs. If you would like to help in our endeavor with a tax-deductible contribution, please contact Ralph Brown at [rbbrown@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:rbbrown@tampabay.rr.com).

If you wish to write a check, please send to: Heralds of Harmony; Treasurer - Bill Glasgow; P. O. Box 274076; Tampa, Florida 33688-4076.

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# MEMBER SECTION

Start thinking about guests you can bring on August 26th

## **QUALIFICATION STANDARDS**

**Knowing words and notes on ALL current repertoire is the most basic of musical commitments we make when joining the Heralds of Harmony.**

While we are cognizant that this is (at heart) an individual commitment, the entire Music Team has agreed to collectively manage all to achieve a standard of being FULLY QUALIFIED on our current repertoire on a timely basis.

**FULLY QUALIFIED DEFINITION:** Every member of the Performing Chorus is expected to know 100% of notes and words on current repertoire (as well as any breath points assigned by Tony, or marked in the score) by the assigned “learn by date”.

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS**

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for September 17, 2019.

Minutes to Board Meetings are available to all members on the ‘Members Section’ of the website. Board Meetings are typically held online and open to all members. If you are interested in attending, you can obtain the link and sign-in information from Ralph Brown, [rbbrown@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:rbbrown@tampabay.rr.com)



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