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# 2017 DAILY BULLETIN

# DESERT NEWS



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## ADIOS! LAS VEGAS!!

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### WHAT A NIGHT!!

In front of an enthusiastic audience of over 5,000 and 18 judges, covering three categories (music, performance, & singing), 30 choruses from across the US, Canada, and two foreign countries (Great Britain and Australia) vied for the top slot as International Chorus Champion for 2017.

With only two tenths of a point separating the top two choruses, the **Masters of Harmony** (Santa Fe Springs, CA), with an average score of 96.4 (2893 points), edged out the **Vocal Majority** (Dallas Metro, TX), who averaged 96.2 (2885 points).

Following close behind were the **Central Standard Chorus** (Metro Kansas City, MO - 94.3), **Toronto Northern Lights** (Toronto, ON - 94.0), and **Parkside Harmony** (Hershey, PA - 92.0).

David Wright, associate director of 2016 International Chorus Champion **Ambassadors of Harmony** (CSD) summed up this year's contest by saying to the 1,580 men who competed, "Every person who stood up here and competed on this stage today, really, really deserves accolades. It's an accomplishment to get here, and we understand that it takes the desire, the attention to detail, the diligence, the character [to be here]. You are to be commended and congratulated. And we thank you for your performance. It was wonderful!"

### Talk About Committed Youth!



Four young men from Boise Idaho attended last fall's Idaho Youth Barbershop Festival and got hooked! They got together in January and formed a quartet called **One More Thing**, submitted a video application for the 2017 Youth Barbershop Quartet Contest, and...well, didn't qualify!

But here's the cool part: They decided to attend this year's Convention anyway after receiving an invitation to sing in the Youth Barbershop Reunion Chorus, which they did! So here they are (l to r): Kyle Lawrence, Jeremiah Acosta, Nathan Henstrom, and Spencer Hull having the time for their Barbershop lives. Said an excited Jeremiah, "Our passion for Barbershop was so great, it was imperative we come and enjoy and learn so we could further our passion." Keep a sharp eye out for **One More Thing** at next Midwinter in Orange County! They are hooked, and that committed!

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

An Overview of Daily Details

#### Sunday, July 9

**Singspiration Gospel Service**  
9am - 10:10am, Bally's - Event Center

### A Big Thanks!!

As we wrap up our second International Convention (2014 & 2017), your host chapter (Las Vegas Silver Statesmen) wishes to thank everyone for your kind comments and expressions of appreciation for all the work involved in the behind-the-scenes portion of making your favorite BHS convention a success this year.

The quartets and choruses who competed brought laughs and tears and a LOT of entertainment to the crowds of barbershop fans who descended on Planet Hollywood's Axis Theater for all the competition. Other major events throughout the week-long convention took place also in Bally's Hotel/Casino, next door to Planet Hollywood.

We hope your time at this year's convention was well-worth it. It certainly was for the Las Vegas Chapter. Our thanks, too, for the BHS staff members who were, obviously, the driving force behind the convention. Their support and help through the week made our job that much easier!!

### More to Come!

Later this week, we plan to publish an online "wrap-up" edition of the Daily Bulletin. We hope you will come back to see more photos and last minute info that will bring back great memories for you to keep!

Our Wrap-Up issue (later this week) will contain photos from the Quartet Finals, Mixed Quartets, and other great stuff from the last days of the convention. Don't give up just yet! We have some really neat things to share that there just wasn't time or space to include during the week.



Masters of Harmony, with 112 on stage, took top honors



The Vocal Majority, with 160 members, placed 2nd



Central Standard Chorus, with 56 on stage, was earned 3rd place



Toronto Northern Lights, with 54 singers, was awarded 4th



Parkside Harmony, putting 49 members on the risers, placed 5th

**PROBE Presents IBC Award**  
*(Public Relations Officers & Bulletin Editors)*

I am pleased to announce the results of PROBE's International Bulletin Contest. There was a field of seven editors nominated for the top award this year. Congratulations to all who entered! Your chapters are the real winners, but kudos for getting the word out! Complete results are available on the PROBE website ([www.probe-web.org](http://www.probe-web.org)) and will also be included in the July/September issue of the *Probemoter*!

Judging was done in three categories: Content, Grammar & Style, and Layout & Reproduction. The details were provided by IBC Chairman Lowell Shank. The following are the top five award recipients:

RANK	BULLETIN	EDITOR	CHAPTER	DISTRICT	SCORE
1.	The Beat	Jerry Troxel	Greater Indianapolis, IN	CAR	1523
2.	The Orange Spiel	John Alexander	Jacksonville, FL	SUN	1292
3.	The Clipper	Ken Dodge	London, ONT	ONT	1172
4.	The Voice	Lee Kingdon	Northbrook, IL	ILL	1136
5.	Concho Capers	Paul White	San Angelo, TX	SWD	1093



John Alexander's "The Orange Spiel" is the winner of the Dick Girvin Most Improved Bulletin Award.



Congratulations to Jerry Troxel for his top-ranked bulletin!



# CONVENTION FACES

