

River City Gazette

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All The News That's Fit To Ring!

Monday, June 29th—2015 Daily Bulletin

The 77th Annual Barbershop Harmony Society's International Convention



**JAD President,
Welcomes You
to Convention!**

Greetings everyone and a huge heartfelt welcome to Pittsburgh.

There is a large, local contingent that has focused many hours of preparation into making this week something truly memorable for each and every one of you. The local convention committee has been preparing since 2009, wanting this week to be so grand for all of you.

As President of the host District for this convention, I cannot say enough for the individuals of the area chapters, both male and female, who have collaborated to touch every detail of planning. Selfishly, I must express that bringing these people together for such a massive effort has coalesced a bond of common work ethic and lots of laughter that made the journey to this week so much fun.

As a barbershopper, I don't have to tell you seasoned International convention attendees what these weeks are like. Renewing old friendships, singing, all of the events, and more singing cause us to return year after year. If this is your first time attending, drink it all in, sing as much as you want, and make sure you

don't leave town without making your reservations for Nashville in 2016.

But I stand most proud as a Pittsburgher. I've waited so long to have all of you visit. Don't you dare leave town without inhaling a Primanti's samich n'at. But if you want to leave, find a vehicle so you can drive OUT of town through the Fort Pitt tunnel, just so you can return through the same tunnel and see our city explode before your very eyes. No grander sight! And if you don't have to rush home after the convention, Pittsburgh is a hub that branches out to more than half a dozen exciting travel destinations no more than half a day's drive.

And if you see me during the week, stop me, shake my hand, give me a hug, sing a tag with me, and I promise not to spend more than 20 minutes telling you about my beloved Pittsburgh Stillers. I am so proud of this city. I am ecstatic that our International convention is here. And I'm thrilled that you are part of this grand week.

To all of yinz, welcome!

**Steve Wyszomierski,
President
Johnny Appleseed District**



ATTENTION VOLUNTEERS! (and anyone interested in Volunteering)

ALL VOLUNTEERS are asked to stop by and check in with Coordinator of Volunteers, Rich Stevens, at the Convention Office in the **Fayette Room** (2nd Floor) Westin Convention Center Hotel, anytime after 1 pm on Monday, June 29th. This only needs to be done prior to your first shift; please do not report to your station without checking in personally with the Coordinator of Volunteers. Once we confirm your assignment, you will receive your logoed polo shirt and red ribbon that will identify you as a Pittsburgh 2015 Volunteer.

If you have not pre-registered but still wish to volunteer, we have assignments available that you can help us fill. Most shifts are four hours or less, with ample time for necessary breaks. We should have a job that fits your schedule and physical needs. To Volunteer, go to the Volunteer Website:

http://barbershopharmonysociety.volunteerlocal.com/volunteer/?start_over&id=6833

Or for questions or more information, call the Convention Information Hotline: 724-762-0055 and we'll get back to you.

Welcome to the 77th Barbershop International Convention!

We promise you will experience an amazing week here in Pittsburgh. The competitors will prove why they were selected to perform on the International stage and the city of Pittsburgh will welcome you with open arms!

It is our hope that the daily bulletin will provide you with the information you need to plan your day, answer your questions, and share highlights of the events during the week.

If you see or know of some interesting human interest news happening, please stop by our Daily Bulletin Office in the Westin-Fayette Room or call the GO PHONE and we'll get in touch with you.

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Schedule of Events—Monday/Tuesday

Monday, June 29th

8:30am—4pm Society Board Mtg (open to public) - Westin/Allegheny
7pm—10 pm SCJC Mtg—Westin/Lawrence
1pm—6pm Convention Office—Westin/Fayette

Tuesday, June 30th

8:30am—3pm Society Board Mtg (open to public) - Westin/Allegheny
1pm Harmony Platoon 1st Contest Session—Westin/Penna
2pm—10pm Harmony U Classes—Westin
5pm Collegiate Quartet Contest—Heinz Hall
9pm Larry Ajer Show—Westin/Allegheny Rm

Want to be our "FRIEND"? Visit our Facebook Page! The link can be found on the BHS website. A big [THANK YOU](#) to Ron Brooks for creating and maintaining this site!



**TOGETHER,
MAKING THE MUSIC
THAT'S MAKING A
DIFFERENCE.**

**Welcome to our BHS Brothers,
Global Affiliates, Competitors, Friends &
Families**

HARMONY U at the
International Convention!

You said, "Give us something more than just watching shows!"
You said, "We want our heroes to share what they know."
You said, "What really happens when champ quartets go on the road?"

We've got answers for (almost) all of that. This summer, **Harmony University at the International Convention in Pittsburgh will offer ONE HUNDRED class sessions.** We cover the entire landscape of barbershopping—to just scratch the surface, consider this range of choices:

- Goodbye Stage Fright! with Paul Ellinger
- Woodshedding 101 with Tom Gentry
- Likes, Tweets, and Home Pages with Steve Skolnick
- Eliminate Vocal Challenges with Ease! with Debra Lynn
- Chorus Directing is Problem Solving with Jeff Taylor
- Gold Medal Hour: with The Vocal Majority
- How To Share Barbershop With Music Teachers with Sherry Lewis
- Diagnosis: Vocal Tension with Steve Scott
- New Music Reading Session with Adam Scott
- Overnight Success: Dealer's Choice with Gary Parker
- Comedy Hour with Shane Scott
- AIC War Stories with Fred Farrell
- Barbershop roots with David Wright
- Gold Medal Hour: Musical Island Boys



Why a hundred classes instead of a dozen or so? **Flexibility!** You can choose from a variety of days and times to attend. Arrived early? Great! Classes start on Tuesday! Can't handle 15 hours of quarter-finals? No problem: Duck out for a few classes. Want to *do*, not *watch*? This is all about participation: Move, sing, and actively participate. See the full list of courses and times at

barbershopconvention.com/harmony-university

Shuttle Buses – Look for the FREE shuttle bus service starting on Tuesday from 8 am until midnight. The first loop will run from the Westin to Heinz Hall for the College Quartet Contest and Consol Energy Center for the rest of the contests. The second loop will run between the Sheraton Station Square, the Wyndham Grand and the Renaissance Hotel to the Westin. For the hotels close to Consol including the Omni William Penn, the Doubletree, Cambria Suites and the Marriott City Center you can catch the "T" our

Subway system at the Steel Plaza Station which will take you all over the city FOR FREE!

Scooter Rental—Pittsburgh Wheelchair Exchange specializes in electric scooter, wheelchair, and short term medical equipment rentals to visitors and residents. For your convenience, they deliver directly to and pick up from area attractions and hotels 7 days a week. Call 412-241-5121.

PITTSBURGH ENTERTAINMENT CORNER

By Ron Brooks

Announcing *The Barbershoppers Guide to Pittsburgh*—every-thing you need to know about Pittsburgh. Bookmark it on your smartphone, click on the link below and go!

<http://www.brooksentertainment.com/PittsburghGuide.html>

Restaurant Discounts – Look for Yellow Special Offer signs to get discounts just by showing your convention badge. Some of the places offering discounts are (watch this space for more):

- **Pittsburgh Grille**—FREE EVENT Parking at USX Tower (5-minute walk from Consol Energy Center) with \$25 spent, plus 10% off your bill when you show your badge!
- **Giovani's Pizza**—10% Off
- **Giovani's Pasta & More**—10% Off
- **Moe's Southwest Grill**—10% Off
- **Jimmy John's Subs**—FREE Drink with a Hoagie. Guaranteed 15 minute delivery!
- **Thin Man Sandwich Shop**—10% OFF
- **The Carlton**—10% Off

Registration, Welcome Desk (all things Pittsburgh), Convention Information Desk, Harmony Marketplace and Exhibitors – Starting on Tuesday head to the Convention Center (through the interior skywalk from the Westin). This entire area is open from 9 am-6 pm Tuesday thru Friday, and 9 am-1 pm on Saturday.

Hospitality Room – What used to be ladies hospitality is now open to everyone. Come have a cup of coffee, tea or a bottle of water and relax. There will also be a place to charge your cell phone or tablet. The Hospitality room is in the Westin-Butler Room and is open from 9 am-6 pm Tuesday thru Friday and 9 am-1 pm on Saturday.

Parking's Best Deal – Only \$13 for 24 hours on weekdays and \$5 a day for weekends! Check in to your hotel, then head towards the Westin. Behind the Westin is the *Grant Street Transportation Center* (and Greyhound bus Terminal), corner of 11th St. & Liberty Ave. Park here, then just catch the Westin shuttle or the Subway (Wood Street Station) to your hotel. We suggest you park on the BLUE side. You must also fill out a form and turn it in at the Blue Lobby desk so they can reach you in case of emergency. More info: <http://www.pittsburghparking.com/gstc>

Epiphany Summer Food Fest – The large, red-brick church located in front of Consol Energy Center, Epiphany will be selling reasonably priced food all week long. Enjoy good food in air conditioned comfort. CASH only! Monday 11 am-2 pm, Tuesday 11 am-8pm.

Let's Sing-a-Tag

A regular feature in the *River City Gazette*, featuring "Favorite Tags of Pittsburgh-area Tag Masters. Today's Tag was submitted by **Rich Dombrosky**. Rich sing with the **Penn-Ohio Singers** and the **Men of Independence**. Find three new friends and have some fun ringing these chords! You never know, a new quartet may be in your future!

Love Me, and the World is Mine!

Words by Dave Reed, Jr.
Music by Ernest R. Ball
Arr. by David Wright

musical score for Tenor Lead and Bari Bass

Lyrics: Love me, and the world is mine! mine, all mine!



CITY OF PITTSBURGH

"AMERICA'S MOST LIVABLE CITY"

June 30, 2015

Dear Friends,

I am pleased to welcome the attendees of Barbershop Harmony Society's 2015 Pittsburgh International to the City of Bridges! We are proud to host this talented group in Pittsburgh and are delighted to have barbershoppers from all over the world experience our beautiful city.

The 2015 Pittsburgh International boasts a terrific agenda of world-class singing – complete with competitions at CONSOL Energy Center and Heinz Hall, two magnificent performance spaces. We know that your members and their guests will enjoy their time in Pittsburgh. We know, too, that local residents will enjoy the beautiful music that you will be making when you're out and about in our friendly city.

During your stay, I encourage you to experience the many things that make Pittsburgh exceptional. Venture into our neighborhoods. Take a ride on the historic inclines to see the breathtaking view from Mt. Washington – ranked among the most beautiful views in America. Visit our world-class museums, which offer everything from the country's third-largest collection of real dinosaur bones to famous Andy Warhol paintings. See a performance in our Cultural District where spectacular shows and cutting-edge galleries can be enjoyed. Stroll through the historic Market Square – a European-style plaza and then head to Point State Park, a beautiful state park located along our river-fronts.

As you experience Pittsburgh, you will find that it is a revitalized city that has been transformed through job creation, impressive neighborhood development and a thriving and innovative high-tech economy. Pittsburgh today is a growing city, a younger city and an educated city. Now is truly an exciting time to be in America's Most Livable City!

I hope you enjoy your stay in Pittsburgh and that you will come back and visit us again. And, of course, best wishes to the Barbershop Harmony Society for one terrific "Bridge to Harmony" event!

Sincerely,

William Peduto

Mayor, City of Pittsburgh

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COUNTY OF



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RICH FITZGERALD
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

June 30, 2015

Dear Friends:

It is my pleasure to welcome you to Allegheny County for the 2015 Pittsburgh International Convention of the Barbershop Harmony Society. This convention, which will draw more than 5,000 people to our community, is the biggest week-long gathering of barbershoppers from all over the world. We are excited that you are here, and I hope that in the midst of your scheduled events you will have time to enjoy all that our region has to offer.

Pittsburgh's cultural district is booming and we are constantly hosting theater productions, concerts, festivals, and comedians, just to name a few. We are thrilled to add your organization to that list. Founded in 1938 and historically named the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America, Inc., the Barbershop Harmony Society is the first organization to promote and preserve barbershop music as an art form. This preservation of music is especially important today as music education continues to be cut from our schools. Your partnerships with school choral groups and music educators are vitally important, and make a difference in the lives of countless children. At this year's convention, as you learn from one another, perform and compete, and allow our community to join with you for a sing-along on the Roberto Clemente Bridge, please know that you are enriching the lives of all those around you.

Please enjoy your stay in our community, and best wishes for a productive and fun convention. I hope that you come back to visit again and again.

Sincerely,

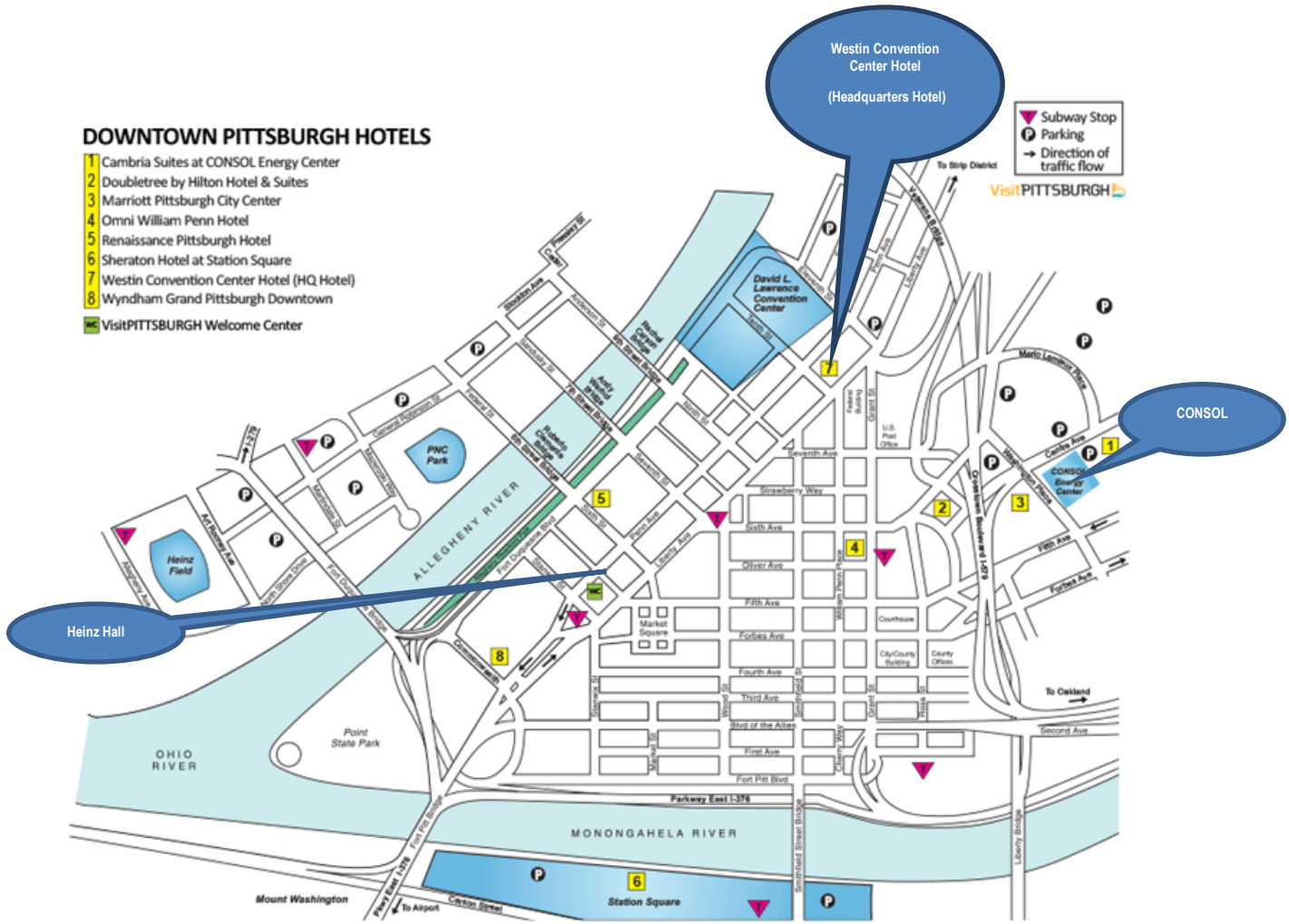
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DOWNTOWN PITTSBURGH HOTELS

- 1 Cambria Suites at CONSOL Energy Center
- 2 Doubletree by Hilton Hotel & Suites
- 3 Marriott Pittsburgh City Center
- 4 Omni William Penn Hotel
- 5 Renaissance Pittsburgh Hotel
- 6 Sheraton Hotel at Station Square
- 7 Westin Convention Center Hotel (HQ Hotel)
- 8 Wyndham Grand Pittsburgh Downtown
- WC VisitPITTSBURGH Welcome Center



Convention Maps

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