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All The News That's Fit To Ring!

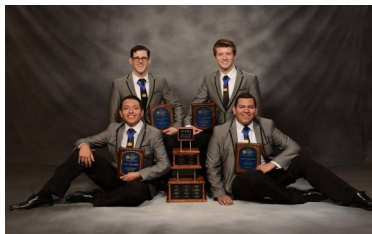
Tuesday, June 30th—2015 Daily Bulletin

The 77th Annual Barbershop Harmony Society's International Convention

You won't want to miss today's competition, the Harmony Foundation International **Collegiate Barbershop Quartet Contest**. Now in its 24th year, the CBQC gives young quartets from around the world the chance to compete for the title of "International Collegiate Quartet Champions."

All a quartet needs is two songs, nerves of steel, a little dedication, and the desire to sing for the best audience in the world—YOU!

Quartets qualifying for the International contest can apply for funding—your Harmony Foundation donations at work!—to help offset their competition expenses!



The contest will be held at Heniz Hall for the Performing Arts (corner of Penn Ave, & Sixth St)—not the CONSOL—beginning at 5pm. Be aware that all seating is on a "General Admission, first come, first served" basis. In the past, all contests have been held in the same venue. This year, the CBQC will have its own, more intimate venue. But there are only 2,200 seats available, so be there early!

The Collegiate Quartet Champion earns bragging rights, notoriety, and a springboard to the big contest which has increasingly been won by past collegiate champions such as *Four Voices* ('96 Salt Lake City/2002 Portland), *Vocal Spectrum* ('04 Louisville/'06 Indianapolis), *Musical Island Boys* ('06 Indianapolis/'14 Las Vegas), and *Ringmasters* ('08 Nashville/'12 Portland).

One of the most interesting qualifiers, representing Seneca Land District, is *4WardOn!*, four Oil City (PA) High School young men who are also alumni of the very successful Pittsburgh Youth Harmony Festival that has now helped boost them into Barbershop quartetting, big time!



Who will be the next Collegiate Quartet Champion? Come find out and support these young men who represent the future of our Society! See you at the 24th International Collegiate Quartet Contest, Heinz Hall this afternoon at 5pm.



Start your convention week out right with an entertaining parade of quartets before they hit the stage to vie for the gold. But first, a bit of history.

The annual Larry Ajer Show began after the untimely passing of Larry Lewis Ajer on June 14th 1998. The Senate Aires Chorus, along with Director Steve Morin and wife Robben, decided to honor their late coach and mentor by hosting a party on Tuesday night at the 1998 Barbershop International Competition held in Atlanta, Georgia.

The Senate Aires invited quartets and choruses to sing and celebrate Larry's life and accomplishments, with performance proceeds earmarked for Larry's Endowment. The show was a smashing hit and fun for all—exactly as Larry would have liked it. Every year since 1998, the show has been a fun, relaxing night for both the audience and the performers at International. Just **\$20 cash** at the door; all proceeds benefit the Larry Ajer Endowment providing scholarships to Collegiate Quartets to attend Harmony University.

The evening is an exciting chance to see some Top 20 quartets and past International Champions as well as many of our affiliate quartets and choruses from New Zealand, Sweden, Australia and Great Britain.

Keeping the word ENTERTAINMENT in mind these quartets will embody what Larry was all about: Bringing it to the stage and performing for the audience. Come and listen to an entertaining parade of quartets the night before they hit the big stage vying for Gold. Plus **hear the Top 5 College Quartets**, fresh off the competition stage.

We have Sara Littlefield as our MC. It will be a great evening. Here's the line-up:

After Hours (ILL)	McPhly (FWD)
Harmonium CSD	Singature (SUN)
4.0 (EVG)	7th Ave (CAR))
Quorum (JAD) - 85.3	The Core (JAD)
Late Shift (CAR)	Instant Classic (CAR)
Stockholm Syndrome (SNOBS) - 85.1	Jam Session (JAD)
Blue Steele (RMD)	Absolute (SNOBS)
Zero Hour NSC)	5th Place College Quartet
Forefront (CAR) - 89.7	4th Place College Quartet
Trocadero (SNOBS) - 80.5	3rd Place College Quartet
The Crush (FWD)	2nd Place College Quartet
The Con Men (JAD)	1st Place College Quartet

Remember, it's only 20 Cash at the door (Allegheny Ballroom, Westin), plus Cash Bar. See you there!

Schedule of Events—Tuesday, June 30th

8:30am—12:30pm Society Board Mtg (open to public) - Westin/ Allegheny
9am-6pm Harmony Marketplace & Registration-Convention Center Hall A
1pm -4pm 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**

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



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

PITTSBURGH ENTERTAINMENT CORNER

INFO PROVIDED BY RON BROOKS



Look for this special offer logo in the front windows of restaurants offering special deals to Barbershoppers. Here are the restaurants that are offering specials with your convention badge!

Mullaney's Harp & Fiddle Irish Pub! 2329 Penn Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15222 (412) 642-6622 - Thursday July 2nd is Barbershop Quartet Night - Specials and open stage for quartets.

Klavon's 1920's Ice Cream Parlor - Serving Penn State Creamery Ice Cream 2801 Penn Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15222 - 10% OFF - Ice Cream Social on July 4th - 1-2:30PM Featuring Reen Family Singers & Without a Doubt Quartet.

Cioppino Restaurant - 10% OFF your purchase with your badge 2350 Railroad Street Pittsburgh, PA 15222

Thin Man Sandwich Shop - 10% OFF your purchase with your badge 50 21st St, Pgh, PA 15222 Call ahead and place your order! 412-586-7370

Osteria 2350 ~ Italian Classics - 10% OFF with your badge 2350 Railroad Street Pittsburgh, PA

The Carlton – 10% OFF your bill with your convention badge 500 Grant Street (BNY Mellon Center), Pittsburgh, PA 15219 *The Best Dining in Pittsburgh Since 1984* They are also offering a 4-course meal for \$49 Make Reservations

Jimmy John's (Grant St.) - FREE Drink per sandwich w/badge or say BHS. 501 Grant Street Store Call for delivery - 412-281-3474 Delivered within 10-15 minutes – CONSOL Energy Center, Omni William Penn, Cambria Suites, Doubletree & Marriott City Center

Jimmy John's (Liberty Ave) - FREE Drink per sandwich with badge or mention BHS. 506 Liberty Ave Store Call for delivery - 412-697-0999 Delivered within 10-15 minutes to Westin, Renaissance Hotel & Wyndham

Moe's Southwest Grill - 10% OFF with badge or mention BHS 210 Forbes Ave., Market Square, Pittsburgh, PA 15222 (412) 224-4422

Joe's Crab Shack - 10% OFF with badge 226 W Station Square Dr, Pittsburgh, PA 15219 (412) 690-2404

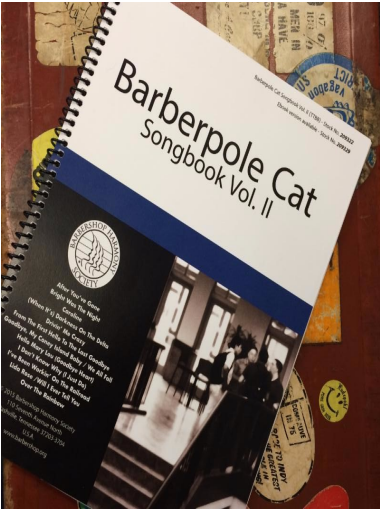
Bucca di Beppo - Station Square - \$10 off \$30 with coupon (get coupon at the registration area.

Hard Rock Café in Station Square -15% off your bill minus alcohol. Plus 10% off in the gift shop.

Monte Cellos on Liberty Ave -10% off

Tonic Bar & Grill across from the Westin. 15% off plus this is a **SING STATION!**

Mike Feinberg Pittsburgh store in the strip on Penn Ave 10% off



Check Out Our New Barberpole Cats Book Just Released Here at Convention!

Pick up a copy, along with Learning CDs, in the Harmony Marketplace, Convention Center (Hall A).

And don't forget the New Barberpole Cat Room at the Butler Room in the Westin Hotel, Tuesday thru Friday, 9pm to 1am. We'll have copies of the new Barberpole Cat Songbook Vol II for you to use.

Bring some friends and run through some of the songs! Please make sure the books stay in the room.

Open Chorus Rehearsals for Today Announced

The following are the Open Chorus Rehearsals for Tuesday, June 30th:

Central Standard - Wyndham — King Ballroom, 0pm-Midnight

Alexandria Harmonizers—Wyndham — Grand Ballroom 1, 8:30pm-10:30pm

Harbourtown Sound—Omni — Monongahela/Umber/Grand B, 9:00pm-11:00pm

Vocal Majority -Marriott — 3:00pm-6:00pm (Check with hotel for location)

SINGING STATION IN THE 'BURG!



Look for our **SINGING STATION** signs in Pittsburgh!

They will be all over town and when you see one, stop, sing a song or two, or a tag — take a picture of yourself and attach #BHSPGH.

This particular sign is at **TONIC Bar & Grill** right across the street of the front of The Westin! Eat there and you'll get 15% off your bill with your badge!

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 **Harison King III**, Director of the **Pittsburgh North Hills Harmony Line Chorus**.

Find three new friends and have some fun ringing these chords! You never know, a new quartet may be in your future!

23. Foolish Over You (Each Time I Fall In Love)



S. K. Grundy
Sung by the Sundowners, 1967

Shuttle Bus Schedule

ROUTE 1: Westin / CONSOL Express (direct service between the Westin & Consol Energy Center)

Wednesday, 9:00am-10:00pm
Thursday, 10:00am-11:00pm
Friday, 10:00am-11:00pm
Saturday, 4:00pm-10:00pm
(service every 15-20 minutes)

ROUTE 2: Hotel Route (stops at Wyndham, Renaissance, Westin & contest venues)

Tuesday, 8:00am-12:00am (with Heinz Hall stops 4:00pm-10:00pm)
Wednesday, 8:00am-12:00am. (with CONSOL Energy Center stops 9:00am-10:00pm)
Thursday, 8:00am-12:00am (with CONSOL Energy Center stops 10:00am-11:00pm)
Friday, 8:00am-12:00am (with CONSOL Energy Center stops 9:00am-11:00pm)
Saturday, 8:00am-1:00am (w/ CONSOL Energy Center stops 4:00pm-10:00pm)
(service every 20 minutes)

ROUTE 3: Sheraton Station Square Route (stops at Sheraton Station Square, Westin & contest venues)

Tuesday, 8:00am-12:00am (with Heinz Hall stops 4:00pm-10:00pm)
Wednesday, 8:00am-12:00am. (with CONSOL Energy Center stops 9:00am-10:00pm)
Thursday, 8:00am-12:00am (with CONSOL Energy Center stops 10:00am-11:00pm)
Friday, 8:00am-12:00am (with CONSOL Energy Center stops 9:00am-11:00pm)
Saturday, 8:00am-1:00am (w/ CONSOL Energy Center stops 4:00pm-10:00pm)
(service every 30 minutes, with stops at the Sheraton on the :00 & :30)



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The District President’s Council Meeting (EVP)

The Society Board Meeting



NEED A PLACE TO RECHARGE YOUR PHONE AND/OR YOUR MIND?

Come over the to BUTLER ROOM at the WESTIN from 9am—6pm Tuesday—Friday and 9am—1pm Saturday . Have a bottle of water, a cup of coffee or tea. A multi-port phone and tablet charger will be there for you to recharge your media while you relax. *Chargers compliments of DAWN LANGDON & PAPARAZZI ACCESSORIES.*



Pittsburgh City Council



Proclamation



WHEREAS, since 1938, the Barbershop Harmony Society (also known as the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America, Inc.) was established by Owen C. Cash; and,

WHEREAS, the Barbershop Harmony Society's mission is to bring men together in harmony and fellowship to enrich lives through singing, and has the vision to be the premier membership organization for men who love to sing; and,

WHEREAS, the Barbershop Harmony Society serves to perpetuate and celebrate harmony in the barbershop style; and,

WHEREAS, the Barbershop Harmony Society promotes fellowship and friendship among men of good will; and,

WHEREAS, the Barbershop Harmony Society provides the opportunity to experience the joy of four-part a cappella singing; and,

WHEREAS, the Barbershop Harmony Society introduces and sustains music in the lives of people everywhere; and,

WHEREAS, the 2015 Barbershop Harmony Society International Convention is being held in Pittsburgh June 28, 2015 through July 5, 2015.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize the Barbershop Harmony Society for promoting and preserving the barbershop style as an art form.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare June 28th, 2015 to be "Barbershop Harmony Society International Convention Day" in the City of Pittsburgh.

Sponsored by Councilman Dan Gilman

Co-sponsored by Councilmembers Bruce Kraus, Deb Gross, Darlene M. Harris, Theresa Kail-Smith, Natalia Rudiak, Corey O'Connor, R. Daniel Lavelle, and Rev. Ricky V. Burgess

Bruce Kraus
President of Council

Attest: Mary Beth Doherty
Clerk of Council

In Council, June 23rd, 2015



A Proclamation

Barbershop Harmony Society International Convention Day in the City of Pittsburgh—sponsored by Councilman Dan Gilman (far left) is presented to Pittsburgh 2015 Host Committee Chair, Rog McQuaid, flanked on his left by *Wired for Sound* Quartet (from left) Tim Speicher, Ron Brooks, Jim Mazza and Dave Patton, along with BHS Johnny Appleseed District President Steve Wyszomierski (yellow shirt) and Steve Hawkins (blue shirt), Pittsburgh Metro Chapter, who took the initiative to request this special recognition.

