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All The News That's Fit To Ring!

Thursday, July 2nd—2015 Daily Bulletin

The 77th Annual Barbershop Harmony Society's International Convention

Trocadero Captures Collegiate Gold



A Relaxed, Gold-Medal Performance by *Trocadero* (from left) David Holst, (Tenor), Jakob Berggren (Lead), Filip Sibien (Bass) and Sam Andren (Bari)

For the fourth time in the last eight years, a quartet from Sweden has won the collegiate championship, beating out 23 other young quartets from across America and around the world. In capturing the gold, ***Trocadero*** posted A-level scores with their rendition of jazz standard *I Love Being Here with You*, along with *This Is My Beloved*.

Trocadero led a foreign takeover of the collegiate division in which four of the five quartets hailed from outside the United States. The top five collegiate quartet finishers and scores were: Trocadero (SNOBS), 1490/82.9%; 'Shoptimus Prime (Guelph Ontario, Buffalo NY), 1479/82.2%; Yonge Guns (Ryerson U, Uof Guelph, U of Toronto), 1442/80.1%; Blindside (BHA), 1422/79%; and Flightline (Cal State Fullerton, Fullerton Col) 1416/78.7%.

As champion, the quartet earns bragging rights, notoriety, and especially a springboard to the big contest that has been dominated by past college champions and offshore quartets such as current world champs, Musical Island Boys of New Zealand.

Larry Ajer Party, the "Best Ever!"

So exclaimed Ron Brooks, Pittsburgh Host Committee organizer who helped coordinate Tuesday night's party held for the 18th consecutive year for the benefit of the Larry Ajer Endowment. Originally established to provide scholarships to Harmony University for music arrangers, the endowment has expanded in recent years to include HU scholarships for collegiate quartets.

In addition to a lengthy line-up of accomplished quartets, all five Collegiate Quartet medalists attended to honor the Ajer legacy, and thank in song the fund that has supported a number of young quartets.

A most enjoyable way to spend a late evening, all for a great cause!

Collegians Support Larry Ajer Endowment



Kim DeVoss thanks Musical Island Boys for surprising her with their last-minute appearance as a result of a

Late cancellation. MIB got a big boost towards their 2014 International Championship by having received a Larry Ajer Scholarship to Harmony University!



Saturday Night Spectacular Sing-Along Announcement

Our convention week is all about SINGING, so be sure to join your fellow Barbershoppers at the **Saturday Night Spectacular** (Consol, 5:15pm) to do just that. We will be singing *My Old Kentucky Home, Goodnight* under the direction of....well, you'll just have to show up to find out!

Download the music and tracks, learn a part, and come celebrate all the things we love about Barbershop with this 1853 Stephen Foster classic. Go here:

www.barbershop.org/pittsburgh/spectacular-sing-a-long-music/

You won't want to miss *The Originals*, *Vintage Mix*, the Fantasy Director and Fantasy Quartet, and so much more at **The Saturday Night Spectacular**, Saturday July 4th, 5:15pm, Consol Energy Center. More Music, More Ways, with More People!



You Won't Want to Miss Today's HU Classes!

At 9am this morning, ***The Vocal Majority*** and Greg Clancy kick off another strong line-up of Harmony University offerings with its **Gold Medal Hour** at the Marriott Hotel. Greg and the VM will share their gold medal secrets and vision, and discuss how musical excellence can still include brotherhood.

At the Westin at 9am, Fred Farrell leads a panel discussion on **AIC War Stories** with other gold medal quartet men from the 1960s to the present.

According to Director of Harmony University, Don Rose, "Our Pittsburgh International Convention HU classes are an opportunity to get involved and interact with other Barbershoppers, instead of just sitting." Select from 15 sessions that include **Tag Singing, Care of the Senior Voice, Sharing Barbershop with Music Educators, Vocal Tension Diagnosis and Social Media for Beginners**.

Almost all of the HU classes are in the Westin Hotel. Why not stop by the Hospitality Room (Butler Room), have a cup of coffee and a snack, then take in a class or two. Added Rose, "All the classes are short and sweet, and you are almost guaranteed to learn something new you can take back to your chapters!"



“It’s Time to Say Goodbye” Greater Pittsburgh Chapter 1949 (Pennsylvania # 1) – 2015

By Bob Parker

After a long and glorious history, the Greater Pittsburgh Chapter has decided that “It’s Time to Say Goodbye!” Our numbers have dwindled to the point that we are no longer a viable chapter.

We would like to have you join us in the **Washington Room** of the **Westin Hotel** (Mon.-Sat., 9am-Midnight) to look at some of the memorabilia collected from over the years. (Many thanks to the AHSOW folks who have graciously invited us to share their harmonizing space!)

You will see stacks of old chapter bulletins, pictures of our chorus under a number of directors including Ron Brooks who started singing with us at the age of 11 and became our director at age 18!! You will also see a plethora of photographs of some of the many activities we participated in over the years.

We have had two international gold medalist quartets—*The Pittsburghers* (1948) and *The Town & Country Four* (1963), wonderful quartets like *The Westinghouse Quartet*, *Four Maldehydes*, a number of district quartet champions and a list of awards longer than your arm (or at least my arm).

You old timers may remember that we hosted the International Convention here in 1983 and 1994. We were scheduled to host the event this year but the chairman, Jay Garber, passed away and we had to pass the gavel.

If you would like to know more about our chapter, read some great comments, and maybe add a few of your own, go to [face-book.com](https://www.facebook.com/events/54242779229923/) and type “One Last Sound of the Pitchpipe” in the facebook search bar, or go directly here: <https://www.facebook.com/events/54242779229923/permalink/548897055249662/>. It’s maybe a little confusing for some, but well worth the visit!

Please come join us during the week just to say hello and especially on Saturday night after the Quartet Finals for snacks and liquid refreshments.

PITTSBURGH ENTERTAINMENT CORNER

By Ron Brooks



Newly-announced Special Deals during Pittsburgh Convention, with your Convention badge, or say “BHS”

- Moe’s Southwest Grill – 10% off
- Jimmy John’s Subs – FREE Drink with a Hoagie
- Thin Man Sandwich Shop - 10% OFF
- The Carlton – 10% Off
- Eddie Merlot’s – 10% Off
- Monte Cello’s Pizza – 10% Off
- Tonic Bar & Grill – 15% Off (SINGING STATION)
- Hardrock Café – 15% Off (SINGING STATION) 10% Off at gift shop
- Klavon’s Ice Cream – 10% Off (SINGING STATION)
- Buca di Beppo - \$10 Off \$30
- Joe’s Crab Shack – 10% Off
- Mike Feinbergs Pittsburgh Store – 10% Off
- Osteria 2350 Italian – 10% Off
- Cioppino – 10% Off

Share your convention experiences with the world by tagging your tweets, posts, and photos with the **#BHSPGH** hashtag! We’ll be posting your messages and shout-outs on the screens in the arena AND online, so we want to hear from YOU! Tell us about your Harmony University classes, who you’re rooting for, best moments... everything great about your week here in Pittsburgh!



A picture worth a thousand words!

TWO GREAT WAYS TO SING ON SATURDAY

By Stan Klenats

I know it will be the end of the week, but Barbershoppers love a chance to sing one more song. On Saturday, there will be 2 chances before you head to the contest venue that afternoon.

So, fellow Barbershoppers, here are your instructions. Once you get up Saturday morning and have breakfast, start heading down to Point State Park.

This is the park directly across from the Wyndham. If you are already staying there, lucky you. If not, either take a shuttle or a nice morning walk. Even from the Sheraton or Cambria, your walk will be less than 20 minutes and downhill all the way.

At Noon on Saturday, on the OneMain Financial Stage, an event is scheduled featuring singers from the Barbershop Harmony Society as well as the Sweet Adelines. The line-up includes:

- The Steel City Harmonizers
- The Regulars
- The Sounds of Pittsburgh Chorus
- Mayhem

Along with their great singing, you’ll also get a chance to partake in an audience sing-a-long in which I’m sure you will find a way to add some 4-part harmony.

This should finish around 1:30, and then you can head towards the Clemente Bridge (6th St) where our **MegaSing** will begin promptly at 3:00. Just look for the "Sing Station" signs and that will be our gathering point.

While you are waiting, you can take the opportunity to watch the Regatta and visit the craft and food vendors. You gotta love a hot sausage sandwich or some Pittsburgh pierogis for lunch.

The **MegaSing** will be directed by Adam Scott and the songs will include:

Hello Mary Lou, Wild Iris Rose, Heart of My Heart, Darkness On The Delta, Coney Island Baby, Sweet Roses of Mom, Down Our Way, Sweet Adeline, Honey Little Lize

The **MegaSing** will be finished around 3:30 leaving yinz with more than enough time to make it back to the Consol for the evening’s activities. You can either make the 20 minute trek back to the Consol on foot, or use the shuttle service which also stops at the Renaissance Hotel on 6th Ave.

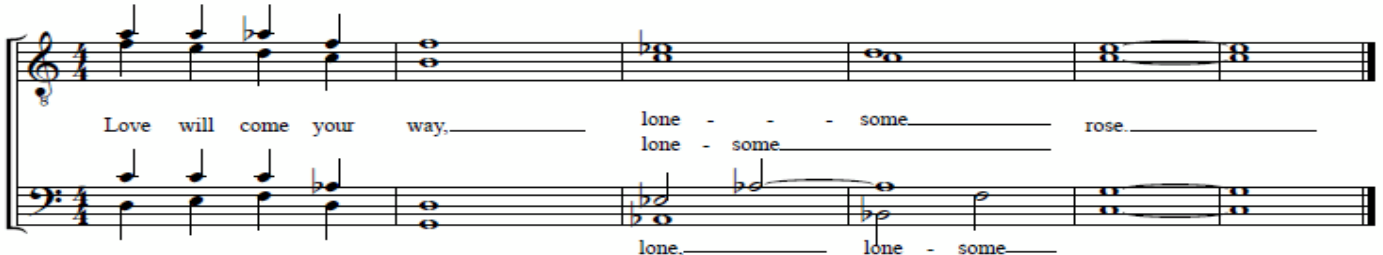
So hopefully this gives you a good idea of how you can spend your Saturday afternoon and enjoy some singing in the process.

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 **Mike Hengelsberg**, Assistant Director, Steel City Harmonizers, and former Director, LaCrosse Coulee Chordsmen. Find three new friends and have some fun ringing these chords!

9. Lonesome Rose



Ed Waesche, 1985