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**Heralds of
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If you're happy and you know it...



Returning to rehearsal this year brought a lot of happiness. Reuniting with our friends in harmony, old friends returning, new friends being made, and welcoming new director Tony DeRosa!

Have you been to a rehearsal yet this year? If not, you really owe it to yourself to check it out. You can feel the energy, see the enthusiasm, and hear the happiness. It is a real treat, not only for the men on the risers but for those of us sitting in the audience as well. Come on in and see what all the excitement is about!

Recently seen at HoH Rehearsal...

Denny Young, Andy Kelly, Lee Sobania, JJ Meyer,
Lou Nicharot, John Flynn, Dave Richards, Patrick Kilbane,
Jeff Dyal, Mike Cross, Bob Suhrheinrich, John Solak, Daniel Eger,
Terry Tripp, Eric Gauvreau, Jerry Tobin, Marvin Evans

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Weekly rehearsals at 7pm:
Feb 15 • Feb 20 • Feb 27
Mar 5 • Mar 14
Mar 19 • Mar 26

The Scottish Rite Auditorium
5500 Memorial Hwy., Tampa

[Click for Directions](#)

HoH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY

- 15 Rehearsal (WEDNESDAY)
- 20 Rehearsal (MONDAY)
- 25 Performances at Tarpon Shores - 4pm & 7pm
- 27 Rehearsal (MONDAY)

MARCH

- 5 Rehearsal (MONDAY)
- 8 Board Meeting (online)
- 14 Rehearsal (WEDNESDAY)
- 19 Rehearsal (MONDAY)
- 26 Rehearsal (MONDAY)

CHANGE IN SCHEDULE
 The Allegro, Lecanto FL performance previously shown on March 24th has been postponed until Fall. More details in future issues.

APRIL

- 2 Rehearsal (MONDAY)
- 11 Rehearsal (WEDNESDAY)
- 12 Board Meeting (online)
- 13-15 Sunshine District Spring Convention
 Charlotte County Convention Center, Punta Gorda
- 16 Rehearsal (MONDAY)
- 23 Rehearsal (MONDAY)
- 30 Rehearsal (MONDAY)

AND BEYOND...

- June 14 Flag Day Performance, Scottish Rite
- July 1-8 International Convention/Portland, OR
- Sept 23 Performance at Timber Pines, Spring Hill
- Sept 30 Performance at Sun City Center
- October 5-7 Sunshine District Fall Convention
 Charlotte County Convention Center, Punta Gorda
- Nov 3 Performance at Mariner Church, Spring Hill
- December Christmas Shows!

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2012 Spring Convention

Punta Gorda

Thursday, April 12th - Sunday, April 15th

Register now!

<http://sunshinedistrict.org/store/>



July 1-8, 2012

Click, or call for more information

800-595-4849

2013 MidWinter Convention
 Orlando, FL
 January 8th-13th

WELCOME BACK, TONY

Tony DeRosa grew up singing barbershop harmony under the direction of his dad, Papa Joe, in choruses in Rochester, N.Y., and in Polk County, Florida. His life was immersed in barbershop harmony from an early age as he performed in his dad's choruses, listened to his mom's quartet, sang with his sister, Chris, in The De Rosa 4, and followed his favorite quartets and learned their songs while adding to his repertoire. He appeared on the International stage as a tenor, at age 12, with a memorable rendition of "Where The Angels Live," sung by the "Cypress Chord Club."

Seven years later, after many appearances at international competitions with District Championship quartets, he captured his first quartet gold medal and became the youngest medal winner with the 1992 champions Keepsake. He repeated this achievement again in 2000 by earning another quartet gold medal as baritone in Platinum. At present Tony is the lead singer in the 2007 gold-medalist quartet Max Q, making him one of a small handful of barbershoppers to have three quartet gold medals. He previously took the Tampa Heralds of Harmony to International competition an unprecedented nine years in a row. He also directs the Jacksonville, FL, Big "O" barbershop chorus. Finally, he directs the Sweet Adelines "Toast of Tampa" Chorus, recently taking them to 5th place



in International Competition.

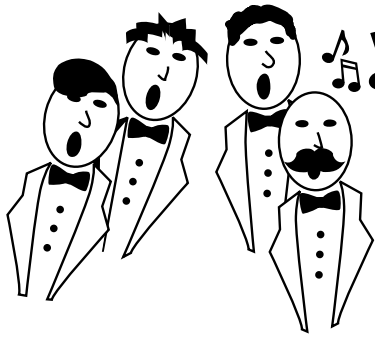
Tony lives in Winter Garden, Florida, and works as a church and studio vocalist, as Music Director for the Dapper Dans and Voices of Liberty at Disney's Epcot Center, as vocal director for Celebrity Cruise Lines, as a coach to numerous Barbershop Harmony Society and Sweet Adeline choruses and quartets, and as an active vocal music learning-tape producer.

While these are important barbershop and musical stats, Tony enjoys pointing out that his true pride and joy are his wife Jodi and his family. Jodi and Tony met when they both sang with the Voices of Liberty where Jodi sings the soprano part. Together they have shared some amazing and challenging musical moments. They share four terrific children: Alec, 19; Kayla, 15; Joseph, 3; and Sophia, 2. Watching the kids grow and change is Tony's greatest pleasure. This family shares the blessings of a strong faith in God, extended-family fun, and a busy and full life loaded with music.

The Heralds of Harmony Chorus is excited to have Tony DeRosa directing us again.

Tony returns as director and vows to outlast everyone on the risers! As a man who doesn't NEED to be here, he WANTS to be here and feels there is no reason that Tampa can't be a leading chapter, not only in the Sunshine District, but in the country. In order to do it, he explains that the chorus must expect excellence at everything and not to expect an overnight sensation. Right now he is laying the ground work for the chorus to excel. The chorus is learning better habits. Practicing at home in order to come to rehearsal to rehearse as a chorus. It will take a very special person to be on the risers in this chorus. As Tony put it, "Having your pinky toe in the pool will not be enough, you gotta Dive in!"

Singing Valentines



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It takes an Army...

Thanks to: **Shaun Reynolds** for being the Valentine coordinator. **Dave & Dianne Roberts, Dick Sipple, Steve Matheson**, and others for taking telephone orders. **Brian Wunderln, Steve Matheson, and Chuck Steiner** for assistance in planning quartet routes. **Alexander Boltenko** for his help with quartets, getting the Heralds updated with singingvalentines.com and with various marketing events. **Steve Matheson** for his various marketing strategies, including a TV spot! **Russ Powell, Ray Scalise, Bill Phipps, Steve Matheson, Chuck Steiner, Paul Carter, Compound Interest (including Chris Overstreet), and 75 South (including Joe Kane & Ed Burt)** for helping with the Pre-Valentine's Day orders. **Larry Clapp** for being on stand-by for a possible medical emergency. **John Harding** for taking calls while Shaun was out singing. **Randy Lawson** and **Russ Powell** for their insight from previous years! **Ed McKenzie** for coming up with the mug idea. **Roxanne Clapp** for mug art. The **Angels, Dianne Roberts, Christa Burt, Roxanne Clapp, Judy Williams, and Claudine Jenkins** for their help with mugs. **All of you who helped sell Singing Valentines.**

All the quartets
who delivered the Singing Valentines:

75 South
Flex Four
Special Arrangement
Compound Interest
Wildcard

The men of the Heralds of Harmony were out singing to sweethearts all over the bay area for Valentines Day. Hearts, chocolate, and four tux adorned men singing in perfect harmony... what a treat!

Besides being a sweet Valentine gift, \$5 of each Singing Valentine is being donated to Metropolitan Ministries so it is also helping those in need.

This year the Heralds opened up the availability to Pasco County as well as their usual Hillsborough and Pinellas counties. The Heralds sold about 70 Singing Valentines. Getting off to a slow start, it seemed not too many people in the Bay area were feeling all that romantic this year, but the sweethearts came out of the woodwork in the few days prior to the big heart day and restored faith in romance!



A Singing Valentine is delivered to Hillsborough Arts Council's Terri Simons (left), Director, Program Services at Tampa Theatre, by chapter quartet Wildcard: (left to right) Shaun Reynolds, Chuck Steiner, Frank Ierna, and Dean Davis. Looks like a few other lucky ladies got to enjoy the songs too!

The Heralds of Harmony is a Charitable Organization

Submitted by Al Kelly, Treasurer - Heralds of Harmony

The Heralds of Harmony is a tax exempt, charitable organization and contributions to it may be deductible for personal income tax purposes. In the United States, The IRS has ruled that chapters of BHS are "educational and charitable" and qualified to receive tax exemption under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as long as the chapter continues to meet the requirements of the exemption. The Heralds meets all four requirements for exemption.

In order for a contribution to be tax deductible, it must be for the general operating expenses of the Chapter. In other words, it can't be your dues, performance or raffle tickets, or any social activity fee. Contribution of services (your time) is never deductible; however, some out-of-pocket expenses may qualify as contributions.

Out-of-pocket expenses

According to the IRS, contributions to the Society, its districts and chapters, are deductible for the individual taxpayer, and that non-reimbursed out-of-pocket expenses incurred in rendering service to any of these units fall in this category. Also, a portion of amounts paid for sponsors' or patrons' tickets is recognized as a deductible contribution.

Travel expenses

Another provision of the Income Tax Regulations defines travel expenses as travel fares, meals and lodging, and expenses incident to travel. Only traveling expenses, as are reasonable and necessary in the discharge of the taxpayer's duty in the Society, district or chapter, and directly attributable to his duty, may be deducted.

Non-deductibles

Activities in which a Barbershopper engages solely as the result of membership in the Society are not "duties," in the IRS sense of this word. Expenses incurred in travelling to and from Harmony Education Program schools which he attends not as an official, but as a general Barbershopper, or in travelling to and from shows or conventions, in which he is solely a spectator, are not charitable contributions and are not deductible.

Partial reimbursement

In many cases, a chapter, district or Society official is reimbursed for part, but not all, of his expenditures while rendering service in his official capacity. Under certain

conditions he may deduct the excess over what he is reimbursed.

Specific cases for Chapter officials

Based on IRS regulations and relevant laws, the following expenses (incident to the discharge of duty for the Chapter and not reimbursed to the officer incurring them) are considered charitable contributions and deductible items provided they are fully documented and evidence of their nature is retained by the official:

Chapter officials: president, chapter development VP, music and performance VP, secretary and treasurer
Travel to and from chapter meetings

Chapter board of directors

Travel to and from meetings of the board

Chorus directors

Travel to and from district chorus directors' workshops and craft workshops and Society music education schools
Travel to and from chapter meetings

Chapter, district and Society officials

Unreimbursed telephone stationary, postage or other supplies incident to the discharge of the official duty
Travel, meals, lodging and other reasonable and necessary expense incurred when away from home while attending the following:
Meetings of official bodies, such as Society Board, district board, district House of Delegates.
Leadership Academy
Administrative and music education schools
Contest and judging workshops
Tuition or enrollment fees at Leadership Academies, education schools, or contest and judging sessions.

As you plan your 2012 charitable giving, please consider the Heralds of Harmony. Contributions may be given to any officer at any chapter meeting or they can be mailed to the Heralds' PO Box address.

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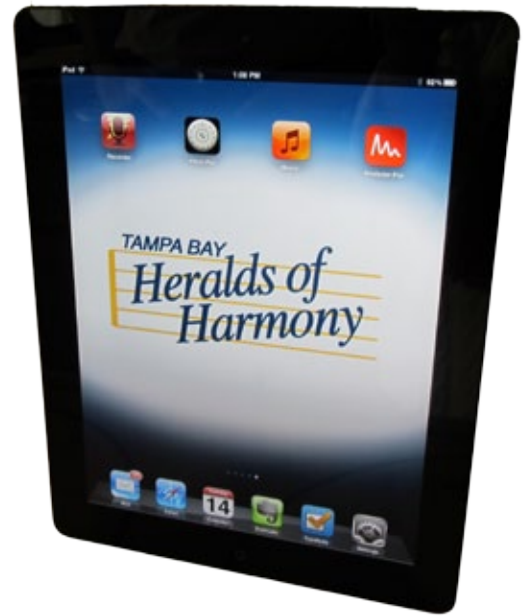
Heralds of Harmony iPad 2 Raffle

Grand Prize: 16 Gb Apple iPad 2 with wi-fi & 3G capabilities
(Retail for \$629 at apple.com)

Raffle Ends: March 26, 2012. Winner will be notified soon after.

Raffle ticket prices: 1 for \$5 or 5 for \$20

Where to get your raffle tickets:
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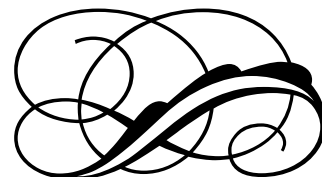
iPads in use at rehearsal...

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If you've already bought your raffle tickets don't you think you should increase your chance of winning and buy some more!?



The Photo-Caption Contest

Submit your caption to
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The winning caption will be posted
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Barbershopper of the Month

October



Gregg Hunsberger
for his outstanding job at video taping rehearsal

November



Shaun Reynolds
for his outstanding job as ticket chairman for the Christmas shows.

December



Dan McFarlane
for his outstanding script writing for the Christmas shows!

Attendance Report

The following individuals had perfect attendance in January for both rehearsals and shows.

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|--------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Pat Bauer | Doug McDonald | Chuck Steiner |
| Alexander Boltenko | Dan McFarlane | Steve Stenzler |
| Ralph Brown | Ed McKenzie | Matt Sullivan |
| Bob Buhlmann | Art McNeil | Jerry Tobin |
| John Harding | John Pennington | Bill Weatherford |
| Bryan Hevel | Bill Phipps | Brian Weber |
| Lynn Hineman | Marty Port | Tom Williams |
| Gregg Hunsberger | Russ Powell | Brian Wunderlin |
| Kent Jenkins | Shaun Reynolds | Bruce Yeager |
| al Kelly | David Roberts | |
| Dave Larson | Ron Sadofsky | |
| Steve Matheson | Ray Scalise | |
| Joe McCarthy | Dick Sipple | |

Great Job!

Highest Riser count in the past month:

64



Longtimer of the Month... Russ Powell, 35 YEARS!

AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL

Presented by Tampa Bay Heralds of Harmony

On January 28th, thirty-seven Heralds filled the risers and sang beautifully at a SOLD OUT performance at the Zephyrhills Elks Lodge!



“The basses really rang the tag on God Bless America”



The audience clearly enjoyed the show and some were very moved by the music.

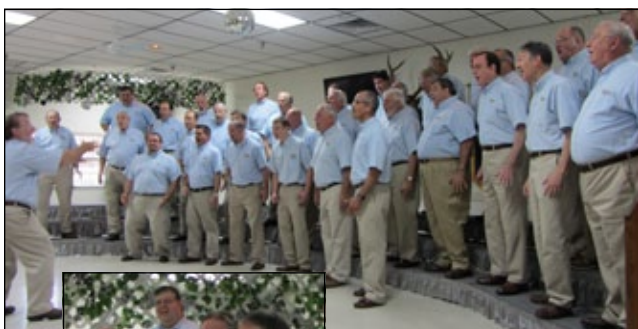


“The sound was clean, clear and crisp.”



A special thank you to the assistant directors: Brian Weber, Kent Jenkins, Tom Williams, and Pat Bauer; to the emcee for the afternoon, Mr. Art McNeil; and to chapter quartet “75 South” for their performance during the show.

They even threw in a few good jokes :)



Next up: Tarpon Shores Mobile Home Park Show on February 25, 2012.



January 17-22, 2012

Congratulations *HD Chorus* and to Director Alex Rubin. *HD Chorus* takes top honors at Midwinter International Youth Chorus Festival with a score of 2254 (83.5 average). That makes them the Plateau AAA Champions. They received the highest overall score by a margin of 160 points.

Rusty Pipes (JAD) is the new International Seniors Champion. Sunshine District’s representative to the contest, *OLD GUYS RULE*, finished 11th.

Sunshine District’s *The Hum-dingers* sang and delighted the audience as well.

Next year’s Midwinter Convention will be held in Orlando, January 8-13, 2013.

Barbershop and Politics?

Not something you often hear together but this time we’ll make an exception. In case you haven’t heard, the Republican National Convention will be held in Tampa at the end of August this year. The Arts Council of Hillsborough County has requested interested volunteers for singing at the airport for the arriving and departing attendees. So, if you want to go hang out at the airport August 25 & 26th and Sept 1 & 2nd you could hear some great quarteting going on! Oh, and you might see the future President of the United States and some other interesting people!

Groupanizer

AN UPDATE

heraldsofharmony.groupanizer.com

Submitted by Dave Roberts

This site is becoming more attuned to our chapter and chorus needs. First, let's talk about what we can do to make it better. Hopefully you now know how to find your music and download learning files. Our download reports indicate that you are doing that. What would really be cool is if we all updated our profile information. I would have done that for you transferring your information from the old site but I am not certain that data is current. Many of the chapter officers use the site for current phone numbers and email addresses. The other data is up to you but it would be nice to know your wife's name. Address data is cool

especially in conjunction with GPS devices i.e. we can come and visit. Please continue to update your attendance plans, these are very important.

Your Board is hard at work. Please visit the icon in the far right quarter of your Dashboard, 'Manage' then 'Projects and Tasks', then '2012 Heralds of Harmony Management Plan'.

As for the future, we have contracted with the developer to make this site a public site. With this change, any reference to 'Heralds of Harmony' will bring up this site as the Home site. This will give the site administrators control of what will appear on the Home Page. With the current site, we have to get the developer to change our page when we have requirements. Small things such as, changing the meeting night information is very cumbersome. We will let you know in advance when

the public site change will be implemented.

Our new site now contains the rehearsal schedule on the Home Page. This means that any visitor or guest can access the schedule without having a sign on ID. Any member can do the same.

Our new site also contains our performance schedule. A complete list of our upcoming performances is presented along with any contact information when available. The schedule will be kept up to date.

Occasionally someone will suggest an improvement and we usually can quickly implement it. It was suggested that a link to the society web site and the Sunshine District web site be provided and they are now provided on the Home Page.

Historical data, mostly pictures, for 2002, 2004, 2005, and 2006 was recently added.

IN MEMORIAM

Vaughn Albert, 82

A Barbershopper for 63 years, a past member of the Sunshine District Board of Directors and fellow Herald, Vaughn passed away on February 2, 2012 in Indiana. Vaughn and his wife Vivian were snowbirds when he sang with the Heralds. His warm and giving attitude and gentle sense of humor shall always be remembered by those who knew him. Vaughn was a superb individual and will be missed by his many friends.

For his full obituary please visit the Fort Wayne Newspaper website at <http://tinyurl.com/857jqm5>



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Wildcard

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75 South

Contact: Kent Jenkins
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UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

Alexander Boltenko • 2/18

Dick Sipple • 2/20

Joe McCarthy • 2/27

Nick Schwob • 2/28

Jeff Freeman • 3/4

Bob Thames • 3/15

Joe Connelly • 3/11

Bob Mills, former Herald, turns 80!!

The entire chorus was invited to his surprise party, too bad it was in Tennessee so we couldn't all be there.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY BOB!!

From all of the Heralds!

ATTENTION THE HERALD NEEDS COPY WRITERS!!

Send info to the Editor, Roxanne Clapp
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Barbershop Harmony Society (BHS) or (SPEBSQSA) • www.barbershop.org

HarmonetLite • <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/HarmonetLite>

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