



NED's NEWS

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1. Monthly Featured VP Letter

*This month we hear from our VP of Youth in Harmony, **Scott Domaratius**.*

Well, things are a challenge these days, but it offers an opportunity to plan ahead on the youth in harmony front. What can your chapter do in the way of YIH? Even if it's something small and manageable. I'm always enthused to discuss your ideas and offer suggestions—just send me an email sdomar@rcn.com - I'm here to help.

The virtual HX Camp show in August was a spectacular production and can be viewed from the www.nedistrict.org homepage. This is a nice tool to help generate interest in **HX Camp Northeast** for 2022, as we return to an in-person camp experience.

One other piece of exciting news is that we've extended an invitation to Worcester State University Visual and Performing Arts Dept. to give WSU music students (all vaccinated) free admission to our district contest sessions. This is a unique opportunity, in which we are on campus when school is in session. And a great example of a YIH initiative that has no cost and no labor required—Something Small and Manageable—So give some thought to What can your chapter do in the way of YIH?

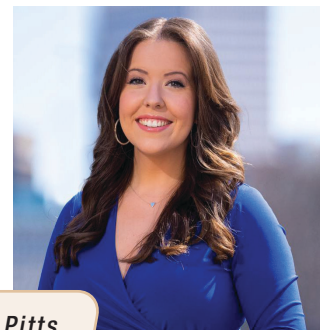
~ **Scott Domaratius** • VP Youth in Harmony • sdomar@rcn.com

2. Meet NED's Newest Board Member

At our recent **House of Delegates** meeting the delegates voted to approve the slate of officers who will be leading us in 2022. The entire board from this year will be returning for 2022 with one exception. **Brandon Mollon**, our VP of Music and Performance, had to step down due to work issues. We thank Brandon for all he did in 2021, especially with organizing our **Virtual Harmony College Northeast**. I'm sure we'll be hearing more about Brandon in the future.

Fortunately, the Nominating Committee had a number of qualified candidates willing to fill the role of VP of Music and Performance. We're very excited that **Amanda Pitts** accepted the nomination, and was approved by the House of Delegates.

Amanda Pitts has been a barbershopper for most of her life. She joined the **Coastline Show Chorus** (SAI) in 2003 as a nine-year-old and has been singing ever since. Amanda is the lead of the SAI Rising Star champion quartet, **Adrenaline**, and the foursome has traveled all over the country as the teaching quartet for youth barbershop camps - including right here in the NED at HXNE in 2019. Amanda is also the lead of the newly-formed NED mixed quartet **Queens Gambit**, and is a founding member of **Voices United Mixed Chorus** where she's a lead section leader and a member of the Board of Directors. When not singing, Amanda works as a television news reporter for the CBS affiliate in Providence, Rhode Island.



Welcome Amanda!

Amanda Pitts

3. Our Newest Chapter

On Saturday, October 16, NED President **Mike Maino** had the privilege on behalf of the **Barbershop Harmony Society** to present the **Official Charter** to our newest chapter, **The Southern New England Chapter**. As far as we know this is the first chapter chartered during the pandemic, and it is the first chapter chartered as mixed harmony chapter in the NED. They perform as **Voices United** and have already appeared on the NED District contest stage in 2019 and will be competing for real at our upcoming District Convention in Worcester. We're



Southern New England Chapter Leadership. Pictured from left to right are: Ken Rebello (Board Member at Large), Bev Saccoccio (Treasurer), Diego Fontaine (Secretary), Carolé Mensing (Vice President), Martha Horton (Membership), Katie Rose (Board Member at Large), Jamie Jones (President), Mike Maino (NED-DP), Elyssa Hurley (co-Director) and Chad Putka (co-Director)

excited about your future and welcome **The Southern New England Chapter** to the Barbershop Harmony Society and the Northeastern District. Follow on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/voicesunitedmixedchorus/>

4. Latest Convention Info

Bob Bradley, VP of Events and working this one in Worcester next weekend... wants to remind everyone that food tickets can still be purchased online before October 27. Start here: <https://www.nedistrict.org/2021-fall-district#food>

A limited number of food vouchers may be available for purchase at our on-site Registration table in Worcester. It really is best to buy in advance!



5. NED Events & Other Important Dates —

Now on the **District Calendar** (link). More information & links may be found there!

Organizers: Please submit/provide/verify your future event date, time and link. Attending? Look at the online calendar!

DATE	DAY(S)	EVENT	INFO LINK	LOCATION
Oct. 29-30	Friday & Saturday	NED Fall District Convention	SELECT	Worcester State U.
Jan. 7-9, 2022	Friday-Sat.-Sunday	NED-OLA-22 / Online Leadership Academy	<i>t b a</i>	Zoom
Jan. 11-16	Tues.-Sun.	BHS 2022 Midwinter Convention	<i>t b a</i>	Pasadena, CA

6. Video of the Month

Another gem from the archives of the BHS.

This video features the *Shananigans* performing at the 1995 International Convention. I'm sure you'll recognize some of the members of the quartet. Enjoy and I hope it brings back some memories.

<https://youtu.be/0ORp3SnX-qa>



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