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Northeastern District of the Barbershop Harmony Society



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barbershop.org

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Friday, July 15

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Important Announcements

- **This FRIDAY, July 1** - East Haven, CT - You are cordially invited to an...
Int'l. Quartet Qualifiers Showcase & "Send-Off" (see item 10, last page here).
- **Harmony College Northeast - August 5-7 @ Worcester State University**
Registration is now OPEN! See the classes and plan now: [HERE](#)
- **Harmony Explosion Camp Northeast** - HXNE Camp has been cancelled for 2022, due to low early enrollment. This is the same fate that has fallen on HX camps in many other Barbershop Harmony Society Districts this year. It seems things are just not back to "normal" yet. So, we'll move onward, looking forward to a bright 2023 camp, with an early push using the exciting plans that had been put in place for this year. We extend heartfelt thanks to all that have provided support for this program in so many, many ways. Let people know about this wonderful program and we'll see you in 2023!
Andrea Bossie, HXNE Camp Director / Scott Domaratius, VP-Youth in Harmony

1. Monthly Letter ~ from the VP of Events

Saint John, New Brunswick

This fall, on October 21st and 22nd, the NED is "in" for a treat. The city of **Saint John** (*it is not "Saint John's" or "St. John"*) is located in the southern part of **New Brunswick**, on the **Bay of Fundy**. A sight in itself is the 48 foot tide in the bay. **Saint John** was the place where British loyalists escaped to during the American revolution. There are loyalist cafes and a loyalist burying ground. There are also many pubs, great restaurants, and a new and improved waterfront. It is also a cruise ship destination. Recently, a ship docked and discharged near 7500 passengers into the very walkable city. Looking out the windows of the **Hilton** there is a great view of the harbour and where the ships dock.

The District attempts to find Convention locations that are a suitable destination where members can spend a few extra



days and use these events as a mini-vacation. The Eastern event at the Cape Cod Resort location in Hyannis has a large heated pool and a challenging 18 hole golf course on the grounds. The Western event is located around Lake George - another resort region. For the Western contests **Dianne Brooks** and I try to put together a show that features an International Champion Quartet (or two!). **Parkside Harmony** chorus and **OC Times** quartet were featured this past spring - it was a memorable show. In the past, how many remember singing on stage in the 100+ singer chorus lead by **Crossroads**?

These conventions are for everyone, not just for the competitors! This fall in **Saint John**, we will have classes on Friday and a mass sing in the park before the quartet contest begins. Saturday, in keeping with the traditions of our hosts in Canada, we plan a large banquet in the evening after the contests. **Saint John**, just like the rest of the world, is waking up from COVID and this is a great time to be there! We have other plans for Friday that will be announced soon. We can announce, depending on the tides, that we will be able to walk (with a guide) on the ocean floor and discover some caves. There is a museum connected to the Convention Center and a



great Farmers Market - serving fresh pastries and food all day, along with many other booths and vendors, selling all sorts of other wares and goods. You will be able to stay at either the **Hilton** or the **Marriott**, great hotels if you wish to just relax. Or, you can walk this great city and sample the exceptional hospitality, merchants and the great seafood.

Come for the singing, come for the friends, come for a few days and enjoy yourself and enhance your barbershop memories. I can guarantee all an enjoyable few days and it is well worth the trip. Plan “travel” days so you can relax and enjoy ALL the activities we have in store, for you! Our Canadian hosts are the best and the city welcomes us with open arms. See you all in October – keep checking the NED web for up to day events and details.

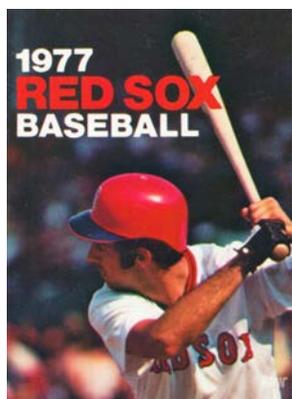
Start here: <https://www.nedistrict.org/2022-fall-district-info>

Bob Bradley • NED VP - Events • rbradre@bestweb.net

2. Back in the Day

*As part of our celebration of the 75th Anniversary of the NED, past district president **Art Lively** suggested that members submit articles of historic value to the district. I'm sure there must be others who have remembrances of notable NED events and could share them with the district. They offer a unique perspective on some of the great events and moments of the past. As an example, Art provided the following. This is the first installment. Thank you, Art!*

The Fenway Caper – by Art Lively



The following is an account of the events which eventually led to the appearance, on April 7, 1977, of the **Lakes Region Chordsmen** at the opening day ceremonies at **Fenway Park**, the home of the Major League **Boston Red Sox** baseball team. The **Chordsmen** are members of the Laconia, New Hampshire chapter, SPEBSQSA, Inc.

The seed is planted

It is difficult to say where the Fenway Caper had its humble beginning. The year 1976 was an important one for the **Lakes Region Chordsmen**. “Salute to America;” the softball games in Kennebunk, Maine; learning an inspiring rendition of the **Stars Spangled Banner** — all of these perhaps played a small part. One member said, “Let’s sing the National Anthem to kick off the softball games in Kennebunk...” This was done. >>>

Then another member commented later that it would be great to sing the National Anthem at a Red Sox game. It was then that the seed was planted. Our Program Vice President, **Denny Daly**, mentioned that he knew someone in the Red Sox organization. He would write, suggesting that we would be interested in singing the National Anthem on New Hampshire Day at Fenway Park. It was a long shot. The letter was composed by Denny and sent to the Red Sox organization.

Germination of the seed

Time went by. There was no word from the Red Sox. Did our letter wind up in the round file? The seed remained dormant for several months. Then, on the agenda list at a monthly chapter board meeting, appeared “Fenway Caper.” It was discussed again. There was concern that no word had come back from the Red Sox. Our president, **Dick Young** decided to write another letter. Also, Denny Daly called the Red Sox on the phone. Finally, a letter arrived from the Red Sox Public Relations Director, Bill Crowley. In the letter he informed us that they no longer had a New Hampshire day at Fenway, but would we accept an alternative. An alternative?!! It was an invitation, not only to sing the National Anthem, but a fifteen minute pre-game show as well on opening day of the season, April 7th, 1977.



Needless to say, we accepted. The seed was finally germinating. *To be continued.....*

3. Newsletter & The NED News

I cannot believe it has been over five years since the start of the **NED News** newsletter. Originally, it was meant to provide a means of sharing and celebrating successes of our members, chapters, choruses and quartets with everyone in the district. Without a full time editor for the **Nor’easter**, I felt the district needed some timely way to share such stories and newsworthy events. I can’t take all the credit for the newsletter. I merely collect content and put it all into a template that **Steve Salamin** provided to me. He then builds the newsletter and readies for publication. There wouldn’t be such a nice looking **NED News** newsletter if it weren’t for **Steve’s** efforts. I would also like to thank everyone who has contributed to the NED News throughout the last five years. Again, with no content, there would be no newsletter.



I mention all of this to ask for help - if the **NED News** is going to continue. At the end of 2022, I’ll no longer be a member of the NED Board as IPP. I promised **Mike Maino** I would continue to do the Newsletter until the end of 2022. I need someone to take over this task as I step off the Board. It doesn’t take much time. The hardest part is getting members to submit articles of interest. If you’re interested in providing this service to the district, or know of anyone who would like to, please let me know. Drop me an email at elfritze@gmail.com. I’ve enjoyed doing this and I hope there is someone out there who can continue the **NED News** newsletter either in this form or perhaps back to the format of the NED original news “bulletin,” the **Nor’easter**.

4. Meredith Bay Barbershop Jamboree - Summer All-Sing Fun!

This is going to be a SUPER exciting, fun, all-social, all-singing weekend in **Meredith, New Hampshire**, on **Lake Winnepesaukee** – and well worth the trip! (*only 20 minutes north from the old Alton spot*). The Town of Meredith is SUPER excited, too - they really are extending a welcoming hand to accommodate us.

It’s a rain or shine event and we have many areas “booked” for our activities. Plenty of covered spaces and opportunities - as well as the great outdoors - for on-the-spot singing, anywhere, anytime - PoleCats, favorite songs, oldie’s and goodie’s, maybe Brigade selections, tags (absolutely), woodshedding - it’s all up for grabs in all the non-judgement zones! Just have fun and sing your hearts’ out. Make



it special! Watch for more info real soon - and meanwhile, think about performing on stage at the **Great Gathering Show** on Saturday night - your Chorus and/or any quartet! **Please join us - let's have some fun!**

REGISTRATION is OPEN! LOTS of NEW information here:

<https://www.nedistrict.org/jamboree>



5. You Do Know: NED Fall 2022 District Contest ENTRY and REGISTRATION is open



That's right! As promised by NED-VP-C&J - **Alan Lamson** last month in the **NED News**, contest ENTRY via the BHS Barberscore.com web site process is now open to all NED US qualifiers from the Spring contests (by invitation) — and to all Sunrise Division competitors - Quartet, Chorus and VLQs. But...

Do you also know - that REGISTRATION is also open? Yup. And that HOTELS are now booking? Yup. Go for it!

<https://www.nedistrict.org/2022-fall-district-info>

6. Nominations open for the 2021 "CPOTY" Award

As the three immediate past recipients of the **Alan Lamson NED Chapter President of the Year** award, we constitute the committee to choose the next recipient. With this notice, we request your nominations for the 2021 award. Any member of the Northeastern District of the BHS may make one or more nominations. This award recognizes a chapter president's accomplishments during the twelve months of 2021, not for the current year, 2022. See here: <https://www.nedistrict.org/chapter-pres-award>



This is your opportunity to reward a chapter leader for his/her extraordinary efforts. The form is brief, containing just a few questions requiring your thoughtful input; it should take no more than 10 minutes or so.

We strongly urge you to make your nomination today - soon! Don't let the opportunity to honor your chapter president pass you by. The submission deadline is THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2022.

The Alan Lamson Chapter President of the Year Award Committee 2021:

Geoff Bird '20, Lowell, MA (Chair) • Don Naples '19, Hartford, CT • Bruce Pacht '18, Hanover, NH

NOTE! Please SUBMIT completed Nomination Form ONLINE only. The ONLINE form is received by all three men. The PDF/Word doc (links) is for draft printing/reference only. Submit online using the interactive form.



7. Off They Go! NED International Qualifiers -

Safe Travels • Stay Healthy & Smart • Good Luck • Have Fun • Thank you!

Busy weeks, this week and next, for so many - but we couldn't pass by without one last, supportive "shout out" to wish ALL of our Qualifying and near-Qualifying Quartets and Choruses from the NED - **GOOD LUCK** and **thank you!**

Q-Day 1 - Tues., July 5 - Sess-1, **Daily Special** - 11th
Sess 2, **Greenlight** - 27th
Sess 2, **Points North** - 31st

Q-Day 2 - Weds., July 6 - Sess 1 **Sweet & Sour** - 37th
C-Day 1 - Friday, July 8 - MIC Tester Chorus: **Voices United**
Singing 4th: **Vocal Revolution**

8. NED Events & Other Important Dates —

Now on the [District Calendar](#) (link).

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

DATE	DAY(S)	EVENT	INFO (PDF LINK)	LOCATION
July 1	THIS Saturday	International Qualifier SHOWCASE - 7 PM <i>East Haven High School</i>	see last page	East Haven, CT
July 3-10	Sun.–Sun.	BHS International Convention	SELECT	Charlotte, NC
July 24-31	Sun.–Sun.	BHS Harmony University	SELECT	Loyola University New Orleans
Aug. 5-7	Fri.–Sun.	NED Harmony College Northeast (HCNE) - Registration OPEN	SELECT	Worcester State Univ.
Aug. 19-21	Fri.–Sun.	NED Meredith Bay Jamboree (MBJ) - Registration OPEN	SELECT	Meredith, NH
Sept. 16-18	Fri.–Sun.	New England Harmony Brigade 9th Annual Rally	SELECT	Marlborough, MA
Sept. 17	Saturday	Chapter Show: Brunswick, ME - <i>Nor'easters Chorus</i>	SELECT	Augusta, ME
Sept. 30	Friday	NED House of Delegates Meeting via Zoom	t b a	<i>Zoom</i>
Oct. 8	Saturday	Chapter Show: Concord, NH - <i>Concord Coachmen</i>	t b a	<i>Concord Auditorium</i>
Oct. 15	Saturday	Chapter Show: Brunswick, ME - <i>Nor'easters Chorus</i>	t b a	<i>Brunswick, ME</i>
Oct. 20-23	Thurs.-Sunday	NED Fall District 75th Anniversary Convention & Contests <i>Contest Entry & Registration is now OPEN - Book Hotels - Got Passport?</i>	SELECT	<i>Saint John, NB</i>

Chapter Secretaries, Marketing VPs, Events VPs - PLEASE NOTE: Interactive **INFO** links are provided to your web site event or calendar listing, or marketing piece, if available online. Links cannot be provided to Events on social media sites (e.g. Facebook, etc.).

9. Video of the Month

I thought I would feature a chorus this month.

Here is the **Big Chicken Chorus** from Marietta, Georgia at the [1996 International Convention](#) telling us all exactly what is a Big Chicken.

Pretty funny stuff...

https://youtu.be/Zud0i_CCDkU



2022 International Highlights? Stories! Experiences! We want to hear! Pictures!

Please send articles of interest to Ed Fritzen by **Friday, July 15** for inclusion in the next **NED•News**. elfritze@gmail.com

10. International Qualifier Showcase - THIS FRIDAY! East Haven, CT - Free! (or donation)



East Haven HS Music Department Presents

BARBERSHOP QUARTET INTERNATIONAL QUALIFIER SHOWCASE

Performances by



GREENLIGHT



SWEET & SOUR



DAILY SPECIAL



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SEE THE NORTHEAST'S BEST BARBERSHOP
QUARTETS BEFORE THEY GO TO THE
2022 INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION!

July 1st
7:00pm

FREE
SHOW

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