



NED's NEWS

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Northeastern District of the Barbershop Harmony Society.



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1. Letter from the ... "President"

As Immediate Past President I'm stepping up to the plate this month to provide the "Letter from the President" article for this month's newsletter.

First off, I need to apologize for not giving proper credit to last month's "Letter from the President". That letter was written and submitted by NED Executive VP, **Mike Savard**, and *not* our President **Mike Maino**. President Maino set up schedule for each of the board members to take a turn at the letter, and Mike Savard was up for February. The March letter was scheduled to be written by or VP of Chapter Support, **David Patterson**. Sadly, David resigned from the NED Board last month.

I would like to thank David for an outstanding job as VP of Chapter Support, especially during these trying times. He effectively recruited, and maintained a full complement of Division Managers throughout his tenure, and kept the lines of communication open with all of chapters ensuring all were compliant. That was no easy task, especially during COVID. He organized and ran two very successful **Online Leadership Academies** that reached far more chapters than we ever did when we held in-person Leadership Academies. The groundwork he laid will serve as a model to follow for future Leadership Academies here in the Northeastern District. We will miss David's presence on the board.

President Maino is actively seeking someone to take over for David, so if you would like to recommend someone, please contact **Mike Maino** directly.



On behalf of the Board and the whole Northeastern District, a super **thank you**, David, for all you have done. It was a pleasure working with you.

~ **Ed Fritzen** • NED Immediate Past President • **elfritze@gmail.com**

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES • THIS WEEK AND NEXT WEEK...

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| Friday | Mar-25 | Town Hall meeting (via zoom) |
| Friday | Mar-25 | HOD•House of Delegates meeting 2022-#1 (via zoom) |
| Friday | Mar-25 | Deadline to REGISTER <i>Early-bird</i> for the Eastern Convention (EB) |
| Wednes | Mar-30 | Deadline to ENTER the NED Western Regional Contests (BHS) |





2. Historically Speaking

Think about this: If your chapter were to suddenly fold tomorrow, what would you leave behind? After a short period of time who would remember any details of what your chorus was about or the great memories of your time together? Wouldn't it be a shame if all of the hard work that has been put into making the chapter successful is lost forever?

Of course it would! Fortunately, all you need to do to prevent this loss is to have a member (or two) who is willing to take the time to collect items and conduct some simple research. This member would reach out to all current and former members for historical documents and/or photos along with any available description of the item. The rest is simply scanning those items, creating a detailed spreadsheet with all of the available details, and then inserting them all into a nicely written Word doc or PDF.

Doing this will keep your chapter history alive for all to see and you might be surprised at how much fun the entire chorus will have in seeing the history behind your chapter.

And, lastly, please consider sending a completed copy of your history project to the NED historian where all submissions will be archived for future generations. Thank you!

~ *Brian Riley* • NED Historian • bjrinnh@hotmail.com



3. Spring East and West Regional Conventions

Just in case you hadn't noticed, REGISTRATION for both the Eastern Regional (April 8-9) in Hyannis, MA and the Western Regional (April 29-30) in Queensbury, NY (Lake George region) are open! Get your registrations in as soon as you can in order to take advantage of the *early bird* rate.

The contests at both Eastern and Western can serve as qualifying contests for the **International Convention** in Charlotte. With the current state of the pandemic, and the relaxing of safety measures, we're hoping for two great convention weekends. Hope to see YOU there! Make your travel, hotel and performance plans - now!



4. 75th Anniversary Convention – Saint John, New Brunswick, Canada

The 75th Anniversary Convention committee has been hard at work preparing to celebrate our 75th Anniversary. Highlights of the weekend will include **Harmony University** classes, a **Mass Sing**, fantastic contests and a district **Saturday Night Banquet**.

The Saturday Night Banquet has been a popular "fixture" at the **Sunrise Division** conventions and is a great social event and fun - connecting us all. This will be a great opportunity to meet and sing with our Canadian brothers. Following the banquet there will be a "Show of Champions" featuring past NED District Champions, and perhaps a surprise quartet. Details are still being worked out.

Plan to spend an additional day or two enjoying the Saint John area! Travel over a day or so ahead, or stay after a few days and enjoy The Country! There's plenty to see and do! Watch for Registration for this convention to open toward the end of March. If you have any questions, contact committee chair, **Ed Fritzen** (elfritze@gmail.com).



5. 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
March 25	Friday	Town Hall Meeting via zoom (<i>about... Contests</i>)	SELECT	via Zoom
March 25	Friday	NED House of Delegates Meeting - 2022-1	SELECT	via Zoom
April 2	Saturday	Chapter Show: Greater Boston, - Vocal Revolution	*	Arlington, MA
Apr. 8-9	Fri.-Sun.	NED Eastern Regional Convention and Contests	SELECT	Resort and Conference Center at Hyannis
Apr. 29-30	Fri.-Sun.	NED Western Regional Convention and Contests	SELECT	Queensbury (NY) High School.
April 30	Saturday	BIG SHOW at Western — featuring OC Times & Parkside Harmony!	SELECT	Queensbury (NY) High School.
May 7	Saturday	Chapter Show: Manchester, CT, Mosaic & Silk City Chorus OUTDOOR A CAPPELLA FEST (<i>afternoon and evening event</i>)	SELECT	Elks Lodge & Pavilion, Glastonbury CT
June 4	Saturday	Chapter Show: Danbury, CT - Mad Hatter Chorus	SELECT	First Congregational Church of Danbury
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. 4-7	Thurs.-Sun.	NED Harmony Explosion Camp Northeast (HXNE)	SELECT	Worcester State Univ.
Aug. 5-7	Fri.-Sun.	NED Harmony College Northeast (HCNE)	SELECT	Worcester State Univ.
Aug. 19-21	Fri.-Sun.	Meredith Bay Barbershop Jamboree	SELECT	Meredith, NH
Sept. 16-18	Fri.-Sun.	New England Harmony Brigade 9th Annual Rally	SELECT	Marlborough, MA

* Please note ~ Chapter Secretary, Marketing VP, Events VP: **INFO links** are provided to your web site event or calendar listing, if available. Links cannot be provided to Events on other social media sites (e.g. Facebook).

From the...

In Case You Missed It ... department:

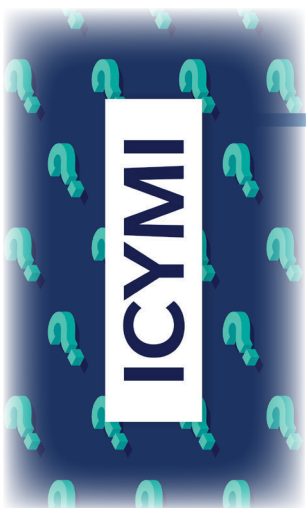
The NED has two (*and a half*) quartets that have QUALIFIED (top 20) to compete and perform on the International stage in Charlotte this summer in the BHS **Next Generation Varsity Quartet Contest!** Congrats to:

Mixed & Mastered - (TLBrBs) **Szisi Hites, Annie Dickinson, Samuel Dantowitz, Grant Heineman**
Zenith - (TLBrBs) **Nicholas Taber, Louis Ades, William Rogers, Evan Costa**

Ahh... and the "Half" you ask? (*glad you did!*)

The combo NED/MAD NextGen Varsity quartet:

Jefferson Plaid Tie - featuring **Francesco Logozzo** and **Cay Outerbridge** from the NED!



6. Video of the Month

One can get lost perusing through the BHS *From the Archives* YouTube channel. That's where I find most of the videos I feature here each month. There are so many great performances there, many of which bring back a personal memory to me. I'm pretty sure I might have featured this month's quartet in a previous *NED News*, but I have a fond place in my heart for the *Easternaires*, one of the first quartets I had the pleasure of meeting and hearing in person when I first started out in Barbershopping.



This performance is from the **1971 International Convention** in New Orleans, a convention I attended and remember well. There's no real video of the this performance but some pretty good singing!

<https://youtu.be/4f-7MTINZdc>

What's Happening?
in your chapter? chorus? quartet?

Send us your news!

Share your photos!

As usual, please send any news worthy articles you'd like to share with the district to me by **Friday, April 15** for inclusion in the next *NED•News*. Send to **Ed Fritzen**, elfritze@gmail.com. Thank you!



A 3-day music camp for guys and gals in high school. Open to all high-school aged singers, Harmony Explosion Camp Northeast provides top-notch vocal coaching and choral instruction in one dynamic, FUN weekend. Big show Saturday night!

Thurs.-Sun., August 4-5-6-7

<https://www.nedistrict.org/hxne/home>



The NED's "Harmony U" for adult members - men & women - open to all groups! Harmony College provides music & vocal training, plus quartet coaching and choral instruction in a fun weekend. Ice cream!

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