



NED's NEWS

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Northeastern District of the Barbershop Harmony Society.

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Light blue text.

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1. Letter from the President

Yes friends, history does repeat itself, and some of us might feel like we are in an episode of the movie "Groundhog Day". I started last January's letter with this...

"It's difficult to put into words the amazing ups and downs we've all been going through this last year...granted there's been a few more downs than ups, but I'd like to look forward to a great 2021. In the Northeastern District we are about to celebrate our 75th Anniversary, and we should take some time to look around and be thankful for all the friends we have made in this great hobby of ours".

I guess the only thing I have to change is the year from 2021 to 2022! Although we did have several success stories, things haven't changed that much. Most chapters are still meeting via Zoom, and the live performances we all enjoy so much are few and far between.

The good news is that we were able to have our first ever virtual **Harmony College Northeast** and **Harmony Explosion**, followed up by a great live **Fall District Convention** in Worcester, and just a couple of weeks ago a very well attended **Leadership Academy**. All four of those events took a tremendous amount of work by your NED vice-presidents as well as many other volunteers. Whenever you have a chance, you should thank them... or better yet offer to help them on their next project.

January 15th brought another milestone in NED history, when three Senior quartets competed at the **Midwinter International Contest** in Pasadena. **Duly Noted, Off The Chart**, and **Trade Secret** made the trip and all performed very well. Unfortunately, our good friends **Port City Sound**, although invited, weren't able to make it, but as they say, "wait 'til next year!"

Please take a moment to visit our fabulous NED web site at www.nedistrict.org where you'll not only find what's going on, but a list of our **2022 District Officers**, that are all ready and willing to take questions, receive comments, or offer help if you ask.

I look forward to seeing as many NED members as possible...in person, this year in Hyannis, Queensbury, and Saint John!

Stay safe and sing well.

~ **Mike Maino** • Northeastern District President • mikeamaino@aol.com

SURVEY SAYS...
Your Feedback Needed!
Summer 2022
Harmony College Northeast
What would YOU like to see?
Start Survey HERE!

IMPORTANT • SPECIAL • ZOOM
House of Delegates Meeting
This FRIDAY, January 28 • 7:00 PM
Ops-Code revisions for contests!
Info/Access: Start HERE!

2. News from... *Daily Special*

Hello, friends of the NED! *Daily Special* is proud to announce the launch of our new recording project, **The Monday Album**. This album is the culmination of all we've done together since we first gathered as a quartet in 2017, and includes both music we sang together at our first performance and brand new tunes we hope you'll enjoy.



In addition, this album represents our aspirations for the future. We hope it will be the first of many we record together, and the proceeds from this album will help to ensure that we can continue making uplifting and fun music together for years to come.

Kickstarter Link: <https://dailyspecialquartet.com/monday>

We hope you'll consider supporting us, and that you'll enjoy **The Monday Album**! Although we've already reached our first Kickstarter goal, we're also using this page to make sure our friends are able to preorder a digital or hard copy of the album. We are expecting to have them in hand by May, and if you want to guarantee yourself a copy, make sure to preorder one! Check out the many meal-themed donation tiers listed here and the variety of fun rewards you can earn at each level. We can't wait to share this project with you, and look forward to seeing you again in person when that next becomes possible!

3. Let's Get Together!

Calling all Chapter Membership leaders! There's a new opportunity especially for you!

A new, collaborative meeting group where you'll share with other leaders and barbershoppers just like you!

- share ideas about everything and anything "Membership."
- brainstorm retention strategies.
- discuss setting realistic recruitment goals and planning.
- share what has worked - and what has not.
- find a way to build your team and spread the harmony
- ask questions! *You're not the only one who has them!* Find an answer!
- share your chapter efforts and solutions.
- enjoy guest speakers.

Join the new CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP LEADERS TEAM!

All meetings will be via Zoom. The group will determine the meeting frequency.

Take action now - and sign-up TODAY! First meeting in February! **Email me** today with:

- your Chapter Presidents' name and email address, and
- your Chapter Membership officer's (and/or others interested!) name and email address, and
- the best weekday, evening and/or weekend day for you to meet on Zoom.



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4. NED•OLA•2022 Report

OLA'22 is history.

NED's **Online Leadership Academy** for 2022 proved to be quite productive. We had 160 registrants, with 109 of them from NED. We invited participation from **Area 1 and Area 2 of Harmony, Inc.** and **North Atlantic Region 1 of Sweet Adelines International.** We also invited **Seneca Land District** to partake of our offerings. Our faculty was excellent, and all 11 classes were well attended.

All 11 Zoom sessions were recorded. Each class recording is available now on the NED's Video Channel One account. You can access those videos along with all of the supporting materials for each class, through the NED's web site.

See the new "LEARN" navigation text on the main web site menu bar and select "EDUCATION RESOURCES."

Or, select right off the NED Home page (limited time), or go here/now: <https://www.nedistrict.org/education>



All 11 Class Recordings
and
Support Materials



I want to thank **Steve Salamin** (NED VP of Marketing and Public Relations) and **John Englander** (NED Treasurer) for their invaluable assistance in the production of this event. Steve did an outstanding job in promoting the event and for getting the NED website set up to handle the registrations, as well as getting the class videos uploaded and set up on the NED website. John is our Eventbrite "guru." Also, I want to thank my wife, **Diane Patterson**, for her support and advice, as well as for being my "Zoom tech support."

All in all, OLA'22 was a spectacular success, and the comments I received certainly support that statement.

David Patterson • Dean, 2022 NED Online Leadership Academy • fourpart@gmail.com

5. NED Senior International Quartet Contest Representatives

The NED was well represented at the **BHS Midwinter Convention** in Pasedena. We had four qualifiers, but **Port City Sound** could not make the trip. Performing well however were **Trade Secret**, **Off the Chart** and **Duly Noted**.



6. 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
Jan. 28	Fri.	SPECIAL House of Delegate Meeting - Zoom/7PM	SELECT	@Home on Zoom
Mar. 18-20	Fri.-Sun.	Mixed Harmony Brigade of New England - Rally	SELECT	Bedford, MA
Mar. 25	Fri.	NED House of Delegates meeting	<i>t b a</i>	via Zoom
Apr. 8-10	Fri.-Sun.	NED Eastern Regional Convention and Contests	SELECT	Resort and Conference Center at Hyannis
Apr. 29-May 1	Fri.-Sun.	NED Western Regional Convention and Contests	SELECT	Queensbury (NY) High School.
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)	<i>t b a</i>	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

7. Video of the Month

This month's video features a performance by **Bank Street**, perennial medalist quartet back in the mid '90's. This from the 1995 International Convention in Miami, Fl.

<https://youtu.be/ndPMcCrNmB8>

Bank Street - Firefly/The Glow Worm
Performed live in Miami, Florida during the Barbershop Harmony Society's 1995 International Convention



Remember, any news worthy items from your chapter, and/or quartets can be sent to me for publication in the Newsletter. I'm always looking for content of interest to members, families and friends of the Northeastern District. Pictures, yes!

Please try to have any submissions to me by Tuesday, February 15 for inclusion in the February NED•News. Send to Ed Fritzen, elfritze@gmail.com. Thank you!