



NED's NEWS

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*Deadline for the
AUGUST Newsletter
is August 15.*

Letter from the President

This month's newsletter will be short and sweet. During July all our attention is turned to International and the start of family vacations etc., so I'm not surprised that I didn't get much in the way of content for this edition. Speaking of International, I want to congratulate all of our competitors who crossed the International stage in Orlando. Since I've been in the NED, this has been the best representation the NED has had at International. The Portland **Downeasters** did themselves proud and I'm confident they have some great things ahead. We had two fine performances in the big dance from **Odds'N'Ends** and **Drive**. Both quartets proved they definitely deserved to be on the big stage. And let's not forget about our Next Generation Varsity Quartets, **Greenlight** and **The Reunion!** Both quartets sang very well and did us all proud. Finally, in a first for the NED and the BHS, we were represented by our YHWNE chorus under the direction of Ray Johnson, **The New England Vocal Corp** in the very first Next Generation Varsity Chorus Festival. They sang very well, and if they decided to compete in the Fall, they just might win. More importantly, their appearance at International was completely funded and organized by themselves with no additional expenses to the district budget. They are to be commended for this accomplishment. This speaks very well for the youth in our district, and their continued growth both musically and as future leaders.

Finally, I hope everyone has registered for HCNE. It should be a great weekend. I'm sure our HX Camp will be well attended, and can always use some financial support. Please consider a donation to the HX Camp, either as an individual or a chapter so that we may continue this outstanding program. Based on our recent showing at International these youth programs are beginning to bear fruit and bode well for the future of barbershopping throughout the Northeastern District.

Ed

Quartet News

Exchange Street Quartet - Harmony Foundation Matching Program

Just a reminder from last month's newsletter and repeated for info

At Eastern Division Contest, Mike announced that Exchange Street has developed an agreement with Harmony Foundation to track NED Ambassador of Song donations, and match \$100 for every 5 new Ambassadors who contribute. Our goal is to motivate our NED brothers and families, and foster new members to sign up who have not yet become a HF Ambassador. All it takes is \$10 per month, and

when HF tells us they have 5 new members, ESQ will send in another \$100 on behalf of the NED. Our goal is to help raise \$24,000 in new donations for HF, of which \$4000 comes directly from your champs, ESQ. What a great way to accelerate your gift! Donate today, and make a note on the website "Exchange Street Match." Supporting Harmony Foundation is the best way to Keep The Whole World Singing. Go to www.harmonyfoundation.org.

~ George, Miles, Mike, and Ryan of *Exchange Street Quartet*

I think this is a fantastic idea and I encourage everyone to participate to help ESQ reach their goal. This is a great example of how being a champ goes well beyond winning any contest! (Ed)

Announcements ... Don't forget the ...

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| <p>Alton Bay Barbershop Jamboree It's "Harmony on the Lake!" 2018 = 58th Year! at the southern cove of beautiful Lake Winnepesaukee at Alton Bay, Alton, NH • August 17-18-19, 2018 • Friday Evening - Bandstand Concert Saturday AM: Meet, Greet, SING! Saturday PM: "Mock Quartet" Competition Saturday Night: The "Great Gathering" Show at the High School https://www.nedistrict.org/alton/</p> | <p>Bass River Barbershop Bash The biggest barbershop event of the year on Cape Cod! • Saturday Sept. 22, 2018 • All day, all night! Bring your quartet or find one there, and go on the show that night! 508-258-0029 or rwmccurdy@comcast.net for more info</p> |
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Chapter Show Announcement

The North Country Chordsmen (Hanover, NH) are pleased to announce that **Signature Quartet** (2017 BHS 2nd Place Silver Medalists), will highlight their Annual Show, "How The West Was Sung!" on Saturday, September 22, 2018. **Signature** will be joined on the show by **Aged To Perfection**, Harmony Incorporated's 2016 Area 2 Quartet Champions, and third place finishers at HI's 2017 International competition. ATP will compete again this year at HI's 2018 International. NCC's chorus, quartets and VLQ also will perform. Lebanon Opera House.

Upcoming Events

from the online District Calendar - more information can be found there.

| DATE | EVENT | |
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| Aug. 2-5 | NED Harmony Explosion Camp | Worcester State University, Worcester, MA |
| Aug. 3-5 | NED Harmony College Northeast | Worcester State University, Worcester, MA |
| Aug. 4 | HXNE & HCNE Weekend "Big Showcase" <i>w/ Forefront, Category 4, Pratt Street Power & Taken 4 Granite</i> | Worcester State University, Worcester, MA |
| Aug. 17-19 | Alton Bay Barbershop Jamboree & BIG Show! | Alton, NH |
| Sept. 14-16 | New England Harmony Brigade | Marlborough, MA |
| Sept. 22 | Bass River Barbershop Bash | Cape Cod |
| Sept. 22 | Hanover Chapter Show (with Signature Quartet) | Lebanon, NH |
| Oct. 26-28 | Fall District Convention and Contests | Portland, ME |

Tag of the Month

Here's a tag that just about every barbershopper has sung at one time. I wonder how many know it was written by Norman Luboff, and sung by the Norman Luboff choir.

56. Lone Prairie

The image shows a musical score for the song 'Lone Prairie' in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: 'And when I die you can bur - y me'. The second system continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: ',neath the west - ern sky, on the lone prai - rie.' The piano part features a simple harmonic accompaniment with some chords and moving lines in both hands.

Norman Luboff, 1966
Sung by the Norman Luboff Choir

One More Thing

As I said earlier, I'm always looking for content for this newsletter. Please consider sending me short articles about what is happening either with your quartets or choruses, or chapters. In addition, if anyone has any specific questions regarding our district, or the Society, submit them to me and I'll do my best to answer them. I'm sure there are lot's of questions regarding Everyone in Harmony, which is still very much a work in progress. Deadline for our next Newsletter is August 15, so submit articles by then.

