



BRIDGE TOWN SOUND

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Portland Metro Chapter Men's Barbershop Chorus

Six-Time Evergreen Division IV Champions

SOUND-Bites

July 9, 2013

Masterpiece Quartet and Toronto Northern Lights Champions at 2013 Interna- tional Convention



Masterpiece, a quartet from Southern California, picked up the gold medal with 8041 points. The Musical Island Boys from Wellington, New Zealand, were in second place. Evergreen District's Via Voice (Mark Metzger, Tom Metzger, Doug Broersma, and Joseph Livesey) were 9th out of 50 quartets.

With 2,831 points, the Toronto Northern Lights were crowned chorus champions. They edged out the Westminster Chorus by 2 points! The Salem SenateAires placed 12th.

Harmony College Northwest revisited

By Dick Handley

Most of Bridge Town Sound spent the weekend of June 21-23 soaking up more barbershop skills at the 2013 edition of Harmony College Northwest. Although many members had been to HCNW before, this was the first time the chorus had attended as a group. As a result, we were able to have four 90-minute coaching sessions from some of the best in the Barbershop Harmony Society/Sweet Adeline world. Nikki Blackmer, Lea Beverly, Raymond Schwarzkopf and Gary Steinkamp each brought a different perspective to help us improve our singing and performance.

As a reward for the hard work, the chorus was invited to sing on the Saturday night show, where we shared the stage with Sweet Adeline quartets Frenzy and Yahtzee, and BHS quartets OVER TIME (2000 International Senior champion), Momentum (2012 Evergreen District champion), and Vocal Spectrum (2006 International quartet champion). The audience was appreciative, the setting was electric, and the experience was one that chorus members will remember for a long time.

There is already some talk of repeating the experience next year, so all we have to do is remember a few of the tips we received to get a running start. Let's see, if we push down to increase support, stand on one leg and hug a tree, and continue to breathe through the hinges of our jaws, we'll be able to get the most out of the greatest weekend Evergreen District offers!

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Please join us!

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Meeting Script – Tuesday, July 9

No significant intro this week except to say what a wonderful rehearsal we had last Tuesday, and how inspiring it is to watch the best barber-shop quartets and choruses in the world compete. Your 2013 Chorus champs are the Toronto Northern Lights (beat Westminster by only 2 points!) and Quartet champs are Masterpiece (from Southern California).

So let's bring our warmed up and ready A-Game singers voice to ...

7:00 another warmup an vocal review to set the tone for the evening

7:25 - **Kyle Blomgren** will handle any membership duties (will we have any guests?)

7:30 - *I'm Beginning to See The Light*

7:40 - *Jezebel*

7:50 - *It's Today*

8:05 - *Don't Put A Tax On My Barbershop Chords* and CHOREO

8:30 - Business and Break

8:50 - Two Minutes With Norm

8:52 - *Something Inside So Strong*

9:05 - *Accentuate The Positive*

9:25 - *Happy Together*

9:35 - *Harmony Leads The Way*

9:45 - Resolutions Chief will be **Dick Handley** and **John Burri** will direct KTWWS.

Deborah (Debby) Dianne Jarmer

Bridge Town Sound member Greg Jarmer sends his appreciation to chapter members for their expressions of sympathy and concern for his wife, Debby, who passed away on June 17 from cancer.

Family and friends are invited to an informal gathering to share memories and to celebrate Debby's life on Saturday, July 13, from 2-5pm in The Commons on the Willamette View campus. Please visit <http://www.willametteview.org> - Take a Tour- Campus Map, for directions and location of The Commons. Parking is limited so please consider ride sharing or a stroll across the campus.

You are welcome to sign the online guest book at www.oregonlive.com/obits.



Your editor at 75 - on the Fourth of July

Norm's Two-Minute Report

By Norm Lawson

Who has two sons and a daughter active in barbershop in two states? Who has a woodworking hobby? Who's an engineer working on oversized equipment for national defense? Who's a new grandfather? Yes, that's **Karl Williams!** I could have asked, "Who's 6'7" and you'd know for sure.

Karl has a number of interesting credits to his name. He's lost 70 lbs. He's into gardening and camping. And he's really into long-distance bicycling now.

Karl especially liked sharing barbershop with his sons, James and Tommy and daughter, Kimberly. But, when they all went off to college, he didn't commit on quite the same level.

This interview was conducted with Karl's wife, Janet. She said they were so appreciative of Bridge Town Sound's familiarizing them with barbershop back in those days. The influence was so strong that James now sings with Northwest Sound and his wife, Corina, sings with A'Capella Joy. Their younger son, Tommy, is singing with the BYU barbershop chorus in Provo, Utah.

Tommy competed twice at internationals with Salem and Kimberly competed in Denver last year with Pride of Portland.

On the "guess who?" question about Karl's work....he's a design engineer for a company that produces parts for nuclear subs and aircraft carriers.

Here are Janet's closing words, "Please tell the Bridge Town Sound family that we miss them, cherish our remarkable memories of being with them and pray that they may sing with all their hearts as they continue to perform. Congratulations on your latest big win and the chance to go on to bigger and better things (way to go to your 16 dedicated and stalwart members). Our hearts are with you, and a huge thank you to each and all of you for helping to get our family on the barbershop singing track. The Williams family will be watching with anticipation as you continue to represent the Portland Metro chapter.



The Williams Family



Janet & Karl Williams

Coming Attractions

July 23

September 15

September 21

Oct. 18-19

Dec. 7

Chorus Performance

Spaghetti Feed/Cabaret

Chorus Retreat

Evergreen District Contest

Holiday Show

Holladay Park Plaza

Ascension Catholic Church

TBA

Boise, Idaho

TBA

