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Portland Metro Chapter Men's Barbershop Chorus

Six-Time Evergreen Division IV Champions

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August 13, 2013

Guests are always welcome at BTS



Chapter Development VP Carlos Aguayo has been introducing guests for the past several weeks, and Brian Levy has been taking pictures of them. Two weeks ago Aaron Wolf, a woodshedder extraordinaire and a guitar instructor, made his way to the church hall. Carlos "met" Aaron on Facebook, and invited him to join in on a rehearsal. Aaron also brought along his wife, Samantha, and his friend, David Linz. Also on the risers that week was returning guest Aaron Weller, who is working on his music to audition soon. Also visiting was a non-singing guest, member David Hall's brother Byron.

Last week Eric Zimmerman, new to BTS, but not to barbershop, found us on the Internet and came to see what all the commotion was about. Eric has sung with other barbershop choruses in the past. Check out page 3 for Brian Levy's photos of our recent guests.

More Barbershop events coming up

In the next month or so, besides the *Spaghetti Spectacular*, we have the opportunity to attend and support our barbershop brothers and sisters by attending their shows. Next on the calendar, on September 21, will be the Tualatin Valley Harmony Masters presenting their unique style of barbershop harmony, in a show called "Main Street U.S.A.," at the Venetian Theatre. Choose from a 2pm matinee or a 7pm evening performance at reasonable prices for all.

On Saturday, October 5, enjoy the Pride of Portland Sweet Adelines, under the direction of Ryan Heller, at the PCC Sylvania Campus in the Performing Arts Center. Besides the POP women, the headliner will be viaVoice quartet, 9th place winner at the recent International Convention in Toronto. You won't want to miss this exciting foursome. The performance will commence with a matinee, followed by an evening show, silent auction, and an afterglow. Flyer for the show is on page 4.

And, looking ahead, Darwin Scheel and his fellow tagmeisters will be having their semi-annual Tag Party on Saturday, November 16. Mark this on your calendars now so that you don't forget about this fun event.

Coming Attractions

Sept. 15
Sept. 21
Oct. 18-19
Dec. 7
Dec. 23

Spaghetti Spectacular
Chorus Retreat
Evergreen District Contest
Holiday Show
Chorus Performance

Ascension Catholic Church
TBA
Boise, Idaho
TBA
The Grotto - 7pm



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at Holladay Park Church of God,
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Please join us!

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FROM THE BOARD...

At the August 12 Board of Directors meeting we heard from the secretary that \$271 was added to the Buddy Fund following the lucky win by the Chapter President Steve Wright. Total funds available exceed \$400 and are used for Board-approved needs. The lottery has begun anew. The treasurer reported that we are counting on a financially successful Spaghetti Spectacular to make it to the end of the year. In addition, Paul Lewis has arranged to close some of the older chapter websites that required subscription payments to reduce expenses for the chapter.

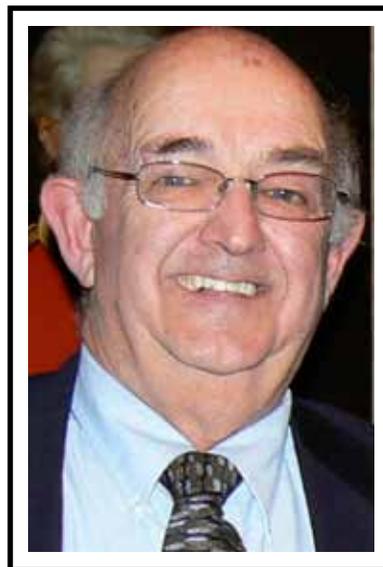
The Music VP Larry Perkins reviewed the Christmas show music and announced that a new song, *I Wonder As I Wander*, will be distributed and added to the general repertoire of the chorus for both Christmas and non-holiday performances.

The Program VP reported that the Salem SenateAires have suggested having a joint meeting with our chapter in Portland. He will pursue the possibility and report at the next meeting.

Two candidates were nominated to fill the vacant VP Chapter Development position: Carlos Aguayo and Brian Levy. Carlos was selected as the new VP Chapter Development/Membership. His selection was announced at the August 13 rehearsal.

Barbershopper of the Month for July nominees were Dick Handley (for Harmony College Northwest planning / coordinating in June) and Paul Lewis (for ongoing work improving the chapter websites). Dick Handley was selected July's BSOM.

—Paul Graves
Secretary



Dick Handley
July Barbershopper of the Month

Norm's Two-Minute Report

By Norm Lawson

I was on the phone to our good friend and former BTS member, Chris Gabel, who said that he and Debbie are very well these days. He stated that he is not singing barbershop now, having ended with a quartet recently. But he sings in his church choir and, on occasion, directs them.

He said that they celebrated their 25th anniversary by cruising in the western Caribbean and their 30th on the Island of Barbados. Their next venture as their 35th comes soon is to cruise the Mediterranean. You can easily see this way of celebrating their milestones is a delight.

When not cruising, Chris spends time reading science fiction, mysteries, and historical novels. Family gatherings are important to Debbie and Chris, so they indulge in those meetings often.

Something not well known about Chris is his interest in playing bridge. Even more fun for him is playing cribbage on a competitive level. For those who understand this game, knowing Chris had the "fourth most master points" in Portland at one time might be impressive.

I generally ask these former BTser's about their impressions regarding our Eugene performance and our Boise prospects. Chris said, "Congratulations on your good sound. You are greatly improved." He wishes us the best in October.



Chris & Debbie Gabel



Guest photos by Brian Levy



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POP

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viaVoice



Rogue



MtG

Mind the Gap

Master '700' Director, Ryan Heller
2012 Sweet Adelines International 8th Place Chorus

Show:

Saturday, October 5, 2013

Matinee: 2:00pm - \$15

Evening Show: 7:30pm - \$25

Silent Auction: Opens at 6:00pm

Post-Evening Show/Afterglow: Free

Special Guests:

- **viaVoice**

2013 Barbershop Harmony Society International 9th Place Quartet

- **Rogue**

2013 Sweet Adelines Region 24 Champion Quartet

- **U of O's Mind the Gap (Evening Show Only)**

International Championship of Collegiate A Cappella competitor

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