



**BRIDGE TOWN SOUND**

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## Portland Metro Chapter Men's Barbershop Chorus

Six-Time Evergreen Division IV Champions

### *SOUND - Bites*

November 19, 2013

## Bridge Town Sound presents Holiday Show on December 7

Bridge Town Sound will present its Christmas holiday show on Saturday, December 7th this year. The show will start at 7:00 PM at the Holladay Park Church of God, 2120 NE Tillamook in Portland.

Like last year, we are combining with the Holladay Park Church of God to have a show with admission via a donation of food or clothing to help those in need during the holiday season. Food will be delivered to the Oregon Food Bank, and clothing to FISH.

In addition to BTS, the show will feature an ensemble from Holladay Park, chapter quartets Hometown Harmony and Coda, and from Vancouver, the Columbia River Chorus. See page 4 for a flyer about the show.



*BTS Chorus at a previous Holiday Show*

## Brainstorm session to provide input on the future of BTS

*By Bud Roberts, Incoming 2014 President*

When I was in the MBA program, a wise professor said that a restaurant can learn from the garbage can. That is, what is being thrown out either is disliked or too big. So, I'm measuring the former members through a survey of why they left, and what it would take to bring them back. The second survey is of current members, to step back and assess whether we are doing both what is necessary and what is sufficient to keep strong and growing. To that end, I've sent out the second survey, which contains numerical ratings of the chapter for each of you to fill out. With these two surveys, we have anonymous sources of information to inform our Brainstorm Session on December 9. There, we will revisit where we are going, where we want to go, and how we want to get there. The results of that session will be funneled to the leadership for action. I have feedback so far from seven members. I sure would appreciate responses from all of you.

More about the Brainstorm Session:

All interested parties are invited. December 9, 5:30 PM, Penthouse at Holladay Park Plaza. Bring your own (brown bag) dinner. If some of you don't/can't bring your own dinner, there will be *some* pizza there, courtesy of Steve Wright (Thank you Steve!).

Following the Brainstorm session, there will be a Board meeting, also open to all.

Y'all come!

Questions? My cell phone is 971-563-0158 and my email address is wilton.roberts@gmail.com.

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We meet every Tuesday from 7-9:30 pm  
at Holladay Park Church of God,  
2120 NE Tillamook, Portland  
Please join us!

Bridge Town Sound is affiliated with the  
Barbershop Harmony Society



## Installation/Awards Banquet coming up in January

Bridge Town Sound's newly-elected slate of officers will be installed at a banquet held at The Old Spaghetti Factory, 715 SW Bancroft St. in Portland, on January 7, 2014. The evening will start with a no-host social hour at 6 o'clock. Dinner will be served at 7, with the program to follow.

In addition to the installation of officers, with Paul Olguin serving as installing officer, chapter quartets Hometown Harmony and Coda will serve up some songs, and the Barbershopper of the Year will be announced. There may be tags involved!

Cost for the meal is \$20 apiece, which includes choice of entree (Chicken Marsala, Meat Balls, Chicken Fettuccine Alfredo, or Fettuccine Alfredo), coffee, tea or milk, appetizers, salad and gratuity. If you'd like to attend the banquet but won't be at rehearsals to order, you can e-mail dickh@oregonfcu.com with ordering information and pay at the door.

## QCED Show discontinued in Seaside venue

After 30 years of Quartet Champions of the Evergreen District (QCED) shows, we will no longer be meeting this January in the town of Seaside, Oregon. It is my impression that there has been a change in the mission of the Chamber of Commerce, as well as a change in personnel, and we were unable to reach an agreement with them on our show(s) for this year.

I wanted to let you all know as early as possible so that you can make any necessary changes to your plans, cancel any hotel or bed and breakfast reservations you may have made. With this lead time, you will not be charged for

the room.

The QCED board is currently working on a Plan B, which will, we hope, result in a Saturday night show that same weekend (January 18), somewhere on the I-5 corridor. We are approaching chapters to see if any would be interested in putting on a show with QCED quartets and QCED choruses, and some share of receipts. We are also approaching other businesses, such as resorts and casinos, to see if putting on a show there might be possible.

Yours in harmony,

Steve Barclay  
QCED President

## Coming Attractions

Dec. 7	Holiday Show	Holladay Park COG
Dec. 17	ZooLights Performance -7:15pm	Portland Zoo Entry Plaza
Dec. 23	Chorus Performance	The Grotto - 7pm
Jan. 7	Installation/Awards Banquet	Old Spaghetti Factory
Mar. 29	Retreat for Division Contest	TBA
Apr. 25-26	Division IV Contest & Convention	Salem



# Norm's Two-Minute Report

*By Norm Lawson*

Who likes Tai-chi and biking? Who is a voracious reader and an addicted folk dancer?

Who sings barbershop with a slight Dutch accent? Remember **Dick Heijdeman**?

He and Roz enjoy folk dancing and travel. Their most recent journey was to Chicago several months ago where they witnessed the wedding ceremony joining their nephew and his new wife. Last winter, they spent a relaxing week in Hawaii.

Dick has been singing with the Rose City Timberliners for about two years now and seems to enjoy this extension of his talents in their bass section.

A story that Dick told me was when he went to Washinton Square mall one day and he observed a woman pushing a man in a wheelchair. That man was Steve Kyes. They began a conversation and Steve soon learned that Dick had sung years before. Steve introduced Dick to Bridge Town Sound and agreed to give him voice lessons, weekly, for about a year.

During some of this time, Steve was confined to bed but continued the lessons despite his condition. Dick had a deep respect and appreciation for Steve's interest in him and persistence at helping him improve his vocal production. Steve helped him find the joy of barbershop.



*Roz & Dick Heijdeman*

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## Barbershopper of the Year balloting

*By Doug Watson,  
Immediate Past President*

At this Tuesday's Chapter Meeting (Tuesday, November 19), we will conduct our annual balloting for Portland Metro's Barbershopper of the Year for 2013. All chapter members are eligible to vote.

Those at the meeting will be able to cast their ballots for the man they nominate and the reasons for their choice. Members not in attendance may vote via email to me not later than November 29.

Past Barbershoppers of the Year are not eligible to be nominated, and nominees must have been a member for the entire year.

Past recipients are:

Jim Taylor  
Tom Giering  
Vern Emra  
Tom Robinson  
Paul Olguin  
Doug Watson  
Dick Handley  
Jeff Buckles  
Harry Buerer  
Andre Marechal  
Darwin Scheel

If my list of past recipients is in error or incomplete, someone please correct me.

**BRIDGE TOWN SOUND &  
HOLLADAY PARK CHURCH OF GOD  
INVITE YOU TO  
THE 2ND ANNUAL SEASON IN SONG  
A CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

...featuring the Bridge Town Sound Men's Chorus singing your favorite Christmas music in four-part harmony

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2013  
7 PM**

**HOLLADAY PARK CHURCH OF GOD  
2120 NE TILLAMOOK  
PORTLAND, OREGON**

**...Also performing**

The Holladay Park Ensemble  
Home Town Harmony  
Coda  
The Columbia River Chorus

**ADMISSION BY DONATION OF FOOD OR CLOTHING. FOOD WILL BE DELIVERED TO THE OREGON FOOD BANK, AND CLOTHING TO FISH.**



**Needed Food**

Canned meats (tuna, chicken, salmon)  
Canned/boxed meals (soup, chili, stew, mac & cheese)  
Canned or dried beans & peas  
Pasta, rice, cereal  
Canned fruits & vegetables  
100% fruit & vegetable juice  
Cooking oil  
Shelf-stable milk



**Needed clothing**

Men's warm clothing-all sizes  
New underwear & socks

**Food Bank cannot use**

Rusty or unlabeled cans  
Perishable goods  
Homemade items  
Noncommercial canned or packaged items  
Alcoholic beverages, mixes, sodas  
Open or used items



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