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Be Social, Get Involved, Have Fun



Casey Parsons
District President



For most of us, we discovered barbershop because we enjoy singing. But we stayed barbershoppers because of the friendship, the fellowship, and the social bonds that we've formed.

Of course, our weekly chapter night/meeting/rehearsal is the first place we look for our friends, those old friends and fellow soldiers for learning our rep songs and show tunes.

Next after our own chapter, we look forward to greeting our friends who live farther away, in the chapter down the road, or across the district. Here in the JAD we've had numerous opportunities for that type of social gathering. Things like divisional meetups (last month we had a fantastic meeting in Columbus for the Stayman division!) are the perfect opportunity to see your old friends, and make new friends, in the neighboring chapters.

Coming up very soon is our JAD Fall Convention (my last convention as District President) where we can greet fellow barbershoppers and families from all across the district. As you have probably heard, both the upcoming Fall and Spring conventions will be held in a great venue in Cincinnati. There is more specific information on this later in this edition of the Cider Press, as well as on www.singjad.com.

If you are one of those guys who needs even more barbershop in his life (like me!) then you were excited about the many other social events recently happening in the JAD such as the Middle Bass weekend, the Lakeside Show, the Greater Cincinnati Harmony Festival,

the Buckeye Harmony Camp, and the numerous other chapter shows and events! Life is good in the JAD!

To spread the good news as far as possible, I even recently attended an event in the Cardinal District called Bring the Payne. It is a weekend getaway to a campground in Indiana, harkening back to when they had the Brown County campout for many years. Many of you may have attending or heard of that great gathering. My wife and I had a wonderful time meeting new friends, learning new tags, teaching tags, woodshedding, and learning more about ways to improve experiences right back here in JAD.

So how do you connect with your barbershop friends, both close and far? I would really like to hear about it, so please shoot me an email. I will pick a few interesting ones and share them back with everyone here in the Cider Press.

Here is my best advice for enjoying your hobby of barbershopping even more: be active, be involved, be a leader. Is there an event you can attend? Get there, meet new people, and have a great time. If there is not an event in your area, then let's chat about kicking off an inter-chapter meet, a divisional meet, or something really special.

I wish you all the best of luck, and I hope to see you all at the JAD Fall Convention in Cincinnati!



Sharing Your Music on Your Website - Legally



John Byerly
DVP - Marketing & PR

I can't tell you how many times someone has posted an audio or video recording on their chorus or quartet website, and then said to me, "It's just a 30-second sample. That's legal!" Or, "It's OK, we paid our ASCAP fees!"

In fact, no copyrighted material of any length may be posted on a website without first obtaining a digital license. My advice is to err on the side of caution, as prescribed by these excerpts from www.barbershop.org.

The myth of the 30-second rule:

There is no 30-second rule. Even 30-second samples on music distribution web sites like iTunes are "cleared" through individual licenses with the copyright holders. Some argue that such a rule exists and is considered fair use, but BHS does not advise you to rely on that. It is up to our individual chapters to decide how to interpret copyright law, but the rule of thumb is, **WHEN IN DOUBT, ASK FOR PERMISSION!**

The myth of chapter show fees:

Paying your ASCAP and BMI fees for show clearance entitles you to produce your chapter show. Period. Yes, it is legal to make a single audio or video recording of your show for archival, educational, or study purposes, and to make one back up copy for security. However, if you want to distribute copies to members or offer them to the public either for sale or for free, you must first obtain a mechanical license for audio recordings only, or a synchronization license for a DVD/video for each copyrighted song used on the recording. Posting videos online, on YouTube, or even on a password-protected site cannot be done legally without the appropriate web synchronization license from the copyright

owner/publisher. If a copyright holder finds a song being used in combination with a video posted on YouTube without a license, they have every right to ask that user to remove the video – this happens frequently, and sometimes, based on the number of views, these users can be fined with hefty penalties.

The good news:

So, yeah, that's some bad news for those of us who want to show the world how exciting it would be for them to attend our chapter show, or to hire our quartet. But, there is a silver lining. Digital licensing has become less cumbersome and less expensive. **Harry Fox Associates**, an online clearinghouse for music licensing, now offers licenses for interactive streams for one cent (\$0.01) per stream. Licenses are available for a minimum of 100 interactive streams up to 10,000 interactive streams per song licensed. These licenses are valid for the period of one year. For quantities over 10,000 streams, licenses for interactive streaming can be obtained through their bulk licensing process.

Sharing your music on you website, legally, is an effective and inexpensive way to show the world your product, and to reward those who have composed and arranged the songs in your repertoire. For more detailed information, please visit the Document Center on www.barbershop.org, and click on "Copyright/Legal."

As always, I look forward to hearing your questions or comments. My contact information is listed on the JAD Leadership Team page near the end of this issue.

JAD Rome Division Kick-Off Party

In May of 2014, I had an epiphany. We should have a large chorus made up of all the chapters around Pittsburgh to sing at the 2015 International Barbershop Convention. I submitted my idea to Roger McQuaid, the chairman of the 2015 Convention, and he discussed it with the powers that be in Nashville. Dusty Schleier, the director of conventions for the Society, told Roger to go for it. Roger asked me to be in charge of the entire undertaking. That is the back story of the August event.

I personally invited members from the nine chapters in the Pittsburgh area to be a part of the ROME Chorus. I got mixed

reviews but I was determined to get this done. I was told that Dusty was to visit Pittsburgh on the sixth to talk about our role at the upcoming convention. The party was attended by over One Hundred Fifty members of all the chapters. The agenda was set to have some choruses and some quartets to perform for the gathering. The chapters attending included: Pittsburgh South Hills; Pittsburgh North Hills; Pittsburgh Metro; Beaver Valley; Butler; Shenango Valley; Cranberry; Mon Valley; Greater Pittsburgh. Six of the choruses sang two songs each at the event which was held at the Pittsburgh North Hills Meeting site.

Two quartets performed at the event. Songburst and 4's Company represented the North Hills and Butler respectively. While the choruses were getting on and off the risers, I asked several directors to direct a Barberpole cat song for the entire congregation to sing. The sound of one hundred fifty people singing barbershop music was intense and awesome to hear.

Dusty talked about our role to be the opening act of the World Harmony Jamboree at the convention. We are to sing three songs which will include the Johnny Appleseed Prayer, Dear Hearts and Gentle People with Pittsburgh flair, and the

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BHS Historivia Volume XX

with Mike Sisk

History continues to be made at each international convention and Vegas 2014 did not let us down. Not only are congrats in order for our new 2014 International Quartet Champions, The Musical Island Boys, but we must recognize that they have made their mark as the third quartet to win the gold following 3 consecutive silver medals. They now join the 1963 Champions, Town & Country Four, and 2007 Champions, MaxQ.

Prior to Vegas 2014, the all time individual quartet medalist winners were Jim Gentil, Joe Connelly, & Tony DeRosa with 11 top five medals each. With Main Street's 3rd place bronze medal performance, Tony DeRosa has now won more top five quartet medals in the Society than anyone else, with 12 medals total. Special congrats to Forefront, of the Cardinal District, as they have become the current 2nd place silver medalists.

A point of interest is that three members of this group are JAD

Quartet Champions in Brian O'Dell (2001 Matrix), Aaron Hughes (2007 T.K.O.), and Drew Wheaton (2011 The Franchise). This gives way for some historivia waiting to happen. If Forefront wins the GOLD in Pittsburgh 2015, what will they share in common with the previous two champs, 1982 Classic Collection & 1994 Jokers Wild, who also both won in prior Pittsburgh International contests? All three will have gone the same medalist path to the gold by way of placing fifth, second and first!

On a personal note, way to go Musical Island Boys for converting their silver (three silvers) into GOLD! Not every silver medalist quartet will go on to win the gold. This is illustrated in the table below which shows all multiple silver medalists (2X & 3X). I present this chart as a tribute and honor to a multiple silvers group which I am inspired to recognize thanks to our NEW CHAMPS. THE MUSICAL ISLAND BOYS!!!

2X SILVER MEDALISTS

Kansas City Serenaders
Cleff Dwellers
Four Rascals
Sundowners
139th Street Quartet
Second Edition
Yesteryear
Michigan Jake
Uptown Sound
Old School

YEARS WON SILVERS

1946, 1947
1949, 1950
1965, 1966
1970, 1971
1977, 1990
1987, 1988
1995, 1996
1998, 2000
2001, 2002
2009, 2010

YEAR WON GOLD

1989
1997
2001

2011

3X SILVER MEDALISTS

K.C. Barber Polecats
Town & Country Four
Pacificaires
Center Stage
Max Q
Musical Island Boys

YEARS WON SILVERS

1941, 1942, 1943
1960, 1961, 1962
1972, 1973, 1974
1982, 1983, 1984
2004, 2005, 2006
2011, 2012, 2013

YEAR WON GOLD

1963

2007
2014



Steve Waggoner
 DVP - Music & Performance

Music and Performance



the Choruses fight to earn the right to be our Chorus representative to International convention in Pittsburgh July 2015, but we also crown our District Quartet Champs. Then there's the ever-popular JADAQC show and plenty of woodshedding opportunities available in the AHSOW room. I understand that a possible mass sing in the hotel atrium is being planned as well as a possible "Coaching Under Glass" (watch, listen and learn) opportunity, if we can get the details/logistics worked out. And/or

you can choose to sing with your old friends and soon to be new friends in the JAD Mic Tester Chorus. There will be the usual hospitality suites and more singing fun than you can shake a pitch pipe at friends. Plus, you've got the sharks. No, I'm not talking about the ones in the pit. I'm talking about the ones in the Newport Aquarium, some fantastic restaurants and shopping galore. All you need to know is at www.singjad.com. Who could ask for anything more...C y'all in the fall in Cincy!

Can you smell it? Is that pollen and ragweed I smell? Nope that's the sweet smell of Skyline Chili as it permeates the air in and around the Queen City, Cincinnati, Oh. It anxiously awaits the JAD barbershoppers who will descend October 17-19 for what will be a GREAT Fall Convention.

Not only do we get to watch and listen to

Ringling Chords in the Queen City

It's Fall Convention time where good song, good harmony, good friends, and fellowship all come together to form the perfect weekend to reenergize your barbershop batteries, and to experience the excitement of harmonizing with old and new friends! Cincinnati "The Queen City" is the location for the 2014 JAD Fall Convention.

Cincinnati, Ohio is the third largest city in Ohio, the 28th largest city in the United States and home to two major sports teams: The Cincinnati Reds and The Cincinnati Bengals. Cincinnati is a favorite family vacation destination with its two sports teams, Kings Island, the Cincinnati Zoo, some of the finest eateries in the country, just to name a few of its attractions. But I can think of no better reason to be in Cincinnati October 17 – 19 than to attend the New JAD Fall Convention & Contests.

The JAD has contracted a fine hotel at an affordable price for our HQ, and a great facility for the contest activities:

The Headquarters Hotel: Crowne Plaza Cincinnati / Blue Ash

5901 Pfeiffer Road

Cincinnati, Ohio 45242

Phone: (513) 793 -4500

Room rate: \$89.00

Identify yourself as a Johnny Appleseed Barbershopper when making reservations.

The Contest Venue:

McAuley High School

6000 Oakwood Avenue

Cincinnati, Ohio 45224

Whether you are attending the Fall Convention to sing with the popular JAD Mic. Tester Chorus (every member is invited to sing and participate with the Mic tester chorus) or you plan to compete with your chorus and or quartet, or plan not to compete at all, there is something for everyone.

Come to Cincinnati and join fellow barbershoppers in gang singing, woodshedding, tag singing, hospitality suites, or to just visit with old friends. You will find that and more at this year's New Fall Convention & Contest.

Make plans now to attend and help us Ring some barbershop Chords in the Queen City!

See you there October 17 -19, 2014!



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song Pittsburgh Welcome written by the late Jay Garber which was performed at the 1994 International Convention in Pittsburgh. Jeff Gehm volunteered to be the director for our chorus and is in the process of getting sheet music and learning tracks for the chorus members. Our first of six rehearsals will be in September. The chorus members will learn the songs on their own and we will have quarterly meetings. It was great to see such great barbershop camaraderie. The World Harmony Jamboree will be an awesome event showcasing the Pittsburgh barbershop community to the world.

Respectfully submitted by:
Kristopher Eshghy
Rome Division Chorus Chairman

Hi! Will You Sing One with Me?



by Doug Brown, Society Board Member & Representative to JAD

I am looking forward to visiting with all of you during the Fall Convention. I have so many fond memories from every single visit I have made to JAD over the years.

During my time out there I will address the JAD Board and the House of Delegates, but I wanted you to hear directly from me that I would like to meet, speak with, and sing songs & tags with you.

A heads up - I love this art form, and I love cranking chords till the wee hours of the morning so you have lots of time to find me. I hope with all the time we have, you will introduce yourself. Some of my best friends in the world are barbershoppers. I hope you and I can start down that path if we haven't already.



Steve Wyszomierski
EVP



As we continue on this journey of what it takes to be an Executive Vice President, we are all learning more about ME. And right now ME would like to tell you how he got into barbershop. OK, I won't go back that far, but will tell yinz about my first night attending the Shenango Valley chapter. I parked in a gravel parking lot of the Slovenian Home in Farrell, PA, and was greeted ceremoniously by a rough-shod group of men, some sans shirts, yelling at me to move my car. They were all in the parking lot tossing a softball around quite enthusiastically. I quietly moved my car (to the other side of town) away from this criminal element and slipped into the building and sat on the risers awaiting the arrival of the Penn Ohio Singers. Ten minutes later that same group of ballplayers made their way into the hall and stood on the risers (and yes, some of them hadn't even put their shirts on yet) and started singing pole-cats and making music like I had never heard in the area. They WERE the Penn Ohio Singers and they had been outside practicing softball for the upcoming Warren Ohio Sports Spectacular which was a barbershopping event not to be missed. Chapters had teams in softball, horse-shoes, volleyball, and golf. Those who golfed met early morning and everyone else arrived by late morning for a day of sports, singing, late night card playing and even more singing. Trophies were awarded and there was a pride involved in winning at the Warren Sports Spectacular. So if I hadn't moved my car myself, they would have picked it up and moved it anyway.

And while the Shenango Valley Chapter might not have been the poster child for guest night camaraderie back then, they certainly made up for it on the risers. And nothing beats good singing. They had me when they took their first pitch. (on the risers, not softball) And so.....why did I entertain you with another such dazzling story about ME? Because.....

I received a flyer announcing this year's Akron Corn Roast for Sept 9. Beautiful flyer. Well done! And if you've never attended the Akron Corn Roast, it's a great evening of song and fellowship and of course, corn! The flyer reads : "For a fun night of friends and fellowship, plus all the sweet corn, coney or kraut dogs and barbershop harmony you can stand." Obviously, that evening is barbershop heaven. But what caught my attention even more was the note that came attached to the flyer asking for its distribution: That note read:

Gentlemen,

Please accept this invitation to the 61st Derbytowntown Corn Roast, and convey the information to your membership. Last years event was a great success - we ran out of corn! This year we're buying more to make sure it doesn't happen again, so come help us eat-it-up and

sing.

How about that?! They RAN OUT OF CORN! That says a lot more than starving men. Running out of corn speaks to great attendance and men enjoying everything this hobby has to offer. And there are other success stories such as this occurring around the District.

The Stayman Division just hosted a great evening at the beginning of August.

The Rome Division, which assembled for the first time in April in a long, long while, got together again the second week of August with 110 men attending. At least six different chapters were represented, each with enough men so that each chapter performed. And then all of the men gathered on the risers (and straggled off to the sides as well) and sang some songs together. Later that evening at a local watering hole, it was great to see round tables of eight or more seated, but with different chapter colors represented on each shirt. By that time of night, you were just a voice part and a member of the temporary chapter at that table, each table outsing the next.

I spoke of an event in an earlier publication that fits the same bill: an inter-chapter event held last year on a terrible weather evening hosted by the Warren Chapter. In attendance were Canton and Shenango Valley and all told, there were some 80 men in attendance. And talk about food on the table at the end of an evening. My word count limit won't allow me to describe it all.

The Division Manager program we have in JAD is not only spreading the word about important upcoming events and JAD news, but also promoting and encouraging these inter-chapter events and all are meeting with rave reviews. These events are the essence of what barbershopping is about: FUN!!! Let's hear more and more of these stories constantly. I'm glad that the Akron Chapter knows to order more corn for this year. And yet, what I'm really hoping for is that they run out of it again!



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Ted Rose

DVP - Chapter Support & Leadership Training



Community – noun - 1: a unified body of individuals or 2: society at large or 3: joint ownership or participation; common character; social activity; a social state or condition

Let's talk about the barbershop community. We are a community in a number of ways, and you can probably see that we fit a number of the subordinate definitions above. We spend a lot of time in our craft talking about number 1, but I'd like to focus on number 3; specifically "joint ownership and participation."

Let me state a few assumptions, first:

One, we can't do what we do without other people. OK, that's a lie that any of you who sat in on my multi-tracking course at Apple Corps will point out, but you know what I mean.

Two, we sing for the enjoyment of it. We may have different aspects of that enjoyment, but I really don't think we would prioritize a hobby if we didn't get something **HUGELY POSITIVE** out of it.

Three, within a community – even an already unified one – we are more likely to encounter others who capitalize our joy when the population is larger. The more, the merrier.

Four, the community labeled as BHS-JAD is relatively compact. Look at some of the other districts.

Five, every member – every single member – of our whole society brings something special to the table. You may not see it within yourself, but you bring unquantifiable joy to multiple individuals. Once you own that, I promise you will choose to maximize that to capacity.

With all of that being said, why then (outstanding personal commitments and obligations aside) would any of us choose not to fully experience the joy of conventions – to allow ourselves to maximize that joy for our brothers?

I don't have the time? I don't have the money? I don't have the energy? I don't have the talent? I'm too shy? It will upset my wife? I'm sure there are others.

All of these are seemingly wonderful arguments, but the answers for all of them are the same. Where there is a will, there is a way. I do not mean to undermine anyone's personal issues, and I can't speak for the individuals, but I think most of us could make it if we wanted to. We could find a way. Sometimes, we just have to get creative. Carpool, share rooms, make a day-trip, take it slow, let go of your fears and get lost in the moment of joy that comes from sharing of yourself in song - do it with reckless abandon. Pick your wife flowers. OK, admittedly, the wife thing can be tricky...

Here is the gauntlet that I am throwing: let's just see what happens if each of us – every single member – tries to make this upcoming convention the best that we can. We may not succeed if we do try, but we will not succeed if we don't try.

Let's just see.

Let's just sing.



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Doug Smeltz
VP - Chorus Director Development

Gentlemen, JAD leadership desires to help each chapter develop musical talent and provide continuing education to the musical leadership team. With this in mind, we are continually finding ways to benefit our musical leadership including and not limited to ...

Musical Leadership Conference Calls

An open line of communication with the musical leadership of JAD

Each "Odd Dated" Sunday night at 10 pm, all directors are invited to call in and converse with other directors from around the district. We offer topics of discussion, chances for answers to questions, and an opportunity to hear about upcoming events that pertain to directors and the musical leadership team. Anyone can call into a conference by dialing 712-432-0360 and using the code 514175 followed by the # symbol. Introduce yourself and listen or share.

Chorus Directors' Workshop Intensive

JAD has a successful CDWI for 5 directors on June 28th in Columbus. Nathan Ogg from Alliance, Karen Boyer from Zanesville, Garrett Hilsinger from Cincinnati Delta Kings, and two directors from the Beaver Valley Chapter successfully completed the day-long workshop. Thanks to Columbus Buckeye for hosting and providing the test chorus along with help from Mansfield and Zanesville Chapters

Directors College at Harmony University

Assistant Director of Alliance Chapter; Nathan Ogg, Frontline Director of the Zanesville Chapter; Karen Boyer, and Co-Director of the Mansfield Chapter; Trevor Garrabrant all attended Harmony University's Directors' College July 27-August 3rd at Belmont College in Nashville, Tenn. Trevor finished his course work and will soon receive his "Certified Director" lapel pin, etc. Karen and Nate were successful at getting started and will hopefully have the opportunity in the near future to finish their certification.

If you see any of them at the Fall District Convention, say hi and congratulate them on their great achievements.

Director Cam at the Fall Convention

All chapters competing or being evaluated at the fall JAD convention will be video recorded from the back of the stage to show their conducting and given a copy of their performance as well as another video of the chorus from the front. This is a wonderful aid to the directors and can be used for the video to send to the directors' college requirements.

As a final note: I am looking to organize an ICT (Intensive Chorus Training) for 6 chapters in the northeastern part of JAD this fall and need a chapter to host this event. Please contact me if your chapter is interested by calling 614-537-5184 or emailing dsmeltz1@hotmail.com.



Welcome Competitors and Guests!

Welcome to Cincinnati, Ohio. It has been quite a while since Cincinnati has hosted a JAD Convention, and we're delighted to have you come here and enjoy our great city!

The entire Delta Kings Chapter as well as members the Southern Gateway Chorus have worked long and hard to make this convention a great one. If you need anything, please ask anyone in the powder blue Delta Kings shirt or the Southern Gateway shirt and they will be happy to help.

We've enlisted some fine men and women from The Southern Gateway Chorus and their auxiliary to help us with this event. If you get a chance, tell them "thanks" when you see them.

When going to dinner on Saturday, please try to visit any of the restaurants that are on our list. These are some of the best eateries you will ever visit. Each one of these restaurants can be identified by a "Barbershoppers Welcome!" sign in their windows. Not only will these fine establishments let you sing during your visit, they encourage it!

While here in our fine city, please feel free to sing all across town, in the hotel lobby, at the restaurants, on the street corners, wherever. We have informed all the media that you are coming so you just might end up in the newspaper or on TV.

I want to thank the Southern Gateway Chorus for helping us with this event. Their support has been critical to our success. Thanks brothers!

We hope your stay with us will be awesome. Cincinnati is a wonderful city. We also hope to have you back in the Spring for the next JAD Convention!

Bob Reed
Local Convention Chairman

Can You Imagine?



Greg Swann
DVP - Events & Conventions



Imagine a handpicked chorus of some of the greatest barbershoppers in the JAD. Then imagine this chorus rehearsed and directed by the Awesome Joe Connelly, Contest Judge and Gold Metal Quartet Lead. Imagine every member of your chorus being handpicked to join in and sing with this Awesome Chorus of 60+ members, and the songs you would be singing would be standard Barbershop songs everyone knows like Heart of my Heart and Little Lize.

Can you imagine the sound, the goose pumps, the pure excitement of being a part of generating those ringing chords that you thought only come from the International Champion Choruses!

Well imagine no more, because YOU HAVE BEEN HAND-PICKED along with every member of your chorus to sing with the "Awesome Joe Barbershopper Chorus, under the Direction of Awesome Joe Connelly to perform as the Mic Tester Chorus at this year's JAD Fall Convention and Contest in Cincinnati, Ohio!

Rehearsal time will be one hour prior to the Chorus Contest start time on Saturday morning, and will be held at the contest site (McAuley High School 6000 Oakwood Avenue Cincinnati, Ohio). The uniform will be your smiling face, and comfortable clothing.

Just stop by the registration desk when checking in and tell one of the friendly folks at the registration desk that you have been handpicked to sing with the "Awesome Joe Barbershopper Chorus, and they will direct you to the location of the rehearsal room.

Now don't let me down. I've had to pull a lot of strings to make this happen and I need YOUR smiling face ready to sing with the Awesome Joe Barbershopper Chorus Saturday morning (time to be announced) October 18, 2014 in Cincinnati, Ohio.

The Awesome Joe Barbershopper Chorus will perform at the Fall Convention.. Come be a part of the fun! Can you imagine???



Getting Ready For the Big Harmony Foundation Parade in Cincinnati



Joe Jenkins
DVP - Financial Development



That's correct, there is going to be a Parade in Cincinnati during our great Johnny Appleseed Convention. We have been hearing and reading about it all year and now is everyone's chance to shine.

Make certain your chapter has been taking collections for Harmony Foundation this year, put it in a check, and bring it to Cincinnati in October.

We will have an appointed time during one of the contest sessions for each chapter to make the presentation of their check to the Johnny Appleseed District with the sole purpose in mind to raise the necessary \$10,000.00, so we can again support the Youth Harmony Festival at the upcoming Mid-Winter Convention in New Orleans.

It is projected to have over 2000 young men in 20 choruses in this festival. The Harmony Foundation needs more dollars in

order to offset the cost for these young men/future Barbershoppers.

This Festival keeps growing every year and is a joy to witness. Come on down and see for yourself.

Help make it happen and come join the Parade in Cincinnati in October so we can make it happen for some young men in January in New Orleans.

If you have any questions please contact me, Joe Jenkins at 614-917-7225 or email: joejenkins7146@gmail.com




















Thank You





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DVP - Contest & Judging



Fall convention is approaching on October 17-19 in Cincinnati. This convention is where we choose the Chorus International qualifiers for Pittsburgh/2015, Seniors Quartet MidWinter Internationals qualifiers (in New Orleans), the JAD Quartet District Champion, and the District Novice Quartet Champion. A Novice quartet is defined as having at least two members who have never competed in a sanctioned contest. Deadline for entering to compete is September 19.

Your Convention Committee has lots of fun activities planned for competitors and non-competitors alike. One of my favorites is the Joe Barbershopper mike testing chorus - this time directed by our very own "Awesome" Joe Connelly". So I suppose that makes it the "Awesome Joe Barbershopper" Chorus? This chorus is open to all (male) barbershoppers, will rehearse Saturday morning, sing a couple of well known songs (often polecats), and sing first in the chorus contest. The fabulous JADAQC show will happen Saturday night, and of course we have the competitions as discussed above. Keep an eye out for lots of other fun things to do as well.

Is your chapter not interested in competing? Consider performing for evaluation-only, while singing in front of the best audience around. AND get some amazing coaching and feedback from some of the best judges/coaches in the business.

Contest and Judging news: JAD's newest crop of future judges has successfully passed candidate school and are now on to the practice judging part of their journey. Congratulations go to Doug Smeltz and Brian O'Dell in the Presentation category and Kam Owens and Bari Courts in the Contest Administrator category. And welcome back Bill Ray as a fully certified Contest Administrator after a bit of time off.

See you in October and keep singing!

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