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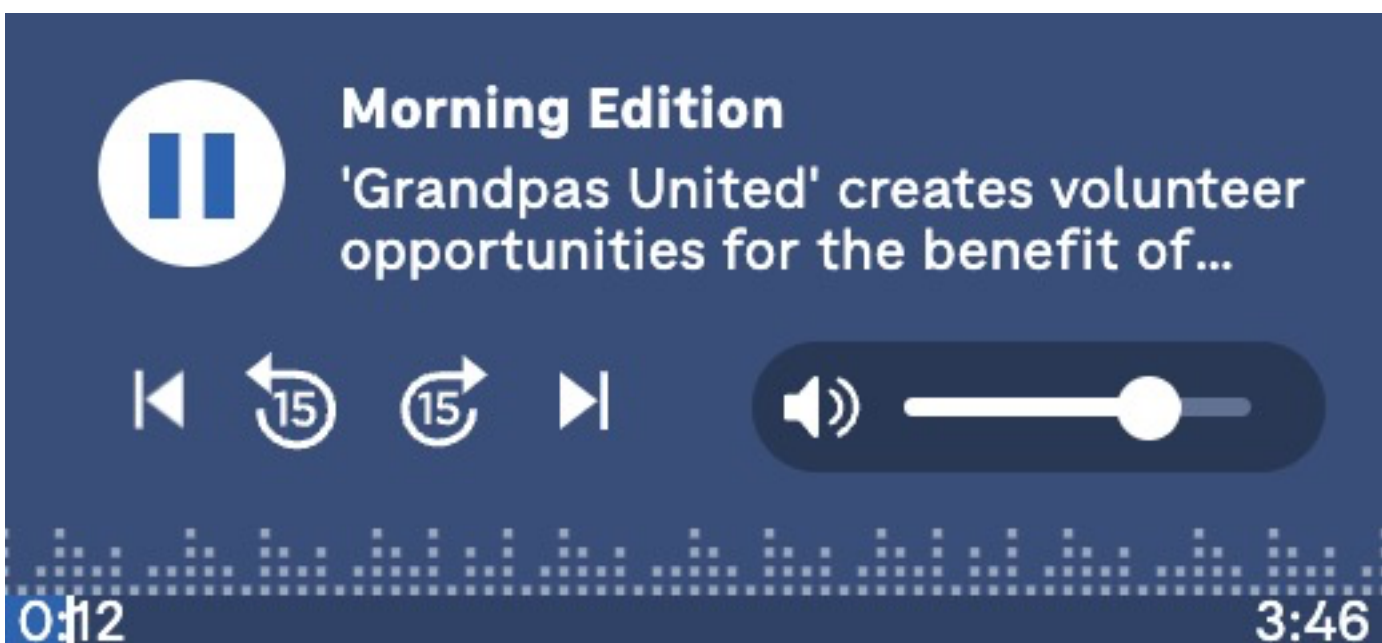
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BARBERSHOP NEWS

KEEP SHARP: SERVE!

Volunteering and serving are good for your brain



Life after retirement can be isolating for a lot of people, particularly older men. But it turns out that making a difference to someone else's life can give older guys a big boost, [according to this story](#) on NPR's Morning Edition.

This is no surprise, of course, to the many Barbershoppers who volunteer to operate their singing communities, take part in youth outreach activities, and sing pro bono at hospitals, nursing homes, and as part of [Music Medics](#) groups.

In one study, men who were volunteers demonstrated over a two-year period an astounding increase in the size of their brain in the regions associated with problem solving and memory.

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UN-CONVENTION: SAVE \$20 UNTIL MARCH 31!

Fun & Games for brave players and barber-nerds

Mix a fun-loving group of barbershoppers with some games (both familiar and brand-new), and you've got a recipe for hilarity. Check out the [FUN & GAMES](#) page for info on the [Game of Sur-Prizes](#) and other hijinks in store for [The UN-Convention](#), May 23–25 in Nashville. (*Speaking of games: is anyone willing to lead a Barbershop D&D campaign? Email events@barbershop.org*)

And while in Nashville, take in a [tour of Harmony Hall](#), and some [outstanding shows](#).

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Wanted: catalysts for the future

Envisioning and strategizing the future of the Barbershop Harmony Society calls for tapping the talents of a wide range of people. To fill open positions on the Society Board of Directors, the Leadership Development Committee seeks candidates who previously might never have considered themselves qualified for the role.

If you have a passion to serve and a willingness to work, **don't filter yourself out** because of demographics (age, gender, heritage,) previous barbershop experience, or lack of connections throughout the barbershop world. [Schedule an informal chat](#) to learn more, and [consider applying by March 31](#).

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FROM GOOD TO GREAT!

HU boosts choruses on the rise



These days, choruses aiming to climb into the ranks of international competition are turning to Harmony University! This week-long event provides

- Intensive chorus coaching by world-class faculty
- Open course access for all singers
- Performance opportunity on the HU show
- Leadership development for chapter growth

There's still room for YOUR chorus at HU 2025. (*Quartets, too!*)

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SONG OF THE WEEK

I'll Forget You

arr. Lou Perry

Classic chords and simple heartfelt lyrics make this a feast for everyone craving "pure barbershop." Simple enough to learn in a night — your ear practically pulls you to the next chord! — yet nuanced enough to serve you for years! Listen to the track for proof — and a quiet refreshing moment.

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