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BARBERSHOP NEWS

HU 2024 KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Clay Hine: Growing Up In Barbershop



BHS Hall of Famer Clay Hine reflects on a barbershop life built on a family heritage of harmony, and continues into the next generation, in this warm, thoughtful, and, of course, [laugh-filled speech](#).

Introducing: The Barbershop Ring!



Wear your heart on your ring finger with this [distinctive new keepsake](#)!

FROM CEO ROBERT RUND

Conventions are family reunions

I'm having a busy Fall. I've already hit two conventions (thanks, Illinois and Mid-Atlantic Districts!), with visits still ahead to Ontario and Southeastern Harmony Districts. Mondays are looking rough for a while.

Everywhere I go throughout barbershopping, I am struck by the **power of our shared experience**. For many of us, the Barbershop Harmony Society has become a "family of choice" that connects generations, crosses borders, and unites people through song.



That deep sense of belonging isn't just about what we **receive** from BHS, from our district, from our chapter — it's also about **what we give to one another** in each rehearsal, each encouraging word, each quiet stairwell tag.

Whether you sing in a quartet, chorus, or show up only to enjoy the camaraderie of conventions and chapter nights, your presence adds something unique to the chord we all create together.

Thank you for being part of this extraordinary community. Your voice, your time, and your passion make us who we are — a Society not just of singers, but of people who who believe that harmony, both musical and human, can make the world a better place

In harmony,

Robert

Speaking of District conventions: What are YOU doing this month? Get details at [barbershop.org/calendar](#) for links for this weekend (Central States, Far Western, Land O' Lakes, Southeastern Harmony, Sunshine) and the next (Pioneer, Cardinal/Johnny Applesseed, Ontario.)



ENTRY DEADLINE OCTOBER 15

Sign up for the Junior Quartet contest

The [Next Generation Barbershop Junior Quartet Contest](#) gives young singers a platform to perform together in a peer-ranked environment at our annual [Midwinter Convention](#). Pasadena 2026 is a great destination, and might be just the attraction to pull young quartets into the game!

[LEARN MORE](#)

LAST CALL • SURVEY CLOSES SATURDAY

Tell us what's vital about barbershop

Be sure to make your voice heard, by responding to the Barbershop Harmony Society Survey. Complete the survey, enter your email, and be entered into a drawing where the winner can select one of the following items:

- Registration for the 2026 Midwinter Convention in Pasadena (January 13-18)
- Registration for the 2026 International Convention in St. Louis (June 28-July 5)
- \$150.00 gift value towards barbershop apparel & gifts on [shop.barbershop.org](#) (excludes sheet music & learning tracks)
- One hour virtual coaching from Steve Scott for your quartet or chorus

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SONG OF THE WEEK

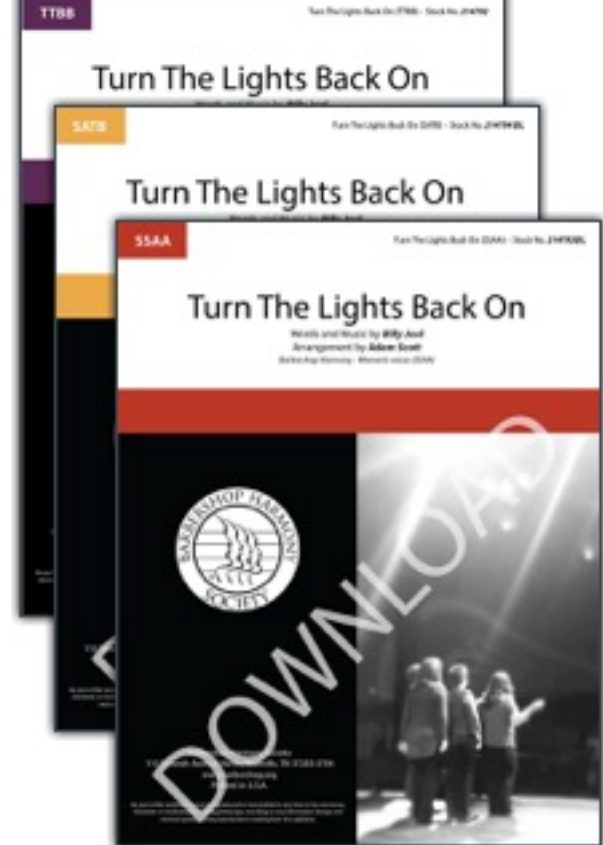
[Turn The Lights Back On](#)

arr. Adam Scott

Billy Joel co-wrote this 2024 release — his first single since 2007 — which came nearly 50 years after his first appearance on the Billboard Hot 100, with "Piano Man." ([Read the back story](#), and [watch the music video](#).) You'll feel his classic lyrical and melodic touches in this brooding power ballad.

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