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BARBERSHOP NEWS



BHS FOUNDED APRIL 11, 1938

Keep our history moving forward on our Day of Giving

On April 11, we celebrate **National Barbershop Quartet Day**, sprung from our Society's founding in Tulsa, Oklahoma in 1938.

Barbershop has always been about connection. It brings people together across generations, builds lifelong friendships, strengthens communities, and keeps a uniquely powerful musical tradition alive.

This year, we're also taking a first step toward something bigger: a **Day of Giving** for the Barbershop Harmony Society.

Think about how barbershop impacts your life. Then consider how we can extend that impact.

- Make a gift in support of the programs and communities that keep barbershop thriving
- Share the opportunity with your friends, family, and colleagues who've seen what this experience means to you



\$4	MEMBERS IN A QUARTET (4)
\$12	ORIGINAL POLECATS (12)
\$38	S.P.A.S.S.O.S.A. COMING YEAR (1938)
\$50	CIRCLE OF STARS
\$88	OUR 2026 SUNDAY
\$110	HARMONY HALL'S CURRENT ADDRESS

We're starting small. Think about those fanciful amounts, tied to key moments in our barbershop journey. Be a part of this first step. This is about momentum. It's about participation. It's about making a real difference in a world that could use more harmony.

[MAKE A GIFT](#)

It's your birthday, too!

History is not just the famous names. The **Washington, DC Chapter** has commemorated its 80th anniversary with member Marc Wolfson's deep dive into the chapter's rich past: **80 Years with the Singing Capital Chorus**.



Do you have a chapter history? Do you have a way to preserve and transmit your legacy? These days, consider doing it as a video story, like The Vocal Majority's landmark documentary series.

JUST A WORD with Robert Rund



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April is National Volunteer Month, and if there's one thing we know about the Barbershop Harmony Society, it's that we exist only because of the gifts of time and talent of all of you, and so many before us. I am in a unique position where I see so many examples from our barbershop community.

From the person who unlocks the rehearsal space, to the one organizing the show, to the section leader who stays late helping someone learn their part... you are the heartbeat of this Society. Every bit of time, energy, and passion you give is an act of philanthropy. You are investing in people, in music, and in the joy that barbershop brings to our lives.

Whether you're serving in a chapter, district, or supporting the work at Harmony Hall, what you do matters more than you probably realize. If you have yet to see the documentary film, *Join or Die*, you can still see it on Netflix through April 17. It posits the argument that joining groups, participating in organizations and volunteering time are all expressions of the same core behavior: showing up for others.

So this month, take a moment to celebrate the volunteers around you. Say thank you. Give a high five. Sing a tag together. And take pride in the time and talent that you, yourself share.

Because of you, barbershop doesn't just survive...it thrives.

In harmony.


Robert Rund, CEO

HARMONIZER HIGHLIGHT

Vocal exercises you can do right now

Whether warming up on your own or as part of an ensemble, these exercises will help you check in with your voice and will add up to more confident and reliable singing. Vocal coach Kathleen Hansen walks you through exercises for alignment, breathing, and relaxation; skill building and flexibility; and engagement and strength — all with video links, in the upcoming **Harmonizer**, in mailboxes soon, and always online.



MORE: Unlock your voice with superb vocal instruction at [Harmony University!](#)

SHARE WITH EDUCATORS

Send a youth chorus to Midwinter



The **Next Generation Barbershop Junior Chorus Invitational** gives youth choruses the perfect mixture of fun, education, and opportunity for recognition and achievement. Choruses with members aged 18 and under are welcome — mixed voice, women's, and men's choruses, whether part of a school program or a barbershop-sponsored group.

The **application deadline is approaching** for the Midwinter Convention in Virginia Beach, Va., February 3–7, 2027. Be sure to **APPLY BY APRIL 15**. Invitations will be sent by April 22.

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SONG OF THE WEEK



Beatles Sunshine Medley

arr. Mark Hale

As April bravely brings longer days and hope of naturally infused Vitamin D, our musical thoughts turn to sunshine. Audiences always love songs they know, and these two Beatles favorites are a natural together: Paul's bouncy "Good Day Sunshine" pairs with George's beaming "Here Comes The Sun." Hall of Famer Mark Hale's arrangements work great in all voices!

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FEATURED PERFORMANCE



Los Bordershop - Solo Tu, Only You (The Platters cover)
2026 Midwinter Convention - Pasadena