



FORTUNE TELLER

Newsletter of the Greater Vancouver Gentlemen of Fortune
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**WORKING TOGETHER IN FELLOWSHIP AND HARMONY, THE GENTLEMEN OF FORTUNE CHORUS ENRICHES SOCIETY
WITH A-LEVEL BARBERSHOP ENTERTAINMENT**

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Evergreen District Convention 2014 Update

The Gentlemen of Fortune is looking forward to hosting this year's Evergreen District Convention in Surrey BC on September 26-27, 2014. Our theme is "Fall for Surrey", which evokes the autumn season, or the way you are going to love being in Surrey while at our convention.

The convention committee has been hard at work with details and planning. At this time arrangements have been made for hotels, theatre, buses, registration, and our website. Promotion and hospitality are ongoing.

Currently we are recruiting volunteers. We will need approximately 60 to 70 volunteers including runners at the hotel and theatre, as well as individuals to take tickets, close theatre doors, work at the registration desk, and assist with buses and hospitality. Please contact Peter Krois at pkrois@telus.net to volunteer. The volunteers and convention committee will be easily recognized during the convention as they will be wearing bright Irish green T shirts.

The other area of need is program advertising. If you wish to place an ad, please contact Moe Jones at moejones@shaw.ca I can supply you with an ad invoice and receipt. Prices are on the invoice.

Plans are underway for a spectacular Show of Champions. We have established partnerships with the City of Surrey, Tourism Surrey, and the Guildford shopping mall and we hope to attract many local residents to the Barbershop Harmony contest and show.

We will expect GOF members to sell tickets as this is like an annual show for us and will result in an increase of revenue for our chapter.

Some reminders:

- When you register on the website, note that PayPal is the preferred method of payment. If you do not want to use PayPal, scroll down and click on the credit card icons.
- All Events Registration for first year barbershop members are at half price. If that member brings a non-competing guest, then the registration fee is two for one. Single event tickets for youth are at half price. Bring the family to the convention!
- We will be in touch with competing choruses and quartets at a later date with further information and details.
- Please check the convention website for registration, hotels and other information www.evgdistrict2014.ca

On behalf of the Convention Committee, we look forward to hosting you and your family to a great weekend where you will "Fall for Surrey".

Moe Jones, Convention Chair

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Dilbert's Rules of Order:

Following the rules will not get the job done.

GOF Committee Members for the Evergreen District Convention, 2014

Convention Chair	Moe Jones
Contest Coordinator	Doug Affleck
Hotels	Harry Gray & Carl Gung
Registration	Don Giles and Peter Lissett
Judges	Gord Ross & Mac Matheson
Volunteers	Peter Krois
Theatre, front of the house	Dave Ellis
Buses	Jim Gibson and Jim Lohnes
Promotion	Ed Arnold and Ray La Sota
Hospitality	Dorothy Fallan
Website	Aslam Nathoo
Program	Rod Macleod
Treasurer	Gary Korstrom
Photography and video	Carl Gung
QCED Afterglow	Doug Broersma & Joseph Livesey

Please contact any of the above or Peter Krois to help out and volunteer.

Alex Morris: Coach and Music Category Judge visits the GOF



June 3rd the GOF was honoured to receive coaching from Alex Morris, a young, talented, and energetic coach and musical category judge from Australia. The following are some randomly recorded comments in response to some of the GOF's current repertoire:

Just in Time: 2&4; if you know the rhythm show the rhythm; engage the body; replacement for sport; rhythm pulsates through the body; go crazy; more fun for us and for the audience; feel the rhythm and display the rhythm; become the band; scat sounds; put attitude behind the rhythms.

Nevertheless: give the experience of the band and drive the rhythm; confidence is sexy; open the palms out.

Music category judging: song and arrangement as performed; check that it's barbershop; consonance; embellishments, including swipes, key changes, and tags; delivery that conveys meaning; execution and timing that is free of distractions; theme, whether rhythm, lyric, melody, harmony, or parody.

The Band Played On: three-quarter beat pulses on one; internally subdivide, but let it flow on 1s.

For Sale: know the melody, the tonal centre, the musical key; Sean is becoming a baritone; have some people just sing the tonal centre; follow the shape and centre of the music; make the melody make sense; follow the melody like a road map; make the breaths make sense; use the melody to control the melody and the breath and the speed. Make sure to create the same vowels and consonants, the geeky and the non-geeky; the more the chorus engages the less the director has to. Breath is part of the music, except for the pitch; finish the phrase; how can you harmonize to a melody you don't know?



David Jones Retires



David Jones gives a display of Metzgerian dance, March 2014

Long time GOF stalwart David W C Jones has decided to hang up his pitch pipe. “I have decided after 31 years to retire from the singing chorus with regret, and channel my talents elsewhere.” As well as being a key member of the baritone section, David served on the board as member-at-large, Secretary, and President (1995-1996), and took a leading role with the revision of the Chapter Bylaws and getting the chapter registered under the BC Society Act as a not-for-profit Society, and with Revenue Canada. He has been noted for his large food intake at any functions we were at, particularly buffets, yet he has preserved a sleek profile. And his leadership of the chorus’ physical warm-up was always effective as well as entertaining. His interest in food was on display as recently as last year, when David coordinated the meat sale fundraiser for the chorus.

David has a great sense of humour, often at his own expense. He will be missed.

George Carlin-isms

Do pilots take crash courses?

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**2014 Evergreen District Convention
Surrey Harmony Platoon**

Sheraton Vancouver Guildford Hotel,
Surrey, BC

Thursday, Sept 25, 7pm to Friday, Sept. 26,
3pm

**Experience the joy and
excitement of quartet singing
and friendly competition**

- Fun, challenging, and quality quartet experience.
- **THREE** luck-of-the-draw quartet contests in 24-hours.
- Four “medium difficulty” arrangements – Ready to send NOW. Deadline July 25th.
- \$20 (\$22 CAN) per man gets you sheet music and **all 5 learning tracks** (T-L-Br-Bs-full mix) for **each** song (so you can teach them to your quartet at home!)
- Platoon registration includes a color-coded Harmony Platoon lanyard to help you locate other Platoon members so you can sing these great songs throughout the convention weekend.
- For registration form/info: David Mirhady or DON SALZ: Don@Rosye.com or <http://www.harmonyplatoon.org/>
- 6955 Durango STE 1115-117 Las Vegas, NV 89149

**Harmony Hollow: August 30 –
September 2 Labour Day Weekend**

Harmony Hollow is a non-profit Barbershop

Harmony Camp for families and men and women who love to sing in the barbershop style. For over 40 years, Harmony Hollow has entertained hundreds of barbershop enthusiasts annually, providing a unique opportunity for comraderie, family bonding, and good, clean fun. The camp is known for its very strong community, as barbershoppers who attend immediately meet new people and can be singing within minutes!

A unique element of Harmony Hollow is that singing can be found somewhere in the camp until the wee hours of the morning. In fact, folks have been known to skip the wee hours and sing right through until the sun comes back up again! Unlike hotels who "shut you down" at 2am, Harmony Hollow has areas you can sing in all night if you want to - a true barbershoppers dream!

Another well-known feature of the camp is its very strong family emphasis. Not only are there many events scheduled throughout the weekend to entertain your young ones, there is a general sense of family wherever you go - it's like going to a big family reunion! Many children who attend say that this is the absolute favorite event as a family they attend every year, and there are **many** kids who grow up and bring their own families to share their love for the camp!

Come join us as we take what was already amazing and build the next generation of Harmony Hollow!

Deadline for the next issue is May 15, 2014

CALENDAR

2014

June 20-22 Harmony College NW, Tacoma
 Jun 29-July 6 International Las Vegas
 July 27-Aug 3 Harmony U, Nashville, TN
 Aug 14-17 Pan Pacific BBS, Wellington NZ
 Aug 30-Sep 2 Harmony Hollow
 Sept 1 Labour Day
 Sept 5-7 Fall Retreat
 Sept 25-28 **District Convention** Surrey, BC
 Oct 13 Thanksgiving
 Jan 6-10 (New Orleans, LA) BHS Midwinter Convention

Internationals

2015 Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

