

# The Las Vegas Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society

The

## **NUCKET**

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### **Events for 2023**

12/8 – Christmas Show at Windmill Library - 7 pm—Free Admission

12/10 – Christmas Show at Clark County Library - 2 pm—Free Admission

12/21 – Smith Center for Pre-show of Nutcracker Suite—Private performance

### **Events for 2024**

1/13 – Summerlin Library Show “Songs of Love and Songs We Love To Sing” - 2 pm \$20 per person

2/14 – Singing Valentines - Book early!

4/13—Quartet Showcase at Winchester-Dondero Cultural Center 2 pm \$15.00 per person

5/4— Far Western District SE/SW Divisional Convention—Ontario, CA

6/9 & 16 – Summer shows at Windmill Library and Clark County Library. Free admission!

6/29-7/6—Barbershop Harmony Society International Convention Cleveland, OH

# Spotlight on Members

A Look Back At 2023 . . .



SE/SW Divisional Convention



## National Anthem at Aviators Game



## Far Western District Fall Convention, Gilbert, ARIZONA Fall 2023



## Plateau AA Champions

## The "new guys" first convention



# It's being in a Chorus I discovered ...

- ... I had a voice that was valued.
- ... my confidence - both musical and personal.
- ... discipline, focus, and selflessness.
- ... there were other people just like me.
- ... I was good at something.
- ... that hard work pays off.
- ... how to interact with people of all ages.
- ... how my actions impact others.
- ... how to manage my nerves.
- ... the sheer joy of making music with others.
- ... that being prepared isn't always enough.
- ... how to deal with making mistakes.
- ... myself.
- ... my calling.
- ... how awesome making music with other people is.

It's being in a chorus that I always have a source of comfort, a family, and a sanctuary away from the world around

Vaughan Fleischfresser

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## **From our Director: Gordon Lankenau**

**What a year. Please take a moment to accept my thanks as your director. I take great pride in noting your contributions as we consider chapter successes during this timeframe. To all that we have accomplished, let me acknowledge:**

- 1. A collective thank you to Greg for finding and scheduling so many performance opportunities in a wide variety of venues, getting us into schools, the library circuit, Smith Center, and Winchester-Dondero Cultural Center this year.**
- 2. We've had many performances showing our support and appreciation for Veterans at retirement centers too numerous to mention by name. That means a lot to so many. Well worth the time and effort. Thanks to all.**
- 3. Representation at Division and District level conventions for adjudication and growth.**

**Plateau AA Champion Chorus is a notable accomplishment. Thank you to those who made it happen this year.**

**4. We have many new members who have joined our ranks this year. Wow. Their music backgrounds have allowed for instant contributions to the ever improving Silver Statesmen sound. Thank you Daris, Cordell, Dink, Dean, Bill, and James.**

**Not to be overlooked are members like Jeff, returning after a lengthy hiatus. Welcome back.**

**Lastly, not often does it happen that one of our newest members agrees to serve the chapter as President. Thank you, Bill.**

**5. The addition of Gary Bolles to our weekly rehearsal, sharing his knowledge and wisdom of years as a coach, judge and teacher. His insight regarding the meaning of the music, synching our vowels and words, and unifying our overall sound and attention to details as we tell our stories through song, will do much to take us to a new level of musicianship. Let's do all we can to respond to and capitalize on this opportunity as it continues into the new year. Thanks, Gary.**

**Finally, let's finish the year strong, sing well, continue to do all we can to promote and share our craft to new and existing patrons, sell tickets, show our audiences exciting shows getting everyone in the Christmas spirit. Bless you all for sharing your lives in this musical endeavor.**

**Have a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and a Happy New Year.**

**Sing-cerely,**

**Gordon**



## GOOSEBUMPS

### Our Mission Statement:

**"To share our passion for music, to preserve the art form known as Barbershop singing, to enrich the lives of our members, community, and audiences through performance and to bring people together in Harmony and fellowship."**

# The **Siiver** Statesmen





## MIDJANUARY 9–14 • NEW YORK CITY 2024 WINTER CONVENTION

[The 2024 Midwinter Convention](#) has it all going on — and all under one roof!

[Book your room now at our headquarters hotel](#), the Sheraton New York Times Square—convenient to the famed [Crossroads of the World](#), Broadway theaters, dining, entertainment, and mass transit.

The [BHS group hotel rate](#) is a bargain, too, so jump on those rooms right now.

# On the lighter side



*You should have fun when you sing. Like each other and share in the joys of making great music because you don't know when you won't be able to do so again.*



## Come Sing With Us!!!



**What:** Weekly Chapter Meeting and Rehearsal

**When:** Thursdays 7-10 pm

**Where:** Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church  
10265 Bermuda Rd. Las Vegas 89183

Our chorus and quartets love to sing for our audiences and to share our love of “Barbershop”.

You are invited to join us to enjoy an evening of camaraderie and great barbershop harmony. Don’t miss out on the fun! Come see what it’s all about.



# "CHRISTMAS IS COMING"

**FREE Admission**

DECEMBER 8, 2023 - 7 pm

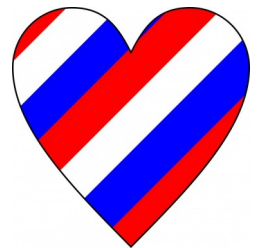
Windmill Library  
7060 W. WINDMILL LN

and

December 10, 2023 - 2 pm

Clark County Library  
1401 E. FLAMINGO RD

## "Songs of Love and Songs We Love to Sing"



January 13, 2024

Summerlin Library Theatre

1771 Inner Circle Dr. Las Vegas 89134

2:00 pm

Tickets are \$20

This program is not a Library District event. The views expressed and other information presented are solely those of the producing entity.

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