

The Las Vegas Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society

The

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Events for 2023

10/12-13 – Fall FWD Convention – Gilbert, AZ.

11/9 – Veterans program at Veterans Tribute Career and Technical Academy -1 pm

11/11 – Veterans Day performances – at assisted living facilities and senior residences

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

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

12/21 – Chorus to provide background music at Smith Center for Pre-show of Nutcracker Suite

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!

6/9 & 16 – Summer shows at Windmill Library and Clark County Library - 2 pm—Free admission!

Spotlight on Members

J D Massa



Born and raised in St. Louis, MO., an MU graduate, I have sung from second grade thru college. I first sang barbershop in 1964 with three other lieutenants at Shaw AFB, S.C. The sparkplug was Ray Quillen. Our name was F4Cs - after our newest aircraft. Left there for two and a half years in

Finally joined the society with the Shreveport, La., chapter in 1967. Next came Viet Nam where I formed a quartet that sang "O Come, O Come Emanuel" at the Ton Son Nhut (Saigon) base chapel Christmas Eve 1971.

On to four years in Wiesbaden Germany, where I visited Ray Quillen in Berlin where he formed the first Germany Chapter.

Next, when I left active duty I came to Las Vegas in June, 1975, where I continue to be an active member. Due to lack of work in Vegas, I spent 19 months as a dual member with the Phoenicians, helping to bring home a 4th place medal from Salt Lake City, 1986 International Convention.

I have sung in seven quartets in my career, one of which went to District twice. My favorite was Tumbleweeds. Never won a competition but never failed to win an audience. The Gamble-Aires named us "Quartet of the Decade" in 1999.

As far as I know, I am the only barbershopper to use a Hershey's Chocolate bottle on stage in a quartet or chorus (It fits in my front pocket better). It's been fun for over 50 years.

Jddabass Life Member BHS



From our Director: Gordon Lankenau

A gauntlet of wandering thoughts . . .

What's Next . . . ?

As we quickly approach Far Western District convention, let me first say *thank you* to those gentlemen planning to sing as a group in Gilbert, AZ. This is an annual opportunity to assess musical growth of the chorus. I look forward to this as I'm sure many of you do. **Let's do it!**

As you are already witnessing, our weekly program is seeing some changes that will continue: quartet opportunities, sectionals, more time on the risers, new music, better preparation for upcoming performances, and time each week to review music for newer members, getting them up to speed with our expanding repertoire.

As we continue receiving guests each week, let's show them the friendly family we are and continue to build our chapter of this great hobby we are a part of - BARBERSHOP. It doesn't have to be a secret. Spread the word.

Sing-cerely,
Gordon



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."

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Far Western District Fall Convention
 October 12-15, 2023 • Gilbert, Arizona



The **Far Western District Fall Convention** is a must-attend event for all music enthusiasts! Join us **October 12-15, 2023** at **Higley Center for the Performing Arts, 4132 East Pecos Road, Gilbert, Arizona** for a weekend filled with incredible performances and exciting activities.

Get ready to experience the best of a cappella music as talented groups from all over the region gather to showcase their skills. From breathtaking harmonies to soul-stirring melodies, you'll be captivated by the sheer talent on display.

But the fun doesn't stop there! Choruses and quartets will receive evaluation and coaching from certified judges, some of the best in the business. Directors may take part in interactive workshops and learn from seasoned professionals who will share their insights and techniques. Whether you're a seasoned performer or just starting out, there's something for everyone.

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND: Purchase your tickets for the Friday night **AFWDC LATE SHOW** along with your convention registration! We'll add \$20 to your convention price. Your reserved seat for the convention will include the Friday night Late Show!

Make new friends and connect with fellow music lovers who share your passion. With a friendly and welcoming atmosphere, this convention is the perfect place to network and build lasting relationships.

So mark your calendars and join us at the **Far Western District Fall Convention** for an unforgettable day of music and camaraderie. We can't wait to see you there!

Registration Rates

Chorus and/or Quartet Competitors must register at the Competitor rate.

Single-Event Tickets for non-competitors will be available On-Site for \$40.00 each event:
 Quartet Semifinals • Chorus Contest • Quartet Finals & Show of Champions.

Note that all tickets will also have a service fee applied.

	Regular <i>Sep 15-Oct 8*</i>	Late, On-Site <i>Oct 13-14</i>
All Events Registration		
Competitor Chorus and/or Quartet Competitor	\$75.00	\$100.00
Non-Competitor Non-Competing Member or Guest, 12+ years	\$50.00	\$75.00
Child Non-Member Child under 12 years	Free	\$25.00



Higley Center for the Performing Arts

[4132 E Pecos Rd, Gilbert, AZ 85295](#)

Higley Center for the Performing Arts is an event venue showcasing local, regional, and national performers. The concert hall accommodates large audiences with 1235 seats connected by a spacious lobby to the more intimate space Little Theater seating 186.

Hotels

The following hotels are listed by order of distance from the performance venue.

Hyatt Place Phoenix/Gilbert

[3275 S Market St, Gilbert, AZ 85297](#)

Distance to venue: 3.4 mi

[RESERVATIONS](#)

Hampton Inn & Suites Phoenix/Gilbert

3265 South Market St, [Gilbert, AZ 85297](#)

Distance to venue: 3.6 mi

[RESERVATIONS](#)

Home2 Suites by Hilton Gilbert

[3333 S Market St, Gilbert, AZ 85297](#)

Distance to venue: 3.6 mi

[RESERVATIONS](#)

Tru by Hilton Gilbert

[1950 S Santan Village Pkwy, Gilbert, AZ 85295](#)

Distance to venue: 4.1 mi

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Hampton Inn & Suites Phoenix East Mesa (HEADQUARTERS)

[1825 N. Higley Road, Gilbert, AZ 85234](#)

Convention rate: \$169, book by September 12, 2023

Distance to venue: 7.6 mi

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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, jump on those rooms right now.

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On the lighter side

GREAT TRUTHS ABOUT GROWING OLD

- 1) Growing old is mandatory; growing up is optional.
- 2) Forget the health food. I need all the preservatives I can get.
- 3) When you fall down, you wonder what else you can do while you're down there.
- 4) You're getting old when you get the same sensation from a rocking chair that you once got from a roller coaster.
- 5) It's frustrating when you know all the answers but nobody bothers to ask you the questions.
- 6) Time may be a great healer, but it's a lousy beautician.
- 7) Wisdom comes with age, but sometimes age comes alone.

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.

Through the Years . . .

1978	2023
Long hair	Longing for hair
8 Tracks	Cataracts
KEGs	EKGs
Streaking	Leaking
Acid Rock	Acid Reflux
Seeds and stems	Fiber
Stayin' Alive (the song)	Stayin' Alive (the goal)
Hoping for a BMW	Hoping for a BM
Going to a new, hip joint	Getting a new hip joint
Rolling Stones	Kidney Stones
Bell bottoms	Big bottoms
Disco	Costco
Whatever	Depends
Rock n' roll all night	Sleep through the night
Think you know everything	Think you know your name

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

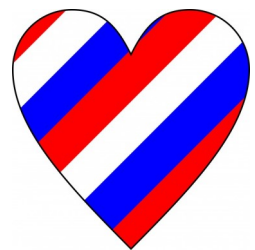
Windmill Library
7060 W. WINDMILL LN

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

For more information, go to our website at:

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