

The Las Vegas Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society

The

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Events for 2024

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

1/27—Installation of Officers and Awards Banquet—Firelight Barn

2/14 – Singing Valentines - Book early!

4/13—National Barbershop Quartet Day Showcase—Winchester Dondero Cultural Center 2 pm \$15.00

5/11—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



BILL ROBEY (incoming President)

Date & Place of Birth

12 Dec 1958 in Marietta, Ohio

The Early Years: (Where did you grow up? Include any details of your life thru high school) I moved to Las Vegas in 1965. Attended Vail Pittman Elem, Garside Junior High, Western High, where I was a member of the performing Music Group JUBILATION for 1975, '76, '77, when I graduated. I attended college at UNLV where I majored in Radiation Science & Safety. I began work at UMC in Las Vegas in 1980 as a radiation safety coordinator. I received my Radiation Safety Officer (RSO) certification from Nevada Technical Institute in 1986. I assumed the role of RSO at UMC in 1987 through my retirement in 2020.

Family: (How many kids/grands/greatgrands. Where do they live?)

I have a beautiful wife of 43 years (Cheryl), and three wonderful adult children (Ashley, who lives in Iowa with her husband and 4 children), Aubrey (who is a 3rd grade teacher here in Las Vegas and lives with her husband and my newest grandson, Brady, who is 3 years old), and my youngest, Dylan (who is newly married to his beautiful new bride, Holly, here in Las Vegas).

Education: (Include any degrees or specialized training)

I attended college at UNLV and majored in Radiation Science and Safety.

I began work at UMC in 1987 as a radiation safety coordinator.

I received my Radiation Safety Officer (RSO) certification and license from Nevada Technical Institute in 1996.

I assumed the duties as RSO at UMC in 1987 through my retirement in 2020.

Career Path: (What career(s), jobs/companies/specialized fields were you a part of?)

I was on the emergency preparedness committee at UMC. In my role as RSO, I was able to take part in many exercises and events. I worked closely with Las Vegas Metro, the FBI, and REACT, the government's radiation emergency response team. It was a fulfilling career, but was high-stress, and I'm glad to be done with that part of my life.

Hobbies: (What do you enjoy doing in your free time?)

I love music, pretty much any music (except Rap and Hip Hop).

I also love old movies, and my wife and I are amateur ghost-hunting enthusiasts.

My favorite thing is spending time with my new grandson, Brady. He's now 3 and crazy smart to the point of being scary!

More Info: (Include anything else yo would like to share with your fellow barbershoppers)

I'm very honored and humbled to be part of this stellar organization.

I hope I can prove myself worthy and I look forward to many great times, making great friends, and making great music!!!



From our Director: Gordon Lankenau

A gauntlet of wandering thoughts . . .

What's Next . . . ?

Hi Gents,

As we begin this new year, let's consider the improvements that have been made to the Silver Statesmen sound that I want to challenge you to continue.

1. Sip breaths (**just open your mouth and let the air come in**)
2. Breathe on the vowel shape (**think it, shape it, sing it**)
3. Anticipate the start and end of your sound (**watch**)
4. Sing on top of each note with the same sound throughout your range (**set it on the shelf**)
5. Warm-up your voice on your own throughout the week

If we can commit to doing these five things with consistency, our collective sound will continue to improve.

Next, invite a friend to the show and rehearsal. Let's grow this chorus.

We have plenty to be proud of, so let's sell tickets to our shows and share.

Singing Valentines can be a very lucrative income for the chapter each year. Be prepared to participate.

Consider attending Divisional convention this year as a chorus and in a quartet. Many members are ready for this aspect of the barbershop experience. Sing some Polecats with various combinations at break, and get started. Need help? Ask around.

Sounds to me like there are going to be plenty of things to do, so let's ALL jump on the Barbershop train and ride it together. It'll be fun.

ALL ABOARD !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Sing-cerely,

Gordon

The **Si**ver
Statesmen

Incoming Board of Directors

2024

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Silver Statesmen Awards

2013-2022

BARBERSHOPPER OF THE YEAR	PRESIDENT'S AWARD	DIRECTOR'S AWARD	ROOKIE OF THE YEAR
Randy Preston 2013	Jim Halvorson 2013	Wes White 2013	Dallas Halvorson 2013
Martin Judd 2014	Fred Green 2014	Dick Morrison 2014	Larry Paterson 2014
Ivan Lambert 2015	John Lenox 2015	Ben Rockoff 2015	Rudy Jovero 2015
Dick Morrison 2016	Kenny Rios 2016	J. D. Massa 2016	Richard Adler 2016
Jim Halvorson 2017	Albert Weiss 2017	Gordon Lankenau 2017	George Stamos 2017
Dave Kennedy 2018	Greg Dreyer 2018	Rick Ives 2018	Kendall Kulesza 2018
Art Miller 2019	Fred Green 2019	Buddy Seeberg 2019	David Dorway 2019
Kenny Rios 2020	Wally Smulson 2020	Kenny Rios 2020	Matt Fox 2020
Gordon Lankenau 2021	Wally Smulson 2021	Ernie Krausman 2021	Jeff Marsell Alex Baskin 2021
Fred Green 2022	Gordon Lankenau 2022	Brian Sellinow 2022	Camden Espino 2022



Thanks to Mama's Wranglers at Firelight Barn for their hospitality at our Installation of Officers and Awards Banquet.

Results and pictures from our Installation of Officers and Awards Banquet will be featured in February issue.



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.

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.



MY WIFE CALLS ME
"THE COMPUTER".
NOTHING TO DO WITH MY
INTELLIGENCE - I GO TO
SLEEP IF LEFT UNATTENDED
FOR 15 MINUTES.

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.

"Songs of Love and Songs We Love to Sing"

January 13, 2024

Summerlin Library Theatre

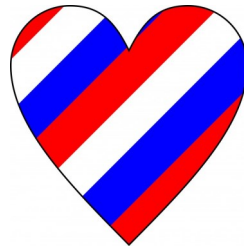
1771 Inner Circle Dr. Las Vegas 89134

2:00 pm

Tickets are \$20

For more information, go to our website at:

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National Barbershop Quartet Day Showcase

Winchester Dondero Cultural Center

3130 McLeod Drive

\$15.00 each * Kids 12 and under are free

Featuring Quartets from the Silver Statesmen Barbershop Chorus:

Twilight, Good Times!, Amazing Grays, Til Mornin Comes, and High Stakes



Twilight



Amazing Grays



Good Times!



Til Mornin' Comes



High Stakes

