



● ASK A STAFF MEMBER

TOOLS TO DO MORE ON MEMBER CENTER

HOW AND WHEN CAN I RENEW MY MEMBERSHIP BY MYSELF? AND WHAT IF I REQUIRE A PHONE CALL?



You can renew your own membership 60 days before the renewal date and 30 days after. Thirty days after your membership lapses, you lose access to the Member Center (*members.barbershop.org*) and will need to be reinstated. Chapter leaders and the staff Community Care Team) can help you!

Fortunately, the Member Center search tool now displays helpful knowledge articles and How-To-Tutorials as well as information on all BHS members. You can now choose what contact information is displayed publicly. Search “Contact” to see the new search tool in action via a helpful tutorial.

The best and fastest way to contact our small but knowledgeable Community Care Team (Luke, Carmel, Sean, and myself) is via email. We are gradually getting back to answering live calls. If you know a phone call is needed, schedule a call with us at calendly.com/bhs-ccc.

– Kelli Vitt, CustomerService@barbershop.org

● AS SEEN ON TV



“QUARTET” EXPANDS THE BARBERSHOP CATALOG

In February, after Neil Young and Joni Mitchell left streaming platform Spotify in protest over a prominent podcaster, *The Late Show's* Stephen Colbert joked that a barbershop quartet might now be the only way to stream the famous songwriters' music. Cue *The Chordon Bleus*, a one-off quartet featuring members of the **Westchester, NY** and **Five Towns, NY** chapters as they reimagined some of the singers' most famous works.

There is long tradition of TV satire that juxtaposes wholesome olde-tyme barbershop style with contemporary music. Forerunners include Jimmy Fallon's *Ragtime Gals*, *The Simpsons'* *B-Sharps*, and *Mad TV's* *Gangsta Shop Quartet*, among many others. (L-R) Steve Delehanty (T), Steve Marrin (L), Keith Harris (Br), Alan Fennell (Bs). Link to the performances at barbershop.org/harmonizer.



AN 8,600-MILE SINGING VALENTINE

Florida State graduate music student Timothy Yu, a tenor with Tallahassee's **Capital Chordsmen**, was all about boosting the chapter's Singing Valentines program this February. There was one Valentine he wanted to deliver most, but his only concern: She wasn't in Tallahassee—she was in Hong Kong! Chapter quartet **4 Oysters in Search of a Pearl** invited Tim to sing with them on a very long-distance delivery.

During the chapter's regular 8:30 p.m. break (9:30 the next day in Hong Kong), Timothy called his sweetheart, who had no idea that this phone call included three special guests. The quartet then sang, “Heart of my Heart,” “Let Me Call You Sweetheart,” and a short Valentine's tag to end our set. The three non-Cantonese speakers had no idea what she said in response ... only that she smiled a lot and said she liked Tim's outfit! An 8,586 mile Valentine delivery—can any other BHS group top that?

COMING SOON: SCHMITT BROS STAGE

A new stage to be built as part of the Central Park West 365 project in Two Rivers, WI will be named in honor of four hometown heroes: the widely beloved 1951 champion **Schmitt Brothers**, who performed on all of America's major stages over 35 years.

The extended family of the Schmitt Brothers, including former Green Bay Mayor Jim Schmitt, are donating \$100,000 to name the stage in honor of the Schmitt Brothers. The \$1.6 million overall development has a planned dedication for summer 2023.

