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In a few weeks, we will be meeting each other on January 23-25 for your winter meeting. I would like to tell you a bit about the classes I will be teaching. My thanks to Bonnie McKibben for helping me to plan this event.

On Friday, January 23, we will be studying three topics. The first one is on accuracy and tuning. The elements of chord balance, Pythagorean tuning, interval integrity, and degrees of accuracy will be emphasized. A second topic refers to helping each of us to be better chorus members in the modern age. We will explore ways of learning music and choreo; rehearsal preparation; part skills; and riser relationships. Finally, we will sing tags for learning purposes, tags which illustrate basic barbershop principles.

Saturday, January 24th classes will feature a 30' warm up routine you can use at home to enrich your voice; everything you wanted to know about the anatomy, use, and care of the voice using attendees and recordings; building a barbershop sound, emphasizing balance, blend, resonance; and listening to audio tapes of Region 17 and other competitors; and a judging levels class which explores excellence and the ways to get there in ALL sizes of choruses.

Additionally, there will be opportunities to observe coaching of choruses and quartets and a question/answer session with me as teacher and International Board member to respond to any topic you wish.

I hope you can come. I look forward to meeting you there. Sharon Babb