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It's 2011, but I guess you already know that. New years bring new ideas, new officers and a feeling that this is going to be the best year ever. Positive thinking. I love it. I sincerely hope it turns out to be the best year ever for you and for your chapters and for the entire District. We can make it so.

I'm really excited about one particular project that's in the works, which I mentioned in my January email. I think we should be rolling it out across the District by the Spring and I'm hoping it will be successful everywhere. It's a recruitment program that's been tested in England, and by the Sweet Adelines and in a number of chapters across the country and will cash in on the increasing popularity of A capella singing. People love to sing but don't know how or where to go. We're going to help them. Stay tuned.

What an amazing Midwinter Convention we just hosted in the Far Western District, with the help of the Las Vegas Metro Chapter and other barbershoppers. It was a great start to the year with almost 2,500 people there. That's almost 50% more than Tampa last, the highest ever attendance at that time. It was truly a mini International. In the youth chorus contest, 650 young men sung in 19 choruses. What I love most is that nobody tells those kids they have to do this. They love it. That's why they never go to bed. They just sing in the lobbies and hallways and in their rooms ... all night! The top two choruses scored higher than many a District Champion Chorus (well actually, the winning chorus is already a District Champion, modeled after our very own Westminster Chapter). Four FWD choruses competed and two placed in the top ten. Kudos to all who

promoted and helped. I wish there was room to mention them all.

While in Las Vegas, I attended several meetings, including District Presidents' meetings and a first ever joint meeting between us and the Society Board, where lots of interesting things were discussed. Last year there was a proposal to change the International Chorus Contest so that each chorus would have to sit out every second year. The proposal was not popular and has now been dropped. It will not be sent to the Society Board for a vote.

I appointed three new District leaders on January 1st, who I talked about in my January email. They each have ideas that they want to bring to the table and I think we are going to see some benefits during the year. They are John Minsker (Chorus Director Development), Jack Peters (Member Services) and Greg Titus (Marketing & PR). They took over from Dave Tautkus, Clark Abrahamson and Dan Jordan, all of whom we thank sincerely for all of their prior work. I have a feeling the new guys will be looking for men to help them in their jobs as the year progresses. If you're interested in offering your services for the benefit of the District, they will be happy to hear from you.



Our next convention will be the Spring Convention in Santa Clara, hosted by the Bay Area Chapter. We are hoping to have a web cast for the first time at a Spring Convention but that shouldn't stop you from being there. The venue is excellent and the quality of singing will be the best in the country. After that will be the Division Conventions in Phoenix, Pasadena, Primm and Modesto. Make your plans now. Some extra treats will be in store for you.

There is no doubt that the Barbershop Harmony Society is over the worst. Membership declines have slowed considerably and the Society returned an excellent profit in 2010. That means there will be money for better recruitment drives, better leadership training, more help for youth programs and better conventions. What a great hobby we have.

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Russ Young

The spring contest/convention season is only a few short weeks away. Have you made plans to attend yours? So many great leaders are working hard behind the scenes to make these events fulfilling. Let's support our competitors and have a great time by making your presence known.

Speaking of conventions, has your chapter chosen your House of Delegate representative yet? The

HOD meeting is at the Spring Convention on March 17-20 in Santa Clara.

With the new year comes the opportunity for all of us in the FWD to remind ourselves of how much barber-shop harmony has done for us. The friendships, families and fun that have developed through our music have created bonds for a lifetime. As we move forward this year, let's make a commitment to ourselves and each other by participating and attending contests, conventions, shows and of course, by singing!

See you 'round!!!

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As I drove home from Las Vegas last weekend I reflected on what was a monumental event in the Mid-Winter Convention. The Senior Quartet Contest was of the highest quality I've ever seen. Youth choruses from all across North America showed off their talents, many of them performing well enough to make an impressive showing on our International stage. And of course, the medalist quartets that always put on a show that can't be beat. Most of all, congratulations to our own FWD competitors for a job well done! It was great to see so many fine performers on stage and so many familiar faces in attendance. It's not too early to start planning to be in Tucson for next year's Mid-Winter. How fortunate we are to have such a great event in our own backyard two years in a row.

Our District Management Team (DMT) has three new faces for 2011. Allow me to introduce John Minsker (Chorus Director Development), Jack Peters (Membership) and Greg Titus (Marketing & Public Relations). These men are movers and shakers who will help to continue the legacy of the FWD as pioneers across the Society. Watch for more from them very soon.



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OFFICIAL DELEGATES CALL

**Annual Spring Meeting
FWD House of Delegates
Santa Clara, California
March 18, 2011**

To: District House of Delegates (Chapter Presidents or alternates, elected district officers, active past district presidents living in FWD and members of FWD chapters.)

When/where: 2 p.m. Friday, March 18, 2011,
Santa Clara Convention Center
5001 Great American Parkway
Santa Clara, California 95054 USA

Eligibility: (Voting members): One delegate (or alternate) from each chapter, elected district officers, and past district presidents living in FWD and who are paid-up members of an FWD chapter in good standing.

Non-voting members: delegates from chapters on licensed status, or newly formed groups on the date of the meeting, chapter counselors, committee chairmen, visitors and Society officials..

Quorum: Thirty percent of the eligible House of Delegates members. (no proxies.)

Registration: Chapter delegates are required to bring with them the credentials card which accompanies the HOD report and to present this card to the DVP of their respective divisions upon arrival at the meeting.

Agenda Items: As set forth in the FWD Statement of Policy (Article III) agenda items may be submitted by any Delegate however, must be received by the district secretary no later than 45 days prior to the HOD meeting. (February 1, 2011)

Agenda: As printed in the Delegate's Brochure sent to delegates 30 days before the meeting (February 16, 2011)

Recognition: Only members of the House of Delegates will be recognized for floor privileges.

Visitors: Visitors are cordially invited to attend the House of Delegates meeting, but are requested to refrain from taking seats at the official tables

Show by your prompt attendance and attention that you are sincerely interested in the business and progress of the Far Western District.

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It's hard to believe, but 2011 is upon us and we'll be starting the divisional contest cycle very soon. There are several chapters in the FWD that are suffering from lack of attendance, direction and focus and the inability to decide what they want to be when they grow up. I've talked with leaders of those chapters and apathy is the descriptive word relating to the chapter personality. It seems like people just have too many other things to do instead of attending the chapter meeting on a weekly basis and the organizations are dwindling in size and losing the momentum necessary to provide an environment for men to enjoy barbershop harmony.

In Arizona Ted Sayle, Ivan Jensen and Russ Young have made an attempt to help one of the division chapters by calling a special board meeting and suggesting that a couple of the larger chapters could offer their quartets to help put on a show and maybe salvage the organization. However, the leaders were very skeptical about asking and seem to feel that without a full-time director and the large percentage of snow birds that make up the chorus they are doomed.

That gets me back to the Chapter Service Representative program that is not being called upon except in a few instances during the past year. It seems like our chapters are reluctant to ask for help....and when they do it's almost for certain that their minds are made up for failure.

What can we do to encourage the FWD chapters to request help from a group of qualified volunteers who have expertise in almost any issue facing a chapter? I'd like to hear from you if you have suggestions because without knowing where to send our CSR's we are stymied.

Making the simple complicated is commonplace; making the complicated simple, awesomely simple – that's creativity.

Let's try to get a little creative in our solutions to chapter retention and growth by utilizing the tools available to us here in the FWD. We're here to help and while the goal is to "keep the whole world singing" we need to start in our own chapters. Give it a try and see what results with the effort.

I am very happy to have accepted an appointment by our District President, Bernard Priceman, to be the Chairman of Chorus Director Development for 2011.

This an exciting challenge, as I know that the lifeblood of our district is the musical education and depth of experience that we have in the Far Western District.

Toward that end, my first two goals are to revive our District Chorus Director's Guild and to encourage and provide educational opportunities to our directors and members who wish to become directors.

I'm meeting with the two remaining founding members of the original Guild, Russ Young and Nick Papageorge, to create a NEW Chorus Directors' Guild. We'll have the details out to you shortly. Every frontline director should want to be in the Guild. It's an opportunity to recognize the accomplishments of Chorus Directors in our District with an annual awards program, as well as to develop a pool of Directors to help fill the vacancies within the District.

The other goal is continuing education, including programs such as:

CDWI (Chorus Director Workshop Intensive), geared toward front line directors;

Next LEVEL, geared toward directors, administrators and music leadership teams, and choruses at the chapter level;

Outstanding in Front, an introductory class geared toward developing novice and assistant directors, section leaders and other music leadership team members. Assistant Directors... here's a great opportunity for you to become a front-line director, as a guest director, interim director or full time!

I'll also be promoting *Director's College* at Harmony University, as well as assisting attendees with scholarship applications as appropriate.

If you have any questions or input, please let me know at jminsker@pacbell.net. I'll be contacting the directors and assistant directors in the next few weeks.

Yours for a song

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If you missed the Mid-Winter Convention in Las Vegas, you missed one of the most thrilling barbershop weekends ever. I'm sure that elsewhere in this issue others will report on the weekend. Suffice it to say, don't miss next year's Mid-Winter in Tucson!

2011 begins a new cycle of Judge Applicant, aiming towards potential Certification in July of 2013. Please welcome the following Applicant Judges:

Contest Administrator

Randy Bingel – Mesa, AZ
 Jim Haggerty – Palm Springs, CA
 Kent Richardson – San Diego, CA

Music

Jason Dyer – El Dorado Hills, CA

Presentation

Patrick Claypool – Glendale, CA
 Martin Fredstrom – Tustin, CA
 Steve Sammonds – San Jose, CA

Singing

Jim Browne – Camarillo, CA
 Jason Remley – Burbank, CA

So here we are, the Spring of 2011 already, and the convention and contest season is upon us. Hope you're planning to go to your Division Convention. Barbershop is getting more and more fun at conventions. A big piece of that fun is seeing all the young men getting hooked on barbershop.

So, here's how to do it (enter your contest).

1. You must be an active member of the Society
2. You must be an active member of your FWD quartet or chorus
3. Your quartet or chorus must be registered at the ebiz.barbershop.org site to compete*
4. You must register for the convention

And you can go to the FWD Website Conventions page (<http://www.fwdconventions.org/>) to find out everything you need to know.

*The contest entry form (CJ-20) is filled in by you on the Society website. It is available for you to enter now. Go to here: <https://ebiz.barbershop.org/ebusiness>

to enter your quartet in a Division Contest (contact me if you have any problems). JUST DO IT. You won't regret it.

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As you read this, our Spring Preliminary Convention is the most immediate FWD District Event under way. As I write this, the Voices in Harmony Convention Committee is at the peak of activity, and I am getting a new appreciation for the effort involved to produce a District level convention. On behalf of all of us in the District, I want to thank co-chairmen, Jay and Susan Breen, along with David Haedtler, VIH President, and all the folks who worked to make this Convention happen.

We have chapters across the District busy preparing the rest of the 2011 conventions, so get these dates on your personal and chapter calendars. Look for registration forms both in this issue of Westunes and on line at <http://www.fwdconventions.org/>

April 16, 2011 AZ Division - Phoenix Chapter
 May 7, 2011 SW Division - Pasadena Chapter
 May 14, 2011 SE Division - Las Vegas Chapter
 May 21, 2011 NE Division - Central CA Chapter
 Oct 13/16, 2011 – Fall District – Fresno Chapter

Jim Turnmire, Terry Starr and a host of Fresno chapter members are well beyond the early planning stage and well into the implementation stage of our 2011 Fall District Convention. The proximity of the headquarter Radisson Hotel to the Fresno Convention and Entertainment Center along with multiple spaces for staging choruses and quartets will create an environment where performances will peak on stage to the satisfaction of performer and audience alike. Get excited now about your Divisional Contest and be sure your chorus will be represented on stage in Fresno.

With the installation of new officers in all the chapters, I had requested that by the end of January 2011, that I hear

from chapters interested in hosting a 2012 convention. I hope by the time you are reading this, I will have sent you some news of progress in locating hosts.....

March 15/18, 2012 Spring Prelims
April 13/14, 2012 NW Division
April 20/21, 2012 AZ Division
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Greetings FWD Brothers!

Our Spring Convention is just around the corner and it's going to rock!. Make sure you register early, as seating in the auditorium is limited to 600. After the auditorium is full, everyone else will be seated in a VIP room just outside the auditorium - where you can watch all the action on a big screen. In January, the BOD determined we will have a webcast available at the Spring Convention (first time ever!), so if you (and your family, friends and neighbors) are unable to make it, you'll be able to catch all the action. The headquarters hotel is about a mile from the auditorium - and there is free parking for headquarters hotel guests, as well as free parking at the convention center. I hope to see all of you there to cheer all of our district, NW division and High School competitors on!

Considering we are all marketing representatives of our organization, I'd like to solicit your ideas on how we can make the FWD bigger and better for the future. Also, if you would like to provide copy, articles, reviews, or would like to help update our social media sites, take photos, or any other contribution to enhance our marketing reach, I'd like to hear from you.



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I would like to thank Bernard for inviting me to be a part of this progressive 2011 FWD leadership team.

For the coming year, it's my intention to post specific ideas in each Westunes editions, that will help grow our membership. Remember, "There's nothing new under the sun," and it's impossible for me to know what you presently do, have tried, or not tried. In this regard, allow me the privilege of sharing some concepts that work to bring in and retain new members. I'm anxious to hear your ideas too and will share them with all of our brothers. Don't be shy. I'll even post where they came from!

Here's a couple of easy things that seem to work consistently well in this joyful task of attracting new members:

(1) ***Always carry chapter business cards***- with times and location of your chapter meetings. When in a line waiting for something or anywhere you might be, you may hear a voice speaking that sounds like he could be a singer. Don't let him get away but ask if he's ever sung! If he hasn't, maybe he should, maybe he would, or does he know someone who might be interested in singing with a group of men?? Now you need a hook here. An invitation and card is given and ---- "I'll have a free CD of our music to give you just for visiting our next meeting." or --- ? S/O's can also do this, doubling the chapters' exposure factor.

(2) ***Wear your chapter logo'd apparel in public.*** It seldom fails to raise a question of;
"What is that organization?" Hello!

(3) ***Most have had some experience in music sometime in their lives.***

Bruce Giddens, the fella who invited me to my first chapter meeting 18 years ago, simply asked me in casual conversation--- if I had ***ever played an instrument.*** It's a good question, because the chances are pretty good that if one has played;

(a) He probably doesn't play now and will be free to try something new.

(b) He'll know something about performing, harmony, tuning and music in general. Hmmm !

A perfect lead into our sport of singing with a group and he:

- (a) Won't need a physical instrument to lug around.
- (b) He can rehearse without blowing out the neighborhood.
- (c) He can do it until he's --- ?
- (d) He will no doubt, live longer and certainly better!

Remember this – We don't need soloists!

(4) **Develop a "Tag Team"** - at your chapter meetings who are always ready with a couple of killer tags to share with a new guy. When you have a visitor, the Tag Team puts the visitor into a part. The BBS brother of that part stands out and assists until the visitor can stand on his own. You learn a lot about your visitor without ever asking a question, and he gets a hook in his mouth.

Membership – to continue with Clark's Winter 2010 Westunes' Membership article: It's imperative that each of us *continually* promote our sport, not just me, not just your Membership VP, but You, me, yes-- **all of us**. *Share the joy of ringinachord!* Why not ?! New blood is healthy and necessary for anything to survive and progress.

Next issue –

Why I call what we do, a **"sport"**, and the **new "key"** to unlocking old preconceived ideas!

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Hark! Hark!

ALL FAR WESTERN DISTRICT CHAPTERS!

This year's Harmony College West is scheduled for Cal State East Bay in Hayward, CA. during the weekend of August 19-21, 2011. I encourage as many of your chapter members to attend as possible because the classes and coaching at this event are invaluable to the entire chapter's musical health. Ask your chapter to give scholarships to section leaders, chapter members, or directors. Or talk to me about having your entire chapter attend: your chapter would attend classes half of the time and be coached the other half. Last year the entire Santa Monica Chapter attended and had the time of their lives being coached by Justin Miller!

We will again be being offering a class called "Making It Happen," taught by Dr. Greg Lyne. This class is for all

current and past front line directors of our FWD chapters. Greg is known throughout the world as a Master Teacher of how to get the most out of your chorus through communication with your hands. He will teach our directors how to "make it happen" through their directing skills. He will also cover areas of the musical experience and what to listen for in your ensemble. This class will also be open to assistant directors and non-member directors, so spread the word. Remember, much of having a Compelling Chapter Meeting is determined by having a knowledgeable and well-equipped Director. Here's a great tool for all of our chapter directors.

Our district is once again in need of exciting and vibrant new directors. Harmony College West is also offering a beginning directors class as well. This class is for any member of your chapter who leads polecat songs, or sing-a-longs, or who just thinks they may be interested in directing. Who knows, the next Jim Clancy may come straight out of this class!

John Minsker (our new District Chorus Director Development Chairman) and I have been discussing an expanded chorus directors track and HCWest. (for those of you who don't remember our FWD Chorus Director's Guild and its annual seminar, it was a tremendous program with an annual seminar that was the precursor to the Society's Director's College). Look for these exciting new classes and...SEND YOUR DIRECTOR!

As always, the school will offer classes in arranging, vocal techniques, sight-reading, and more. Also, don't forget the Pod Style Quartet Coaching that will be going on as well. Your quartet will benefit greatly from the outstanding array of coaches. (See the HCWest Flyer in this issue of Westunes) Of course, there will be a show on Saturday Evening featuring the quartets being coached, and our quest quartets, as well as an afterglow. (Guest Quartets for the weekend are being finalized at this time and will be announced when confirmed) All in all, Harmony College West will be the place to be on the weekend of August 19 -21, at Cal State East Bay, in Hayward, California. Don't miss this educational and fun-filled event!

Lastly, PLEASE SUPPORT your DIVISION CONVENTIONS/ CONTESTS, as well as our SPRING DISTRICT CONVENTION/INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY CONTEST.

Have a musically rewarding Spring,

**Chair : Young Men In Harmony****John Krizek**

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Youth Make Las Vegas ‘Glow’

The “after-glow” from the International Midwinter convention in Las Vegas January 28-29 will undoubtedly permeate our barbershop lives well into the future. The record attendance of some 2,400 was driven by the presence of over 650 young men who participated in the 4th annual International Youth Chorus Festival—double the year before—which left more than just this passionate observer with a damp cheek or two.

The future is here, now. And how!

Of the 19 youth choruses competing, four, with some 120 singers, were from the Far Western District. From Sacramento (after an all-night bus ride) came The Really Big Quartet (with 43 on stage) directed by Ron Black, Gabe Caretto, and Jason Dyer. From Phoenix came Arizona Spirit, directed by Dan Ryan Sr. From San Diego came Pacific Suns, directed by Allan Webb. And Las Vegas provided The Silver Statesmen, directed by Jim Halvorson and Jay Dougherty. They all did us proud. The Really Big Quartet and Arizona Spirit finished second and third, respectively, in the AA plateau (average age under 21).

No doubt you’ll be hearing many wonderful stories about this experience. And next year, this event will be in Tucson. Does that suggest we might just have twice as many youth choruses involved next year? Oh, the dilemma!

High School, College Quartets

The Spring cycle of college and high school quartet competitions has begun. The FWD HSQC trophy will be awarded at the Spring convention in Santa Clara March 19. See the flyer and registration information Bruce Sellnow has posted on the YIH web site.

In addition—because of travel costs and the usual schedule conflicts—there also will be high school quartet competitions available at the SoWest and Arizona division contests: Arizona in Phoenix in April, and SoWest in Pasadena in May. Hopefully this will allow more young men to join the fun. Contact the division hosts for details.

The college quartet competition, as always, is handled out of headquarters in Nashville. Quartets sing at whichever division contest is convenient, with the winner getting an automatic invitation to International, declared on points. In most years, one or two additional FWD college quartets may get invited as wild cards.

Is there a college near you, with an active choral music program? A cappella is hot on campuses everywhere. So is barbershop. (Ask any of those guys who were ringing tags well into the wee hours in Las Vegas.) Now’s the time to spread the word!

**Chair: Financial Development****John A. McDougald**

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As I sit here at the end of January, 2011, I am anxiously awaiting the results of the FWD’s performance with respect to Harmony Foundation support for 2010. As you know, the FWD was one of the leading performers in 2009, and I expect no less this year.

In the meantime, I have a couple of other pieces of information to pass along. The first is a letter I received from Newt Harband, President of the San Francisco Cable Car Chorus. The following is directly from Newt’s letter. “One of our longtime barbershop supporters, Ed Rategan, passed away on Feb 27, 2010. He was President of our Chapter twice and until the last few years, sang bass in our chorus. He felt strongly about barbershopping, and a quartet sang at his funeral. His son Chuck recently informed me that Ed has bequeathed a significant sum of money to the Harmony Foundation and specified that 70% be used for general purposes and 30% be donated to our chapter. We felt that such generosity deserves some publicity.” This is another example of how each of us can help keep our love for our great hobby alive beyond our own lifetime. At my church, we include the following simple statement in our monthly newsletter – “Have you remembered the church in your will?” How often do you address that topic at your chapter?

Secondly, this is a reminder to all chapter officers (particularly presidents, chapter contacts and treasurers), that I will be contacting you directly for information as to your charitable giving for 2010. I got started a little late last

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2010 FWD Quartet Champions The Crush

by John Brockman

Greetings faithful harmony enthusiasts of the FWD! If you are reading this while standing, have a seat. Get comfortable and grab your favorite caffeinated beverage, because we've got a lot to cover. If you're driving while reading this (people actually do that?), best to pull over so as not to spill your \$3 cup o' morning joe. Still reading? Good.

Someone was doing some serious fibbing when they told us that singing barbershop was a hobby they did for fun. Instead, they should have mentioned that everything else one does in life was reserved for one's "spare time" outside of barbershop rehearsal. Josh (who sings lead) is busy with school at Fullerton College, Paul (who sings bass) is making wedding plans for this summer, John (who sings baritone) is either arranging or judging somewhere, and Matt (who sings tenor) is doing, well, whatever it is that Matt does. Between the four of us, we are involved in three choruses: the Masters of Harmony, the Westminster Chorus, and the New Gang on the Corner. It sure is a good thing we limit our barbershop involvement, because otherwise it would cut into our time at barbershop conventions, doing barbershop shows, and general carousing with other barbershoppers.

Speaking of barbershop shows, we would absolutely LOVE to be on yours! Easily the most enjoyable part

of this "hobby" of ours is getting out there and meeting all kinds of great folks in the FWD. Since we began singing together in 2006, we've been fortunate enough to do shows from Idaho to Illinois, but it just isn't the same as the home crowd here in Far Western. So put down your beverage for a moment and walk over to your computer. If you ignored our advice to pull over off the freeway and are still driving (!), now would be a good time to do so, as you will need your smartphone (as opposed to a dumbphone?) for this. The web address is "thecrushquartet.com". Make sure you spell "crush" correctly. We are not liable for where you will end up if you accidentally type "curse", "crash", "cruise", "clutch", "crunch" or anything else, so be careful. After exploring to your heart's content, make sure you scroll down and send us an email. Let us know about your upcoming show, or just drop us a line and say hello. It's always great to hear from you all!

Something about which we are always asked whenever we go is our name. "What exactly do you mean by The Crush? Is it the soda? The freeway interchange? The Denver Broncos defense? What is it?" Well folks, let me quote our website to which you now have all been:

- 1) n. A youthful, playful, intense infatuation.
- 2) v. To annihilate or destroy an object.

I think that about sums it up, don't you? Come watch us accomplish both of those simultaneously at the FWD Spring Contest in San Jose, CA (March 17-20), and after that, don't miss us on the Voices in Harmony Spring Show in Santa Clara, CA (April 2) with 2008 International 3rd Place Medalists Voices in Harmony, and 2010 International Quartet Silver Medalists Old School. Hope to see you there for a great show!

Rather than produce a laundry list of all the people that have helped us out over the last few years, we'll keep it brief for a couple reasons. One is that otherwise this article would take up all of Westunes, and the other is that we haven't had any success in actually getting any of these people to do our laundry.

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Anyway, Mark Hale, Brett Littlefield, Gary Steinkamp, Dawn Castiglione, Dr. Chris Peterson, and Jeff Baker, all of our success as entertainers is yours also as coaches, and we are truly grateful. Thank you for your continued patience, as there is so much more work to be done! Thank you to all of our chorus mates; standing on the risers with you is an honored privilege which we will not take for granted.

To our extended FWD family (the best district in the Society, in case you hadn't heard), keep your voices proud and your heads high! To our lovely ladies who continue to inspire us, we love you always. It is because of you that we sing from our hearts.

Matt, Josh, Paul & John

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year, and I only received responses from about 20 chapters in the district. I hope to receive a much more complete set of data for 2010. Some of our chapters have established very unique fund raising activities, and very generous donations are made not only to Harmony Foundation, but to local music organizations as well. I would like to highlight some of these chapter activities in future articles. Be the first to submit your information, and get some publicity for your chapter.

In that same vein, I have initiated contact with all of the other Harmony Foundation (or Financial Development) Chairs in the society. I am attempting to form a group of experts so that we can pool ideas and techniques, not only for fundraising, but also to get more exposure to the general public with respect to our support for all kinds of music programs. It's a slow process, but I hope to have more to report in upcoming issues of Westunes. Please feel free to contact me with any information that you feel might be helpful to my area of responsibility in the District.

Four Hall of Famers Pass Away in 2010

By Deane Scoville
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During the period from April 13th through mid-December 2010 four members of the Far Western District Hall of

Fame passed away. This is a huge loss to the district and all of these men will be missed. Their information has been previously distributed throughout the district so I will not go over a lot of details, but I do want to make our readers aware of the impact that these four men had on the Far Western District. The accomplishments of these four gentlemen that we list below are only partial lists.

Dick Girvin passed away on April 13, 2010 after a short illness. He was a 40 year member of the Society (SPEB-SQSA) and had held many leadership positions during his barbershop career. Chapter: Bulletin Editor, Secretary, Show Chairman, President. District: Area Counselor, WESTUNES Editor, Vice-President SoCal East, Executive Vice-President, President 1992-93, Vice-President of Chapter Support and Leadership Training, Contest Administrator.

Sam Aramian died May 10, 2010. He was a 52 year member of the Society (Joined the Phoenix Saguaro Chapter in 1958). His accomplishments include President of Phoenix Chapter about 1962, FWD President 1968-69, Created the "President's Award" in 1969, International President 1977, "Voice Expression"/"Interpretation" Category Judge for 20 years. He also was the Baritone of the Desert Knights (a comedy quartet) since about 1959.

Gene Hartzler passed away in October 2010 at 95 years of age. He was a 45 year member of the Society. He served as District Secretary for 14 years, served as a COTS Instructor, served as Chapter Treasurer of the new El Cajon Chapter in 1965. He also guided the chapter through all the incorporation legalities and at the 1965 FWD Fall Convention in Phoenix he was presented with the El Cajon Chapter Charter by our old friend Don Galvin who was FWD President at that time.

Don McAvoy was Hall of Fame member number four to leave us in 2010. He died in mid-December at age 92. As District President he declared 1983 to be the "Year of the Quartet". He called for a 20% increase in registered quartets, increased quartet activity in every chapter and more quartets in competition. Don also served as "International Board Member" from the district in 1989. He was a retired U. S. Army Colonel who gave great service both to his country (Normandy Beach, Battle of the Bulge) and to his District.

Farewell gentlemen, you will always be remembered as good citizens and great "Barbershoppers."



2010 FWD Chorus Champions The Masters of Harmony

by Ron Larson

In November, the Masters of Harmony family was deeply saddened by the sudden passing of four-time MOH gold medalist Irv Levine. After becoming an emeritus member in 2003, Irv and his loving wife Lois continued their unabashed support of the Masters of Harmony. They provided many always-delicious sandwiches that nourished members on recording session and show rehearsal days. Irv's meticulous editing skills helped all who write for the Masters look better in print. Nobody embodied the spirit of giving, sharing and caring found so widely throughout the barbershop world better than Irv. He will be missed but never forgotten by those whose lives he touched.

On October 30, the Masters put the finishing touches on a new recording to be released in May 2011. Entitled "*The Dream is Carried On*," it will feature religious, patriotic and other inspirational songs performed by the Masters of Harmony, The Westminster Chorus and both choruses combined.

In mid-November, the Masters were invited to perform in a two-day movie shoot in Long Beach. Chorus members learned first-hand how many times the commands "action" and "cut" were necessary to produce a working scene. It is not known at this time whether this concept filming will be expanded into a full-length movie.

For years, MOH members have wanted to present their Christmas season repertoire to more than two

audiences on a single day. This year they got their chance. A stunning performance in Riverside's Fox Theater in the spring, to inaugurate their first new concert season, resulted in an invitation to return for a Christmas show. The next day, the MOH family traveled to Bakersfield to perform a Christmas special that had been added to the Bakersfield Concert Series. A record 2,500 patrons attended that show, one of the largest Masters' audiences ever. The following Saturday, the Masters staged their regular Christmas shows, this time at Fullerton's Plummer Auditorium.

On January 8, 2011, the Masters held their Annual Awards and Installation Banquet, once again at Knott's Berry Farm Resort Hotel. Far Western District President Bernard Priceman presided over the installation of officers. Barbershop legend John Miller gave the keynote address. Patrick Claypool was named Barbershopper of the Year. When MOH choreography coach Justin Miller moved to Connecticut, Patrick agreed to take on the role Justin had filled so successfully. Since taking on this additional duty, Patrick has been hitting home runs consistently! The Edge received the chapter's Quartet of the Year award.

Since the last edition of Westunes, **Matt Bohy, Michael Norcross, Satoshi Suga, Jude Thomas, Jake Tickner** and **Kyle Williamson** were welcomed into membership.

IT IS OK TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE FWD YOUTH EDUCATION FUND.

Editor note: Our FWD membership supports Youth In Harmony financially and that helps create the ability to conduct the HSQC. Our youth are the ones who benefit in the short term, and our Society in the long.

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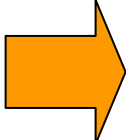
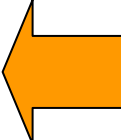


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Well, here we are at the beginning of 2011. What are your goals for the year? What are your chapter's goals for the year? One goal of mine is to get all the chapters in the Southwest Division to participate at the House of Delegates (HOD) this spring in Santa Clara. After all, this is where the business of the District gets done. The HOD decides on where the next few conventions will be held, it decides if dues need to be bumped (up or down) and it sometimes decides on how the District should be run according to our Standard Operating Procedures (SOP). This meeting is your chapter's opportunity to let the Board know how you think things should be done. If you don't send a representative, you'll have no voice. So talk it up at your next chapter meeting and if the President can't make it, have him select someone to represent your chapter.

Recruitment is always on my mind. We, like many other organizations, have been dwindling in numbers over the years. Some chapters, in particular, Santa Monica are bucking the trend and are adding members. I believe that all the programs that we are given don't come close to members inviting men to come down and sing. We have all heard the stories of men who join only to find that a friend of theirs has been a member for years, yet didn't say a thing about this great hobby of ours. "Don't be that Guy": Let everyone know what you do and why it is so attractive.

One area that has been working well over the years is in Youth in Harmony. This year both Santa Fe Springs and Rincon will be holding Youth in Harmony Festivals. Take a look at their respective web-sites and get involved, even if it's only attending the show at the end of the day. The High School kids love to sing and there is nothing better than a full house to let them know we Barbershoppers care. I have been participating for more than 10 years now and have had "Moments" to cherish at each and every year.

Finally, our Division contests are just around the corner. Even if your chorus doesn't want to compete, come and put on an entertainment package. There is plenty of room for your guys to strut their stuff. It gives the audience a chance to see just who you are and it gives the judges a chance to relax a bit. When I joined the Society more than 25 years ago, I remember Division contests as being a big

deal with lots of participants. Let's see if we can bring back those days.

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ALOHA**JACK HASHIMOTO**

A Special Rehearsal with **Cindy Hansen** brought new insight. We performed at the Royal Hawaiian Shopping Center and the Veterans' Day ceremony on the battleship Missouri. **The Aloha Chapter** had Christmas gigs at Arcadia Retirement Residence, the Oahu Country Club, the Military Officers' Association of America, the Maile Skycourt Hotel, the St Louis (School) Alumni Association, Pohai Nani Retirement Community, and the Honolulu Boy Choir Christmas Concert.

2011 officers installed at the annual banquet were: President **Glenn Crowder**, M&P VP **Bob Gibson**, Program VP **Ed Reid**, Marketing VP **Chris Lowe**, IPP **Rod Schultz**, Secretary **Dan Tom**, Treasurer **Mark Brandle**, Board Members at Large **Bill Joor**, **Larry Paterson** and **Jack Hashimoto**. Awards presented were: **BOTY Ed Reid**, President's Award **Dan Tom**, Workhorse of the Year **Ed Reid**, Administrator of the Year **Dan Tom**, Usung Heroes **Larry Paterson**, **Mark Brandle**, **Ken Foreman** and **Kawika Mitchell**, Rookie of the Year **Chris Lowe**, Tag Master **Glenn Crowder**, Quartet Master **Jim Camp**, and Woodshedder **Tim Hopkins**. Our installer and guest speaker was **Sean Devine** of 2008 International Champion Quartet **OC Times**, now Major Gifts Officer with the BHS. BSOM for the past quarter were: Oct - **Mark Brandle**, Nov - **Ernie Hong**, and Dec - **Rob Hartley**.

CONEJO VALLEY**NEIL PENNYWITT**

The annual Ice Cream Social was a resounding success, with the chorus and several quartets performing.

The Harmony Oaks performed seasonal tunes at a number of senior assisted living centers, and visited some of our own members that have fallen on tough health times.

The 2011 Board of Directors were presented at the annual installation as well as **BOTY Charlie Barrett**, and Rookie of the Year **Josh Tennebaum**. **Harmony Connection** (**Gary Wetzel**, **Neil Pennywitt**, **Herb Jacobowitz**, and **Nick Larsen**) are picking up the comedy last provided by

the award winning **Just for Phun** and had the room howling with laughter. **Sound Check** (**Scott Spindel, Tim Bruneau, Larry Nixon** and **Bryan Stokes**) anchored the night with their usual wonderful harmonies.

PASADENA

BILL CAULEY

2011 Chapter Board of Directors are: President **Bill Cauley**; Secretary **José Ochoa**; Treasurer **John Hursey**; VP Membership **Joe Ozer**; VP Music & Performance **Steve Peacock**; VP Operations **Leonard Jensen**; VP Shows **Bill Niemand**; BMALs **Harvey Bryan, Larry Oberlander** and **Barclay Tucker**.

Our annual installation dinner entertainment was provided by **IMPACT** and **JOLT**. **Steve Peacock** was MC for the evening, and kept the program flowing with precision. Former member **Joe D'Amore** and founding member of the Master's of Harmony served as installing officer. **John Hursey** is the Pasadena Chapter / Crown City Chorus *BOTY* for 2010. The President's Outstanding Participation Awards for 2010 were presented to **Steve Peacock, E. Phil Aydon, José Ochoa, Larry Oberlander, Larry Whelan, Jay Marcott, and Leonard Jensen**. Musical Director **John Minsker** was lauded for music leadership and received his 30 year pin. **Roger Baartman** is a 50 year member.

We now meet at Morrison Hall – Westminster Presbyterian Church 1457 N. Lake Ave Pasadena CA. The housing team of **Phil Aydon, John Hursey, and Bill Cauley** secured the new rehearsal space.

RINCON BEACH

KEN DAY

We had our annual Christmas Show at Newbury Park First Christian Church. Headlining the show was the SAI quartet **Cheers**. Other guest artists were soprano soloist Paige Sentianin and accomplished piano soloist Justin Ramos. We performed at the Camarillo Springs homeowners association, and sang at Padre Serra Church for a luncheon for many of their seniors. We finished our holiday singouts with a visit to Sanmarkan, a very upscale retirement complex in Santa Barbara.

Afterwards, we went to a Italian restaurant for a social time with the singers and with **Brent Anderson, Bobby McGee** and **Mike McGee** (our original director).

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY **BRUCE POEHLMAN** Congratulations to **Michael Van Schoonhoven**, the Valleyaires' *BOTY*! Our installation dinner and awards ceremony also recognized **Bob Czubiak** for the *Owen*

Edwards Award, **Michael Van Schoonhoven** for the *Rang Hansen Award*, **Ed Schackman** for the *Roger Dixon Award*, and **Beth Karlin** for the *Lady of the Valleyaires (the "LOVE") Award*!

SAN LUIS OBISPO

RUDY XAVIER

John P. Staley, long-time Assistant Director and Bass Section Leader, was elected President and installed by **Bob Cathaway** at the Installation Dinner. The other major change to the Board included promoting **Ray Johnson** to VP Group Development, and adding **Chuck Mills** as BMAL. **Pete Bennett** will serve as VP M&P. **Jeffrey Guss** received special recognition for his two terms of service as President. **Jerry Levine** was chosen *BOTY*, while long-time Treasurer **Bill Long** was awarded the coveted *Don Miernicki Hall of Fame* trophy.

We were saddened to lose long-time barbershopper **Ron Kyker** to cancer. A respected Optician and a former Lead Section Leader, Ron was a member of the chorus for 30 years. In November of 2010, The family asked the chorus to attend a memorial at the Nazarene Church of SLO.

SANTA BARBARA

MICHAEL FRAZER

The Channel City Chorus successfully held our first show since 2005. We're celebrating 53 years of Harmony in Santa Barbara. We welcomed our brother chapter **Pacific Sound** to help us celebrate. We know that people came from far and wide to see the Channel City Chorus show off it's love of harmony, and all who came left looking forward to the next show.

A special thanks goes out to the show management team: Show Chairman **Gene Garcia**, Director **Philip Cook**, (and newly engaged to the lovely Dolly), Founder and Assistant Director **Bob Wilke**, and Show Program Chairman **Ed Morin**. The chorus members sold ads promoting local area businesses for our show program.

President **Eric Fenrich** was elected for 2011, and **Michael Frazer** is Sec/Treas.

SOUTH BAY

JOE NAGLE

The Coastliners are proud of our performance at the District Chorus contest in Bakersfield in October, earning the title, "Plateau A Champions" and 5th place overall. It was particularly rewarding considering we had a friendly wager with the **Orange Empire Chorus**; the group who finished behind the other would be the recipient of a rather gawdy, knee-length, lime green & beige boot, which must be displayed prominently on the stage during their annual

show. Unintended consequence: our Director **Peter Neushul** now doesn't know what to do with the other boot, which apparently came from his own personal shoe closet. Obviously you can't wear just one...

The aforementioned **Orange Empire Chorus** also joined us in December for our annual Del Amo Mall Caroling & Pizza Extravaganza, and were rewarded for their participation by us giving them "the boot".

VENTURA

JAN TAVARES

Our week long Christmas Carol performances was followed by an Open House where we got to sing more Carols. Then we traveled to the Olivas Adobe where we sang carol after carol to waiting *Adobe Tour* groups. The most outstanding statement was from a lady who said she "didn't like barbershop, or so I thought, but now she really likes it."

We sang in downtown Oxnard for a "Santa Claus Lane" walking and caroling tour on the street of 100 plus year old, wonderfully decorated, old homes near the center of town. We sang and sang to crowds coming and going on the sidewalks and in slow moving tour buses and cars.

We sang for 2 hours at the Adolpho Camarillo Ranch House in Camarillo while people lined up to see Santa Claus. The ladies (docents) in their elegant 19th century dresses had a huge assortment of goodies for all.

Our 4th 2 hour sing occurred at the Pacific View Mall in downtown Ventura. Just like last year, when we sang "Feliz Navidad" Barbershop style, a big crowd of fans would gather.

WHITTIER

NORM BERNIER

A CHORALAIRES TRIBUTE to friend and member of the **Whittier Choralaires Carl "Dick" Stemen** who passed away. Dick was a nineteen year member of our Chapter. He is survived by his wife of fifty five years, **Jo Stemen**, three sons, Robert our Treasurer, Raymond and Richard. Dick always gave 110% in all the offices he chaired. He was there before it was suggested to do something. Always looking to help the chapter where ever needed. When our annual shows came around, he sold the most tickets, sold the most ads for our printed programs. He even brought in the most new members. Trying to make things work better for all he was willing to drive them to the practice and meeting nights.

Dick received many awards and trophies every year, most deserving for his dedicated service to our chapter. Always

arriving early on practice nights, making sure everything was in place and ready for the members. Although all the efforts he put forth, he would always be heard saying, "I wish I could do more to help" A chapter member stated "In all my years knowing him, he never said a bad word"



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I hope everyone enjoyed the first quarter of 2011. The year started off with a bang at the Int'l MidWinter Convention in Las Vegas, where a record number of youth choruses participated in an exceptional Youth Chorus Festival. Don't miss out on another fun weekend in Primm, NV, where we will hold the 2011 Southeast Division Contest on May 14. It's going to be a blast. In addition to a lot of singing and camaraderie, Primm also offers the usual entertainment and distractions you would expect to find in Las Vegas, including an outlet mall. More barbershoppers means more fun, so I hope every Southeast chapter will plan to attend. Details and registration forms are available on the Far Western District web site and in this issue of the Westunes.

I had the distinct honor and pleasure of being the installing officer for four Southeast Division chapters: San Diego, Palomar-Pacific, Inland Empire, and Coachella Valley. This was a good opportunity for me to speak with chapter leadership, and I look forward to doing more of that kind of thing in the future. As always, please feel free to contact me for any assistance you may need from me or the District leadership.

You may have noticed that the Southeast Division web site is undergoing a redesign. Right now the content is sparse, but I expect it to grow over time. One of the added features is a DVP blog where I plan to write on a number of topics, and get feedback from you via the commenting system. This is similar to what the BHS has done with the barbershopHQ.com blog site, but on a more local level.



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[Editor note: I am pleased to announce that Dale Vaughn is the incoming SE Division Editor for Westunes, replac-

ing Dick Girvin who passed away last year. Please send Dale your submittals henceforth]

BREA

MARK STOKES

The Gaslight Chorus enjoyed another fantastic Holiday season, our annual Christmas show was the best we ever did. We sold out the matinee and the evening show was 90% sold out. Our guest talent was well received by an appreciative audience.

We are experiencing continued growth and we're looking forward to participating in our second Singing Valentines' program this year. Plans are also being made for our first annual show on June 17-18, 2011 at the Curtis Theatre in Brea CA.

COACHELLA VALLEY

TERRY MANN

After mentioning in the last issue the contribution of **Lee Goodman** to our new website, we sadly report his rapid, cancer caused death in the interim.

All of our Snow Birds who are likely to come are now here and we are all practicing our repertoire for our 33rd annual, March show. Membership continues to grow with the rejoining of Tenor **Bill Redmon**, who lives here in Palm Springs. Snow Bird Bari **Cliff Overton** officially joined after visiting us numerous times. Bass **Dave Ivey**, our newest Snow Bird member and who was a founding member of the Kalispell, MT chapter in 1972, joined us and immediately became a temporary member of one of our chapter quartets. We were pleased to have had one or two visits from **Steve Tavizon & Charlie Diaz**; and from former member, now at Reno, **Roger Mc Euen**.

INLAND EMPIRE

DON SEVESIND

The Inland Empire put on it's annual Christmas show(s) at three locations. The chorus and chapter quartets all delivered quality performances. Each show was brought to a close with an exhilarating rendition of "*The Hallelujah Chorus*."

At our Annual Adwards and Installation Banquet, the board was installed by SE Division VP **Allan Webb**. New and returning officers are: President **Don Sevesind**, Chapter Development VP **Tom Duval**, Music & Performance VP **Mike Brown**, Secretary **Dave Morketter**, Treasurer **Alan Mackey**, Program VP **Bob Patterson**, Marketing and PR **David Williams**, and BMALs **John Duval**, **Leroy Lapp**, **John Richardson** and **Reid Peterson**. We welcome our newest member Lead **Tim Stiff**.

On a sad note, we lost two dear members, **Don Gilbert** and **Dave Covey**. For twelve years Don was the lead in the chapter quartet **Reflections** and was a special member and friend. Dave was the consummate barbershopper. He produced our monthly bulletin and submitted chapter articles to Westunes. Dave and his wife Verla were involved in every show and fundraiser, producing show programs, fliers and whatever else the chapter needed. Verla was made an associate chapter member.

LA JOLLA

DALE VAUGHN

The Pacific Coast Harmony welcomed 10 new members onto the risers during 2010! Wedding bells rang out for Director **Kim Hulbert** and **Dale Vaughn** in the company of 190 family and friends at their home in San Diego. Special thanks to Show Chair **Dave Pfizenmeier**, and **Michael Bauer** as Script Writer & Set Design for their work for the Annual Holiday Show. We were guest performers on the **San Diego Sweet Adeline** Holiday Show. Ten guys gathered during our Holiday break and enjoyed caroling at a local La Jolla shopping center.

The Installation of Officers Dinner was held with the following being sworn in to serve the 2011 term: President **Lou Benedict**, IPP **Jerry Kent**, VP Music **Jude Thomas**, VP Membership **Bryan Thompson**, VP Marketing & PR **Dale Vaughn**, Secretary **Ken Baker**, Treasurer **Pete Hensley**, BMAL **Mike French & Jim Watt**, and Young Men in Harmony **Paul Girard**. Award winners included: **Michael Bauer**, *BOTY*; **Rick Roesler**, President's Award; **Ken Baker**, *Dave Miller Award for Barbershop Excellence*; **Jude Thomas**, Director's Award; **Dave Pfizenmeier**, *Mr. Broadway*. The attendees enjoyed a surprise performance from **A Cappella Gold**, the 2001 Sweet Adeline International Champion Quartet.

Many chorus members just returned from the Midwinter Convention in Las Vegas where we watched and cheered for 19 youth choruses, a new record. San Diego County Barbershop Chapters were proudly represented by the **Pacific Suns Chorus** directed by **Allan Webb**. Special thanks to Young Men in Harmony Chair **Paul Girard**.

LAS VEGAS GAMBLE-AIRES

ROC PUCCI

The Gamble-aires had a fantastic *50th Anniversary* year that ended with our Christmas show, "*This is Your Life, Santa Claus*", held at the Summerlin Theater. Several members acted out roles from Santa to Shorty the Elf. Our three performing quartets -- Older N' Dirt, The Four Suits and Broadcast -- were well received.

At our annual Installation Dinner, we were honored to have **Ed Watson**, Executive Director/CEO of the Society as our Installing Officer (the Midwinter was in Las Vegas, which brought him here). The 2011 Board members are President **Larry Litchfield** (and editor of our new e-newsletter SHOWBILL); VP Music & Performance **Stu Wilcox**, VP Membership **Dennis Johnson**, VP Marketing & Public Relations **Roc Pucci**, Secretary **David Larson**, Treasurer **Phillip Sonneman**, Members at Large **Dave Kennedy** and **John Waugh**, and IPP **Rick Ives**. **Albert Weiss** will continue to be our sole Director.

The President's Award was presented to **Walter McDonnell** and **June Tilton**. The Director's award went to **Ross Marty**. The *BOTY* was presented to **Mathew Beatty**, primarily for his tremendous efforts in designing, building and maintaining our creative new website : (www.gambleaires.com) as the Chapter's Webmaster.

ORANGE QUARTET

MARK SHELDON

Members were saddened by the passing of **George Andrews** in early December. George had a long history in barbershop, including service as a FWD VP, founding member of AHSOW, and member of the Mary-Timers Quartet that entertained at the Queen Mary for years.

The Chapter continued its tradition of caroling for staff and patients at Chapman Medical Center in Orange. The SoCal Novice Contest had to be deferred, but went on as a Parade of Quartets.

New members (all dual with **Fullerton**) are: **J.C. Campbell**, **Mac McDougall**, and **Pat Oswald**. **Paul Sandorff** was awarded the Bachelor of Harmony. **The Orange Plaza Gang** became a Registered Quartet.

RIVERSIDE

GAYLORD SPENCE

The Riverside Chapter just announced sponsorship of a new youth quartet **No personal Boundaries**, made up of two sets of brothers, **Dalton** and **Wyatt Hendrickson**, and **Bryce** and **Blake Ackerman**. All four young men are high school aged and will be entering the High School Barbershop Quartet Contest that will be held in Santa Clara. All four of these young men submitted membership applications for the Society and for our chapter. Their applications were quickly approved by our Chorus Director **John Brockman** and by our Board of Directors. What's also enviably special is that these young fellows can really sing!



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I feel challenged every now and then to make sure that I do not repeat myself in my allotted space in Westunes. As I start my fifth year as your division VP, I started to think about, "Okay, think of something new to write about." And then it dawned on me that is exactly what I need to write about.

Think of something new. It isn't always easy, but it is something we should all try doing often. Like most of you, I wear many different hats in life: husband, father, employee, quartet singer, chorus director, district officer. If I continued to take the same approach day in and day out in any one of those roles, I would be in trouble real fast -- and most likely fail. That does not mean there is no value in being consistent. But a failure to adapt, to think of and to try new ways of doing things leads to complacency, boredom, or just acceptance of the status quo.

I have written on this page more than once in the past few years for each of you to think about what you like about your barbershop experience and, more importantly, what could make it even better. I have invited readers of this column to write or phone me with your thoughts and suggestions, and I have implored you to share your thoughts with your chapter leaders as well. Let me be frank: the response has been underwhelming. Now a positive way to look at that would be to say, "Wow! Things are going great in all the chapters. No one has a complaint. No one feels the need to suggest a change." But I know that would be an incorrect conclusion because I look at data that tells me differently every month.

Gentleman, our membership numbers are plummeting. I do not use that word lightly. And it seems that few even care. I am sure that is not the case, but I am not sure how else to explain a couple of hard facts. The first fact I already mentioned: the lack of suggestions, ideas, or even just venting about membership woes or anything else that may be on the minds of the members. The second fact: only two chapters in our division sent their Membership VP/Chapter Development VP to Leadership Academy. I find it hard to believe that only two chapters feel that membership is not one of their top priorities. If you are surprised that only two chapters attended the membership class, ask your chapter leadership if anyone from your chapter attended.

Now I am sure a few of you are now saying, "For goodness sake, Steve, lighten up!" I can't. I'm forty-nine years old and looking at a dim future where the Barbershop Harmony Society will not exist by the time I retire. That sounds a little selfish and self-centered, but I know men even younger than me who face the same uncertain future (including my 12-year-old son). The loss of the barbershop society is a real possibility if we do not all work together to think of something new to turn the tide. If even just 5% of the members of our division thought of one new idea to improve their chapter experience or attract new members (they actually go hand-in-hand), that would be over twenty new ideas to try. That's far more than the number of ideas that I have received in the past four years. Don't worry about overwhelming me with calls and emails; I will happily bear that burden!

Division Convention and Contest: Please remember that our convention and contest this year is being held jointly with the FWD Spring Convention in Santa Clara across the weekend of March 17-20. If you have not registered yet, please do so as soon as possible. Quartets and choruses also need to make sure they submit their CJ-20 contest entry forms. At press time, we only had two choruses and three quartets signed up for the contest. This is a great opportunity to showcase your quartet and chorus for a larger audience than our usual division contests. If you have not had the chance to sing on the contest stage at a district convention, this is your chance. I promise you will have a great time singing for a very supportive and appreciative audience.

I look forward to seeing you ALL in Santa Clara. Let's sing a tag or a song while we discuss how together we can address the challenges we face. I love singing barbershop and I love the Barbershop Harmony Society. I know you all do, too. Let's get to work on making sure the next generation will have a BHS their entire lives as well



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BAY AREA

Voices in Harmony had a December to remember - which included a private concert, serving as special guests on the **Fremont / Hayward Chapter's** holiday concert, 2 holiday concerts of our own with the **Alley Cats**, and were featured at the San Francisco 49ers v. Seattle Seahawks game which was themed "*Hometown Heroes*" - a tribute to

GREG TITUS

military veterans and first responders. In addition, we assisted the first responders unfurl the giant flag across the field in the halftime ceremony.

We were well represented at the Youth Chorus Festival in Las Vegas - and had members perform with 3 different choruses including **Northwest Vocal Project** (Festival Champion), **The 505** from Albuquerque (3rd Place), and the **Northern California Youth Chorus** (5th Place).

MARIN COUNTY

KEN PETRON

The Marin County Chapter spread Christmas cheer by singing in three malls, and three of our quartets sang for community groups. One group, **Serendipity**, serenaded the veterans in the Yountville VA Veterans Home.

We are focusing this year on increasing membership and have contacted Music Directors and Athletic Directors of local high schools with the purpose of re-introducing Barbershop into the school's music programs and at athletic events.

MONTEREY

KRISTEN THOMPSON

The Monterey Peninsula Cypressaires had a terrific holiday season singing songs for our community. One of our quartets, the **Cannery Rogues** joined the **Bay Belles** for a program at First Night Monterey.

Our installation dinner was Hawaiian themed and new officers installed were: President **Mike Clancy**, VP Music **Bruce Bloxom**, VP Membership **Robert Head**, Treasurer **Robb Haase**, Secretary **Doug Tally**, Chorus Manager **Richard Gregson**, IPP **Sam Kier**.

PALO ALTO/MOUNTAIN VIEW

DEAN JAMES

The Palo Alto/Mountain View Chapter once again formed its annual Holiday Chorus. We used radio and newspaper announcements and fliers to invite all men in the South San Francisco Bay area to join the Peninsulairens during the first hour of our Tuesday night rehearsals and for the following Holiday Chorus events:

We supported a fund raiser for the Filoli Historic Mansion and grounds, and sang at the Sunnyvale Tree Lighting ceremony in downtown Sunnyvale. We sang at the Mountain View Tree Lighting ceremony in the City Hall Plaza. We also entertained the shoppers at the downtown Palo Alto Farmer's Market; we gave three twenty-minute performances staggered throughout a three-hour period. Finally, we performed for members and guests of the Trinity United Methodist Church in Sunnyvale. Joining us for

this event was a mixed a cappella chorus comprised of immigrants from Fiji.

The Holiday Chorus is a rewarding time for the Peninsulaires and a great new-member recruiting technique.

SAN FRANCISCO DON KINGTON

The San Francisco Chapter held its annual installation dinner at the clubhouse of the Harding Park Golf Course. Conducting the swearing-in ceremony was the current President of The Voices in Harmony, **David Haedther**, accompanied by his wife **Carriie Lynn**. **The Cable Car Chorus**, under the direction of **Charles Feltman**, sang two numbers for their guests. The 2011 officials then stepped forward to be formally installed by David.

The four-man Board just happens to have four parts: President **Newt Harband**, bari; Secretary **Greg Goyhenetche**, lead; Treasurer **Charles Haletky**, bass; and VP of Music & Marketing **Tom Carter**, tenor. The four, which could register as "Members of the Board," concluded their installation with a song.

One of our longtime barbershop supporters, **Ed Rategan** passed away. He was President of our Chapter twice and until the last few years, sang bass in our chorus. He felt strongly about barbershopping and a quartet sang at his funeral. His son Chuck recently informed me that Ed has bequeathed a significant sum of money to the Harmony Foundation and specified that 70% be used for general purposes and 30% be donated to our chapter.

SAN MATEO THOMAS ADDISON

The Golden Chordsmen were delighted to host the "singing Swedes" for several days. Members of the International Top Ten Finishing Chorus, **Stockholm's Entertainmen**, stopped in San Mateo on the way to the Mid-winter Convention in Las Vegas where they would compete in the quartet competition as **Final Countdown**. **Kjell Lindberg** has visited San Mateo three times since meeting members of the chapter at Harmony College in 1998. Several Chapter members have visited Stockholm in exchange illustrating yet another benefit of our exciting hobby. This year the quartets wives accompanied the men and with the help of **Owen Doyle**, **Steve Rovno**, and **Pete Wanger** and their wives the group enjoyed a personalized tour of San Francisco.

SANTA ROSA RAY CROWDER

The Redwood Chordsmen are now meeting on Wednesday nights. They still meet at the Scottish Rite

Center, Highway 12, and Acacia Lane, in Santa Rosa's Rincon Valley district. On their final Thursday evening they hosted the **Marin Golden Gate** chorus, and they welcomed the **Rohnert Park Wine Country Troubadors** at their first Wednesday night meeting.

At the annual Christmas show, **The Sugar Cubes**, from Maria Carrillo high school, stole the show receiving huge ovations after every song. These guys have become super stars on their school campus. Our annual performance for the *Pearl Harbor Survivors* breakfast was warmly received by the veterans and their families. The Chordsmen also performed on the Pacific Empire Sweet Adelines Christmas show in Petaluma. The Chordsmen made their annual appearance at the Presbyterian Church of the Roses which featured one of our chapter quartets, **Just One More Song**. The chorus also sang at the annual Barclay Concert which features choral groups from Santa Rosa area high schools. This is a positive promotion for our Youth Outreach program.

Congratulations to our esteemed director, **Phil Debar**, for his selection as *BOTY*. Chapter Officers for 2011 are: President **Doug Schrift**, Music VP **Kelly Mcconnell**, Membership VP **Scott Douglas**, Program VP **Lynn Brittan**, Secretary **Richard Parry-Jones**, Treasurer **Wayne Hovdesven**, and BMAL **Jeremy Donley**, **Doug Jones**, **Dan Schell**, and **Ray Crowder**.

Welcome back to former member **Tom Bertoli**.

We're sad to report the passing **VERN SPENCE** after a valiant struggle against cancer. Our hearts go out to his wife, **CAROLINA**, and their family.

SF BAY CITIES QUARTET CASEY PARKER

[Editor note: Casey Parker passed away in late January before submitting his chapter article.]

WALNUT CREEK DICK JOHNSTON

The Devil Mountain Chorus held its annual meeting and installation dinner and President **Brad Dewey** spoke on "The year in Review." **Dolores Mendenhall**, who has been our Music Director for the past two years, was named *BOTY*. **Kristen Taylor** made her debut as our new Music Director. **Mike Cating** officiated in the installation of officers and directors for the coming year who are: President **Brad Dewey**, IPP **Dick Hickman**, Secretary **Steve Huskins**, Treasurer **Ron Leiker**, Music VP **Jim Stepson**, Program VP **Bob Dunn**, Membership VP **Steff Veltema**, and Director-at-Large **Don Nelson**.

Dolores earned our admiration and appreciation, with her warm and unflappable personality. Kristen joins us with a truly formidable resume - she is an accomplished pianist, with a master's degree in Piano Performance, and she has had extensive experience in both singing and directing barbershop music.



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The good news is the Northeast Division took in a total of 35 brand new members to our Society. And eleven of our fifteen chapters were responsible for these new guys. The leader for bringing in the most brand new members was the California Delta Chapter with 9. Next was the Davis-Vacaville Chapter with 7. Congratulations to these 2 chapters. If your chapter wasn't able to attract new members, you might think about contacting the membership guy from either one of these chapters for hints on how your chapter can grow.

Most of our chapters were represented at the Leadership Academy held this year in Sacramento. Thanks to all of our instructors who did such a great job in educating and inspiring us to do great things in our chapters.

The International Preliminaries will be held in conjunction with the Northwest contest in Santa Clara March 17-20. As always with this convention, the House of Delegates will hold their meeting. Our Division usually has about half of our chapters represented. It would be great if we could increase the attendance and participation. Please make sure your chapter president or his representative is in attendance.

Our annual Northeast Division convention will be held in Modesto and hosted by the Central California Chapter. Last year 9 of our chapters competed. This tied the record for the most participating chapters. Hopefully, we can break the record this year. In case you've forgotten, your chapter may perform 2 songs on stage, and not be scored if that is your choice. However, you will have an opportunity to have certified judges evaluate your performance and offer suggestions for improvement. Don't all chapters wish to improve the product that they present to the public??

In October, the annual Fall convention will be held in Fresno, hosted by the Fresno Chapter. We need YOU

there. We need YOUR support. Reasonable hotel rates, free hotel parking, and a great time will be had by all. The hotel is just across the street from the Saroyan Theatre where all contest sessions will be held.



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CALIFORNIA DELTA

RICH BRUNNER

The American River Chorus participated in a 3 performance joint Holiday Show with the **Sacramento Capitolaire**s and the **Sacramento Valley Sweet Adelines**.

We were pleased to sponsor "**The Realy Big Quartet**" at the Youth Chorus Festival at MidWinter in Las Vegas. The young men got "*hot dipped*" in Barbershop throughout the weekend, and all were pleased with the 5th place finish. The ARC thanks the Northern California Barbershoppers and Chapters that assisted financially and as chaperones.

2011 Board members are: President **Rich Brunner**, Marketing & PR VP **Tim Huntsinger**, Membership VP **Richard Lund**. Music & Performance VP **Ray Rhymer**, Secretary **Winston Char**, Treasurer **Earl Walker**, and BMAL **Ron Black** and **Isaac Smith**.

CARSON CITY

COLIN SOONG

Our Christmas show, "*Holiday Harmonies*", was highlighted by the fine performances of our headliner **95 North (Mike Stewart, Nick Pizzo, Jim Halvorson and Larry Halvorson)**, our chapter quartets, **Miners (Tom Henderson, Phil Malinas, Rook Wetzel, and Don Verhoef)**, **Assisted Living (David Smith, Bob Wilcox, Don Hunter, and Lester Harris)**, sing along *Twelve Days of Christmas* with **Dave Ramer** and holiday favorites by **Chorus of the Comstock** directed by **BJ Hill**.

Raymond Davis, four time FWD quartet contest winner and tenor in the reunited **Special Feature Quartet**. recently assisted **BJ Hill** with our Valentine repertoire and led us in songs.

Our chorus is proud to sponsor a "*Choral Vocal Tutorial*" with **Ron Black** for all local school and community choral groups. This event is partially funded by grants from the Nevada Arts Council and National Endowment for the Arts. [Editor note: FWD Chapters - have you considered this approach? Contact Carson City to get details]

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA MILES SUTTER

The Golden Valley Chorus put on a fund raiser for the University of the Philippines, thanks to the efforts of our own **Juan Quijano** and his contacts in the Filipino community. Special 'thank you' goes to **Eric Brickson** and **Jordan Litz**. Jordan's singing of *God Bless America*, together with his family, **Common Bond** and GVC Chorus as backup, was very emotional and wonderful. **Fortune Hunters** and **Common Bond** also performed. We're fortunate to have one of the best MC's in **Herb Andrew**.

The S.A. RIVER LIGHTS CHORUS invited us to be their special entertainment on their show at the Gallo Center for the Arts. Special thanks to our own **Fortune Hunters** quartet and also **Howard Barber** for filling in for Bruce, our director. our 'stuff'.

The GVC was able to share the Christmas spirit at the Standiford Place Retirement Residence. **Dr. Bob Clark** and **Terrell Chambers** were soloists. Our newest quartet **The Echo Tones** also sang. We were able to repeat the performance at Casa De Modesto. The next performance was at the Turlock Covenant Village.

Our installation was held at the Clarion Inn with installing officer **Ron Black**. The President's Award went to **Scott Hutchinson**. The Director's Award was presented to **Ted Meyer**. **Juan Quijano** had a special presentation for **Bruce** and **Nancy Sellnow**. The *BOTY* for 2010 is **Herb Andrew**. **The Chlorine Four** (**Ron Russell**, **Howard Barber**, **Mike Boyd** & **Sherman Verver**) won the *Don Goad Memorial Quartet Jamboree* contest.

FOLSOM STAN TRUMBULL

The Harmony Express Annual Recital "*Our Favorite Songs*" brought in excellent revenue. Most notable was the dedication of the Recital to **Charlie Clark**. Marcia and Charlie were serenaded by the chorus with "*Old Fashioned Marcia (Mary)*". **TBDL**, **Now & Then** and **the Sierra Belles** (SA) performed. The highlight of the evening was G. Rossini's *Meow*, performed by Camille Borrowdale and Carly Adamson.

The Harmony Express performed at Sylvan Cemetery honoring Veteran's Day, and the annual Orangevale Tree Lighting. The chorus sang a sampling of Christmas songs.

The annual Installation dinner was held on January 13th. Brand new quartet **Sittin in the Dark** [**Paul Bennetts**, **Dan Lauderet**, **Dave McCartney**, and **Bob Roberts**] per-

formed for the first time in public. The 2011 officer slate was installed by our Installations Hero, the Great Perko (**Roger Perkins**). The 2010 *BOTY* award was presented to **Kent Borrowdale**. Kent wrote and directed the fall recital and has been our musical director for many years.

FRESNO DAVID REITZEL

GNC a Cappella (aka the Gold Note Chorus), began a busy fall and winter with a picnic at the Reitzel abode. We presented our fourth annual Batastic Cabaret. **GNC a Cappella** sang patriotic songs at Veterans Day ceremonies - first at Fresno's Veterans Hospital and then at Fresno's Northwest Church. The quartet **Silver & Gold** honored veterans with patriotic songs at Veterans Hospital. Our Christmas season began with our annual stroll in Clovis singing Christmas music, followed by five performances of a program scripted by **Jim Irvine**, **Jim Bryant** assisting.

At our annual installation and awards banquet, **Wes Jackson** presiding, Director **Adam Kitt** presented a new award--Outstanding Part Singer of the Year. Recipients were tenor **T.J. Wheat**, lead **Bill Golden**, baritone **Mike Smith**, and bass **Bill Holden**. DVP **Jim Turnmire** installed the officers: President **Bill Holden**; IPP **Terry Starr**; Secretary **Bill Golden**; Treasurer **Mike Smith**; VP Music & Performance **Wes Jackson**; VP Chapter Membership & Development **Clint Cole**; VP Marketing & Publicity **Jim Irvine**; Program Chairman **Jim Warner**; Chorus Manager **Doug Yarrow**; and Board Members at Large **Mac McIntosh**, **David Reitzel** and **Richard Wayne**. Among the many awardees were **Mike Smith**, Administrator of the Year; **David Reitzel**, Unsung Hero; **Clint Cole**, Workhorse of the Year; and **Jim Irvine**, Rookie of the Year. The Director's Appreciation Award went to **Jim Bryant**, our recently appointed Asst. Director. President **Bill Holden** is our 2010 *BOTY*.

NEVADA PLACER ROGER PERKINS

The Sierranaders sang our annual performances at the Victorian Christmas in Nevada City. **Pacific Standard Time** (**Tim Martin**, **Nick Nero**, **Roger Perkins**, **Al Drouin**) kept busy performing for residents of Rock Creek Care Home. The next performance was at the Center for the Arts on the last three nights of 2010. It was called "*Bah, Humbug*" and this is their second year performing in this show.

Installation dinner was at the Powers Mansion for the third year with installing officer **Don Salz**. Don and Rosye spent the night at the B&B along with several other chapter members. Our *BOTY* was **Corley Phillips**, who actu-

ally volunteered to be show chairman. Corley is a hard worker and also travels from Granite Bay to sing bari in the 4T9r4 at Lake of the Pines near Grass Valley. Two year President **Tony Prowense** retired and taking the reins is **Verne Bagby**. You may recall hearing the name of his nephew, **Jim Bagby**, bari of the **Rural Route 4**.

PLACERVILLE

BILL PECK

The Gold Rush Chorus sang for the annual Christmas tree lighting in Placerville, followed by a performance for children standing in line to see Santa Claus. The chorus also performed Christmas songs for residents of a local Senior center and care facility.

2011 Board members are: President **Keith Eckhardt**, Music & Performance VP **Bill Faulkner**, Program VP **Bill Peck**, Secretary **Carl Miller**, Treasurer **John Herrman**, and BMAL **Gary Saich**.

RENO

STEVE SHURLIFF

We are once again singing at the UNR basketball games. Our annual Christmas show saw excellent turnouts at both the matinee and evening shows. The three high school groups that performed really helped make the show. We all joined together at the end to sing "Silent Night".

January brought our Installation Dinner, which saw **Tony Kruk** take over the reins as Chapter President. **Mike Stewart** did an excellent installation speech, and **Greg Knapp** was named *BOTY*.

SACRAMENTO

JOE SAMORA

The Capitolaires performed during the Rancho Cordova Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony. **The Capitolaire**s and **the American River Chorus** sang traditional holiday carols in the State Capitol rotunda. The men were surprised to be joined by **Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger** who posed for photographs.

The "*Holiday Spectacular*" Show was held at Inderkum High School in Natomas. **The Capitolaire**s, **American River Chorus** and **Sacramento Valley Chorus (SAI)** choruses and quartets entertained. The finale included 140 singers on stage to sing in 8-part harmony.

The Annual Awards Banquet had the Sweet Adeline quartet **Vibrance** entertain. IPP **Norm Smith** was M.C. Several awards were presented including the *Bill Donnell Distinguished Service Award* to **Bill Borah**. President **Steve Allison** presented the President's Awards to Director **Ron Black** and Treasurer **Russ Burgess** for their

dedicated service. The *BOTY* is **Mark Coldiron** for his faithful service.

Members from several chapters joined the **Capitolaire**s to sing during **Wally McClain's** memorial service.

STOCKTON

MARC JANTZEN

The Stockton Portsmen held our Fall Show. Holiday singing found the Portsmen singing for several local malls and shopping centers. We provide quartets to the shopping centers for major sale days or the big weekends leading up to the holidays. Our organized quartets – **Tune Struck**, **Fat City Four**, **Fourmost** and **Forget Me Notes**, and several pickup quartets sang at various shopping centers.

The Portsmen Youth Activity has programs in four school campuses in the Stockton and Manteca area which includes eight quartets and two ensembles. We have found that going onto campuses during school hours, and coaching, is our best way of reaching both the music educators and students. This gives us access to students that have never heard Barbershop style music. Also, the youth Chorus Festival in Las Vegas had six students who were sponsored by our chapter. We recently sponsored 15 female students at an all day Sweet Adeline work shop as part of our high school youth quartet program.

VISALIA

BUD CASE

What an unexpected surprise. My wife just happened to read the special community events calendar at the table in the "Happy Chef Restaurant" as our family (13 of us) enjoyed our lunch in Windom, MN, after church. There it was; a performance of the Windom Chordhustler's Barbershop Quartet Chorus in nearby Jackson to benefit the local food shelf. Their renditions of Christmas favorites were enjoyed by at least 200 people and the cheer overflowed as the Christmas favorites spread throughout the church. Somehow it was warmer in wintry Minnesota and I began to feel the Christmas spirit. The folks we shared a table with later at the fellowship hall welcomed us and made us feel at home. What an awesome feeling it is to belong to a society that reaches across our country and far flung spots around the world. We experienced that in Visalia with visitors, Mike & Cheryl Ivess, from New Zealand, who were visiting long time friends Bob & Rita Browne.

The Board hired **Jeff Hanson** as Chorus Director. We appreciate the efforts of Assistant Directors **Landes Dung**, **Lance Jepson** and "**Tank**" **Waldrum**.

The chorus had 15 Christmas Caroling events with the Hanford and the Visalia Downtown Merchants.



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Whew!

With no more Christmas shows to perform, you would think things would calm down. But not so. We have Installations and annual show rehearsals occurring all over the State of Arizona. Also, many chapters are getting their contest packages ready for Division Contest on April 15th and 16th.

The spring meetings in Santa Clara will see a large contingent in attendance from the Phoenix Chapter, who have been encouraged to bid for the 2012 FWD convention. If the FWD board grants this bid request, it will require much help from all the Arizona chapters. Traditionally we all pull together for such occasions.

On Sat. 1/22/2011 the Show Low chapter (high in the mountains) will hold their annual installation affair with 2 notable attractions.

1. The installation will be performed by FWD Executive VP Russ Young
2. The Show Low Chapter will honor retireing chapter founder and leader, Doc Dockendorf.

Did you know that the high country in Arizona has excellent ski resorts? Good hard packed base, and lots of powder. The Snow Bowl predicts many more weeks of good skiing till they shut down. The snow pack in AZ and Calif. is very good this year, and should help refill Lake Mead, where family houseboating will again be a prime springtime activity.

Oooops. Back to Barbershop.....

Singing Valentines are consuming much planing time. Always a favorite for singers, and a money maker for their chapters, this is a "win-win" activity.

Does your chapter use real roses that smell and look good, but cost more and have some mean thorns? Or do you use fake roses that have no thorns and any excess inventory will keep nicely till next year. Hmmmmm ?

At the Las Vegas Midwinter convention, Phoenix sent it's first ever youth chorus to compete. "Arizona Spirit" under the direction of Dan Ryan Sr. performed eagerly.



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CANADA DEL ORO

GENE KESSLER

The Canada del Oro Chorus, under the direction of **Nancy Bergman** and **Rogers Hornsby**, presented its Christmas special "*Holiday Harmony Hullabaloo*" at Saddlebrooke's Desert View Performing Arts Theatre. Show Chairman **Don Bott** coordinated a selection of secular, western and Christmas music to enrich the program and the holiday season. Sharing the stage with the chorus were Sweet Adelines Region 21 Quartet Champion **One Voice**, Far Western District favorite **PHX** and the popular **Joint Venture**. The very appreciative audience gave an enthusiastic standing ovation to all of the performers. Hence, we continue to promulgate grand harmonies and the wonderful tradition of barbershop singing.

CASA GRANDE

LOREN ENGLUND

The **Desert Sounds** board and chorus members were pleased to have three prominent Far Western District officers visit our meeting: **Russ Young**, **Ivan Jensen** and **Ted Sayle**. The discussion centered around ways to increase chorus membership, improve the quality of our singing and performance, and enhance our overall efforts as a chorus.

We were pleased with audience attendance and for the musical performers at our Christmas concert at the Casa Grande Middle School. Joining the **Desert Sounds** on stage were the **Ahwatukee Brass Quintet**, ladies a cappella chorus **Acquire**, and the **Stretch Chords** quartet.

GREATER PHOENIX

JERRY MCELFRESH

The **Spirit of Phoenix** chorus joined four other male singing groups and several high school choral groups for the first time in the annual Boys to Men Music Festival, attended by more than 300 men and boys. SOP joined the other choruses in "*Widerspruch*" by Franz Schubert, "*The Seal Lullaby*" by Eric Whitacre, and "*Sarah*," a traditional Newfoundland folk song. Then, performing alone on "*The More I See You*," "*You're From Heaven and You're Mine*" and "*Eine Kleine Nacht Music*," SOP received rousing standing ovations on each song.

The chorus performed in three successful Christmas shows including singing outdoors in the fully decorated garden area at the Arizona Mormon Temple. Our appearance received long and loud applause and insistent calls for an encore, which was delivered by a VLQ.

The Spirit of Phoenix is mourning the passing of member **Jim Krones**, who lost his valiant battle with cancer. Jim, a front-row member, baritone of the **Sound Agreement** quartet and 30-year member of the Society, began singing with the Peoria Barbershop Chorus (Peoria, IL) at age 14.

The float built by SOP's **David Hale** and family won first place in its division in the 24th Phoenix Electric Light Christmas Parade. Festooned with 12,000 lights, the float included eight chorus members singing carols to the delight of more than 100,000 parade-goers.

Top awards at the installation banquet — *BOTY* and the *Helen Laurel Kindred Spirit of the Year Award* — went to Assistant Director **Cary Burns** and **Evelyn Olson**. Receiving President's awards were **Bob Gray** and **Jerry McElfresh**, *Upbeat News/Features* Editor. **Mark House** received the Director's Award.

Arizona Spirit, the young men's chorus sponsored by the Spirit of Phoenix and directed by **Dan Ryan Sr.**, performed its contest set at the installation banquet.

MESA **BOB SHAFFER**
The Lamplighters bid farewell to **Ray Kahler** as he stepped down as our musical director. His successor is **Dick Naas**, who had coached the chorus the previous winter. A barbershopper since 1965, Dick has directed many men's and women's choruses in Massachusetts, including the **Harmonettes**, an international champion chorus in Harmony, Inc. Dick now resides in Fountain Hills, AZ.

The Lamplighters hosted the Arizona Division Leadership Academy 2010. Seven great leaders from the Far Western District, led by Dean **Ted Sayle** from the Greater Phoenix Chapter, taught the 28 barbershoppers who attended.

Chapter quartet **BackSpin** performed the national anthem at Jobing.com Arena for the Phoenix Coyotes/Anaheim Ducks hockey game on Thanksgiving weekend. Thanks to members tenor **Andy Harry**, lead **Dale Weatherford**, baritone **Steve Marschall**, and bass **Jerry Fox**.

The Lamplighters performed Christmas concerts at the local Fiesta and Superstition Springs malls as well as on

"Christmas Street," a gathering in nearby Chandler that started with a friendly neighborhood lighting competition and grew into an annual festival.

Welcome to our chapter's newest members **Francis Tally** and **Tom Haynes**.

PRESCOTT **SAM STIMPLE**
Prescott's High Mountain Chordsmen hosted another successful youth festival *Real Men Sing 2*. FWD Young Men in Harmony Chair **John Krizek's** article in the Winter 2010 issue of *Westunes* shared all the wonderful details. Chapter elections were held and the entire 2010 board, led by President **Sam Stimple**, was re-elected. Chapter quartet **Antique Parts** performed on Prescott's Got Talent show, receiving a well-deserved standing ovation for their rendition of "*Down By The Riverside*."

Officers attended the Arizona Division's Leadership Academy. Kudos goes to DVP **Ted Sayle** for his organizational skill in providing talented instructors, stimulating discussions, and youth chorus entertainment.

Chorus performances filled the air with holiday music, most notably at the 22nd Annual Acker Musical Showcase and many local care centers. Our performance package now includes a singing "trio" with guitars with chapter members **Dick Patton**, **Lynn Grubb** and **Bill Kamper**. Complete with Santa hats and warm winter clothing, the chorus climbed aboard a flatbed trailer pulled by a pickup and, with **Joan Piechocki's** excellent direction, sang in the annual Christmas parade through the streets of downtown Prescott.

SEDONA **LEE SHOPTAUGH**
Those assembled to hear and see the performance in Sedona were "soundly" rewarded. It was the occasion of "*Cookin' Up A Concert*" by the **Harmony on the Rocks Chorus**, under the masterful direction of "Head Chef" **John McDougald**, and "scripted and narrated" by **Bob Carlson**. Featured, and back by popular demand, was the 2009 International Seniors Quartet Champion **Audacity**. Also, from Sedona, Sweet Adelines chorus **Red RockAppella** made a return engagement. Two local quartets, **Beauty and the Beasts** and **We're 300 and Holding**, also sang. **The Harmony on the Rocks Barbershop Chorus** of Sedona dedicated this concert to the memory of fellow chapter member **Fred Bolte**.

The Harmony on the Rocks Chorus presented an afternoon of laughter and song entitled "*Barbershop Bonanza*"

at the Old Town Center for the Arts in Cottonwood. The chorus performed at several venues in the Sedona area throughout the Christmas holidays.

The 2011 Board of Directors for the Sedona Chapter is as follows: President **David Lombardi**; Treasurer **Jack Edwards**; Secretary **Lee Shoptaugh**; VP Music & Performance **Tom Doeller**; VP Marketing & PR **Bob Butterworth**; VP Membership **Michael Steele**; District Delegate **Jack Edwards**; Chorus Director and BMAL **John McDougald**; Assistant Director **Bill Sabina**; BMAL **Wally Reule**; and IPP **Don Tautkus**.

SUN CITIES

CAMPBELL TITCHENER

The guest of honor and installing officer at the **Desert Aires** Annual Installation and Awards Banquet was **Terry Aramian**. With his usual wit and wisdom, the past International and Far Western District President installed new officers President **Bill Shaw**, Music VP **Bud Lowry**, and Program VP **Larry Callagher**. Returning officers are Secretary **Bill Kimmel**, Treasurer **Dave Tague**, IPP **Ed O'Connor**, VP Chapter Development **Lee Phillips**, VP PR & Marketing **Jack McGill**, and BMAL **John Vincent**, **Bud Hesterman** and **Gary Johnson**. A popular choice for *BOTY* was **Jack McGill**. The President's Award went to **Campbell Titchener**.

Bass **Hank Nahass**, baritone **Ed O'Connor**, lead **Gene Brandwein** and tenor **Ron Sonnenleiter** are going to work as the **Extension Chords**. The chapter welcomed **Time Was**, a new quartet consisting of lead **Larry Callagher** and baritone **Dave Moses** of the Desert Aires; tenor **Terry Grimme**, Spirit of Phoenix; and bass **Frank Fliszar**, Arizona Quartet Chapter.

The chapter wrapped up a busy fall-winter schedule with its ninth performance (including competition in Bakersfield in October), sharing the stage with the **Sun City Stomperz**, a lively Dixieland band headed up by **Desert Aires** stalwart bass **Ernie Landes**, who plays trombone in the band.

TUCSON SUNSHINE

JACK STATLER

Tucson Barbershop eXperience held its 2nd Annual Charity Golf Tournament, Dinner and Concert. **TBX**, led by Assistant Directors **Rich Kates** and **Ken Sylvia**, provided the entertainment.

Program VP **Dave Tompkins**, Music VP **Wes Krause**, Marketing VP **Ed Johnson**, and Director **Jeff Dolan** attended the "Compelling Attractive Chapter Meetings"

workshop. President **F. Scott Nessler** attended the Arizona Division Leadership Academy.

TBX performed on the annual Green Valley show, sharing the stage with the **Green Valleyaires** and chapter quartets **Joint Venture**, **Daybreak** and **A Touch of Grey**.

The annual TSC Holiday Party & Awards Ceremony, which had a western potluck flavor, started off with the popular Frank Hartline's Moonstruck Coyotes guitar quartet/ensemble. The well-attended chapter event reflected these dour economic times but did not lack in festivities. It featured good home cookin', libations, Christmas carols, plus chorus and quartet performances. **Rich Kates** was named 2010 *BOTY*.

TSC presented its 2010 Annual Christmas Show, "Rudolph Retires," at the Berger Center for the Performing Arts. It was a delightful parody of the dilemma when the seasonal red-nosed icon quits at the last minute requiring immediate auditions for a suitable replacement. Clever costumes, a humorous script, and seasonal songs depicted potential labor unrest in Santa's reindeer ranks (and begged a rerun next year.)

YUMA

ROB BAILEY

The Territorial Prisonaires Chorus had an active Christmas holiday season, performing to appreciative audiences at several retirement homes. The **Cell Tones** performed several gigs around town; and **Chuck Rogers** and the **Ray Bans** entertained at the Yuma Palms Mall season kickoff and the children's wing at Yuma Regional Medical Center.

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2011

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5 San Fernando Valley Show
5 Tucson Show
5-6 Hemet Shows
11 Mesa Show
12 Sacramento Show
12 Visalia Show
**17-20 FWD Spring Convention &
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Host: Bat Area
26 Nevada-Placer Show
26 Las Vegas Metro Show
29 Las Vegas Metro Show

April

2 Bay Area Show
2 Eureka Show
2 Phoenix Show
9 Casa Grande Show
9 Fremont-Hayward Show
14 Stockton Show
15 & 16 AZ Division - Phoenix
16 Fullerton Show
23 Inland Empire Show
30 Palomar Pacific Show

May

7 Fresno Show
7 SW Division Pasadena
14 California Delta Show
14 SE Division Las Vegas
21 NE Division Central California
21 Santa Fe Springs Show

June

11 Santa Rosa Show
17 Brea Show
25 *Go For The Gold Show in Fullerton*
25 Palo Alto Mountain View Sjpw

July

7/3-10 INT'L CONV Kansas City, MO

August

19-20 Harmony College West
CSU East Bay

October

**13-16 FWD Fall Convention,
Fresno Host: Fresno**
18-22 SAI Int'l Conv, Houston, TX
20 Nevada-Placer Show
21 Nevada-Placer Show

November

12 Leadership Academy **NCal**
19 Leadership Academy **SCal**

December

10 Brea Show

2012

March

3 Tucson Show
15-18 FWD Spring Convention, TBA

April

**13-14 NW Division -
20-21 AZ Division - Phoenix**

July

7/1-8 INT'L CONV Portland, OR

May

5 SW Division

12 SE Division

18-19 NE Division

July

7/3-10 INT'L CONV Portland, OR

October

11-14 FWD Fall Convention, TBA
10/30-11/3 SAI Int'l Conv, Denver, CO

2013

March

14-17 FWD Spring Convention, TBA

June

6/30-7/7 INT'L CONV Toronto, ON

October

10-13 FWD Fall Convention

11/5-9 SAI Int'l Conv, Honolulu, HI

2014

March

20-23 FWD Spring Convention

June

6/29-7/6 NT'L CONV Minneapolis, MN

October

9-12 FWD Fall Convention

11/4-8 SAI Int'l Conv, Baltimore, MD

2015

June

6/28-7/5 INT'L CONV Pittsburgh, PA

10/6-10 SAI Int'l Conv, Las Vegas, NV

2016

June

7/3-10 INT'L CONV Nashville, TN

10/18-22 SAI Int'l Conv, Las Vegas, NV

**Clear all show dates with
FWD Secretary, Peter Feeney**