

## 2004 Far Western District Spring Convention Dedicated to Stan French



The Far Western District Board of Directors and the District membership are proud to dedicate the 2004 Spring District Convention to **Stan French**.

When Stan was growing up, he had no thoughts of becoming associated with a musical group; but when his wife, Anita, joined Sweet Adelines International, she encouraged him to join SPEBSQSA. He joined the Fullerton Chapter in September 1959. It didn't take him long to discover that barbershopping was the greatest hobby in the world! He enjoys the camaraderie so much that he is just as enthusiastic today as he was 45 years ago. Stan paraphrases Will Rogers when he says, "I never met a barbershopper I didn't like!"

Stan was born in July 1916 in New Hampshire, graduated from high school in 1934, married Anita in 1937, and moved to California in 1943. He worked for Hughes Aircraft from 1949 until his retirement in 1981. Stan and Anita's 67-year marriage has resulted in 6 children, 17 grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren, and 3 great-great grandchildren. As Stan exclaims, "There's gotta be a couple future barbershoppers in that group somewhere!"

Our honoree considers himself very fortunate to have met and known so many great friends throughout the Society. He attends and participates in Chapter, Division, and District events as often as possible and considers himself a lucky man to still be able to do so, even at his youthful 87 years. He attributes his longevity to what he refers to as "the three B's" – barbershopping, Vitamin B, and Budweiser – in that order!

In the Fullerton Chapter, he has served as President for two years, Sunshine Chairman, Afterglow Chairman, Harmony for Lunch Bunch Chairman, Historian, has received the Barbershopper of the Year award three times, and the Barbershopper of the Month award four times! Stan has served as a delegate to the Far Western District's House of Delegates for 40 years, is a lifetime Board Member at Large, and has held various other chapter officer and committee positions over the years. One of his treasured trophies is inscribed: "Stan (The Man) French – Mister Harmony for Lunch Bunch of the Millennium."

On the District level, Stan has twice served as an Area Counselor, was presented an award as Area Counselor of the Year in 1994, and has represented his chapter at Chapter Office Training Schools (C.O.T.S.) for more years than he would like to admit. In addition, Stan is a regular contributor to the award-winning chapter bulletin known as the "Barbershop Clippin's." Were that not enough, he is the proud bearer of 36 Man-of Note awards.

According to his wife, Stan should be known as the "Den Mother" of the Chapter for being the "picker-upper" when people leave things behind, calling members that are ill, and helping those who need to know something about the Chapter and the Society. He is always there when you need him.

The Far Western District is fortunate to have Stan French among its members. Stan is a true "giver" in all ways and we recognize his considerable contributions during this 2004 Spring Convention in Reno, Nevada. "Early Afterglow, Stan!"