

Jim Sherman – Spring 2011

Our Dedicatee and his wife Jane grew up in upstate New York, moving to San Francisco with the United States Army where he was stationed at The Presidio between 1962 and 1964. While there he served as an Accounting Specialist. His forty four year career following military service involved several Financial Supervisory positions from which he retired in October of 2010.



He began singing bass at the age of thirteen and at the encouragement of his wife joined SPEBSQSA, INC. and the San Francisco Chapter in 1964. He joined the Peninsula Chapter in 1970 and was part of both their 1974 International Silver Medalist Chorus, as well as their 1980 Bronze Medalist Chorus performances. For several years he was with the San Jose Chapter and recent years returned to Peninsula.

Competitive quartets have been a mainstay in Jim's life. There was "The San Franciscans", "The Gateway Four", and "The Ford Foundation". Other foursomes included "Tribute", "Executive Privilege", "High Caliber", "The Late Show", and "Pacific Pride". And who can forget the FWD 1975 Quartet Champions "The San Francisco Storm Door and Whale Oil Co." Don Gubbins lead, Wayne Mansfield, tenor, Bill Tieberg, bari with Jim hitting those low notes made up the popular group entertaining barbershop audiences for some thirteen years. The first quartet to be awarded the FWD President's Award in 1985.

Since 1994 it has been the Senior Quartet Circuit, earning five FWD Senior Quartet Championships with "Sentimental Favorites", "Remember When the Doors Sang", "Potluck", "Vintage Gold", and "Silver Knights". Three of these groups awarding Jim six International Senior Quartet Medals. Fourth Place with "Sentimental Favorites", Third Place with "Remember When the Doors Sang" and three Silver and one Bronze with "Vintage Gold".

Jim's "business sense" has been welcomed on the Administrative side of our hobby, both at District and Society levels.. He was appointed FWD Treasurer in 1987, a position held for twenty one years. A brief stint as Nor Cal West VP in the middle! Jim set aside his District checkbook on December 31, 2010. At the Society level, he served as a COTS faculty member, teaching Treasurers how to treasure, for twelve years.

In March of 2006 Jim was inducted into the Far Western District Hall of Fame.

The Shermans have resided in San Jose for the past 37 years and celebrated their 49th Wedding Anniversary last month. They share their love with two daughters, Amy and

Karen, two sons, Michael and Scott, two grandsons, Sam and Eddie and one granddaughter, Wallis.

Congratulations to the bass once accused of being “the only bass to gargle with peanut butter”!



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Jim is a true quartet man, having been in eight competing regular quartets, including the 1975 FWD Champion San Francisco Storm Door and Whale Oil Company. He competed Internationally with the "Doors" six times. Jim earned FWD championships with five Senior Quartets and received six medals at the Senior International level.

Singing with the Peninsula Chapter, he collected three more International medals.

Administratively, Jim has served as Division Vice President, COTS instructor (12 years), and Far Western District Treasurer (21 years). He is a Member of the FWD Hall of Fame.

Jim has been a true "All-Star" for 47 years.

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