



Far Western District

Convention Honoree

Dave Briner – 2018 FWD Fall Convention Honoree

Greatness can be measured in many different ways, one of which is years of service. Our convention dedicatee, Dave Briner, certainly exemplifies exactly that, but not just because of his 60 years of membership in the Barbershop Harmony Society, which is just the beginning of the measure of this man.

In 1958 he began his barbershop career with the South Bay Coastliners, with whom he sang for 29 years. During his early years with the chorus he was chapter president, show chairman, and Barbershopper of the Year. He then performed with the Masters of Harmony chorus for 14 years where he won five gold medals. Since then he sang with the Brea Gaslight Chorus for ten years, and currently is a member of the South County Sound chorus.

From 1964 through 2012 he attended an estimated 60 BHS or SAI International Conventions, many with his late wife Sally, a two-time SAI Queen of Harmony.

For more than 55 years he has arranged music in the barbershop style, and the BHS has more than 90 of his arrangements in their music library.



"MANHATTERS" Quartet

BUDDY SEEBERG/DAVE BRINER/DON GALVIN/JOHN FORD

In addition to singing bass for 19 years with one of the Society's favorite comedy quartets, The Manhatters, he continued his quarteting with Mutual Fun, the 2000 FWD Senior Quartet Champion and International Senior Silver Quartet Medalist in 2000. Other quartets Dave sang in include the Whippoorwills, Sandpipers, and Larceny and Old Bass.

For the past 26 years he has attended the annual Tri-W woodshedding camping trips.

For 20 years Dave was a certified judge in the Arrangement category, and for 15 years he served on the faculty of Harmony College. Additionally he was Chairman of the Society Music Publishing Committee for 5 years.

When it comes to greatness it's safe to say that Dave Briner measures up!