



Far Western District

Hall of Fame

Bob Bisio (posthumously) - 2005

Bob Bisio, FWD Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

There is something bittersweet about inducting a man into the Hall of Fame after he has passed away, because receiving this program credit would have given him an enormous dose of satisfaction along with his modest but earnest protests that he really didn't deserve the honor.

A fifty-plus year member of the Society, he was a judge back in the 50s and 60s and was honored with the title "Judge Emeritus" by the International C&J Committee in 1986.

A teacher by profession with a love for history, he was a key player in the formation and development of the Society's museum, serving on its Oversight Committee for years.

He was the first historian in the FWD, and for a number of years wrote a history column for *Westunes*.

For a period of years at the International Conventions he hosted a session for men he called the Golden Eagles, during which early pioneers and quartet champions would gather and reminisce about the growth of the Society during the 40s and 50s.

He was the guiding force that created the World Harmony Jamboree, one of the highlights of every International Convention. His enthusiasm for expanding the Society outside of the boundaries of North America included working with and traveling to England every year at his own expense as the British Association of Barbershop Singers was conceived and grew. He participated as a faculty member at the New Zealand Harmony College in 1996.

For four years he was a member of the Society's External Affairs Committee, and during this time worked tirelessly to strengthen and expand our efforts to make barbershop a more global society.

A major force behind the scenes, he was an invaluable assistant backstage at the 1990 International Convention in San Francisco, in most of the FWD Conventions in Northern California during the 70s, 80s, and early 90s.

This man was a perfect example of someone who loved barbershop music even though he wasn't much of a singer himself. The Far Western District, the International Barbershop Harmony Society, and our overseas affiliates are all the stronger because of his efforts.

I take enormous pride and pleasure in naming **Bob Bisio** as a member of the Far Western District Hall of Fame.