



Far Western District

Hall of Fame

Les Woodson (posthumously) - 2007

This year we have a posthumous induction for a man who passed away in 2000, but who is fondly remembered by us old-timers - Mister **Les Woodson!**

Les joined the society in 1948, and during the 50s and 60s he directed several chapters - most notably Whittier. He served as president of the Whittier chapter and later as vice-president of the Far Western District. Les and Bob Oertel were instrumental in bringing chorus competition into our district conventions. Les also served as an arrangement judge under the original society judging system.

In addition to his contributions in the areas of chorus directing, administration, and judging, Les was a renowned quartet singer - in the part that everyone wishes he could sing - baritone!

He sang with the Westcoasters when they won 4th place medals in international competition (1958). He sang with the Smoglifiers, a popular quartet on many shows. His most popular quartet was the Chordsmen, who not only appeared on many chapter shows, but during the Viet Nam conflict (in 1968 and 1970) they made USO tours of hospitals and military bases in Guam, the Philippines, and Japan.

Les Woodson's son Dennis is very active today in the Fullerton chapter, and I'd like to call out him out now to accept the hall of fame plaque in honor of his father.