



## Far Western District

### Hall of Fame

#### Jerry Fairchild - 2008

*By Dave Briner - HOF Chairman*

his year's inductee has been a society member for 55 years. He started singing barbershop in his college fraternity quartet at ASU - the Four Phi Sigs. Well, now he knows who he is, so he can get prepared to come on up stage when I announce his name.

He joined the society in the Fontana chapter and was soon in a quartet called the Chord Steelers. Not long after that he started singing tenor with the Sidewinders, who represented the FWD in international competition in 1962 (5th place medalists), in 1963 (3rd place), and 1964, when they won the International Championship. By now, I'm guessing most of you know whom I'm talking about, unless you're relatively new in the FWD.

In 1959 he joined what became the Riverside Citrus Belters Chorus where he directed them to three FWD chorus championships. Under his direction in the international chorus contests, they placed 5th twice and 6th once. For 10 years he also directed a Sweet Adeline chorus in Redlands called the Citrus Blossoms.

In the 1970s he sang with the popular show quartet RSVP, appearing on many FWD and out-of-district shows. In recent years he sang in an FWD champion senior quartet "4 Old Times Sake" and represented us in an international senior quartet competition.

This man was instrumental in starting the gospel quartet "Good News" which presented gospel sings at 14 international conventions (1986-2000) and published 7 folios of Gospel barbershop arrangements with accompanying learning tapes.

So he was a great quartet singer and chorus director - but what else did he do for the FWD? Well, he has personally coached quartets and choruses throughout his barbershop career. In an administrative role, he served the district board (2005-2008) as Chairman of Music and Performance. In this role he organized and ran Harmony College West each summer, and other seminars for quartet and chorus director development. After the passing of our beloved Lloyd Steinkamp (also a member of the HOF), this man continued Lloyd's "Standing Ovation" program.

Ladies and gentlemen, please help me welcome to the stage to receive his recognition as the newest inductee into the FWD Hall of Fame - **Jerry Fairchild**.