



FAR WESTERN DISTRICT FALL CONVENTION

October 19-22, 2017 • Bakersfield, California



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday, October 19, 2017

Event	Start	End	Location	Room
Harmony Platoon	9:00 AM	9:00 PM	Rabobank	Truxtun Room
FWD Board of Directors	2:00 PM	6:00 PM	Marriott	Salon D
Pre-Registered Badge Pick-up	7:00 PM	9:00 PM	Rabobank	Concert Hall Lobby

Friday, October 20, 2017

Event	Start	End	Location	Room
Convention Registration	8:00 AM	12:00 PM	Rabobank	Concert Hall Lobby
Harmony Platoon	8:30 AM	1:00 PM	Rabobank	Truxtun Room
FWD Past President's Meeting	9:00 AM	11:00 AM	Marriott	Kern River Room
AHSOW	9:00 AM	4:00 PM	Rabobank	Carrot Room
Ladies Hospitality	10:00 AM	4:00 PM	Rabobank	Cotton Room
Harmony for Lunch	11:00 AM	2:00 PM	Pizzaville USA - 700 Oak St.	
Hall of Fame Lunch	11:30 AM	1:30 PM	Marriott	Kern River Room
FWD House of Delegates Mtg.	1:30 PM	3:30 PM	Rabobank	Backstage Arena
Judge's Meeting	3:30 PM	4:30 PM	Rabobank	Judge's Room
Convention Registration	3:30 PM	9:00 PM	Rabobank	Concert Hall Lobby
Doors Open	4:30 PM		Rabobank	Concert Hall
QUARTET SEMIFINALS	5:00 PM	9:30 PM	Rabobank	Concert Hall
Evaluations (not advancing)	10:00 PM	11:30 PM	Marriott	Judge's Suites
AFWDC LATE SHOW	10:00 PM	12:00 AM	Marriott	Ballroom

Saturday, October 21, 2017

Event	Start	End	Location	Room
Convention Registration	8:00 AM	1:00 PM	Rabobank	Concert Hall Lobby
Joe Barbershop Chorus	8:45 AM	9:40 AM	Rabobank	Warmup Room
Doors Open	9:00 AM		Rabobank	Concert Hall
CHORUS FINALS	9:30 AM	1:30 PM	Rabobank	Concert Hall
Evaluations	2:00 PM	3:30 PM	Rabobank	Concert Hall
AHSOW	2:00 PM	6:00 PM	Rabobank	Carrot Room
Ladies Hospitality	2:00 PM	6:00 PM	Rabobank	Cotton Room
FWD Marketing Team Lunch	2:00 PM	4:30 PM	Chalet Basque - 200 Oak St.	
Judge's Dinner	4:00 PM	6:00 PM	Offsite	
Convention Registration	5:30 PM	9:00 PM	Rabobank	Concert Hall Lobby
Doors Open	6:00 PM		Rabobank	Concert Hall
QUARTET FINALS	6:30 PM	9:00 PM	Rabobank	Concert Hall
SHOW OF CHAMPIONS	9:00 PM	10:00 PM	Rabobank	Concert Hall
AFTERGLOW SHOW	10:00 PM	12:00 AM	Rabobank	Backstage Arena
Evaluations (Finalists)	10:30 PM	12:00 AM	Marriott	Judge's Suites
Hospitality Rooms	12:00 AM		Marriott	Various Suites

Sunday, October 22, 2017

Event	Start	End	Location	Room
AFWDC Brerakfast	9:00 AM	11:00 AM	Marriott	Salon A
Check out, safe trip home!	12:00 PM		Marriott & Other Hotels	

FAR WESTERN DISTRICT QUARTET FINALS

Rabobank Concert Hall • Saturday, October 21, 2017 at 6:30 PM

Masters of Ceremonies – Nick Papageorge & Gordon Berghold

Microphone Testers _____

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QUARTET CONTEST RESULTS

Get the scoring summaries at <https://tinyurl.com/fwd-scores>

FWD Senior International Representative: _____

Senior Champions: _____

Novice Champions: _____

5th Place Quartet: _____

4th Place Quartet: _____

3rd Place Quartet: _____

2nd Place Quartet: _____

2017 Quartet Champions: _____

☆☆☆ SHOW OF CHAMPIONS ☆☆☆

Rabobank Concert Hall, Immediately following the Quartet Finals

Master of Ceremonies – Gordon Berghold, District President

☆☆☆ AFTERGLOW SHOW ☆☆☆

Backstage Arena, immediately following the Show of Champions

Masterpiece • Masters of Harmony • Top 5 Choruses & Quartets

FALL CONVENTION COMMITTEE

Convention Chairman.....Bill Rosica
FWD President.....Gordon Berghold
FWD Events.....Bryan Forbes
FWD Registrar.....David Melville
FWD Treasurer.....Rich Owen
Harmony Platoon.....Bill Kane
Front of House.....David Melville
Riser Coordination.....Mark Freedkin
Graphics/Signage.....Leonard Jensen

Production.....Russ Young & Nick Pappageorge
Contests & Judging.....Ron Black & Brett Littlefield
Stage Manager.....Sharon Ernsberger
Sound Engineer.....Bill Stephens
Judges Services.....Rich Owen
Competitor Hosts.....Jim Mahoney
Competitor Flow.....Jim Ernsberger
Awards.....Chuck Hunter, Sr. & Sam Barger
Convention Program.....Tim Truesdell & David Melville



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1001 TRUXTUN AVE, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93301



2017 FWD
FALL CONVENTION
PANEL OF JUDGES

MUSIC

Anthony Bartholomew - SWD
McKinney, TX

Adam Scott - FWD
Pleasant Grove, UT

Tony Sparks - RMD
Albuquerque, NM

PERFORMANCE

Bob Hodges - SWD
Frisco, TX

Steve Janes - SUN
New Port Richey, FL

Gary Plaag - MAD
Williamsburg, VA

SINGING

Jim DeBusman - CAR
Zionsville, IN

Harry Hafflett - JAD
Mentor, OH

Tim Marron - EVG
White Rock, BC

CONTEST
ADMINISTRATOR

Randy Meyer - FWD
San Jose, CA

Peter Maddeaux - LOL
Saint Paul, MN

For an explanation of the judging
categories, visit
farwesterndistrict.org



WELCOME!

Well, here we are in Bakersfield again. We are proud to be called “The Most Conventionable City in California”. Bryan Forbes and the entire Events Team have been working to make this weekend a memorable one for you and yours. The Bakersfield Chapter will be your hosts this weekend and President Rich Owen and the Chapter are looking forward to a great time. We have a few new wrinkles this Fall. We are going to give the top five choruses an opportunity to sing a little more along with our fine quartets at the Afterglow, which will be held in the Arena right behind the stage with food and beverages for purchase. We also will be holding a raffle for our Youth attending the Midwinter this year in Southern California in January. Take a look at the fine hand-made bowls and knives and buy a few tickets.

We also have two dignitaries with us this weekend. Dr. Perry White CEO and President of Harmony Foundation International and Marty Monson CEO and President of the Barbershop Harmony Society are with us, so be sure to stop by and say hello.

Finally, the best of luck to all our competitors. The quartet contest will be crowning our 2017 District Champs and our Chorus contest will be sending our 2017 Champions to Orlando in July to compete on the International stage. All have been putting in extra time to give the best performance they can.

If there is anything you need while visiting our fine city please let us know and we’ll do what we can to assist you. So, let the convention begin!

In Harmony — Bill Rosica, Convention General Chairman

CONVENTION DEDICATION

John & Larry Gassman



In 1972 John and Larry Gassman visited the Whittier chapter with their high school music teacher and were immediately hooked. Looking back on their 44 years of Society membership one finds an incredible record of achievement and dedication at the chapter, district and societal levels.

In addition to administrative accomplishments and singing on the risers with their chorus John and Larry are accomplished quartet singers who have competed at the District level with three different foursomes: Pacific Electric Chord Company, A Pitch in Time, and Four Fifteen, a quartet which made the top 10 at the District Contest several times. The highlight of their emceeing career was when they did both sessions at the International Contest in Anaheim in 1999.

John has worked at the Braille Institute in Anaheim, and in 2003 was the first totally blind person ever hired by the Walt Disney Company, where he books vacation packages for the Walt Disney Travel Company as well as training all new blind hires on the reservation system. Larry works for the Marriott Corporation where he not only makes reservations for individuals arranging for stays at Marriott properties but also tests scripts and new applications to make sure they are accessible for blind people.

For a complete biography, visit farwesterndistrict.org

FAR WESTERN DISTRICT QUARTET SEMIFINALS

Rabobank Concert Hall • Friday, October 22, 2017 at 5:00 PM

Master of Ceremonies – Alan Gordon

Quartet members are listed in the following order: Tenor, Lead, Baritone, Bass.

Microphone Testers – DON’T TELL MOM

2016 Far Western District Quartet Champions - Rob Menaker, Patrick Haedtler, David Haedtler, Jordan Haedtler

- 1. **Above the Lawn** – Buddy Seeburg, Jeff Swart, Chuck Wines, Dave Kennedy Finalist ☐
Las Vegas Chapter
- 2. **Backroads** – Kent Miller, Bill McCain, Steve Taylor, Richard Lund Finalist ☐
Barbary Coast, Bay Area, Caligornia Delta, Central California, Placerville & Reno chapters
- 3. **Some Friends of Mine** – Albee Mabeza, Jamie Bedford, David Poll, David Haedtler Finalist ☐
Barbary Coast, Bay Area & Santa Fe Springs chapters
- 4. **Four Fifteen** – Bryan Forbes, Larry Gassman, John Gassman, John Saylor Finalist ☐
Brea & California Delta chapters
- 5. **Belle Voci** – Steven Calapp, Ollie Brillhante III, Evan Weinzinger, Rich Hartmann Finalist ☐
California Delta & Davis-Vacaville chapters
- 6. **Behind the Barn** – David Garstang, Dave Pfizenmeier, Mark Whelan, Neal Palmer Finalist ☐
La Jolla, San Diego & Frank Thorne chapters
- 7. **Just 4 Kix**– Dan McQuigg, Devin Ralph, Zach Stillman, Alex Driggers Finalist ☐
Barbary Coast & Frank Thorne chapters
- 8. **Friday Matinee**– James Nelson, Steve Salmon, Kurtis Harrold, Phillip Spinks Finalist ☐
Las Vegas Chapter

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- 9. **Scoop ‘Em Up** – Scott Wiegand, Alex Hannan, Brent Graham, Gary Steinkamp Finalist ☐
Salt River Valley & Santa Fe Springs chapters
- 10. **Velvet Frogs** – Craig Ewing, David Livingston, C J Sams, Jr., Bill Wilson Finalist ☐
Fullerton, Santa Fe Springs, Santa Monica & South Bay chapters
- 11. **184** – Bradley Kelso, Dan Jordan, Bryan Sandberg, Martin Fredstrom Finalist ☐
El Cajon, La Jolla, Santa Fe Springs & Frank Thorne chapters
- 12. **Heat Wave** – Mark Spriggs, Kent Pyper, Jim Hansen, Marco Teti Finalist ☐
Salt River Valley Chapter
- 13. **Hot Spot** – Ray Estes, Trevor Way, Timothy McMullen, Shreyas Amin Finalist ☐
Fullerton, Greater Phoenix & Frank Thorne chapters
- 14. **What Four** – Tim Martin, Corley Phillips, Winston Char, Richard Lund Finalist ☐
Barbary Coast, Bay Area, California Delta, Nevada-Placer, Placerville & Reno chapters
- 15. **Apex** – Michael Van Schoonhoven, David Livingston, Douglas Ward, Charles Carothers Finalist ☐
Orange Quartet, San Fernando Valley, Santa Fe Springs & Santa Monica chapters
- 16. **Capitol Ring** – Dallas Halvorson, Larry Halvorson, Brent Freitas, Michael Stewart Finalist ☐
California Delta, Las Vegas & Reno chapters
- 17. **Renaissance** – John Fynmore, Fraser Brown, Gary Steinkamp, Richard Wells Finalist ☐
Salt River Valley, Santa Fe Springs & Frank Thorne chapters

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- 18. **66 West** – Lance Ashkenasy, Raymond Johnson, Kevin Soto, Harrison Ashkenasy Finalist ☐
Santa Clara & Santa Fe Springs chapters
- 19. **Suit Up!** – Justin Klemballa, R.J. Esquivias, Brent Graham, Rodney Armstrong Finalist ☐
Greater Phoenix, Salt River Valley & Santa Fe Springs chapters
- 20. **Current Chord** – Kenneth Martin, Adam Teachout, Ryan Huff, J P DeChambeau Finalist ☐
Nashville, Reno & Frank Thorne chapters
- 21. **Intonation**– Hambone Dergan, Jeromy McMahon, Daniel Ryan, Richard Muhn Finalist ☐
Greater Phoenix, Salt River Valley & Santa Fe Springs chapters
- 22. **Fortunate Sons** – Chase Cullen, Ben Smurthwaite, Jason James, Bobby Reynolds Finalist ☐
La Jolla & Westminster chapters
- 23. **Time Wise** – Gordon Lankenau, Jeff Swart, Warren Hettinga, Chuck Wines Finalist ☐
Las Vegas Chapter
- 24. **Dynamix**– Doyle Pope, Robert Lenoil, James Morgan, Bruce Morgan Finalist ☐
California Delta, Santa Rosa & Visalia chapter

- 26. **Spellbound** – Stephen Sammonds, Al Zemsky, Steven Kirch, James Sherman Finalist ☐
Barbary Coast, Palo Alto-Mountain View & Frank Thorne chapters
- 26. **Emerald City Four** – Daniel Tangarone, Wesley Sorstokke, Phillip Daniel, Richard Swanson Finalist ☐
Evergreen District: Bellingham, Bellevue & Frank Thorne chapters

★ ★ ★ **AFWDC LATE SHOW** ★ ★ ★
Marriott Ballroom, immediately following the Quartet Semifinals on Friday
The Newfangled Four • Masterpiece • 95 North • Flightline • Don’t Tell Mom

FAR WESTERN DISTRICT CHORUS FINALS

Rabobank Concert Hall • Saturday, October 21, 2017 at 9:30 AM

Master of Ceremonies – Russ Young

Microphone Testers – JOE BARBERSHOP CHORUS – Ron Black, Director

- 1. Santa Maria CA - **Central Coast Chordsmen** Robert McGee, Director
- 2. Rincon Beach CA - **Pacific Sound** Mike McGee, Director
- 3. Salt River Valley AZ - **A Cappella Syndicate** Brent Graham & Gary Steinkamp, Co-Directors
- 4. Fullerton CA - **Orange Empire Chorus** Craig Ewing, Director
- 5. Bay Area CA - **Voices in Harmony** Albee Mabeza, Director
- 6. Temecula CA - **Temecula Wine Valley Harmonizers** Sang Park & Arthur Sauls, Co-Directors
- 7. Pasadena CA - **Pasadena Crown City Chorus** John Minsker, Director
- 8. Palo Alto-Mountain View CA - **Peninsulaires Chorus** Sean Abel, Director
- 9. Inland Empire CA - **Inland Sound** Carl Buntin & William Kliewer, Co-Directors

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- 10. San Diego CA - **Sun Harbor** Kathleen Hansen, Director
- 11. Central California CA - **Golden Valley Chorus** Bruce Sellnow, Director
- 12. South Bay CA - **Coastliners** Peter Neushul, Director
- 13. Las Vegas NV - **Silver Statesmen** Jim Halvorson, Director
- 14. Santa Monica CA - **The Oceanaires** Ben Loew & Laura Singer, Co-Directors
- 15. Brea CA - **Gaslight Chorus** Phil Ordaz, Director
- 16. Barbary Coast CA - **Fog City Singers** Chris Lewis, Director
- 17. California Delta CA - **Voices of California** Gabe Caretto, Director
- 18. Westminster CA - **The Westminster Chorus** Justin Miller, Director

CHORUS CONTEST RESULTS

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Most Improved Chorus:	
Plateau A Champions:	
Plateau AA Champions:	
Plateau AAA Champions:	
5th Place Chorus:	
4th Place Chorus:	
3rd Place Chorus:	
2nd Place Chorus:	
2017 Chorus Champions:	