



Westags

The Far Western District Spring Convention in brief....
Reno, Nevada. March 15-18, 2007



Five (Maybe More?) To Denver!

Achieving the "magic number" of 1824 or more points (76%) in Reno at the Far Western District International Quartet Preliminary contest were:

OC Times	87.7%	2105
Late Show	81.4%	1953
Hi-Fidelity	78.8%	1890
VocalEase	78.5%	1885
Stardust	77.7%	1864

Out of District qualifiers (and great entertainers)

Flipside (EVG)	2031
3 Men & A Melody (CSD)	2001
Hot Air Buffoons (JAD)	1966

Still to come are the results of the FWD quartets that have chosen to compete out of District: **Metropolis** and **Audacity**.

In FWD's fifth year at Reno which included the combination Spring Prelim-NorCal East Divisional, 24 quartets trod the boards with some opting for the Prelims, some for the Divisional and some for both.

The top NorCal East Quartet and qualifying for the Fall district contest was **Tahoe Blue** (Reno).

Fresno's Gold Note Chorus took the top honors in the NorCalEast NoNev Divisional with **Reno's Silver Dollar Chorus** second place by a mere 6 points. **Central California's Golden Valley Chorus** was third; all qualified for the district Fall contest

The High School Quartet Contest, which was judged by **OC Times** and **Late Show**, found six good-sounding young quartets vying for the crown. **The Chromatones** (Napa High School) took the gold with **BOGG** (Ponderosa High School Shingle Springs) the silver, and **CAP'D** (Carson High School, Carson City), **The Harmonics** (Lincoln High School, Stockton) **The Good Ones**, and the **Blond Bombshells** (both from Fullerton High School, Fullerton), close behind.

CONVENTION AWARDS

The convention was dedicated to long-time (over 53 years) Society member and Stockton Chapter member, **Bill Legg**.

Dave Briner was inducted into the prestigious **FWD Hall Of Fame** by **Jim Sherman** and the near-dozen current members of HOF who were in attendance.

Conejo Valley was named "*Chapter Of The Year*," as a result of their fine efforts in behalf of Barbershopping as a whole demonstrating leadership within FWD

The Charter for the **Laguna Hills Chapter** was presented to Secretary Dick Girvin for transmittal to the chapter.

BOD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:

FWD President, Bill Cale opened his board of directors meeting on Thursday afternoon and it was concluded before midnight (recessing, of course, at a reasonable time for dinner) All but one elected officers were present (Gene Clements, DVP SCE was excused). Reports and issues discussed and resolved included:

- Comments by **Peter Feeney** Society Representative
- The Board recommend to the HOD that Paragraph 8.3.2.5 B (2) of the SOP be deleted and replaced with:
(2) *Choruses that have represented the FWD at the Preceding International Contest.*
- Dedicate the 2007 Fall FWD Convention to Terry Aramian.
- The next meeting of the FWD BOD and DMT will be in Oakland on June 8-9, 2007

HOD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Delegates and officers attending the Spring meeting of the FWD House of Delegates were treated to an inside look at the Society's upcoming plans for the move to Nashville as presented by Society representative (and FWD IPP) **Peter Feeney**.

Other important issues were presented to the assembled delegates and included:

- The recommendation for the change of SOP regulations described above. The recommendation was placed on the slate for resolution at the Fall meeting of the HOD.
- To accept Sacramento's bid for the 2009 Fall Convention
- FWD Bulletin Editor of the Year (Large Bulletins) **Alan Swanson**, Sacramento *Tags & Swipes*
- FWD Bulletin Editor of the Year (Small Bulletins) **Bruce Smith**, Hemet, *Upbeat*.

The next meeting of the House of Delegates will be in Phoenix Arizona on September 28, 2007