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The Far Western District Spring Convention in brief....
Bakersfield, California. October, 9-12, 2008



Masterpiece—the New FWD Champ! Bay Area to Anaheim in July Audacity to Mid-Winter in Pasadena in January

A great contest-weekend! Great competition and singing for all who attended. When the smoke cleared here were the results:

(Quartet Contest)

1. Masterpiece	3098 (86.1%)
2. The Crush	2910 (80.8%)
3. Stardust	2813 (78.1%)
4. Audacity	2743 (76.2%)
5. Oasis	2608 (72.4%)

(Chorus Contest)

1. Bay Area	1591 (88.4%)
2. Greater Phoenix	1491 (82.8%)
3. La Jolla	1386 (77.0%)
4. Rincon Beach	1262 (70.1%)
5. Fresno	1256 (69.8%)

(Seniors Contest)

1. Audacity	1347 (74.8%)
2. Motley Q	1182 (65.7%)
3. Silver & Gold	1132 (62.9%)
4. Curtain Call	1113 (61.8%)

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CONVENTION AWARDS

- The convention was dedicated to long-time Society member **Jim Holder (Santa Fe Springs)** .
- **Ray Ashcroft** (Fullerton) PROBE 1st Place PR Single Event for 2007
- Contribution to the Harmony Foundation was made by the **Fullerton Chapter**

BOD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:

FWD President, Bob Lally 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 of the elected officers were present (Gordon Berghold, DVP Division 5 was excused). Reports and issues discussed and resolved included:

- Comments by **Peter Feeney** Society Representative and **Lou Benedict**, Paired SBM (EVG and FWD)
- The 2008 Spring FWD Convention will be dedicated to **Keith Eckhardt**.
- Realignment of the district: moving Las Vegas , Las Vegas Metro and St. George to Division 2 from Division 5)

- A “Division Naming” Contest is in progress to rename the five FWD Divisions. Your DVP will be in contact.
- Choruses of 33 members and less that have not competed in the past several years may have the opportunity to compete in March for district qualification. **DACJC Russ Young** to advise.
- New FWD members joining after January 1, 2009 will be given a free registration to a district convention.
- The new “Youth 1 Program,” replacing the “student” classification of membership will be implemented in the district with no district dues for the first year and one half of regular dues every year thereafter until they reach the age of 26.
- The next meeting of the FWD BOD will be in Las Vegas Nevada on March 19, 2008.

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HOD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Delegates and officers attending the Spring meeting of the FWD House of Delegates were provided a review of the current status of the Society by Society Board Member **Peter Feeney**.

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

- 32 chapters had delegates at the HOD meeting.
- Reports of the District Officers and Committee Chairmen were received.
- The FWD SOP was updated in accordance with the document recently posted on the FWD Website and provided in the Delegate’s Brochure.
- District dues increase of \$6 was approved.
- The budget as proposed and shown in the Fall Delegate’s Brochure was approved
- The officer slate provided by the Nominating committee was elected and sworn in. (All were incumbents excepting EVP **Bernard Priceman**, and DVP **Bill Rosica**, Division 1)
- Convention Bids of **Greater Phoenix** and **Fresno** for Fall 2010 were presented to be determined at the next HOD meeting
- COTS for 2008 (Stockton California and Mesa Arizona) were announced for November 15. SoCal (Pico Rivera) November 22.
- **Ray Kahler** was introduced as the new CSLT Chairman
- 61 Brothers who had passed away during 2007-2008 were honored at the annual memorial

The next meeting of the House of Delegates will be in Las Vegas, Nevada on March 20, 2008.