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HEARD THE "RING"

BY JOE SAMORA



My first Barbershop International Convention has come and gone. July 5th through July 9th, I heard the "Ring" of a thousand voices in the chorus and quartet competitions. The memories of the contests, classes and camaraderie have not faded.

The chorus winner **Vocal Majority** won by just a dozen points over **Westminster**. (Westminster sang "South Rampart Street Parade") Both large choruses presented high energy performances with incredible singing ranges. Although most of the choruses had 80 or more singers, **Vocal Agenda** had 18 men on the risers and produced a credible sound.

The quartet winner **Vocal Spectrum** edged out the second place winner **Max Q** by only six points. Both excellent quartets, however my favorite was **Metropolis** for their humor enhanced performance. The collegiate quartet winners were the **Musical Island Boys** from New Zealand. A confident performance, they seemed to hit all the right chords.

The competitions held in Canseco Field House had live web broadcasts to our troops in Iraq. It was an emotional moment to see thousands of barbershoppers and guests stand and sing the "Star Spangled Banner". Then 210 grandfathers, sons and grandsons took the stage to sing "There Is No Place Like Home". Some of the young fathers held their toddlers as they sang.

Bill Gaither was presented with a honorary membership into the Barbershop Society. He admitted that he had been impressed with barbershop singers since he heard a quartet sing "Lida Rose" in the musical "Music Man" years ago.

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SWIPES AND TAGS PLACES EIGHTH IN THE PROBE INTERNATIONAL CONTEST

BY ALAN SWANSON, EDITOR



The Capitolaire's bulletin, Swipes and Tags, placed eighth at the Public Relations Officer and Bulletin Editor (PROBE) International Bulletin Contest for 2005 bulletins. The results were presented at the PROBE annual meeting in conjunction with the International Convention in Indianapolis. The winning bulletin was the Chordsmen Chronicle from the Mansfield, Ohio chapter edited by R.F. "Bob" Miller.

Each district is eligible to send two bulletins from 2005 to the International Bulletin Contest. The Swipes and Tags was the second place bulletin in the Far Western District contest. The winner of the FWD contest was last year's international winner and therefore not eligible to compete in this year's contest. Upbeat, from the Hemet, California chapter also represented FWD.

Three consecutive monthly bulletins are submitted for consideration. These three bulletins are judged in three categories, Content, Layout and Reproduction, and Grammar and Style. There is one judge for each of the bulletins in each of the categories.

The winning bulletin, Chordsmen Chronicle, received a total of 1884 points. The Swipes and Tags received a total of 1678 points. Most of the difference of points between the winner and the Swipes and Tags can be attributed to the category of content which includes information on upcoming events and activities of the chapter. The scoring received is consistent with previous scores for the Swipes and Tags.

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**THE SACRAMENTO CAPITOLAIRES MEET EVERY TUESDAY AT 7:00 PM at
SIERRA ARDEN CHURCH OF CHRIST, 890 MORSE AVENUE AT NORTHRUP**



PRESIDENT'S CHORDS

BY JIM CORSON, PRESIDENT



The President's Chords are out of tune!

I had to have some corrective surgery on my left hand a couple of weeks ago to reattach tendons which snapped after being frayed by an arthritis related rough area. The Doc also removed the cause of the problem by cutting off the end of the ulna. Healing is progressing well. I recently had the sutures removed, and a hard cast put on.

My next check-up will be in about four weeks. After that the President's Chords will be in tune!

RIVER CITY IV AT THE WOODLAND OPERA HOUSE

BY JIM NEWLOVE

Local favorites, **RiverCity IV** quartet from the Sacramento Capitolaire's opened the Barbershop Quartet Sequel show on Saturday, July 29, at the historic and beautiful Woodland Opera House. **River City IV** includes Keith Slater, tenor; Gib Hertler, lead; Kent Borowdale, baritone from the Folsom Express chapter; and Jim Newlove, bass



Joining them were a fantastic group of quartets from Northern California including **Uncalled Four**, Far Western District qualifiers from Voices In Harmony and Westminster Choruses, **The Ritz**, one of northern California's most entertaining Sweet Adeline quartets, **Velocity**, Nor Cal East Champions and FWD bronze medalists, and **Vintage Gold**, 2nd place International Senior Quartet Champions.

The Woodland Opera House was originally built in 1885 and rebuilt in 1896 after being destroyed by fire.

In 1971, the Yolo County Historical Society purchased the building. The Woodland Opera House was declared a California State Historical Park in 1976 and donated to the state in 1980. Its restoration was begun in 1981.

The interior of the Opera House was painstakingly restored to the grandeur it enjoyed at the turn of the century. In 1988 the Woodland Opera House reopened and for the first time in nearly eight decades, began to offer live entertainment on a year-round basis.

What a wonderful setting for a grand night of barbershop entertainment!



REVIEWING MUSIC and PERFORMANCE

BY KEITH SLATER, VP MUSIC & PERFORMANCE



We have a lot on our calendar for the next couple of months and I'd like to take this opportunity to remind you of some important dates.

SAQW VII — our annual quartet workshop — will be held on Saturday, August 12th at DDSO. At this moment there are 13 coaches that have committed to attend the workshop, and 8 quartets signed up. There is plenty of room for more. This is a great opportunity to try quartetting if you have not done so, or if you are in a quartet, you will receive input from five different coaches throughout the day-long workshop. If you can't attend the workshop, come in the evening and check out the show featuring all the quartets, after they have been coached during the day. To register for the workshop, log on to www.sacramentobarbershop.org/saqw. Please contact me or Alan LeVezu with any questions.

On Saturday, August 19, we'll be having a chorus coaching session with Marty Lovick at Pilgrim Hall, Sierra-Arden Church. Don't miss this opportunity to learn presentation skills from one of the Society's presentation judges. Marty hails from the Evergreen District and will share his insight on stage presence and performing to thrill your audiences. This session will be both educational and fun as we prepare for our Cabaret Show in September and the FWD Convention in San Jose in October.

Our final summer church performance will be held on Sunday, August 27th at Lutheran Church of the Resurrection in Granite Bay. Watch the weekly Updates for more details as we get closer.

Our annual Cabaret Show is scheduled for Saturday, September 9th at the St. Ignatius Parish Hall on Arden Way, near Morse. Joe Sisson has graciously agreed to chair the show and plans are well underway. As you may know our theme this year is Cruisin' Down the River... to New Orleans and it promises to be a great show. Joe will be looking for volunteers to help as we get closer, so please consider helping and be sure and reserve this date on your calendar. There will be a sign-up list available at the membership table soon.

Lastly, the annual Youth Harmony Camp will be held the weekend of September 22-24 at Sly Park in El Dorado County. This is always great fun for about 100 high school boys as they learn 5-6 barbershop songs and have a little fun and ice cream in between. If you haven't been a camp counselor, I guarantee it is quite an experience. See me if you're interested in this idea.



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Don Amos (deceased), S.K. Grundy (deceased), Warren "Buzz" Haeger, Walter Latzko, Marty Mendro, Lou Perry (deceased) and Hal Staab (deceased) were inducted into the Barbershop Harmony Society Hall of Fame for a lifetime of landmark achievement and constant devotion to the spread and perpetuation of barbershop harmony. Freddie King received the Joe Liles Lifetime Achievement Award.

Masters of Harmony and **Real Time** who won last year's gold medal included singers from Australia, Canada and the U.S. They talked about balancing their lives between family, work and singing. All four guys are married and have careers so try to limit their performances to once a month. They emphasized the importance of frequent rehearsals and critiquing each other. Vocal technique and collaboration are essential. Tension reduces the "ring" so they conscientiously try to relax. They said that quartets don't have to sing LOUD to sound good. **Real Time** has 18 years experience. They are now headed for Australia to perform.

Masters of Harmony stressed the importance of proper riser stance. **OC Times** members are section leaders within this chorus. Correct posture, vowel singing to define sounds, overtone value and dynamics creates the best impression and wins the gold. This chorus has won International honors six times. The chorus has a 33% turnover between competitions so members are continually recruiting new singers. Only a dozen men raised their hands when asked, who were present when **Masters of Harmony** won their first gold. They maintain their high quality sound by continuing to evaluate individual performances. Each man must qualify for the next contest by attending 90% of the practices.

The audition procedures for **Masters of Harmony** includes signing a copy of the expectation sheet (costs & time), vocal and visual assessments, suggestions for improvement, and part assignment by coach. Potential singers receive two copies of sheet music plus a CD. The singer's voice is recorded while he sings in the chorus and evaluated. The Music Committee interviews the applicant.

Congratulations to Les Cudworth who received his 50 year pin during the convention.

Of course, I shopped at the Harmony Marketplace to purchase CDs so I will continue to hear the "ring".

Inspired, Joe Samora



saqw 7.0 Sacramento Area Quartet Workshop

BY ALAN LeVEZU

SAQW is back again for it's **SEVENTH** year!

This year, SAQW will take place on **Saturday, August 12, 2006** and will feature quartet coaching by some of the finest coaches in the area and from around the District.

The workshop is intended to provide quartetters and potential quartetters who don't have the opportunity to get to Harmony College West or other District/Society wide schools with a chance to be involved in a fun and educational quartet experience. This event is being designed for active quartets and individuals who've thought about being in a quartet.

We can put you in a quartet made just for the workshop if you want us to. When you sign up, we'll put you together with at least three other singers beforehand. That way you'll know, in advance, who you're singing with and maybe even (gasp!) know what songs you want to sing! If you want to go to the workshop as an individual, of course you're still welcome.

At the end of the day, we're letting the quartets show us what they've learned at a final session that's open to the public. Come enjoy hearing them (at least one quartet that will be there to coach will perform... maybe more) then join us for a dinner/afterglow!

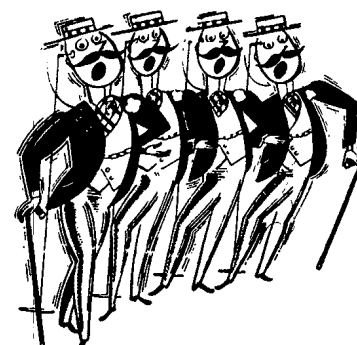
If you are in a quartet, if you want to be in a quartet, if you like listening to quartets, if you want to talk about quartets, you shouldn't miss this opportunity!

For more information and to sign up, go to: <http://www.sacramentobarbershop.org/saqw/>.

Editor's Note:

AS OF THE S&T DEADLINE, THERE ARE NO QUARTETS FROM THE CAPITOLAIRES REGISTERED! You can use this as an opportunity to get more fun out of singing by quartetting. You don't have to be a gold medalist to participate.

This is a Capitolaire sponsored event. Let's all make it successful!





NOTES FROM AROUND THE BARBERPOLE



YOUR CHAPTER NEEDS YOU....

The continued success of our chapter depends upon the continuity of the leadership provided by its membership. Elections for the 2007 board of directors will be held on Tuesday, September 26. Time is growing short! That is exactly why the nominating committee would like to extend an invitation to any and all of those members interested in placing their name in nomination to please make their intentions known to any member of the nominating committee now. Further, nominations from the floor will be accepted on the three chapter meeting nights preceding the election. Remember, however, that if any member wishes to nominate any other member to a particular office, that he must first get permission from that member to do so.

We have a wealth of talent in our chapter available to provide this continued leadership. Our future success depends on those members willing to accept the responsibility.

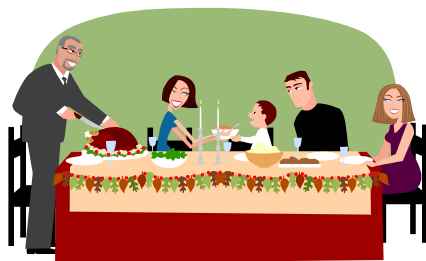
Your Chapter Needs You !!!

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Keith Slater says, if you haven't attended a chapter meeting lately, come down and see what's going on. We're surviving the summer heat and learning some new songs. We'd love to see you and perhaps we could sing a tag or two.

EAT & SAVE



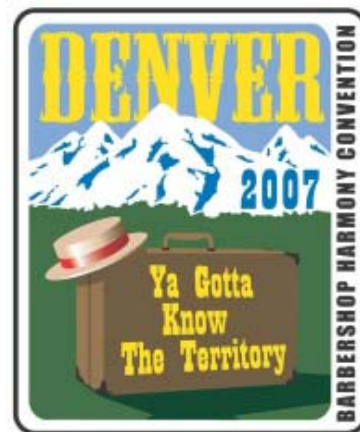
The shipment of 2007 Entertainment Books are due to arrive SOON. They will include discount coupons for fine and casual dining in the Greater Sacramento Area. The books are a fundraiser for our chapter.

Plan to buy several for yourself, family and friends. \$40 is a bargain. You can pre-order at rehearsals while supplies last. The more you eat, the more you save. Joe Samora, E-Book Chair

Purchase your Denver registration now

View maps of Denver's Pepsi Center at www.barbershop.org/ID_061316, then buy your tickets at www.barbershop.org/denver

The Barbershop Harmony Society has teamed with etix.com to make purchasing convention registrations a snap. Now you can use your credit card (VISA or MasterCard only) anytime to purchase convention registrations and select your seat.



Murphy's Lesser Known Dictums

Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.

Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.

Nothing is foolproof to a sufficiently talented fool.

The 50-50-90 rule: Anytime you have a 50-50 chance of getting something right, there's a 90% probability you'll get it wrong.

If you lined up all the cars in the world end to end, someone would be stupid enough to try to pass them, five or six at a time, on a hill, in the fog.

If the shoe fits, get another one just like it.

The things that come to those who wait will be the things left by those who got there first.

Bill Seibel notes: Perhaps you noticed an obituary on July 25 & 26 Sacramento Bee for William Bennett. No mention is made of his barbershopping background, though for a long period of time, he was quite involved in our hobby. He was FWD president in 1966-67. He was also president of the Capitolaire before becoming FWD president.



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Jim Newlove	08-09
Paul Greisen	08-10
Frank Kinnison	08-10
Eric Brickson	08-11



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Chapter Development/Membership VP, Jim Newlove, met with Clark Abrahamson and Gib Hertler to develop plans and to pursue a location for auditions for admission for the Capitolaire on a Saturday. The Arden Fair Mall and Sunrise Mall have been approached and both have indicated an interest in hosting the event. Possible dates are 8/26, 9/9 and 9/16. The event would involve the chorus, at least 2 quartets and a number of support personnel for 3-4 afternoon hours. New flyers are needed to promote guest singers for our Christmas Show and to get volunteers to deliver them to churches and colleges and then to follow up.

Music & Performance VP, Keith Slater, announced that the cabaret show theme will be Cruisin' Down The River – To New Orleans, Joe Sisson is the chairman of the Cabaret Show. New music is "There's A Rose On Your Cheek". A learning CD and official music will be distributed by Jim Minoudis.

Marketing VP, Clark Abrahamson, is moving forward on the Community Vocal Music Festival. The Society is investigating the program. Clark has talked to many sources who are willing to help, including Ev Nau, from Harmony Foundation, who is considering Clark's request for financial help. From a membership/Marketing aspect Clark believes this event will potentially yield a large base of potential members and will enhance community awareness. He is continuing to plan this as a 2007 event. Clark also submitted a print out of FAQ pertaining to the newly established Harmony Brigade – Extreme Quarteting. Information can be found at www.harmonybrigade.org.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 AM. The next meeting will be held at the Arden Dimick Library, Watt at Northrop, on August 5, 2006. All members are invited to attend.

FROM THE EDITOR

The goal of Swipes and Tags is to provide members with timely and relevant information about the chapter members and activities. If you have friends who would like to receive a copy by e-mail, send me their e-mail address.

The deadline for the August issue will be Tuesday, May 25. Contact Alan Swanson 916-786-6018 or e-mail to Ahswanson@surewest.net



BY FRANK KINNISON,
SECRETARY



July 2006 Board Meeting Summary

The meeting was called to order at 9:00AM at the United Methodist Center in West Sacramento. The minutes of the prior meeting were approved as received. The Treasurer's report was approved as received.

Barbershopper of the Month for June 2006 is JOE SAMORA

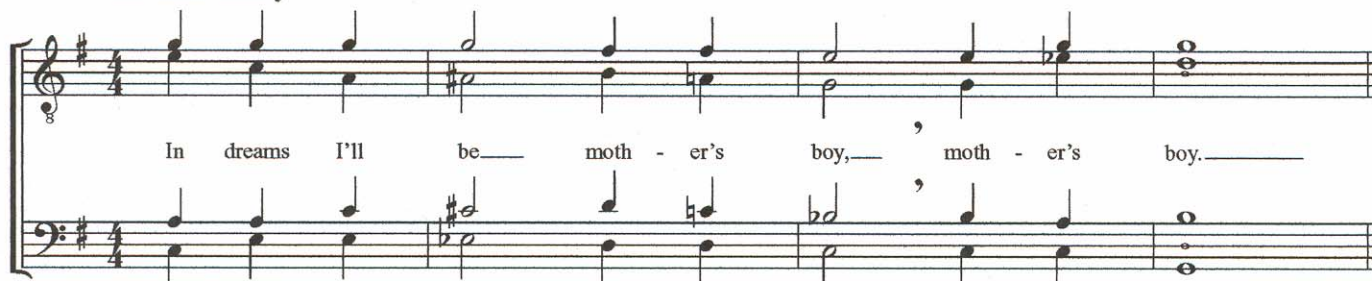


Joe Samora was selected as BOTM for his generosity and thoughtfulness for making the cake that was so enjoyed by the membership at our 60th Anniversary celebration. As one of our newest members, Joe was 1 of the 2 members that attended the recent International Convention in Indianapolis.



TAG OF THE MONTH

79. Mother's Boy



Earl Moon

2006 CALENDAR SUMMARY

AUGUST

5	9-11	Board Meeting
12		Sacramento Area Quartet Workshop, SAQW VII
15	7-10	Chapter Meeting in the Sanctuary
19	9-4	Coaching Session - Marty Lovick
27	11:15	Granite Bay Lutheran

SEPTEMBER

9		Cabaret Show - St Ignatius
15-17		SA AIM - San Ramon
16	9-11	Board Meeting - Library
22-24		YMIH Camp, Sly Park
26		Board Elections

OCTOBER

5-8		FWD Convention—San Jose
14	9-11	Board Meeting – Library
14		SA VOV Annual Show - F.O.
17	7	Chapter Meeting in the Sanctuary
28		Presbyterian Sing Out

November

4	9-11	Board Meeting
4		SA Sac Valley Annual Show
11-12		NC COTS
18		Youth Festival
28		Rehearsal at Towe

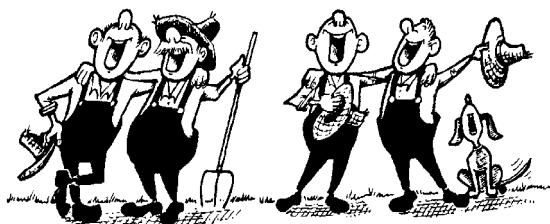


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