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CAPITOLAIRES HAVE A BUSY CHRISTMAS SEASON

The Sacramento Capitolaire will be launching the Christmas season of barbershop harmony with the Capitolaire Holiday Performance at the Arden Fair Mall, 1689 Arden Way Sacramento, on Saturday, December 2 from 3:00 to 6:00 P.M.

Following on Sunday, December 3 will be two shows, 1:00 and 3:30 P.M. at the Towe Auto Museum. See flyer on page 4 for details.

Sunday, December 10th will be caroling at several retirement homes followed by a festive party at the home of Don Salz.

On Wednesday, December 13th you will find the Capitolaire performing at the California State Capitol rotunda at noon. This will be followed by a performance in Old Sacramento from 2:00 to 3:00 P.M.

On December 19th, the Capitolaire will have a holiday potluck party organized by the Capitol For'em. Bring a white elephant to exchange. A white elephant should be something that you have received in the past with a value of \$10 or less that you don't like or can't use. This should be a grand occasion to see who gets stuck with the real white elephant. It probably will show up at next year's event. See the flyer on page 4 for more details.

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CAPITOLAIRES PLAN ANNUAL BANQUET



Our Annual Banquet will be held in lieu of our usual chapter meeting On January 9, 2007 at the delightful **Casa Garden Restaurant and Meeting Center**, 2760 Sutterville Road in Sacramento. At 6:00 P.M. there will be a no host bar followed by dinner about 6:45. Tucked amongst flowers, ferns and delicate Japanese maple trees you'll find excellent food, gracious service and lovely details. For 30 years, the Los Ninos Service League has operated Casa Garden as a volunteer effort. All profits and gratuities directly benefit the Sacramento Children's Home.

The annual banquet is always a great time for the Capitolaire to get together, to reflect the accomplishments of the past year and to get rejuvenated for a great year ahead. The Barbershopper of the Year will be awarded and the 2007 officers and board members will be installed. There will be some singing as well as other entertainment.

All members and guests are invited to attend.

Costs will be \$20 per person. Make reservations now at the chapter meeting or call President-elect, Don Salz at 916 443-5781.

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

**PRESIDENT'S CHORDS**

BY JIM CORSON, PRESIDENT



This is my final column for Swipes and Tags as president, and I am not quite sure what to say.

It seems like a very long time ago that I took on this role, and remember very clearly my sense of panic upon learning that Eric wanted to end his role as our director.

I will be eternally grateful for the way in which Bill Borah stepped in to help us out as interim, and then just kind of naturally grew into being our director on a permanent basis. I am also grateful to all those who have served on our board during the past two years. They have been diligent and hard working in faithfully carrying out their responsibilities.

In spite of our efforts, we continue to be one of the "best kept" secrets in town. I think there has been some slight improvement in that regard, but I see no easy solution to increasing community awareness of our existence. That impacts show attendance, and our ability to attract new singers.

I have an increased awareness that some turnover in membership may well be the expected norm. I have not been around all that long, but when I check the names of those who are on the risers on a regular basis and participate in our performances, more than half of them have become part of this chapter since I became a member. The challenge in that is that we "have to run as hard as we can to stay in the same place." (was it the white rabbit who said that in *Alice in Wonderland*?)

We are ending the year strong, with the best response yet to our desire to have men join us for a limited commitment to the holiday season. If they are not yet ready to join us on a regular basis, hopefully they will come back again next year and that number can grow.

I welcome Don Salz to his new role as president, and I am confident that he will have the same kind of support that I have enjoyed these past two years

Thanks Jim for your leadership and contributions to the Capitolairens.

REVIEWING MUSIC and PERFORMANCE

BY KEITH SLATER, VP MUSIC & PERFORMANCE



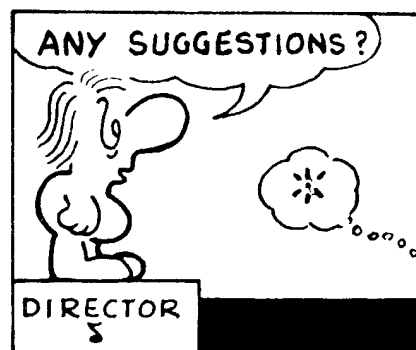
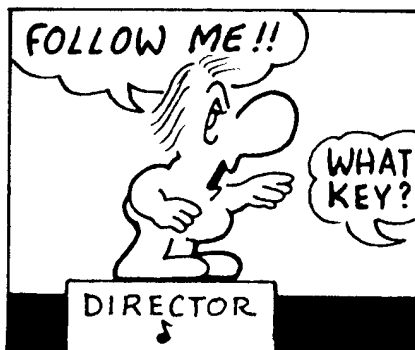
There have been some amazing events this year — starting in January we were host to the Barbershop Harmony Society Midwinter Convention and we were privileged to have the top five quartets here, the Senior Quartet Contest, and the FWD Champion Westminster Chorus, who joined us for a workshop with some of our local youth and then performed for the convention that evening.

In February, we traveled to Foresthill for what proved to be an enlightening retreat with Royce Ferguson, director of the Westminster Chorus and Tenor from Revival, 1998 Int'l Quartet Champions. What a great weekend it was and Royce taught us how to sing with less effort, improve our sound and stay in tune — what a concept!

Then in June, the Capitolairens celebrated our 60th anniversary as a chapter. There aren't too many chapters in the FWD that have been around much longer. In August we hosted our 7th Annual Quartet Workshop with an impressive group of coaches that helped local (and some not so local) quartets fine tune their singing skills, rehearsal techniques and performance skills. Our Cabaret Show in September was well attended and we were fortunate to have our future FWD Quartet Champs, Late Show as headliners.

During this past year we have lost a few members but also gained some new ones. In my 18 years as a member of the Capitolairens I have learned that this is always going to happen. I would only hope that the number of new members coming in will exceed those that leave us for various reasons. I am delighted to have so many Holiday Chorus Members joining us for our performances this season. Our music sounds so much better with more men on the risers.

I am certain that 2007 will bring some equally exciting events for our chapter. Our annual banquet will start things off in early January. As you know, we plan to return to Foresthill for another retreat on February 9-11 and the music team is formulating plans for another inspiring weekend. I hope you plan to be there.

OVERTONES

May you and your family enjoy the blessings of the holiday season and many great things in the New Year!





Points to ponder Just for fun



2006 NorCal
COTS

November 11

*I used to eat a lot of natural foods until I learned that most people die of natural causes. *

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*Gardening Rule: When weeding, the best way to make sure you are removing a weed and not a valuable plant is to pull on it. If it comes out of the ground easily, it is a valuable plant. *

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*The easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement. *

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*There are two kinds of pedestrians: the quick and the dead. *

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*Health is merely the slowest possible rate at which one can die. *

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*The only difference between a rut and a grave is the depth. *

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*Health nuts are going to feel stupid someday, lying in hospitals dying of nothing. *

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*Have you noticed since everyone has a camcorder these days no one talks about seeing UFOs like they used to? *

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*All of us could take a lesson from the weather. It pays no attention to criticism. *

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*In the 60's, people took acid to make the world weird. Now the world is weird and people take Prozac to make it normal. *

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*How is it one careless match can start a forest fire, but it takes a whole box to start a campfire? *

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*Do illiterate people get the full effect of Alphabet Soup? *

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*Did you ever notice that when you blow in a dog's face, he gets mad at you, but when you take him on a car ride, he sticks his head out the window? *

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*Why doesn't glue stick to the inside of the bottle? *

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From Don Salz, President elect of the Capitolaire.

Since the Ambassadors had a performance that evening, I was only able to attend a little over half of the President's class. Nevertheless, I came away with one big revelation, we have to be one of the best run chapters in the society. It seemed everything they recommend chapters do is already being done in Sacramento. Examples :

- Chapter Bulletin
- Weekly Update
- Website
- Chapter member email list
- Solicit board member reports to be reviewed before the board meeting
- Follow Roberts Rules of Order at board meetings
- Split the Public Relations and Marketing VP posts
- Have a VP of Youth Outreach [or is it Young Men in Harmony?]
- A BUNCH of stuff the Treasurer and Secretary are supposed to do (too boring to list)
- Chorus Director not be the leader of the chapter (our instructor even advised not having the director at board meetings)
- A holiday chorus open to the public (and boy do we have a good one this year!) And much more.

We certainly have a chapter to be proud of and no shortage of members who want to chip in. I am truly grateful that, in my first try as president, I will be surrounded by capable and caring people in a well run organization.

Comments from Joe Samora after attending his first COTS.

The day I went to COTS I was fighting a bad head cold. Norm Smith picked up Dave Jones and me for the drive to Stockton. It was a damp, rainy day at the Delta College Campus. There seems to be an unwritten or maybe written rule that about every 30 minutes you sing a song so I was pretty hoarse when I returned home about 10:00 p.m.

Ironically, out of a dozen people in the VP Membership class, all of us sang lead except one.

I do have some ideas for increasing membership. One idea is to give all the guest chorus members the small information cards so they can give to their friends before they leave us in January. The guest I brought has already brought a guest. I gave him three cards to distribute as he sings in a church choir. Charles, Lead, may decide to join.

High expectations, Joe





A white elephant is something you received as a gift that you don't really like or need. It shouldn't have a value of no more than \$10.00.

POTLUCK/WHITE ELEPHANT HOLIDAY PARTY

890 Morse Avenue at Northrop

December 19
6:30 P.M. at Pilgrim Hall

A Potluck Dinner for Capitolaire members and significant others followed by a white elephant gift exchange will be held to celebrate the holidays. Please bring food (of your choice) to serve 4-6 people. Each person who wishes to participate in the exchange should bring a wrapped gift (limit \$10.00). Eating utensils and beverages will be provided for the potluck. Christmas carol singing will follow dinner and exchange. A sign-up sheet for participants is available.

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Check preference: ☐ 1st seating - 1:00 pm ☐ 2nd seating - 3:30 pm

Reserve _____ tickets at \$15 each. Total enclosed \$ _____

Name _____ Email _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Check ☐ Credit Card ☐ Card type _____ Card # _____ Exp. _____



INTRODUCING

I am divorced with one son, Nathan Dorian Guinn. I was born in Oklahoma City, OK on October 4, 1952.



Eldon P Guinn

I began my musical training taking piano lessons at the age of 6. My family moved to Roy, Utah in 1962. I quit taking lessons and started self-teaching at 12. At 14, I wrote my first piano piece. I began singing in my church choir at 14. I sang in my school's a'capella choir at 16. I began playing guitar at 17 and formed an acoustic trio with 2 friends in Ogden, Utah.

When I was 19, I got married and moved to Lafayette, CO. I formed a progressive rock band there, but couldn't make any money at it. My son was born in Boulder, CO in November of 1977.

I moved to Santa Rosa, CA in 1979 with my wife and son to hopefully continue my musical career. It was not to be. My wife and I divorced and I enrolled in school at Santa Rosa Junior College to study digital synthesizers and computers. I acquired an AS degree in Electronics in 1984. I worked for various companies as a digital technician, concluding my career in electronics at Sonic Solutions in Novato. While there I worked with the rock group "Yes" in San Luis Obispo as a technical consultant on their album "Keys to Ascension". I then moved to Ukiah for a few years and worked as a computer consultant. I suffered a mild heart attack in 2004 and have been living with friends and relatives since.

A high school friend brought me to Sacramento to live with him about a year ago. I met Joe Sisson while doing some computer work for him and he introduced me to the "Capitolaire's". It took very little encouragement for me to join. It fills a huge void that formed in my life when I stopped playing music.

**BRING A FRIEND WITH YOU TO
THE CAPITOLAIRES**



Members Only Website to Launch New Software

Additional systems testing and conversion efforts have made it prudent to move back the anticipated launch date for the Aptify software package. As the headquarters service centers enter their busiest season for both merchandise and membership processing, we did not want to force a launch to meet an arbitrary date if we didn't feel all systems and staff were ready to not only manage the change, but actually improve service as a result.

Relax. We're not taking away your "Members Only" access. Yet.

Your best actions today

- Use the "Members Only" site to ensure your own member record is accurate. Note especially email addresses and phone numbers, as these will be important sources for checking data after conversion, and providing access to the new site. Login now: <https://secure.spebsqsa.org/members>
 - Report your 2007 chapter officers now. Chapter officers can use the familiar existing tools at <http://secure.spebsqsa.org/members/chapterOfficerUpdate.asp> (login required) to ensure our records are complete before conversion, meaning less work in the new system. (Details: Chapter Officer Leadership Reporting Online -- www.barbershop.org/ID_047112)
 - Start your holiday shopping now at www.harmonymarketplace.com In all cases, the sooner you order, the sooner you'll have your gifts ready. Beat the rush – order today!
- As always: your continued patience and good will is appreciated.

100% Club to Continue through 2007

The recruiting campaign continues!

What's that mean to me?

- Bring in 1 new member – reduce your Society dues by 20% for 2008.
- Bring in more than one reduce your Society dues by 20% for each in 2008
- Bring in 5 or more new members – Reduce your Society dues by 100% for 2008.

Any questions? More info: www.barbershop.org/theclub

Ask Kevin Dunckel, Stewart Grosser, William Heady, or Christopher Street what it feels like to reach a 100% discount. Or ask one of the 1200 plus other members who will have 20% or more reduced in 2007.

Yes, I can hear you -- "Yeah Charlie, that's easy for you to say! Just go recruit new members. Sure."

Well, here is something easy for you to say and you can recruit new members too. Try these 8 words. "Who do you know that likes to sing?"

Then wait for them to talk, listen to their questions, answer only their questions and make them ask more. You will get either names of potential singers or a guest out of that conversation. TRY IT! It works.

Other adaptations:

- "Who do you know that loves a cappella music?"
- "Who do you know that would enjoy being with a great bunch of guys?"
- "Who do you know that is a real competitor?"
- "Who do you know that would be qualified to sing with us?"
- "Who do you know that would like to direct a great choral group?"

Go to the street with your "Harold Hill" spirit and talk to people! Ask every women, man or child you meet! **WHO DO YOU KNOW?** Then be prepared to write down the names and do it all over again.

Think men, think! Any questions? Contact Charlie Davenport (CDavenport@Barbershop.org)

WOULDN'T IT BE GREAT IF ABOUT 10 MEMBERS OF THE CAPITOLAIRES DID NOT HAVE TO PAY THEIR SOCIETY DUES!



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Andy Wallace	12-03
Larry Larsson	12-07
Phil Crawford	12-12
Morrie Schlesinger	12-21
Jeffrey Suth	12-28
David Wilder	12-29



SUNSHINE CHAIR REPORT

BY GIB HERTLER, SUNSHINE CHAIRMAN



In general, things are looking up. Have you seen Jim Corson's hand lately? No cast and he is feeling and looking great. So good in fact, I'd advise you to watch out for his left hook! Without that cast, he's another Ali. Keep swinging, Jim.

It's great to see Doug Enoch back singing again. He's going to need a little more time before he is 100%, however, he's giving it his best shot. Welcome back Doug!

Frank Kinnison tells me that Ann Louise is doing so well that she is back behind the wheel of the family car already, following her recent surgery. Just remember, Ann Louise, keep it under ninety! Good luck and stay well.

Joe Sisson and Leila are currently out from under the cancer cloud. What great news! Joe also informs me that Leila is doing well following her recent surgery. We look forward to seeing her back on her feet real soon. Take care, Leila.

Janice Newlove is doing extremely well following her chemo and radiation bouts. I understand that she is planning to go back to work in the near future. Whatever your plans, take care and know that we all wish you well Janice!

On the negative side, however, Barbara Hertler spent the Thanksgiving holiday in the hospital undergoing surgery on her kidney and bladder to include the removal of a tumor on the upper portion of her bladder. Results of the biopsy will not be available for at least another week. Hang in there, Barbara. We are all sending positive



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 January issue will be Tuesday, December 26. Send your submissions to me at Ahswanson@surewest.net.

Remember, this is your newsletter to inform the chapter members of activities of the chapter. Thanks for your contributions to the Swipes and Tags.

Barbershopper of the Month for October 2006 is Jim Newlove.



Jim has served as the chapter membership chairman for the past year. In addition, Jim was very instrumental in organizing our holiday guest chorus.

For his contributions to the chapter, Jim Newlove is the Barbershopper of the Month for October.

THINK VALENTINES

Yes, December is the month to think valentines. It is time for you to gather three other men together to prepare to do your part as cupid in spreading the thoughts of love through singing valentines. Singing Valentines is one of the chapter's important fund raisers and a great time for all.

Fun awaits you in the great Southwest, January 21-28, 2007

**Sunday
Registration**

**Monday through Thursday
Workshops, Seminars, Speakers, Classes**

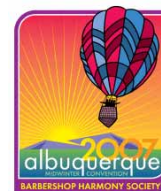
**Friday, 1:00 p.m.
Seniors Quartet Contest**

**Friday, 7:30 p.m.
AISQC Show**

**Saturday, 1:00 p.m.
Buffalo Bills-Era Quartet Contest**

**Saturday, 7:30 p.m.
Show of Champions**

All events will take place in KIVA Auditorium in the Albuquerque Convention Center, located right across the street from the Hyatt Regency Hotel, the headquarters hotel for this convention. More information at <http://www.barbershop.org>



[Order online to select your own seat for the Midwinter Convention -- www.barbershop.org/ID_061551](http://www.barbershop.org/ID_061551)



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2009 District Convention we have agreed to host. They have placed a hold on the first weekend in October and the weekend following for backup. They will help in accumulating some of the data needed for a bid to District.

Treasurer Tom Reaves' report was accepted as received. As of 11/01/06 Inflow Total was \$417.00, Outflow Total was \$2198.70 and Funds Available were \$3234.00. The Capitolaire's For'em Ladies Group had on hand, \$784.

Secretary Frank Kinnison reported that he had registered the following Board Members to attend COTS 2006 on 11/11/06 at Delta College in Stockton.

NAME	CLASS TITLE
Randall Finger	Chorus Director
David Jones	Marketing and Public Relations VP
Larry Larsson	Program VP
Thomas Reaves	Treasurer
Donald Salz	President
Joseph Samora	Chapter Development and Membership VP
Norman Smith	Youth In Harmony

Membership VP, Jim Newlove, reported that we had 20 unique guests in October. We averaged 6 guests per meeting. Most of them came to be a part of the Christmas Holiday Show Guest Chorus. The Arden Fair Mall has asked our chorus to entertain their patrons for 3 hours December 2, from 3 – 6 PM. It's a great opportunity to promote barber-shop harmony, find new singers, promote our holiday show, and give our guest singers another opportunity to sing with us.

Music & Performance VP, Keith Slater, reported that the music team met on October 30 and discussed the 2007 music team goals for the chapter, which are: 1. Raise the level of singing competence. 2. Use more variety of rehearsal techniques, i.e., teaching QT and more sectionals. 3. Develop better riser discipline. 4. Encourage and mentor members. 5. Adapt performance standards to include auditions or taping; not just attendance. 6. The music team to handle at least one program per month at chapter meeting. Also discussed were show ideas for 2007: 1. Perform cabaret show at a second venue. 2. Perform at Harmony Festival, Elk Grove Park. 3. Combine a show with Sweet Adelines. 4. Combine a show with other community choral groups, i.e. Sacramento State Choir, Sacramento Men's Chorus, American River College Choir, Symphony; Buffalo Bills/Music Man promo by BSH – Dec, '07.

Public Affairs VP. David Jones in late October sent the show flyer and news release about the Christmas Show at the Towe Museum on Dec. 3rd to all area newspapers. Plans are to also contact Channel 13 and 3, and attempt to get the Sacramento Bee to assign a feature writer to do a story about how we prepare for and present a show.

The Meeting was adjourned at 10:57 AM with the singing of *Keep The Whole World Singing*.



BY FRANK KINNISON,
SECRETARY



November 4, 2006 Board Meeting Summary

The meeting was called to order with the singing of *Down Our Way*.

President Jim Corson reported that he had initiated contact with the Convention and Visitors Bureau regarding the

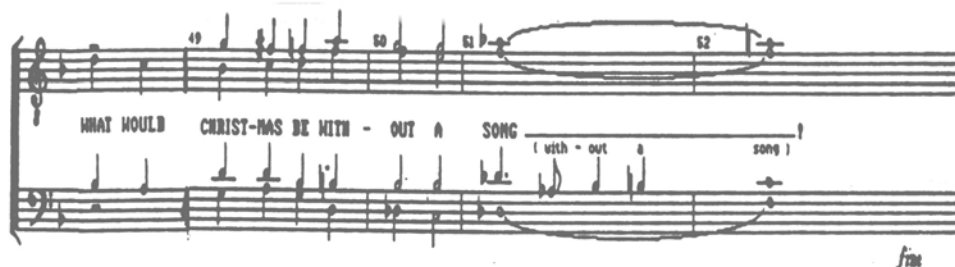


TAG OF THE MONTH

What Would Christmas Be Without A Song

arrangement by
Alan Swanson

words & music by
Alan Swanson



2006/2007 CALENDAR SUMMARY

December

2	3-6	Arden Fair Mall Show, arrive at 2:00
3	1 & 3:30	Towe Show, arrive by 11:00
4	6:30	Music Team Meeting, See Keith Slater
9	9-11	Board Meeting, Arden-Dimick Library
10		Caroling & Christmas Party at Don Salz
13	noon	Sing Out: Capitol Rotunda
	2-3	Caroling in Old Sacramento
19	6:30	Holiday Party at Pilgrim Hall

January 2007

6	9-11	Board Meeting
9	6:00	Annual Banquet at Casa Garden
19-21		SAI AIM—San Ramon
21-28		Mid-Winter Convention—Albuquerque

February 2007

3	9-11	Board Meeting
9-11		Retreat at Foresthill
14		Singing Valentines

March

3	9-11	Board Meeting
4		NorCal Novice Contest—Walnut Creek
15-18		FWD Spring Convention & NCENN—Sparks

April

7	9-11	Board Meeting—Library
19-22		SAI Region 12 Convention—Sacramento

May

5	9-11	Board Meeting
25-28		Sacramento Jazz Jubilee



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