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CAPITOLAIRS HAVE SUCCESSFUL HOLIDAY SEASON



Sacramento Capitolaires Chorus performing at the Towe Auto Museum "A Season Of Joy" written by Alan LeVezu.

THANKSFrom Keith Slater

To all those that participated in the show at the Towe Auto Museum! As usual, as nervous as I was, things just seem to have come together nicely for another successful show. I really appreciate all those who came early to help set up. It made a big difference as there was a lot to do. We were set up and ready to go by about 11:15. Our patrons numbered approximately 150 for the first show and 170 for the second show. My recollection is that this is a nice increase over last year, but we'll be getting together with the Towe people in the next few weeks to review the numbers and see how we did on the fund-raising part of the show. It amazes me when I think about what we can do when we all set our minds to a task and work together to accomplish it. You guys did a great job on our show.

One last thing, I picked up a pair of Eastland brand, dark brown shoes, size 10-1/2. If you are looking for them, I'll bring them to the meeting on Tuesday.

Thanks again for a great show!!

A Season Of Joy

BY ALAN SWANSON

A Season of Joy, written by Alan LeVezu, takes place in the Holiday Conservatory at the North Pole. The Dean of Holiday Affairs, played by Paul Greisen, introduces Santa to run the affair, however, he is nowhere to be found. Santa apparently is not feeling well and definitely in need of an attitude adjustment.

Marvin the Elf, played by Gary Heal, has consented to run the conservatory in the absence of Santa. The Physical Education Instructor, played by David Jones, tries to get the members in shape but fails. Following was history class by Winston Char as History Professor who is able to tell the story of "Silent Night." Bill Borah leads the music class with warm-ups which do not work well. The songs that followed were great. Then comes the class on making of the perfect candy cane



on making of the perfect candy cane

Marvin the Elf
by the science professor played by Tom Reaves. The
problem with the science class was that the perfect candy

cane was learned last year.

Santa, played by Alan Swanson, finally is found by Marvin

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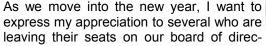
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THE SACRAMENTO CAPITOLAIRES MEET EVERY TUESDAY AT 7:00 PM IN THE PILGRIM HALL OF SIERRA ARDEN UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, 890 MORSE AVENUE AT NORTHRUP AVENUE

PRESIDENT'S CHORDS

BY JIM CORSON, PRESIDENT



tors: Jim McKenzie who has been VP for Public Relations, Paul Greisen who has been VP for Youth Outreach, and Members at Large Les Cudworth and Gary Heal. I am grateful to each of these men for their faithful service over the past 12 months. Each in their own way has made a helpful contribution to the well being of our chapter. Jim deserves extra kudos for faithfully making the long trip from Gridley for our meetings.

Shifting seats is Norm Smith who has been a Member at Large and is now VP for Youth Outreach.

New faces include Dave Jones incoming VP for Public Relations, and three new Members at Large: Randy Finger, Patrick Fleeman and David Wilder. I wonder if the nominating committee realized that all three of those last named guys are baritones? That brings our board makeup to 1 tenor, 5 leads, 3 basses and 4 baritones! We harmonized pretty well last year but wonder how this year is gonna sound?

We are fortunate to have a number of board members reup for another year which will provide some helpful continuity, and so I say "thanks!" to Gib Hertler, Frank Kinnison, Tom Reaves, Keith Slater, Jim Newlove, Don Salz, and Clark Abrahamson.

I anticipate that we will continue our present pattern of holding most of our monthly meetings on the first Saturday of the month from 9 to 11. We do make adjustments some months to avoid holiday weekends as well as conflicts with other society activities. Notice of all of our meetings will be included in the calendar of the weekly Update and Swipes and Tags.

Conceptually, I hope everyone understands that our chapter does not belong to the board. The board is elected to serve the needs of the chapter and its membership. If you have a suggestion for how something might be done better, or have any other feelings about what is going on in the chapter, we want to hear from you. Your honest feedback will help us keep honest in the discharge of our duties.

I'm looking forward to this New Year, with its new challenges and opportunities. I hope you are too!

IT'S NOT TOO HEAVY
WHEN ALL DO THEIR SHARE

REVIEWING MUSIC and PERFORMANCE

BY KEITH SLATER, VP MUSIC & PERFORMANCE



Happy New Year! The start of a new year brings some exciting events for the Capitolaires.

Last January we had the privilege of hosting a show, and performing on another, with our Society's reigning champion quartet, Gotcha!. This year, we are honored to be hosting the Society's Mid-Winter Convention during the week of January 16-21. The Convention will feature the Society's top 5 quartets, including the current champs. Realtime, as well as Max Q. Metropolis, Riptide, and OC Times. In addition, there will be Collegiate Gold Medalist Quartet, *Men in Black*, Senior Champion Quartet, **Texoma Sound**, as well as **The Most Happy** Fellows, Downstate Express, Chicago Shuffle, Over Time and Jurassic Larks, all previous senior champs. Also appearing on the Saturday show will be our current FWD Champion Chorus, Westminster, and an All Star Youth Chorus. There will be a senior quartet contest on Saturday afternoon, which will determine the Society's new senior champs for 2006. As you know, volunteers are needed for some of the events and for the registration desk at the Hyatt Regency. See Frank Kinnison or Clark Abrahamson for more details if you are available to help.

The Capitolaires are also sponsoring a youth festival on Saturday, January 21, which will share our barbershop hobby with local high school boys. They will learn three songs during the day, be coached on barbershop vocal techniques, and perform on the Saturday show at the convention. They will also have the opportunity to spend some time with our champion chorus, *Westminster*, and perform a song together on the show. Norm Smith is chairing this event and has done a lot of legwork to make it happen. He may also need volunteers to help with the festival, so please let him know if you are interested.

We look forward to another Capitolaires retreat on the weekend of February 10-12, at the Community of the Great Commission in Foresthill, CA. If you attended last April's retreat, you know we had a great time and the facilities were great. The camp's new dining hall will be open and depending on the weather, we may get a chance to throw some snowballs at each other during breaks in our sessions. You will likely see a reprise of the talent show that we so enjoyed last spring.

We have two great coaches booked for the retreat weekend, Marty Lovick from the Evergreen District, as well as one of our own members, Gabe Caretto, formerly baritone of *Playback* and currently in a new quartet, *Late Show*. Marty is from Vancouver, BC and is a presentation judge for the Society. Marty and Gabe

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CAPITOLAIRES OFFICERS PREPARE FOR A NEW YEAR



BY DAVID JONES, VP PUBLIC RELATIONS

The Sacramento Capitolaires will be installing officers to lead the organization in the coming year. Installation will be at the annual banquet on Tuesday, January 10 at the Casa Garden Restaurant and Meeting Center of the Sacramento Children's Home, 2760 Sutterville Road in Sacramento.

Back again for another year at the helm is President Jim Corson. Corson said that he "appreciates the willingness and enthusiasm of those who have agreed to provide chapter leadership in the coming year."

"Whatever has been accomplished this past year has been the result of team effort, and that cooperative spirit bodes well for the future," Corson said. "I think it is critical that we listen carefully to the members, for the chapter belongs to them, not the board."

Returning as Immediate Past President is Gibson (Gib) Hertler, while Frank Kinnison continues for another year as Secretary, Chapter Contact, and Chapter E-mail Contact.

Jim Newlove is the Vice President for Chapter Development. Never at a loss for words, Newlove said that the new year's focus will be on recruitment and retention.

Back as Vice President for Music & Performance is Keith Slater. The music team plans for 2006 are to improve our singing and presentation skills, review our performance standards and help to mentor new and existing members in learning our repertoire of performance songs.

Clark Abrahamson returns as Marketing Vice President, and David Jones takes over as the chorus' new VP Public Relations.

"I believe that it's more important than ever for the chorus to be in the news to promote itself as the region's premier barbershop group," Jones said. "Getting into the news will help with chapter development, increase attendance at our shows, and help build up our financial reserves."

Taking the reins of Vice President, Young Men in Harmony is Norm Smith, while Don Salz continues his role as Vice President of Program.

Paul Greisen will once again serve as the chorus' Singing Valentine contact. This annual event each February is a great way for the organization to promote itself while helping build up our bank account.

New Members at Large include David Wilder, Patrick Fleeman, and Randall Finger.

Alan LeVezu continues his work as Chapter Webmaster, helping ensure our website is current to attract new members and maintain our electronic presence on the web.

Grant Fernish will serve as the chorus' Sunshine Chairman, helping to make sure that any member who is ill receives cards and phone calls, and updating the chorus members on an ill member's condition.

Many of these new officers attended the Northern California Chapter Officer Training Seminar (COTS) in Stockton on Nov. 12.

"It was a very interesting experience," said Jones, who attended COTS to learn more about public relations. "It was a very long day, starting at 8:30 a.m. and ending at about 9:30 p.m., but it was worth every minute of it. I got a better understanding of how PR dovetails with Marketing and Chapter Development, a team that will help the chapter grow and enhance our community presence."

The new slate of officers are anticipating a great year serving the members of the Capitolaires

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have worked together previously in the Evergreen District and we are excited and fortunate to have them scheduled to join us for the Retreat. Don't miss this opportunity to enjoy a great weekend of camaraderie with your fellow Capitolaires and learn presentation and singing skills. Mark the dates on your calendar and sign up at the next chapter meeting if you have not done so already.

Lastly, we have our traditional fund-raising event planned for Valentines Day, February 14. If you are not in a quartet for Singing Valentines, talk to Paul Greisen who is helping to coordinate our sing outs for the day. This is a fun way to share our barbershop hobby with the local community, raise some money for our chapter treasury and bring a lot of laughs and tears to the recipients.

With this kind of start to the year, 2006 is bound to be exciting!

WHO IN YOUR CHURCH SHOULD BE SINGING BARBERSHOP??

INVITE THEM TO A CHAPTER MEETING TO GIVE THEM A TASTE OF BARBERSHOP.



2006 Midwinter Convention & Contest—January 15-22

Learn To Be A Better Barbershopper! We've Got The Classes! Experience An Exciting Location!
Northern California Can't Be Beat!

The Sacramento Capitolaires are the host chapter for the International Mid-Winter Convention. If you can be of some help in ushering, transporting quartets, at the registration table or any other duties, contact Frank Kinnison at 916- 482-1584 or Clark Abrahamson at 916-983-1141.



Plan to attend the many classes and events. All people attending will need to purchase a ticket. You should register for the entire package B which includes the Senior's Show of Champions at http://barbershop.org/midwinter. Tickets for special events are available from Jim Corson or directly from www.etix.com/ticket/online/faq.html.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MIDWINTER CONVENTION

Wed., Jan. 18 Sacramento City Tour	9:00 AM	2:00 PM
Thu., Jan. 19 San Francisco Tour	8:00 AM	5:00 PM
Friday, January 20 Tag Singing with Rick Spencer Best of Barbershop	10:00 AM 8:00 PM	10:50AM 10:00PM
Saturday, January 21 Youth Coaching Session The Seniors Experience with	9:00 AM	4:00 PM
Joe Liles	10:00 AM	10:50AM
Gold Medal Hour with Realtime	11:00 AM	11:50AM
Senior Quartet Contest	1:00 PM	4:00 PM
Show of Champions	8:00 PM	10:00PM
Afterglow	11:00 PM	1:00AM

For more information go to http://www.barbershop.org/ and click on Schedule of Events.

FROM THE EDITOR

The goal of Swipes and Tags is to provide members with timely and relevant information about the chapter members and activities. Do you have some barbershop stories to share, or concerns about barbershop? The Swipes and Tags would like to receive them. Please e-mail to: Ahswanson@surewest.net. The deadline for the February issue will be Tuesday, January 24. Contact Alan Swanson 916-786-6018 or e-mail to Ahswanson@surewest.net

CAPITOLAIRES CAROLING FOR RESIDENTS OF RETIREMENT HOMES

On Tuesday, December 13th the Capitolaires performed Christmas carols at Atria El Camino Gardens, Walnut House and Gramercy Court in the Sacramento area.

The music was especially well received by the residents of these retirement homes. At all of the homes we visited, several residents thanked the members of the Capitolaires and many asked for a longer program.

A special thank you to Wally McClain for making the arrangements to bring our musical Christmas cheer to these residents.



Wally McClain and his mother (known as Grandma Pat White) at the Gramercy retirement home.





CAPITOLAIRES SING TO AN APPRECIATIVE CROWD AT THE CAPITOL ROTUNDA

SWIPES AND TAGS

On Wednesday, December 7, the Capitolaires provided Christmas music in the rotunda of the California State Capitol Building in Sacramento. There were many appreciative people in the audience including one group of Japanese visitors to the Capitol. It was a real treat to see in the audience, Chuck Meyer, one of our Capitolaires who has been sidelined from singing due to health reasons.



A group of Japanese visitors enjoying the music of the Capitolaires



The Sacramento Capitolaires in concert at the rotunda of the California State Capitol building

River City Music Company which includes Gib Hertler, lead; Larry Larsson, tenor; Kent Borrowdale, baritone; and Jim Newlove, bass; performed on Christmas eve for the kids with cancer at the Sutter Hospital in Sacramento. This is a great way to bring cheer to these kids during the Christmas season.

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the Elf among those participating in the affair. After the suggestion by Marvin the Elf that Santa needs to smile more, Santa does get the needed attitude adjustment and all is well.



Santa giving candy canes to Mae Nutt

Special performing guests were the children of the Indonesian Catholic Carolers under the direction of Francisca S. Widjajo with Tonny Koesoemahartono on keyboard and Michael Winarto on guitar.



Indonesian Catholic Carolers



River City Music Company

River City Music Company with Larry Larsson, tenor; Gib Hertler, lead; Winston Char, baritone; and Jim Newlove, bass, all dressed as elves, sang "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer" and "White Christmas."

The Ambassadors with Rosye Salz, tenor; Don Salz, lead; Dave Wilder, baritone; and Don Shef-

field, bass, all dressed as reindeer sang "Children's Medley" "Winter Wonderland," and "Come Fly With Me."

The crew included: Show Co-Chairs. Paul Greisen and Keith Slater; Set Design and Construction, Jim Minoudis; Tickets handled by Katy Baker and Jim Corson; Towe Museum crew of Kristin Hartley and Katy Baker; organist Dave Moreno; Lighting and Sound, Alan LeVezu and Karl LeVezu, Mailing list, Cal Smith; Signage, Don Salz and Eddie Daniel and Flyer and Program Design by Keith and Wendy Slater.



The Ambassadors as Olive and the Other Reindeer

The Capitolaires Chorus included: Verne Bagby, Winston Char, Ed Comingore, Jim Corson, Les Cudworth, Doug Enoch, Randy Finger, Paul Greisen, Gary Heal, Gib Hertler, Al James, Dave Jones, Frank Kinnison, Larry Larsson, Wally McClain, Jim McKenzie, Jim Minoudis, Jim Newlove, Tony Prowense, Tom Reaves, Don Salz, Joe Samora, Joe Sisson, Keith Slater, Cal Smith, Norm Smith, Alan Swanson, and Dave Wilder.







NOTES FROM AROUND THE BARBERPOLE

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PLAN TO ATTEND THE CAPITOLAIRES RETREAT

When: Fri-Sun, Feb. 10-12, 2006; plan to arrive late afternoon on Fri. and return on Sunday around noon.

Where: Community of the Great Commission, Foresthill, near Auburn CA

Cost: \$125 per person, which includes two nights lodging, meals — Friday dinner thru Sunday breakfast.

Coaches: Marty Lovick, Presentation Judge from Evergreen District & Gabe Caretto, Baritone of *Late Show*

Questions: Call Keith Slater @ 916-786-7898.

The Woodland Opera House Concert Series presents An Evening of Barbershop Saturday, January 14th- 8:00pm

Their advertising states "Four area Barbershop Quartets combine to make this a fun-filled evening of song. Wonderful harmonies combine in this unique American contribution to music." Quartets scheduled to perform are our own Ambassadors, Tune Struck from Stockton, Fourte' from the Bay Area, and Late Show. Late Show consists of Ray Davis and Mike Stuart, formerly of "Q," and Jordan Litz and our own Gabe Caretto, formerly of Playback.

Tickets are on sale now: \$15 adult \$7 students and children under 18. Call (530) 666-9617. Woodland Opera House is located at 340 2nd Street (2nd & Main). Website: http://www.wohtheatre.org/

JANUARY E	BIRTHDAYS 🤾
Richard Brunner	01-01
Alan LaVezu	01-03
💫 Jim Schrader	01-09
Oon Gubbins	01-12
👥 Tony Prowense	01-17
Clark Abrahamson	01-22
Ed Comingore	01-30

CAPITOLAIRE'S ANNUAL BANQUET

By Don Salz

January 10, 2006, 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM

Our Annual Banquet will be held in lieu of our usual chapter meeting on January 10, 2006. It will be held at the delightful **Casa Garden Restaurant and Meeting Center**, at 2760 Sutterville Road in Sacramento.

Current sign-ups already guarantee this to be the most highly attended Annual Banquet in years. There will be a variety of non-barbershop entertainment in addition to performances by chapter quartets.

The Casa Garden is staffed by volunteers with all proceeds going to benefit the Sacramento Children's Home. They have been serving up gourmet entrees to discriminating diners for many years. 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. They are very much looking forward to our banquet. Word is they had no trouble volunteering for this duty.

Menu: Your \$20 gives you a choice of entrée of beef brisket or polenta with tomato/basil sauce and fontina cheese. Included is Spinach Salad, Lemon Silk Torte, coffee, tea and rolls (tax and tip included). Soda, beer and wine available for purchase.

If you have not signed up (just call or email), do so before the end of December. Unless told otherwise, I will assume all will want the beef entrée'. You must tell me if you want vegetarian. Don Salz, 443-5781 or chordzilla@comcast.net.



It is good to have Max Bates (with the cap) back singing with the Capitolaires at the Christmas party after the sing out at the retirement homes



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BY FRANK KINNISON, SECRETARY



Dec. 2005 Board Meeting Summary

President Jim Corson called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM with the singing of "The Old Songs."

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved following the change of the name of the location of the

planned annual banquet from Casa to Casa Gardens. Frank Kinnison also reported that our incorporation status has been updated and paid for.

The Treasurer's report was accepted as received. Tom Reaves reported that the funds available are \$4498.33.

President Jim Corson reported that Susan Skinner, a biographer of Princess Diana, will be the speaker at the ladies breakfast at the Mid-winter Convention. Jim also presented an up dated rolling calendar.

Music and Performance VP, Keith Slater, discussed the final plans for the Towe Show and the Capitol Rotunda Singout. He reported that the music team reviewed the performance standards and came up with a draft of the proposed Capitolaires Performing Chorus Policy, which was discussed at length. Ideas and materials from COTS that were shared with the team suggests that the board revisit the chapter Mission/Vision statement in order to establish goals for the chapter that would then be used to provide guidance to the music ream. Keith also announced that due to the Jazz Jubilee financial deficit, the Capitolaires will not be invited to perform in 2006.

Jim Newlove, Membership and Development VP, reported that last month had the lowest attendance at chapter meetings in a long time.

Barbershopper of the Month for November 2006



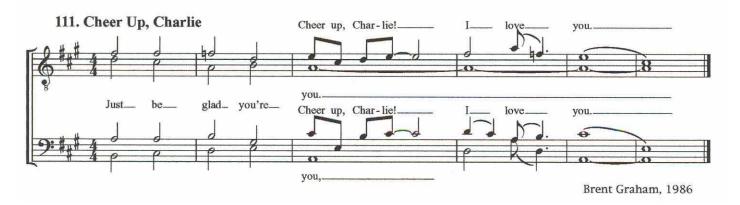
The barbershopper of the month for the month of November is Les Cudworth. Les has always been a great supporter of the Capitolaires both with his attendance, his tag singing at the chapter meetings, and along with his wife preparing the snacks for the chapter meetings.

For his contributions to the success of the Capitolaires, Les Cudworth is the Capitolaires Barbershopper of the Month for November 2006.



SWIPES AND TAGS JANUARY 2006

TAG OF THE MONTH



2005/2006 CALENDAR SUMMARY

JANUAF	RY		MAY		
7	9-11	Board Meeting	6	9-11	Board Meeting
10	6:00	Annual Awards Banquet at Casa Gardens			•
15-22		International Mid-Winter Convention,	JUNE		
		Sacramento	3	9-11	Board Meeting
FEBRU/	ARY		6	?	Nevada Placer Bean Feed
4	9-11	Board Meeting	16	tba	Capitolaires Founders Day
10-12		Retreat	July		
14		Singing Valentines (No Meeting)	2-9		International Convention, Indianapolis
MARCH			15	9-11	Board Meeting
4	9-11	Board Meeting	August		•
16-19		FWD Spring Convention NCENN Division Contest, Reno	5	9-11	Board Meeting



9-11

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Board Meeting

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