

Swipes & Tags

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AND ALL THAT JAZZ!

The Sacramento Capitolaire and the quartet, Potluck, sang during the Jazz Festival's Memorial Service in the Hyatt Hotel Ballroom on May 25. They were joined by the 101st Dixieland Army Band and had an audience of over 1200 Jazz fans.

The program is a Sacramento tradition to commemorate fallen veterans and honor living veterans. The Memorial Service began with a student Color Guard from California State University, Sacramento posting the colors and concluded with the placing of a memorial wreath. An emotional highlight was when Taps was played. "Its echo are to honor all fallen veterans."



Bill Borah directs the Capitolaire and also sang in Potluck.



The Sacramento Capitolaire won the NorCal East Division Plateau A Chorus Contest Championship in Fresno, May 16.

Twenty seven men competed. They sang "There Goes My Heart" and "Bye Bye Baby Medley".

Judges scored the Capitolaire a total of 782 points and an average of 65.2.

The Sacramento Capitolaire meet every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. at Sierra Arden Church of Christ, 890 Morse Avenue, Sacramento. Check out our website www.capitolaire.org



The “waiting game” before performing on stage at Division Contest in Fresno. Director Bill Borah plays the piano; Dave Jones, Logan Rush, and Norm Smith share some humor while Al Treadway poses for the camera. The Capitolairens were the tenth chorus to perform on stage.

Barbershoppers of the Month

Congratulations to **Wintson Char**, May Barbershopper of the Month, for his time and effort in creating our contest songs choreography. Kudos to **Steve Greene**, June Barbershopper of the Month, who served as chair of the Capitolairens “Rock and Roll Memories” Show. Steve was involved in every aspect of the production and did a terrific job.

New Member Profiles

Ron Black sings Bass and was sponsored by Frank Kinnison. He and his wife Jo recently moved to Rocklin from Texas to be closer to their grandchildren. Ron attended Immaculate Heart and Occidental Colleges in Los Angeles, majoring in Renaissance vocal and instrumental performance.



Ron directed the Fresno Gold Note Chorus, seventh place international competitor in 1984 and 1985. He sang in the Great Western Timbre Company, 1986 Far Western District Quartet Champion; 1988 15th place International Semifinalist, and currently 4th place Senior Quartet. He sang with Rhythm and Rhyme, which took 14th place in the 1997 International competition.

He moved to Texas in 2003 to direct the Heart of Texas Chorus in San Marcos. The chorus placed ninth in the International Contest in 2008 in Nashville. In addition, Ron coaches many quartets and choruses in the U.S. and abroad. Ron has been a part time faculty member at Texas State University, San Marcos, where he conducted the Men’s Chorus. A past Singing Category Specialist, and a former Contest and Judging Committee chairman, Ron currently judges in the Music Category. In his infrequent spare time; he eats, sleeps, and writes computer accounting software.



Blair Reynolds sings Bass and was sponsored by Joe Samora. He and his wife Loni have four children and five grandchildren. Born in Visalia, CA Blair moved with his family when he was six to Santa Monica where he graduated from high school. He attended Yale University before transferring to University of California, Berkeley in 1960. After graduating from college with an A.B. in Political Science, Blair attended Hastings College of Law in San Francisco in 1966.

Blair has worked in the legal field most of his life serving as Legal Counsel for several legislative committees and associations. He is a founding partner of Bank Law

Services, a San Francisco law firm, 1991-97. Blair is the author of To Meet Tomorrow—The Need For Change, a comprehensive study on the California judicial system. He retired in 2008.

Blair's singing experience includes singing with the Yale Russian Chorus, Devil Mountain Chorus in Walnut Creek, and Pages of Harmony in Spokane, WA. He was the 2000 BOTY for Devil Mountain Chorus.

Interesting little known facts about Blair: As a teenager was a cowhand on a cattle ranch in Prescott, AZ; appeared in drag on stage in the musical "Sugar", and is a hobbyist beekeeper.



The Ambassadors were the featured entertainment for the Chiefs' Group Annual Dinner recently. The speaker was Lt. Commander Retired Louis Conter (87 years old), one of the 23 living survivors from the USS Arizona, which was sunk during the attack on Pearl Harbor, killing 1177 crewmen. The Ambassadors sang the "Armed Forces Medley" during their performance, inviting veterans to stand when their song was sung. In attendance were at least one person from each branch of the armed forces. "Ninety percent of the Chiefs were from the Air Force so it was really cool that their anthem was last to be sung", Don Salz said. Immediately 60 chiefs stood up at once to sing "Off we go, into the wild blue yonder..."

Pictured above are The Ambassadors including Eric Reininga (Bass), Rosye Salz (Tenor), Lt. Commander Retired Louis Conter, Don Salz (Tenor) and Steve Allison (Baritone).

The bumper sticker on the right was designed by Joe Samora's brother, a graphic artist. The bumper stickers are a Chapter fundraiser and will be for sale after July 1 for \$2.00 each.

Be sure to buy several to give to family and friends. We have 200 bumper stickers to sell.



"Singing For Life"

The Capitolaire, under the coordination of David Wilder, hosted "Singing For Life" for Sacramento Blood Source in Sun City-Roseville on May 26. Several members of the chorus and the quartet, Quartessence, entertained the donors and residents. Also singing were Dick Spies, Don Salz, Norm Smith, Ian Gayton and Joe Samora. A Blood Source bus outside of the Sun City club house accommodated donors from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Singers sang on the bus and in the community club house.

Pictured on the right are Quartessence including Menashe Pickard (Tenor), Mark Bain (Lead), Eddie Huertas (Bass) and David Wilder (Baritone).





Rock and Roll Memories Show

The Capitolaire presented their annual show, "Rock and Roll Memories", at Hiram Johnson High School on June 6. The program included the chorus, six quartets and actors from Elk Grove High School. Props included a juke box, table and chairs from Leatherby's Ice Cream Parlor and a wall phone from the period.

Kudos to our actors: Tre Burt, Allison Greene, and Stan Trunbull. Allison is Show Chair Steve Greene's daughter. Stan is active in the Folsom Harmony Express Barbershop Chapter.

Several hundred patrons attended two afternoon performances.

The River Tones warm up for the show. Pictured above are Larry Larsson (Tenor), Rich Gonzales (Lead), Chuck Kenney (Bass), and Mark Coldiron (Baritone).

It takes more than a village to present a successful performance. Some great singing was provided by Epic, Potluck, The Ambassadors, Quartessence, The River Tones, Sound Affectz and over thirty members of the chorus.

Members who helped out were Steve Greene, show chair; Bill Borah, Director; Marc Nutt, stage manager; Joe Samora, publicity; Jim Corson, ticket sales; Keith Slater and Joe Samora, ad sales; Norm Smith, mailing list; Steve Greene, quartets; Russ Burgess, finances; Clark Abrahamson, Steve Greene and Don Salz, script; and flyers and show programs, Keith Slater.

Words of Wisdom

Kirk Roose, Keynote Speaker, MidWinter 2009, BHS

"To rebuild chapters, we have to add many men, most of average talent and motivation. There are a lot more average men with average talent than superior. All bring their gifts, however average or superior. The man who cannot pass some chapter's audition may be a great barbershopper, with leadership, creativity, or friendliness to spare. Fortunately, barbershop can make an extraordinary sound from ordinary voices."

Founder's Day Open House

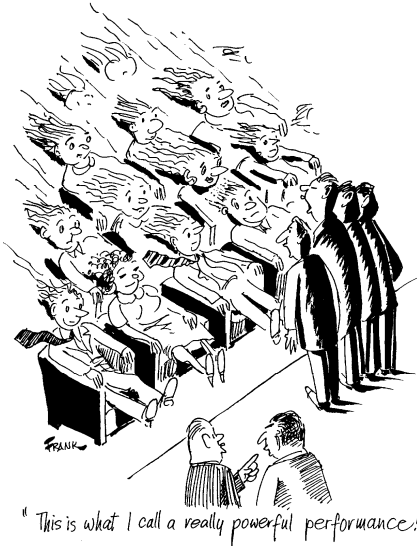
A dozen guests attended the Capitolaire Open House on June 9. The guests were warmly greeted and taught tags before enjoying refreshments which included a decorated cake celebrating the Chorus' recent win of the NorCal East Division Plateau A Championship. A surprise was the distribution of over a hundred copies of the Spectrum newspaper which included a photograph of the chorus on the cover and a three page article about the Capitolaire and Barbershop Harmony Society. Members were urged to take a copy for themselves and give one to a friend. The article included publicity about the Open House.



Guests are welcome to join us especially during June, July and August for the church sing outs.

Sales Counter

"Research shows that in a presentation before a group of people, 55% of the impact is determined by your body language (posture, gestures, eye contact)—38% by your voice (tone), and only 7% by the content of your presentation." ***The Journal of Counseling Psychology***



Valhalla/Gatsby Barbershop Festival

Scheduled for Harrah's Casino in Lake Tahoe on Saturday, August 8; the festival competition includes quartets and choruses from Barbershop and Sweet Adeline Chapters. Last year the judges were local celebrities. The groups that won the competition were judged the most entertaining.

The competition times include choruses at 1:00 p.m., quartets at 3:00 p.m. and the Command Performance at 7:00 p.m. Please sign up during our weekly rehearsals to participate. Each person competing will pay a \$5 registration fee.

Plan to car pool or stay over. The event is open to the public.

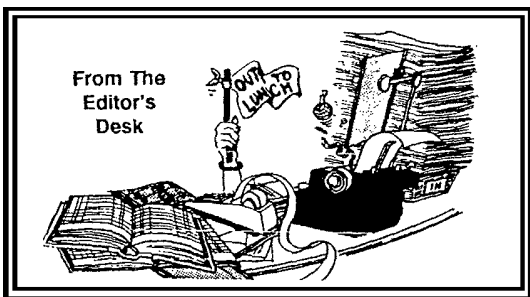
Calendar of Events

BHS International Convention, Anaheim	June 28–July 5
Arcade Church	July 26
Valhalla/Gatsby Barbershop Festival	August 8
Rancho Cordova U.M. Church	August 16
Marcia Ghormley's Birthday Party	August 29
Sierra Arden Church	September 20
FWD Convention, Sacramento	October 8-11
Holiday Show	December 8

Coming events will be added to future newsletters.



OC Times, winner of 2008 International Quartet Contest



Joe Samora, Editor & Public Relations Vice President

The mission of the Swipes & Tags is to provide members with timely and relevant information. Newsletters will be every other month and include color photographs. Copies will be emailed to members and hard copies made for our guests. A copy of each newsletter will be posted on the chapter website.

Swipes & Tags deadlines for 2009 are February 15th, April 15th, June 15th, August 15th, October 15th, and December 15th. Send

submissions to Joe Samora at tm39samora@comcast.net

News articles and photographs are appreciated. Thank you Dave Jones, David Wilder, Bill Kale and Rosye Salz for articles and photographs. I am grateful to have Mark Coldiron proof read my newsletters before distribution.

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“Barbershop Harmony is four guys tasting the holy essence of four mechanisms coming into complete being.”—Meredith Willson, composer of “Music Man”.