



Swipes & Tags

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Far Western District "Most Improved" and "Plateau A" Winners

The Sacramento Capitolaire won the Far Western District "Most Improved Chorus" honors and are the Plateau A Chorus Champions. The competition was held October 10 in the Sacramento Memorial Auditorium.

Besides competing, the Capitolaire hosted the FWD Convention under the able leadership of Co-Chairs Bill Borah, Director, and Gib Hertler.



The Far Western District Convention

was held October 8-11, 2009. FWD Convention Headquarters was the Hyatt Regency Hotel. Over three dozen Capitolaire, spouses and members from other Chapters served on a variety of committees to make the Convention a huge success. (See the July/August issue for names of the committee chairs).

The Capitolaire were the last to compete on Saturday, October 10 among the sixteen choruses. We sang "There Goes My Heart" and "Just In Time." Over 1200 people attended the convention.

Welcome The New Sheriff In Town!

President Norm Smith announced the selection of Ron Black as the Capitolaire's Director. His deputies include Bill Borah, Associate Director; Mark Coldiron, Assistant Director; and Randy Finger, Assistant Director. The directors are those members wearing a BADGE. Ron and the Music Team recently attended Leadership Academy in Stockton to learn about "Compellingly Attractive Chapter Meetings." (You can read Ron's impressive New Member Profile in the last issue).



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

Barbershoppers of the Month

Congratulations **Blair Reynolds**, September Barbershopper of the Month, for his time and effort as the Holiday Express Show Chair. Kudos to Gib! October Barbershopper of the Month is **Gib Hertler** for successfully co-chairing the Far Western District Convention in Sacramento, October 8-11, 2009. November Barbershopper of the Month is **Winston Char** for conducting weekly raffles which raised over \$600 for refreshments and for managing the FWD Convention afterglow. Great job, Winston!

President's Message

Norm Smith

The Board approved the adoption of the plan to elect officers to serve during the fiscal year rather than the calendar year. This year's officers are expected to serve a year and a half until the transition is made. In addition, Installation of Chapter officers will occur in June or July.

Joe Samora was appointed to serve as Secretary and will take over Frank Kinnison's duties by January 1, 2010. Thank you Frank for your dedicated service these past dozen years. Dave Forbes is replacing Al Treadway as Webmaster.

The Board may use Groupanizer or a comparable program to enhance member communication within the Chapter. This program would also improve the look of our website.

The Annual Awards Banquet will be held on Wednesday, January 20, 2010 in Casa Garden Restaurant. Several awards will be given to recognize members for outstanding contributions, including the Barber-shopper of the Year Award.

Alan Stroppini volunteered to chair the Singing Valentines planned for Friday and Saturday, February 12 and 13, 2010. Keith Slater will be chairing the Spring show in either May or June.



Music Program Vice President's Report

Jim Minoudis

A very large quartet sang at the River's Edge Retirement Home (Campus Commons) on Sunday, November 22nd to promote our holiday show. Bill Borah thanked those who participated. The performance reaped \$500 for our treasury.

Blair Reynolds and Jan Brooks (Sacramento Valley Chorus) are serving as co-chairs for the Holiday Express Show. Clark Abrahamson and Babs Causley are working on the show script. Santa (Marc Nutt) will narrate the show. Both choruses will perform including two quartets from each Chapter. The Antelope High School Chamber Choir will sing during the 2:00 p.m. matinee show and the Oasis Chamber Choir will sing in the 7:00 p.m. evening show. Sacramento Capitolaire quartets which qualified to perform include the Ambassadors and Quartessence. The Waldorf School in Fair Oaks is the site of the December 5, 2009 show.

A Coaching Session is planned for Saturday, February 20, 2010 in Pilgrim Hall, Sierra-Arden Church of Christ. The cost will be \$20 per person. President Norm Smith will collect the money. Director Ron Black will secure a presentation coach.

A Craft Session on "How to Read Music" will be conducted by Randy Finger. This craft session will be held before weekly rehearsals and start after the March 13, 2010 division contest.



Public Relations Vice President's Report

Joe Samora



This year has been one of opportunities and changes. Public awareness is an ongoing job and basically that is what I do as Public Relations Vice President. Thinking of different ways to get the Sacramento Capitolaire known to the Greater Sacramento area is not an easy task.

Teamwork has provided benefits for myself and others. Team members include the Board and Music Team. Once an event is announced, my job is to promote, promote, promote. How to get press releases, public service announcements and "live" performances on the air can be a challenge. Using personal contacts and photographs to accompany articles enhances my chances of publication.

I attended Leadership Academy to learn the secretarial duties so I can replace Frank Kinnison as Chapter Secretary. Frank has been Secretary for over a dozen years so; "filling his shoes" won't be easy. I expect to serve as Vice President of Public Relations and Secretary until June when a new PRVP is elected.

New Members

Frank Smith and **Chris Miller** joined the Holiday Chorus and are learning the songs for the Holiday Express Show. Their membership recently received Board approval. Biographical information and photographs of both men will be in the next newsletter. Frank sings Baritone and Chris sings Lead. Welcome to the Capitolaire, "Where Singing Happens!"

Ancient Harmonious Society of Woodshedders (AHSOW)



Congratulations to Ian Gayton, Blair Reynolds and Mark Coldiron for being inducted into the Ancient Harmonious Society of Woodshedders (AHSOW). To become a member, one must demonstrate the ability to harmonize at least two voice parts. Ian certified on Lead, Tenor and Baritone while Blair certified on Lead, Tenor and Bass at the FWD (Sacramento) Convention. Mark certified on all four parts at the National Convention in Anaheim.

Other Capitolaire who are members of AHSOW include Clark Abrahamson, Ron Black, Ed Comingore, Les Cudworth, Don Salz, Alan Stroppini, Al Treadway, and David Wilder.

Woodshedding is how our Society began: three individual voices (Tenor, Baritone & Bass) harmonizing to a Lead's melody without reference to any written arrangement. If you would like to try your hand at it, look for the AHSOW room at almost any barbershop convention or harmony college. Or you can find more information at <http://ahsow.org/>

Holiday Chorus Open House

The Capitolaire held their annual Holiday Chorus Open House on October 13 for men who like to sing. Guests will be rehearsing with us during October, November and December and then perform in our Holiday Show on December 5. About a half dozen guests have joined us on the risers.



Sacramento Kings (NBA) Game Capitolaire Sing National Anthem



Forty Capitolaire sang the National Anthem to open the Sacramento Kings home game against the Oklahoma Thunder on Tuesday, November 10. During half time, the men returned to the court to sing patriotic songs. More than a dozen young Sacramento men were sworn into the Army and then the Chorus sang "God Bless America." A quartet including Tenor Keith Slater, Lead Gib Hetler, Baritone Winston Char, and Bass Steve Greene accompanied the chorus.

The Kings won! The final score was Kings 101 and Thunder 98. The announcement of the Capitolaire performance was featured on Barbershop Harmony Society's "Live Wire" as the game was televised and aired on Sports Radio.

Thank you, Irene!

Irene Cudworth was recently presented a \$100 Ruth's Chris Steak House gift certificate for providing and serving refreshments during the Capitolaire rehearsal breaks the past five years. We are grateful for her dedicated service. Thanks also to husband, Les, and Alan Stroppini who supported Irene's efforts every week.



Holiday Express Show



The Holiday Express Show will include performances by the Sacramento Capitolaire, the Sacramento Valley Chorus and guest performers, the Antelope High School and Oasis Chamber Choruses at the Waldorf School in Fair Oaks on Saturday, December 5, 2009. Two shows will be presented, 2:00 p.m. matinee and 7:00 p.m. evening performance. Ticket prices will be \$12 for adults and \$10 for students under 18 years. Raffles will be held.

Pictured above are quartets from both Chapters and members from Davis and Elk Grove.

Cello Trio Christmas CD

Chuck Kenney announced the sale of his Cello Trio Christmas CD which includes twenty two songs including some that are also in the Capitolaires holiday repertoire. Check out <http://cellosound.blogspot.com> for more information. Chuck has arranged 400 songs for the cello trio since their formation four years ago. He sings Bass in the Capitolaires chorus.



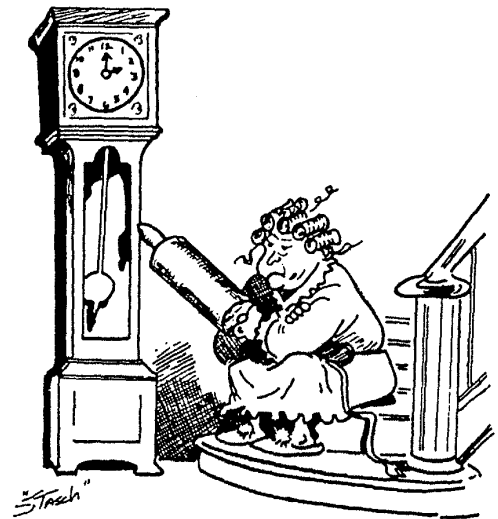
Leadership Academy (formerly COTS)

Officer training was held at San Joaquin Delta Community College in Stockton on Saturday, November 14. A dozen officers and members attended from the Capitolaires Chapter. The main focus was the workshop on "Compellingly Attractive Chapter Meetings: Shifting to Priorities That Vitalize." The Barbershop Harmony Society wants to enhance our chapter meetings to increase membership growth and to provide more member benefits.

Calendar of Events

Holiday Express Show	December 5
State Capitol rotunda	December 9
"Singing Valentines"	February 12-13, 2010
Coaching Session	February 20
NorCal Novice Quartet Contest	February 27
Spring Competition, Reno	March 13
Jazz Festival, Sacramento	May 31

For details on specific events check the Weekly Update.



"JUST WAIT. SECTION LEADER OR NOT HE'S"

Capitolaires 2010 Annual Retreat

The annual retreat will be at Lodestar Camp Grounds (near Jackson). A guest coach will assist members to learn effective singing techniques. Mark your calendars. The retreat is September 10-12, 2010.

Accommodations include a centrally located lodge for rehearsals and meals and cabins with bunk beds. This will be a great weekend getaway to harmonize.

Pictured at right are the Capitolaires rehearsing during the 2008 Annual Retreat.





Do The Write Thing

**Help Your Editor
With a News Item
For The Next Issue**

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 distributed quarterly and include color photographs. Copies will be emailed to members and hard copies made for our guests.

The Spring issue of the Swipes & Tags will be March, 2010. Send submissions to Joe Samora at tm39samora@comcast.net by February 15. Issues will be distributed seasonally in 2010, including June (Summer), September (Fall) and December (Winter).

News articles and photographs are appreciated. Thank you Mark Coldiron and Chuck Kenney for articles and Randy Finger for Kings Game photograph. I am grateful to have Mark Coldiron proofread my newsletters before distribution.