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Capitolaire Quartets Compete in NorCal Novice Quartet Contest



Pictured above left is Quartessence that includes Menashe Packard (Tenor), Mark Bain (Lead), David Wilder (Baritone) and Eddie Huertas (Bass). Above right are the Ambassadors featuring Rosye Salz (Tenor), Don Salz (Lead), Eric Reininga (Bass) and Steve Allison (Baritone).

The Far Western District NorCal Novice Quartet Contest was held in Ripon, CA on February 27, 2010. A dozen quartets participated. Quartessence competed in the Quartet Contest and won ninth place. The Ambassadors competed in the "mixed" Quartet Contest and won second place. Congratulations to both quartets and thank you for representing the Capitolaire!

Chapter President Announces Barbershoppers of the Month

Congratulations **Alan Stroppini**, February Barbershopper of the Month, for his diligent efforts in chairing the Singing Valentines program. **Dick Spies**, March Barbershopper of the Month, is recognized for taking the initiative to promote our Spring Show to local Senior Centers. Great job, Dick! **Keith Slater** is the April Barbershopper of the Month for successfully chairing the Spring Show, "That's Barbershop!" Congratulations, Keith! **Bill Borah** is the May Barbershopper of the Month for constructing the set for our Spring Show. Thanks, Bill!



President Norm Smith

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 or phone (888) 877-9806.

Sacramento Capitolaire Place in the Far Western District NorCal East Division Chorus Contest



Thirty-two Capitolaire competed in the Chorus Contest held in Reno, NV, on March 20, 2010. The chorus sang "Love Me and the World Is Mine" and "Just in Time". There were a dozen choruses in the competition. Ron Black directed. The chorus will compete at the district level in Bakersfield on October 8, 2010.



Reno sign greets gamblers and singers to test their luck.



Frank Kinnison receives a shoulder rub from Norm Smith.



Above left, Baritones Russ Burgess, Ed Comingore, Steve Allison and Bill Borah warm up before the chorus competition. Above right Jim Newlove, Bass, gets makeup applied by Betty Carol Smith.

New Member Profile

Stan Trumbull sings Bass and is an active Barbershopper in the Folsom Harmony Express besides the Capitolaires. He has sung with Delta Breeze for four years, a mixed chorus, which is a "Dickens Era singing group". Married to Donna, they have three sons; Scott, Craig and Shawn and five grandchildren. He and Donna grew up and married in the Chicago area. They eventually moved to Saratoga, CA in the late 1970s where they remained until 1998 when they moved to Granite Bay.



He began singing Barbershop in 1999 when he joined the Folsom chapter. Stan has received two Barbershopper of the Month Awards from the Folsom chapter where he has been a member for 11 years. He has held many officer and board positions and is currently the Secretary for the Folsom Harmony Express. Stan has sung in several quartets including U4FA, Grandmas and Grandpas and currently with TBDL.

Stan is owner of Medsoftware, Inc., a Value Added Reseller of medical software and services. His community involvement includes Marketing Chair for the Software Forum, SIG, and Snowline Hospice Thrift Store.

"The Capitolaires have provided me with a new experience in vocal production and craft training that I seek", he said. Welcome to the Capitolaires, Stan!

Sight-singing Made Easy!



Music Director Ron Black conducted weekly sight-singing classes from March 23 through April. About 20 Capitolaires and several guests attended the sessions. We learned the note "numbers" and practiced singing the numbers and intervals. We learned how to assign the note numbers to the spots. We also learned how to find the key and the pitch for any note on the page and learned how to identify the "critical" notes in our parts. **Thank you, Ron!**



Capitolaire Audition for the River Cats

The Capitolaire auditioned on March 27, 2010, to sing the National Anthem during a Sacramento River Cats Baseball Game. About 20 men participated and Bill Borah directed. The Ambassadors also auditioned.

The Capitolaire will sing during a home game at Raley Field, West Sacramento on July 10, 2010. The Ambassadors also passed their audition and will perform on August 20.

Great Western Timbre Company Sings at Citrus Heights Senior Health Fair

The Great Western Timbre Company volunteered to sing on May 15 during the Citrus Heights senior annual health fair to promote our show, "That's Barbershop!," held that afternoon.

Several hundred people attended the fair between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Great Western Timbre Company includes Roger Smeds (Tenor), Dwight Holmquist (Lead), Jack Liddell (Baritone) and Ron Black (Bass). Roger and Jack flew from Florida to participate in the Capitolaire Spring Show. The quartet was formed in 1979. **Thank you, GWTC!**



Capitolaire present "That's Barbershop!"

"That's Barbershop!" was the theme of the Sacramento Capitolaire Spring Show held at St. Mark's United Methodist Church on Saturday, May 15, 2010. There were performances at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Besides the thirty men who sang and four quartets, the following men made the show a success: Show Chair Keith Slater; Music Director Ron Black; Assistant Directors Bill Borah,



d'Vine includes Wendy, Melany, Sandy and Kerry

Mark Coldiron and Randy Finger; Emcee Bruce Sellnow; Stage Manager Eric Brickson; Publicity, Joe Samora; Mailing List Coordinator Blair Reynolds; Ticket Sales, Winston Char; Group Sales, Dick Spies; Finances, Russ Burgess; Script Writers Clark Abrahamson and Bruce Sellnow; Flyers/Show Programs, Keith Slater; and Bill Borah, Afterglow.

Several hundred people enjoyed two hours of romantic, patriotic, sacred and rock and roll music. The Great Western Timbre Co., d'Vine (Sweet Adelines), Ambassadors and TBDL were the featured quartets. We cleared \$1,604.



The Ambassadors include Eric, Rosey, Don and Steve



Pictured above Officer Zach Hatch presents Clayton and Mark with a plaque for their support of the local Police Activities League.

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Dave Jones retires from Bureau of Reclamation

Dave Jones, a six-year member of the Capitolaires, is pictured with his wife Yvonne during his retirement party. He has been active in the Capitolaires as our Public Relations Vice President for a couple of years and served as a Buddy to several new members.

Dave is a Lead and loves singing Barbershop, photography and dog sitting. His retirement plans include working on his house, biking and travel. We wish you the very best, Dave!



Story of “Battle Hymn of the Republic”

“Battle Hymn of the Republic” was written by Julia Ward Howe, a leader in women’s rights and an ardent foe of slavery. Julia, who came from a wealthy New York family, was married to prominent Boston philanthropist and humanitarian, Dr. S.G. Howe. They were both crusaders for progressive political and moral issues of the day.

In 1861, during the darkest days of the Civil War, the Howes visited Washington and Julia toured a nearby Union Army Camp on the banks of the Potomac in Virginia. There she heard soldiers singing a tribute to John Brown, who had been hanged in 1859 for attempting to lead an insurrection of slaves at Harper’s Ferry: “John Brown’s Body Lies a-mold’ring in the Grave.” The music was rousing, but the words needed improvement. Julia’s pastor, who accompanied her, asked her to consider writing new and better verses. That night, after the Howes retired to their room at the Willard Hotel, the words came. Julia gave her song to a friend who worked at *The Atlantic Monthly*. The magazine published it in February, 1862, sending her a check for five dollars.

“A Capella Group Connects Sac State Alumni”

During our chorus May 4th rehearsal, held at St. Mark’s United Methodist Church, feature writer Erin Rogers and photographer Chris Chang from the Sacramento State Hornet staff interviewed Capitolaires who had attended Sacramento State University (CSUS) and photographs were taken. Thirty men were on the risers, under the direction of Music Director Ron Black, to sing the songs in the Spring Show, “That’s Barbershop!” Eleven members of the Capitolaires are CSUS alumni.

The members who attended Sacramento State College include Steve Allison, Dave Jones, Randy Finger, Chuck Kenney, Menashe Pickard, Tom Reaves, Eric Reininga, Don Salz, Joe Samora, Alan Stroppini,



and David Wilder. Don Salz, who joined the Capitolaire in 1978 but took a break to finish his education, said “I really love to sing and being a member of the group gives me an excuse to do it well.” Tom Reaves stated that “Seeing the audience enjoy the music we perform is a great feeling.”

Annual Bean Feed Quartet Contest Draws Capitolaire

The Bean Feed has been hosted annually by the Placer-Nevada Chapter for the past nineteen years. Twenty-one Capitolaire joined the fun. The singers enjoyed hot dogs, beans, chips and



beverages before the Quartet Contest. Approximately 150 Barbershoppers from Folsom, Placerville, Placer/Nevada, Sacramento and the new California Delta Chapter attended on June 1. Mike Olson, a guest Barber-shopper from Indiana, sang in a quartet from the Capitolaire. The quartet winners were first place, “Girly Group”; second, “Flat Landers” and third, “Show Stoppers.”

The judges were members of the NE Division 2010 First Place Quartet, Good Time River Crew (Gabe Caretto, Ron Black, Rich Brunner and Jason Dyer). The event is held as a memorial to John Gurule who had been active in the Placer-Nevada Chapter.

Allison Elected to Lead Capitolaire

The election of officers was held June 15. The officers will serve from July 1, 2010, to June 30, 2011.

Elected positions

President: Steve Allison
Past President: Norm Smith
Secretary: Joe Samora
Treasurer: Russ Burgess
Membership VP: Alan Stroppini
Music & Performance VP: Ian Gayton
Marketing VP: Don Salz
Public Relations VP: Chris Miller
Young Men in Harmony VP: Tom Reaves
Board Member-at-Large: Dick Spies
Board Member-at-Large: Larry Larsson
Board Member-at-Large: Dan Swink

Non-elected positions

Swipes & Tags Editor: Joe Samora
Webmaster: Dave Forbes
Update Editor: Keith Slater

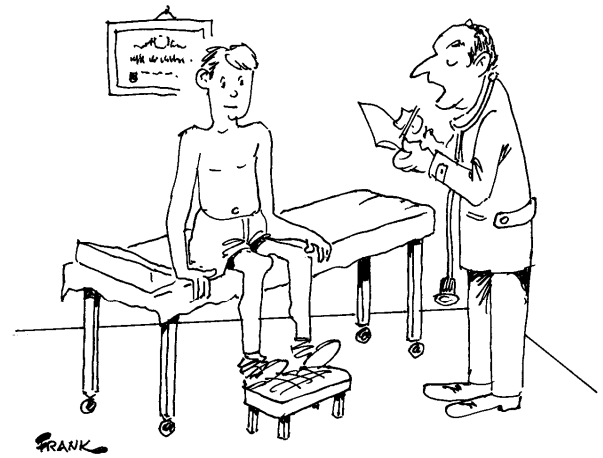


Steve Allison

“You are the only one who can use your ability and that is an awesome responsibility.”
(Zig Ziglar)

Calendar of Events

June 24-July 4	BHS International Convention Philadelphia, PA
July 6	Founders Day/Installation of Officers
July 10	River Cats Baseball Game <i>National Anthem</i>
July 11	Lincoln Hills Community Church
July 25	Arcade Church
August 8	Rancho Cordova Methodist Church
August 17	Sun City Lincoln Hills Show <i>Capitolaires & Sac Valley Chorus</i>
August 22	Lutheran Church of the Resurrection
September 10-12	Capitolaires Annual Retreat <i>Camp Lodestar</i>
September 24-26	Youth Harmony Camp <i>Sly Park</i>
October 7-10	Far Western District Convention <i>Bakersfield</i>



"I take you off the pills and switch you from tenor to lead!"

For details on specific events check the weekly Update.

In Memoriam

Al James (Bass) died on Friday, June 4, 2010 of a blood clot. He had been active in the Capitolaires for 17 years. Eighteen Capitolaires sang "Amazing Grace" and "Gospel Medley" during his memorial services held on June 17 in Oak Park United Methodist Church.

Although retired, Al continued to be active in seven different groups including Toastmasters, Parliamentarians and the Sacramento Chaplaincy Program. He loved to sing and had been very active in Barbershop singing for several years

Editorial Comments

The mission of the Swipes & Tags is to provide members with timely and relevant information. Newsletters will be quarterly and include color photographs. Copies will be e-mailed to members via the Yahoo Group and hard copies made for guests.

Swipes & Tags deadlines for the remainder of 2010 are September 15, and December 15. Send submissions to Joe Samora at tm39samora@comcast.net.

News articles and photographs are appreciated. Thank you, Bill Cale, Ian Gayton, Clayton Whitehead (Sports Leisure Travel), and Dave Jones. I am always grateful to have Mark Coldiron proofread my newsletters before distribution.