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Capitolaire Take AMTRAK to Far Western District Convention



The Capitolaire were joined by members of the American River Chorus on their journey to Bakersfield to attend the Far Western District Convention on October 8, 2010. There were twenty-five members and guests who enjoyed singing and camaraderie.

Chapter President Announces Barbershoppers of the Month

Ron Black, September Barbershopper of the Month, was recognized for his inspiring dedication by participating in the Capitolaire Fall Retreat while sick. Great role model, Ron! **Dan Swink**, October Barbershopper of the Month, was honored for his faithful weekly service to the Membership Program. Fine job, Dan! The November Barbershopper of the Month was selected and will be announced in the next newsletter.



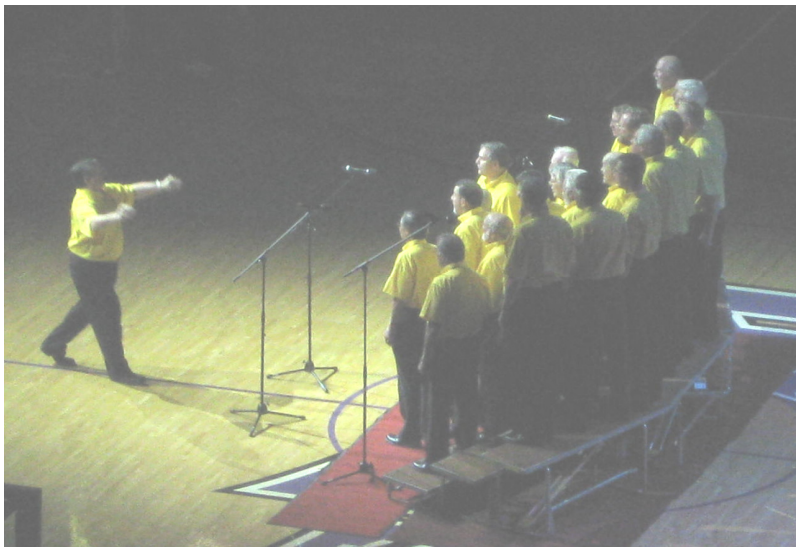
*The Sacramento Capitolaire meet every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. at Sierra Arden Church of Christ,
890 Morse Avenue, Sacramento. Check out our website www.capitolaire.org or phone (888) 877-9806.*

Capitolaire Compete in Far Western District Chorus Contest



Twenty five Sacramento Capitolaire competed in the Far Western District Chorus Contest in Bakersfield on October 9, 2010. There were 20 choruses from the district competing. The contest songs were “Just in Time” and “There Goes My Heart.”

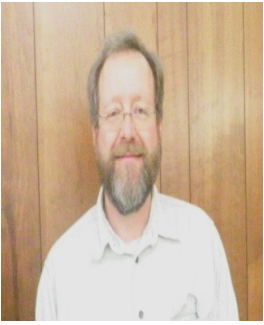
Capitolaire Sing during Sacramento King’s Half Time Show



Under the direction of Ron Black, twenty Capitolaire performed before a SOLD OUT crowd during the Sacramento Kings basketball home game in the Arco Arena on November 10. “God Bless America” was sung while over three dozen military recruits took the oath to serve their country. This is the second year our chapter has sung for the Veteran’s Day Observance Program.

We were mentioned in the game program and had an information booth in the lobby to promote our annual holiday show and 2011 Singing Valentines Program.

New Member Profiles



Kevin Akin sings Lead. He was born in Joseph, Oregon (pop. 600) to a logging family. Kevin is the youngest of four children. Although his family is not musical, he had an interest in music at an early age.

Graduating in 1980 from Oregon Institute of Technology, Klamath Falls, Oregon, with a BS in Land Surveying, Kevin began taking guitar lessons and music theory classes. He “fiddled around” for 15 years and then took up the mandolin five years ago.

Kevin has been employed as a land surveyor all of his adult life in Oregon, Minnesota, Alaska and California. For the past 18 years, he has worked at Caltrans.

Kevin sang with the Sacramento City College Choir for a couple of semesters in the mid-1980s. He likes singing with the Capitolaire because “it is fantastic to sing and hear such wonderful harmonies.” Welcome to the Capitolaire, Kevin!

(During our “Holiday Spectacular” Show, Kevin was the detective who brought two dozen donuts to decorate the Christmas tree, one got stepped on and two were eaten by an ARC member).

Larry Womac sings Bass. He is a native of Tennessee, and has lived in Naples, Florida for three years. His father is deceased and Mother Neeta lives in Mexico. Larry’s older brother Greg and family live in South Carolina and his sister Joy lives in Illinois. Larry is married to Susan Boring.

Graduating from high school in 1991, he joined the Air Force in 1993 as a machinist/welder. He was honorably discharged and worked as a grocery clerk for seven years until he earned his B. A. in Philosophy from University of California, Davis.



Larry’s community service includes volunteering for the Society for the Blind reading manuals, magazines and newspapers.

Larry currently works for the Franchise Tax Board. When asked what do you get from belonging to the Capitolaire, Larry said “a sense of community.” He is taking voice lessons and is narrator for the River City Concert Band.

Larry plans to start his own voice over business in the near future. It is great to have you harmonizing with the Capitolaire, Larry.

“Life is a continued process of getting used to things we never expected.”



Robert DuPlantier sings Lead. He was born in New Orleans, Louisiana and Raised in the San Francisco Bay Area. He has worked in sales and marketing in the Santa Clara Valley. He moved to Sacramento 10 years ago.

Robert is married to Yvonne and has two sons, Robert and Daniel and four grand children. He is the Corporate Marketing Consultant for Jos. A. Bank Clothier.

Although he has no barbershop singing experience, Robert has sung in a boys, church and Russian choruses and sung in solo piano bar, cabaret singing and karaoke. When Robert was asked what he liked about the Capitolaire's, he said "outlet for singing, personal growth and great camaraderie."

Little known fact about Robert is that he played baseball with American League All Star Shortstop and Manager Jim Friegosi. Wonderful to have you singing in the Lead Section, Robert!

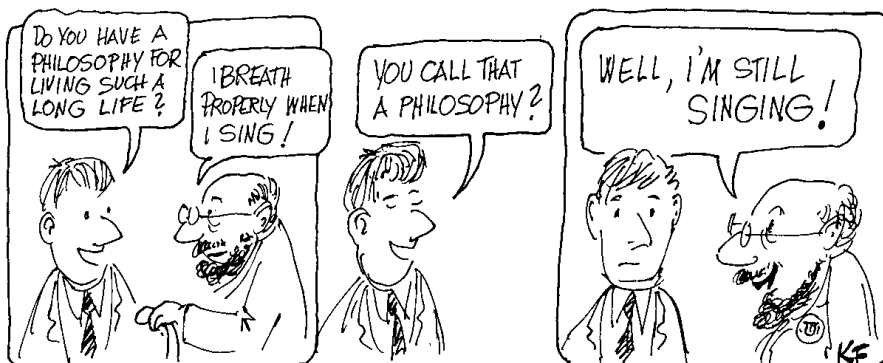
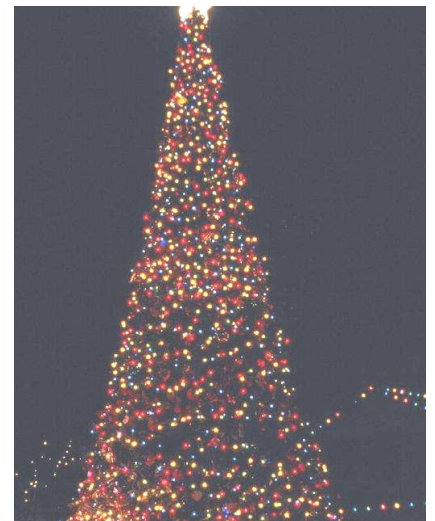
Capitolaire's Attend NorCal Leadership Academy

This year's officer training classes were held at McGeorge School of Law in Sacramento on November 20. Besides training officers, classes included chorus directing, tag singing and woodshedding. A half dozen Capitolaire's attended the training classes. Our chapter's terms of office are July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011. Announcement of candidates for office will be in May, election of officers in June and installation of officers in July. Most chapters run on calendar year, the Capitolaire's voted to make the change so new officers would begin serving when funds were available.

Capitolaire's Perform for Rancho Cordova Tree Lighting Festivities

On November 28, twenty Capitolaire's braved the cold to sing in Village Green Park, Rancho Cordova during the Christmas tree lighting program. Marketing VP, Chris Miller, managed an information booth and promoted our "Holiday Spectacular" Show and Singing Valentines Program. Several hundred people enjoyed the event.

A letter from Shelley Blanchard, Executive Director of Cordova Community Council, thanked the chorus for performing at the event. To quote Shelley, "You guys are amazing!!!"



Capitolaire and the American River Chorus sing in Capitol rotunda

Traditional Christmas caroling was held in the Capitol rotunda during lunch time on November 30. This annual event included members of the Capitolaire and the American River Chorus.

The choruses were surprised and delighted when Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger posed for photographs with the two choruses as he crossed through the rotunda to participate in a Jewish Celebration on the West steps of the State Capitol.

“Holiday Spectacular” was presented by American River Chorus, Capitolaire, and Sacramento Valley Chorus (Sweet Adelines)



Chris Miller played multiple roles in our holiday show. Above left, Chris wearing reindeer head talks to a little girl, Steve Allison. Top right, “criminals” Larry Larsson, Gib Hertler, Steve Greene and Ed Comingore are behind candy cane bars. Bottom right is Eric Reininga as Frosty the Snowman, and Dan Swink as the announcer.

Our Holiday Show was held Saturday, December 4, at Interkum High School in Natomas. The Capitolaire, the American River Chorus and the Sacramento Valley Chorus (Sweet Adelines) and quartets performed. The show chair was Don Salz. Performances were held at 1:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Over 500 people attended the show. Raffle prizes were given away during all three shows. The finale included all 140 singers on stage to sing a couple of holiday songs in 8-part harmony.

Don Salz was show chair and Chris Miller was in charge of ticket sales. There were many members working behind the scenes to make the event successful. Thanks to Director Ron Black for his direction and Bill Borah and Dan Swink for set design. We are grateful to Rosey Salz for designing the costumes.



Carol of the Bells Has Historic Background



The “Carol of the Bells” (also known as the “Ukainian Bell Carol”) is a choral miniature work originally composed by the Ukrainian composer Mykola Dmytrovych Leontovych. Leontovych created the piece as an assignment for a harmony course he was taking by correspondence in the use of an ostinato. The original work was intended to be sung a cappella by mixed choir.

The “Carol of the Bells” was premiered in December 1916 by a choral group made up of students at Kiev University. It was introduced to Western audiences by the Ukrainian National Chorus during its concert tour of

Europe and the Americas, where it premiered in the United States on October 5, 1921 at Carnegie Hall in New York City. It was later adapted into an English version by Peter Wilhousky in the 1930s. During the Capitolaire Holiday Show last year, Oasis, a young college group of Ukrainians, sang “Carol of the Bells” in Ukrainian and the Capitolaire sang “Carol of the Bells” in English.



Oasis, 2009

Awards Banquet planned for Spaghetti Factory



The annual Capitolaire Awards Banquet will be held on Tuesday, January 11, 2011 in the Rancho Cordova Spaghetti Factory, Crystal Room, from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Members and their guests are welcome to attend. The program includes dinner, awards presentations including the 2010 Barbershopper of the Year, the Sweet Adeline’s quartet, “Vibrance” and singing.

Vibrance has been a registered quartet with the Sweet Adelines since January, 2008. These ladies represent years of vocal experience in opera, country, gospel, classic and barbershop genres! They love to perform and are constantly working to improve their sound.

Pictured above is Vibance including Vicky Lampe (Tenor), Sherry Rowe (Lead), Bonnie Flint (Baritone), and Lynn Johnston (Bass).

The cost is \$20 per person. Contact Joe Samora, if you plan to attend at (916) 631-9848. The reservations deadline is January 4, 2011.

Caroling at Local Retirement Homes Concluded the Year

Two dozen Capitolaire sang holiday songs at Country Club Manor, Park Sacramento, and Gramercy Court on December 21. We also paid visits to the homes of Larry Womac and Jim Ramey who have health concerns. After caroling, members returned to Arden Sierra Church for coffee, cider, cookies and good cheer.

Singing Valentines is Annual Fundraiser



The Capitolaire will be joined by members of the American River Chorus to form quartets. The two Chapters will work together to sell and provide Singing Valentines on February 12-14, 2011.

Ian Gayton is the committee chair. Norm Smith and Chris Miller will serve on the committee.

The cost will be \$50 for a four-hour delivery window. The package includes a "live" rose, (maybe candy) and two songs.

Capitolaire will begin rehearsing Polecat songs in preparation for Singing Valentines.

Pictured above during 2009 Singing Valentines are the Ambassadors including Don Salz, Steve Allison, Rosey Salz and Eric Reininga. They sang to an elementary school teacher and students.

Cabaret Show

The Capitolaire spring performance will be a Cabaret Show chaired by Winston Char on March 12, 2011 in St. Ignatius Church in Sacramento.

Pictured left is the last show we performed at St. Ignatius Church in 2006. The theme was "Mardi Gras." Bill Borah is directing.

Ed Comingore's grandson listens to the chords up close and personal.



Calendar of Events

January 11	Annual Awards Banquet <i>Spaghetti Factory, Rancho Cordova</i>
January 25-30	Mid-Winter Convention <i>Las Vegas, Nevada</i>
February 12-14	Singing Valentines with ARC <i>Greater Sacramento Area</i>
March 12	Cabaret Show <i>St. Ignatius Church, Sacramento</i>
March 17-20	FWD Spring Convention <i>San Jose</i>
April	Sacramento River Cats <i>Raley Field, West Sacramento</i>
May 20-21	NE Division Convention <i>Reno, Nevada</i>
June 14	Capitolaires 65 th Anniversary



For details on specific events check the Weekly Update.



Barbershop Harmony Society Raises Dues

The Society's membership dues will increase by \$4.00 in 2011. Still a bargain, the total amount of annual dues will be \$105.00 per member. District and Chapter dues will remain the same.

ASCAP fees will also increase to \$222 per year beginning in 2011.

Editorial Comments

The mission of the Swipes & Tags is to provide members with timely and relevant information. It is also a record of past activities and events. Newsletters will be published quarterly and include color photographs. Copies will be e-mailed to members via the Yahoo Group and hard copies made available for our guests.

Swipes & Tags deadline for the next issue is March 15. Send submissions to Joe Samora at tm39samora@comcast.net, a proud member of PROBE (Public Relations Officers and Bulletin Editors) since 2008.

News articles and photographs are appreciated. Thank you, Rosey Salz and Dave Forbes. I am always grateful to have Mark Coldiron proofread my newsletters before distribution.



Another year of the bulletin is over.
Now I can relax — maybe for 3 or 4 days.