

Swipes & Tags

The official Newsletter of the Sacramento Capitolaire, Sacramento, California
Chapter of the Far Western District of the Barbershop Harmony Society
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Where Singing Happens!

Happy 65th Anniversary!

65 years of Barbershop Singing in Sacramento

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Crocker Art Museum Patrons Entertained by the Capitolaire



Above are some of the Capitolaire who performed during the Crocker Art Social.

Twenty Capitolaire sang during the summer “Senior Art Social” held from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Crocker Art Museum’s theater on August 24 (located at Second and O Streets, Sacramento).

Guest What?

The last few months the Capitolaire have had district VIPs and others visit our chapter. The Next Level Program brought us **Charlie Metzger**. During our retreat **Marty Lovick** from the Evergreen District was our coach. Past FWD President **Don Gubbins** and Youth in Harmony Program Coordinator **Richard Lund**, dropped by our rehearsals

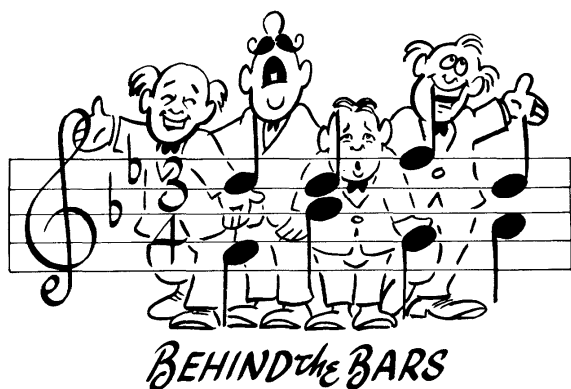
The Sacramento Capitolaire meet every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. at Sierra Arden Church of Christ, 890 Morse Avenue, Sacramento. Check out our website www.capitolaire.org or phone (888) 877-9806.

Chapter President Announces Barbershoppers of the Month

Congratulations to **Norm Smith**, the June Barbershopper of the Month, for his diligent work on the grant proposal and support of the chapter. Thanks, Norm!

Great job **Dick Spies** who is the July Barbershopper of the Month for his continuing efforts to get the SMAC grant approved. Continued success, Dick!

Joe Samora is the August Barbershopper of the Month for his help in facilitating the Crocker Art Museum performance. Kudos, Joe!



Quartet Jamboree Was Successful!

The Capitolairens held their first Quartet Jamboree on July 7. Seventeen members competed. Congratulations to first place winners the *Snickerdoodles* (**Keith Slater, Steve Allison, Randy Finger and Blair Reynolds**). Other noteworthy quartets were *Four Square*, *Nonsense* and *The Ringers*.

Capitolaires Hold Annual Retreat at Camp Lodestar, Wilseyville



Lodestar lodge was used for rehearsing, relaxing and eating. Gib Hertler and Larry Larsson take a break.

Twenty two Capitolairens attended the annual retreat held August 24-26. Presentation Coach **Marty Lovick** taught us "hip, slick and cool" performing skills. The coaching was to prepare us for the Far Western District Chorus Contest in mid-October. We rehearsed our contest songs: "Over the Rainbow" and "Just in Time." Most of the time was spent singing, however Saturday night members enjoyed a talent show, board games and cards.

New Member Profiles



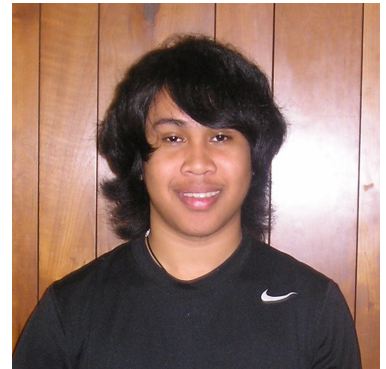
Ernest C. "Chuck" Kaul sings Lead. He grew up in Pittsburgh, PA but he came West when he was in the military. Chuck is married to Bev and has two daughters. In the past, he was involved in scouting as a member and leader. He worked for VISA as an International Software Manager before retirement.

Chuck has been singing since he was eight years old in church and school choirs. He has sung in three choruses including Garden City, New Tradition and most recently, the Sierranaders. Chuck has sung in three registered quartets. He has several college degrees and won many singing metals including two Golds and a Silver singing Tenor. His hobbies include traveling, motorcycles, old castles, Irish people and sports.

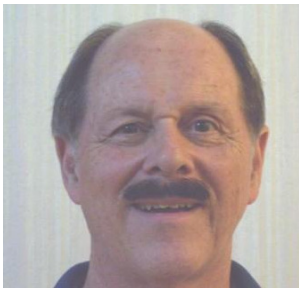
Chuck likes singing with the Capitolairens because of the uniform sound, training tips and practice, camaraderie and fun. He is interested in joining a quartet. Welcome to the Capitolairens, Chuck!

Janson (Yon sun) Liur is Rosye Salz's nephew. He recently joined the Capitolairens as a Lead. Janson graduated from high school in Indonesia last May. He is visiting in the US on a visitor visa in order to improve his English. Janson returns to Indonesia on November 3, 2011 and hopes to return to Sacramento with a student visa to get a degree in computer science.

Janson's prior singing experience has been in his church choir. He attended Youth Harmony Camp and sings with the American River Chorus (ARC) besides the Capitolairens. He recently sang during the Far Western District Chorus Contest for both the Capitolairens and ARC.



Janson enjoys playing soccer and has won awards playing "futsal" (indoor soccer). He is taking some music back to Indonesia with him and hopes to get some of his friends interested in singing. Janson finds that one of the benefits of singing barbershop is that it helps him learn English. Good luck, Janson!



Doug Vestal sings Bass and is the current President of Folsom Harmony Express. He is married to Ronda and has two sons, Gary and Aaron. After serving in the United States Air Force, he graduated from California State University, Sacramento in 1975 with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration.

Doug retired from Pacific Bell in 2001 and from Sacramento Regional Transit in 2010. He volunteers at church as a special needs buddy for mentally or physically challenged children.

Doug has been singing since he was 12 years old in church and civic groups. He is a six year member of the Barbershop Harmony Society and was the 2007 "Barbershopper of the Year" for the Folsom Chapter.

Doug joined the Capitolairens to broaden his chorus singing experience. Interesting fact: He was three blocks away when President Kennedy was assassinated and had a friend who knew Jack Ruby. Glad to have you singing with the Capitolairens, Doug!

Capitolaires Compete in District Chorus Contest

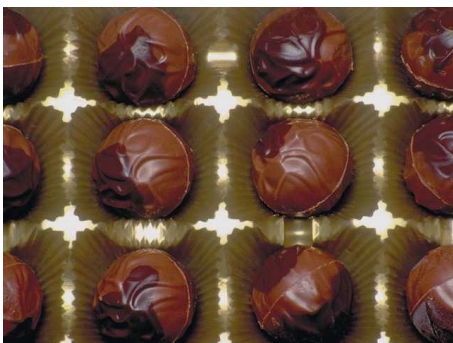


Thirty-one Capitolaires demonstrate their humorous pose for “Just in Time.”

The Far Western District Chorus Contest was held October 15 in Fresno and included twenty choruses. The Sacramento Capitolaires performed under the direction of **Ron Black**. The chorus was ranked fifteenth with a score of 1137 which averaged 63.2. Besides singing “Just In Time,” our set began with “Over the Rainbow.” Thanks to **Robert Duplantier** and **Gib Hertler** for the chorus “new look” (black shirts, pocket squares and white ties).



Dennis Gliebe watches Robert Duplantier adjust the pocket square for Larry Womac. Above right, Doug Vestal helps Larry Larsson with his tie.



CHRISTMAS 2011

See's Candies "Group Discount" Program

Order forms are available at the "guest registration" counter.
Complete the form with your name and total amount.

Please include CASH.

Put your order and cash in an envelope with your name
and the amount on the outside.

Order deadline, Tuesday, November 15th.

CANDY WILL BE AVAILABLE BY DECEMBER 13TH.

*(If the total of \$645 in orders is not reached, all funds will be returned.
We already have \$400 worth so we expect to move forward).*

Capitolaire Sing on Veteran's Day

Chorus members will perform a musical patriotic salute to the Armed Forces at the Four Seasons Community Lodge, 3186 Four Seasons Drive in El Dorado Hills highlighting the Veteran's Day Tribute Program on Friday, November 11 at 7:00 p.m. A Thank You dinner will be provided to all Four Seasons' Veterans and to the Capitolaire, sponsored by the Community Management Group.



"This will be an excellent opportunity for us to promote our Barbershop style of singing to an audience of prospective member participants and future chorus performance supporters," announced **Robert Duplantier**, Vice President of Public Relations.

The Polar Express Passengers will be Serenaded during the Holidays.



The California State Railroad Museum has hired the Capitolaire quartets to sing for their Polar Express Train rides running from November 26 through December 18, which includes 72 performances in 18 days. Quartets will sing in the train barn before trains depart. They will be singing holiday and Polecat songs. American River Chorus has been asked to sing also. Thank you **Tom Reaves** for serving as quartet coordinator.



“A Holiday Celebration” Show Will Be Joint Effort!

The Sacramento Capitolaire and American River Chorus will hold their holiday show from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on December 4 in the Consumnes Oaks Performing Arts Center, Elk Grove. There will be one performance of “A Holiday Celebration” jointly hosted by both chapters.

The co-chairs include **Dan Swink**, **Earl Walker** and **Ray Rhymer**. Ticket prices are \$25 for VIP, \$15 for general admission and \$10 for students. The program will feature several singing groups including Oasis, a Ukrainian choir, and quartets.

Members will be expected to promote the show and sell at least 10 tickets each, according to Marketing VP **Clark Abrahamson**.

News from the Dominican Republic

Chuck Kenney spent some time in the Dominican Republic this past summer entertaining the residents. He was in Santiago to show them what our culture can produce in its citizenry. “We, a California drummer, a pianist and a vocalist, brought our musical talent to share with those who had not experienced a normal life style in music. I played piano for an opera singer, Jeanette Blakeney, from Times Square, New York. I accompanied her on four opera songs, four semi-religious songs and four songs from Musicals. We performed in a small concert hall. It was expensive to do, and the ticket sales didn’t offset the operational costs. It was so worth the time and experience to do this deed for the community over there.”

Chuck said that the things Americans have that are basic such as electricity, paved roads, clean drinking water, fresh vegetables, a stress free environment, good education, etc. are not available in a third world country. These things we take for granted. We need to preserve our quality of life.



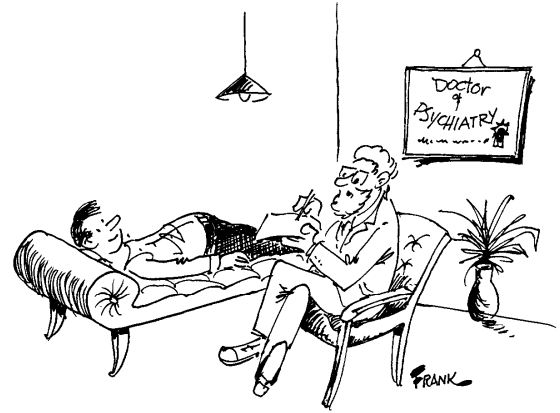
Surprise Farewell Party for Bill Borah

The chapter held a surprise party for Associate Director **Bill Borah** on September 6. He will be the Project Coordinator for Haiti Home Assistance, **UMCOR**, United Methodist Committee on Relief. Bill will be in Haiti for the next three months involved with home construction. A decorated cake and a greeting card signed by the membership were presented to Bill. Over two dozen members wished him well before he left to help those who had survived a devastating earthquake last year.

Bill’s address is Impasse A. Thoby #3; Route de Freres, Delmas 105; Petionville, Haiti, WI. His phone number is 011-509-491-3089. Visit Bill’s Blog at <http://bill-borah.blogspot.com>

Calendar of Events

November 11	Veteran's Day Program <i>Four Season's, El Dorado Hills</i>
November 19	Leadership Academy <i>McGeorge School of Law, Sacramento</i>
November 26 - December 18	Polar Express <i>State Railroad Museum, Sacramento</i>
December 4	Holiday Show <i>Cosumnes Oak High School, Elk Grove</i>
December 13	Capitol rotunda <i>Sacramento</i>
January 10	Awards Banquet <i>Old Spaghetti Factory, Rancho Cordova</i>



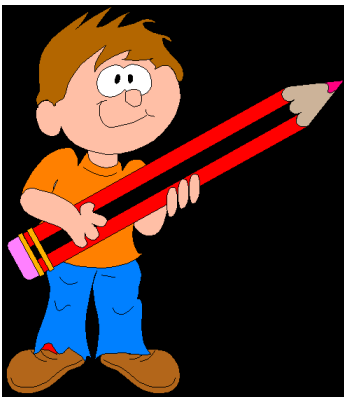
"A few more sessions and you will be ready to join the Quartett"

For details on specific events check the Weekly Update.

Now Is the Time to Bring a Guest!

During the Capitolaire's Anniversary Year, June 2011-June 2012, is a perfect time to bring a friend to rehearsal. It is do-able! If each of us brings a guest or two and they join, we can double the size of the chapter this year. "Free" chapter business cards and bumper stickers are available at every rehearsal. Share your hobby with a friend today!

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 December 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 **Les Cudworth, Chuck Kenney, Rosye Salz, Robert Duplantier** and **Dick Spies**! I am always grateful to have Mark Coldiron proofread my newsletters before distribution.

