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The official Newsletter of the Sacramento Capitolaire, Sacramento, California
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Happy 65th Anniversary!

Where Singing Happens!

65 YEARS OF BARBERSHOP SINGING IN SACRAMENTO

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Capitolaire Compete in North East Division Chorus Contest



Twenty-seven members competed in Modesto during the NE Division Chorus Contest on May 21, 2011 under the direction of Ron Black. Four new members on the risers include Kevin Akin, Robert Duplantier, Bill Ming and Larry Womac.

The chorus won fourth place and is eligible to compete in the Far Western District Contest in Fresno on October 15. Congratulations to the American River Chorus for winning first place. The Great Western Timbre Company which includes Director Ron Black won and will compete at the next level. Associate Director Bill Borah sang with the quartet, *North by Northeast*.

Sacramento City Mayor Signs Resolution Recognizing 65th Anniversary

Mayor Kevin Johnson and the Sacramento City Council signed a resolution proclaiming June 9-15, 2011 as "Sacramento Capitolaire Week." The proclamation can be viewed on the chapter website and in *Westunes Live Wire*. The recent North East Division Convention program also included a promotional article about the Capitolaire on the back cover. Thank you Clark Abrahamson and Norm Smith for helping write the resolution text.

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.

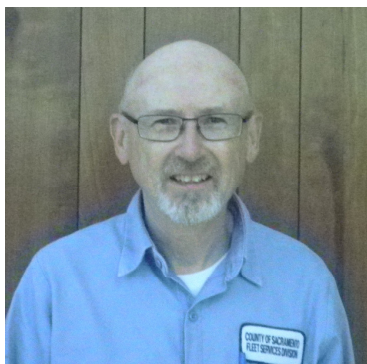
Chapter President Announces Barbershoppers of the Month

Winston Char is the March Barbershopper of the Month for successfully chairing the Cabaret Show. Great job, Winston! **Blair Reynolds** is the April Barbershopper of the Month for his dedicated efforts in producing the weekly rehearsal schedule. Thank you, Blair! **Dick Spies** is the May Barbershopper of the Month for his diligence and faithfulness in completing a grant proposal for the Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Council. Great example of fortitude, Dick!



President Steve Allison

New Member Profile



(James L.) Lanse Dotson was sponsored by Les Cudworth and sings Lead. He is married to Ces and has three stepchildren, Mike, Brian and Lesley. Lanse works for Sacramento County at the North Transfer Station in North Highlands.

He sang in the honors choir at Reedley Jr. College, CA in 1968. Lanse has also sung solos and in mixed sextets for his church in Elk Grove.

Lanse enjoys being a Capitolaire because of the camaraderie among members. He discovered our chapter by seeing a Capitolaire's bumper sticker. Good to have you singing with us, Lanse!

Memorial services were held for Irene Cudworth

Irene Cudworth died on May 8, 2011. She was married to Les Cudworth. "I got better acquainted with Irene when I was Membership Vice President for a couple of years. Les and Irene would make coffee and serve refreshments during our weekly rehearsals. I was surprised to learn that Irene was an accomplished singer and had been an operatic soprano. I did have the opportunity to hear her sing at one of the Capitolaire's Award Programs a few years ago and she sounded wonderful," said Joe Samora.



A celebration of Irene's life was held on May 15 at Mount Vernon Mortuary in Citrus Heights. Pastor Steve Allison, a Capitolaire, officiated. The Capitolaire's were joined by men from other chapters who sang patriotic and religious songs during her service. An afterglow, hosted by Les Cudworth, was held at the Roseville Spaghetti Factory following the service. Donations may be made to the Barbershop Harmony Foundation in Irene's memory.

Leila Sisson has died!

Leila Sisson, wife of the late Joe Sisson, passed away recently. Joe sang Lead in the front row for years. Leila was an ardent supporter of Barbershop and the Sacramento Capitolaire's. She loved the sound of harmony and continued to attend our performances after Joe had passed away.

Barbershop... And All That Jazz!



The Sacramento Capitolaire entertain the audience during the annual Jazz Festival.

For the past several years, the Sacramento Capitolaire have had the opportunity to sing during the Jazz Festival. On May 30, the Capitolaire were joined by the American River Chorus to sing patriotic songs and other songs from their repertoires during the Memorial service in the Sheraton Hotel Ballroom. The quartets included The Ambassadors and Flash Point. Several hundred Jazz fans attended the noontime performance.



The American River Chorus directed by Gabe Carretto were later joined on stage by the Capitolaire to sing "God Bless America."

“Taking a Chance on Love” Scores as Contest Song

(Source: Wikipedia)



“Taking a Chance on Love” is a popular song by Vernon Duke (Vladimir Dukelsky) with lyrics by John Latouche and Ted Fetter. Published in 1940, it has become a standard recorded by many artists. The song was introduced in the 1940 show, *Cabin in the Sky*; a ground-breaking Broadway musical with a small black cast. The re-released Benny Goodman version reached No. 1 in 1943.



Vladimir Dukelsky

“Taking a Chance on Love” was one of two songs sung by the Capitolairens during the NE Division Chorus Contest held in Modesto on May 20, 2011. “Over the Rainbow” was the second song.

The chorus performance achieved an average score of 66.4 or 797 points, the highest in recent years.

I Thought You Should Know!

The Capitolairens begin each rehearsal with “Where Singing Happens!” The origin of those words came from Dave Jones who served as Public Relations Vice President. He suggested that every chapter publication be “branded” for marketing purposes. While brainstorming during a monthly Membership Team meeting, Dave said “Where Singing Happ’ns.” Keith Slater recommended that the brand be “Where Singing Happens!”



Bean Feed and a Somewhat Serious Quartet Contest were held

About a dozen Capitolairens sang with men from other chapters during the annual Bean Feed hosted by the Placer/Nevada Chapter at the DeWitt Center in Auburn on June 7. Besides food and camaraderie, the singers competed in A Somewhat Serious Quartet Contest. The winning quartet was 4-*Give Me*. The judges were the Reno, Nevada quartet, *Talk of the Town*.

Chuck Kenney stated that the contest included “quartets that believe that singing the notes and words is all that is necessary for ‘a performance’ and quartets that believe that a ‘presentation’ of quartet INVOLVEMENT in the song to ENHANCE the notes and words AND AUDIENCE INVOLVEMENT is necessary for a performance.”

“Our judges did a great job of making ‘notes’ that reflected these points for quartets that did just that in their presentation. WHAT A GREAT FUN TIME WAS HAD BY ALL”

Capitolaires Anniversary Party Attracts Former Members!



The cover of a 1960s issue of Westtunes features Capitolaires quartet, Ft. Sutter Four, singing to Governor Ronald Reagan.



Larry Womac, Bill Ming and President Steve Allison view anniversary history display.



Sixty men line up to sing under the direction of Ron Black.

The Placer/Nevada Chapter (the Sierranaders) joined the Capitolaires on June 14, 2011 to help celebrate their 65th Anniversary. Several men were former Capitolaires. Ron Black directed the majority of the evening and Roger Perkins directed the Sierranaders. Keith Slater was the Master of Ceremonies. After a twenty minute warm-up, Don Salz (Membership VP) introduced the guests and presented membership renewal cards. President Steve Allison made announcements including officer nominations. Ron Black formed quartets and octets by having the members and guests select playing cards, then the fun began. Those who carried matching cards were chosen to sing together.

Several of the members and guests shared stories about the Capitolaires. Keith Slater provided the historical information about the Capitolaires 40th and 50th anniversaries. The 40th Anniversary was celebrated in 1986. "The Barbershop Society was started in 1938 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Joe Trousdale became a member of that chapter in 1942 and actually sang with the Society founder, O. C. Cash.

However in 1944, his business transferred him to Sacramento. In 1946, Joe founded the Sacramento Capitolairens. In 1947, the Capitolairens presented the first chapter show in the Sacramento Memorial Auditorium with 26 quartets performing.”

The Sacramento Music Circus had its first show in 1953. The “Music Man” production featured a local quartet, *The Mystics*. Meredith Willson was a member of SPEBQSA and wrote the show with the idea of featuring a barbershop quartet.

Roger Perkins had lots of facts to share. He mentioned that the Capitolairens has had over fifteen directors during the past 65 years. The *House Brothers* sang during the 1940s and became professional. The *Sacramento Statesmen* was the FWD champion quartet in 1953. *The Mystics* included Tenor Jack McPhillips. They won second place in the 1962 FWD Quartet Contest. They were beaten by the *Sidewinders* who became the 1964 International champions.

Other award-winning quartets from the Capitolairens included the *Rumors* (1966), the *Carpetbaggers* (1968), the *Music Staff* (1985), the *Credibility Gap*, the *Ft. Sutter Four*, the *Best of Four*, the *Capitol Countrymen*, the *Gold Standard*, the *Sentimental Favorites*, the *Sixty Something*, and the *Delta Music Society* which included current member Chuck Kenney. More recent quartets were not mentioned. Other stories were told by Jack McPhillips, Chuck Kenney, Richard Gonzales and Les Cudworth.

“When the Capitolairens celebrated their 50th anniversary in 1996, Joe Trousedale was 91 years old and was the Man of Honor,” remarked Keith Slater.

Jack McPhillips was the earliest member of the Capitolairens attending the Anniversary Party. He had joined in 1957 and was awarded the honor of leading the men to the refreshment table. Norm Smith provided a decorated cake, cookies, fruit and beverages.

A history display was staged by Joe Samora and Keith Slater. It included photographs, newspaper clippings and ephemera from the Capitolairens’ past.

Two quartets, the *4T9Rs* and the *Pacific Standard Time*, sang. The Sierranaders and the Capitolairens choruses each sang a couple of songs. Then the two chapters combined to sing “Over the Rainbow” and locked arms to sing “Keep the Whole World Singing.” It was a great evening for renewing friendships and reminiscing!



A small chorus consisting of both chapters sang. The 4T9R quartet entertains the members and guests.

It's Time to Know Who We Are!

This was the discussion topic of our June 21 chapter meeting. The New Member Handbook includes a lengthy description of who we are but do we agree? The discussion was led by President Steve Allison and we brainstormed about our strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats.

The purpose of the question is to determine our Mission Statement and the future of the Capitolaire. There are currently a dozen members in our chapter who have membership in both the Capitolaire and the American River Chorus. There is some concern that the loss of the dual members will impact our chapter. Another meeting to discuss "Who are the Capitolaire and our future plans" is scheduled for June 28. Questions to be considered are "Where do you want to be in five and ten years?" "How will you help reach the goals?"



Capitolaire Anniversary Barbeque Planned for July

Don and Rosey Salz will host the Capitolaire barbeque in their newly renovated backyard on July 16 from 6 p.m.-10 p.m. The address is 2540 Land Park Drive, Sacramento 95818.

A gas grill, plates, silverware and napkins will be provided. A few coolers will be available to keep drinks chilled. Don has a garage refrigerator that has lots of room and the kitchen is available for food preparation.

Members and guests are asked to bring their own food to grill, a side dish to share, a beverage and lawn chair. Don stated that "we will have extra food to grill and beverages (beer, wine, soft drinks) for those who would rather chip into a kitty than bring their own. We have plenty of beverages for those who do not bring their own."

Thank you Don and Rosey for hosting the Capitolaire 65th Anniversary Barbeque! It should be a night to remember.



Now is the Time to Bring a Guest!

During the Capitolaire Anniversary Year, June 2011-June 2012, is a perfect time to bring a friend to rehearsal. Let's see if we can get fifty men singing on the risers every Tuesday. It is doable! If each of us brings a guest or two and they join, we could double the size of the chapter this year. Chapter business cards and bumper stickers are available at every rehearsal. Share your hobby with a friend today!

Crocker Art Museum Patrons to be entertained by the Capitolaires



Teel Family Pavilion is now Crocker main entry. Friedman Court is a dramatic feature in the museum.

The Crocker Art Museum is one of the leading arts institutions in California and the longest continuously operating art museum in the West, according to Wikipedia. The Crocker Mansion and Galleries were donated by Margaret Crocker to the City of Sacramento in 1885. Margaret was the wife of Edwin Crocker, the Legal Counsel for the Central Pacific Railroad. Members of the Crocker family were avid art collectors. With over 10,000 objects, the collection offers outstanding works from diverse cultures and eras including American, Asian and European art. The museum is open most days from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Parking is available at meters, quarters are required; or in the lot for \$1.50 per hour.

Dedicated on October 10, 2010, Friedman Court is the site of the "Senior Art Social" from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on August 24. The Capitolaires are the featured performers and will be singing in Friedman Court at noon. The Crocker Art Museum is located at Second and O Streets, Sacramento.

Annual Retreat will be at Lodestar Campground

The annual Capitolaires retreat is August 26-28 at the Lodestar Camp in Wilseyville. Our guest coach is Marty Lovick from the Evergreen District. He is a presentation specialist. The cost is \$150 which includes lodging, all meals and coaching. As in the past, the program will commence on Friday evening and continue until Sunday. The men will depart before lunch on Sunday.

Plan to attend. The coaching is in preparation for the FWD Chorus Contest participation in mid-October in Fresno.



Chorus members are coached by Gabe Carretto in 2010.

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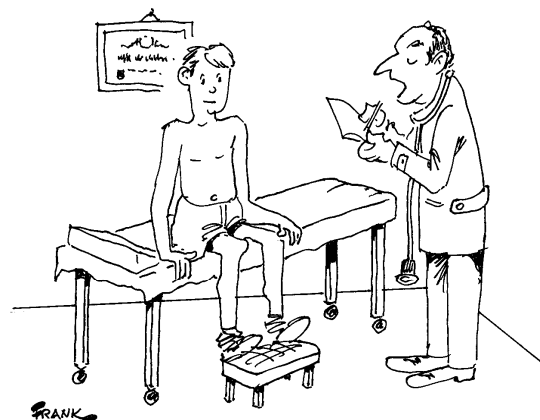
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NorCal Leadership Academy is scheduled for November.

All officers are expected to attend. Date and place TBD later.

Calendar of Events

July 16	Anniversary Barbeque <i>Don & Rosey Salz's home, Sacramento</i>
July 17	Arcade Church <i>Sacramento</i>
July 31	Celtic Cross Church <i>Citrus Heights</i>
August 24	Crocker Art Museum <i>Sacramento</i>
August 26-28	Annual Retreat <i>Lodestar Camp, Wilkseyville</i>
October 13-16	Far Western District Convention <i>Fresno</i>



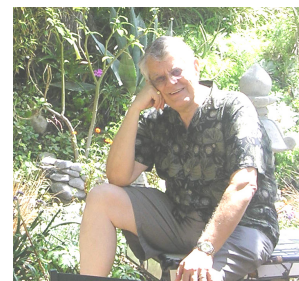
"I take you off the pills and switch you from tenor to lead!"

For details on specific events check the Weekly Update.

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 September 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 Clark Abrahamson, Chuck Kenney, Roger Perkins, Don Salz, and Keith Slater! I am always grateful to have Mark Coldiron proofread my newsletters before distribution.

