



Swipes & Tags

The official Newsletter of the Sacramento Capitolaire, Sacramento, California
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Where Singing Happens!

Happy 65th Anniversary!

65 years of Barbershop Singing in Sacramento

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Far Western Leadership Academy is Hosted by the Capitolaire

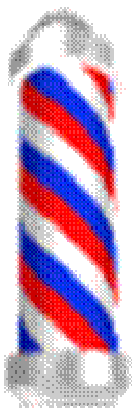


Above is McGeorge School of Law where the academy was held on November 19, 2011.

Seventy officers traveled from Northern California and the Bay Area to receive their annual officers training. **Chuck Kaul** served as the Capitolaire's chair for the academy. Members helped provide transportation for the instructors, manage the registration table and other duties as needed. **Lou Bonnett** and **Jim Turnmire** were the district facilitators. Over half a dozen chapter officers from the Capitolaire attended the classes.

***If you think you know it ALL, you stop learning.** (Author unknown)*

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.



Polar Express Quartet Singing Spreads Holiday Cheer!

Thank you, **Alan Swanson**, for suggesting that the Capitolaire be involved with the State Railroad Museum's Polar Express. Quartets sang as trains departed the Railroad Barn between November 26 and December 18. **Tom Reaves** coordinated the scheduling of the quartet participation. **Blair Reynolds** helped with the quartet qualifications. An estimated 21,000 people rode the train during the annual event. **Robert Duplantier, Dan Swink** and **Dick Spies** developed the promotional flyers distributed with the tickets during the event.

Participating quartet members included **Steve Allison, Bill Borah, Russ Burgess, Winston Char, Mark Coldiron, Ed Comingore, Lanse Dotson, Robert Duplantier, Randy Finger, Ian Gayton, Dennis Glibe, Gib Hertler, Chuck Kaul, Larry Larsson, Jim Newlove, Tom Reaves, Blair Reynolds, Don Salz, Rosye Salz, Keith Slater, Norm Smith, Alan Swanson, Doug Vestal** and **Vibrance** (Sweet Adelines). They sang holiday and Polecat songs for 18 consecutive days.

New Member Profile



Bill Dunbar sings Bass. His sponsor is **Larry Womac**. Bill has two daughters, Linette and Josephine and a son, Scott.

Bill is an attorney in Carmichael, California and is the Vice President of the Board of Directors for Project Go, Inc. which provides low income housing and assistance to Seniors.

Bill sang in high school. He currently plays trombone in the River City Concert Band. Bill enjoys singing and the camaraderie of the Capitolaire. Great to have you sing with us, Bill.

Capitolaire Perform in "A Holiday Celebration" Show

The Sacramento Capitolaire and American River Chorus presented their annual holiday show on December 4 in the Cosumnes Oaks Performing Arts Center, Elk Grove. One performance of "A Holiday Celebration" was jointly hosted by both chapters. Oasis, Reconciliation Singers Voices for Peace (RSVP) and a CSUS quintet, Sac State Brass Hornets, were featured guests. Chorus Directors included **Ron Black, Gabe Caretto, Angelika Dyadchenko** and **Julie Adams**. The show co-chairs included **Dan Swink, Blair Reynolds, Earl Walker** and **Ray Rhymer**.

The show sold out and several hundred people enjoyed the production. Tickets for raffle prizes and refreshments were sold as fundraisers.



Barbershopper of the Year is Blair Reynolds

Blair Reynolds was recognized as the 2011 Barbershopper of the Year for his enthusiasm and energy. “He sets the example when it comes to commitment,” stated Mark Coldiron when presenting Blair the award during the Capitolaires’ annual awards banquet.



Blair has won several Barbershopper of the Month awards. He has served as a show chairman and has been inducted into the Ancient Harmonious Society of Woodshedders. Blair is the Bass Section Leader. He was one of the men who coordinated the Polar Express Quartets as well as working on the weekly rehearsal schedules. Blair currently serves as the Capitolaires Music & Performance Vice President.

Congratulations Blair and continued success in the future!

Annual Awards Banquet Held at Old Spaghetti Factory

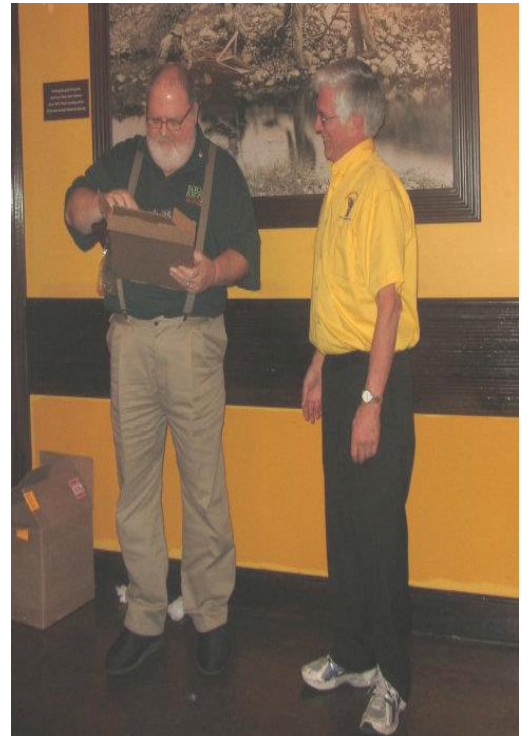
The Capitolaires’ Award Banquet was held on January 10, 2012 in the Nimbus Winery Old Spaghetti Factory. Fifty men and their guests attended. President **Steve Allison** was the Master of Ceremonies. The Barbershopper of the Year award was presented by **Mark Coldiron**, last year’s winner, to **Blair Reynolds**. **Russ Burgess** and **Keith Slater** received attendance awards from Membership Vice President **Dan Swink**. **Joe Samora** was presented with the Capitolaires logo jacket for sponsoring 10 new members. The entertainment included the Ambassadors (**Don Salz, Rosye Salz, Steve Allison** and **Ron Black**), tag quarteting and the Capitolaires’ chorus.



Members and their guests, from left to right, include Keith Slater, Dan Swink, Lanse Dotson, Tom Reaves, Gib Hertler and Russ Burgess enjoying good food and camaraderie.



The Ambassadors table hop to warm up the crowd. Pictured, from left to right, are Steve Allison, Paul Griesen (seated), Les Cudworth, Blair Reynolds, Doug Enoch (seated), Dennis Gliebe, Rosye Salz, Dick Spies and Don Salz (back to camera).



Assistant Director and 2010 BOTY winner Mark Coldiron presents the 2011 BOTY Award to Blair Reynolds.



Membership Vice President Dan Swink presents Joe Samora with the Capitolaire's logo jacket for sponsoring 10 new members. Joe's wife, Audrey, helps him put on the jacket.



Tag quartet Keith Slater, Don Salz, Blair Reynolds, and Dick Spies entertain Paul Greisen and Doug Enoch.



Joe Samora poses with some of the members he sponsored including Dick Spies, Larry Womac, Blair Reynolds and Robert Duplantier (not pictured). Chapter members stand to sing the “Old Songs” at conclusion of the Awards Banquet. Ron and Jo Black can be seen singing in the right hand corner.



Director Ron Black directs the chorus in “Somewhere Over the Rainbow”, one of two songs sung by the Capitolaire in the Far Western District Chorus Contest in Fresno in October, 2011.

“A group becomes a team when each member is sure enough of himself and his contribution to praise the skills of the others.”

Norman G. Shielle



Who Said Barbershop Singing Is for Amateurs?

By Lee Frayer – Director of the Venice, FL chapter

Contributor: Don Gubbins, Past FWD President

Can Amateurs really do all of this?

1. **Are you listening to the chords and voices around you?** This is all important to maintaining proper tempo and pitch.
2. **Are you singing to the ends of all the phrases and all the last words in those phrases?** This is a form of energy singing. Energy is not all volume.
3. **Are you reaching for the top of all the higher notes?** This is what it takes to keep you and the chorus on pitch.
4. **Are you thinking about singing in the mask?** This will also help keep you on pitch and maintain a pleasing sound.
5. **Are you remembering to form a vowel before taking a pitch?** This will avoid the beginning scooping sound which can create a problem in not coming in on pitch.
6. **Are you standing (sitting) with your weight forward and not only on your heels?** This will create a far better performance with energy in your stature and choreography.
7. **Are you doing your choreography with energy and sharp moves?** Being slow and behind the others will truly ruin the overall look of the chorus performance. And are you working on memorizing the moves?
8. **Are you dedicating time out of each day to learn the words and music?** Are you striving to get off the paper as fast as possible knowing that we can only enhance and perfect the song when it's off the paper.
9. **Are you willing to add your time and efforts to help out with the many jobs it takes to run this chapter?** We could not survive without your help.

Yes, in some peoples' eyes we are considered amateurs, but you and I know it really doesn't work that way. We offer some of the most wonderful shows and performances and at the most affordable prices. We also know it only gets done in our higher than average standards if we have a professional attitude. We are better than most!

Calendar of Events

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| February 10-14 | Singing Valentines <i>Greater Sacramento Area</i> |
| April 28 | Cabaret Show <i>St. Ignatius Church, Sacramento</i> |
| May 18-20 | NE Division Convention <i>Sacramento Hosts, Folsom</i> |
| August 17-19 | Annual Retreat <i>Camp Lodestar, Wilseyville</i> |

For details on specific events check the Weekly Update.



Our Public Fundraiser: Singing Valentines

The Capitolairens will be presenting a rose and a box of See's Candies and singing two love songs for \$50 (four hour window) February 10-14. This year a quartet (recording) will sing on the phone for \$20 anywhere in the U.S. To help, go to our chapter website and click on the Singing Valentines doodle poll under the "Members Only" site.



Ian Gayton, Gib Hertler, Jim Newlove and Ed Comingore present a Singing Valentine to Clara Cormingore in 2010

Capitolairens to host the North East Division Convention



Every member needs to be involved in hosting the convention. The co-chairs are **Clark Abrahamson** and **Don Gubbins**. The chorus and quartet contests will be held in the Folsom High School Jill Solenberg's Theater. The headquarters hotel will be the Hilton Garden Inn on Iron Point Road, Folsom. All jobs are important. Plan to participate and help the Capitolairens make this convention successful. Click on <http://www.doodle.com/8556x5vmvnky7wxf> on the chapter website under "Members Only."

Editorial Comments: Happy New Year!

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 May 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 to **Susan Boring**, **Don Gubbins**, and **Rosye Salz** for their contributions! I am always grateful to have **Mark Coldiron** proofread the newsletters.

