



UPBEAT



A HEMET CHAPTER BARBERSHOP NEWS LETTER

FWD 2004, 2005 & 2006 Small Bulletin First Place Winner

October 2008

Volume 12 Issue 10

From The Editor

International Conventions

Last month we talked about the Midwinter Convention. The latest word is that there are just over 100 California barbershoppers signed up for the chorus to be directed by Dr Greg Lyne so there are still openings. Go to the SPEBSQSA website and sign up.

The second convention in our area in 2009 is the International Convention. This is the time that the International chorus and quartet is crowned. Since FWD swept 2008 by wining both the quartet and chorus categories it will be



interesting to see if we can repeat the feat next year. Dr Greg Lyne's Voices in Harmony is a good bet as the Chorus winner, and several quartets have been in the top ten winners, so lightning could strike again.

International is a time when many activities are available for participation. I personally enjoy spending time in the AHSOW room and attending the College Quartet Contest.

As soon as the Midwinter Convention is over the activities for International will be posted for you to see what is taking place when. Don't miss this

From The Prez

What Comes Next?

Well, summer is about over and fall is upon us. Time to think about Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas and that takes care of October, November and December.

A busy time of the year! There is an old saying that "If you want something done ask a busy person to do it". Well, we have something to get done and since you are all busy people we (the executive staff) are asking all of you to work a little harder and get your music learned as soon as possible. If each of you could sing your songs for 1/2 hour, twice a day, it would speed up the process.

We are going to have a great show, so work smart! It would also help if we could all make a special effort to be in class every Thursday from now to show time so we don't have to go over the same stuff every week.

I love singing and sociali(s)ing with everyone of you and with our ladies auxiliary planning events we will continue to have great sociali(s)ing.

Just remember to "keep a song in your heart and a smile on your face" and the world is yours!

Dave Kelley, President

opportunity to attend an International Convention this close. It will be several years until you will have an opportunity to be this close to and International site.

Bruce Smith, Editor

From The Director

Showtime Is Coming

Showtime will be here before you know it. I have set Thursday, November 20th, as the deadline for all quartet and chorus members to be able to sing all songs from memory. That is just eight weeks away! I know it is possible if we all work together. You old timers need to help the new members in your section to reach our goal.

Our rehearsals on 11-27 and 12-24 will be used only to run through the show in its entirety so we will be comfortable with our presentation.

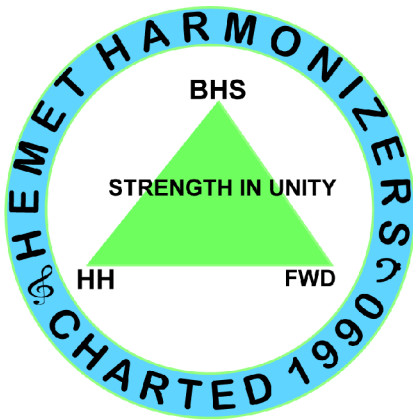
Fifteen members were present for the memorial service in Beaumont. Harry, was unable to sing because of throat problems, but wanted to be there to support us. Thanks Harry, and to all of you who were able to make it. It meant a great deal to the family members of our ex-barbershopper, Ted Lapham.

Our rehearsals continue to be fun for me and I hope for all of you too. I thank you for your attentiveness. It makes me proud to be your director.

Keep a song in you heart!

Jack Morrisseau, Director





UPBEAT is a newsletter from the HEMET CHAPTER, a member of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America, Inc.

EDITOR & PUBLISHER-Bruce Smith

Thanks for sending articles & news.
Bruce Smith
22300 Horseshoe Trail
Nuevo, CA 92567
Phone: (951) 928-0177
Email: tenor1@airenetworks.com

CHAPTER OFFICERS

PRESIDENT: Dave Kelley

PAST PRESIDENT: Bill McNaughton

DIRECTOR: Jack Morrisseau

ASSISTANT DIRECTORS: Clay Panlaqui, Harry Kaylor, Dave Kelley

SHOW PRODUCTION MANAGER: Howard Mesecher

V.P. MUSIC & PERFORMANCE: Jack Morrisseau

V.P. VOCAL TRAINING: Clay Panlaqui

SECRETARY: Arthur McMahan

TREASURER: Bob Couse

PROGRAM CHAIRMAN: Jim Bunten

V.P. CHAPTER DEVELOPMENT: Norm Pabst, **ASSISTANT** Ed Youngs

BULLETIN EDITOR: Bruce Smith

SUNSHINE CHAIR: Betty Couse

WEBMASTER: Bill McNaughton

Board Members At Large: Harry Kaylor
John Chandler

AUXILLARY PRESIDENT: Nanette McMahan

How to be a great bass

Some bass singing tips from champ Bill Meyers.

Submitted by Bill Myers, Bass of Revival, 1998 International Champions

The bass singer delivers the essence and character of the barbershop sound. I just love to sing along with recordings featuring good, quality bass singers and from there develop my own style of singing bass. It's fun and you learn a lot from the experts. You learn how to sing intervals with ease and accuracy, how to balance chords and how to sing with quality all up and down the scale. Why wouldn't any bass singer want to sing along every day with the best we have? It's difficult to pin down just three of my favorite barbershop bass singers, but here's a start. These three are also genuinely nice guys and fun Barbershoppers to be around. What a wonderful combination!

Jim Henry - Here's a guy who puts more of his personality in the music he creates than any other barbershop bass I know. I respect his commitment to a quality sound all up and down the scale. Jim gives enough of his ego away to complement his quartet with just enough sound to blend and match to perfection. Yet his dominant bass color is always evident when The Gas House Gang (1993 champion) sings. I sing bass with him by tape every day.

Don Barnick - Really not a bass singer, by his own admission, but probably the very best at making the vocal apparatus work for the job; he was a gold medal tenor with Grandma's Boys in 1979. However, using all of his resonators, Don was able to command the rich, quality, up-front ping in the bass sound all up and down the scale with the 1992 international champion Keepsake. You will not find a finer example of one using what the good Lord gave him to work in his favor. I sing bass with him by tape every day.

Rick Staab - One of the all-time greats. Here's a guy who was born with a golden bass voice. He'll be the first to tell you, "It was a gift from above." I think he sang a bad note once in 1977. Not sure which note it was, but at least one. Always, always, with quality and richness, always resonant, always accurate. Just the kind of bass singer most leads pray for. His voice was made to order for the legendary 1978 champion Bluegrass Student Union. Ah, I remember them well! I sing bass with him by tape every day.

Bill's ten tips for better bass singing:

- Sing every note with a quality sound
- Sing with full face vowels
- Sing every day
- Vertical "Ahh" on the inside of every vowel
- Every five seconds, energize
- Get a coach
- Step into the picture the lyric creates
- Sing on top of the air
- Resonant, warm spin in the sound
- Always be working on a new song

Be On Time Each Week

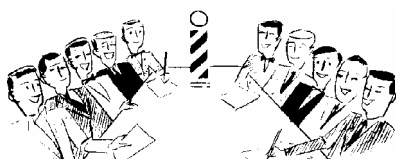
DATES TO PLAN FOR

FWD Fall Convention
October 9th—12th, 2008
Bakersfield, CA

Hemet Christmas Show
December 13th & 14th, 2008
MSJC

Midwinter Convention
Jan 27th—Feb 1st, 2009
Pasadena, CA

FWD Spring Convention
March 19th—22nd, 2009
Las Vegas, NV



BOARD MEETING

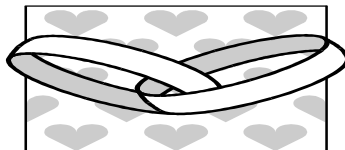
October 9th, 5:30 PM
Bob Couse's Meeting Place

October



BIRTHDAYS

- Jerry Woodward** 4th
- Clay Panlaqui** 7th
- Bill Schmitz** 9th
- Don Feely** 10th
- Frances Olson** 22nd



ANNIVERSARIES

- The Paynes** 6th

Learn Your Music Now!

The Secretary's Corner

Report From The Board

Jack Morrissiau reports that we have the music for "The 12 Days After Christmas", and we will be learning it soon. Art has ordered the music from Nashville to keep us legal.

Clay Panlaqui wants the chapter to be off the sheet music for, "I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus," in three weeks.

On the 27th of September, the chapter will have an outing. We will go miniature golfing and have a lunch. Lunch will cost \$13.50 to the members and guest. The board voted to pick up the tab for the miniature golf for its members but if you bring a guest you have to pay the five dollars, as well as 13.50 for the lunch. Gwen Kelley will need the money for the luncheon by September 25th. She will pass around a sign up sheet. Gwen Kelley will give directions to the miniature golf and where the luncheon is being held.

Howard Messecher handed out and read the first draft of the script for the Christmas show. Harry Kaylor suggested that our chapter go to Sun Lakes some Wednesday morning from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. to practice the music we are singing in the show. The dress for the show will be black pants, black socks, black shoes and a bright Christmas shirt or sweater. The board also agreed to have the tech rehearsal the Friday before the show at 6 p.m.

Harry Kaylor is still working on the nametags for the chapter that the board has okayed at the last board meeting.

The board has okayed three sing outs. The first, one is on the 20th of September at the Presbyterian Church in Beaumont, call time will be at 1:30 p.m. The second sing out will be at the American Legion on Gerard on the 18th of October. This will be a dinner show and the members of the chapter can eat for free but if you bring your wives, they will

From The Ladies Auxiliary

Hello Again Ladies: The McMahan's arrived back from vacation of six weeks. We had a wonderful time visiting with family, staying with friends and enjoying cool weather.

First I want to thank Gwen Kelley for taking over while I was gone. We were sorry that it wasn't possible for the group to attend the "Harmony Under the Stars" program.

Plans have been made to take our group and friends to play miniature golf at Mulligan Fun Center on Sept. 27th. It sounds like great fun for all! We will go to dinner at "Pat-N-Oscars which is close by. Reservations have been made, so please sign up before Sept. 25th. For details call Gwen Kelley or Nanette McMahan. This is men, women, children and guests. Come along and have some fun.

The women will also have a fun day at the club house of Margaret & Ed. Youngs on October 24 515 California Ave. Telephone: 951-926-1610 for details. We decided "Brown Bag" lunch, play games, knit, etc. Come along, 11am to 2pm. Sincerely:

Nanette McMahan, President





have to pay six dollars. Call time will be announced later. The third sing out on December 3 at the Trinity Lutheran church of Hemet. This sing out is for the hospice luncheon.

The next board meeting will be held at Bob Couse's clubhouse on October 9th at 5:30 p.m.

Art McMahan, Secretary

October 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2  4-Part Harmony	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 Board Meeting & 4-Part Harmony	10	11
12	13	14	15	16 4-Part Harmony	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 4-Part Harmony	24	25
26	27	28	29	30 4-Part Harmony	31  AHH HALLOWEEN	

The *HEMET HARMONIZERS* meet every Thursday evening at 7:00 pm in room music building at Mt San Jacinto Junior College. Call (951) 929-9854 for

1600 of the information or

UPBEAT

BRUCE SMITH, EDITOR
22300 Horseshoe Trail
Nuevo, CA 92567

PLACE

STAMP

HERE
