



Swipes & Tags

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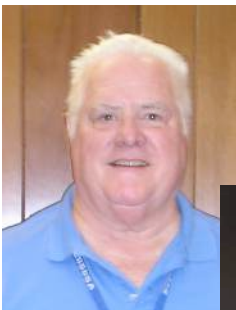
2015 Capitolaire Officers Installed

Officer installation for the current year was conducted by Stan Trumbull, President of Voices of California, on January 13, 2015 in the Nimbus Winery Old Spaghetti Factory. The officers include President Steve Allison, Secretary Alan Stroppini, Treasurer Chuck Kaul, Music & Performance VP Clark Abrahamson, Program VP Larry Womac, Membership VP Steve Cudworth, Marketing VP Robert Duplantier, Public Relations VP Joe Samora, Youth in Harmony VP Rick Cram and Members at Large Steve Kennedy, Doug Saathoff and Mike Selby. Immediate Past President is Clark Abrahamson. Forty-four members and spouses attended.



Several awards were presented during the banquet including the Barbershopper of the Year for 2014 to Les Cudworth, the President’s and Director’s Awards to Robert DuPlantier for forming The CAPS (a flexible rotating quartet), his dedicated efforts to increase chapter revenue through performances, and standardizing the Capitolaire new uniforms. Certificates were presented by Membership VP Dan Swink to Director Ray Rhymer, Larry Womac and Steve Cudworth for the best rehearsal attendance. DuPlantier presented Dome Awards to the members who qualified by participating in the CAPS performances.

Barbershopper of the Month



Barbershopper of the Month for January is outstanding tenor Chuck Kaul. He is our incoming Chapter Treasurer. Chuck also sings in the Checkered Past Quartet. Congratulations, Chuck!



Barbershopper of the Month for February is Dan Swink who chaired our Singing Valentines program. Forty-four deliveries were made which added over \$2000 for the chapter treasury. Great job, Dan!

(Barbershopper of the Month is selected by the President with suggestions from the Board of Directors).

The Sacramento Capitolaire meet every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. at Christ Community Church, 5025 Manzanita Avenue, Carmichael. Check out our website www.capitolaire.org or phone (888) 877-9806.



Barbershopper of the Year for 2014 is Les Cudworth

Les Cudworth, a stalwart of the Capitolaire bass section, loves to sing, and has been an active member of the Barbershop Harmony Society for over fifty years. Besides teaching tags at every rehearsal, Les prepares refreshments regularly and generously donates his time and money to the chapter. He has served on the Capitolaire Board of Directors and is currently the Sunshine Chair for the Far Western District. Several members proudly wear badges that state they have sung with Les. Kudos, Les! *(The selection committee includes past winners of the award).*

Meet our new Co-Director Dan Warschauer

Welcome, Dan! Dan Warschauer has been a barbershopper since 1972. He has directed several Barbershop and Sweet Adeline choruses in Wisconsin and Iowa and has sung in quartets, arranged music and coached. While living in Iowa, he was Youth Outreach Chairman for the Central States District. In addition to his position as co-director of the Sacramento Capitolaire, Dan is a member of the Voices of California where he has served as bass section leader and script writer for various shows.

Dan retired from teaching public school music after thirty-five years. Prior to his teaching career, he served in the US Army as a Chaplain's Assistant, including a tour in Viet Nam. He attended the New York College of Music and holds a BA in Music Theory from Wagner College in New York and a Masters of Music Education from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. Dan has also directed church choirs as well as community and corporate choruses. He served as public relations chairman for the Wisconsin School Music Association and was a certified judge with the WSMA as well.

After his teaching career, Dan remained active in the music community as a director of music for a local church in Muscatine, Iowa and as president of the Muscatine Symphony Orchestra Guild. He is also a piano entertainer and plays at several area senior residences. Dan lives in Citrus Heights with his wife, Irene, a flutist. Their daughter, son, son-in-law, and one of their four grandchildren are barbershoppers.

Singing Valentines **“Let Me Call You Sweetheart”**

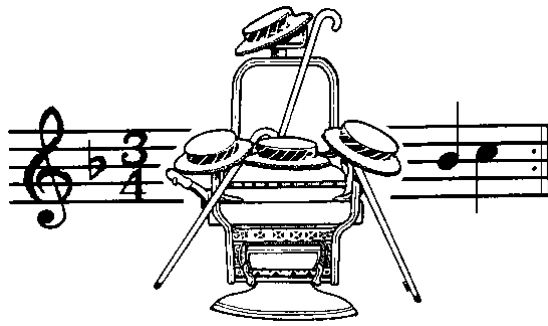


The Capitolaire formed four quartets to deliver over forty Singing Valentines February 13-15. The men sang two love songs and presented a silk red rose, box of chocolates and a personalized greeting card. The cost was fifty dollars for a four hour delivery window. Thank you Dan Swink for chairing this successful event. Capital Confections provided the chocolates again this year. Publicity included news articles and radio broadcasts. The article entitled “Let Me Call You Sweetheart” was featured in four local newspapers. Checkered Past sang on the Pat Walsh Show (KFBK Talk Radio) and Singing Valentines was promoted on the “Travel Guys” Radio Show. Members posted fliers in Starbucks Coffee Shops and other stores. Thanks to Steve Cudworth, webmaster, for advertising Singing Valentines online.

Song of the Month **“When You and I Were Young, Maggie”**



“When You and I Were Young, Maggie” is a famous folk song. The lyrics were written as a poem by the Canadian school teacher George Washington Johnson, in 1864, from Hamilton, Ontario. Margaret, “Maggie”, Clark was his pupil. They fell in love and during a period of illness, George walked to the edge of the Niagara escarpment, overlooking what is now downtown Hamilton, and composed the poem. The general tone is perhaps one of melancholy and consolation over lost youth rather than mere sentimentality of a fear of aging. It was published in 1864 in a collection of his poems entitled *Maple Leaves*. They were married in 1864 but Maggie’s health deteriorated and she died on May 12, 1865. James Aston Butterfield set the poem to music and it became popular all over the world. Geo. W. Johnson died in 1917. The school house where the two lovers met still stands on the escarpment above Hamilton, and a plaque bearing the name of the song has been erected in front of the old building. In 2005, George Washington Johnson was inducted into the Canadian Songwriters Hall of Fame. *(From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia)*



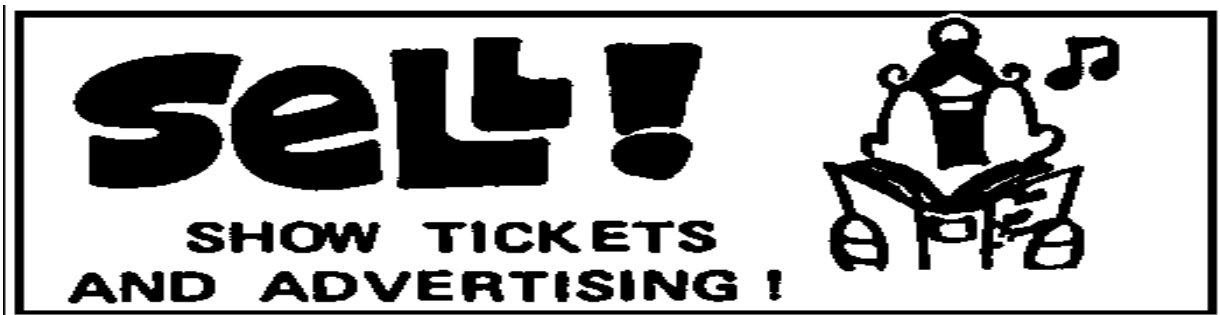
Novice Quartet Contest

The Sacramento Capitolaires' quartet, "Les' More" competed in the Novice Quartet Contest held on March 7th at the Hillside Covenant Church in Walnut Creek. Hosted by the Devil Mountain Chapter in conjunction with the Golden Valley Chapter, the quartet included Les Cudworth (Tenor), Steve Allison (Lead), Larry Woman (Bass) and Steve Kennedy (Baritone). They placed 8th out of ten quartets competing. The winner was Belle Voci from the West Valley Chapter in Davis.



Capitolaires Compete in Division Chorus Contest

Twenty four Capitolaires sang in the North East Division Contest at Lionsgate (McClelland AFB), Sacramento on March 21 under the direction of Co-Directors Ray Rhymer and Dan Warschauer. The Capitolaires were the first chorus to sing among the fifteen choruses who competed. "When You and I Were Young, Maggie" and "Cabaret" were the contest songs. Barbershoppers from the West Coast attended the three day convention and participated in chorus and quartet competitions, impromptu barbershopping and good fellowship. The Capitolaires score was 61.8 and placed 6th. Larry Womac was the convention chair. Dave Young helped move our risers to the competition venue. Great job, gentlemen!



Spring Show is “Happy Birthday, Mr. Marconi”

The Capitolaire Spring Show will be presented on April 25th at 2:00 p.m. in Christ Community Church, Carmichael. Dave Young is the show chair. Committee members include Ray Rhymer, Dan Warschauer, Clark Abrahamson, Robert DuPlantier and Joe Samora. Larry Womac volunteered to narrate for the show. In addition to the Capitolaire chorus, featured performers include Antelope High School Chamber Choir, Christ Community Church Handbell Choir, TopCats (BHS Quartet) and Moment-OH (SAI Quartet). The ticket chair is Robert DuPlantier. Tickets may be purchased for \$15 from our members, at the door or online.

Calendar of Events

January 13	Annual Awards Banquet <i>Old Spaghetti Factory, Rancho Cordova</i>
February 13-15	Singing Valentines <i>Greater Sacramento Area</i>
March 17	Novice Quartet Contest <i>Walnut Creek</i>
March 20-22	NE Division Convention <i>McClellan AFB, Sacramento</i>
April 25	Spring Show, “Happy Birthday Mr. Marconi” <i>Christ Community Church, Carmichael</i>
May 5	BIG DAY OF GIVING
June 2	Bean Feed , Auburn
June 13-14	SacSings <i>Harris Performing Arts Center, Folsom</i>
June 14	Founder’s Day (1946)

For details on specific events check the Weekly Update and Call Sheets.

Now Is the Time to Bring a Guest!

When each of you brings one guest a year, we will definitely double the size of the chapter. Chapter business cards, promotional fliers and bumper stickers are available at every rehearsal for marketing purposes. Share your hobby with a friend today!

Angel Fund is Member Resource

The Angel Fund was established several years ago to assist members who need help with uniform costs, convention expenses and other items the Board deems appropriate. Mike Selby is our Angel Fund Chair. You may donate to the fund during our weekly rehearsals. If you need financial assistance, be sure to contact President Steve Allison or Mike Selby.

Parting is Such Sweet Sorrow!

Dick Spies, one of our great Baritones, is moving to Fairfield this spring. A past officer of the Capitolaires, Dick was extremely instrumental in getting our Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission (SMAC) Grant approved. He served as Public Relations VP and sang in several quartets in the past. All our best wishes and good luck to you and Scottie!

Editorial Comments



The mission of the Swipes & Tags is to provide members with timely and relevant information about our chapter and serves as a record of current and past activities and events. Articles of interest and photographs are appreciated. Newsletters will be published quarterly and include color photographs. Copies will be e-mailed to members via email and hard copies made available for our guests.

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

