



The Captain's Log

Newsletter of the Stockton Portsman
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January 2020 President's Message: by President Harry Williams

Hi Youal. December, a blessed time of the year. We started our Christmas carols strolling at the Festival of Trees, practice performance carols at O'Connor Woods, more Christmas carols at the Fox Theatre, a terrific Christmas Party, and more caroling at another practice performance for Rio Los Palmas.

Here's where we are. The New Year 2020 a new era. We will welcome in a new board with new ideas for our future, a planning meeting and terrific installation dinner for the new board.

The time has come. The end of our time together with me as your President. It has been an honor to represent the Stockton Portsman in this capacity for the last 4 years. I feel like during that time we accomplished some very good things and made some great friends!!!

Enough said. I throw all of my support behind our New President, Nancy Hennefer. She starts a new era as our first ever Lady President. Here's to you, President Nancy.

Captains Log
Signing the Log for the last time Pres Harry

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Musical Director's Message: by Bill Litz

I can hardly believe 2020 is here already. We all probably at least spend a few minutes considering New Year's resolutions – usually with a focus on the things that went bad in the previous year or how much weight we need to lose.

As you consider how singing and being involved with the Portsmen affected (or infected) your life in 2019, I hope you all can feel accomplished and joyful about all the things we did together (see the impressive list presented later in the newsletter). It's easy to feel the importance of the big events like doing shows and contests, but for me, I loved seeing our music touch people's hearts in personal ways at retirement facilities and feeling the appreciation of the organizers of the anthem singing at the Ports, Heat and Kings.

I appreciate every one of you that show up to sing. And for those of you that are on the board, or help in committees, I understand how stressful that can be. As you respond to the surveys that will be coming your way, remember the moments that were special – the ones that touched your heart. I know that each of us cannot do every event – but I think every time we get a chance to share our style of music and our joy in making it, that we should.

I looked for a few inspirational thoughts to start the year:

- Success is a state of mind, if you want success, start thinking of yourself as a success. -- *Dr. Joyce Brothers*
- Tomorrow is the first blank page of a 365 page book. Write a good one. -- *Brad Paisley*
- You don't always need a plan.
Sometimes you just need to breathe, trust, let go and see what happens. -- *Mandy Hale*
- Cheers to a new year and another chance for us to get it right." -- *Oprah Winfrey*
- Embrace what you don't know, especially in the beginning,
because what you don't know can become your greatest asset.
It ensures that you will absolutely be doing things different from everybody else. -- *Sara Blakely*
- Almost everything will work again if you unplug it for a few minutes...Including you. -- *Anne Lamott*
- A good beginning makes a good end. -- *English Proverb*

As a person that works almost continuously on a computer, the second to last quote struck home.

I look forward to spending time with you every Tuesday. I hope that you each find the value of singing and our friendships so you do everything you can to make rehearsals. We all need to unplug from all the stresses of life and just sing and enjoy each other's company.

Portsmen Activities 2019

45 Onsite Rehearsals
5 Offsite Rehearsals (O'Conner Woods & Rio Las Palmas)
12 Board Meetings
Chapter Installation & Awards Dinner
42 Singing Valentines
Shrove Tuesday at Zion Lutheran
Ice Cream Social
3 Bob Hope Theatre Cinema Classics
Competed in NW/NE Division Competition
2 National Anthems @ Stockton Heat Hockey Game
Cherokee Memorial Park Memorial Day Event
Nevada Placer Bean Feed
Celebrate America Event July 3rd in Lodi
2 Concerts in the Park @ Victory Park
2 Guest Nights
National Anthem @ Stockton Ports Game
Stockton Portsmen Annual Picnic
Competed at FWD Fall Convention
Fall Show – Doo Wop at the Barbershop
Patriotic Sing on Veterans Day @ Bob Hope Theatre
National Anthem @ Stockton King Game
Festival of Trees
Chapter Christmas Party

Celebrations

January Birthdays

Chuck Thurman	1/5
Don Wilson	1/10
Stephanie Thurman	1/18
Laci Parker	1/20
Joan Ray	1/22



“What does the Dishwasher Do?”

by Al Wolter

We have all seen the commercial where the mom washes the dishes before putting them in the dishwasher, to which the daughter asks the question above. In that same light, many of you may ask “What does the VP of Chapter Development Do?”

Both are asked since the function is a bit redundant. If you washed your dishes, why do they need to go in the dishwasher? And if the Secretary or Nashville has the responsibility to process membership applications and deal with renewals, why do we need a VP of Chapter Development and Membership?

Like the commercial suggests, with the right soap, you can just use your dishwasher. In the same way, the VP: CD&M can reduce the load on the Secretary and ensure that the new on-line processes are complete.

But like sanitizing and serving as a dish rack, there are other things that the VP provides. First of all, the morale of the Chapter rests in the position’s purview, hence why the Sunshine Chairman reports here. When you get a birthday or an Anniversary card/present, that is Sunshine. We all need a little of that in our lives, especially when illness or another situation brings in the clouds. When you have such a day, just send an email to sunshine@stocktonportsmen.org and your Portsmen family can be kicked in to bring the sunshine back.

Besides helping to keep comradery and moral up, Chapter Development has to focus on recruitment and retention. As we go through the year, I hope to provide ideas for you to implement to recruit new members and find out what will help us keep you involved.

Lastly, to help develop the Chapter I plan to share things I know about the Chapter, it’s administration, and Barbershop in general. Until next time, may the sun shine warm upon your face.

Singing Valentines **By Al Farnum**

VALENTINE'S DAY IS COMING!!!

Singing Valentines has become a tradition in the Stockton community, and as its leading proponent we want to continue that tradition. Last year was a booming success as we had four quartets participating, TUNESTRUCK, ROYAL FLUSH, MIXEDMETA4, AND A PICKUP GROUP. I would like to do the same this year as the logistics worked out well and everyone had a good time and the scheduling was reasonable. If you are not a member of the above listed groups and would like to be in a "Pickup" quartet, please let me know as soon as possible so that I can coordinate the activity. We are planning on adding a third song this year and will be practicing all 3 starting next Tuesday at rehearsal. My goal this year is to have 50 full performances among the quartets (last year it was 42) so begin to think of who you would like to have as a recipient.

Stay tuned for more details.



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For details call: (209) 881-7464
Or Email to valentine@stocktonportsmen.org

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Tune Struck Quartet

The month of December is always a busy and rewarding time for Tune Struck. While we promised our better halves to hold back this year (in July we said that would be two gigs – ha, so much for that!). We began with stepping out for a couple of songs when the Chorus sang at O’Conner Woods. Next we stepped out of the Chorus at Micke Grove for the annual visit to the Festival of Trees. One special treat was seeing the Holt tractor completed and on display.



1 At the Holt

While we were not present as a foursome for the Friends of the Fox performance, we did sing that night at what has become our annual visit to Dillard’s for their VIP Shopping Experience, where we had the pleasure of singing with Bill Stevens and Nick Issak.



2 with the Dillard's Admins



3 with Bill Stevens and Nick Issak

The next Tuesday was another busy day, starting with a 6:30 am call to help spread Holiday Cheer and awareness for the Woodbridge Wine Country Christmas on Channel 31's Good Day Sacramento. Three different segments to highlight the event the next Saturday gave us some nice exposure.



4 at the Woodbridge Florist



5 Lori Wallace with Santa, Mrs. Clause and Woodbridge Fire



6 at Woodbridge Uncorked

We followed that up with an hours-worth of Carols and songs for the Almond Drive Christmas Party at Woodbridge County Club and then Chapter Meeting and rehearsal.

Wednesday found us back at O'Conner Woods, where the PEO Sisterhood used a room for their Christmas Brunch. We were contacted by Lynne Terry, longtime friend from Zion Church, to sing for about 20 minutes.

Another annual visit for us this time of year is to Astoria Gardens Senior Living in Tracy. Our good friend Cindy Staser and the residents there are a joy to sing to. The two hours there always fly by. It was great to see familiar faces and to sing with a couple of the folks who call Astoria home.



7 singing with Gerry



8 singing with Barry



9 sharing a moment with Giovani

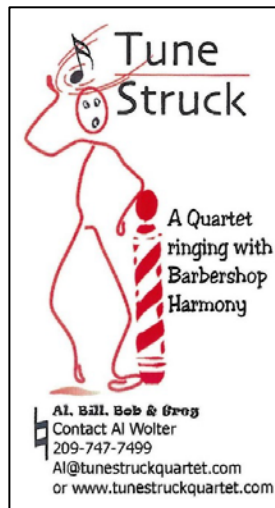
Al Wolter

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Royal Flush Barbershop Quartet



mixed meta4

By Joan Ray, Tenor

Being a quartet is a unique and wonderful experience. I particularly enjoy the rehearsal sessions which develop our barbershop harmony and personal closeness. In the past few years we've sung at all kinds of events, and it's such fun to watch the faces of our audiences, as they respond to our special barbershop sound.

Recently our bass, Nick, has returned to work full time selling computers. He's loving it and has had to retire from the quartet to have a life!!

Mixed Meta4 has been very fortunate to have a new bass join us. Welcome Ron Spohn!! We've already enjoyed three performances spreading Christmas cheer.

For our new quartet now it's on to Singing Valentines. Al and his committee will also need your help to make singing Valentines a success. Be sure to come to rehearsal next Tuesday, Jan. 7 to sing in various quartet combinations.

Happy New Years to you all.



Report on Portsmen Annual Christmas Party

By Dave Harmon

It was truly a Merry Christmas Party for 29 Portsmen, their spouses and guests and two officers from San Joaquin County Sheriff's Department. Sandy Harmon and Nancy Hennifer creatively decked the hall, tables and Barbershopper's Christmas Tree in the Grape Festival Barrel Room.

Our very own Father Christian Hagen (Bass) led the thanksgiving prayer and Christmas Blessing. We were honored with an opportunity to meet and visit with his sister, Winnie, who took time off from her responsibilities at Dameron Hospital. Did anyone ask her about what kind of mischief young Christian was into back home in Sierra Leone?

It was fun reuniting with Kep, Carol Clark, Roberta and Gene Keith, and Sandy Mosley's guest, Sheila Milligan. We're also glad Raphael and Susan Pazo could join us, as well as Derick and Sue Sturke, who graciously served up dinner.

An abundant buffet of sliced grilled sirloin steak with roasted tomato parsley sauce, grilled salmon fillet, twice baked potatoes, apricot glazed carrots, and more was tastefully provided by Morada Eats Catering, with plenty left over for several to take home and enjoy another day. Sheriff Officers, Carrie Loechler and Rick Leddesma, brought an amazing program and display of their two highly energized K-9 partners, Skye and Anubis. These exuberant and dedicated dogs help the officers identify and remove contraband and drug paraphernalia from the County Jail and elsewhere. The Officers accepted our generous gifts of large dog toys which they will share with others in their Sheriff's K-9 Custody unit which includes 6 dogs and their handlers. This is the third year Portsmen have contributed dog toys, and these Officers' families appreciate our support.

Warm fellowship and singing led by our beloved Bill Litz filled out the fun and nostalgic evening.

Ice Cream Social

By Harry Williams & Joan Ray

We have our bookings secured for the 3rd Annual Ice Cream Social on March 15th at the Stockton Elks Lodge. This year will include the Lodi High School Drum Line, Jazz Band, Chorus, Portsmen and Mid Night Rose fill out our Program. It's gonna be a great Day! More details to follow.

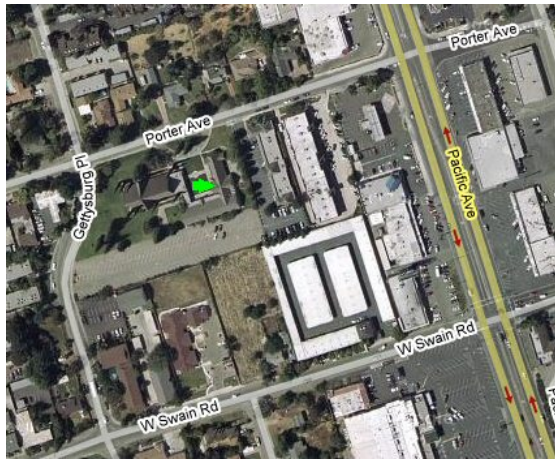
Weekly Chapter Meetings:

Location: Zion Lutheran Church –
808 W. Porter Avenue – Stockton – CA
Tuesdays: 7:00 PM – 9:30 PM

[Click here to go to Stockton Portsmen Website](#)
[Click here for Facebook Page](#)

See calendar for up-to-date information:
[Click here to access the Stockton Portsmen Calendar](#)

Map:



Directions:

From Pacific Avenue go west on Porter Way turn south on Gettysburg Pl then turn east into the Zion Lutheran Church parking lot.

From Pershing Avenue go east on W. Swain Rd turn north on Gettysburg Pl then turn east into Zion Lutheran Church parking lot.

We meet in Grace Hall on the northeast side of the complex.

Mission Statement:

Provide the greater Stockton area with quality Barbershop chorus and quartet music and wholesome family entertainment, while encouraging every individual of good character who loves to sing the opportunity to find their place with us.



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- National Anthem
- Singing Valentines
- Summer Concerts

Performance times usually range from 20 to 40 minutes but can be adjusted up or down to fit your specific program. Contact us by email or phone below for a proposal:

- **Info@StocktonPortsmen.org**
- **Ph. (209) 881-SING (7464)**

****Save the Dates****

2020 Events

Jan 15 Chapter Installations & Awards Dinner

Angelina's Spaghetti House
6:00 PM – 9:30 PM

Jan 18 NorCal Leadership Academy

Saint Mark's United Methodist Church
Sacramento, CA

Feb 22 NorCal Novice Quartet Contest

Centenary Church - 1911 Toyon Ave
Modesto, CA
(Time: 10:00 AM)

Mar 15 Spring Ice Cream Social

Stockton Elks Lodge
(12:30 PM – 5:00 PM)

**Mar 19 FWD Spring Convention: Prelims,
SE/SW Divisions**

May 15 NE/NW Divisions Convention

Stockton, CA

June 28 BHS International Convention

Los Angeles, CA

Oct 8 FWD Fall Convention Cruise

Long Beach, CA – Ensenada, BC

Harmony Lunch Bunch

Sam's Hof Brau

2500 Watt Ave, Sacramento, CA 95821
11:30 AM (3rd Thursday of each month)
Kent Borrowdale kborro@comcast.net

Barbershop Links

- Barbershop Harmony Society
<http://www.barbershop.org/>
- Far Western District
<https://www.farwesterndistrict.org/>
- VoCal Voices of California
<http://voicesofcalifornia.org/>

2020 NorCal Novice Quartet Contest
Centenary Church
1911 Toyon Avenue, Modesto, CA
Feb 22, 2020 Contest starts at 12:00 noon

Use this form to register your Men's or Mixed Voice Quartet for the Novice Contest.

Registration Deadline: Thu, Feb 20th, 2020 or when we reach our maximum of 18 quartets. Prior registration is required. There will be no on-site registration.

There will be 4 categories

Male

Female

Mixed

High School – may be comprised of any four HS students (male or female)

Registration fee for HS quartets is \$10. BHS membership not required.

Rules (just a few...)

- Your quartet can be registered with BHS, but it is not required.
- All members of your quartet, male or female, must be members of BHS.
- Mixed Voice Quartets must consist of at least one male and one female singer.
- No more than 2 members have competed in any quartet at Fall District or International Contest.
- Any one singer can compete in up to TWO Quartets.
- Two songs. They should be in the barbershop style.
- Registration for your quartet is \$40. Payment may be made at check-in.
- The non-contestant cost is \$5.
- It's okay to sing in two quartets. Make sure you mention that in the appropriate box below so we can ensure you have time between the two competing quartets time on stage.

Tentative Schedule - Warm-up rooms are available.

10:00 Tech crew set up

10:30 Sound check (main room must be quiet)

11:15 Quartet briefing – optional but recommended for first timers

11:30 Doors open

12:00 Contest starts

2:00 Evaluations start

4:00 Afterglow – Centenary Church - \$10/person

Questions: Send email to rlund@innercite.com or call 530-621-1904

PLEASE COMPLETE ALL FIELDS!

Incomplete information may delay or prevent your request from being submitted.

If you don't have all the information immediately available, print this page, fill it out, then come back to this page and submit the information to rlund@innercite.com.

Fields with an asterisk (*) are required fields. Please fill in the rest as best you can.

Person Completing

This Form *

Your E-Mail Address *

Name of QUARTET *

Chapters you want to
Be announced for your
Introduction

For which CONTEST are
you registering? *

Men _____ Women _____ Mixed _____ HS _____

QUARTET MEMBERS

TENOR Singer *

E-Mail Address

BHS Member Number

LEAD Singer *

E-Mail Address

BHS Member Number

BARITONE Singer *

E-Mail Address

BHS Member Number

BASS Singer *

E-Mail Address

BHS Member Number

Members Competing in
Other Quartets?

Additional Comments

You should receive confirmation of this registration via e-mail within the next 24 hours. If you do not receive confirmation or if you have any questions, please send us an email at rlund@innercite.com to confirm your registration. You are not officially registered until you receive confirmation.