



The Captain's Log

Newsletter of the Stockton Portsman
July 2019 - Issue #16



July 2019 President's Message: by President Harry Williams

Hi Youal. Well what do you know our nation's birthday for 2019 is here already. We had a good June as our chapter participated in the Placer Bean Feed. Joan and Renee took a third place trophy. Way to go ladies! We finished the month with a great remote practice sing at O`Connor Woods, good sing and time had by all.

July looks promising as we kick off the month with Lodi`s Celebrate America on the 3rd followed by our first return sing at Victor Park in quite a few years. We close out July with a guest night at the end of the month.

The B.H.S. National Convention takes place in Salt Lake City running from 6/30 to 7/6. Some chapter members will be attending, participating. I`m sure they will have a great time.

Our music team continues to lay the ground work for our future chapter events. We have coaches planned for future chapter meetings as we prepare for the Oct. district competition and our Fall Show.

Another great month in Barbershop Music.

Till next month`s Captains Log
Pres. Harry

Musical Director's Message: by Bill Litz

Every quartet, group or chorus has **unique qualities** and bring **distinct values** to varying audiences. There are **many types of performance opportunities** that are available for groups – even for those groups that aren't international champions.

- **Major shows** staged and produced by a chapter - the traditional "annual show"
- **Casual community performances** and entertainment for hire
- **Barbershop festivals, outreach and convention activities**
- **Barbershop contest**

As a matter of fact, there are many local opportunities that those high power, **contest driven quartets won't even consider** because of the **time and expense** it would take for them to participate. Make your barbershop journey richer and more exciting by getting involved in a broad mix of performances, as a singer or as a listener.

You may have heard the music team say the words "*performance ready*" in talking about quartets singing in public (the concern applies to the chorus as well). When someone asks if your group or a particular song is "*performance ready*", it usually feels like they are implying that you shouldn't be **singing in public**. Try not to take the inquiry **personally**. Instead do a personal assessment to decide what you can do to **know that you are "performance ready"**.

There are many **subjective** things that come into play – different people appreciate different things. I personally have NOT been a fan of some groups that score very well and have been happily entertained by others that don't do the right things to impress the judges.

Try this checklist (so many things don't have anything to do with actual singing):

- Are you **friendly and professional** in your communication setting up the gig?
- Do you **look good?** – this doesn't mean you need matching socks, but strive for a look that is appealing.
- Do you **deliver what your customer wants?** – It's not *all about you*.
- Are you **on time?** – on time is late – be early to create a confidence in the person that hired you.
- Do you **display confidence** (without arrogance)?
- Is your **performance planned?** You should never have dead air or a squabble determining your next song.
- Is your **song ready?**
 - Practice** – The audience rarely needs to see a rehearsal!
 - Get a good start to your song** – get a pitch but don't make a production of it.
 - Know the notes and words** – seems obvious, but too often groups bobble them.
 - Sing in tune** – this means listening while singing with confidence.
 - Show the appropriate emotion** – usually a smile will work on our songs.
 - Do movements that enhance the song** – a plan helps, but be aware of your quartet mates.
 - Make it artistic** – use dynamic and tempo changes.
 - Connect with your audience** – perform every moment for them – use your eyes.
- Are you **appreciative and humble** – accept a compliment no matter how you think it went.
- Do you **finish in style** – Performances, just like songs, need a beginning, a middle and an end.

I think sometimes it's the **distractions** that a group allows that create the feeling of not being "performance ready". Every single thing that interferes with the delivery of your performance eclipses the many things that you are doing right. Make good choices even though bad choices can make for good stories. The key is to provide good quality entertainment - **be good, be sensitive to your audience's needs, and never outstay your welcome!**



Join us for a Guest Night!

7:00pm Tuesday July 30, 2019



The **STOCKTON PORTSMEN**
Mixed Barbershop Chorus
invite you to visit us.

Zion Lutheran Church, 808 Porter Ave, Stockton 95207

Do you enjoy singing? Join us for "one" night & experience what it's like to be in barbershop chorus. Members enjoy the benefits of singing & performing in a chorus (& as a quartet) in various types of events. Depending on your interest there are dozens of opportunities to perform annually.

Upcoming events:

- Singing the National Anthem at a Stockton Heat
- Singing the National Anthem and 7th Inning Stretch at Stockton Ports games
- Singing patriotic songs during Memorial Day, 4th of July & Veterans Day
- Being part of our "50's Doo Wop Show
- Participating in other barbershop events

Some songs we are working on & in our current repertoire:

- Armed Forces Medley
- Barbara Ann
- Chances Are
- God Bless America
- God Bless the USA
- Just In Time
- I'm Looking Over a Four Leaf Clover
- Wonderful World



We are a proud member of the
Barbershop Harmony Society
#EveryoneinHarmony Barbershop.org

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Tune Struck Quartet

Tune Struck performed for the residents of O'Conner Woods when the Chapter visited last week. We had the pleasure of revisiting our music man memories by singing "Lida Rose" and "It's You" in an intimate moment for some residents at O'Connor Woods near the end of the evening.

Al Wolter

Tenor - Tune Struck Quartet

209.747.7499

www.TuneStruckQuartet.com

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Royal Flush Barbershop Quartet

By Nancy Hennefer, Baritone

We had the opportunity to sing the National Anthem for the Tokay Modelers Remote Control Flying Club back on June 1st. We were fortunate to have Ben Buckman as our Bass that day. We are working on our performance for the Fall Show.



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by Nick Adams, Bass

OK, we're finally getting busier. We had a lot of fun singing at O'Connor Woods - not exactly a performance, more a rehearsal with a friendly audience. Next night we sang the National Anthem at the Stockton Ports ballgame. We received enthusiastic support - keeping it going when we have an audience. Next week? The concert in the park at Hutchins Street Square in Lodi on July 3rd followed by a Fourth of July morning celebration at the Presbyterian Church in Stockton. We are having so much fun as we fine tune the craft! None of us are planning on Salt Lake City, but we'll be there in spirit cheering on our Western District friends - go VoCal!



Celebrations:

July Birthdays

Jimmy Carter 7/5
Les Cudworth 7/6
Nancy Hennefer 7/13



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

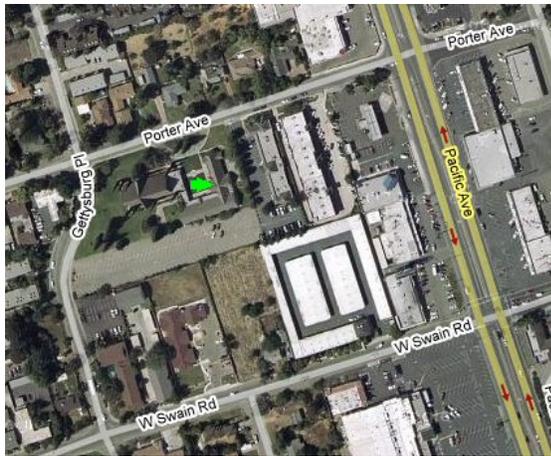
Weekly Chapter Meetings:

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.



**STOCKTON PORTSMEN
BARBERSHOP MIXED
CHORUS & QUARTETS**

*****Hire Us*****

Book us for your next events

- Community Concerts
- Fairs
- Festivals
- Grand Openings
- Holiday Tree Lightings
- Memorial Services
- 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****

2019 Events

June 30 BHS International Convention

Salt Lake City, UT
(June 30 – July 7)

July 3 Celebrate America

(Chorus Performance)
Hutchins Street Square – Lodi
5:00 PM – 8:00 PM

July 10 Celebrate America

(Chorus Performance)
Victory Park - Stockton
6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

July 30 Guest Night

Zion Lutheran Church
Stockton, Ca
7:00 PM – 9:30 PM

Aug 1 Barbary Coast Chapter presents...

Fog City Singers
San Francisco, CA – Friday, Aug 1
Pleasanton, CA – Saturday, Aug 3

[Click here for more info](#)

Aug 24 Barbary Coast Chapter presents...

Fog City Harmonia
San Francisco, CA

[Click here for more info](#)

Aug 25 Napa Valley Chapter presents...

Music Through the Decades – A cabaret
show featuring the Napa Valley
Harmonizers with special guests the
Pacific Empire Chorus

[Click here for more info](#)

Sept 28 Voices of California presents...

England 2020 Fundraiser Dinner Show
Sacramento, CA
(Time: 4:00 PM)

[Click here for more info](#)

Oct 5 San Mateo County Chapter presents...

Fall Cabaret Show
[Click here for more info](#)
(Two shows – 2:00 PM & 7:00 PM)

Oct 10 FWD Fall Convention (2019)

(October 10 – 13, 2019)
(Sacramento, CA)

Oct 18 FWD Youth Harmony Camp

Pollock Pines, CA
(October 18 – 20, 2019)

[Click here for more info](#)

Nov 9 The Stockton Chapter presents...

Doo Wop at the Barbershop
First Baptist Church Community Center
Stockton, CA
(Time: 2:00 PM)

Nov 22 Barbary Coast Chapter presents...

Fog City Singers
San Francisco, CA – Friday, Aug 22
Pleasanton, CA – Saturday, Aug 23

Nov 23 The Santa Rosa Chapter presents...

"Singin' In the Holidays"
Santa Rosa, CA
(Two shows - 2:00 PM & 7:00 PM)

Nov 24 The Marin Chapter presents...

Marin Golden Gate Barbershop Chorus
San Rafael, CA

Barbershop Links

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