



The Captain's Log

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Stockton Portsman

70th Anniversary

🎵 October 18th 🎵

THE VIEW FROM THE HELM

BY AL WOLTER

ARE YOU ON YOUR TOES? - ISSUE 34

Donna and I enjoy watching 'Dancing with the Stars' each year, not because we are dancers ourselves, but the whole thing of music, moves and competition is just enjoyable. One of the things that always stands out to me is how the celebrity males are usually not on their toes as they dance. The greatest reason is the fact that that posture exhibits positive energy forward toward the audience. It is a position of confidence, not always a statement of what you feel – but what you need to share with those watching. That is something that many non-acting participants must learn during the show.



As respects to Riverside there are those that expressed concern of our placement during the contest, between the 'Masters of Harmony' and "Harmonia' from Fog City – an International Champion and likely an International perennial competitor, but we could have something for them too. Now do I believe that we could score higher than them. No, it would be a miracle if we did – but if we were on our toes and told the story of Jake and why he should understand why he should know "how lucky" he is, we will do more than okay.

But this is more than what we are doing for October 19, 2024. Will we do the same for the Folsom Show the following Wednesday? Doesn't the Folsom audience deserve the same? The story of those that lived to remember the early days of World War II through it's end that the "White Cliffs of Dover" share is very impactful. In 2024, such a story is fictional, but to those that 'he remembers well, "as the shadows fell,"' it was oh too real.

There are lots of reasons why this song can hit a chord to anyone in the audience, especially those that make up our Barbershop family, for many have a relationship to someone who was there during the war or never came home. A big impact could be felt by those that have no connection to the war, just based on how we present the words.

So, are you expecting to be on your toes as we present the impactful message of 'Dover' or on the uplifting message that no matter who or where you are, you are so lucky to be here in America, in the Barbershop Harmony Society, and participating in a Chorus Contest or Chapter Show?

But the bigger question has nothing to do with those two songs, rather about how do you see yourself in any song that YOU present to any audience? Are you on your toes or heels, can you push beyond any insecurities and put them behind you presenting a character that exudes positivity from your toes?

There are things that boggle the mind when it comes to performing, being on your toes and displaying energy is one of them. Another is the fact that, after we enter puberty, we tend to take deep breaths. when standing, by raising our shoulders instead of expanding our bellies as we would when lying flat on the floor. Our self-awareness adversely effects our outward performances. Funny, it seems that the more comfortable we become with our outward performances, the more we lose our self-awareness or comfort.

Recently I watched an interview with Steve Perry of Journey, where he confided that he quit singing as a response to the fact that he lost the 'thrill of performing' and realized his descent into drugs and such was hurting more than helping and he knew that activity couldn't continue – both for his audiences and for his personal health. There must be something about that, as the number of musical stars that have succumbed to 'mood enhancers' is astounding.

So I go back to the question, are you on your toes, ready to confidently show what you can do as a part of our ensemble. We are always better when each of us can stand on our own.

Musical Director's Message:

By Bill Litz

Contest/Convention time has arrived!!! A two-day convention is a busy time with a contest focus that can create inner stress, but it is also a time filled with lots of opportunity. I've been to all types of contests:


- an impromptu pick-up quartet contest, like The Bean Feed
- the beginner level Novice Contest
- the more formal Barbershop Harmony Society (BHS) Division and District Contests
- the highest-level BHS International Contest
- and a non-BHS contest - Harmony Sweepstakes.


It is very easy to let convention weekend get very one dimensional with all the focus being on the contest and the outcome of the contest.

Hopefully you've already found more than just singing to be a part of your barbershop experience. As you prepare to attend a contest (or any barbershop event – even a concert often has things like a afterglow connected to it), consider making it a full experience as opposed to a dash in and dash out moment.

Here are some things that you should consider fitting into your schedule.

1. There may be a [Harmony Platoon](#) where you can quartet with a random group of new friends.

 Harmony Platoon



UNLIMITED HARMONY

Get placed into a pickup quartet and make friends from all over the world!

Learn a few challenging and rewarding songs ahead of time, then get placed into a pickup quartet and compete in a fun, exciting, and friendly competition. You'll make friends from all over the world and create memories to last a lifetime!


You will be provided charts and part-predominant and full mix learning tracks for all songs. Learn them COLD so that everyone can be guaranteed to sing with fully prepared singers!


There are Harmony Platoon events happening all over the country; we are pleased to be having one at this convention.

Fall Convention Platoon Schedule

- Thursday, October 17, 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm, Hampton Inn Common Area
- Saturday, October 19, 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm, Hampton Inn Common Area

2. At a convention there is usually a House of Delegates and a District Board Meeting
3. The upcoming District event in Riverside has a [Harmony College West LITE](#) component

 Harmony College West LITE



We are thrilled to announce the addition of "Harmony College West 'LITE'" to our Fall Convention. There will be a variety of 1.5 hour classes offered on Friday from some top-notch instructors that are included with your convention registration.

Classes will be held at the Hyatt Place (HQ) and the Marriott across the street.

Time	Hyatt 1	Hyatt 2	Hyatt 3	Marriott Salon A	Marriott Salon B	Marriott University
9:00am - 10:30am	Performance coaching under glass	Training the Trainers	Medalist Performance from Three Categories	Unit Sound: What it Isn't, What it Is, Why we Love it, and How to Get More of It	The Shapes of Stories	Barber-Myth Busting
10:45am - 12:15pm	Use Your Words and Why Meaning Matters	The Ultimate Vocal Journey	Generating Grassroots Financial Support in a Post-Pandemic World	Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion: Barbershop Edition	Build-A-Warmup	Sight Singing 101

4. There are also [Leadership Academy Classes](#)

Leadership Academy



Leadership Academy

Unlock Your Leadership Potential!



HEALTHY CHAPTER INITIATIVE

BARBERSHOP HARMONY SOCIETY

Join Us at the Far Western District Fall Convention

Are you ready to step into your leadership role with confidence and clarity? Look no further than the Far Western District's exclusive Leadership Educational Program, coming to you this fall at our highly anticipated convention!

Designed to empower and equip you with the essential skills needed to excel in key leadership positions, our program offers in-depth classes tailored specifically to the roles of President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Whether you're a seasoned leader looking to enhance your abilities or a newcomer eager to make a meaningful impact, our comprehensive curriculum has something for everyone.

Here's what you can expect:

- ◆ ****Dynamic Workshops:**** Dive deep into the intricacies of leadership with our expert-led workshops, carefully crafted to provide you with practical insights and actionable strategies.
- ◆ ****Role-Specific Training:**** Gain invaluable knowledge and best practices tailored to your specific leadership role, ensuring you have the tools needed to thrive in your position.
- ◆ ****Networking Opportunities:**** Connect with like-minded individuals, share experiences, and forge lasting connections with fellow leaders from across the district.

Best of all, this unparalleled opportunity is **absolutely FREE for all registered convention attendees** and current members of their chapter's board of directors. Don't miss out on this chance to elevate your leadership skills and propel your chapter to new heights.


Join us at the Far Western District Fall Convention and unlock the leader within you! Plan now to attend the Leadership Academy and embark on a journey of growth, inspiration, and success. See you there!

Time	Hyatt 1	Hyatt 2	Hyatt 3	Hampton Boardroom
12:45pm - 2:45pm	Chapter Treasurer <i>Bob Shaffer</i>	Director's Roundtable <i>Laura Pallas Singer</i>	Chapter Secretary <i>Bernard Priceman</i>	Chapter President <i>Kenny Rios</i>

5. Attending the *Quartet Semi-Finals* is good to see what other quartets are doing and to support friends.

6. There are past champion shows featuring the best quartets in the region that you will become familiar with the longer you are in the society. The Far Western District offering is called “The AFWDC Late Show”. Note that if you’re interested in attending this is addition cost but well worth the price.

AFWDC Late Show



AFWDC Late Show

The Association of Far Western District Champions (AFWDC) presents a spectacular parade of past FWD champion quartets following the Friday evening Quartet Semifinal at the Fall Convention. Champion quartets of the past are invited to “strut their stuff”. Some sing only a one-song cameo while the current, active quartets will sing a full set. The show traditionally closes with our current champs singing their “swan song”.

A Friday night tradition, and one we’re sure you’ll not want to miss!

Tickets for the AFWDC Late Show are not included with your convention registration.

Fox Performing Arts Center, starting 30 min after the completion of the Quartet Semifinal session (~9:45 pm)

GENERAL ADMISSION

- \$20.00 in advance
- \$30.00 at the door

7. Consider singing in the *Everyone Welcome Chorus* that fills the role as mic tester chorus if time permits.
8. Be on the lookout for new special choruses made up of seniors or groups that want to sing in a highly competitive chorus that you can be a part of.
9. The *Chorus Contest* is why many of you will attend because you are part of a competing chorus. Try to see other choruses before or after your chorus performs (though sometimes that is difficult to fit in). Fortunately, the top choruses will get to sing again on *The Show of Champions*.
10. Plan a meal with friends from your quartet, chorus, or people around the globe. It's a great chance to get together with old friends or even new friends.
11. Quartet Finals is a special chance to see the best of the best. Be sure to attend.
12. The Show of Champions gives you one last look at all the winners. Sometimes it will be your only chance to see them since you might be competing right before or after them.
13. Attending a formal afterglow or making one with friends is a great way to finish up the evening. You'll get to see all sorts of different groups that may or may not have competed.
14. Find (or host) a hospitality suite. This is a great way to get the quartets to come to you as a parade of quartets will stop by to sing for you in a closer intimate surrounding.
15. ALWAYS be ready to sing a tag or a song with someone in the hallway. Spontaneous moments to sing will happen at any time during a barbershop event. When you see three other people offer to be a fourth or invite others to sing a song or tag with a group you are spending time with. Sometimes these opportunities to sing with the best quartets happens very late at night since quartets have a review session with the judges before they can get out and party with everyone.

Be flexible with your time and expectations. Make time to share the experience with people you know. Be bold and step out and meet someone new. There is so much more to the contests/conventions than the 6 minutes your chorus will spend competing on stage. And please sing a tag with me.....

Three Lads and Alas!

Our quartet has had a busy summer, with travel and family happenings. We are back to rehearsing regularly and preparing for several upcoming events. We have been invited back to the Gold Rush Chorus Cabaret on November 2 and will be performing a couple of songs for the Portsmen's Christmas show on December 14th. We are hoping to have several other holiday engagements as well. It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!

Royal Flush

Our quartet will also be performing at the Gold Rush Cabaret in November. With our busy schedules we are looking forward to being together and performing on their show!



Celebrations

October Birthdays

Megan Litz-Kjelstrom – 10/9

Renee Beers – 10/10

Kitty Harmon – 10/11

Ron Spohn – 10/15

Rosie Estrella – 10/17

Thank you to our sponsors!!!

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Smack Pie Pizza, Lodi

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Stockton

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Kathy Duran - Voila Gifts and Home
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- Raymond James Financial Services,
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Robert and Rosemarie Keller
Fritz and Phyllis Grupe
Ron and Kris Katzakian
Ken and Nancy Mullen
Star Heers
Carol Holt Bedell
Daniel Bernick - Sacramento Artist
Daniel Meza - F&M Bank, Lodi
Sandy - House of Clocks, Lodi
Brain Synowicki - Synowicki's Jewel Box,
Lodi
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Thomas Lauzze



Annual Recital



Cruisin' Down The River

On Wednesday, October 23rd

Doors Open At 6:00 pm

STARRING

Folsom Harmony Express Chorus
The Stockton Portsmen Chorus
Soundbites Chorus
Delta Breeze Quartet

At The VFW in Fair Oaks
8990 Kruitof Way, Fair Oaks, CA 95628



Folsom Harmony is a non-profit Organization.



2024 Harmony Camp Show

The 2024 Harmony Campers Present

HARMONY CAMP HARMONY!

With Music Dean Gabe Caretto

And Clinicians: Keith Harris and Kory Reid

And 2016 Senior International Gold Medal Quartet

HIGH PRIORITY

And most of all Featuring The

FANTASTIC HARMONY CAMP CHORUS

Sunday, Oct 27, at 11:00 am

In the Gym at the

Sly Park Educational Center

5600 Sly Park Road

Harmony Camp Show is a Friends and Family show

Harmony Camp is made possible by generous contributions from barbershop chapters,

And many generous individuals, barbershoppers, and fees from the boys.

Please consider the Lloyd Steinkamp Endowment Fund in your will and estate plan.



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CHORUS

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a Barbershop Harmony event

Featuring the Gold Rush Chorus and a BUNCH of quartets!



Saturday, November 2

6:00 PM (doors open at 5:30)

American Legion Hall Post 119

4561 Greenstone Road

Placerville, CA 95667

TICKETS \$15 Adults \$5 Students

Contact Howard

email: howtekinc@gmail.com or call: (530) 647-6513 to Venmo

Tickets purchased in advance can be picked up at Will Call.



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Round Table Pizza · 3370 Coach Lane, Cameron Park

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A CAPPELLA SHOW AND DESSERT
DASH FUNDRAISER

Saturday, November 16th, 2:00PM
GIBBONS COMMUNITY CENTER
4701 Gibbons Drive
Carmichael, CA 95608

TICKETS
\$20



Weekly Chapter Meetings:

Location: Zion Lutheran Church – 808 W Porter Avenue (Stockton, CA)

Tuesdays: 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM (Grace Hall)

VLO: 7:30 PM – 8:30 PM (except board meeting nights)

(Please verify for location of rehearsal as it may change)

See calendar for up-to-date information:

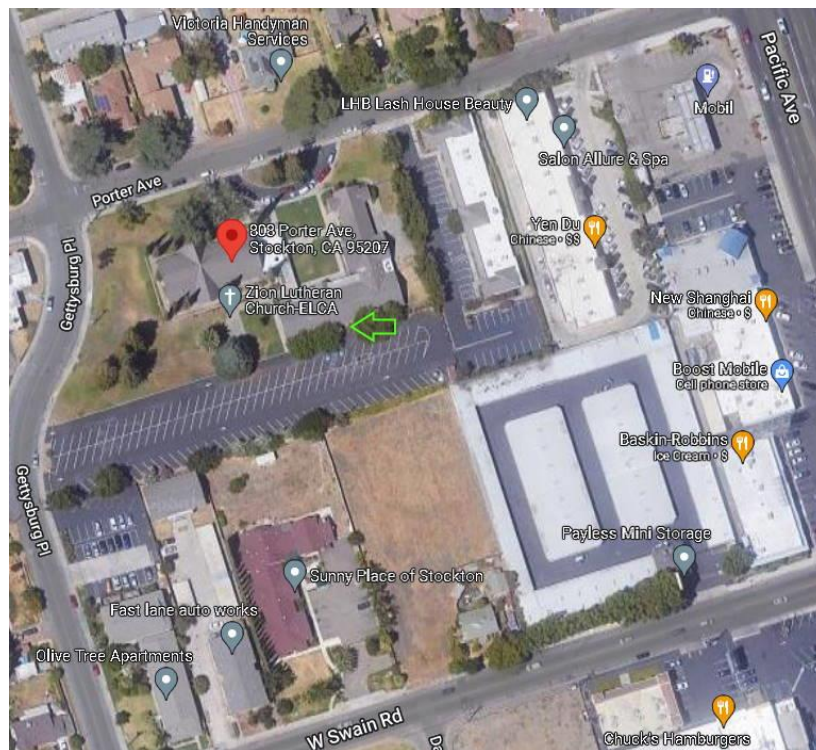
[Click here to access the Stockton Portsman Calendar](#)

Website:

<http://www.stocktonportsmen.org/>

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/194542747456>



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 Road, turn north on Gettysburg Pl then turn east into Zion Lutheran Church parking lot.

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.

Hire Us:

Book us for your next event:

- 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 or Phone (209) 881-SING (7464)

****SAVE THE DATE****

- 10/17-10/20 2024 FWD Fall Convention (Riverside, CA)
- **10/18 STOCKTON PORTSMEN 70TH ANNIVERSARY (CHARTER RECEIVED ON 10/18/1954)**
- 10/22 Stockton Portsmen Party Celebrating 70th Anniversary
- 10/23 Folsom Harmony Express Show (Fair Oaks, CA)
- 10/25-10/27 2024 FWD Youth Harmony Camp (Pollock Pines, CA)
- 11/2 Gold Rush Chorus Cabaret Show (Placerville, CA)
- 11/10 Friends of the Fox – Movie “PT 109” (Stockton, CA)
(Sing in lobby 12:45pm - 1:30pm [Click here for details](#))
- 11/11 Fox Theatre – Veterans Day (Stockton, CA)
- 11/16 Stay Tuned Chorus Show (Carmichael, CA)
- 12/7 & 12/8 Festival of Trees (Micke Grove, Lodi, CA) (10:00 am – 12:00 pm)
- 12/14 Stockton Portsmen Holiday Show (2:30 pm – 4:30pm)
- 12/15 Friends of the Fox – Movie “Home Alone” (Stockton, CA)
(Sing in lobby 12:45pm - 1:30pm [Click here for Details](#))

Barbershop Links:

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