

What an exciting time for barbershop in Northern California and the Far Western District!

First, we heralded the return of RON BLACK to the great FWD, soon accompanied by the announcement that he would be directing the SACRAMENTO CAPITOLAIRES. Shortly following that great news, Sacramento President NORM SMITH announced the formation of the new AMERICAN RIVER CHORUS, to be directed by GABE CARETTO. And then last week, we heard the wonderful news that GARY STEINKAMP will be directing the SPIRIT OF PHOENIX chorus.

After several months of work by our search team, the Golden Valley Chorus is pleased to announce that they too have selected their new director. BRUCE SELLNOW will start directing the GVC at their first rehearsal, January 5th. Many of you know Bruce from his work with the high school quartets, Youth Harmony Camp, and other youth activities in the district. Bruce was on the team that helped launch the Golden Valley Chorus at its inception in 1997, and has spent the last 4 years singing with Voices In Harmony under the masterful directorship of Dr. Greg Lyne.

The GVC is pleased and proud to have Bruce returning to direct us, and we're looking forward to implementing the full CACM program with our chapter in 2010.

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