

**REPORTS OF THE DISTRICT OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN
COMPILED BY THE DISTRICT SECRETARY**

FOR THE

HOUSE OF DELEGATES OF THE FAR WESTERN DISTRICT

Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of
Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America, Inc.

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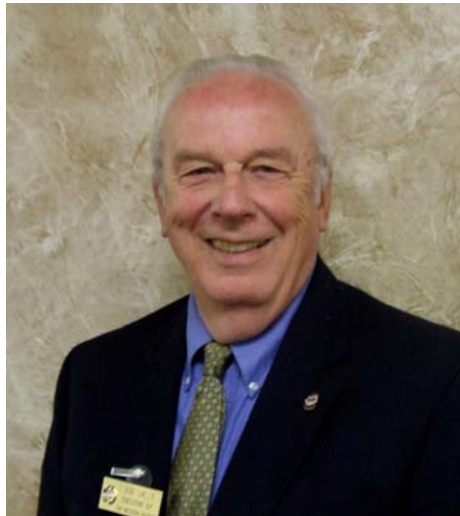
March 20, 2009

Las Vegas, Nevada



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Bob Lally, FWD President

WELCOME TO DELEGATES

To: FWD Chapter Delegates,
FWD Officers,
Past FWD Presidents,
Chapter Presidents,
Committee Chairmen and
Chapter Counselors.

Subject: House of Delegates Meeting, March 20, 2009 at Las Vegas, Nevada,

This report has been compiled in order to streamline the mechanics of the FWD House of Delegates meeting so that all delegates be well informed on the district affairs. It includes minutes of previous HOD and BOD meetings, reports of the FWD officers and committee chairmen and a schedule of events for the Spring 2009 Convention and contest.

Chapter Delegates:

Please download, print, * cut out and sign the Credential Card provided on the last page of this report.

Please note: the chapter president is the established delegate to the HOD, however if he is unable to attend, he may designate a chapter member as Chapter Delegate. In that case, both the president and the delegate should sign the card. Bring the card with you to the HOD meeting at **1 p. m. (note new time)** on Friday, March 20, 2009

Do not mail this card.

** If the delegate is unable to download and print out the credential form, advise the District Secretary by e-mail at least 10 days prior to the HOD meeting, and the card will be forwarded to him.*

It is recommended that delegates study this report prior to attending the meeting and obtain any chapter input on issues provided.

Upon arrival at the HOD meeting, proceed to the table reserved for your division and present your credentials card to your District Vice President seated there. There will be six tables set up for the meeting, five of which are for the seating of the five divisional and one for committee chairmen and chapter counselors who have no vote. **Please note: delegates cannot be seated or may not vote without presenting valid credential cards.**

There will be place cards for all District Vice Presidents, Chapter Delegates, committee chairmen and chapter counselors at their respective tables.

At the close of the meeting, please leave your chapter place card on the table for future use. After the convention, it is recommended that delegates file reports with their chapter secretaries as part of a permanent record of the House of Delegate Proceedings.

District Officer, Past FWD Presidents, Committee Chairmen and Chapter Counselors:

No Credential Card is required for your participation in the HOD. Please be seated at your respective locations as follows;

- District Vice Presidents: with your respective divisions
- Past FWD Presidents: with your chapters or wherever convenient.
- Committee Chairmen and Chapter Counselors at Table 6.

A quorum will be determined from the credential cards presented to the district secretary by the respective District Vice Presidents.

These procedures for seating delegates and establishing the quorum at the spring and fall meetings were approved previously by the FWD Board of Directors and incorporated into the FWD Statement of Policy and the FWD Convention Regulations. Your observance of these procedures will facilitate the conduct and enhance the integrity of the meeting

Thank you

Bob Lally, President
Far Western District
Barbershop Harmony Society



Bill Biffle

A Message from Bill Biffle, Society President

February 12, 2009

Dear Brothers in Song,

Thank you for being leaders in your chapter, your district, and our Society. With those of us who choose to be a little more involved than the average member – you and me - resides the future of this special musical art form – including its friendships, rewarding experiences, and sense of belonging that flows from our involvement in this exceptional hobby.

A number of things occupy us, of course, as we discharge our duties on behalf of our members, present and future. But none of these is as important as the efforts we expend to secure the future of barbershop for those that follow us here. I know that we all want our grandchildren's grandchildren to have the opportunity to have their lives enriched by this wonderful hobby as ours have been. This is Job One for us in 2009 and beyond.

There are a number of ways in which you and I can make a difference in this important effort. As Society President, I have started a world-wide dialogue with interested folks to discuss ways in which we can stem and finally reverse the decline in membership we have experienced for most of the last quarter century. Several hundred people have sent me an email – or two – voicing their opinion on this important subject. Will you let me have the benefit of your thoughts, too? Drop me a post at bbiffle@barbershop.org. I promise to read your post carefully and add your thoughts to the rich mixture already in the hopper.

In the next few weeks, after carefully considering all the input I have received, I will appoint a Membership Growth Task Force – a small group of creative, talented, informed, and energetic men who will work on solving this problem, once and for all. This is not to interfere with, or supersede, the Herculean efforts already underway by our staff and the Society Marketing and Membership Committees, but to create an

overall strategy for the entire organization for long-term membership growth; a strategy against which our staff and we, as volunteer leaders, can assess every decision, every program, every effort, and every expenditure. A strategy that will give us the bright North Star we need to guide us on this important journey; on a journey to permanence as a musical form and as a Society. If you wish to be involved in this task force, let me know.

Another way you can help guarantee that this hobby – and this Society that perpetuates it – lives on after your time, is to contribute to our charitable arm, Harmony Foundation, Inc. HFI supports our Youth Outreach and Director Development programs and is poised to help – if YOU help – in many other ways, too. Currently, there are four ways you can contribute: Ambassadors of Song, The President’s Council, Keep a Melody Ringing, and The Founder’s Club. Go to <http://www.harmonyfoundation.org> to learn more about the important work this foundation allows us, the Barbershop Harmony Society, to do. And see how you can be a part of securing our future through your gifts.

Of course, the future won’t be secured if we ignore the present. Everyone wants more members. Everyone wants good publicity for who we are and what we do. Well, good news! The single best opportunity to spread the word about us, especially the thrill of our competitions, is coming to your town sometime in 2009. That is, it will, if you’ll help. I’m speaking of American Harmony, the movie. As soon as you can, go to www.americanharmonythemovie.com and watch the “trailer” for this film. I guarantee it will blow you away! Then watch for information – coming very soon – about how you can guarantee that this movie will be shown in your town – complete with professional marketing and the general public attendance that that will bring. And, all of this will happen without any financial obligation on your part or on the part of your chapter. This is the best thing that’s happened to us since The Music Man. Be a part of it!

And, of course, we’ll miss you if you don’t come to Anaheim June 28-July 5th. Our international conventions just keep getting better and the whole panoply of events and activities available there will elevate the mean temperature of the cockles of the most durable of Barbershopper hearts! Check it out at our newly designed website, www.barbershop.org. Come to sunny California and sing one with me. You can teach me a tag – or I’ll teach you one. Let’s sing! Together – in Harmony!

Thanks, again, for your continuing leadership. Let’s work together to make our Society grow again. Good things are happening - spread the word! Our grandchildren’s grandchildren will bless our name. I guarantee it!

Sincerely,



Bill Biffle
Society President
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Far Western District and Rocky Mountain District Spring Barbershop Convention, Contests and Small Chorus Competition

PROGRAM

Las Vegas, Nevada

March 19-22, 2009

Note: All meetings are in the Alexis Park Hotel unless shown otherwise.

Thursday (March 19)

2:00-5:30 p.m.	FWD Board Meeting	Athena Room
5:30-7:00 p.m.	Dinner Break	Pegasus Restaurant
7:30-11:00 p.m.	Continuation of FWD Board Meeting	Athena Room
7:30-10:00 p.m.	Pre-Registration	Main Lobby
7:30-10:00 p.m.	RMD Board Meeting	Executive Boardroom

Friday (March 20)

8:30-11:30 a.m.	RMD House of Delegates	Apollo Room 1,2,3,4
8:00 a.m.	C.R.A.P.P.(Past Presidents)	Guest Room
9:00 a.m.	Registration Opens	Main Lobby
9:00 a.m.	AHSOW (all day)	Boardroom A
11:30 a.m.	Harmony for Lunch Bunch	TBA
12:00-1:00 p.m.	Chapter Coaches Meeting –	Hotel Guest Room
1:00-3:00 p.m.	Membership Workshops	Boardroom B,C & D
1:00 p.m.	FWD House of Delegates (new time)	Apollo Room 1,2,3,4
3:00-4:00 p.m.	Judges Meeting	Executive Boardroom
4:00 p.m.	Doors Open (Quartet Contest)	Parthenon Ballroom -
4:15-6:00 p.m.	Quartet Prelim Semi-finals Quartets	Parthenon Ballroom 1st Ses.
6:00 p.m.	Dinner break for judges and convention staff –	Pegasus Restaurant
7:30-9:00 p.m.	Quartet Prelim Semi-finals Quartets	Parthenon Ballroom 2nd Ses.
9:30 p.m.	Evaluations (Quartets not advancing)	Judges' Hotel rooms,

Saturday (March 21)

9:00 a.m.	Registration Opens Alexis Park	Main Lobby
9:00 a.m.	AHSOW (all day)	Boardroom A
10:15 a.m.	Doors Open (Chorus Contest)	Parthenon Ballroom
10:30 a.m.	FWD SMALL Chorus Competition with RMD Small Choruses/VLQ's-	Parthenon Ballroom
12:00 p.m.	Chorus Evaluations	Parthenon Ballroom
12:00 p.m.	High School Quartet Briefing	Zeus C
2:00-3:30 p.m.	High School Quartet Contest	Parthenon Ballroom
6:00 p.m.	Doors Open (Quartet Contest)	Parthenon Ballroom
6:30-10:00 p.m.	Quartet Prelims Finals	Parthenon Ballroom
	Show of Champions immediately following competition	
11:00 p.m.	Hospitality Rooms	Alexis Park Hotel.
11:00 p.m.	Afterglow	Athena
11:00 p.m.	High School Afterglow	Apollo 1 & 2
11:00 p.m.	Evaluations (Finalist Quartets)	Judges' Rooms



Far Western District Spring House of Delegates Meeting Agenda

Las Vegas, Nevada
1 p.m (new time) Friday, March 20, 2009

ORDER OF BUSINESS

- | | |
|------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. Call To Order | Bob Lally, President |
| 2. "The Star Spangled Banner" | Jim Turnmire |
| 3. "The Old Songs" | Jim Turnmire |
| 4. Invocation | Bill Cale |
| 5. Welcome | Convention Chairman |
| 6. Introduction | President Lally |
| • Past Presidents | |
| • Other Dignitaries | |
| • District Officers | |
| 7. Roll Call | Dick Girvin, District Secretary |
| 8. District President's remarks | President Lally |
| 9. Keynote Address | Bill Biffle, Society President |
| 10. Approval of previous minutes | President Lally |
| 11. Receipt of HOD Reports | President Lally |
| 12. Additional officer/Committee reports | |
| a. Marketing Matters | Kevin Smith |
| 13. Unfinished Business | |
| a. 2011 FWD Fall Convention | Phoenix Chapter |
| 14. New Business | |
| a. BOD Highlights | President Lally |
| b. Awards | Deane Scoville |
| c. Future Convention Plans | Bob Cathaway |
| e. Next Meeting time/Location | President Lally |
| 15. "Keep the Whole World Singing" | Bernard Priceman |
| 16. Adjournment | President Lally |

FWD HOUSE OF DELEGATES ROSTER

March 20, 2009

Las Vegas, Nevada

Past Presidents (15)

Sam Aramian 1968-69
Lynn Brittan 1970-71
John Currin 1974
Don McAvoy 1983
Sam Barger 1984-85
Terry Aramian 1986-87
Chuck Hunter 1988-89
Dick Girvin 1992-93
Don Gubbins 1994-95
Bob House 1996-97
Carl Truman 1998-99
Deane Scoville 2000-01
John Krizek 2002-2003
Peter Feeney, 2004-2005
Bill Cale, 2006-2007

Board Members (10)

Bob Lally, President
Dick Girvin, Secretary
Jim Sherman, Treasurer
Bernard Priceman, Executive Vice President
Bill Rosica, Div. 1--DVP SoCal West
Gene Clements, Div. 2--SoCal East So Utah, SoNev
Steve Sammonds, Div 3--NorCal West/Hawaii
Jim Turnmire, Div. 4--NorCal East Nor Nev.
Gordon Bergthold, Div. 5—Arizona.
Bill Cale, Immediate Past President

Distinguished Guests (Non-voting)

Bill Biffle, Society President
Lou Benedict, FWD/EVG Society Rep.
Connie Keil, Society Board Member

Total Delegates: 107

FAR WESTERN DISTRICT CHAPTERS (84)

Aloha	Lompoc	Santa Barbara
Apple Valley	Long Beach	Santa Clarita
Las Vegas, Nevada	Los Angeles	Santa Cruz
Bay Area	Marin	Santa Fe Springs
Brea	Mesa	Santa Maria
Canada Del Oro	Monterey Peninsula	Santa Monica
Carson City	Napa Valley	Santa Rosa
Casa Grande	Nevada-Placer	Sedona
Central Arizona Quartet	North Valley	Sierra Vista
Central California	Orange (Quartet)	South Bay
Chico	Palo Alto – Mountain View	St George
Coachella Valley	Palomar Pacific	Stockton
Conejo Valley	Paradise Valley	Sun Cities
Crescent City	Pasadena	Sutter Creek
Crescenta Valley	Placerville	Truckee-Tahoe
Davis-Vacaville	Prescott	Tucson
El Cajon	Rancho Bernardo	Ventura
Eureka	Redding	Visalia
Folsom	Reno	Walnut Creek
Fremont-Hayward	Rincon Beach	Westminster
Fresno	Riverside	White Mountains
Fullerton	Rohnert Park	Whittier
Greater Phoenix	Sacramento	Yosemite
Hemet	San Diego	Yuma
Inland Empire	San Fernando Valley	(Temecula, Licensed)*
Irvine	San Francisco	
La Jolla	San Francisco Bay Cities	* Non voting
Laguna Hills	San Clemente	
Las Vegas	San Luis Obispo	
Las Vegas Metro	San Mateo County	

Quorum: 32 (30%)
Fall Board of Directors Meeting Minutes



FAR WESTERN DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS FALL MEETING
Bakersfield, California
Thursday, October 9, 2008
2:00 PM

MINUTES

The Fall meeting of the Far Western District Board of Directors was called to order by President Bob Lally at 2 p.m. on Thursday, October 9, 2008 in the Belridge of the Holliday Inn Express in Bakersfield, California.

Officers present

President	Bob Lally
Executive Vice President	Ivan Jensen
Immediate Past President	Bill Cale
Treasurer	Jim Sherman
Secretary	Dick Girvin
DVP SoCal West (Div. 1)	Bernard Priceman
DVP SoCal East (Div. 2)	Gene Clements
DVP NorCal West/Hawaii (Div. 3)	Steve Sammonds
DVP NorCal East/Nor. Nev (Div. 4)	Jim Turnmire

Absent (Excused)

DVP Ariz/So Nev/So Utah (Div. 5) Gordon Bergthold

Society Representatives

Peter Feeney, Society Board Member
Lou Benedict., Paired Representative (FWD/EVG)

Invited Committee Chairmen present

CSLT/COTS	Ray Kahler
Events	Bob Cathaway
Marketing and PR	Kevin Smith
YIH	John Krizek

Guests present

Bill Rosica, Convention Chairman
Ray Rhymer, Editor WESTUNES
Lynn Brittan, Chair, Ethics
Deane Scoville, Chair, Awards
Dave Tautkus Chair, Chorus Director Dev .
Russ Young, FWD DACJC
Nick Papageorge, Chair Music /Performance
Keith Eckhardt, Webmaster, et al
Chuck Hunter, COTS Coordinator

Carl Truman, Past District President
Sam Barger, Past District President
Jerry Orloff, Chapter Counselor
Doug Maddox, FWD Production Mgr
Joe Salz, Delegate
Richard Lund, Delegate Placerville
John Jones,
Bill Tieburg

The “Old Songs” was lead by DVP Steve Sammonds and Ivan Jensen offered the Invocation

President Lally included in his opening remarks concern regarding the current conflicts between the FWD District events and those of the local SAI and Harmony Inc groups—offering to lead a discussion with the Society District Presidents in an effort to find a means to coordinate the dates. He continued with membership statistics and recommendations that were offered to augment the current efforts in the chapters.

The Society representative to the FWD Fall convention, Peter Feeney, and the Paired Representative (FWD/EVG), Lou Benedict, brought the BOD up to date on the happening and issues at Nashville.

An open discussion of the Long Range Planning Committee report of May 2007 was held with a number of the items found to be already in work, some were proposed for immediate implementation and others delegated to future actions. Chapter and member inputs are solicited by the FWD Board for this important feature of advanced planning.

Two future convention dates were changed, as follows:

- Arizona Divisional changed from April 17-18 to April 25, 2009
- NorCal West/Hawaii changed to April 18

The following actions and resolutions were made in accordance with the attached agenda with the results as indicated.

Motion 1: Approval of the agenda as modified. (MSP)

Motion 2: Approval of the Summer, 2008 BOD Minutes as published in the HOD Brochure (MSP).

Motion 3: Approval of the 15 Year Calendar as modified. (MSP)

Motion 4: To accept the cost details as proposed by the Society for the Youth 1 Plan (Replacing the “Student Rate”). **MS Failed.**

Motion 5: To modify the FWD dues plan for Youth: First year (Youth 1) members pay no district dues and second year (Y-2) Youth members and on until they reach the age of 26, pay half of the regular district dues. **MSP**

Motion 6: To approve the Awards Committee recommendation to dedicate the Spring Convention to Keith Eckhardt. (MSP)

Motion 7: To provide one free district convention registration within the first year of membership, to all new first-time members of the FWD Barbershop Harmony Society. (MSP)

ACTION ITEMS

1. **(Ivan Jensen,)** Establish a “division naming contest” within the several divisions to provide new names for the five FWD divisions. Division Vice Presidents to preside on the local acquisition of names. The FWD Board will decide (electronically) on the name which will be posted in the Spring Delegates Brochure for acceptance by the HOD. Two prepaid registrations to the March Convention will be provided to the winners of each divisional naming contest.
2. **(Bob Lally)** Appoint an Ad Hoc Committee to review the current status of the geographical vice presidents as board members vice the functional chairmen of the several committees being voting members of the BOD. A report is expected in time to be included in the Spring Delegate’s Brochure
3. **(Russ Young, DACJC)** To establish the rules for the participation of a maximum of 10 choruses at the Spring Convention, concentrating on encouraging chapters of 35 members or less who have not competed in recent years.
4. **(Jim Turnmire)** To create an “orientation” document for new chapter members identifying the purpose function and benefits of district support.

Officer and Chairman Reports are contained in the Fall Brochure and on file with the District Secretary Every member of the Board as well as visitors who were in attendance at the close of the board meeting were asked to and provided suggestions for the “Good of the District,”

The next meeting for the BOD will be on Thursday, March 19, 2009 at 2 pm in Las Vegas, Nevada The meeting was adjourned at 10:37 pm with “*Keep the Whole World Singing,*” directed by DVP Steve Sammonds.

Respectfully submitted
Dick Girvin, Secretary

Fall House of Delegates Meeting Minutes



FAR WESTERN DISTRICT FALL HOUSE OF DELEGATES MEETING Holiday Inn Express Bakersfield, California 2 p.m. Friday, October 10, 2008

MINUTES

President Bob Lally called the Fall Meeting of the FWD House of Delegates to order at 2 pm on October 10, 2008. The following were present:

Board Members (9)

Bob Lally,, President
Ivan Jensen Executive Vice President
Bill Cale Immediate Past President
Jim Sherman, Treasurer
Dick Girvin, Secretary
Bernard Priceman, DVP SoCal West (Div. 1)
Gene Clements, DVP SoCal East (Div 2)
Steve Sammonds, DVP NorCal West/Hawaii (Div. 3)
Jim Turnmire, DVP NorCal East/Nor. Nev (Div. 4)

Past Presidents (8)

Lynn Brittan 1970-71
Sam Barger, 1984-85
Chuck Hunter, 1988-89
Dick Girvin, 1992-93
Carl Truman, 1998-99
Deane Scoville, 2000-01
John Krizek, 2002-03
Bill Cale, 2006-07

Absent (Excused)

Gordon Berghold DVP Ariz/So Nev/So Utah (Div. 5)

Distinguished Guests (Non Voting)

Peter Feeney, Society Representative
Lou Benedict, Paired SBM

Chapters Present (32)

Brea
Central California
El Cajon
Folsom
Fremont-Hayward
Fresno
Fullerton
Greater Phoenix
Irvine
La Jolla
Las Vegas
Las Vegas Metro
Nevada-Placer
Orange (Quartet)
Placerville
Prescott

Reno
Rincon Beach
Riverside
Rohnert Park
San Diego
San Fernando Valley
San Francisco
San Luis Obispo
Santa Cruz
Santa Fe Springs
Santa Maria
Santa Monica
Sun Cities
Tucson
Visalia

1. Quorum.

A quorum was present as determined and announced by Secretary Dick Girvin. The agenda was acted upon and the following actions were taken:

2. Motions

Motion 1: Approval of the previous meeting's minutes (MSP)

Motion 2: To receive the reports of the FWD Officers and Committee Chairmen as presented in the Spring Brochure (MSP)

Motion 3: To approve the changes in the District SOP as presented in the Fall Brochure (MSP).

Motion 4: To elect the Slate of officers presented by the Nom. Committee, by acclamation (MSP)

<u>Office</u>	<u>2008</u>
President	Bob Lally
Executive VP	Bernard Priceman
IPP	Bill Cale
Secretary	Dick Girvin
Treasurer	Jim Sherman
Division 1 VP	Bill Rosica
Division 2 VP	Gene Clements
Division 3 VP	Steve Sammonds
Division 4 VP	Jim Turnmire
Division 5 VP	Gordon Bergthold

Motion 5: To approve the proposed budget as provided in the Fall Delegates' Brochure (MSP)

Motion 6: To approve the increase in district dues from \$19.00 per year to \$25.00 per year. (MSP)

3. Reports

Reports were made amplifying the submitted reports in the Delegate's Brochure by the following:

- a. President Lally's introductions and remarks
- b. Keynote Address: Peter Feeney, Society Board Member
Nashville current status
Changes and programs in the coming year
- c. Chuck Hunter, COTS Coordinator: 2008 COTS review
- d. Ray Kahler, CSLT Chair: Chapter Counselor Program, proposed modifications
- e. Kevin Smith, Marketing and PR Chair: *Sing for Life* Blood Drive
- f. Dave Tautkus, Chorus Director Development Chair: Program highlights
- g. Bob Cathaway, Events Chair: Future Conventions and the 15 year calendar.
- h. Russ Squires, Westminster Chapter Member: Society Motion Picture status and opportunities.

4. Awards

- Deane Scoville announced that Keith Eckhardt was the dedicatee for next Spring.
- Dick Girvin provided the PROBE (Society Public Relations and Bulletin Editor Association) Award to Ray Ashcroft of Fullerton for his First Place, Single PR Event, International Award.
- Fullerton Chapter presented their contribution to Harmony Foundation.

The next meeting of the FWD House of Delegates will be in Las Vegas, Nevada on March 20, 2009.
The meeting adjourned at 4:23 pm

Respectfully submitted
Dick Girvin, Secretary

DISTRICT OFFICER AND CHAIRMEN REPORTS



Date: March 20, 2009
To: Members of the House of Delegates of the Far Western District
From: Bob Lally, District President
Subject: Spring Meeting 2009

Welcome to the Far Western District Spring Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada, and please join me in welcoming Members of the Rocky Mountain District as we band together in the first ever joint Quartet Preliminary Contest to select our quartets for advancement to the International Contest in July. We know that this groundbreaking event will be something to remember and a joy to experience. Joining us to celebrate this unique experience will be our Society President Bill Biffle who will address our BOD and HOD and bring us the latest news from our Society Board of Directors. Also, if you can catch him in the hallway, I know he'll be glad to sing a tag and ring a chord or two with you. You are also encouraged to read all of the other reports in this brochure for a full understanding of the current status of our District, and be sure and share this information with the other members of your Chapter.

The last few months have been busy ones for our District as we continue to make preparations for all of the events to be held in our area for 2009. The first of these was the Society's Midwinter Convention in Pasadena in January, and it went off perfectly. Attendees were treated to some beautiful California sunshine as they took in performances by some great quartets and were thrilled by the second annual Youth Chorus Festival where several hundred young men took to the stage and gave us a preview of our future.

Following this historic dual convention will be our usual series of Division gatherings followed by the Society's International Convention in July right here in Anaheim. Then onward to Harmony College West and the District's Fall Convention in Sacramento.

The biggest issue we face this year, however, is the continuing challenge of maintaining and growing the numbers of members in our chapters, and this is a task that we all share. I know that you've had the subject of membership thrown at you from all sorts of angles in the last few years, but now it's time to really do something about it. Many of the official programs and methods that have been advertised can be of some use, but not one of them works for everybody. It's up to you and your chapter to decide what's the best way for you to attract new singers. Try any one of the programs, try all of them, invent your own, but now is the time to get serious about this if you want this wonderful hobby of ours to survive.

- Take an inventory of your chapter. Are you doing as well as you can in the music department?
 - Are your meetings fun and do they make you want to come back the next week?
 - Do you think most of your visitors would feel the same?
 - Do you tend to talk about our hobby to most of the people that you come in contact with?
 - Do you wear a pin, a shirt or something else with a barbershop logo or theme frequently to attract questions?
- These are just a few of the things you need to ask yourself to determine if you're doing all you can to help yourself and your chapter grow.

It's important that your chapter talks about these ideas and organizes to carry them out, but the real solution is that you commit yourself to making it happen. I would like to see your chapter and mine prosper in the years to come with a steady influx of new singers and fans to carry our legacy forward. Wouldn't you? I challenge you to join with me to make that happen.

Let's do it... Together in Harmony!

Bob Lally, President Far Western District
Barbershop Harmony Society



To: FWD House of Delegates
From: Bernard Priceman, Executive Vice President
Subject: Spring 2009 Status
Date: March 20, 2009

This first report to the House of Delegates as Executive V.P. is being written at the very beginning of my term, and as such I do not have a full report to give. However, I have already attended two Society leadership meetings as the 2009 EVP, one in Nashville and one in Pasadena, which have helped me learn more about my job by talking with other Society leaders. (The meetings are attended by all 16 District Presidents and Executive Vice Presidents).

The job of the EVP, apart from being second in command to the President, is to manage the District Management Team (also known as the Operations Team) made up of the functional chairman of the following committees – Chorus Director Development, Contest & Judging, Chapter Support & Leadership Training, Events, Membership, Marketing & P.R., Music & Performance and Youth in Harmony.

These men are key leaders in the District and have specific jobs to do. Among the things they are working on in this early part of the year, and which I will be monitoring and assisting with, are such things as upcoming conventions, Harmony College West, director training, the annual blood drive and youth camps and festivals. The DMT relies heavily on assistance from Barbershoppers throughout the District. In consultation with the members of the DMT, I will be campaigning on their behalf to find all the help they need. If any members have an interest in helping in any of their fields, I trust I will hear from them.

Finally, it is my intention to institute a regular voice communication system via Internet conference calling between myself and the DMT. Currently, the Team meets together only once each year and I believe that this is not often enough. I hope that by talking more, we will manage to accomplish more.



To: FWD House of Delegates
From: Bill Rosica, Division Vice President, Div. 1 SoCal West
Subject: Spring 2009 Status
Date: March 20, 2009

How many of you were able to attend the Mid-winter Convention in Pasadena? It was actually the first one I've been able to attend. I sang with the California All-Star Chorus and had a great time with men of different chapters. After two rehearsals and a sectional with our section leaders (Masterpiece) we hit the stage. Singing with 100 of your friends on stage in front of an International audience is a once in a lifetime event. If you ever get the chance, please afford yourself the opportunity.

Then there was the Chorus contest. The winners were obvious from the opening note. The Northwest Vocal Project from the Evergreen District just blew the doors off their hinges. I really enjoyed the format where a non-barbershop song was also allowed, which allowed these men to show us what else they could do.

The Seniors Contest was as exciting as an International Quartet Contest. I don't think that anyone realized just how good these guys were going to be when the Seniors Quartet contest was begun. Frazier Brown hit the International stage once again, this time to take the gold with Audacity from the Phoenix area.

Speaking of contests, have you registered for the Spring Convention and Contest in Las Vegas, yet? If not, get with it. This is going to be a great time as we are doubling up with the Rocky Mountain District. We'll get to see what the two districts have to offer going into the International Convention in Anaheim. And while you're at it, you might as well register for the Fall Convention in Sacramento at the same time.

As I mentioned last month, I'd like to be able to visit each SoCal chapter's board meeting sometime during the year. With Anaheim coming up fast, I'm quite busy firming up manpower. By the way, if you are interested in helping out, let me know. We'll have plenty of jobs for you to do. And if you work enough hours during the week, you'll get a nice Convention Shirt to wear over the years.

See you all in Las Vegas.

Bill Rosica
SoCal West Division VP



To: FWD House of Delegates
From: Gene Clements, Division Vice President, Div. 2, SoCal East So Nevada and So. Utah
Subject: Spring 2009 Status
Date: March 20, 2009

The Temecula Chapter is still licensed, not chartered. I will install their officers on February 17, and will discuss.

The Brea Chapter now has a nice web site. The only Division 2 chapters NOT having one are Laguna Hills and San Clemente.

I will install the Brea officers on February 21.

I accepted the appointment to the FWD Nominating Committee.

I outlined the fundamentals and encouraged participation in the Division Naming Contest. To date, 27 men have done so.

Encouraged Chapter elections to be timely and continued promoting the Leadership Academy for all.

Email correspondence was continued with regard to starting a chapter in *Mexico*. At *President Lally's* suggestion, I have forwarded all prior correspondence on to the President of the Southwest District, Dan Fullerton.

Sent preliminary information on the Spring Las Vegas Convention to all chapters and encouraged those eligible small chapters to participate.

Exchanged e-mails with Peter Feeney regarding the possible YIH conflict between the two Las Vegas Chapters. He advised that he will check into it and resolve any problem.

All Div.2 chapter leaders were urged to read the December '08 Livewire for the importance of its content to the chapters.

One smallish chapter did a chapter survey with good participation and results. I received a copy, and with some editing, sent it out to all Div. 2 chapter leaders suggesting they may want to use it and do the same.

A very successful one-day SoCal Leadership Academy in Pico Rivera was held on November 22. Food was provided this time and was well received.

Finding that many Div. 2 Chapter leaders did not know how to find needed information, I advised all leaders how to use the FWD web site. Specific instruction were provided to enable them to find their

respective FWD Chairmen, and how to access and use the BHS web site to find needed documents and apply for Certificates of Insurance through the society's new insurance agency.

All SCE Chapters were encouraged regarding getting their 2008 Chapter Financial Review done ASAP.

Conducted much email correspondence with Rick Spencer re; our best use of his time and talents at and after the Spring Convention. Requested in-put from others has not been received. To date, no firm plans made, but are in the works.

Installed the Pal-Pac officers.

Provided chapter leaders with several "thoughts and ideas" for growing their chapters.

Sent the 'FIRST in the FWD' letter to the first new district member of 2009; a new Fullerton Chapter member.

Assisted, via emails, many chapter presidents by answering questions and, as requested, giving informed opinions on chapter challenges.

Respectfully submitted,

Gene Clements
Vice-President, Division 2



To: FWD House of Delegates
From: Steve Sammonds, Division Vice President, Div. 3 (NorCal West/Hawaii)
Subject: Spring 2009 Status
Date: March 20, 2009

Declining chapter membership continues to be the number one area of concern in Division 3. In the twelve months from February 2008-2009, only two chapters showed growth. Overall, membership dropped 17% across all chapters though this number admittedly over counts due to dual memberships. I have not yet found an easy way to count absolute members in the division by counting dual members only once. Still, the numbers are especially alarming for the smaller chapters that continue to shrink.

	Feb 2009	Feb 2008	Difference (Pct)
Aloha	76	80	- 4 (- 5%)
Bay Area	129	157	-28 (-18%)
Crescent City	3	3	0 (0%)
Eureka	37	32	+ 5 (+16%)
Fremont-Hayward	25	27	- 2 (- 7%)
Marin	32	37	- 5 (-14%)
Monterey-Peninsula	32	36	- 4 (-11%)
Napa Valley	24	29	- 5 (-17%)
Palo Alto-Mountain View	60	56	+ 4 (+ 7%)
Rohnert Park	14	14	0 (0%)
San Francisco	24	30	- 6 (-20%)
San Mateo County	32	37	- 5 (-14%)
Santa Cruz	19	27	- 8 (-30%)
Santa Rosa	24	28	- 4 (-14%)
SF Bay Cities	13	15	- 2 (-13%)
Walnut Creek	35	45	-10 (-22%)

More than ever, cooperation between chapters is necessary to help stem the tide of dropping membership. Different chapters serve different needs, yet we have lost members from the Society because they quit one chapter without any information being passed to neighboring chapters that might be a better fit. While we rightly focus on how to best market ourselves to and recruit potential new members, we repeatedly fail to address the equally if not more pressing issue of member retention. Every chapter needs to regularly survey their membership to ensure that they meet the needs of their members and that they clearly communicate to prospective members what that particular chapter is all about.

On January 27, Drew Ellis from BHS Headquarters held two meetings in the division to discuss membership issues and present the Two Steps to the Future program that he and Charlie Davenport have developed. Representatives from eight chapters met with Drew. Thanks to Jim DeChaine (Santa Rosa) for helping to coordinate the north bay meeting and to the Palo Alto-Mountain View Chapter for hosting the evening meeting in Sunnyvale. There were plenty of good ideas and lively discussion. During the evening meeting,

tentative commitments were made for a cooperative effort in creating a youth harmony festival and/or contest in the south bay area by 2011.

Youth outreach continues to gain ground in the division with the Santa Cruz Chapter's Sing for Your Life concerts leading the way. In 2008, seven high schools were featured on the two shows. In January, the chapter also arranged to have the quartet JAG from Liberty High School visit several local schools. Also in January, Paul Engel and college quartet Epic gave a presentation at the California Music Educators Association winter conference at San Jose State. Building on these efforts and sharing lessons learned is key to further development of youth outreach in the division. Exporting the Sing For Your Life concert concept to the north bay should be a top priority.

Six chapters from Division 3 attended the NorCal Leadership Academy in November. In the past two years, 9 of 14 chapters have attended at least one COTS/Leadership Academy (Aloha and Crescent City are not counted). The remaining five chapters will be strongly encouraged to send their officers in 2009. Once again, the new format mixing instruction and discussion time received high marks along with most of the instructors. I submitted some ideas on how to encourage attendance by more of the veteran officers while addressing some of the concerns of not enough discussion time for treasurers and secretaries due to the amount of material to be covered.

The Voices in Harmony won their first district chorus championship and will return to International in 2009. VIH was the only chorus attending the chorus contest this year since The Peninsulaires elected to attend the Pan Pacific Convention. Motley Q, Memory Lane, and Cali4nia were the division quartet representatives. Motley Q went on to place tenth at the International Senior Quartet contest in Pasadena. At the aforementioned Pan Pacific Convention in Honolulu, the host Sounds of Aloha also competed in the chorus contest. Vintage Gold won the senior quartet contest. Other division quartets competing in Hawaii were spam and Pacific Trades.

The 2009 division convention is being combined with the NorCal East/Northern Nevada convention in Fresno. The original date for the NCWH convention on the district master plan conflicted with the date of the Sweet Adelines Region 12 contests. Attempts to move the date ran into issues with availability of judges, so the only solution left was to join with NCENN. Early feedback indicates that we will have less participation than we would have had we been able to either remain in Stockton or move back to Woodside. Plans for 2010 depend in large part on whether the NCENN convention is combined with the FWD spring convention. In that case, the NCWH convention will once again be a separate event, with Woodside High School remaining our primary venue choice. Additionally, I will continue to push for improved communications between BHS and SAI to identify scheduling conflicts much sooner.

To those who have stepped up to take on a leadership position in their chapter in 2009, I thank you for your service and wish you a successful and harmonious year.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Sammonds
Division Vice President, Div. 3



To: FWD House of Delegates
From: Jim Turnmire, Division Vice President Div. 4, NorCal East/Northern Nevada
Subject: Spring 2009 Status
Date: March 20, 2009

It is with great joy that I share wonderful things that are happening in 3 of our chapters. There are probably more chapters that are doing great things, but I haven't been notified of that. All 3 of these chapters are heavily involved in promoting music in the schools, and have contributed tens of thousands of \$\$\$ throughout the years to the schools and Young Men In Harmony.

The **Carson City Chorus of the Comstock** is now a hotbed of barbershop activity thanks to Jim Crowley and his band of merry men. They have sold-out shows (even the governor attends!), various school groups have performed with the resultant swelling of the ranks of boys singing in high school choirs. Their membership has grown substantially also. Just ask Jim or any member of the CC chapter and they would be delighted to share their success with you.

I had the pleasure of installing the officers of the **Davis/Vacaville Chapter** recently. They have been involved for several years in promoting music in the local high school. Because of their efforts, the schools have benefited to the tune of **tens of thousands of dollars!** They also have increased their ranks and even competed in last year's division competition. A big congratulations to the Davis/Vacaville and their director, Ollie Brillhante.

I also had the extreme pleasure of installing the officers of the **Placerville Chapter**. Now there is a chapter that's on fire with youth outreach and promoting barbershop in their high school. They will have sent a chorus of 30 young men to the Youth Harmony Festival at Mid-Winter. They even paid for their transportation expenses. They have some of these young men now singing in their chorus, and one of them has become the assistant director. He teaches tags, and can sing each part. What a spark plug he is! What chapter wouldn't benefit with that infusion of youth, talent and enthusiasm!?! Contact Ron Murray if you want more information and inspiration!

The combined NCENN/NCWH convention and competition will be held in Fresno the weekend of May 15th & 16th. There will be a high school quartet contest held Friday evening. If any of you would like to sponsor a quartet, either a boys or a girls quartet, please contact me, and I will see that they are entered. There will be a \$500 prize to the school which sponsors the winning quartet. Even the 5th place quartet will receive \$100.

Hope to see a **huge** turnout at the convention in May,

Jim Turnmire
Division Vice President Div 4..



To: FWD House of Delegates
From: Gordon Bergthold, District Vice-President, Div. 5. Ariz.
Subject: Spring 2009 Status
Date: March 20, 2009

Since my last report in September of 2009 our division has undertaken many challenges from the Leadership Academy November 15, 2008 to the arrival of the College Quartet Champs from Sweden in Prescott, Arizona for a full day of appearances at schools in the area.

The Leadership Academy, held in Mesa and hosted by the Mesa Chapter, was very successful and those 40+ men in attendance were impressed and appreciative of the instructors provided by the Far Western District.

I was the Master of Ceremonies for the Prescott Chapter show on October 18, 2008 which featured several chapter quartets and Sonoran Sound from Tucson along with a local Sweet Adeline quartet. They are still in search of a full-time director.

On November 8, 2008 I attended the Mesa Chapter show along with many of the valley Barbershoppers who were in attendance. The show included about seven or eight chapter quartets and a young women's group from Scottsdale. Mesa is now directed by Dr. Ray Kahler.

The Greater Phoenix Chapter lost their Treasurer and fine bass, Bill Johnson unexpectedly in late November and the chorus sang at his memorial service on December 6th.

Most of the Division Chapters put on Christmas Shows making December a very busy month for all choruses. On January 10, 2009 I did the installation for the White Mountain Chapter and the Eastsiders Quartet from Tucson entertained those in attendance. On January 15th the Spirit of Phoenix Chorus put on a show in Mesa for a retirement park. January 18th was the Greater Phoenix Chapter installation dinner with Greg Dodge, bass of Audacity, as Master of Ceremonies.

On January 24th I MC'd the Prescott Chapter Show at the Sharlott Hall Museum. On January 27th John Krizek hosted the Ringmasters Quartet and escorted them all over the Prescott area. The young men from Sweden won the 2008 College Contest in Nashville and finished 18th in the main quartet contest. They were accepted with rousing applause and excitement at each school venue and finished off the day with a show at the Presbyterian Church hosted by the local women's barbershop chorus.

Collin McKinney is now directing the Paradise Valley Chapter and there is hope of rehabilitating the membership which was down drastically at the end of 2008.

To complete the month I attended the Mid Winter Convention in Pasadena and watched Audacity from Phoenix win the Senior's International Contest. It was a wonderful moment for the quartet receiving their gold medal, especially for Fraser Brown who has competed at nearly 30 international contests.

The most exciting program in the division is the Youth in Harmony push by Ron and Annie Hayes in Tucson. They continue to attract singers to the AMEA Festival along with their emphasis on exposing youth to our hobby. Many of the Arizona quartets support the youth events by their participation. The goal is to get the Phoenix area involved in this movement and that is our next challenge.



To: FWD House of Delegates
From: Dick Girvin, District Secretary
Subject: Secretary's Report
Date: March 20, 2009

A. The Delegate's Brochure. This document is now being carried on the website and is mailed only to those requesting it. (Last Fall only two members requested a copy by mail and two more asked for copies at the HOD meeting.). This method provides not only for rapid dissemination but also reduces costs to the district and permits those resources previous applied to printing and mailing (approximately \$2000) to be used to support items in the approved budget.

Delegates and members of the FWD should review the document either on-line or print it for reference. It contains individual reports of the officers and chairmen of the respective committees and as such is the heartbeat of the district. Individuals who are computer-challenged may request a hard copy of the brochure. The request for this assistance should be made to the District Secretary no later than 10 days prior to the current HOD meeting.

The Delegate's Brochure is one of the main repositories of history for the district. These documents, which identify issues, resolutions and activities of the period, are thus retained and become part of the chronicle of the Far Western District.

B. the 2009 Directory is available to **all** members of FWD on the FWD website ([www. spebsqsafwd. org](http://www.spebsqsafwd.org)). The basic information on individual chapters (officers, location, meeting dates, etc) is continuously available in far greater detail on the website and is current at the time it is downloaded.

On the FWD website, state-of-the-art "search engines" are available to quickly locate individuals, offices, committeemen and functions as needed throughout the year. Computer challenged members may request information on a case-by-case basis by contacting the District Secretary by telephone, e-mail or s-mail. These effective communications methods assure the district of current, accurate, and timely data at a fraction of the previous cost of hard copy.

C. FWD SOP. The changes, which were approved by the Fall HOD meeting, were forwarded in October to the Society Governance and Bylaws Committee. Approval was forthcoming and the current (2009) version of the FWD SOP is now on the district website (www.spebsqsafwd.org)

Respectfully submitted

Dick Girvin
FWD Secretary
[dickgirvin@juno. com](mailto:dickgirvin@juno.com)



To: FWD House of Delegates
From: Jim Sherman, District Treasurer
Subject: FWD Financial Statements
Date: March 20, 2009

The following three pages constitute the treasurer's report

- Statement of Receipts and Disbursement
- FWD 2009 BUDGET
- Balance Sheet

FWD ASSOC. of CHAPTERS
Statement of Receipts and Disbursements
Actual to Budget as of 12/31/08

		ACTUAL AMOUNT	ACTUAL AMOUNT	BUDGET AMOUNT	BUDGET AMOUNT	VARIANCE
REVENUE RECEIVED						
Dues and Assessments			\$48,086		\$48,070	\$16
International Prelims	Bakersfield		-\$1,254		\$0	-\$1,254
Fall District Convention	Bakersfield		\$13,018		\$30,000	-\$16,982
Divisional Contests	AZ/NV	\$3,839		\$3,000		
	SO CAL WEST	\$0		\$1,500		
	SO CAL EAST	\$2,552		\$1,500		
	NOR CAL WEST	\$0		\$0		
	NOR CAL EAST	\$3,456	\$9,847	\$4,000	\$10,000	-\$153
Westunes Ads & Subs			\$2,410		\$500	\$1,910
Interest-Savings			\$1,060		\$500	\$560
Other Revenue			\$0			
	Web					
	Hosting		\$0		\$0	\$0
TOTAL REVENUE RECEIVED			\$73,167		\$89,070	-\$15,903
EXPENSES						
President	Incl Audit, Hall of Fame ,Nomination	\$1,179		\$2,400		
	Awards	\$2,896		\$2,300		
	Travel-International Conventions	\$2,623	\$6,698	\$3,000	\$7,700	-\$1,002
Immediate Past President			\$58		\$0	\$58
Society Board Member(SBM)			\$1,031		\$1,000	\$31
Executive Vice President			\$2,546		\$3,000	-\$454
Divisional Vice President	AZ/SoNV/SoUT	\$350		\$1,200		
	SoCalWest	\$0		\$500		
	SoCalEast	\$0		\$500		
	NorCalWest	\$0		\$500		
	NorCalEast	\$0	\$350	\$500	\$3,200	-\$2,850
Secretary		\$1,172		\$1,500		
	Insurance	\$0	\$1,172	\$800	\$2,300	-\$1,128
Treasurer			\$113		\$200	-\$87
Officers Meeting Expenses			\$12,371		\$13,000	-\$629
Committees	Chapter Support	\$818		\$6,900		
	Leadership Academy	\$5,936	\$6,754	\$12,000	\$18,900	-\$12,146
	Chorus Director		\$1,753		\$2,500	-\$747
	C & J		\$5,665		\$6,500	-\$835
	Events		\$277		\$2,300	-\$2,023
	Marketing &PR	\$707		\$2,000		
	Web Public & FWD	\$1,319		\$4,200		
	Westunes	\$6,466	\$8,492	\$5,000	\$11,200	-\$2,708
	Convention Activities Chairman		\$1,163		\$1,000	\$163
	Member Services		\$1,727		\$1,100	\$627
	Music & Performance	\$1,000		\$4,300		
	Harmony College					
	West	\$1,764	\$2,764	\$3,000	\$7,300	-\$4,536
	YIH		\$907		\$2,500	-\$1,593
Quartet Travel Fund			\$3,236		\$3,289	-\$53
Chorus Travel Fund			\$7,467		\$7,590	-\$123
Leadership Forum			\$3,117		\$0	\$3,117
Miscellaneous			\$1,420		\$600	\$820
TOTAL EXPENSES			\$69,082		\$95,179	-\$26,097
NET RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS			\$4,085		-\$6,109	\$10,194

BUDGET		BUDGET	BUDGET
FAR WESTERN DISTRICT		AMOUNT	AMOUNT
		2009	2009
REVENUE			
Dues and Assessments			\$59,813
International Prelims-	Las Vegas		\$0
Fall District Convention-	Sacramento		\$25,000
Divisional Contests	AZ/NV	\$3,000	
	SO CAL WEST	\$3,000	
	SO CAL EAST	\$0	
	NOR CAL WEST	\$2,000	
	NOR CAL EAST	\$1,500	\$9,500
Westunes Ads & Subs			\$1,100
Interest-Savings			\$350
TOTAL REVENUE			\$95,763
EXPENSES			
President		\$2,500	
Awards		\$1,000	
Awards Committee Exp		\$800	
Travel-		\$2,000	\$6,300
Immediate Past President			\$0
Society Board Member(SBM)			\$1,200
Executive Vice President			\$2,500
DVP-AZ/SoNV/SoUT		\$1,500	
DVP-SoCalWest		\$1,000	
DVP-SoCalEast		\$1,000	
DVP-NorCalWest		\$1,000	
DVP-NorCalEast		\$1,500	\$6,000
Secretary		\$1,500	
Insurance		\$800	\$2,300
Treasurer			\$200
Officers Meeting Expenses			\$14,000
Committees			
Chapter Support & Leadership		\$6,900	
Leadership Academy		\$5,000	\$11,900
Chorus Director Development			\$3,100
Contest &		\$4,500	
Reserve C&J School		\$2,500	\$7,000
Events			\$2,500
Marketing & PR		\$2,400	
Web-Public & FWD		\$4,000	
Westunes		\$11,000	\$17,400
Convention Activities Chairman			\$1,500
Member Services			\$2,500
Music & Performance		\$2,500	
Chapter Coaching		\$2,000	
Harmony College West		\$5,000	\$9,500
YIH			\$2,500
Quartet Travel Fund			\$3,110
Chorus Travel Fund			\$7,178
Leadership Forum			\$2,600
Miscellaneous			\$2,000
TOTAL EXPENSES			\$105,288
NET RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS			-\$9,525

Far Western District Association of Chapters of SPEBSQSA, Inc.
Balance Sheet
12/31/2008

ASSETS

Cash-Bank of America-Checking	\$4,610.56	
Cash-Bank of America- Savings	\$76,842.31	
Cash-Bank of America- CD	\$50,785.23	
Prepaid Expense -	\$4,200.00	
Returned Checks	\$0.00	
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		\$136,438.10

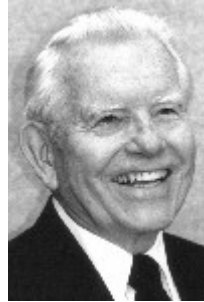
TOTAL ASSETS		\$136,438.10
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LIABILITIES & RETAINED EARNINGS

International Quartet Travel Reserve		\$2,273.14
International Chorus Travel Reserve		\$4,270.50
Youth Ed. Reserve		\$13,634.05
Nor Cal Youth Camp Reserve		\$10,085.12
Harmony Foundation Donor Choice		\$6,333.43
Leadership Academy Reserve	2008	\$1,577.00
Harmony College West Reserve	2005	\$7,777.50
C&J Category School Reserve		\$1,500.00
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		\$47,450.74

Retained Earnings		\$84,902.39
Current Retained Earnings		\$4,084.97
TOTAL RETAINED EARNINGS		\$88,987.36

TOTAL LIABILITIES & RETAINED EARNINGS		\$136,438.10
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To: Far Western District House of Delegates
From: Deane Scoville, Chairman FWD Awards Committee
Subject: Spring 2009 Awards Report
Date: March 2009

We all are aware that recognition is one of the best things that can happen in the life of a barbershopper. Each year some of our members who perform above and beyond the call of duty receive honors from the district. It is the duty of this committee to provide the proper recognition in the manner of saying "Thank You"!

Trophies and lapel pins presented to our quartet and chorus competitors each year at division and district contests remain the responsibility of the Events Committee, in conjunction with the Contest and Judging Committee. The following is an update on the Awards Committee's activities and responsibilities:

- We provide the FWD *Hall of Fame* Plaque, lapel pin and name badge to the Chairman of that committee to be presented to the winner on Saturday evening at the Spring Convention.
- We provide 12 plaques for the top three High School Quartet winners at the Spring Convention. In addition, we have followed up with the outgoing champions to assure the traveling trophy is ready for presentation Saturday afternoon. The AFWDC plans to provide a new traveling trophy award for this competition in the near future and it will be dedicated in memory of Lloyd Steinkamp.
- We provide a plaque for the Spring and Fall Convention Honoree. In addition we present a corsage to his significant other for presentation on Saturday evening.
- As of January 20, 2009, we have created and forwarded 133 *Bachelor of Harmony Certificates*. Jacket patches are mailed with certificates to an officer in each recipient's chapter for proper presentation. We suggest the certificates be framed before presentation. (We strongly recommend each chapter present new members their new member certificate in an attractive frame... to be displayed proudly for others to see!)
- We provide the FWD *Chapter of the Year* Award for the previous year to be presented at the House of Delegates at the Spring Convention. The selection of the Chapter of the Year is made by the President with input from the Board of Directors. This award is for the chapter that has displayed positive activity and results in membership growth and retention, community involvement, division and district involvement in schools and contests and a working program for Youth In Harmony.
- The *Chapter of the Year* Plaque is a perpetual award and is only retained by the chapter for that one year (unless it wins again the following year). We also provide a permanent award to the winning chapter donated by the family of Owen Edwards and presented at the House of Delegates Meeting.
- Finally, we provide the FWD *President's Award* to be presented by the President at a time of his choosing.

Thank you! It is our pleasure to serve the Far Western District!

Sincerely,

Deane Scoville, Chairman
Lynn Brittan,
Carl Truman



To: FWD House of Delegates
From: Ray Kahler, Chairman, CSLT Committee
Subject: Spring 2009 Status
Date: March 20, 2009

(Report to be provided at HOD meeting)



To: FWD House of Delegates
From: Dave Tautkus, Chairman, Chorus Director Development Committee
Subject: Spring 2009 Status
Date: March 20, 2009

First, to update you on previous actions:

- I have received no updates from the choruses that had reported director vacancies.
- I have received no offers to host CDWI's.
- I have received no requests to assist in further director searches.

Actions in process:

I am actively seeking chorus directors that wish to further their learning by attending CDWI's, Director's College, and working toward certification.

I have contacted representatives from the BHS committees and staff to research the current status of directors in the certification process, and potential trainers/clinicians for directors.

Working in conjunction with the Evergreen District, we are trying to assess the need/desire to host a combined CDWI in Southern Oregon. This would accommodate the Northern-most chapters of our district.

My ultimate goals for 2009 in the district are:

- Hold a CDWI, CDWI-2 or Next level experience in each division.
- Assist any chapter that is in need and fill all director vacancies.
- Assist in the identification and training of assistant/associate and upcoming directors.
- Assist our directors in their goal of attending HCW, DC or other training experiences.
- Assess the value and need of reinstating the CDG. (Chorus Directors Guild)

I am here to help chorus directors succeed and thrive. I can't read minds so I need people to tell me of their desires and struggles.

Feel free to contact me at:
singjudgedave@yahoo.com

Dave Tautkus
Kennedy High School
Music Department Chair, 2006 Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year
Director, San Fernando Valley Valleyaires Barbershop Chorus
Barbershop Harmony Society Singing Judge
818-271-2996



To: FWD House of Delegates
From: Dick Girvin, Chairman, FWD Communications Committee
Subject: District Communications Status
Date: March 20, 2009

The district administration has been provided with a number of e-mail communications tools to assist in the dissemination of information and provide a direct line of contact between the chapter officers and the individuals with whom they must be in touch. The specific listservs established for the district include:

- FWD-MGMT@yahoo.groups.com District President and Board of Directors
- FWD-COM@yahoogroups.com District Committee Chairmen
- FWDCSLT@yahoogroups.com District Chapter Counselors
- FWD-DMT@yahoogroups.com District Operations Team
- FWD-LIST@yahoogroups.com Open to all FWD members
- WESTAGS@yahoogroups.com District officers and FWD members on request
- FWDquartets@yahoogroups.com District Quartets
- FWD-DIST@yahoogroups.com FWD Leadership personnel

The following groups are set up to include the District Officer, Chapter Counselors assigned plus chapter presidents, secretaries, et al as desired by the DVP.

- ASNSU@yahoogroups.com Arizona Chapters
- NCENN@yahoogroups.com NorCal East Chapters
- FWDSCE@Yahoogroups.com SoCal east Chapters
- NCWH@yahoogroups.com NorCal West Chapters
- FWDMEM@yahoogroups.com Membership Listserv
- KevinPSmith@yahoogroups.com Marketing and PR Listserv.

Chapter presidents have received an invitation to participate with the divisional listservs and many have taken advantage of this specially configured and private means to discuss divisional matters with their counselors, and divisional personnel. Chapter presidents that are not aware of the opportunity should contact their DVP and ask to be included.

Couple these with the working divisional websites and district main website (www.spebsqsafwd.com), the membership of the district is well informed on all activities ongoing and upcoming. Details on all district events are available on the website as well as governance documents including the district Standard Operating Procedures and many others.

Recommendations for modifications to or additions of groups to provide improved communications in the district are always welcome and should be addressed to the undersigned.

Dick Girvin
(dickgirvin@juno.com)



To: FWD House of Delegates
From: Russ Young Chairman, Contest & Judging Committee
Subject: Contest and Judging Report
Date: March 20, 2009

This report contains the following:

- Review of 2008 Fall District Contest, Bakersfield, CA
- Update from Mid-Winter Seniors Contest
- Preview of Spring contests
- Certified Judge and Candidate update
- New title for DDC&J

A. Fall Contest – The Fall Contest in Bakersfield, CA is now a few months behind us. From a C&J viewpoint, the contest sessions went smoothly. As we’ve experienced in recent years, the CJ20 form (contestant entry) had a fair share of problems but we were able to get through them and launch us into a successful contest. Out of 23 eligible choruses, only 15 competed, 1 of which became ineligible on stage after falling below the minimum number allowed on stage for a chorus. Out of 30 qualified quartets (regular and senior), 17 competed. Sadly, the number of contestants who actually compete far differs from those who qualify. Therefore, any numbers recommended for qualification in 2009 will remain the same as last year.

B. Mid-Winter - Our District Senior Quartet Champions, Audacity, went on to win the International Seniors Contest in Pasadena.. They were unable to compete last year due to a member undergoing heart surgery, so this is a welcome return for them.. No other FWD Senior Quartets competed this year.

C. Spring Preview – Plans are well underway for the FWD/RMD “Regional” Contest in Las Vegas. At the time of this writing, registrations are trickling in for quartets in both districts, but it is still believed that we will have 40+ competitors. The small chorus contest has only one contestant at this time. Still, we are moving ahead with hopes the weekend will be a huge success.

A new CJ20 form has been made available online through the Society’s new system. Unfortunately, it remains to be a test of patience as we work through the bugs. Hopefully they’ll be worked out by the spring Division Contests.

D. FWD Judge Status - Our current number of Certified Judges stands as follows:

Certified

4 Contest Administrators
2 Presentation Judges
7 Music Judges
7 Singing Judges

We are also strong with Judging Candidates:

4 Presentation
2 Music
3 Singing

Our judging community continues to grow in numbers and be strong in its members.

E. New Title for Director of Contest & Judging - All District shall now have one title for their C&J Representative; DRC&J (District Representative of Contest & Judging).

Respectfully Submitted,
Russ Young, DRCJ



To: FWD House of Delegates
From: Dick Girvin, District Bulletin Contest Coordinator
Subject: Spring 2009 Status
Date: March 20, 2009

From FWD one hard copy and one electronic bulletin have been submitted to the PROBE judges for adjudication in the District Bulletin Contest: Placerville's *Gold Rush Gazette* and Hemet's *UPBEAT*, respectively.

A concern has been indicated regarding the lack of interest in the printed bulletins due to the ready availability of on-line publications. Electronic bulletins are becoming very popular. Many chapters have gone to this method with lower cost of color, overall appearance and mailing. Currently, electronic bulletins may enter the International On-Line Bulletin contest without qualifying in the district contests. Details are available from the district bulletin coordinator upon request

Currently, bulletins are adjudicated on the three elements: Content, Grammar and Style, and . Layout and Reproduction (electronic bulletins are judged in Design and Graphics vice Layout and Reproduction).. Results of the contest should be available by the HOD meeting in March. These bulletins, as the top scoring bulletins, will be eligible for submission in the International Bulletin Contests.

Better bulletins (printed or electronic) make better chapters—have you hugged your bulletin editor lately—or told him how much the chapter appreciates him?

Dick Girvin
FWD DBC Coordinator
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To: FWD House of Delegates
From: Lynn Brittan, Chairman, Ethics Committee
Subject: Spring 2009 Status
Date: March 20, 2009

As of this date there are no issues needing the attention of this committee.

Lynn Brittan
Chairman, Ethics Committee



To: FWD House of Delegates
From: Bob Cathaway, Events Chairman
Subject: Spring 2009 Status
Date: March 20, 2009

UPCOMING DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

Fall Conventions

2009 – October 8-11 – Sacramento – Sacramento Chapter run
2010 – October 7-10 – Bakersfield – Events Team run, San Luis Obispo Chapter for Hire
2011 – October 13-16 – Fresno and Phoenix are bidding (Phoenix requests date change)**
Society C&J not inclined to change to the Phoenix-proposed September date
2012 – October 11-14 – Accepting bids

Spring Conventions

2010 – March 18-21 – Reno – combined with NCENN Division
Possible combination with RMD (then district location TBD)
2011 – March 17-20 – Reno (in work) – combined with NCENN Division

Division Conventions for 2009

AZ* – April 24-25 – Phoenix – Phoenix Chapter run
NCENN-NCWH – May 15-16 – Fresno – Fresno Chapter run
SCW-SCE – May 2 – Rincon Beach/San Fernando Valley run – Venue TBD**

**Possible date change

The plans for the 2009 Fall Convention are tracking nicely under the watchful eye of Bill Borah. Pete Bennett already has his San Luis Obispo folks ready to support the Fall 2010 Convention. The HOD will vote today to hold the Fall 2011 Convention in Fresno (Oct. 13-16) or Phoenix (Sept. 30-Oct. 2). Society C&J is NOT inclined to approve the September date. Bids are now being accepted for the Fall 2012 district convention. The Pasadena Convention and Visitors Bureau is planning to present a bid for Fall 2012 at the Fall 2009 convention. The facilities in Bakersfield are being held pending a decision from us by year-end. Bids are encouraged for years 2012 and beyond.

The combined Spring Conventions and NCENN division contests for 2010 and 2011 are being firmed up by Sam Barger. Reno is hosting, chapter run. Venue is the Pioneer Theater, downtown. The results of this combined convention with RMD may change these plans if we decide to combine in 2010. Bids for 2012 and beyond are encouraged.

John Jones, Sam Barger and Jim Turmire have finalized arrangements for the combined NorCal division contest well in advance of the event. I am going to have to insist that SoCal do the same – the SoCal chapters need to step up to the plate, and need to consider co-hosting if their membership is low. Paul Sandorff and Jim Serdahely have worked hard and finally finalized everything for the combined SCW/SCE. Rincon Beach will host with San Fernando Valley.

Sam Barger is in the process of locating, and then collecting at the appropriate time, all FWD traveling trophies. If anyone still has a traveling trophy or knows of one, please contact Sam.

I am still looking for prospective prospects to take over my job as District Registration Chairman. I hope to have this job filled soon.



To: FWD House of Delegates
From: Chuck Hunter, FWD Leadership Academy Coordinator
Subject: Spring 2009 Status
Date: March 20, 2009

The transformation of the Leadership Academy program, formerly known as COTS, from a Society led program to one organized and run by the District resulted in a successful second season in the Far Western District. Three schools were held this year in Stockton, Los Angeles, and Mesa Arizona. A total of 160 students attended. There were 51 students in Stockton, 65 in Los Angeles, and 44 in Mesa. Not in attendance were officers from many struggling chapters as well as some of the more visible and active chapters in the District and their absence are cause for some concern.

It should be noted that Keith Eckhardt has worked tirelessly in creating an electronic survey that was made available to each student following the conclusion of their seminar. The percentage of those responding was extremely high; 44 in Stockton, 41 in Los Angeles, and 30 in Mesa. The results of the survey clearly indicate that an overwhelming majority of the students found the seminars to be excellent or good, and the comments provided by many will be used to help refine and further develop our course offerings for those that will be held this fall. Planning is currently underway, but there are no details available at present.

Although the classes offered at each of these events were generally well received there is always room for improvement and under consideration for this year's offerings are the following:

1. More dynamic general sessions.
2. More singing by the students.
3. A dinner option
4. An afterglow for those who might remain for dinner.
5. A low-cost motel option
6. Realistic ways to transform ideas into productive programs
7. Better control of break and class time.

It was noted that the inclusion of lunch in the registration cost was appreciated and in almost all cases the lunch was well received. It is difficult to walk the tightrope between being fiscally conservative and providing a meal, but in terms of the time that was saved by not having students go off-site for a meal and the general quality of the food that was provided lunch received a strong thumbs up from almost all of the attendees.

Efforts are currently underway to develop a communication network between the instructors in the various content areas to facilitate a more uniform curriculum and delivery system for the course materials.



To: FWD House of Delegates
From: Kevin P. Smith; Chairman, Marketing and Public Relations
Subject: Spring 2009 Report of Marketing and Public Relations
Date: March 2009

This year we are honoring Keith Eckhardt and the marvelous work he has done in supporting Marketing and PR over the years! To be honest, without him, there would not be much to the Marketing program. Most of what he does, often goes unseen by the “general rank and file”; as he not only supports the “information highway” of the FWD, but provides informational and statistical data to every officer that serves on our Board of Directors. He has also been engaged in the last several years with trying to assist the Society in straightening out ebiz! Over the last several years he has also been active in scheduling classes at all conventions, along with getting us singing again in the “tween” hours!

In today’s world, any organization lives or dies with up to date information that is supplied via the web. Keith keeps us up to date with both Society news and programs, and continually provides up-to-date Chapter info for the FWD. I work with Keith on a regular basis to keep us current on special programs such as the Singing for Life blood drive and the new movie, American Harmony. In case you haven’t noticed (and you ought to...), our FWD website is constantly being updated with news and notes from around the FWD – all thanks to Keith, and the great work he does!

I continue to work on the Tidbits newsletter. Keith posted my most recent edition last month. If you have ideas for that newsletter, please let me know. Additionally, last year I prepared some marketing materials for a class on News releases for the Bakersfield convention. Unfortunately, no one showed up for the class! But, the material is available for anyone who so desires; simply shoot me an e-mail, and I’ll get it to you!

With the Pasadena Midwinter convention behind us, we still have many great opportunities coming our way in 2009. As many of you will be reading this at the upcoming convention in Las Vegas, isn’t great that we have found a non-smoking facility!? For so many today the thick stench of a smoke filled convention center puts a damper on the festivities. Not this year, as the Alexis resort is a singers dream; no choked vocal chords to deal with! This combined Prelim is a first of it’s kind in the Society, and we are fortunate to be teaming with the RMD in Vegas. Right around the corner is our Internationals in Anaheim, what a great opportunity we have to let our District shine!

Just a few other notes: Singing for life is back in 2009! So, now is the time to support our Societies philanthropic efforts and work with a local blood center to make this year’s event a success. Please let me know what you are planning.

Remember, the theme for this year is It’s your Chapter! Basically, we want to focus on chapter activities in 2009! After all, that is where our growth should come from! The bottom line is putting your face in front of the public! Reach out to your communities and get involved. Always present a classy and professional “front” – get noticed!

Keep Smilin’, Keep Singin’,

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin P. Smith
FWD; Chairman, Marketing and PR



To: FWD House of Delegates
From: Clark Abrahamson - Chairman, Member Services
Subject: Spring 2009 Status
Date: March 20, 2009

... **Howdy** –

The numbers:

As of December 31, 2008, the official FWD Member count was **3,155** (including multiple memberships). That's a drop of some **297** paid-up members since 2007 year-end.

Behind the numbers:

- The society database shows we did a pretty darn good job of recruiting – new memberships in 2008 totaled **338**, or an average of **3.9** members per chapter.
- **HOWEVER** – the same data base indicates we had **647** non-renewals (615)/deaths (32) for the year (an average of 7.6 members per chapter), resulting in the 297 member net loss.
- Since 2001, we've dropped some **725** members.
- As stated above, the Society numbers include multiple memberships (members of more than one chapter). If we subtract multi members our real membership is **2,858**.

Think about it – if we had no non-renewals, we'd be at **3493** instead of 3155 – an average of 3.9 more guys per chapter. That means more quartets, bigger chorus sound, more volunteers to sell tickets, more guys to put up the risers – heck, just more friends!

Realistically, of course, we can't completely eliminate the non-renewal problem. What we can do – all of us – is ask ourselves what we can personally do to stem the outflow.

Like for instance:

- Make sure that guests feel warmly welcomed and wanted.
- Make sure new members are properly oriented and mentored, and that they quickly become valued, contributing members.
- Make sure that current members are involved and have an “ownership” stake in the chapter.
- Make sure that individual membership accomplishments are recognized and applauded.
- Make sure our musical product is the best it can be, by taking personal responsibility to learn our music (notes, words, moves) as well as we can, in the shortest possible time.

...and so on. Old stuff, but still valid. Know what? Whoever said “membership begins with ME” was right!

See 'ya around... Clark



To: FWD House of Delegates
From: Nick Papageorge - Chairman, Music and Performance
Subject: Spring 2009 Status
Date: March 20, 2009

The last few months of 2008 proved to be a great time for Music and Performance in our District. First of all, the fall contests were remarkable. It truly showed that the work and effort put forth by each member of each chorus and quartet was worthwhile. I applaud everyone who competed. Each of you improved musically with every rehearsal and every coaching session. Remember that any competition is more about what gets learned by the competitors on their journey, than the final outcome.

Secondly, we had three choruses who took advantage of the District's "Coaching Reimbursement Program." Each Chapter Music and Performance VP who attended the Leadership Academy last fall is aware of how to get your chapter reimbursed for up to \$300 per year for expenses incurred for chorus coaches. If you need more information, contact me and I will walk you through the steps to reimbursement.

Two of our chapters also took advantage of the Standing Ovation Program (created by our own hero Lloyd Steinkamp) during the holiday season. Those two chapters contacted me and asked me to schedule one of our trained reviewers to attend their Christmas Show. Each of the chapters was thrilled to realize that their efforts had been well received by the audience, and they were receptive to the constructive comments provided to them by the reviewers. Make sure to contact me early if you would like me to set up a Standing Ovation Review for your Chapter's upcoming annual show.

Lastly, we have just finalized the date for Harmony College West. During the weekend of August 21-23, Cal State East Bay (formerly Cal State Hayward) will be the home for our annual school. We will have the usual classes, as well as some new ones. And we will have the best International-level coaches for our quartets. You will hear more from me in the next few weeks about the school. In the meantime, look for the ads in Westunes and at the District website online for more information.

Nick Papageorge



To: FWD House of Delegates
From: Steve Sammonds, Chorus Plateau Coordinator
Subject: Spring 2009 Status
Date: March 20, 2009

Below is the complete list of chapters with their assigned chorus plateau for 2009. Changes from 2008 appear in bold. As stipulated in the SOP, chapters have the option to compete in a higher plateau, but can only compete in a lower plateau if they petition the C&J Chair with a valid reason for doing so.

Aloha	AAA	Paradise Valley	A
Apple Valley	A	Pasadena	AA
Bakersfield	A	Placerville	A
Bay Area	AAA	Prescott	A
Brea	AAA	Rancho Bernardo	A
Canada Del Oro	A	Redding	A
Carson City	A	Reno	AA
Casa Grande	A	Rincon Beach	AAA
Central California	AA	Riverside	AA
Chico	A	Rohnert Park	A
Coachella Valley	A	Sacramento	A
Conejo Valley	A	San Clemente	A
Crescent City	A	San Diego	A
Crescenta Valley	A	San Fernando Valley	A
Dana Point Harbor	A	San Francisco	A
Davis-Vacaville	A	San Luis Obispo	A
El Cajon	A	San Mateo County	A
Eureka	A	Santa Barbara	A
Folsom	A	Santa Clarita	A
Fremont-Hayward	A	Santa Cruz	A
Fresno	AA	Santa Fe Springs	AAA
Fullerton	AA	Santa Maria	A
Greater Phoenix	AAA	Santa Monica	A
Hemet	A	Santa Rosa	A
Inland Empire	A	Sedona	A
Irvine	A	Sierra Vista	A
Laguna Hills	A	South Bay	AA
LaJolla	AAA	St. George	A
Las Vegas	A	Stockton	A
Las Vegas Metro	AA	Sun Cities	A
Lompoc	A	Sutter Creek	A
Long Beach	A	Truckee-Tahoe	A
Los Angeles	A	Tucson	AA
Marin	A	Ukiah	A
Mesa	A	Ventura	A
Monterey Peninsula	A	Visalia	A
Napa Valley	A	Walnut Creek	A
Nevada-Placer	A	Westminster	AAA
North Valley	A	White Mountains	A
Palo Alto-Mtn View	A	Whittier	A
Palomar Pacific	A	Yosemite	A



To: FWD Board of Directors
From: Keith Eckhardt, Webmaster
Subject: FWD Website Automation
Date: March 2009

On a weekly basis the Far Western District website will now detect new members in the district and will notify the appropriate chapter officers that their new members are on board. If it is a first time barbershop society member, a certificate will be issued by the District Secretary giving the new man one free district convention registration within his first year.

On a monthly basis the website will remind members that are up to 60 days Past Due on their memberships and will alert members whose dues will come due within the next month. Instructions on how to renew online will be included. Online renewals are processed much faster than ones mailed in.

The **FWD Members Only Area** has several features added this past year.

- Display a chapter roster – this version lets you choose Current, Past Due, Suspended, and Previous members.
- Send a message to all current members in your chapter – This is a quick way to send a message using the current member database to find email addresses
- Find how a chapter is incorporated – the status indicator is only verified once a quarter and may not be current.
- Printable directory of FWD Chapters – For those that prefer a printed copy you may now print one.

The **FWD Online Directory** has been enhanced and most of the available information is now pulled directly out of the database when you view the data. A great deal of historical data has been added to the directory. It's a great place to do research on the Far Western District.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Keith Eckhardt". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Keith Eckhardt



To: FWD House of Delegates
From: John Krizek, Chairman, Youth in Harmony
Subject: Spring 2009 Youth in Harmony Report
Date: March 20, 2009

The numbers tell a story.

The Placerville Chapter did an audit and determined their outreach program has reached 20,000 students and provided \$49,700 in support of music education in area schools since 1996. The Conejo Valley Chapter has distributed over \$115,000 to over ten high schools in the last 12 years as a result of its showcase festival program. The Santa Cruz Chapter's *SING FOR YOUR LIFE* program has provided \$26,790 for ten participating high schools in the county over the last six years.

And this doesn't even take into consideration all the students reached by the youth harmony festivals hosted by the Tucson Chapter (265 students at the last event) and the MOH (220-plus every year), plus 13 years of Youth Harmony Camps, 19 years of high school quartet contests, and all the students visited by quartets, or singing with school choirs on chapter shows, elsewhere throughout the District. Just last month the collegiate quartet champion Ringmasters quartet, en route to the Midwinter in Pasadena, brought barbershop to over 850 students in 13 schools and dozens of teachers in San Diego County and Prescott, AZ.

It's numbers like these that provide the ammunition Harmony Foundation needs to go out and raise the money that makes many of our programs possible—like the Youth Chorus Festival at the Midwinter in Pasadena, in which over 300 young men participated. If 80 chapters in FWD were to provide half the level of support generated by the Placerville chapter, by my rough calculation, it would amount to over \$150,000 for local school music programs, and over 62,000 students reached in FWD, per year. I urge all chapters to take stock, and to report whatever numbers can be attached to such activities, so we can keep this momentum growing. As Uncle Lloyd would remind us: It's our future.

In other news: I'm pleased to report two new festivals in 2009: One in Newberry Park hosted by the Rincon Beach Chapter on February 7th (results forthcoming); and one in Prescott on October 3rd. Our new webmaster Jim Wiggins (a former secretary of the San Fernando Valley Chapter) has spiffed up the YIH site. An updated roster of all the chapter YIH contacts and area coordinators is available through the site or from coordinator Lawrence Stern at: lawrencestern@netzero.com. Please avail yourself and your chapter of the wealth of resources available in this District.

Thank you. jk

Download and fill out as directed on Page 5 of this report

Chapter Delegate's Credential Form

Chapter Delegate's Credential Form House of Delegates, Far Western District	
SPRING HOD Meeting: March 20, 2009	
From Chapter President: This will certify that the Delegate of	
the _____ Chapter	
Is _____	
_____ (Delegate Signature)	_____ (Chapter President Signature)
DELEGATE: Please present this card to the DVP at your table.	