

CALENDAR

- May 1- Gold Coast Chorus performs at First Baptist Church Paso Robles
- Jul 3-10 International Convention, Salt Lake City, UT
- August 21, 2005 Sweet Adelines & Gold Coast Chorus Picnic at the Park
- August 26-28, Hayward, CA Harmony College West
Deadline to sign up: 7/22/05
- October 13-16, 2005 FWD Fall Convention Pasadena

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

From Chuck Wilbur, President.

Thanks also to Rob Mills for his dedication and patience and

heard some of the comments we got from people who have never seen or heard us before! Our guest quartets were great and our own quartets were terrific! Afterglow was a blast!

Congratulations, Team!

By all accounts we had an excellent showing at our Spring Annual Show at Arroyo Grande. Unofficial counts at the matinee were over 380 people and the evening performance drew over 450 people, owing to a lot of walk-in traffic. Everyone did a great job of selling tickets, and many thanks to so many of you for helping with this effort. As you know, this is usually our single greatest source of income when you take into account the ads and the ticket sales.



Chuck Wilbur photo -Pete Bennett

to Bob Gandy, Brian Davin and Dane Howalt for their high individual contributions in ticket sales, ad sales and hard work. Thanks to Don Griffiths for his artwork and the Program! The Chorus worked hard, and the extra practice paid off. Thanks to Rick Marshall for his dedication and to so many of you who gave up two Saturdays to provide for additional practice for the Show.

Thanks to all of you who participated under difficult circumstances to pull this off –it made a big difference!

Rob Hopkins, President of the Barbershop Harmony Society, put it best: "choruses vary considerably in their approach to having fun while singing. Some believe it's fun to hone your singing skills in concentrated rehearsals, others are more interested in just fun." I saw special efforts by so many of you to make this work. The trick is to achieve that Balance, where we sound good because we've worked hard at it, and you know you've done well when Rick turns around and gives you that: "Oh, yeah!" look. Now it's on to Paso!

I know for some of you this was a lot of work and not all of it was fun, but you should have

Above all, remember this is for all of us, and it is for FUN. Let's never lose that!

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Our treasurer will give us a full accounting as soon as all of the figures are in, but it appears we did very well.

Special thanks to Bill Long as Show Director and coordinating the myriad connections and arrangements with the Clark Center, media outlets, and everything from print media to coordinating the business of putting on a good Annual Show.

Smile of the day:

You're probably a Barbershopper if:

1. You've ever gotten that weird look from the Dry Cleaner when you show up and ask if they can do sequins really well.
2. You've ever woken up in bed ALONE, and found makeup all over your pillow.



Annual Show Finale with Men-SoForte & Free Style quartets. photo courtesy Dane Howalt

A word from Greg Schifano

WE CAN DO IT!!!

It was a long time ago, maybe in the very early 60s, when my company was about the size of our singing chorus. Every time I added something new or made a change, or a correction, we heard the usual rumbles, and my Production Manager would then assure me that it was okay and not to worry. And when a new person would come onto our team who didn't seem to catch on as quickly as the "old guys" thought they should, boy oh boy, we heard about all the things they thought the new people should do or shouldn't do. Then it would start all over again with the next new person. And as human nature will have it, it was usually what they were doing wrong, not what they were doing right, when **encouragement** should have been the keynote.

I find in our chorus some of our newer singers are getting those same kinds of criticism from some of us "old guys." I would hate to lose any of our wonderful new members from our chorus, as we have lost some valuable members in the past, because of a few casual "discouraging words," however well meant. C'mon, fellas, isn't it *our* job to mentor the "kids," and to help them to love our barbershop hobby, and to keep our chorus growing, for the present and



Greg Schifano Photo by R Xavier

for the future?

It seems to me now, just as I have learned in the past, that **encouragement** is always the best option. Many times these newbies even have some great new ideas! And if we are listening, we can benefit our chorus, and the Society as a whole. Is it time to discover what we can do as a team to make our Monday evenings into a more positive, pleasant, and enjoyable experience for all?

It is *our* job, yours and mine, to turn this around. LET'S DO IT!!!

Greg Schifano



Coastal Aires sing "Good Old Days!"
Great singing AND comedic talent! DH

Paso Show Info, Sunday May 1, 2005

Our Paso show will be at the First Baptist Church, 1645 Park St., at the corner of 17th and Park Streets in Paso Robles. Coming from the N101? Exit 16th St. From S101, exit Spring Street and go right on 16th. If you get lost, you can call them at (805) 238-4419 Our show will be pretty much identical to the Clark Center Annual Show minus the guest quartets. Also, the show stage is smaller, and we won't be unloading the risers at the finale.

If you need a map be sure to pick up one at practice. Let someone know if you need a ride! The performance costume for the second half is NOT the same as our formal wear for the Clark Center. Due to space constraints and dressing accommodation limitations we will REMAIN in whatever we are each wearing for the first half of the show, "You've Gotta Have Heart."

Our schedule is:

PLEASE BE THERE BY NOON!
12:00 PM set up risers
12:30 Everyone should be there
1:30 PM Doors open
2:00 PM Show time!!



Annual Show Act 1 (First Half)

photo courtesy of DH (Dane Howalt)



"It's a Deal! Joe Boyd (Hugh Hoadley) offers to sell his soul to the devil , "Mr. Applegate" (Dane Howalt) photo by DH

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SKAH sings "You Gotta Have Skin" (Rene, Roy, John, Greg) photo by DH



Billy Buckner Quartet!

photo by DH



Rick Marshall and Paul Silva as Abbott and Costello doing their " WHO's on First???"!!"

This routine has an unbelievable number of words(!) but our dynamic duo really pulled it off and kept the crowd roaring!



Unloading the risers for the 1st Half Finale

photo by DH

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