



Far Western District

Hall of Fame

Ron Black - 2010

By Doug Maddox, 2009 Inductee

The objective of this award is to honor the all-time FWD greats ... individuals who have unselfishly, with dedication and devotion, performed through the years in the highest degree of service to the FWD.

As I list our inductee's numerous contributions, I will be obfuscating as much as possible until I can't any longer, revealing the facts in an unusual sequence. Along the way, if you think I might start to repeat myself, you can continue to think that, although I'm certainly not planning it that way.

- This year's inductee joined the Society in 1976
- Started directing choruses in 1976
- Certified judge
- Directed a chorus to a FWD Championship
- He's a Music judge
- Over the years, has been Music Director of four chapters
- He twice directed one of those four chapters to the District Championship
- He twice directed one of those chapters to an International top 10 finish. Both were the same chapter.
- Served as a member of the FWD Chorus Director's Guild Board of Directors (which is kinda like saying the Dept. of redundancy dept.)
- Served on the Society's Music and Performance Committee
- Directed one chapter three different times
- He sang in two FWD Champion quartets, both International Top 20
- He sang in one Medalist Senior quartet
- He sang two different parts in one quartet
- He has served on the Harmony College Faculty
- Director or Assistant Director of five different FWD chapters and one chapter in another district.
- Served on the World Harmony Council
- Served as FWD C&J Chairman
- Before he was a Music Judge, he was certified in the old Sound category, then in the current Singing category.
- Category Board of Review in Sound, then Singing. Then Category Specialist in Singing.
- Served as FWD C&J Chairman a second time
- Once International C&J Chairman
- Served on the Society's Chorus Director Development Committee
- Current FWD Director of C&J
- Those five chapters were: Whittier, Fresno, Bay Area Metro, Phoenix, San Diego, and Central Texas Corridor
- Those quartets were Rhythm and Rhyme and Great Western Timbre Co.

Ladies and Gentlemen, please help me welcome to the stage to receive his recognition as the newest inductee into the FWD Hall Of Fame, my good friend,

Ron Black.