



# Westags

The Far Western District Spring Convention in brief....  
Las Vegas, Nevada March 19-22, 2009



## SIX to Anaheim from FWD!

### Qualifying from FWD:

3088 Masterpiece  
2904 Late Show  
2876 The Crush  
2834 Stardust  
2818 Hi-Fidelity  
2748 The Edge

(Audacity scratched and did not compete).

### Qualifying from RMD:

3024 Storm Front  
2950 McPhly

## HIGH SCHOOL CONTEST RESULTS

The High School quartet contest was a total kick With **Timbre-Rings** from Westview HS taking first place, **The League Of** from Ponderosa, Oak Ridge, and Visa Del Lago high schools placing second, and **JAG** (Just Add Girls) from Liberty High in third. Scores now on the FWD website.

## BOD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

**FWD President, Bob Lally** opened his board of directors meeting on Thursday afternoon and it was concluded before midnight (recessing, of course, at a reasonable time for dinner) All of the elected officers were present Reports and issues discussed and resolved included:

- **Bill Biffle**, Society President brought the board up to date on happenings and issues Nashville.
- The FWD Divisions were re-named as the consequence of a district-wide contest. From here out they are known as:  
**Division 1: (DVP Bill Rosica) Southwest Division**  
**Division 2: (DVP Gene Clements) Southeast Division**  
**Division 3: (DVP Steve Sammonds) Northwest Division**  
**Division 4: (DVP Jim Turnmire) Northeast Division**  
**Division 5: (DVP Gordon Berghold) Arizona Division**  
Winners of the divisional contests will be (have been) notified by their respective DVP's
- Convention Dedicatee for this event was **Keith Eckhardt**, and **Richard Lund** will be so honored at the Fall Meeting
- President Lally will form two AD HOC Committees to review the current status of:  
(1) The Senior, High School and Colleges contests status, and

(2) To review the "one-riser set fits all" concept; both to provide reports to the June Board meeting.

- Results of the Fall Convention Survey were presented and implementation has begun in a number of areas, as a result. Further reports will be due from the DVPs in their June reports
- Registration fee for children under 12 accompanied by a paying adult is now \$0.

## HOD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

28 Chapters were represented at the Spring House Of Delegates meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Delegates and officers attending the meeting were provided a review of the current status of the Society by Society President, **Bill Biffle**.

FWD President **Bob Lally** provided the delegates a summary of the Board actions of the previous day.

### Awards

**Carson City** was awarded *Chapter of the Year* for their strong chapter growth, work with youth, sending a youth chorus to Pasadena, and involvement in their community.

**Bill Peck of the Placerville** chapter won the Bulletin Editor of the Year award for printed bulletins and **Bruce Smith, of Hemet**, was Bulletin Editor of the Year for online bulletins.

The Traveling Trophy for the Large Chapter Bulletin of the year, provided 10 years ago by the **Ventura Chapter**, having been completely filled, was returned to them with the district thanks in accordance with their deed of gift.

**The Orange Chapter** provided an equally attractive traveling trophy for the printed Bulletin Editor of the year in honor of their past (now demised) editors, **Richard and Dorothy Acton** which was presented to FWD at the HOD meeting.

Special reports were presented by Chairman of the Marketing and PR Committee **Kevin Smith**, on Marketing matters, and **Ray Kahler**, Chairman of the CSLT Committee reported on the status of the Chapter Counselor program.

Fresno presented a successful bid for the Fall 2011 Convention

The next HOD meeting is in Sacramento, California on October 9, 2009