

The Las Vegas Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society

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Events for 2023

10/12-13 – Fall FWD Convention – Gilbert, AZ.

11/10 – Veteran's Day Service of Celebration Bunker's Woodlawn Cemetery

11/11 – Veterans Day performances – at assisted living facilities and senior residences

12/8 – Christmas Show at Windmill Library - Free Admission

12/10 – Christmas Show at Clark County Library - Free Admission

12/21 – Chorus to provide background music at Smith Center for Pre-show of Nutcracker Suite

Events for 2024

1/13 – Summerlin Library Show “Songs of Love and Songs We Love To Sing 7 pm \$20 per person

2/14 – Singing Valentines

6/9 & 16 – Summer shows at Windmill Library and Clark County Library. Free admission!

Spotlight on Members

Ivan Lambert

The Early Years: I attended Sherman Grammar school Kindergarten through 6th Grade, Jr High School Steuben 7-9 grade, High School Washington grade 10-12.

I grew up in Milwaukee.

I played a lot of baseball and loved to go camping. My parents had a cottage at Big Cedar Lake, about 40 miles West of Milwaukee. My brother and I would go fishing every day. In the winter, I enjoyed ice fishing and ice skating. I joined cub scouts when I was 9 years old.



Education:

I graduated from the University of Wisconsin in 1964 with a BS in Pharmacy. In college, I joined ROTC. After graduation, I applied to the USPHS and was stationed in Harlem, Montana. I was the Director of Pharmacy at a 40-bed hospital. This hospital was located on an American Indian Reservation.

After spending 2 years in Montana I earned my Masters Degree in Pharmacy Administration at North Eastern University College of Pharmacy located in Boston, MA, and completed a residency program at Mass General Hospital.

Career Path:

After graduating from graduate school I became Director of Pharmacy at Truman Medical Center in Kansas City, Missouri.

In 1974 I moved to Springfield, MA, to be the Corporate Director of Pharmacy at Mercy Hospital, located in Springfield, MA.

In 1984 I formed a my own consulting and long term care business with 2 other pharmacists. We serviced 5000 nursing home residents in the greater Springfield and Northern area. We sold the business in 1986.

I moved to Las Vegas in 1994. I thought I was going to retire. But I became pharmacy manager of Horizon HealthCare Long Term Care Pharmacy. In 2004, I joined HealthSouth to become Director of Pharmacy at the Rehab. Hospital of Las Vegas. Presently I am the Western Region Director of Pharmacy Services for HealthSouth.

Hobbies:

I enjoy reading and repairing things around the house. I walk 2 miles, 2-3 times a week. I have been a member of the BHS for 22 years. I play at golf. Recently I started riding a bike. We have traveled to many countries including Great Britain, and Italy. I have been on more than 15 cruises visiting such places as Alaska, Hawaiian Islands, Panama Canal, Bermuda, Aruba, and St Thomas. I've been involved in various roles in the Las Vegas Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society.

Currently, I am serving as the **Sunshine Chairman** for the Silver Statesmen Chorus.

More Info:

When we moved to Vegas, my wife & I were faced with a major medical challenge. My wife, Marcia, was diagnosed with MS. Sadly, she passed away August 28th.



From our Director: Gordon Lankenau

A gauntlet of wandering thoughts . . .

“Goosebumps”

Hi guys.

You've heard me often refer to the “goosebumps” I get when we lock chords. Let's identify what is going right for this phenomenon to occur (I mean the chords locking, not the goosebumps).

First, intonation is vital to locking chords, singing your notes in tune within the chord without sliding into it. As I always say, "Set it on the shelf." Octaves and fifths set up the chord and our sound improves as these intervals are consistent. The thirds and sevenths continue to be a work in progress.

Next, our closed and open vowel warm-up is helping us hear and tune better. You can feel and sense it. Keep your mouth open, vowels tall and jaw relaxed. Often we have to modify the vowel to a brighter sound ('oo' becomes a more open 'aw').

So, this doesn't yet happen all the time, but it's apparent we are on track to creating overtones and more goosebumps more often. Overtones (Undertones), are higher (and lower), notes resulting from us singing chords unified and properly in tune. It hasn't mattered who or how many were singing, but we have successfully created musical sounds resulting in goosebumps. Hopefully you've experienced them, too.

Our audiences have commented on our improved sound, so the improvement is not going unnoticed. Keep up the good work, gentlemen, and may the goosebumps continue.

Sing-cerely,
Gordon

Our Mission Statement:

"To share our passion for music, to preserve the art form known as Barbershop singing, to enrich the lives of our members, community, and audiences through performance and to bring people together in harmony and fellowship."

The **Silver**
Statesmen

Far Western District Fall Convention

October 12-15, 2023 • Gilbert, Arizona



The **Far Western District Fall Convention** is a must-attend event for all music enthusiasts! Join us **October 12-15, 2023** at **Higley Center for the Performing Arts, 4132 East Pecos Road, Gilbert, Arizona** for a weekend filled with incredible performances and exciting activities.

Get ready to experience the best of a cappella music as talented groups from all over the region gather to showcase their skills. From breathtaking harmonies to soul-stirring melodies, you'll be captivated by the sheer talent on display.

But the fun doesn't stop there! Choruses and quartets will receive evaluation and coaching from certified judges, some of the best in the business. Directors may take part in interactive workshops and learn from seasoned professionals who will share their insights and techniques. Whether you're a seasoned performer or just starting out, there's something for everyone.

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND: Purchase your tickets for the Friday night **AFWDC LATE SHOW** along with your convention registration! We'll add \$20 to your convention price. Your reserved seat for the convention will include the Friday night Late Show!

Make new friends and connect with fellow music lovers who share your passion. With a friendly and welcoming atmosphere, this convention is the perfect place to network and build lasting relationships. So mark your calendars and join us at the **Far Western District Fall Convention** for an unforgettable day of music and camaraderie. We can't wait to see you there!

ALL EVENTS ARE RESERVED SEATING

Registration Rates

Chorus and/or Quartet Competitors must register at the Competitor rate.

Single-Event Tickets for non-competitors will be available On-Site for \$40.00 each event:
 Quartet Semifinals • Chorus Contest • Quartet Finals & Show of Champions.

Note that all tickets will also have a service fee applied.

	Early-Bird <i>Order by Sep 14</i>	Regular <i>Sep 15-Oct 8*</i>	Late, On-Site <i>Oct 13-14</i>
All Events Registration			
Competitor Chorus and/or Quartet Competitor	\$60.00	\$75.00	\$100.00
Non-Competitor Non-Competing Member or Guest, 12+ years	\$35.00	\$50.00	\$75.00
Child Non-Member Child under 12 years	Free	Free	\$25.00

All Silver Statesmen attending and want to sit together in a group must submit a registration form and payment to Greg Dreyer by September 7, 2023. **Service charges will be added for each ticket:**

\$60. + 5.87 S/C (competitor) * \$35. + 4.19 S/C (non-competitor) * \$20. + 3.18 S/C (Late Nite Show)



Higley Center for the Performing Arts

[4132 E Pecos Rd, Gilbert, AZ 85295](#)

Higley Center for the Performing Arts is an event venue showcasing local, regional, and national performers. The concert hall accommodates large audiences with 1235 seats connected by a spacious lobby to the more intimate space Little Theater seating 186. The building itself lends a modern architectural style, providing an optimal venue to rent for any professional production. Whether you're looking to rent a space for a performance, exhibit, conference, or meeting, Higley Center for the Performing Arts provides a multitude of accommodations.

Hotels

The following hotels are listed by order of distance from the performance venue.

Hyatt Place Phoenix/Gilbert

[3275 S Market St, Gilbert, AZ 85297](#)

Distance to venue: 3.4 mi

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Hampton Inn & Suites Phoenix/Gilbert

3265 South Market St, [Gilbert, AZ 85297](#)

Distance to venue: 3.6 mi

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Home2 Suites by Hilton Gilbert

[3333 S Market St, Gilbert, AZ 85297](#)

Distance to venue: 3.6 mi

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Tru by Hilton Gilbert

[1950 S Santan Village Pkwy, Gilbert, AZ 85295](#)

Distance to venue: 4.1 mi

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Hampton Inn & Suites Phoenix East Mesa (HEADQUARTERS)

[1825 N. Higley Road, Gilbert, AZ 85234](#)

Convention rate: \$169, book by September 12, 2023

Distance to venue: 7.6 mi

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Silver Statesmen 2023 Board of Directors and what they do . . .



President Art Miller oversees Administrative aspects of the chapter and runs the monthly meetings of the Board of Directors.



Executive VP Jonathan Savar assists the President as needed and serves in the capacity of President as needed.



Secretary Greg Dreyer serves on the Board of Directors and keeps records for all chapter activities.



Treasurer Brian Sellnow serves on the Board of Directors and keeps all financial records for chapter activities.



Immediate Past President Kenny Rios serves on the Board of Directors and is assigned various tasks as needed including selecting a slate of officers for upcoming elections and overseeing the Installation of Officers Banquet.



Music/Performance VP Wally Smulson serves on the Board of Directors and ensures a well-run Chapter rehearsal and assists the director as needed in musical aspects, as needed. He also works with the Show Chairman to ensure a balanced performance. He also oversees the music section and maintains the music library.



Membership VP Bob Amblad serves on the Board of Directors and oversees all member activities and follows through with all new members.



Marketing/PR VP Rick Ives serves on the Board of Directors and oversees the marketing of the chapter activities on the Webpage and social media outlets.



Members at Large, David Dorway, Ernie Krausman, and Larry Paterson serve on the Board of Directors and are the “eyes and ears” of the chapter, bringing any issues back to the Board for consideration.



Other notable committee members:



Show Chairman Greg Dreyer creates the scripts and works with Music/Performance VP and Chorus Director to provide quality entertainment. Greg also serves as **Events Chairman** overseeing all activities for the chorus.

Sunshine Chairman Ivan Lambert keeps track of all birthdays of chapter members and also provides outreach when there is a member (or family member) who is in need.

Webpage Manager Ernie Krausman oversees all aspects of our webpage and works closely with the Marketing/PR VP

Uniform Chairman David Dorway assists chapter members with all aspects of the chorus uniforms for formal or casual events.

On the lighter side

GREAT TRUTHS THAT LITTLE CHILDREN HAVE LEARNED:

- 1) No matter how hard you try, you can't baptize cats..
- 2) When your Mom is mad at your Dad, don't let her brush your hair.
- 3) If your sister hits you, don't hit her back. They always catch the second person.
- 4) Never ask your 3-year old brother to hold a tomato.
- 5) You can't trust dogs to watch your food..
- 6) Don't sneeze when someone is cutting your hair..
- 7) Never hold a Dust-Buster and a cat at the same time.
- 8) You can't hide a piece of broccoli in a glass of milk.
- 9) Don't wear polka-dot underwear under white shorts.
- 10) The best place to be when you're sad is Grandma's lap.

The PESSIMIST sees the dark tunnel.

The OPTIMIST sees the light at the end.

The REALIST sees the train.

The ENGINEER sees three idiots on the tracks!

When I say the other day, I could be referring to any time between yesterday and 15 years ago!

I remember being able to get up without making sound effects!

I've been hiding from exercise! I'm in the "fitness protection program"!

I got myself a senior's GPS . . . not only does it tell me how to get to my destination, it tells me why I wanted to go there!

I enjoy a glass of wine each night for its health benefits. The other glasses are for my witty comebacks and flawless dance moves!

The more you weigh the harder you are to kidnap. Stay safe – eat cake!

To err is human. To blame it on someone else shows management potential!

Just spent 45 minutes on the treadmill. Tomorrow my goal is to turn it on!

Come Sing With Us!!!



What: Weekly Chapter Meeting and Rehearsal

When: Thursdays 7-10 pm

Where: Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church
10265 Bermuda Rd. Las Vegas 89183

Our chorus and quartets love to sing for our audiences and to share our love of "Barbershop".

You are invited to join us to enjoy an evening of camaraderie and great barbershop harmony. Don't miss out on the fun! Come see what it's all about.



"CHRISTMAS IS COMING"

FREE Admission

DECEMBER 8, 2023 - 7 pm

Windmill Library
7060 W. WINDMILL LN

and

December 10, 2023 - 2 pm

Clark County Library
1401 E. FLAMINGO RD

"Love of Songs and Songs We Love to Sing"



January 13, 2024

Summerlin Library Theatre

1771 Inner Circle Dr. Las Vegas 89134

2:00 pm

Tickets are \$20

For more information, go to our website at:

silverstatesmen.com