

The Las Vegas Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society

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Events for 2024

6/30-7/7—Barbershop Harmony Society International Convention—Cleveland OH

7/3—Silver Statesmen sing National Anthem at Las Vegas Ballpark for the Aviators (public event)

10/17-20—FWD Fall Convention. Riverside, CA

11/8—Chorus performance—Temple Sinai

11/11—Veterans Day events tba

12/14—Christmas Show Winchester Dondero Cultural Center 2 pm **\$20**

Take Me Out to The Ballgame . . .

Silver Statesmen sing National Anthem, God Bless America and Take Me Out To The Ballgame
for the Aviators at the Las Vegas Ballpark



. . . Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave

President's Corner



Bill Robey



Holy Heatwave Batman, It's Hot!

Hello again my brothers,

Another month has gone by, and we are continuing our path toward becoming the chorus we all hope we can be.

Our recent "Lord Be Willin'" shows were both outstanding. They both received great comments and reviews. We can all be proud of both performances.

Our next performance is July 3rd for the Las Vegas Aviators baseball game. We are honored that the Aviators keep calling us back for their July 3rd games.

We have received the sad news that our director, Gordon, is leaving us.

He is moving to be near his daughter and granddaughter, and I know we all wish him well and will miss his leadership and knowledge.

We have formed a 5 person committee to begin the process of locating and reaching terms with a new director. Luckily, we have 2 outstanding members of our chorus who can fill in as interim directors if they choose to do so.

Albert Weiss is the assistant director and the section leader of the baritones. His knowledge of music theory and directing is stellar. Gary Boles has been involved in barbershop for many, many years. He's directed many choruses and taken some to national competitions.

I'm sure we'll continue on making progress until a new director is on board. We will of course keep you all informed on the progress of the search.

So, until next time, keep a spring in your step and a song in your heart and just keep smilin' . . .

Your brother in song,

Bill

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."

From our Director: Gordon Lankenau



Dear friends of the Silver Statesmen Barbershop Chorus,

First of all, congratulations on two very entertaining shows. A big thanks to Dink for bringing your unique professionalism to the shows as MC. Thanks to Ernie for transporting the risers and chairs to both sites, and to everyone who assisted with risers at both facilities. Thank you, Greg, for sharing your script writing and for securing lunch before both shows. Thank you to Good Times, Amazing Grays and Twilight, (with Albert subbing on Bari), for contributing the quartet portion of the shows. The 'Swing It Girls' certainly added to the shows, as their harmonies and tracks sounded great as a stark contrast to our acapella harmonies. Last, thanks to the chorus agreeing to dress comfortably for these summer shows. The audience should get an opportunity to see us perform occasionally without the formality of tuxedos. For those of you who found this uncomfortable, I'm sorry you felt that way.

As the apologies continue, and I'm sure this will come as a surprise to those of you who haven't been in regular attendance or just happened to miss the rehearsal on June 20, where I announced that I have accepted a K-5 music teaching position in Dallas, Texas for the coming school year and will be moving away next month.

For those not aware, the family of my wife's oldest daughter moved to McKinney from Los Angeles for employment, thus taking our only grand-daughter, 1,200 miles away. For those of you with grandchildren, this feeling of separation anxiety that Patti and I have faced for the past two years has been overwhelming. Now that Natalie has begun school (she just turned six and loves to sing), we desire to be more involved in her young life.

My sincere thanks to everyone who has contributed to the Silver Statesmen, taking a vested interest in any aspect of the chapter growth. I will always cherish my time serving as your Director, Music VP, Choreographer, Section Leader and multi-part Quartet man. So now I willingly pass the torch of leadership, challenging each and every member, new and seasoned, to continue improvement, making music with each other, proud to be a part of such a wonderful organization. Thank you for your continued friendship. You'll be missed.

Forever a Silver Statesman,

Gordon

Spotlight on Members

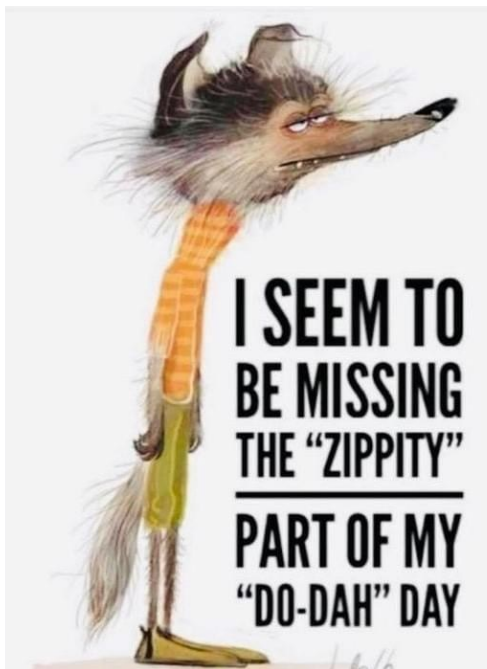
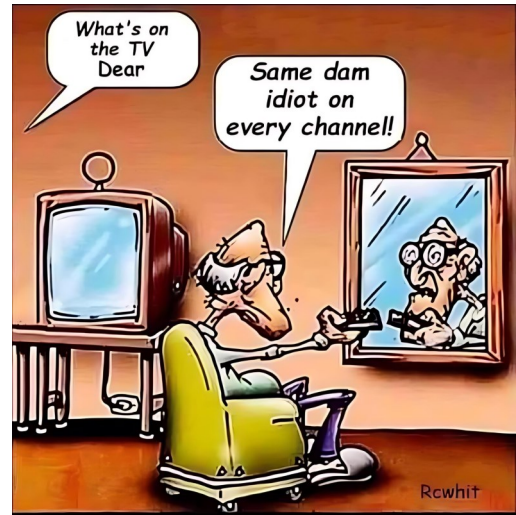
Gordon Lankenau



Farewell and best wishes to Gordon, our director and friend . . .

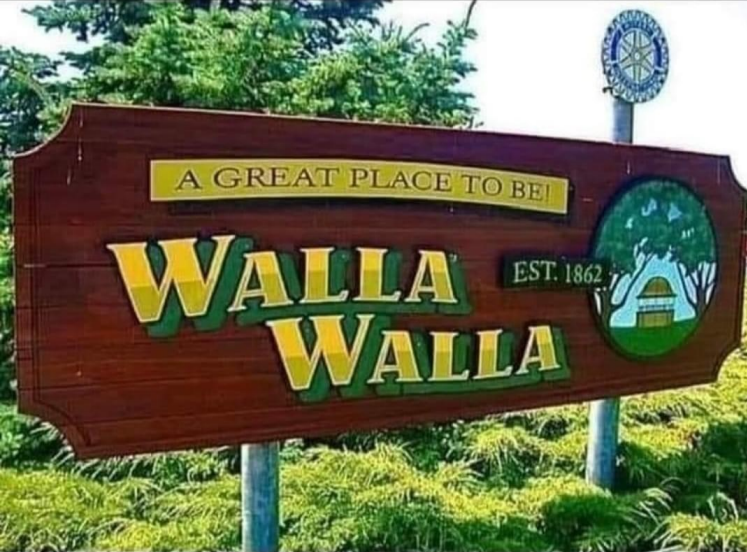
Once a Silver Statesmen . . . Always a Silver Statesmen!

On the lighter side



You should have fun when you sing. Like each other and share in the joys of making great music because you don't know when you won't be able to do so again.

My nephew asked me where
Walla Walla was located.



I told him somewhere between
ting tang and bing bang.



Smile often . . .

It keeps other
people guessing

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.

The **Silver** Statesmen

Patron Support

The Silver Statesmen Barbershop Chorus is supported by revenues from shows, membership dues and contributions from patrons. Many of you have been a contributor in the past and we appreciate your generosity.

Tier Levels of Patron Donations:

Bronze: \$25 (to have your name listed in our show program and on the chorus website)

Silver: \$50 (same as above, and receive two tickets to events like the Pancake Breakfast or Ice Cream Social)

Gold: \$100 (same as above plus receive two tickets to a paid performance)

Platinum: \$150 or more (same as above plus a free "Singing Valentine" in February)

Thank you for your continued support.

To contribute online: silverstatesmen.com

To contribute by mail: send check made out to **Silver Statesmen** to Greg Dreyer, 3639 La Junta Dr., Las Vegas, NV 89120

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GOLD

Cindy Cardwell (in memory of Herb Craig)
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BRONZE

Thomas Brill
Larry Paterson
Kurtis Harrold

The **Silver**
Statesmen

present

Christmas Memories

“Where were you in 1962?”

***Winchester Dondero Cultural Center
3130 S. McLeod Dr. Las Vegas, NV***

December 14, 2024 2 pm



Featuring



Quartets

\$20.00 admission (12 and under are free)

Director Search

The Silver Statesmen Barbershop Chorus from Las Vegas, Nevada has an opening for a front-line director with a solid knowledge of barbershop music. This director should be able to help us achieve our chorus goals.

M: Membership: To have constant growth in numbers

U: Unity: To be together in our commitment to our chorus and in all that we do

S: Singing: To improve our craft

I: Innovation: To have new ideas / imagination as it develops forward progress

C: Community: To give back to our community in form of involvement

More chorus information can be found at silverstatesmen.com

Contact: Wally Smulson (Music VP) at wsmulson@gmail.com or (847) 693-1418 Please apply within the next 30 days with a letter of intent.





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