

CHRONOLOGY OF CHAPTER EVENTS

1985--Terry Blumenthal, President

 Oct 1 – Masters of Harmony, chartered as the Foothill Cities Chapter, met in the VFW Hall, West Covina, Calif. First musical directorship: Joe D'Amore and Jeff Ebner, co-directors; first president, Terry Blumenthal; first bulletin editor, John Dandrea.

1986--Terry Blumenthal, President

- Feb 8 Singout at Fountain Mobile Park, La Verne.
- Feb 15 The Foothill Cities Chapter Charter Show "Premiere" was held at the Robert Haugh Auditorium, Citrus College, Glendora. Guest artists were past international champion The Innsiders, past Far Western District quartet champion The San Francisco Storm Door and Whale Oil Company, and the Foothill Cities Sweet Adelines Chorus.
- Mar 15 FWD Spring Prelims, Sacramento; Masters of Harmony, under the direction of Joe D'Amore, won the small chorus contest with 23 on stage. The Reno Silver Dollar Chorus placed second; Chico Bidwell Generals took third; Bakersfield Golden Empire Chorus came in fourth; and the San Mateo Golden Chordsmen finished in fifth place.
- Apr 29 Tuesday "Ladies Night" performance at the Pasadena Elks Club. This was an hour-anda-half of solid entertainment with standing ovations for our efforts. Participating quartets Encore, Point Blank and Vanity were fantastic.
- May 17 SoCal East Divisional Contest, Long Beach. The MOH (with 23 men on stage), with
 Joe D'Amore as director, finished second behind the Whittier Choralaires. The Rancho Bernardo
 Troubadours took third; Fullerton Orange Empire Chorus placed fourth; and San Diego Sun
 Harbor Chorus was fifth.
- Jul 13 Members, families and guests attended a "Swim-Food-Fun-Song and Pool Party" at the home of Gary Ahlfeldt's grandparents in Monrovia.
- Jul 16 Jim DeBusman, Society Music Specialist, provided coaching and made a presentation on warm-ups, expanded sound, vowels, facial expressions, moods, stage presence, attitudes, and most importantly, commitment.
- Sep 19-21 The Masters enjoyed a weekend retreat in Running Springs. Coaches for the
 weekend were Ron Black, director of the Fresno Chapter and Gary Bolles, past director of the
 Walnut Creek Chapter. Gary (bari) and Ron (bass) bust chords with the Great Western Timbre
 Co. quartet. On Saturday night, the Masters were invited to perform at the Big Bear Elks Lodge.
- Oct 10-12 FWD Fall Contest, Sacramento. Masters of Harmony, the smallest chorus (24 singers) placed tenth among 23 choruses.

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1987--Gary Ahlfeldt, President

- Jan 9-10 2nd Annual Show, Robert Haugh Auditorium, Citrus College, Glendora. Guest artists were: Great Western Timbre Co. (1986 FWD Quartet Champion); After Hours (1986 2nd Place FWD Quartet Finalist); Margerry Shardon's Favorite Barbershop Quartet (1986 3rd Place FWD Quartet Finalist); and the Redlands Harmony Heritage Chorus. Two evening shows; tickets \$7.50.
- Mar 21 The MOH was the mike tester chorus at the International Spring Convention (Small Chorus Contest) in Anaheim.
- Oct Performance, FWD Fall Convention & Contest in Reno. The chorus performed a two-song package an audience of about 4,000. The selections for the comedy parody were "Ghoul Of My Dreams" (a takeoff from "Girl Of My Dreams") and "Get Out And Get Under The Moon." The long-awaited "Munster" package and set decorations, created by Wayne Mendes, included authentic costumes, dancing werewolves, coffins, tombstones, ghouls, Dracula, ground fog, and TONS of great entertainment and singing.
- Dec 9 First rehearsal with Greg Lyne, Santa Fe Springs Town Center Hall. There were 79 men in attendance.
- Dec 27 First board of directors meeting of the "new" chapter. A resolution was passed giving the music committee and director total control over the musical qualification of our membership.

1988--Joe D'Amore, President

- Jan 13 First chorus Open House.
- Mar 30 San Fernando Chapter visited Masters rehearsal.
- May 14 SoCal East Divisional Convention & Contest, Pasadena High School. Won first division chorus contest.
- Jun 18 Performance, "Go For the Gold" Show, San Marino High School.
- Aug Performance, Far Western District Judges Seminar, Redlands.
- Aug 30 Performance, American Hospital Central Services Association, Anaheim Hilton Towers.
- Sep 9 1st Annual Fall Show, "Barbershop Harmony Extravaganza," Robert D. Haugh Performing Arts Center, Citrus College, Glendora. Featured The New Tradition, Margerry Shardon's Favorite Barbershop Quartet, and the Verdugo Hills SAI Chorus.
- Sep 24 Performance, Verdugo Hills SAI Chapter Show, "All That Glitter," Glendale High School.
- Sep 30-Oct 2 Retreat at Running Springs. T-shirt slogan: A High In The Sky "Mountain Magic '88."
- Oct 1 Performance, Big Bear Valley Kiwanis, "Spring Barbershop Harmony," Big Bear Performing Arts Center.
- Oct 8 Far Western District Fall Convention & Contest, Pasadena Civic Auditorium. Won our first district contest.

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 Nov 5 – Performance, Rio Hondo SAI Chapter Show, "That Old Barbershop Feeling," Cook Auditorium, Anaheim High School.

1989--Joe D'Amore, President

- Jan 7 1st Annual Awards & Installation Banquet, Sheraton Norwalk. Joe Palmquist was named 1988 Barbershopper the Year.
- Feb 11 Choreography rehearsal with Bob Calderon, South Gate Church.
- Apr 8 Choreography rehearsal with Bob & Rosemary Calderon, Pasadena Covenant Church, Pasadena.
- May 6 Hosted and sang at SoCal East Division Contest (no competition).
- May 10 Performance, Big Bear Valley Kiwanis, "Spring Barbershop Harmony," Big Bear Performing Arts Center.
- May 20 Retreat at Running Springs.
- Jun 17 Performance, "Go for the Gold" Show, Pasadena City College Auditorium. Featured 139th Street Quartet, Remember When, Harmony Spectrum and Musician's Choice.
- Jun 23 Performance, Jordan & Associates, "An Evening of Four-Part Harmony," Glendale High School. Featured The BOBS and The New Tradition.
- Jul 1 Performance, Ventura Chapter Show, Oxnard Civic Auditorium. Featured Margerry Shardon's Favorite Barbershop Quartet, Singular Sensation (SAI), and Larceny and Old Bass.
- Jul 8 International Convention & Contest, Kemper Arena, Kansas City. Competed and achieved a 4th Place Bronze the first time out. Contest songs: "Miss You" and "Floatin' Down To Cotton Town." Stayed at the Allis Plaza Hotel. A water main broke nearby leaving area hotels without water or air conditioning. Saturday morning we had to shave and clean up in a men's room on 2nd floor.
- Aug 5 Performance. Stargaze '89, Town Center Plaza, Santa Fe Springs.
- Aug 12 Performance, Rancho Bernardo Chapter Show, "Harmony Under the Stars," Kit Carson Park Amphitheater, Escondido. Featured The Most Happy Fellows and Western Union.
- Sep 16 Performance, Harborlites SAI Chapter Show, "A Really Big Show," Cook Auditorium, Anaheim High School. Featured ShowBiz (SAI), S. Van Ander Mac Singers, 139th Street Quartet and Panache (SAI).
- Sep 30 Performance, Mission Viejo SAI Chapter Show, "The Best of Barbershop," La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts. Featured Savvy (SAI).
- Oct 14 Far Western District Fall Convention & Contest, Bakersfield Convention Center. Won chorus contest for the second time making us eligible for San Francisco in '90.
- Oct 26 Performance, The 101st Tournament of Roses Queen Coronation, Tournament House (Wrigley Mansion), Pasadena.

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- Nov 10-11 2nd Annual Fall Show, "The Show of Champions," Knott's Good Time Theater, Buena Park. Featured Second Edition and Yerfadder's Mustache.
- Nov 28-29 Performance, Big Band Era Series, "An Evening of Barbershop and Ragtime,"
 Ambassador Auditorium, Pasadena. Featured The Paragon Ragtime Orchestra.
- Dec 30 Performance, Tournament of Roses Bandfest '90, "A World of Harmony," Pasadena City College.

1990--Paul Laemmle, President

- Jan 6 2nd Annual Awards & Installation Banquet, Sheraton Anaheim. Dan Fullerton was named 1989 Barbershopper of the Year.
- Jan 13 Saturday choreography rehearsal with Bob & Rosemary Calderon. Introduced San Francisco choreography package. Pasadena Covenant Church, Pasadena.
- Jan 17 Performance, International Midwinter Convention, "The Best of Barbershop," Community Center Music Hall, Tucson. Big milestone; sang and made our mark. Established our identity as a major chorus. People started talking about us.
- Mar 10 Saturday choreography rehearsal with Bob Calderon. Pasadena Covenant Church, Pasadena.
- Apr 21 Saturday rehearsal with Larry Ajer.
- May 11-13 Sponsored/hosted the SoCal East Division Convention & Contest, Crescenta Valley High School Auditorium, La Crescenta.
- Jun 9 Performance, "Go for the Gold" Show, Glendale High School. Featured 139th Street Quartet, Remember When, Harmony Spectrum, L.A. Times and Special Feature.
- Jun 13 Retreat at Running Springs with Don Clause and Larry Ajer. Paul Laemmle conducted the first chorus-bonding seminar. T-shirt slogan: "All It Takes . . . Is All You've Got!" (Note: Earlier this year, Paul Laemmle had also arranged an important all-day session where we broke up into small groups and candidly discussed issues related to the chorus. The breakthrough meeting was designed to tear down some of the factions that existed within the chorus because of its diverse collective origins. For the first time the chorus began to see a "we" mentality as opposed to more of an "us" versus "them" mindset.)
- Jul 7 International Convention, Cow Palace, San Francisco. Won our first gold medal. Contest songs: "When Day Is Done" and "Mississippi Mud." Stayed at the posh St. Francis Hotel. Enjoyed strong support from Chuck Hunter, FWD President. What a celebration! During our medal presentation, some of the young guys sang "We Are The Champions." Seemed strange at the time, it was all so new.
- Jul 22 Performance, Sisters of St. Joseph, "It's A Grand Night For Singing," Orange
- Aug Bill Roth took over from Paul Laemmle the editing of a periodic one-page publication (that Paul had begun several months before) and named it *Weekly Bulletin*, which several years later was renamed *MasterLink*. The major reason for this bulletin was to provide important information to the chorus without having to use rehearsal time for routine announcements.

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- Aug 17-19 Recorded our first album, Showtime, Little Bridges Auditorium, Pomona College, Claremont.
- Sep 15 Saturday AM, long-range planning session in Hemet. Saturday evening performance for Harmony Services, Inc., "The Best of Barbershop," Ramona Bowl. Featured 139th Street Quartet and Harmony Spectrum.
- Oct 6 3rd Annual Fall Show, "Barbershop Showcase," Pasadena Civic Auditorium. Featured The Ritz, The Aliens and Barbershop Bones.
- Oct 13 Far Western District Fall Convention & Contest, Bakersfield Convention Center. Sang as the reigning international chorus champion.
- Dec 4 Performance, Heating, Ventilation & Air Conditioning Convention, Century Plaza Hotel, Century City.

1991--Paul Laemmle, President

- Jan 2 Editor Ron Greene introduced the first issue of a new chapter newsletter, *The Masters Voice*.
- Jan 5 3rd Annual Awards & Installation Banquet, Candlewood County Club, Whittier. Doug Maddox was named 1990 Barbershopper of the Year. Installing officer: International Vice President Terry Aramian.
- Jan 6 Performance, International Special Events Society Convention, San Diego Convention Center.
- Mar 3 Performance, Operation "Desert Prayer," Crystal Cathedral, Garden Grove. One day
 after the Gulf War ended, we sang "I Believe" and the "Patriotic Medley" at all three morning
 services. With a giant (70-ft) American flag rising behind us, this was spectacular and emotional
 moment. Many in the audience were crying, we really had to focus on Greg. Special guest
 Shirley Jones sang earlier in the services.
- Apr 6 Saturday rehearsal at Pasadena Covenant Church with Don Clause.
- Apr 27 City of Santa Fe Springs Anniversary, Town Center Hall, Santa Fe Springs
- May 31-Jun 2 Retreat at Running Springs.
- Jun 8 Performance, Las Vegas Chapter Show, "A Barbershop Extravaganza," Artemus Ham Concert Hall, University of Las Vegas Nevada. Matinee and evening performances.
- Jul 6 International Convention, Freedom Hall, Louisville. Sang away the championship trophy. Stayed at the elegant Brown Hotel; sang "Soliloquy" from "Carousel" at the afterglow in the Crystal Ballroom with John Sasine on the solo.
- Jul 28 Performance, Sisters of St. Joseph, Orange.
- Sep 27-28 4th Annual Fall Show, "Tonight Belongs to Barbershop," Robert D. Haugh Performing Arts Center, Citrus College, Glendora. Featured The Gas House Gang, Nightlife and Variety.
- Oct 5 Performance, Hemet Chapter Charter Show, "It's Barbershop Harmony Time," Valley-Wide Recreation Center, Hemet. Featured Nightlife, Western Union and Cahoots.

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- Oct 12 Far Western District Fall Convention & Contest, San Diego Convention Center.
 Performed on Saturday Night Show.
- Oct 16 Performance, Womens' Ministries International Conference, Crystal Cathedral, Garden Grove.
- Oct 19 Performance, Calimesa Community Concert Series, Mesa Grande Academy Auditorium, Calimesa.
- Oct 27 Performance, Post-"Desert Storm" Appearance, "Welcome Home," Crystal Cathedral, Garden Grove.
- Nov 7 Performance, Boy Scouts of America, West L.A. Council, "Americanism Award Honoring Bill Hanna," Century Plaza Hotel, Century City. Ted Turner, speaker. Sang Hanna-Barbera Medley.
- Nov 15-16 Planning retreat at Paul Laemmle's Monarch Bay home.
- Nov 30 1st Annual Christmas Show, La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts.
- Dec 7 Annual Christmas Tree Lighting, Heritage Park, Santa Fe Springs.
- Dec 8 Performance, Assistance League of Glendale, "16th Annual Festival of Trees," Warner Center Marriott Hotel, Woodland Hills.
- Dec 24 Performance, 32nd Annual Los Angeles County Holiday Program, Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, Music Center, Los Angeles. Program aired on PBS in Southern California and throughout the nation.

1992--Dan Fullerton, President

- Jan 3-5 Recorded our Christmas album, Caroling! Caroling!, at Little Bridges Auditorium, Pomona College, Claremont.
- Jan 18 4th Annual Awards & Installation Banquet, Sheraton Norwalk. Bill Roth was named 1991 Barbershopper of the Year. Installing officer: FWD President Dick Girvin.
- Jan 25 Performance, Bakersfield Chapter Show, "An Irishman's Holiday," Harvey Auditorium, Bakersfield High School.
- Feb 1 Performance, International Midwinter Convention, Saturday Night Show, Terrace
 Theatre, Long Beach. Performed three different times during the evening. Other artists on the
 show were The Gas House Gang, Keepsake and The Ritz.
- Feb 15 Performance, Orange Coast College Community Concert Series, Robert B. Moore Theater, Costa Mesa.
- Feb 25 Performance, Loma Linda School of Medicine Alumni Association, Disneyland Hotel, Anaheim.
- Feb 28 Performance, Fundraiser for Crystal Cathedral Choir, Crystal Cathedral, Garden Grove.
- Mar 14 Performance, Society for the Preservation of Film Music Performance, Universal Sheraton, Studio City. Film composers' tribute to Henry Mancini. We sang music from "The Hunt

For Red October" with orchestra directed by Larry Curtis. The composer, Basil Poludouris, was also in attendance.

- Apr 25 Saturday rehearsal at Pasadena Covenant Church.
- May 2 SoCal West Division Convention & Contest, Glendale High School. We won and started the 1993 contest cycle toward Calgary in 1993.
- Jun 12-14 Recording session, Little Bridges Auditorium, Claremont.
- Jul 25 Performance, Summer Concert Series for Ramona Bowl Music Association, "Musical Magic," Ramona Bowl, Hemet.
- Aug 11 Board of Directors approved Jack Hines and Joe D'Amore for induction into the Masters of Harmony Hall of Fame.
- Sep 18-20 Retreat at Running Springs. Coach: Larry Ajer.
- Sep 26 5th Annual Fall Show, "The Masters of Harmony in Concert," Pasadena Civic Auditorium. Featured Acoustix, Nightlife and Variety. Afterglow site: Beadle's Cafeteria.
- Oct 10 Far Western District Fall Convention & Contest, Phoenix Civic Plaza South, Phoenix.
 Won our third district championship and qualified for Calgary in 1993.
- Oct 31 Performance, Harborlites SAI Chapter Show, "In Concert," La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts. Featured Panache (SAI).
- Nov 28 2nd Annual Christmas Show, "Caroling With the Masters," La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts. Featured Panache (SAI), Nightlife and Variety.
- Dec 5 Annual Christmas Tree Lighting, Town Center Plaza, Santa Fe Springs.
- Dec 6 Performance, Guest choir for Operation "Restore Hope," Crystal Cathedral, Garden Grove.
- Dec 9 Greg Lyne celebrated five years with the Masters. Joe Palmquist moderated a special program and chronicled his many contributions and achievements with the chapter.

1993--Dan Fullerton, President

- Jan 4 Greg Lyne became director of the Harborlites Chorus due to the resignation of Bonnie Sherburn. The impact to the MOH was minimal.
- Jan 9 5th Annual Awards & Installation Banquet, Sheraton Norwalk. Wayne Mendes was named 1992 Barbershopper of the Year.
- Jan 13 Frank Ortega became editor of *The Masters Voice*.
- Feb 20 Performance, Bakersfield Chapter Show, "Barbershop Coast to Coast," Bakersfield Convention Center. Second appearance with the Golden Empire Chorus.
- Mar 13 Performance, Calimesa Community Concert Series, Mesa Grande Academy Auditorium.

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- Mar 20 Performance, Las Vegas Chapter Show, Artemis W. Ham Concert Hall, University of Las Vegas, Nevada. Matinee and evening performances.
- Apr 14 Special coaching session with Larry Ajer.
- May 1 Performance, Lestonnac Family Free Clinic Banquet, Anaheim Marriott Hotel.
- May 5 Greg Lyne accepted a dream position at Arizona State University (Tempe, AZ). It's an
 opportunity to work with doctoral students in the field of choral conducting. Greg made it clear to
 the MOH administration that he would continue directing the chorus and his commitment to the
 Masters of Harmony.
- May 14-15 1st Annual Spring Show, "Songs to Remember," Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts. Featured Ambiance (SAI), Nightlife and Variety. Matinee and evening performances.
- Jun 5 Performance, Modesto Chapter Show, "Barbershop Harmony International Championship Style," Modesto Centre Plaza.
- Jun 18-20 Retreat at Running Springs. Guest coach: Carl Hancuff.
- Jul 3 International Convention, Saddledome, Calgary, Alberta, Canada. Won our second gold medal. Contest songs: "You Keep Coming Back Like A Song" and "I Had Someone Else Before I Had You/Who's Sorry Now?" Medley. Nightlife earned 4th place bronze medals.
- Sep 11 6th Annual Fall Show, "The Masters of Harmony in Concert," Terrace Theatre, Long Beach. Featured Keepsake, Nightlife and Variety.
- Oct 9 Far Western District Fall Convention & Contest, Saturday Night Show, Pasadena Civic Auditorium.
- Nov 27 3rd Annual Christmas Show, "Christmas With the Masters," La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts. Featured Maurita "Bunny" Phillips-Thornburg (soloist), Brian Noel (harpist), John Henry Hodges (pianist), Alchemy (handbell ensemble) and Pandemonium (percussion ensemble).
- Dec 4 Annual Christmas Tree Lighting, Town Center Plaza, Santa Fe Springs.
- Dec 19 Performance, Vista Ford Employees Christmas Party, Warner Center Marriott Hotel, Woodland Hills.

1994--Dan Fullerton, President

- Jan 7-9 Recorded our third album, *Masterpiece*, Little Bridges Auditorium, Claremont.
- Jan 15 6th Annual Awards & Installation Banquet, Sheraton Norwalk. Chuck Leavitt was named 1993 Barbershopper of the Year. Installing officer: Carl Hancuff.
- Feb 19 Performance, Orange Coast College Community Concert Series, Robert B. Moore Theater, Costa Mesa. Guest guartet: Nightlife.
- Apr 16 2nd Annual Spring Show, "Spring Concert," Pasadena Civic Auditorium. Featured The Most Happy Fellows and Seattle Sound.

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- Apr 27 As part of our continuing musical and artistic growth, we look to outside people from time to time to share their talents with us. We brought in Zonnie Bauer, professional choreographer, with a 13-year background in stage and other media. In addition to designing choreography, Zonnie specializes in teaching basic choreographic principles.
- Jun 4 Performance, Modesto Chapter Show, "Barbershop Harmony International Championship Style," Modesto Centre Plaza. Second appearance with the Modesto Melody Makers Chorus.
- Jun 11 Performance, Las Vegas Chapter Show, Artemus Ham Concert Hall, University of Las Vegas Nevada. Featured Sound Expression and Tumbleweeds. Matinee and evening performances.
- Jul 1 Performance, Mormon Church Benefit, "America Sings," La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts.
- Jul 8 International Convention. Presented the Society's first Master Class, Hilton Grand Ballroom, Pittsburgh.
- Jul 9 International Convention, Pittsburgh Civic Arena. Sang away international championship trophy. Performed at the Far Western District's Afterglow Spectacular (Grand Ballroom of Hyatt Regency Hotel) with the Phoenicians and Pot O' Gold choruses.
- Jul 28 Performance, Summer Concert Series, Ramona Bowl Music Association, Ramona Bowl, Hemet.
- Aug 20 Performance, Heartspring Fundraiser, "Barbershop Under the Stars," Pearson Park, Anaheim. Featured Whittier and Inland Cities choruses and Metropolis.
- Aug 31 Publication date for the first issue of the MasterLink, the renamed weekly bulletin of the Masters of Harmony; Bill Roth, editor.
- Sep 10 7th Annual Fall Show, "Fall Concert," Terrace Theatre, Long Beach. Featured Nightlife, the Kingsmen Chorus from Kingsbridge, England (under the direction of Roy Hann) and The Aliens.
- Oct 16 Performance, Glendale Community Concert Series, Glendale High School.
- Nov 20 Performance; reprised the Masters Class, SoCal COTS, Radisson Hotel, Irvine.
- Nov 20 Performance, Long Beach Community Concert Series, Terrace Theatre. Featured Panache (SAI) and Hometown Favorites.
- Nov 26 4th Annual Christmas Show, "Christmas With the Masters," La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts. Featured Alchemy Handbells and Belle Air Brass.
- Dec 3 Christmas Tree Lighting, Norwalk City Hall.
- Dec 3 Annual Christmas Tree Lighting, Town Center Plaza, Santa Fe Springs.

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1995--Chuck Leavitt. President

- Jan 7 7th Annual Awards & Installation Banquet, Queen Mary, Long Beach. Frank Ortega was named 1994 Barbershopper of the Year.
- Mar 11 Performance, Orange Coast College Community Concert Series, Robert B. Moore Theater, Costa Mesa. Guest quartet: Hometown Favorites.
- Mar 22 Performance, Annual Men's Chorus Festival, Loyola Marymount University, Westchester.
- Apr 29 3rd Annual Spring Show, "Spring Concert," Pasadena Civic Auditorium. Featured Yesteryear.
- May 13 SoCal East Division Convention & Contest, Ramona High School, Riverside. Won the contest and started the 1996 contest cycle.
- May 17 Doug Kendrick took over as editor of MasterLink.
- Jul 22 Performance, Chorus Directors Seminar, University of Redlands. Sang and gave a mini Masters Class.
- Sep 16 8th Annual Fall Show, "A Starry, Starry Night", Marsee Auditorium, El Camino College, Torrance. Featured Nightlife and Standing Room Only. Debuted Porgy and Bess Medley.
- Oct 6-8 Retreat at Grace Valley Ranch, Big Bear. Brother Paul Laemmle conducted several sessions that went a long way toward bringing us "off the mountain" and uniting us as a family.
- Oct 14 Far Western District Fall Convention & Contest, Bakersfield Convention Center. Won
 fourth district championship and became eligible for Salt Lake City in '96. Ballad: "Love Me, And
 The World Is Mine;" Uptune: "All Aboard For Dixieland."
- Nov 25 5th Annual Christmas Show, "Christmas With the Masters," La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts. Featured Concordia Handbells, Banjomania and Children of the Masters.
- Nov 26 Performance, Long Beach Community Concert Series, Terrace Theater. Featured Concordia Handbells and Banjomania.
- Dec 2 Annual Christmas Tree Lighting, Town Center Plaza, Santa Fe Springs.\
- Dec 17 Performance, Vista Ford Employees Christmas Party, Warner Center Marriott Hotel, Woodland Hills.

1996--Bob Lally, President

- Jan 6 8th Annual Awards & Installation Banquet, Queen Mary, Long Beach. Earl Gauger was named 1995 Barbershopper of the Year.
- Jan 12-13 Recording session, Little Bridges Auditorium in Claremont. Started our fourth album.
- Feb 10 Performance, Orange Coast College Community Concert Series, Robert B. Moore Theater, Costa Mesa.

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- Feb 11 Performance, Cal State Long Beach Community Concert Series, Richard & Karen Carpenter Performing Arts Center.
- Mar 9 Performance, Calimesa Community Concert Series, Mesa Grande Academy Auditorium.
 Sponsored by Calimesa Seventh Day Adventist Church.
- Mar 10 Performance, Columbia Artists Concert Series, Gardiner Spring Auditorium, Chaffey Union High School, Ontario.
- Mar 23 4th Annual Spring Show, "Springtime Concert," Pasadena Civic Auditorium. Featured FRED. Matinee and evening performances.
- Apr 3 Bill Roth took over as *MasterLink* editor.
- May 11 Choreography rehearsal with our friend and mentor, Larry Ajer.
- May 18 Hosted SoCal East Divisional Convention & Contest, Pasadena High School. Site of the Masters first contest win under Dr. Greg Lyne on March 14, 1988. Convention chairman: Chris Wilson. Over 100 MOHers helped to make the day a huge success.
- Jun 1 Performance, Modesto Chapter Show, "A Day of Singing," Modesto Centre Plaza.
 Continued a tradition in Modesto. Guest quartet: Nightlife.
- Jun 7-9 Retreat at Desert Sun Science Center, Idyllwild. Jim and Greg Clancy brought us to a new level of excellence in our performance.
- Jun 19 The MOH Web site became official thanks to the efforts of J.D. Ahmanson.
- Jul 6 International Convention, Delta Center, Salt Lake City. Won our third gold medal. Contest songs: "Love Me, And The World Is Mine" and "All Aboard For Dixieland." Nightlife won the International Quartet Championship.
- Jul 7 Performance, Ecumenical Services, Mormon Tabernacle, Salt Lake City. Thrilling performance with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir and Acoustix. Last performance directed by Greg Lyne as the Masters' music director.
- Jul 24 Doug Kendrick returned (temporarily) as *MasterLink* editor.
- Oct 2 Jerry Braack became MasterLink editor.
- Nov 2 Recording session, Gerald Daniel Recital Hall, Cal State University Long Beach.
 Finished our fourth album, California Gold Rush.
- Nov 30 The 6th Annual Christmas Show, "Christmas With the Masters," La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts, was directed by Ken Johnson and Ken Potter. Featured Make Believe Brass, Alchemy Handbells and Mater Dei High School Ensemble. Matinee and evening performances.
- Dec 7 Annual Christmas Tree Lighting, Town Center Plaza, Santa Fe Springs.

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1997--Lance Trossevin. President

- Jan 4 9th Annual Awards & Installation Banquet, Pasadena Hilton. Steve Goebel was named 1996 Barbershopper of the Year.
- Feb 15 Performance, Orange Coast College Community Concert Series, Robert B. Moore Theater, Costa Mesa. Directed by Ken Potter. Featured quartets: Hometown Favorites, Metropolis and Revival.
- Mar 1 Jack Pinto (Easton, Pennsylvania), former director of the Hunterdon Harmonizers, became the Masters of Harmony's music director. Jack was one of the original members of the BSQ Quartet.
- Mar 8 Performance, Bakersfield Chapter Show, Bakersfield Convention Center. Directed by Jack Pinto. Featured quartet: Metropolis.
- Mar 13 Performance, Rotary International, District Governors Training School at the Anaheim Hilton. Directed by Jack Pinto.
- Apr 23 Performance directed by Jack Pinto, East Ventura Co. Community Concert Series, "Live From the Plaza," Charles E. Probst Center, Thousand Oaks. Contracted through Simi Valley Columbia Artists. Featured Metropolis.
- Apr 26 5th Annual Spring Show, "A Springtime Concert," Pasadena Civic Auditorium. Featured Nightlife, Revival and Gotcha! Last performance directed by Jack Pinto.
- Jul 3 International Convention, Master Class, Westin Hotel, Indianapolis. Directed by Greg Lyne.
- Jul 4 Performance, International Convention, World Harmony Jamboree, Murat Center, Indianapolis. Directed by Greg Lyne.
- Jul 5 International Convention, Swan Song, Market Square Arena, Indianapolis. Directed by Greg Lyne.
- Nov 29 The 7th Annual Christmas Show, "Christmas With the Masters," La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts, was directed by Alan Gordon, Mike McGee and Wayne Mendes. Featured The Airwaves, Upland High School Madrigals, and Children of the Masters.
- Dec 6 Annual Christmas Tree Lighting, Town Center Plaza, Santa Fe Springs.

1998--Marlin Fors, President

- Jan 1 Jeff Oxley (Dallas, Texas) became music director.
- Jan 10 10th Annual Awards & Installation Banquet, Anaheim Hilton. Chris Wilson was named 1997 Barbershopper of the Year.
- Feb 7 Performance, Orange Coast College Community Concert Series, Robert B. Moore Theater, Costa Mesa. Jeff Oxley made directorial debut.
- Feb 21 Performance, Calimesa Community Concert Series, Mesa Grande Academy Auditorium. Featured Metropolis and Mutual Fun.

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- Mar 13 Performance, Guinness Roaring 1920s Festival, Guinness Show of Barbershop Champions, Great Southern Hotel, Killarney, Ireland.
- Mar 15 Performance, Guinness Roaring 1920s Festival, Sunday Service, St. Mary's Cathedral, Killarney, Ireland.
- Mar 15 Performance, Guinness Roaring 1920s Festival, North American Show of Barbershop Champions, Great Southern Hotel, Killarney, Ireland.
- Mar 17 Guinness Roaring 1920s Festival, St. Patrick's Day Parade, Killarney, Ireland
- May 9 SoCal East Division Convention & Contest, Servite High School, Anaheim. Won the contest and began the 1999 contest cycle.
- May 17 Performance, Palomar-Pacific Chapter Show, California Center for the Arts, Escondido.
 Featured Gotcha!
- Jun 13 6th Annual Spring Show, "Show of Champions," Plummer Auditorium, Fullerton.
 Featured Keepsake and Metropolis.
- Aug 15 Performance, Heartspring/Youth Outreach Benefit, "Barbershop Under the Stars," Pearson Park, Anaheim. Featured Gotcha! and Metropolis.
- Sep 18-19 Retreat at Desert Sun Science Center, Idyllwild, with Greg Clancy.
- Sep 26 Performance, Harborlites SAI Chapter Show, "Side by Side," La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts. Featured Gotcha!
- Oct 10 Far Western District Fall Convention & Contest, Symphony Hall, Phoenix. Won our fifth district championship and qualified for Anaheim '99.
- Nov 28 8th Annual Christmas Show, "Christmas With the Masters," La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts. Featured The Blenders and Alchemy Handbells plus Metropolis, Gotcha! and Mutual Fun.
- Dec 5 Annual Christmas Tree Lighting, Town Center Plaza, Santa Fe Springs.

1999--Marlin Fors. President

- Jan 9 10th Annual Awards & Installation Banquet, Westin Long Beach. Wayne Mendes was named 1998 Barbershopper of the Year.
- Jan 16 Performance, Inland Empire SAI Chapter Show, "And the Band Played On," Sherman Indian High School Auditorium, Riverside.
- Feb 20 First Far Western District Top Gun Invitational, Pasadena High School. Coaches: Greg Lyne, Cindy Hansen and David Wright.
- Feb 27 Performance, Orange Coast College Community Concert Series, Robert B. Moore Theater, Costa Mesa. Featured Gotcha! and Metropolis.
- Mar 29 Performance, East Ventura Co. Community Concert Series, Thousand Oaks Civic Arts Plaza. Featured Gotcha!, Metropolis and Mutual Fun.

Chronology 14 Revised: 01/24/2023

- Apr 14 Bill Roth was inducted into the Masters of Harmony Hall of Fame.
- Apr 17 7th Annual Spring Show, "California Gold Rush," Pasadena Civic Auditorium. Featured Nightlife, Revival, Gotcha! and Metropolis.
- Apr 25 Performance, Long Beach Community Concert Series, Terrace Theater.
- May 1 Performance, Santa Barbara Chapter Show, "Best of Barbershop," Santa Barbara Junior High School.
- May 22 Performance, Hemet/Inland Cities Chapter Show, "Harmony For All Ages," Redlands University Chapel. Featured Gotcha!, Mutual Fun, Papa's Boyz, and Yesterday Once More.
- Jun 4-6 Retreat at Desert Sun Science Center, Idyllwild, with Jim Clancy.
- Jun 29 Performance, 552 Club / Hoag Memorial Hospital Presbyterian, "All-American Revue," Barclay Theater, Irvine.
- Jul 3 International Convention, Arrowhead Pond, Anaheim. Hosted by Masters of Harmony. Won fourth gold medal. Contest songs: "When Day Is Done" and "California Here I Come."
- Jul 17 Performance, Temple Theater, Tacoma, Washington. Featured Nightlife, Senate-Aires Chorus, Gotcha! and Studio One.
- Jul 18 Masters Class for Evergreen District, University of Puget Sound, Tacoma.
- Aug 11 Gale Sherrodd became MasterLink editor.
- Aug 28 Performance, Heartspring/Youth in Harmony Benefit, "Barbershop Under the Stars," Pearson Park, Anaheim. Featured Panache (SAI).
- Sep 5 Performance, Jerry Lewis MDA Labor Day Telethon, CBS Television City, Hollywood
- Sep 8 Jeff Oxley resigned as music director.
- Sep 13 Brett Littlefield was appointed interim director.
- Oct 9 Far Western District Fall Convention & Contest, Saturday Night Show, Reno-Sparks Convention Center. Directed by Brett Littlefield.
- Oct 20 J.D. Ahmanson stepped in as *MasterLink* editor.
- Nov 26-27 The 9th Annual Christmas Show, "Christmas With the Masters," La Mirada Theatre, was directed by Brett Littlefield. Featured Inner Voices, Pam Pieson, Gotcha!, Mutual Fun, and Children of the Masters.
- Dec 4 Annual Christmas Tree Lighting, Town Center Plaza, Santa Fe Springs.
- Dec 18 Performance, Western Security Bank Employees Christmas Party, Lakeside Country Club, Burbank.
- Dec 19 Performance directed by Brett Littlefield, Ronald McDonald House Charities, Gardner Springs Auditorium, Chaffey High School, Ontario. Featured Pam Pieson and Higher Praize Gospel Quartet.

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2000--Marlin Fors, President

- Jan 8 11th Annual Awards & Installation Banquet, Sportsmen's Lodge, Studio City. Chuck Leavitt was named 1999 Barbershopper of the Year.
- Feb 19 At an all-day Saturday rehearsal, Director Search Committee Chairman Dave Briner
 passed out Director Ranking sheets for the purpose of evaluating the performance of the five
 candidates (Brian Beck, Mark Hale, Steve Iannacchione, Brett Littlefield and Gary Steinkamp)
 seeking to direct the Masters of Harmony.
- Feb 26 Performance directed by Wayne Mendes, Orange Coast College Community Concert Series, Robert B. Moore Theater, Costa Mesa. Featured Gotcha! and Stardust.
- Mar 1 Mark Hale (Clarksville, Indiana) was appointed music director.
- Mar 11 Performance directed by Brett Littlefield, Calimesa Community Concert Series, Mesa Grande Academy Auditorium. Featured Gotcha! and Stardust.
- Apr 15 Performance directed by Brett Littlefield, National Anthem, Bakersfield Condors Hockey Playoff Game, Bakersfield Centennial Garden.
- Apr 15 Performance, Bakersfield Chapter Show, "Harmony Holidays," Bakersfield Convention Center. Featured American Standard. Directed by Brett Littlefield.
- Jun 17 8th Annual Spring Show, "American Traditions With the Masters," Terrace Theatre, Long Beach. Featured The Gas House Gang, Gotcha! and Mutual Fun. Mark Hale made directorial debut.
- Jul 6 International Convention, World Harmony Jamboree, Music Hall, Kansas City
- Jul 8 International Convention, Mike Testers, Kemper Arena.
- Jul 8 International Convention, Swan Song, Kemper Arena.
- Aug 26 Performance, Youth in Harmony Benefit, "Barbershop Under the Stars," Pearson Park, Anaheim. Featured L.A. Sound.
- Oct 8 Performance, 15th Anniversary Celebration, "15 Years of Musical Excellence," Clarke Estate, Santa Fe Springs. The chorus performed a short set for about 200 family members, former members, Ambassadors of Harmony, and friends. Mayor Betty Putnam offered her congratulations and proclaimed October 8, 2000 as Masters of Harmony Day in Santa Fe Springs. Featured quartets were L.A. Sound, Metropolis, Gotcha! (with Joe D'Amore on bass), Panache (SAI), and Perfect Gentlemen. Debuted "When His Kingdom Comes" with Bryan Sandberg on the solo.
- Oct 14 Mutual Fun won the 2000 Far Western District Seniors Quartet Championship at the Fall Convention & Contest in Fresno.
- Nov 1 The *MasterLink* took on new management. Frank Ortega (Line Editor); Bryan Sandberg (Copy Editor).

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- Nov 11 Held an all-day rehearsal at Norwalk High School to prepare for the Christmas show.
 Debuted Masters University, an ongoing series of refresher courses for new and existing
 members on such topics as Vocal Techniques, Basic Presentation, Member Etiquette and History
 & Organization. The chapter plans to promote this concept across the Society. Jon Hoekema
 became the first Dean of Masters University.
- Dec 2 10th Annual Christmas Show, "Christmas Memories," Terrace Theater, Long Beach.
 Featured Pam Pieson, L.A. Sound and The All-American Boys Chorus.

2001--Bernard Priceman, President

- Jan 6 12th Annual Awards & Installation Banquet, Sportsmen's Lodge, Studio City. Marlin Fors was named 2000 Barbershopper of the Year. Past Far Western District President Don Gubbins presided over installation ceremony.
- Jan 20-21 Recording session at Long Beach Terrace Theater for recording of music for new Christmas album.
- Mar 3 Performance, Youth Harmony Festival, Valley High School, Santa Ana. Featured L.A. Sound, Papa's Boyz and 185 junior/senior high school boys throughout Southern California.
- Mar 10 Performance, Orange Coast College Community Concert Series, Robert B. Moore Theater, Costa Mesa. Featured Countdown and L.A. Sound.
- May 12 SoCal East Divisional Convention & Contest, Servite High School, Anaheim. The
 Masters took first place with a score of 1070 (89.2%) in a field of seven choruses. This was Mark
 Hale's first chorus victory with the MOH. This was also the first time Steve & Graham Pence
 (father and son) competed together.
- May 31 Choreography session with Erin Howden at Norwalk High School.
- Jun 2 9th Annual Spring Show, "Music to Remember," Terrace Theatre, Long Beach. Featured Michigan Jake and Freestyle. Matinee/evening shows.
- Jul 7 International Convention & Quartet Contest, Nashville, TN. Michigan Jake (Mark Hale, Greg Hollander, Drew Kirkman and Joel Wilson) won the quartet gold medal. Gotcha! (Alan Gordon, Jim Kline, Garry Texeira, and Chris Vaughn) took eighth place, and Finale (Joe D'Amore, Scott Kidder, Gary Steinkamp, and Dean Waters) ended up fifteenth.
- Jul 14-15 Recording session at Gerald R. Daniel Recital Hall, California State University, Long Beach.
- Aug 11 Recording session at Gerald R. Daniel Recital Hall, California State University, Long Beach.
- Aug 25 Performance, Youth in Harmony Benefit, "Barbershop Under the Stars," Pearson Park, Anaheim. Featured quartet was Hi-Fidelity.
- Sep 7-9 Retreat at Desert Sun Science Center, Idyllwild with Society Music Specialist Kirk Young and Past MOH President Dan Fullerton.
- Sep 12 Rehearsal with Erin Howden at Town Center Hall, Santa Fe Springs.
- Sep 27 Extra rehearsal at Norwalk High School.

- Oct 2 Extra rehearsal at Norwalk High School.
- Oct 13 Far Western District Fall Convention & Contest, Bakersfield Convention Center, Bakersfield. Won sixth district championship.
- Nov 10 Performance directed by Mark Feiner, Ken Potter, Mark Travis and Kelly Shepard, Calimesa Community Concert Series, Mesa Grande Academy Auditorium. Featured Hi-Fidelity and Countdown.
- Nov 17 Far Western District's Top Gun Invitational, Radisson Hotel, San Bernardino. Coaches included Jay Giallombardo, Darryl Flinn and Kim Hulbert.
- Dec 1 Annual Christmas Tree Lighting, Town Center Plaza, Santa Fe Springs.
- Dec 8 11th Annual Christmas Show, Terrace Theater, Long Beach. Featured Sixth Wave, Pam Pieson and Children of the Masters.

2002--Bernard Priceman. President

- Jan 2 David Wright, arranger par excellence, director of the St. Charles, MO Ambassadors of Harmony and longtime friend of the MOH, visited to help us fine tune "Here Comes The Showboat." We kicked off the first rehearsal of the New Year with a "bang."
- Jan 5 13th Annual Awards & Installation Banquet, Phoenix Club, Anaheim. Mark Freedkin was named 2001 Barbershopper of the Year. Entertainment: Sam's Club, Finale and Fanatix.
- Jan 13 Special Sunday rehearsal with Erin Howden, Artesia High School.
- Jan 26 Performance, International Midwinter Convention, Riverside Municipal Auditorium.
 Featured Pam Pieson and swing dancers.
- Feb 9 Performance, 2nd Annual Youth Harmony Festival, Servite High School, Anaheim. Featured Late Night Barbershop and 202 young men from high schools throughout Southern California.
- Feb 16 Performance, Orange Coast College Community Concert Series, Robert B. Moore Theater, Costa Mesa. Guest artists were Pam Pieson, Finale and Fanatix.
- Feb 20 Whittier Chapter visited the Masters of Harmony.
- Mar 2 Performance, Bakersfield Chapter Show, Bakersfield High School. Featured Hi-Fidelity.
 Matinee and evening performances.
- Apr 24 Performance, East Ventura County Community Concert Series, Thousand Oaks Civic Arts Plaza. Featured Hi-Fidelity and Late Night Barbershop.
- May 18 10th Annual Spring Show, Stuart E. Marsee Auditorium, El Camino Community College, Torrance. Featured Riptide and Finale.
- Jun 2 Coaching session with Erin Howden, Artesia High School.
- Jun 14-15 Retreat, Artesia High School. Saturday with Greg Clancy.
- Jul 5 International Convention, Rose Garden, Portland. Won fifth gold medal. Contest songs (Dixie set) were: "Song Of The South" and "Here Comes The Showboat."

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- Aug 17-18 At the annual Buckeye Invitational, Hi-Fidelity won the Overall Quartet spot (including Best Male Quartet and Most Entertaining Quartet). Verdugo Hills Sweet Adelines Showtime Chorus, directed by Alan Gordon, was the chorus Grand Champion (including awards for Best Female Chorus and Most Entertaining).
- Sep 18 The Masters of Harmony was inducted into the Vocal Group Hall of Fame in Sharon,
 PA. Since the chorus could not attend to accept the award, Mark Hale videotaped an acceptance message thanking the VGHOF for the Harmony Award.
- Sep 22 Sunday Recording Session, Gerald R. Daniel Recital Hall, California State University, Long Beach.
- Oct 5 Far Western District Fall Convention & Contest, Bakersfield Convention Center, Bakersfield. The Masters performed on the afterglow at the Holiday Inn Select Hotel. In the district quartet contest, Sam's Club was crowned 2002 Quartet Champion, Hi-Fidelity took second, and Late Night Barbershop captured fourth. Time Honored won the seniors quartet title. The Masters were also represented by A Touch of Class, L.A. Sound, In the Zone and Top-Notch.
- Oct 20 "Champions on Parade" Show, Terrace Theatre, Long Beach. Sunday matinee with Masters of Harmony, The San Diego Chorus, Michigan Jake and Fanatix. Master of Ceremonies: KNXRadionews Anchor Dave Zorn.
- Nov 30 12th Annual Christmas Show, "Our Holiday Wish," Royce Hall at UCLA, Westwood.
 Matinee and evening performances. Featured the Mt. San Antonio College Chamber Singers, under the direction of Bruce Rogers, and Pam Pieson.
- Dec 7 Annual Christmas Tree Lighting, Town Center Plaza, Santa Fe Springs.

2003--Bernard Priceman, President

- Jan 4 14th Annual Awards & Installation Banquet held aboard Queen Mary. Jim Sickles was named 2002 Barbershopper of the Year. Installing officer: John Krizek, FWD President. Entertainment: Gotcha!
- Jan 10-12 AIC Winter Weekend. Quartet show at Charles M. Schulz Theatre at Knott's Berry Farm featured Four Voices, The Gas House Gang, FRED, and The New Tradition. Hosted AIC Board at Radisson Resort in Buena Park.
- Feb 15 Performance, 3rd Annual Youth Harmony Festival, Robert B. Moore Theater, Orange Coast College, Costa Mesa. Featured quartets were Hi-Fidelity, Sam's Club and Forefront (young women's foursome from Harborlites). Over 130 young men from high schools throughout Southern California attended.
- May 8-10 SoCal East Divisional Convention & Contest, Servite High School, Anaheim. Hosted only. Convention Chairman: Bill Boeck.
- May 18 Performance, Long Beach Community Concert Series, Richard & Karen Carpenter Center, Long Beach. Featured Sam's Club, Pam Pieson and Westminster Harmony Showcase Chorus.
- Jun 1 Sunday rehearsal with Erin Howden, Artesia High School.

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- Jun 7 11th Annual Spring Show, "A Cappella Showcase," Terrace Theatre, Long Beach. Featured Nightlife, Metropolis and Pam Pieson.
- Jul 4 International Convention, World Harmony Jamboree, Bell Center, Montreal. Reprised winning Dixie set from Portland 2002 and sang "When The Parade Passes By" with North Metro Chorus (2003 Sweet Adelines International Chorus Champion directed by June Dale) from Toronto.
- Jul 5 International Convention, Swan Song, Bell Center, Montreal. Performed outgoing champion's package: "Into The Fire," Finian's Rainbow Medley, "Don't You Hate It?" and The Stars and Stripes Forever March. At the "Midnight Madness" afterglow (Hilton Bonaventure), the MOH performed a set and then sang the America Medley and Tribute to World Peace jointly with The Vocal Majority. Michigan Jake and Max Q sang quartet spots on "Tribute" with Jeff Oxley's solo on "One Voice."
- Aug 25 Jack Harding, baritone of 1972 International Quartet Champion Golden Staters, passed into Chapter Eternal.
- Oct 1 Performance, "First Wednesdays" Series, California State University, San Bernardino.
 Featured OC Times and Forefront. OC Times held a Master Class ("What Is Barbershop?") for music faculty and students earlier in the day.
- Nov 12 Dan Fullerton was inducted into Masters of Harmony Hall of Fame.
- Dec 3 Wayne Mendes was inducted into Masters of Harmony Hall of Fame.
- Dec 6 Annual Christmas Tree Lighting, Town Center Plaza, Santa Fe Springs.
- Dec 13 13th Annual Christmas Show, "Together at Christmas," Harriet & Charles Luckman Theater, California State University, Los Angeles. Featured Harborlites Chorus under the direction of Pam Pieson plus quartets (OC Times and Forefront) from both choruses.

2004--Ken Custer, President

- Jan 7 Temporary rehearsal site change: Multipurpose Room, Artesia High School, Lakewood. Change of venue was due to renovation of Santa Fe Springs Town Center Hall.
- Jan 10 15th Annual Awards & Installation Banquet held at Radisson LAX Hotel, Inglewood. Bruce Oldham was named 2003 Barbershopper of the Year. Masters of Ceremonies: Lloyd Steinkamp. Guest speaker and installing officer: Jim Clancy. Entertainment: Gotcha!, OC Times and the Westminster Harmony Showcase Chorus. Also installed Westminster Chapter officers.
- Feb 21 Performance, 4th Annual Young Men's Harmony Festival, Robert B. Moore Theater, Orange Coast College, Costa Mesa. Featured guests were OC Times, Forefront and the Westminster Harmony Showcase Chorus. Over 200 young men from high schools throughout Southern California attended.
- Feb 22 Sunday rehearsal with Erin Howden at Artesia High School.
- Mar 18-21 Far Western District Spring Convention & Contest, John Ascuaga's Nugget Rose Ballroom, Reno, Nevada. Quartets representing MOH included Gotcha!, Metropolis, Hi-Fidelity and OC Times.

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- Apr 3 Performance, Calimesa Community Concert Series, Mesa Grande Academy Auditorium.
 Guest quartet was OC Times.
- Apr 7 Returned to regular rehearsal facilities at Town Center Hall, Santa Fe Springs.
- Apr 18 Coaching session with Erin Howden at Artesia High School.
- May 1 12th Annual Spring Show, "Once In a Lifetime," Terrace Theatre, Long Beach. Featured
 The Boston Common and Brava! plus cameo appearances by Pam Pieson and OC Times. Justin
 Miller was the dancer during our debut of the "Singin' In The Rain" Medley. Luis Padilla debuted
 as pianist for Pam's solo of "What Are You Doing The Rest Of Your Life?"
- May 8 SoCal East Divisional Convention & Contest, Servite High School, Anaheim. O.C. Times took first place and Mach Four finished second. Both qualified to compete at the FWD Fall Convention in Bakersfield this October. Top-Notch achieved fourth place (first among seniors) and 4th Row finished eighth. Bernard Priceman was Master of Ceremonies for the evening chorus contest.
- May 15 SoCal West Divisional Convention & Contest, Ventura High School. Contest songs: "Love Me And The World Is Mine (ballad) and "Here Comes The Showboat" (uptune). The Masters took first place with a score of 1070 (89.2%) in a field of eight choruses. The MOH sang the Singin' In The Rain Medley and "Stars And Stripes Forever" on the Saturday night "Show of Champions." MOH quartets qualifying for district competition included Curtain Call (Senior), Fastrac, Fuzzy Logic (Senior), Hi-Fidelity (SCW Division Champion), L.A. Sound, and The Stage Hogs (SCW Senior Quartet Champion).
- May 22 Performance, Road Show, "Once In a Lifetime," Harvey Memorial Auditorium, Bakersfield High School. Featured quartet: OC Times.
 - CASA also announced the winners of the 4th Annual A Cappella Community Awards (ACAs). Winners are chose by fans' votes. In the Favorite Barbershop Group category, the winners are the Masters of Harmony. "The Masters of Harmony, an all-male chorus based in Santa Fe Springs, California, has been dedicated to barbershop music since 1985. Under the direction of Mark Hale, they won the Barbershop Harmony Society (SPEBSQSA) gold medal in 2002. The Masters have won five international championships and numerous other recognitions, and were inducted into the Barbershop Hall of Fame in Sharon, Pennsylvania, in September 2002."
- Jun 2 Recorded a demonstration tape for film composer Erik Lundmark, who is attempting to
 get the scoring rights to the 2005 movie, *Genghis Khan*. Lundmark is trying to set himself apart
 from the other composers competing for the job by recording a live group that will give his music
 a living, breathing presence that will pull the listener into the story.
- Jun 9 Erin Howden stopped by Town Center Hall to teach and sharpen choreography to Singin' In The Rain Medley and "Make 'Em Laugh."
- Jun 28-Jul 3 International Convention, Louisville, KY. Competing quartets representing the MOH were Finale, Gotcha!, Metropolis, Hi-Fidelity and OC Times. Gotcha! won the quartet gold medal; Metropolis was the fourth-place bronze medalist. Finale took 17th place and OC Times finished in the 18th spot. In the first round of competition, Hi-Fidelity ended up in 31st place. The Westminster Chorus, with several MOHers as dual members, finished ninth in the international chorus contest.
- Aug 21-22 Recording Session, Citrus College Studios, Glendora.

- Oct 2 Far Western District Fall Convention & Contest, Bakersfield Convention Center.
 Competing quartets representing the Masters included Curtain Call (Senior), Fastrac, Fuzzy Logic (Senior), Hi-Fidelity, L.A. Sound, Mach 4, OC Times, Stage Hogs (Senior) and Top-Notch (Senior).
- Nov 3 Doug Maddox was inducted into the Masters of Hall of Fame.
- Nov 27 14th Annual Christmas Show, "Christmas Stays the Same," Carpenter Performing Arts Center, California State University, Long Beach. Featured Harborlites Chorus under the direction of Pam Pieson plus a mixed ensemble of the most decorated a cappella singers in Southern California.
- Dec 4 Annual Christmas Tree Lighting, Town Center Plaza, Santa Fe Springs.
- Dec 5 Performance, "Holiday Harmony" Show, Shrine Auditorium, Los Angeles. Other artists included Metropolis, Pam Pieson and the "Holiday Harmony" Chorus (members from nine Southern California chapters). Nearly 2000 attended the first-ever FREE show sponsored by the Far Western District, Al Malikah Shriners and The Shrine Auditorium Co.
- Dec 18 Performance, Christmas Road Show, "Christmas Stays the Same," Harvey Memorial Auditorium, Bakersfield High School. Featured Pam Pieson and VoCA.

2005--Ken Custer, President

- Jan 8 16th Annual Awards & Installation Banquet held at the LAX Radisson Hotel, Inglewood. Guest speaker: David Wright. Installing officer: Far Western District President Peter Feeney. Les Weiser was named 2004 Barbershopper of the Year. Featured quartet: Nightlife. Disc Jockey Frank DeSimone of SP Entertainment provided music for dancing.
- Feb 19 Performance, 5th Annual Young Men's Harmony Festival, Orange Coast College, Costa Mesa. OC Times served as section leaders during the day and performed on the evening show. Hi-Fidelity and Men-So Forte (2004 MBNA Collegiate Quartet Contest finalist) had guest spots on the show as well. Program Chairman Mark Freedkin, Society Music Educator Rick Spencer, Garry Texeira, Ken Potter and Greg Lapp served on the music faculty.
- Feb 27 Choreography coaching with Erin Howden. Artesia High School, Lakewood.
- Apr 3 Choreography coaching with Erin Howden. Artesia High School, Lakewood.
- Apr 30 13th Annual Spring Show, "Time after Time," Terrace Theater, Long Beach. Featured Gotcha!, (2004 International Quartet Champion), OC times (2004-2005 FWD Quartet Champion), and soloist Pam Pieson.
- Jun 3-5 Spring Retreat, Forest Home Family Camp, Forest Falls (near Yucaipa).
- Jul 6-9 International Convention, LDS Conference Center, Salt Lake City, Utah. The Masters won their sixth international chorus championship.
- Sep 17 Recording session, Citrus Studios, Citrus College, Glendora. Recorded "Time After Time," "Stand By Me" and "Roll On, Mississippi, Roll On."
- Sep 25 Performance, Bakersfield Community Concert Series, Rabobank Convention Center.
 Hi-Fidelity and OC Times were guest artists.

- Oct 14-15 Far Western District Convention, Pasadena Civic Auditorium, Pasadena. Hosted by the Masters of Harmony. Performed "Time After Time," "Roll On, Mississippi, Roll On" and "Here Comes The Showboat" on Saturday night "Show of Champions." Hi-Fidelity took the FWD quartet championship. The Westminster Chorus was the chorus champion under the direction of Royce Ferguson.
- Nov 26 15th Annual Christmas Show, "Masters in the Hall," Carpenter Performing Arts Center, California State University, Long Beach. Guest artists: All-American Boys Chorus, Violinist Drew Tretick and Pam Pieson.
- Dec 3 Annual Christmas Tree Lighting, Town Center Plaza, Santa Fe Springs.

2006--Ken Custer, President

- Jan 7 17th Annual Awards & Installation Banquet held at the LAX Radisson Hotel, Westchester. Guest speaker and installing officer: Drayton Justus, 2006 Society President. Ken McDowell was named 2005 Barbershopper of the Year. Master of Ceremonies: Bill Rosica. Awards Chairman: Marlin Niesley. Featured guartets: Hi-Fidelity and OC Times.
- Jan 22 Performance, San Marino Celebrity Series, Lake Ave. Congregational Church, Pasadena. Fundraiser for Huntington Hospital sponsored by San Marino Guild. Guest talent: OC Times and Pam Pieson.
- Feb 4 Performance, Calimesa Community Concert Series, Mesa Grande Auditorium, Calimesa. Featured quartets: Hi-Fidelity and OC Times.
- Feb 18 Performance, 6th Annual Young Men's Harmony Festival, Robert B. Moore Theater, Orange Coast College, Costa Mesa. Featured quartet: OC Times, Afternoon Delight, and Metropolis. Cameo appearance: The Westminster Chorus.
- Mar 29 On this date and as a cost-savings measure, the MasterLink was sent to all members by e-mail for the first time.
- Apr 29 14th Annual Spring Show, "Medal Madness," Long Beach Terrace Theatre. Guest artists: Realtime and Harborlites. Cameo appearances: The Westminster Chorus, Hi-Fidelity and OC Times. Master of Ceremonies; Jeff Baker.
- Jun 9-10 Spring Retreat, Norwalk Marriott.
- Jun 19 Steve Peacock was appointed to fill the position of VP-Public Relations.
- International Convention, Indianapolis, Indiana
 - o Jul 6 Masters Class, Westin Hotel.
 - Jul 7 Swan Song, Conseco Fieldhouse. Set" "Sometimes I Feel Like A Motherless Child" (Brett Littlefield solo), "For Good" (Mark Hale solo)" and "Go Down, Moses."
 - Jul 8 Performance, World Harmony Jamboree, Murat Theatre. Set: "That's Entertainment," "I've Been Everywhere," and "Go Down, Moses." OC Times: "Drivin' Me Crazy."

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- Jul 10 President Ken Custer announced his acceptance of a new position with Northrup Grumman in the Middle East (Iraq) and tendered his resignation effective August 1, 2006. The board of directors, previously notified of Ken's imminent resignation, had already approved Kirt Thiesmeyer as president through the remainder of 2006. Arbe Kraft was approved to serve out Thiesmeyer's unexpired term as VP-Chapter Development.
- Sep 17 Performance, Channelaire Sweet Adelines Chorus Show, "Celebration of Champions," at the Fred Kavli Theatre for the Performing Arts, Thousand Oaks Civic Arts Plaza, Thousand Oaks.
- Sep 20 *The Masters Voice* was temporarily discontinued due to the imminent departure and relocation of Managing Editor Frank Ortega.
- Oct 1 Performance, "Summer Jazz at the Moonlight" Series. Moonlight Amphitheatre, Vista. Guest artist: OC Times.
- Oct 21 Performance, "Meals on Wheels" Benefit Show, Wilshire Ebell Theatre, Los Angeles.
 Guest artists: VoCA and Hi-Fidelity.
- Nov 8 Frank Ortega was inducted into the Masters of Harmony Hall of Fame.
- Nov 25 16th Annual Christmas Show, "A Joyful Noel," Carpenter Center, California State University, Long Beach. Guest artists: VoCA and Pam Pieson.
- Dec 2 Annual Christmas Tree Lighting, Town Center Plaza, Santa Fe Springs.

2007--Kirt Thiesmeyer, President

- Jan 6 18th Annual Awards & Installation Banquet, LAX Radisson Hotel, Westchester. Guest speaker and installing officer: Jim Henry, Director of Ambassadors of Harmony Chorus. Kirt Thiesmeyer was named 2006 Barbershopper of the Year. Master of Ceremonies: J. Friedman. Awards Chairman: Marlin Niesley. Entertainment: OC Times.
- Jan 19-20 Coaching with Erin Howden, First Presbyterian Church of Anaheim
- Feb 17 Performance, 7th Annual Young Men's Harmony Festival, Cypress College. Guest artists: OC Times, The Westminster Chorus.
- Apr 12 Coaching with Erin Howden, Norwalk Marriott Hotel.
- Apr 21 Annual Spring Show, "Curtain Up!", Terrace Theatre, Long Beach. Guest artists: Vocal Spectrum, OC Times and The Westminster Chorus.
- May 5 SoCal East-West Combined Division Contest, Whittier High School. The Masters won convincingly with a 91.1 score. Contest songs: "Time After Time" and "Here Comes The Showboat."
- Jun 24 Performance, First United Methodist Church, Linder Hall, San Diego. Guest artists: OC Times, The Crush.
- Aug 26 Coaching with Erin Howden.

- Sep 9 Performance, Summer Series, Sun Lakes Country Club, Banning. Guest quartet: OC Times.
- Sep 29 Far Western District Fall Convention, Phoenix Symphony Hall. The Masters won their seventh consecutive district chorus championship. VocalEase is the 2007 District Quartet Champion.
- Oct 28 Performance, Long Beach Community Concert Series, Carpenter Center, Long Beach. Guest artists: OC Times, The Crush.
- Nov 24 Annual Christmas Show, Title: Christmas Masterpiece, Carpenter Center, Long Beach. Guest artists: Masterpiece, Holiday Blend.
- Dec 1 Annual Christmas Tree Lighting, Town Center Plaza, Santa Fe Springs.

2008--Kirt Thiesmeyer, President

- Jan 12 19th Annual Awards & Installation Banquet, Knott's Berry Farm Resort Hotel, Buena Park. Guest speaker and installing officer: The New Tradition Quartet. Brett Littlefield was named 2007 Barbershopper of the Year. Master of Ceremonies: J. Friedman. Awards Chairman: Marlin Niesley.
- Feb 2 Performance, Calimesa Community Concert Series, Mesa Grande Academy Auditorium, Calimesa. Guest artists: Masterpiece and The Crush
- Feb 23 Performance, 8th Annual Young Men's Harmony Festival, Robert B. Moore Theater, Orange Coast College, Costa Mesa. Featuring OC Times and Gotcha!
- Feb 29-Mar 1 Coaching with Erin Howden, John Glenn High School, Norwalk.
- Mar 19 Coaching with Greg Clancy at Town Center Hall, Santa Fe Springs.
- Apr 19 Performance, Bakersfield Association for Retarded Citizens (BARC) Benefit, Fox Theater, Bakersfield. Co-sponsored by Goodwill Industries. Guest artists: VocalEase, The Crush.
- May 17 Annual Spring Show, Carpenter Center, Long Beach. Show title: Portrait. Featuring Max Q with cameo appearances by Masterpiece and The Crush.
- May 21 Coaching with Dr. Greg Lyne at Town Center Hall, Santa Fe Springs.
- May 30-Jun 1 Weekend Mountain Retreat, Idyllwild Pines Christian Camp.
- Jun 14 Performance, "One Voice" with University of Michigan Men's Glee Club, Disney Concert Hall, Los Angeles. Other talent: The Friars and OC Times.
- Jul 4 International Chorus Contest, Sommet Center, Nashville. Masters of Harmony won seventh consecutive international chorus gold medal. Ballad: Wonderful One; Uptune: Yona From Arizona. OC Times brought home international quartet championship.
- Jul 19 Recording session held at Citrus Studios, Glendora.
- Sep 27 Performance, Sacramento Community Concert Series, Sacramento Community Center. Guest artists: Masterpiece and The Crush.

- Oct 10-11 Far Western District Fall Convention, Bakersfield Convention Center. The Masters hosted and sang away the district trophy on the Saturday night show. Masterpiece (Alan Gordon, Mark Hale, Brett Littlefield and Rob Menaker) won the district quartet title.
- Dec 13 Annual Christmas Show, Carpenter Center, Long Beach. Show title: Do You Hear What I Hear? Guest talent: The Crush and lyric soloist Megan Lyne singing "O Holy Night."

2009--Kirt Thiesmeyer, President

- Jan 12 20th Annual Awards & Installation Banquet, Knott's Berry Farm Resort Hotel, Buena Park. Guest speaker and installing officer: Greg Clancy. Justin Miller was named 2008 Barbershopper of the Year. Master of Ceremonies: J. Friedman. Awards Chairman: Marlin Niesley.
- Jan 28 2008 International Collegiate Quartet Champion Ringmasters visited the rehearsal on their way to the Midwinter Convention this weekend. Jakob Stenberg (tenor), Rasmus Krigström (lead), Emanuel Roll (bari) and Martin Wahlgren (bass) sing with zero8 (Nordic champion chorus of SNOBS).
- Jan 31 Performance, International Midwinter Convention, Show of Champions, Pasadena Civic Auditorium. The chorus sang four numbers including a reprise of the 2008 contest set.
- Feb 21 Performance, 9th Annual Young Men's Harmony Festival, Robert B. Moore Theater, Orange Coast College, Costa Mesa. Featured OC Times, The Crush and Masterpiece.
- Mar 28 Recording Session, Citrus Studios, Glendora. The chorus recorded the last three songs needed to finalize the MOH's seventh CD: "Blues In The Night," "Go Down, Moses" and Portrait of My Love Medley.
- May 6 Marlin Fors was inducted into the Masters of Harmony Hall of Fame.
- May 18 The board of directors approved the appointment of Tom Christman and Alan Greenberg to serve as board members-at-large for the remainder of 2009 to fill the vacancies left by Graham Pence and David Phinney.
- May 30 Annual Spring Show, Carpenter Center, Long Beach. Show title: Together Wherever We Go. Featured OC Times and Masterpiece.
- International Convention, Anaheim, California—Hosted by Masters of Harmony
 - o Jul 2 Masters Class, Anaheim Hilton.
 - Jul 3 Swan Song, Honda Center.
 - Jul 4 Performance, Harmony Foundation Show, Honda Center. History-making event with over 400 voices of the Masters of Harmony, The Ambassadors of Harmony and The Vocal Majority on stage together at one time. Plus Harborlites, OC Times and cameo appearances by several other champion quartets.
 - Sep 20 Performance, Summer Series, Sun Lakes Country Club, Banning. Guest quartet:
 The Edge.
- Oct 10 Far Western District Fall Convention, Sacramento. The Edge won the 2009 District
 Quartet Championship, The Crush took second place, and The Vagrants finished third. TopNotch was named 2009-2010 Super Senior Quartet Champion. In chorus competition, The
 Westminster Chorus, with more than 20 MOH members, took first place and qualified to represent
 the Far Western District at the 2010 Philadelphia International.

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- Nov 28 Annual Christmas Show, Carpenter Center, Long Beach. Show title: "The Most Wonderful Time of the Year." Featured The Westminster Chorus and VLQ Holiday Blend.
- Dec 5 Tree Lighting Ceremony, Town Center Plaza, Santa Fe Springs

2010—**Bill Rosica**, President

- Jan 9 21st Annual Awards & Installation Banquet, Knott's Berry Farm Resort Hotel, Buena Park. Guest speaker and installing officer: Society President Bill Biffle. Bill Rosica was named 2009 Barbershopper of the Year. Master of Ceremonies: J. Friedman. Awards Chairman: Marlin Niesley.
- Jan 23 Performance, Calimesa Community Concert Series, Mesa Grande Academy Auditorium, Calimesa. Guest artists: The Crush and The Vagrants.
- Feb 20 Performance, 10th Annual Young Men's Harmony Festival, Robert B. Moore Theater, Orange Coast College, Costa Mesa. Featured: Masters of Harmony, The Westminster Chorus, OC Times, Nightlife and The Vagrants.
- Feb 21 Coaching with Erin Howden, John Glenn High School, Norwalk.
- Feb 27 Performance, 2010 Inaugural Concert Series, Fox Performing Arts Center, Riverside.
 Guest artists: The Edge and The Crush.
- Mar 18-21 Far Western District Spring Convention, Reno. Masterpiece (Rob Menaker, Patrick Haedtler, Alan Gordon, Brett Littlefield) was first; The Edge (Tom Moore, Jason Remley, Sam Papageorge, J Friedman) took second place; current college champs The Vagrants (Joey Buss, Jonny Tillery, Colin Plain, David Meye) placed fourth. On Tap (Brian Harmon, Graham Pence, Steve Pence, Bryan Sandberg) finished seventh. The Masters of Harmony received the Far Western District's 2009 Chapter of the Year award. Doug Maddox was inducted into the FWD's Hall of Fame.
- Apr 18-20 Mandatory rehearsals with Erin Howden, John Glenn High School, Norwalk.
- May 1 Annual Spring Show, Ambassador Auditorium, Pasadena. Show title: "Music In the Air."
 Guest artist: Crossroads, 2009 International Quartet Champion. Catcher Block (Kelly Shepard and former MOHer James Sabina, both from Metropolis) made a surprise appearance.
- May 8 Southwest Divisional Contests, Pacifica High School, Oxnard. The Masters won the chorus championship with 94 on stage. Contest songs: "When She Loved Me" (ballad), "Yona From Arizona" (uptune). The Crush (Matt Gray, Josh Szolomayer, John Brockman, Paul Tabone) won the quartet title. On Tap! (Graham Pence, Steve Pence, Bryan Sandberg, Brian Harmon) took second. Top-Notch finished fourth and Caffeine Rush (Chris Garrett, Peter Drew, Dave Tautkus) placed seventh in their first outing.
- May 15 Southeast Divisional Contest, Alta Loma High School, Rancho Cucamonga. Catcher Block (Kelly Shepard and former MOHer James Sabina) took first place in quartet competition. The Vagrants) was second.
- Jun 21 Established the position of Director of Sales (Sales Manager, preferred).
- Jul 3 International Convention, Philadelphia Convention Center. The Westminster Chorus won the gold medal setting up a head-to-head match-up between the Masters of Harmony and The Vocal Majority in Kansas City (2011).

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- Aug 4 Justin Miller said "goodbye" to the Masters upon his relocation to accept a teaching position in Connecticut. Pat Claypool accepted the Presentation Coordinator position.
- Aug 16 The board authorized VP Marketing Gary DePew and VP Public Relations Jack Peters to switch positions. AJ Manker took over as Secretary for the remainder of 2010.
- Aug 28 All-day retreat at the Arcadia Community Center
- Sep 18 Recording session, Citrus Studios, Glendora
- Oct 9 Far Western District Fall Convention, Bakersfield Convention Center. The Masters, with 102 on stage, won the 2010 Far Western District Chorus Championship and qualified for the 2011 International Convention in Kansas City. Contest songs: "When She Loved Me" and "Alabama Jubilee." The Crush was crowned 2010 FWD Quartet Champion.
- Oct 30 Recording Session, Citrus Studios, Glendora
- Nov 13-14 Movie Project, Benjamin Franklin Middle School, Long Beach. The Masters spent two full days filming a demonstration video for a proposed movie titled *Men Making Music*. Director, Clay Tarver; Actor, Chris Pratt.
- Dec 4 Performance, "Masters of Harmony Christmas Special," Fox Performing Arts Center, Riverside
- Dec 5 Performance, Bakersfield Community Concert Series, Rabobank Theater, Bakersfield
- Dec 11 Annual Christmas Show, "Masters in This Hall," Plummer Auditorium, Fullerton

2011—Bill Rosica, President

- Jan 8 22nd Annual Awards & Installation Banquet, Knott's Berry Farm Resort Hotel, Buena Park. Installing Officer: FWD President Bernard Priceman; Keynote Speaker: Society Board Member John Miller; Master of Ceremonies: J Friedman; Awards Chairman: Ron Perry. Theme: The Dream Is Carried On. Patrick Claypool was named 2010 Barbershopper of the Year. The Edge received Quartet of the Year honors.
- Jan 30 Performance, Long Beach Community Concert Series, Carpenter Center, Long Beach.
 Tenacious Q and The Crush were featured quartets.
- Feb 12 Performance, 11th Annual Young Men's Harmony Festival, Orange Coast College, Costa Mesa. Featured: Masters of Harmony, OC Times and Masterpiece.
- Feb 21 Jake Bailey accepted the position of VP Marketing; Gary Stone replaced Gary DePew as VP Public Relations.
- Mar 17-20 Far Western District Spring Convention, Santa Clara. Four Masters of Harmony foursomes took the top four spots in the quartet finals. Masterpiece, The Crush and The Edge placed first, second, third, respectively, qualifying for international competition in Kansas City. On Tap finished fourth.
- May 7 Southwest Divisional Contests, Duarte Performing Arts Center, Duarte. Tenacious Q (Joey Buss, Christian Espinoza, Patrick Haedtler, Pat Claypool) won the division quartet championship.

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- May 21 Annual Spring Show, "The Dream Is Carried On," San Gabriel Mission Playhouse.
 Joint show with The Westminster Chorus. Guest quartets: Masterpiece, The Crush and Quadraphonics (from the Evergreen District).
- Jun 3-5 Chorus Retreat, Idyllwild Pines Camp, Idyllwild. Coaches included Erin Howden, Brett Littlefield and Royce Ferguson.
- Jun 26 Performance, Friends & Family Show, Vic Lopez Auditorium, Whittier High School.
 Featured Masters of Harmony and New Zealand guests Vocal FX and the Musical Island Boys.
 Other artists included OC Times, Masterpiece, The Crush, and Harmodillos.
- Jul 8 International Convention, Sprint Center, Kansas City. Contest songs: "Stranger In Paradise" (ballad) and "Alabama Jubilee" (uptune). The Masters won their eighth consecutive gold medal by a five-point margin over the Great Northern Union. The Northern Lights and Sound of the Rockies tied for third. The Ambassadors of Harmony wound up in fifth place. Masterpiece took home the third-place bronze medal in quartet competition.
- Jul 24 Performance, Summer Pops Concert, First United Methodist Church, San Diego.
- Oct 13-15 Far Western District Fall Convention, William Saroyan Theater, Fresno.
- Dec 3 Tree Lighting Ceremony, Town Center Plaza, Santa Fe Springs.
- Dec 4 Performance, "Holiday Season Celebration," Fox Performing Arts Center, Riverside.
- Dec 10 Annual Christmas Show, "The Masters Come A-Caroling," The Ambassador Auditorium, Pasadena.

2012—Bill Rosica, President

- Jan 8 Annual Awards & Installation of Officers Banquet, Khoury's Restaurant, Long Beach.
 Keynote Speaker and Installing Officer: Bob Lally, Past President of Far Western District; Master
 of Ceremonies: J. Friedman; Awards Chairman: Ron Perry; Theme: "A New Beginning." Bruce
 Oldham was named Barbershopper of the Year for 2011.
- Feb 8 Mark Hale announced his resignation as director of the Masters of Harmony effective July following the 2012 International Convention and swan song performance in July.
- Feb 18 Performance, 12th Annual Young Men's Harmony Festival, Orange Coast College, Costa Mesa. Featured Masters of Harmony, OC Times, The Crush, Tenacious Q, Boom Town Chorus, and groups from Magnolia High School and Granada Hills Charter High School.
- Feb 20 VP Music & Performance Joe D'Amore announced that an Open House (Guest Night) will be held on the Wednesday immediately following our annual shows (Spring and Christmas) as a possible way of recruiting more singers into our ranks.
- Mar 3 Performance, Calimesa Community Concert Series, University of Redlands Memorial Chapel, Redlands. Guest quartet: Masterpiece.
- Mar 8-11 Masters of Harmony hosted the Far Western District Spring Convention (Spring Prelims) plus the Southwest-Southeast Divisional Contests at Colony High School, Ontario.
- Apr 4 Annual Spring Show, Downey Civic Theatre, Downey. Title: "Steppin' Out In Style."
 Guest quartets: Masterpiece and Tenacious Q.

- Apr 23-24 Erin Howden coaching at Anaheim First Presbyterian Church.
- May 23 Cut back on MasterLink publication schedule from weekly to twice a month.
- Jul 5 Performance, World Harmony Jamboree, Oregon Convention Center, Portland, OR. The chorus performed four songs: "As Long As I'm Singing," Beatles Medley, "Alabama Jubilee," and "Stranger In Paradise."
- Jul 6 Recognition Luncheon, Ambridge Events Center, Marquam Room, Portland, OR. Mark Hale was inducted into the Masters of Harmony Hall of Fame.
- Jul 6 Swan Song, Rose Garden Arena, Portland, OR. In Mark Hale's last performance as MOH director, the chorus sang "As Long As I'm Singing," Hoagy Carmichael Medley, and "Don't Break The Rules."
- Jul 7 Masterpiece finished fourth in the International Quartet Contest in Portland.
- Jul 25 Director Audition #1 Justin Miller
- Aug 1 Director Audition #2 Royce Ferguson
- Aug 20 Justin Miller was approved as music director of the Masters of Harmony.
- Aug 22 Justin Miller's first rehearsal as MOH director.
- Oct 10 The chapter elected the 2013 slate of officers: President: Ron Andreas; VP-Music & Performance: Joe D'Amore; VP-Marketing: Bill Power; VP-Public Relations: Gary Stone; VP-Chapter Development: Ray Johnson; VP-Operations: Tom Christman; Secretary: Maurice Freleaux; Treasurer: Jussi Ratsula; and Board Members-at-Large: Amnon Avidor, Jim Ernsberger, Brad Kelso, Rich Owen and Phil Wolf. Bill Rosica will serve as Immediate Past President and Nominating Committee Chairman.
- Oct 13 Far Western District Fall Convention, Mesa Arts Center, Mesa, Arizona. In quartet competition, Tenacious Q and American Pastime finished second and third, respectively. The Westminster Chorus, under the direction of Justin Miller, won the Far Western District chorus title with an unprecedented 94.3% rating, the highest ever for a district contest.
- Nov 24 Annual Christmas Show, "The Most Wonderful Time of the Year," Carpenter Center, Long Beach. Guest artist: Honors Choir from the Lutheran High School of Orange. Soloist: Megan Lyne.
- Nov 29 Kirt Thiesmeyer eulogized Bass Gale Sherrodd (1947-2012) at the memorial service held at the First Methodist Church of La Mirada. The chorus, directed by Brett Littlefield, sang "I Believe," "Hallelujah" and "Precious Lord."
- Dec 1 Tree Lighting Ceremony, Town Center Plaza, Santa Fe Springs
- Dec 2 Performance, Christmas Special, Fox Performing Arts Center, Riverside. Guest artist: Ready, Willing & Mabel. Soloist: Megan Lyne.

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2013—Ron Andreas. President

- Jan 5 Annual Awards & Installation of Officers Banquet, Khoury's Restaurant, Long Beach. Keynote Speaker and Installing Officer: Sharon Miller, Secretary, Harmony Foundation; Master of Ceremonies: Les Weiser; Awards Chairman: Ron Perry; Theme: "MAP Our Future!" Entertainment: Tenacious Q and Songworks. Joe D'Amore was named Barbershopper of the Year for 2012.
- Jan 27 The Music Committee penciled out a 3-year plan that included a homecoming/guest night, update of the Masters University curriculum and staff, development of a vocal-visual program for weekly meetings, and a 30th Anniversary show in 2015.
- Feb 14 The Singing Valentines program, coordinated by Phil Wolf and promoted by Uber, a company best known for its on-demand car service, was a successful first-time venture. Seven quartets (six in Los Angeles, one in San Diego) delivered over 100 Singing Valentines, netting over \$4,000 for the chapter.
- Feb 16 Performance, 13th Annual Young Men's Harmony Festival, Orange Coast College, Costa Mesa. Featured Masters of Harmony, The Westminster Chorus, The Crush and Masterpiece. Guest clinicians: Dave Tautkus, Jason Remley, and Mark Freedkin.
- Feb 17 The Masters of Harmony, directed by Justin Miller, participated in a memorial service for charter member Bob Hagelbarger at the Claremont School of Theology. The chorus sang "Precious Lord" and "You'll Never Walk Alone."
- Mar 6 Homecoming/Guest Night. About 120 singers were in attendance. Justin Miller led the
 total ensemble through several old, familiar songs during the first half of the evening. The
 performing chorus went through a regular rehearsal to show what today's Masters of Harmony
 looks and sounds like. Our Harmony Sweethearts treated us to cake and ice cream.
- Mar 27 At the first-ever quarterly meeting, President Ron Andreas announced the changes that will be taking place in how the chorus operates. Recording sessions will take place about every four months discussed chapter business on a Wednesday night in lieu of a rehearsal and we will begin to implement a new vocal-visual program.
- Apr 20 Annual Spring Show, "Pulling Out All the Stops," Downey Civic Theater. Guest talent: Masterpiece and Dolce (SAI).
- Apr 28 Performance, "Pulling Out All the Stops,", Fox Performing Arts Center, Riverside. Guest talent: Masterpiece
- May 11 Combined SE-SW Divisional Contest at Canyon High School in Ontario. The Masters took first place in the Southwest Division with 76 men on stage, scoring 91.7% for the first time at the divisional level.
- May 12 Mother's Day. Phil Wolf put together another quartet opportunity. This time he
 partnered with Operation Homefront to Skype Singing Mothergrams to three military families.
- Sep 15 Performance, Sun Lakes Country Club, Banning. Guest artists: American Pastime.
- Oct 17 Chorus Contest, Far Western District Fall Convention, Rabobank Theater, Bakersfield. Ballad 1: "Stranger In Paradise" / Ballad 2: "On The Street Where You Live." The Masters of Harmony took first place for the 10th consecutive time. The Newfangled Four won the FWD Quartet Championship and the FWD Novice Quartet Championship.

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- Nov 17 Performance, Oceanview Pavilion Performing Arts Theatre, Port Hueneme. Guest artists: Masterpiece and American Pastime.
- Nov 30 Annual Christmas Show, "My Favorite Things," Carpenter Center, Long Beach. Guest artists: Masterpiece and American Pastime.
- Dec 7 Tree Lighting Ceremony, Town Center Plaza, Santa Fe Springs.
- Dec 8 Christmas Special, Fox Performing Arts Center, Riverside. "My Favorite Things." Guest artists: Masterpiece and American Pastime.
- Dec 14 Performance for Ramona Bowl Music Association, Christmas Special, Ramona Bowl, Hemet. Guest artists: Masterpiece and American Pastime.

2014—Ron Andreas, President

- Jan 4 Annual Awards & Installation of Officers Banquet, Khoury's Restaurant, Long Beach.
 Keynote Speaker and Installing Officer: Marty Lovick. Master of Ceremonies: Chris Peterson,
 Awards Chairman: Ron Perry; Theme: "MAP the WAY!" Entertainment: OC Times, Masterpiece,
 American Pastime, and The Newfangled Four. Ron Andreas was named Barbershopper of the
 Year for 2013.
- Jan 31 Performance, International Midwinter Convention, Terrace Theater, Long Beach. The Masters presented a four-song set: Beatles Sunshine Medley, "Hallelujah," "Dedication," and "Don't Break The Rules."
- Feb 15 Performance, 14th Annual Young Men's Harmony Festival, Orange Coast College, Costa Mesa. Featured Masters of Harmony, OC Times, Masterpiece, and The Newfangled Four. Clinicians: Dave Tautkus, Dr. Chris Peterson, and Mark Freedkin.
- Mar 25 Coaching session with Erin Howden, Anaheim First Presbyterian Church. Introduced choreography to the contest uptune.
- May 31 Annual Spring Show, Downey Civic Theater. "Livin' Large in Las Vegas!" Guest artists:
 Masterpiece and LoveNotes (2014 Sweet Adelines Queens of Harmony.
- Jun 6-8 Chorus Retreat, Idyllwild Pines Camp.
- Jul 26 Performance, Summer Series, Lake Arrowhead Village. Opening Act: Honey Whiskey Trio. Guest Quartets: American Pastime and The Velvet Frogs
- Jul 4 International Chorus Contest, MGM Grand, Las Vegas, NV. Masters of Harmony took the silver medal with 117 on stage. Contest songs: My Romance (ballad), There'll Be No New Tunes On This Old Piano (uptune).
- Sep 14 A "Celebration of Life" was held for departed brother Doug Maddox at the Yorba Linda Community Center.

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- Oct 9 Retiring Chorus Champion's Performance, Far Western District Fall Convention. William Saroyan Theater, Fresno. The Masters sang away the district championship trophy. American Pastime (Graham Pence, Tom Moore, Matt Swann, Joe D'Amore) was crowned 2014 Far Western District Quartet Champion. Young foursome, Flightline, took second place honors. The Velvet Frogs was the recipient of the Lloyd Steinkamp "Standing O" Award. Nick Papageorge presented a golden broom, in memory of Doug Maddox, that will be present at all future district contests, and used to sweep the stage in fond remembrance of Doug doing that for many years.
- Oct 28 Transferred our MasterLine email list to the Constant Contact database on a trial basis and started sending targeted marketing blasts to subscribers.
- Nov 16 Performance, Oceanview Pavilion Performing Arts Theater, Port Hueneme. Guest Quartet: American Pastime. Soloist: Megan Lyne.
- Nov 29 Annual Christmas Show, Carpenter Center, Long Beach. Theme: A World of Christmas Joy. Quartets: American Pastime and The Newfangled Four. Soloist: Megan Lyne.
- Dec 6 Tree Lighting Ceremony, Town Center Plaza, Santa Fe Springs.
- Dec 7 Christmas Special, Fox Performing Arts Center, Riverside. Quartet: American Pastime.
 Soloist: Megan Lyne.

2015—Ron Andreas, President

- Jan 24 Annual Awards & Installation of Officers Banquet, Khoury's Restaurant, Long Beach.
 Keynote speaker and first director (Joe D'Amore), Installing officer and first chapter president
 (Terry Blumenthal), master of ceremonies (Gary Stone), and awards chairman (Ron Perry).
 Theme for 2015: You Have What It Takes. Gary Stone was named 2014 Barbershopper of the
 Year.
- Feb 21 Performance, 15th Annual Young Men's Harmony Festival, Orange Coast College, Costa Mesa. Featured Masters of Harmony and The Newfangled Four. Guest Clinicians: Matt Swann, Dave Tautkus, and Mark Freedkin.
- May 9 SoCal Divisions Convention, Barnum Hall, Santa Monica High School. Hosted and competed at the divisional level. The Masters won the Southwest Divisional Chorus Contest. Contest set: Love Me And The World Is Mine (ballad), There'll Be No New Tunes On This Old Piano (uptune).
- May 31 Annual Spring Show, Flashback, Carpenter Performing Arts Center, Long Beach. Guest Quartet: Lunch Break.
- Jun 14 Performance, Arrowhead Arts Association, Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church, Lake Arrowhead. Quartets: American Pastime, Masterpiece, The Newfangled Four.
- Sep 12 Homecoming Dinner-Show, The Centre at Sycamore Plaza, Lakewood. Quartets: Masterpiece, OC Times, Nightlife and The Crush.
- Oct 17 Far Western District Fall Convention, Mesa Arts Center, Ikeda Theater, Mesa, AZ.
 Contest set: The Very Thought Of You (ballad), Georgia Camp Meeting (uptune).
- Nov 1 Performance, Shepherd's Grove Church, Garden Grove.
- Nov 15 Joint Performance with Southern California Children's Chorus, St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Newport Beach.

- Nov 28 Annual Christmas Show, Carpenter Performing Arts Center, Long Beach. Theme: Believe in Christmas. Guest Quartets: American Pastime, Masterpiece and The Newfangled Four. Guest soloist: Megan Lyne.
- Dec 5 Tree Lighting Ceremony, Town Center Plaza, Santa Fe Springs.
- Dec 6 Christmas Special, Fox Performing Arts Center, Riverside. Quartets: American Pastime,
 Masterpiece and The Newfangled Four. Guest soloist: Megan Lyne.

2016—Rob Menaker, President

- Jan 16 Annual Awards & Installation of Officers Banquet, Yorba Linda Country Club. Master of Ceremonies: Ron Andreas. Installing Officer: Brent Anderson, Southwest Division Vice President. Awards Chairman: Ron Perry. Quartets: Masterpiece and The Newfangled Four. Alan Gordon was named Barbershopper of the Year for 2015.
- Feb 20 Performance, 16th Annual Young Men's Harmony Festival, Orange Coast College, Costa Mesa. Featured Masters of Harmony and The Newfangled Four. Guest clinicians: Chris Peterson, Dave Tautkus and Mark Freedkin.
- May 22 Annual Spring Show, Carpenter Center, Long Beach. Theme: Planes, Trains & Automobiles: A Musical Odyssey. Guest talent: Boardwalk.
- Jun 3-5 Retreat, Idyllwild Pines Camp. Coaching with Erin Howden.
- Jun 12 Performance, Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church, Lake Arrowhead. Guest talent: Masterpiece and The Newfangled Four.
- Jul 8 International Chorus Contest, Bridgestone Arena, Nashville, TN. The Masters of Harmony finished in third place behind the Ambassadors of Harmony (first) and Central Standard (Second).
 Ballad: The Very Thought Of You; Uptune: At a Georgia Camp Meeting. In quartet competition, The Newfangled Four wound up in eleventh place and was the mike tester for the quartet finals.
- Sep 9-10 Far Western District Fall Convention, Fox Performing Arts Center, Riverside. The MOH took first-place honors and qualified for the 2017 International Las Vegas Convention. Ballad: The Very Thought Of You. Uptune: At A Georgia Camp Meeting. Chapter quartets Don't Tell Mom (Rob Menaker, Patrick Haedtler, David Haedtler) and Suit Up! (Justin Klemballa, R.J. Esquivias) finished first and second, respectively, in quartet competition. West Coast Ringers (Egan Carroll, Jeremy Loper, Adam Marangakis, Charles Carothers) took ninth place. The Velvet Frogs (Craig Ewing, David Livingston, C.J. Sams) took first in Seniors Quartet competition.
- Dec 3 Tree Lighting Ceremony, Town Center Plaza, Santa Fe Springs.
- Dec 4 Christmas Show "Christmas Cards" at Colony High School, Ontario. Guest Quartet: Masterpiece. Guest Soloist: Megan Lyne.
- Dec 5-11 Performance Tour, 75th Anniversary of Pearl Harbor, Honolulu, HI. During the week, the Masters performed jointly with SAI choruses Nae Leo Lani and Oregon Spirit, sang "God Bless America" and the National Anthem during opening ceremonies, marched in 1.5-mile parade, performed at the world-famous Waikiki Shell (similar to the Hollywood Bowl), and performed to hundreds on the decks of Battleship USS Missouri.
- Dec 18 Christmas Show, Carpenter Center, Long Beach. Theme: "Christmas Cards." Guest Quartets: Masterpiece and The Newfangled Four. Guest Soloist: Megan Lyne.

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2017—Jackson Niebrugge, President

- Jan 7 Annual Awards and Installation of Officers Banquet, Yorba Linda Country Club. Master of Ceremonies: Joey Buss, Awards Chairman: Charles Carothers. Keynote Speaker: Brian Philbin. Installing Officer: Bill Rosica. Guest quartet: The Newfangled Four. Jim Ernsberger was named 2016 Barbershopper of the Year.
- Jan 15 Performance, Sun Lakes Country Club, Banning. Guest Quartet: The Newfangled Four.
- Feb 18 Performance, 17th Annual Young Men's Harmony Festival, Orange Coast College, Costa Mesa. Featured Masters of Harmony and The Newfangled Four. Clinicians: Joey Buss, Jackson Niebrugge, Brian Philbin, Dave Tautkus, Jake Tickner, Ryan Wisniewski, and Mark Freedkin.
- May 21 Annual Spring Show, Carpenter Center, Long Beach. Theme: From Broadway to Main Street ... and Back Again! Guest quartet Main Street plus Masterpiece and The Newfangled Four.
- Jun 28 "Friends and Family Night," Town Center Hall, Santa Fe Springs. In addition, Maggie's
 Pub agreed to host a "Restaurant Night Out" fundraiser, where 20% of food purchases by MOHers,
 friends and family members would be refunded to the chapter. In a special ceremony, Jackie
 Palmquist was inducted into the MOH Hall of Fame.
- Jul 7 International Convention, Axis Theater at Planet Hollywood, Las Vegas. The Masters of Harmony won their ninth gold medal by a slim 8-point margin over Texas rival, The Vocal Majority. Ballad: Love Medley; Uptune: Too Darn Hot/Fever Medley. In a special ceremony, Nightlife was inducted into the MOH Hall of Fame.
- Aug 12 Performance, Summer Concert Series, St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Newport Beach. The Newfangled Four filled out the musical program.
- Oct 7 "Day at the Races" Fundraiser, Santa Anita Park, Arcadia. The Masters sang the national anthem before the first race and received a small sum from ticket purchases.
- Oct 21 Far Western District Fall Convention, Rabobank Convention Center, Bakersfield. The
 Masters and Don't Tell Mom gave final performances as reigning Far Western District chorus and
 quartet champions, respectively. Suit Up! with R.J. Esquivias and Justin Klemballa won the FWD
 Quartet Championship.
- Dec 2 Annual Christmas Tree Lighting, Town Center Plaza, Santa Fe Springs.
- Dec 16 Christmas Show, "A Wreath of Carols," Colony High School, Ontario. Guest quartets: Masterpiece and The Newfangled Four.
- Dec 17 Christmas Show, "A Wreath of Carols," Carpenter Center, Long Beach. Guest quartets:
 Masterpiece and The Newfangled Four.

2018—Jackson Niebrugge, President

 Jan 6 – Annual Awards and Installation of Officers Banquet, Yorba Linda Country Club. Master of Ceremonies: Alan Gordon, Awards Chairman: Charles Carothers, Keynote Address: Dr. Chris Peterson, Installing Officer: Ron Andreas, Guest Quartets: Masterpiece and The Newfangled Four. Patrick Haedtler was named 2017 Barbershopper of the Year.

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- Jan 20 Performance at International Midwinter Convention, Segerstrom Center for the Arts, Costa Mesa. The Masters thrilled the conventioneers with a confident rendition of "Magic To Do," a number familiar to hometown audiences, and reprised the Too Darn Hot/Fever Medley, the uptune that garnered the gold medal in Las Vegas in 2017. Both songs drew standing Os. The MOH then premiered "Simple Gifts," a tune originally performed by the AIC Chorus in Las Vegas and featured The Newfangled Four in the quartet solo. Another standing O. The Masters joined by The Westminster Chorus sang the inspirational "All Nations Rise" . . . and yet another standing O. In the finale, the MOH, Westminster, Harborlites and a mass of competing youth choirs (nearly 800 singers in all), accompanied by organist Christoph Bull, sang the inspirational "All Nations Rise." The audience reacted as they had all evening ... another standing ovation!
- May 12 Annual Spring Show, Carpenter Center, Long Beach. The show titled "Harmony Tribute Tour" featured two youthful quartets – 2017 top ten finalist The Newfangled Four and 2017 SAI silver medalist ClassRing – to add a measure of joy and enthusiasm to the variety-filled program.
- Jul 6 International Convention, Orlando, Florida. Performed swan song at the Orange County Convention Center.
- Jul 7 International Convention, Orlando, Florida. Presented a morning Master Class on the Gold Medal Hour at the Hyatt Regency. Later that day, performed on the World Harmony Showcase.
- Jul 18, Aug 1 and Aug 15 Held three recordings sessions at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Newport Beach, for production of the MOH's ninth album.
- Nov 26 The board started holding monthly meetings at the East Whittier Presbyterian Church.
- Dec 1 Annual Christmas Tree Lighting, Town Center Plaza, Santa Fe Springs
- Dec 15 Christmas Show, "Are You Listenin?", Colony High School, Ontario. Masterpiece, The Newfangled Four. To the Pointe Dance Productions
- Dec 16 Christmas Show, Carpenter Center, Long Beach. Masterpiece, The Newfangled Four.
 To the Pointe Dance Productions

2019—Joe D'Amore, President

- Jan 5 Annual Awards and Installation of Officers Banquet, Yorba Linda Country Club. Master of Ceremonies: Alan Gordon, Keynote Address: Marlin Fors, Installing Officer: Craig Hughes, Guest Quartet: The Velvet Frogs. Maurice Freleaux was named 2017 Barbershopper of the Year.
- May 5 Annual Spring Show, "Brotherhood: A Legacy in Harmony," Carpenter Center, Long Beach, with Westminster Chorus and The Newfangled Four.
- May 11 Southeast-Southwest Divisional Contests, Colony High School, Ontario. Contest Songs: "Younger Than Springtime" and "Too Darn Hot/Fever Medley." The Masters of Harmony, won the Southwest Division chorus title with 81 on stage.
- Aug 1-11 A Cappella Festival, St. Petersburg, Russia. The Russia Chorus, about 50 strong, under the direction of Alan Gordon, entertained Russian audiences at three performance venues: Capella Hall, Philharmonic Hall, and St. Stanislaus Church.
- Oct 11 Far Western District Fall Convention, Gallo Center for the Arts, Modesto. The Masters took the District chorus championship and qualified to represent the FWD at the 2020

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International Convention in Los Angeles. Vocalocity with Rob Menaker won the District quartet championship. Noteable with new members Jacob Gonzalez and Emilio Pichardo was named FWD Novice Quartet Champion.

- Nov 30 Christmas Show. La Mirada Performing Arts Center. Guests: Harborlites Chorus, Dragonfly and The Newfangled Four.
- Dec 7 Annual Christmas Tree Lighting, Town Center Plaza, Santa Fe Springs
- Dec 14 Christmas Show, Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church, Cardiff. The La Jolla Chapter's Pacific Coast Harmony was the guest chorus.
- Dec 15 Christmas Show, Jurupa Hills High School, Fontana. The school's theater ensemble, Players of the Palace, was the guest artist.

2020—Joe D'Amore, President

- Jan 4 The chorus performed at the "Celebration of Life" for departed Lou Tedesco at Santaluz Club in San Diego.
- Feb 8 The Masters appeared at the SCVA's Close Harmony Festival at the West High School Performing Arts Center in Torrance.
- Mar 1 After months of dealing with the City of Santa Fe Springs over their decision to no longer permit free use of Town Center Hall for our rehearsals, the City Council denied our appeal and asked us to vacate the premises.
- Mar 20 The President announced that the La Mirada United Methodist Church would be the MOH's new, temporary home. The church, which is close to the freeway, is a bit over 7 miles from Santa Fe Springs Town Center Hall. There is ample parking, rent is very reasonable, and we can store our risers on the premises.
- Dec 5 The chorus streamed its first virtual Christmas show, "Making Spirits Bright," to fans and friends nationally and across the sea.

2021—Joe D'Amore, President

- Jun 16 The Masters returned to in-person rehearsals at the United Methodist Church of La Mirada. Protocols were in place for the return to safe singing. In order to be unmasked, members had to show proof they were vaccinated. All others were required to be masked.
- Dec 11 Thanks to Event Coordinator Tim Truesdell, the chorus returned to the Saints
 Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church for a repeat performance with the Pacific Coast
 Harmony of La Jolla. Patrons and guests enjoyed the beautiful harmony and magic the two
 choruses created.
- Dec 12 Thanks to new member and associate pastor Kevin Perales, the Masters of Harmony appeared at the Well Foursquare Church in Artesia for a Christmas performance.

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2022—Craig Hughes, President

- Jan 19 The Masters of Harmony hosted the 2022 International Midwinter Convention at the Pasadena Civic Auditorium, chaired by Leonard Jensen. Fourteen quartets competed for gold medal honors in the International Seniors Quartet Contest, among them showcased 14 quartets, among them four representing the Masters of Harmony – Gang Busters, Six Feet Off Bass, Four Love or Money, and The Velvet Frogs.
- Mar 5 A 95th Birthday Party and Celebration of Life for longtime member and arranger Dave Briner was held at the Huntington Beach Senior Center. The Masters of Harmony sang tow songs in the "swing: style that Dave loved very much "As Long As I'm Singing" and in what amounted to its onstage debut, "We've Got A World That Swings," a song arranged by Grant Goldstein. Masterpiece (Alan Gordon, Patrick Haedtler, Brett Littlefield, Rob Menaker) sang "Let's Live It Up," Isn't She Lovely," "Tennessee Waltz," and "Come Fly With Me." Nightlife followed with three original members Rob Menaker, John Sasine, Brett Littlefield, and Cody Littlefield who sang the baritone part in place of the late beloved Jeff Baker. They rendered "Basin Street Blues" and followed with "Them There Eyes."
- Apr 22-24 Choreographer Erin Howden spent the weekend at the United Methodist Church of La Mirada coaching and preparing the chorus for competition at the 2022 Charlotte International in July. Erin stressed the importance of theatricality, passion and taking ownership of our individual performances.
- Apr 29 A Masters of Harmony VLQ was the "opening act" at La Mirada's 6th Annual Mayor's
 Prayer Breakfast held at the local Holiday Inn. The ensemble, consisting of Tom Moore, Justin
 McQueen, Michael Van Schoonhoven, Craig Ewing, Bart Halberstadt, Peter Trist, Joe D'Amore,
 Mark Travis, Eric Emmons and Larry Icenogle, set the tone with three well-received, occasionappropriate selections, in addition to the Star-Spangled Banner.
- May 13-14 The Spring Prelims at Mamie Starr Performing Arts Center (Ronald E. McNair High School, Stockton) featured the five groups in the quartet contest with MOH members: Coastal Desert (Logan Patrick-Miernicki), Soundwave (Tom Moore, Adam Marangakis, Joe D'Amore, Peter Trist), Gang Busters (Brad Kelso), Four Love or Money (Jim Schumacher, and Moonlighting (Lucas Purcell, Bob Cossentine). MOHer Don Shively sang in the chorus contest with the Fog City Chorus.
- Jun 3-5 Seventy-seven Masters of Harmony singers attended the weekend retreat at the Embassy Suites in Temecula knowing that the wonderful team of Alan Gordon, Erin Howden and Tony De Rosa would be polishing up every aspect of the chorus's presentation and musical performance for competition at the Charlotte International.
- Jun 11 The Masters of Harmony participated in a Barbershop sendoff for the late Dr. Greg Lyne. During the memorial service at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Long Beach the chorus sang "Precious Lord" right after Greg's daughter, Megan Lyne Cornelius, spoke. It was a "remembrance" from the corporate body Greg was instrumental in creating and still lives on in his image. The Celebration of Life afterwards at The Reef in Long Beach was a cornucopia of Barbershop music with performances by Revival (Royce Ferguson, Mike Lawton, Mike Spencer, and Jeff Solano filling the big-bass shoes left by Bill Myers) and Nightlife (Rob Menaker, John Sasine, Brett Littlefield, and Cody Littlefield ably filling in for the late Jeff Baker). A legendary chorus, primarily MOH, rendered "Unclouded Day," "There used To Be A Ballpark," and "Somewhere." Wrapping things up was a touching video remembrance compiled from many sources by Gary Stone. There was nothing left to do but to "Keep the Whole World Singing," which was just as Greg would have wished.
- Jun 26 The Masters of Harmony hit the stage again for the 2022 Spring Show at the Haugh Performing Arts Center in Glendora. Looking sharp in new chorus attire, the MOH received a thunderous welcome from a houseful of cheering fans with the curtain opened. As performers, the MOH men were in heaven for each song they sang struck a different place (chord) in the audience's hearts and minds. The playbill also featured performances by Six Feet Off Bass (Eric

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Emmons, Leonard Jensen, Mark Travis, Willie Daw), BEARbershop (Ted Allen), and Soundwave (Adam Marangakis, Tom Moore, Peter Trist, Joe D'Amore).

- Jul 3-10 Eighty-plus Masters of Harmony singers made the long journey to Charlotte, South Carolina, to compete in the 69th Annual International Chorus Contest. Due to the chorus draw, the Masters sang first on early Friday morningto open the competition. While the results were disappointing a sixth-place finish the joy and inspiration the chorus provided the audience were wonderful. The MOH regretted the large Saturday afternoon conventioneers didn't get to see the Masters of Harmony's return to the international stage. Director Alan Gordon opined say, "It saddened me temporarily that we did not win a medal, but there is tomorrow, and we don't even have to wait that long to step into it. If nothing else, I think the outcome drove home the point that has been made before. Every repetition of something counts, and everything we sing applies to our default level of performance. Nothing is done accidentally, and our standard needs maintaining year-round."
- Oct 13-15 The Far Western District held its first convention and fall contest since 2019 at the Saroyan Theater in Fresno. Thirty-three quartets crossed the stage on Friday, including the following foursomes from the Greater Los Angeles Chapter:
 - See You at Six (Phil Wolf, Jim Ernsberger, Maurice Freleaux, Gary Krall)
 - Swimming with Sharps (Michael Van Schoonhoven, Justin McQueen, Adam Marangakis, Ed Fuller)
 - o Four Wheel Drive (Beau Jakeman, Ted Allen, Spencer Randell, Peter Burt)
 - o Far Western Rovers (Edgar Sandoval, Seth Freed, Jim Browne, Rich Owen)
 - Plead the Seventh (Paul DeWeese, Lucas Purcell, Peter Drew, Aaron Wagner)
 - o Las Place (Larry Icenogle, Cole Dawson, Robert Shelton, Bob Hartwig)

Motley Q, a mixed quartet with Charles Carothers and Bryan Sandberg received Novice Quartet Champion honors. Super Senior Quartet Champion Velvet Frogs (Craig Ewing, David Livingston, C.J. Sams, Bill Wilson) also performed. Another non-competing MOH quartet Step Outside (Ernie Reyes, David Feiner, Jeremy Loper, Bill Finlan) gave a private performance.

- Dec 3 Thanks to an excellent all-out effort led by Bart Halberstadt and his marketing team, the
 Masters of Harmony 2002 Christmas Show at the Bonita Center for the Arts in San Dimas was
 seen by a sold-out audience that enjoyed one of the best performances in MOH history. It was
 the first MOH show staged after the extensive vocal training given to the entire chorus after its
 disappointing performance in Charlotte. The improvement resulted from the successful
 implementation of several programs:
 - The Quartet Initiative Program headed by Kevin Perales led to the establishment of new quartets. The excellent coaching the members received from former member and bass of Metropolis, Brian Philbin, helped make the quartet members better singers.
 - The Music Learning and Improvement Program managed by Peter Burt helped make chorus members better prepared for rehearsals and choral performances.
 - Coaching sessions led by Harmony University Director Steve Scott were a main reason for the improvement of the chorus sound.
- Dec 11 The Masters of Harmony and guest chorus, Pacific Coast Harmony, launched the Christmas season at Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church in Cardiff for the third consecutive year. The show as a resounding success leaving patrons in the packed house wanting more! All are excited anxiously awaiting the return of these two groups next year.
- Dec 14 The Masters of Harmony honored its own at the Annual Awards and Installation of Officers Banquet on a Wednesday night at The Garden Room in Artesia. Dr. Jim Kline gave the keynote address and Society Board Member Blair Brown installed the 2023 Board of Directors. Foster Howlett was named Barbershopper of the Year for 2022.

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