



# The Captain's Log

Newsletter of the Stockton Portsman  
December 2018 - Issue #9



## **December 2018 President's Message: by President Harry Williams**

Hi Youal, and Merry Christmas. November is history, lots of good things happened. A great city wide program at the Fox Theatre for Veterans Day, 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary for Oak Park Senior Center, welcoming of Santa Claus at Weberstown Mall, and the Anthem for Heat Hockey. Also, lots of practice for our Christmas show.

We will start off Dec. with strolling at The Festival of Trees. Then our great Christmas show! Followed by a Christmas sing and visit at O`Conner Wood. Then we make our annual Christmas visit to the Fox Theatre. We will close out our Dec. activities with our Christmas party in the Barrel Room, Lodi Grape Festival Grounds. I`m sure other things will come in also.

Remember, we will be Dark for Christmas and New Year`s. Have a great December... and until 2019, a great Christmas and a Very Happy New Year.

Till next month`s Captains Log  
Pres. Harry

## Musical Director's Message: by Bill Litz

Are you a **last** minute shopper? If you identify with many of the items on this *BuzzFeed* list, you and time management are not friends.

1. The holidays always "sneak up" on you.
2. You wrap presents in whatever is around.
3. You have given CDs from Starbucks as gifts.
4. You are known as the "Gift Carder."
5. In a panic, you have re-gifted a gift to the person who gave you the gift in the first place.
6. You have purchased wine that has no discernible year from a shady liquor store as a gift.
7. You actually have planned to buy stuff, only to forget the actual purchasing part.
8. You have seriously almost bought something from an airport kiosk.
9. You usually spend way more on gifts, since you wait until the last minute.
10. You keep meaning to do all your shopping online, but don't.
11. People are never surprised when you give them a crappy gift.
12. You give everyone the same gift.
13. You have given inappropriate gifts.
14. You basically just hate shopping.
15. You have vowed never to wait until the last minute to shop ever again.

I love twisting lists like this to apply them to my barbershop life.

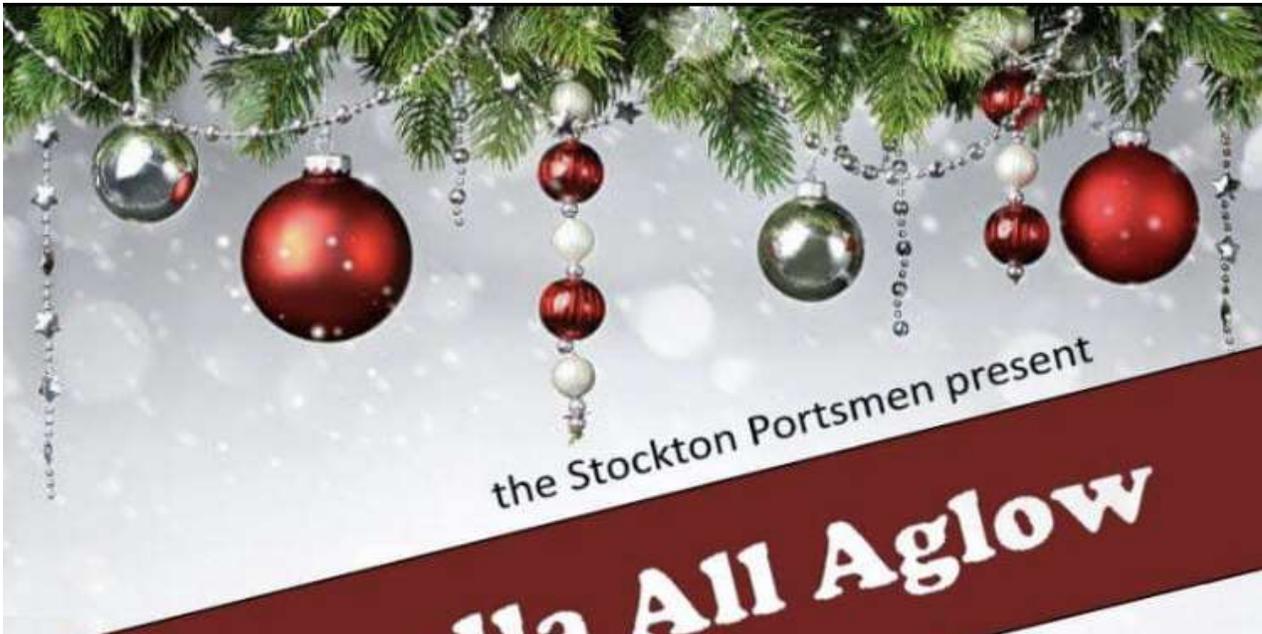
1. The performance, be it a contest or show, "sneaks up" on you.
2. You seem to always be the one in the wrong outfit.
3. You hope someone will burn you a CD with all the learning tracks.
4. You are known as the "Woodshed King."
5. In a panic, you inconspicuously return your chorus mate's folder that you "borrowed", when they notice it missing.
6. You pirated learning tracks from a shady YouTube video for the wrong arrangement.
7. You actually have planned to practice, only to forget the actual practicing part.
8. You have seriously looked for a pitch pipe at an airport kiosk.
9. You always spend full price on contest registration instead of getting the "early bird" special.
10. You keep meaning to put all the learning tracks on your phone, but don't.
11. People are never surprised when you sing the wrong notes and words.
12. You only know two songs and sing them at every opportunity.
13. You have sung "I'm Gonna Live Til I Die" at a retirement facility.
14. You basically just hate the word practice (I can hear Allen Iverson saying "practice").
15. You have vowed never to wait until the last minute to prepare for the next performance.

Even though we are **singing and performing better** every time out, I'm surprised how easy it is to feel like our musical gifts are **last minute purchases** - not the ones we want our best friends to witness. We need to **joyfully** offer our best in the moment - remembering even for champions, it can **ALWAYS** be better. By the time you read this, it will be time to give the Christmas gift of our show to friends and family. Spend your last minutes making your gift as pretty as it can be in this moment. Don't let your few missed notes ruin your enjoyment of delivering the gift.

Then as we head into a new year, with a new contest cycle and two shows slated, remember to **buy your present early** – learn your music sooner – practice your craft as a singer – work on being visually appealing and authentic – perform every time you sing.

Those actions can make putting the wrapping, ribbons and bows on our performance in those last minutes **joyful**, instead of that feeling, wondering if our gift is worthy to be given. **Get involved** in the preparation, creating an inner **vision** that can inspire you to be ahead of the curve. **Be proud** of the gift of song you offer and **enjoy singing** as a Portsmen.

**Chorus News:**



the Stockton Portsmen present

# **ACapella All Aglow**

**\$15**

featuring: **Dynamix**  
**Tune Struck**  
**Royal Flush**  
**JAM**  
and **The Starlight Ringers**  
in addition to **The Portsmen Chorus**

**SUNDAY**  
**December 2**  
**2 PM**

808 Porter Avenue, Stockton 95207

**for tickets call (209)881-SING(7464)**  
**or visit [www.stocktonportsmen.org](http://www.stocktonportsmen.org)**

**Caroling at Lincoln Center  
(Joining in for a song Congressmen Jerry McNerney & wife Mary McNerney)**



**Singing at the Bob Hope Theatre on Veterans Day**



**Getting ready for the National Anthem at the Stockton Heat Game**



**Miller (Kep) Keplinger shares his love of music with others at O'Connor Woods**



## Quartet News:

### mixed meta4

by Joan Ray, Tenor

Mixed meta4 has been having rehearsal time conflicts. So much fun traveling in lovely fall weather and also some minor sicknesses.

We finally got together to sing recently for the 50th birthday party for the Oak Park Senior Center. That service group is doing a fantastic job of providing social, intellectual, and nutritional support for our seniors. We had John Colton as our "guest" bass; such good fortune.

We'll be active this spring helping members polish their Valentine songs, so we're ready for that big day. Al Farnum is coordinating sales and delivery this year. We'll need your talented voices! Come to rehearsal 6:15 - 6:45. The quartet will be there to offer help.



Joan Ray – Tenor

Dave Harmon – Baritone

Al Farnum – Lead

Nick Adams – Bass

### TuneStruck

Tune Struck had the pleasure of singing for the Seniors of United Lutheran of Manteca Luncheon November First - It has been a couple of years since we were last here, always good to be back. We sing for the Arbor Rehab in Lodi for their post-Thanksgiving Holiday Dinner. December is filling out as usual with several full days of song.

Al Wolter

Tenor - Tune Struck Quartet

209.747.7499

[www.TuneStruckQuartet.com](http://www.TuneStruckQuartet.com)

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## Royal Flush

by Chuck Thurman, Jr., Lead

Royal Flush is excited to sing with the Stockton Portsmen in the Christmas show A Cappella All Glow! We hope to spread, love, joy and Christmas cheer to everyone with our singing. We also want to wish everyone a very blessed holiday season and a most wonderful new year! It's great to be a mixed Barbershopper!



Stephanie Thurman (Tenor), Chuck Thurman, Jr. (Lead), Paul Grant (Bass) & Nance Hennefer (Baritone)

## New Year's Resolutions:

Is it too soon to talk about New Year's resolutions? The New Year will be upon us before you know it. As we continue to evaluate and improve our vision for the New Year, take the time to reflect & **celebrate** on what we achieved this year. I leave you with these questions to ponder:

- Are you enjoying your barbershop experience as a member?
- Are you having fun?
- What are things we each can do to improve our experiences when we are together (making the most out of each meeting and event that we attend)?
- What are ways we can encourage each other to bring out our best?

Share your thoughts and ideas with your chorus mates and let's see what the future brings! Thank you for an amazing year!

## Celebrations:

### December Birthdays

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Carol Clark	12/9
Harry Williams	12/11
Roberta Keith	12/12
Christian Hagan	12/15



## Harmony Lunch Bunch:

11:30 AM (3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month)  
Sam's Hof Brau  
2500 Watt Ave  
Sacramento, CA 95821  
Contact: Kent Borrowdale  
[kborrow@comcast.net](mailto:kborrow@comcast.net)

**Member Reveal  
from November Issue**

**Nick Adams**



**Can you guess who this current  
Stockton Portsmen is???**



**Jordan Litz**



**Honoring & celebrating the  
past, can you guess the name of  
this former Stockton Portsmen?**

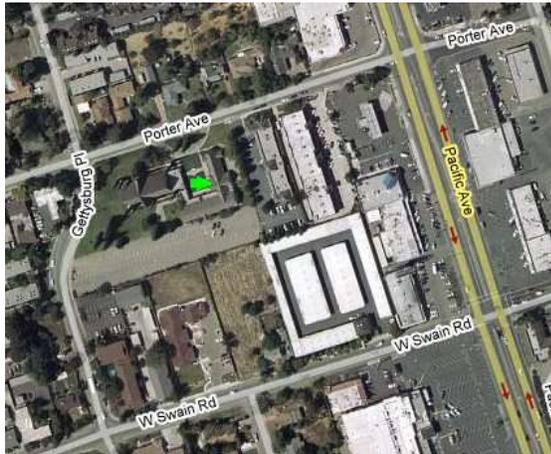


## Weekly Chapter Meetings:

Location: Zion Lutheran Church –  
808 W. Porter Avenue – Stockton – CA  
Tuesdays: 7:00 PM – 9:30 PM

See calendar for up-to-date information:  
[Click here to access the Stockton Portsmen Calendar](#)

### Map:



### Directions:

From Pacific Avenue go west on Porter Way turn south on Gettysburg Pl then turn east into the Zion Lutheran Church parking lot.

From Pershing Avenue go east on W. Swain Rd turn north on Gettysburg Pl then turn east into Zion Lutheran Church parking lot.

\*We meet in Grace Hall on the northeast side of the complex.\*

### Website:

<http://www.stocktonportsmen.org/>

### Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/194542747456>

### Mixed Barbershop Harmony Association

#### Page:

<https://www.mixedbarbershop.org/ensemble/stockton-portsmen-barbershop-chorus/>

### Mission Statement:

Provide the greater Stockton area with quality Barbershop chorus and quartet music and wholesome family entertainment, while encouraging every individual of good character who loves to sing the opportunity to find their place with us.

## **\*\*Hire Us\*\***

Book us for your next event:

- Community Concerts
- Fairs
- Festivals
- Grand Openings
- Holiday Tree Lightings
- Memorial Services
- National Anthem
- Singing Valentines
- Summer Concerts

Performance times usually range from 20 to 40 minutes but can be adjusted up or down to fit your specific program. Contact us by email or phone below for a proposal:

- [Info@StocktonPortsmen.org](mailto:Info@StocktonPortsmen.org)
- Phone (209) 881-SING (7464)

## **\*\*Save the Dates\*\***

### **2018 Events**

- Dec 1 Festival of Trees (Micke Grove)  
(12:00 PM – 2:00 PM)
- Dec 1* *The California Delta Chapter presents...*  
*VoCal Christmas Show*  
*Folsom, CA*  
[Click here for more details](#)
- Dec 2 Annual Show – Christmas Theme**  
**Zion Lutheran Church**  
**(2:00 PM – 4:00 PM)**  
[Click here for more details](#)
- Dec 4 Stockton Chapter Meeting & Portsmen  
Chorus  
O'Connor Woods West Hall  
(6:45 PM – 8:15 PM)
- Dec 9 Bob Hope Fox Theater  
(12:30 PM – 4:30 PM)

### **2019 Events**

- Feb 14 Singing Valentines (2019)
- Mar 17 Ice Cream Social (2019)
- Mar 21 FWD Spring Prelims NE/NW Division**  
**(2019)**  
Mamie Starr Performing Arts Center  
Ronald E McNair High School  
Stockton, CA  
(March 21 – 24, 2019)
- Oct 10 FWD Fall Convention (2019)**  
(October 10 – 13, 2019)  
(Sacramento, CA)

### **Barbershop Links**

- Barbershop Harmony Society  
<http://www.barbershop.org/>
- Far Western District  
<https://www.farwesterndistrict.org/>
- Mixed Barbershop Harmony Association  
<https://www.mixedbarbershop.org/>
- VoCal Voices of California  
<http://voicesofcalifornia.org/>