

## **Mission Statement**

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### **The Valley Harmony Singers' Mission:**

*Whenever performing, to sing the highest possible quality a cappella, 4-part harmony in the barbershop style.*

*To reach out to the youth of our community at schools or other places, to share the joy of singing as a lifelong recreational activity.*

*To do all things reasonable and necessary to assure for the benefit of the members of the Valley Harmony Singers that their grandchildren's children will have the opportunity to sing barbershop in their time.*

*To be kindly, supportive and helpful to our fellow Valleyaires in their efforts to sing barbershop harmony.*

*To encourage the formation and performance of quartets for singing barbershop harmony at Chapter meetings, performances, shows, contests and for the public in general.*

*To participate with chorus and quartets in every Society contest in which we are eligible.*

*To have all chorus members able to read music well enough to practice and learn their part and for qualified members to teach those who need help.*

*To spend adequate time outside of Chapter meetings studying and practicing their part for rehearsal at the next Chapter meeting.*

*To give complete attention to the person directing, coaching, or teaching the chorus with no cross-chatting.*

*To try to be at Chapter meetings and seated, ready to sing by 7:00 P.M. every Monday.*

*To be proactive in helping the elected leaders of the Chapter carry out their assigned duties by taking on responsibility as needed to "get the job done".*

*As a person privileged to be a member of the Valleyaires, do everything I can to help the Valley Harmony Singers achieve its stated objectives set forth in the Mission Statement.*

### **A message from our President:**

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*A warm welcome to the website of the San Fernando Valley VALLEY HARMONY SINGERS. We are a Barbershop Chorus affiliated with the Barbershop Harmony Society, formally known as SPEBSQSA, The Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Singing in America (that should tell you all you need to know about why the name was changed).*

*We are an organization of men of diverse backgrounds, ages, and occupations, who share this in common. we love to sing, we strive always to sing better, and we take pleasure in preserving one of the very few original American musical art forms—barbershop harmony.*

*If you are a man interested in singing, we would love to have you come see why we can't get enough of this hobby. We meet Monday evenings at 7:00 PM, at the First Presbyterian Church of Encino, 4963 Balboa Blvd, Encino. Feel free to drop by any time.*

*Performing is our passion, and if you are here looking for a chorus or a quartet for hire, you've come to the right place. We perform for civic, public, and private organizations, fairs and festivals, private gatherings—you name it. We deliver singing Valentines or singing messages for any appropriate occasion. We will do our best to accommodate your needs, and promise an entertaining and professional presentation. For inquiries, call our sing line at **1-818-994-SING**, or drop an **info** Email to **@valleyaires.info***

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*We involve ourselves in a variety of interesting, exciting activities. We compete annually in competition with other barbershop choruses and quartets in division and district competition for the opportunity to sing on the international stage. These competitions are thrilling, and a great place to get your fill of barbershopping. We put on an annual spring show and fall concert, information of which can be found elsewhere on this website. We have twice appeared on television, once on the Jerry Lewis Muscular Dystrophy Telethon, and most recently on the 2006 Dorothy Chandler Christmas Holiday Festival. In 2003, we toured and sang in Ireland—my photo is from that trip. We are making preparations to record our second CD (there are still copies of the first, "Come Celebrate the Sound," available), and we constantly make appearances wherever good barbershop singing is to be heard.*

*I hope it is obvious to you that we love what we do. We have lots of fun together, and we invite you to consider joining us as an active singing member. Or, to consider supporting us, either by*

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*considering us when you are looking for unique entertainment, by means of a corporate sponsorship grant, or by becoming a member of our exclusive "Friends Of The VALLEY HARMONY SINGERS" Club. We both benefit from your generosity.*

*Welcome to our website, and "Let's Keep the Whole World Singing."*

*MarkWolf*

*President*

*Valley Harmony Singers*

*San Fernando Valley Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society*