**MEMBERSHIP REPORT for March 17, 2021 VHS BOARD MEETING**

1. **GUESTS:** On Monday February 22, 2021 special guest **Duncan Gilman** joined our Zoom meeting. Duncan was a member of our chapter for several years. He sang in several quartets, as well as leading the chorus in the presentation. Duncan was also baritone section leader for a while. When Duncan left the chorus, he moved to Texas where he joined the world-renowned **Vocal Majority**. At the 2014 International Convention held in Las Vegas, NV. The Vocal Majority beat out the Masters of Harmony for the **Gold Metal.** Shortly after that contest Duncan and his family moved to Portland, OR., where Duncan joined the Bridge Town Sound Chorus.

Other guests on Zoom were Bonnie Janofsky, Larry Goodfried, and David McCann.

1. **MEETUP:**  The Following people recently joined the Valley Harmony Singers on Meetup.
2. **Co Mo,** joined 2-17-21. She sings Alto and lives in Los Angeles. **No reply.**
3. **Ariadne J. Duncan,** joined 3-9-21. She sings Alto and Soprano and lives in Portland OR**. No response.**
4. **Debra Davis,** joined 3-10-21. She sings 2nd Alto and lives in Bakersfield, CA. Debra replied to my message, and wants to join us next week**. I sent her the Zoom info.**

1. **PERSPECTIVE MEMBERS: Bonnie Janofsky** was sent our Membership Application.

Another perspective member is **Lynn White.** Jack Press asked me to contact Lynn**. Lynn’s reply will be under membership for 3-17-21 Board Meeting on our website.**

On Thursday March 11, 2021, Jack, Dave, Shelley and I attended the Sounds of Aloha Chorus Zoom Meeting. Represented were several Far Western District Chorus members. Kathy Klein, new FWD Southwest DVP was present. I was pleasantly surprised to see Bernard Priceman, past President of FWD and past member of the Valleyaires Barbershop Chorus there. After the meeting we were invited to join their chorus on Jamulus to sing polecat songs. This was the first time in a year that I was able to join everyone in 4-part harmony. It was great!! On Monday Dave and I will be on Jamulus rehearsing our quartet songs. Mathew will hopefully be joining us the following week.

I’m very encouraged that most of our members have had both shots. I’m also thrilled that half of our active chorus members now have Jamulus.

With vaccinations stepping up, hopefully we’ll be back rehearsing in person before the end of the year.

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