

CDWI Testimonial

Submitted by John Burri, Director of the Portland Metro Chapter (Bridge Town Sound)

CDWI ... Chorus Director Workshop Intensive ... the finest director training program in the Society, probably the finest educational program in the Society.

A CDWI II was held in Puyallup Saturday, 5/31, and it again proved to be a highlight of my barbershop career. The CDWI program is without a doubt the most worthwhile barbershop educational experience I've ever had.

I wish to extend thanks to my brother and sister directors, Bob Hart of both the Centralia and Chehalis Chapters, Glenn Smith of the Federal Way Chapter, and Marci Elefritz of the Pierce County Chapter. Fine directors, all of you. I learn as much or more watching you get put through your paces than through my own, and get the most from just communing and commiserating with you through the day.

Mac Dallman and Paul Hunter were excellent clinicians who perfectly balanced criticism and compliment, and maintained and supported the fragile and vulnerable egos of those being trained.

Thank you to Bruce Foreman and your helpers for taking care of all the logistical needs. Thank you to Bob Robson for sweating through getting these programs off the ground and running.

Lastly, my biggest thanks go to the singers who volunteered their time on a Saturday to sing Polecats for directors they don't even know. We can't learn a thing without a guinea pig chorus for us directors to flail in front of. Our chorus was made up of singers from Pierce County, Federal Way, and perhaps others. Thank you, SO MUCH, for your giving and patient nature with us. May the skills your directors continue to develop enrich your barbershop experience.

Bring it and ring it,

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