

## **PAMV Chapter BHS Music & Performance Report for December 5, 2015 Board Meeting**

**Repertoire.** We're working on "Our Town" and "When You Wore a Tulip". "Dinah" is still in learning mode, and is on hold while we work on other songs. "Blue Skies" is learned, but could still benefit from more practice. For the Holiday Chorus, we've added "The Man with the Bag". Additional songs to learn for the spring show will be introduced soon.

**Song-learning expectations.** We've successfully changed our behavior for learning songs, so that we now learn simple songs in a few weeks. We're working on several more complex songs, but complaints such as "That's too hard" or "We can't learn that song" are no longer heard. Members have taken individual responsibility for learning rather than expecting someone else to push a new song into their brains.

**Vocal Skills.** We continue to improve our singing. "When You Wore a Tulip" is a more advanced arrangement, but we're now equipped to learn it. Also, singing in the model is becoming more automatic.

**Individual singing improvement.** After a low-key, "please submit your form to Paul Eastman" produced only a tepid response, a more in-your-face approach was tried. The form for individuals to indicate what they'd like to improve about their own singing was explained again and passed out; members were requested to submit it immediately. Paul Eastman will review them to decide how to proceed in January with individual or group instruction.

- Terry Moore, VP of Music and Performance

### **Upcoming musical dates:**

12/5 Holiday Train (Mountain View)  
12/7 Mountain View Tree-Lighting  
12/12 Palo Alto Farmers' Market  
1/10 Installation Dinner  
1/23 Coaching with Darin Drown  
2/12-14 (Fri-Sun) Valentines  
3/7-10 SAI Regional Convention (Bakersfield)  
3/17-20 Spring Quartet FWD Convention  
4/2 FWD-NW Convention (location TBD, maybe Alameda)  
?/? Spring Show (date not yet decided, or at least not yet publicized)