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PLEASANTON -- The Pot O' Gold Chorus, the Tri-Valley's nationally-recognized men's barbershop chorus, has continued its winning ways by successfully defending the Barbershop Harmony Society's Far Western District (FWD) Chorus Championship. The returning champions outscored 23 other choruses from California, Nevada and Arizona on Saturday, October 14, in Bakersfield, CA, posting a five-percentage-point margin of victory over the second-place competitors.

The Pleasanton-based Pot O' Gold Chorus drew accolades from a blue-ribbon judging panel with the swing-era classic "Stars Fell On Alabama" and the barbershop standard, "Dearie (Do You Remember When)." Summoned to the stage to accept the championship trophy, the Pot O'Gold Chorus brought the capacity crowd to its feet with an unprecedented show of vocal prowess, a four-part a cappella rendition of George Frederic Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus."

As the repeat winner of the FWD chorus championship, the Pot O' Gold Chorus will again represent the District at the Society's International Convention, to be held in

Nashville, TN, in July 2001. The Pot O' Gold Chorus competed as FWD chorus champion at the 2000 International Convention in Kansas City, MO, finishing as the 16th-best men's barbershop chorus in the world. The chorus was previously District champion in 1994 and also competed at International as a wild-card qualifier in 1992 and 1995.

The Pot O' Gold Chorus is the performing chorus of the Bay Area Metro Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society, formally known as the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Quartet Singing in America, Inc. (SPEBSQSA).

Based in Pleasanton, the chorus is comprised of men from throughout northern California. Men who enjoy singing are invited to attend a chorus rehearsal on Tuesday evenings at 7:29 p.m. at Pleasanton Community Church, 4455 Stoneridge Drive.

Additional information is available online at www.bayareametro.org or by calling the Bay Area Metro Hotline at 925-443-SING (7464).

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