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SO, WHATEVER HAPPENED TO...

First of all, Happy New Year from the Liberty Quartet guys. Hopefully, you've had time to clean up the house, put away the Christmas decorations, and prepare for 2011. There's always a sense of excitement when it comes to a brand new year. It reminds me of a fresh snow unmarred by boot tracks or anything else that would take away from its pristine appearance. It's like we're starting fresh, the future not littered with the happenings of the previous year. I don't know what the next 12 months hold for you, but I pray that they will be marked by a special sense of God's presence, in the good times and the bad.

If you've followed Liberty Quartet for any time at all, I'm sure you're aware that we're celebrating our 15th year of music ministry. One of the ways of highlighting this special year will be catching you up to date with former quartet members and re-introducing you to the current Liberty guys. Probably the most-asked question at the Liberty Quartet product table is "So, whatever happened to..." and they'll name a prior quartet member. So, we've listened to you and here's your update:

The first-ever baritone for Liberty was **Keith Jones**, nicknamed "El Presidente". While his career has always been in structural engineering, Keith thoroughly



I miss the experience of being with so many of our friends we made along the road. It was a very spiritual time, as well, for in those first months we were on the road there were few in attendance and fewer dollars. We were all tempted to call it quits. But God would always come through just at the right time, to encourage us to keep on mostly by seeing the results of the ministry in how God was using it to help change lives."

Since leaving Liberty in early 2001, Keith continues to run his company AHJ Engineers in Boise, ID. He and his wife Candy live in Meridian, ID. Their son Brian and his wife Joy live in Alaska with Keith's two grandchildren, Macayla and Brendan. Their daughter Tiffany and her husband Don make their home in Idaho's Treasure Valley. Keith is still an integral part of the Liberty team, serving as Chairman of the Board for Liberty Ministries. Keith is also active in the

enjoyed his time with Liberty. He traveled from 1995 through 2000. When asked if he misses singing, Keith responded, "I don't. What

ministries of his home church, Boise First Community Center. Royce admits that "Keith knows our history and the current inner workings of Liberty along with my own personal desires and the unique calling on my life better than anyone."

Many of you know that Candy has been battling cancer for the last several months. Please continue to remember Candy and Keith in your prayers. They appreciate it so much.

Many of you still ask about **Ralph Yerkes**, Liberty's first tenor. Ralph has been, and still is, one of the biggest fans of Southern Gospel quartets you'll ever meet.



Royce said he remembers the many times Ralph would "bring me a recording of the Cathedrals or the like, and suggest that 'we need to sing this song!'" Ralph, who was the oldest quartet member at the time, used to crack up the other quartet guys by wondering, while driving through some desolate area, "I wonder how long it would take to get to the hospital from here?"

Ralph is a long-time certified financial

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We had an awesome team of volunteers help in getting out our end-of-the-year mailing. Thanks a million!



Royce made a couple of friends while he was on the beach in Mazatlan. If you notice part of his right ear missing next time you see him, you'll know what happened.



There's nothing like putting chains on the bus tires in a snowstorm. We've had to do this three times in recent weeks. Now you know why we head south for the winter. We're smarter than we look.

Date	Time	City	Location	Address
Dec 3, 2016	7:00 PM	Bakersfield, CA	Highway District Church	912 Hwy 99, Ste 100 919 Canyon & Stanton and Circle Bypass
Dec 4, 2016	7:00 PM	Yuba, CA	West Park Pentecostal Church	2228 Innesville Carriage Dr.
Dec 6, 2016	8:00 PM	Yuba, CA	Westland Park Assembly	1281 Highway 99
Dec 10, 2016	7:00 PM	Salt Lake City, UT	First Church of the Nazarene	1703 Franklin Blvd.
Dec 11, 2016	7:00 PM	Bullis, IC	United Methodist Church	495 E. 27th Street
			Church of the Nazarene	1151 Avenida Dr.

SCHEDULE

january

- 2 Nampa, ID First Church of the Nazarene (6:00 PM)
- 7 Ripon, CA Immanuel Christian Reformed Church (7:00 PM)
- 8 Lodi, CA First Baptist Church (7:00 PM)
- 9 Roseville, CA Pleasant Grove Community Church (10:00 AM)
- 9 Sutter, Creek, CA Church of the Nazarene (6:00 PM)
- 14 Los Altos, CA Bridges Community Church (formerly First Baptist; 7:00 PM)
- 15 Paradise, CA Christian Missionary Alliance (4:00 PM)
- 16 Menlo Park, CA Menlo Park Presbyterian (8:00 & 9:30 AM; 6:30 PM)
- 23 Indian Wells, CA Southwest Community Church (8:00 & 9:15 AM)
- 23 Moreno Valley, CA Moreno Christian Assembly (6:00 PM)
- 23 Indian Wells, CA Southwest Community Church (7:00 PM)
- 28 Yucaipa, CA Bryant Stree Baptist Church (7:00 PM)
- 29 Riverside, CA Arlington Avenue Nazarene (7:00 PM)
- 30 Hemet, CA Church of the Nazarene (10:15 AM)
- 30 Santa Ana, CA First Church of the Nazarene (6:00 PM)

february

- 4 Lake Havasu City, AZ Church of the Nazarene (7:00 PM)
- 5 Sierra Vista, AZ Church of the Nazarene (7:00 PM)
- 6 Tempe, AZ Church of the Nazarene (10:15 AM)
- 6 Apache Junction, AZ Community Christian Church (6:00 PM)
- 7 Humboldt, AZ Desert Hills Fellowship (7:00 PM)
- 8 Tempe, AZ Arizona Community Church In-Joy! (10:30 AM)
- 9 Hereford, AZ Country Estates Southern Baptist (6:30 PM)
- 11 Mesa, AZ Mesa First Assembly of God (7:00 PM)
- 12 Sun Lakes, AZ First Baptist Church (6:00 PM)
- 13 Casa Grande, AZ New Beginnings Nazarene (10:30 AM)
- 13 Oro Valley, AZ Church of the Nazarene (6:00 PM)
- 18 Quartzsite, AZ First Assembly of God (7:00 PM)
- 19 Phoenix, AZ Orangewood Church (6:00 PM)
- 20 Green Valley, AZ Green Valley Community Church (8:00, 9:30, & 11:00 AM)
- 20 Mesa, AZ Good Life RV Resort (7:00 PM)

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PRODUCT

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Recordings Available	Prices	Quantity	Total
The First Fifteen (CD) -brand new!	\$15	_____	\$ _____
The Journey (CD)	\$15	_____	\$ _____
Amazed (CD)	\$15	_____	\$ _____
Hymn Sing, Vol 1 (DVD)	\$20	_____	\$ _____
Hymn Sing, Vol 2 (DVD)	\$20	_____	\$ _____
Truckin' On (CD)	\$15	_____	\$ _____
- Solo CD by Royce Mitchell			
In God We Trust (CD)	\$10	_____	\$ _____
- Patriotic CD			
Say It Again (CD)	\$15	_____	\$ _____
Above & Beyond (DVD)	\$20	_____	\$ _____
Timeless Treasured Hymns, Vol. 2 (CD)	\$15	_____	\$ _____
There's A Testimony (CD)	\$15	_____	\$ _____
Timeless Treasured Hymns, Vol. 1 (CD)	\$15	_____	\$ _____
Roll On (CD)	\$15	_____	\$ _____
- Solo CD by Royce Mitchell			
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PRAISE & PRAYER

PRAISE

- Your prayers continue to give us safety, health, support, and an active vital presentation of the Gospel
- 2010 has been a banner year for expanding our ministry opportunities
- Dan is keeping the bus in good working condition, and preventative maintenance has many times been scheduled because of your prayers

PRAYER

- As we rehearse and plan for 2011's performance presentation we covet your prayers for God's clear direction
- We have been presented with some media expansion possibilities that will help us fulfill our vision and calling. Pray for support to cover the costs of this project with potential worldwide impact
- We have been invited to go overseas on several mission projects. Please pray for God's guidance
- Jordan Gilbert (Dan's son) is joining the Coast Guard, starting boot camp in January



ROYCE'S COMMENTS



Each member of Liberty through the years has brought a unique set of gifts and traits to the strength of our distinctive ministry, but I will always be especially grateful to the three gentlemen who launched what is now Liberty Quartet. With no monetary expectations, Ralph Yerkes, Keith Jones, and Mike Peters were inspired by a presentation of Gospel music, fellowship, and an avenue of service. This bond of friendship has been, and continues to be, the platform for many present and eternal rewards.

As we prepare for this new year, I'm reminded once again that anything we accomplish in the coming months will be upon the shoulders of those who have gone before. And, that doesn't just include former quartet members. To each of you who have supported Liberty Quartet through your prayers and financial gifts, we say thank you. Please keep us in your prayers as we spread the Good News through music in 2011. We hope to see you sometime in the next few months. Happy New Year!

Royce Mitchell

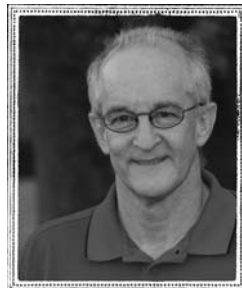
- I am praying for Liberty Quartet (Col. 4:2)
- I am interested in supporting Liberty through the "Friends of Liberty" program. Please send information.

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planner and since retiring from Liberty in 1999 continues to do a little trading and consulting. Ralph and Sherry live in Eagle, ID, which is close to their two daughters, Sheli and Angie, and their families. If you know Ralph and his testimony of healing, you know why he does not take for granted one moment of the blessing to be able to sing for Jesus. Ralph serves on the Liberty Ministries Board of Directors.

Mike Peters was the first lead singer for Liberty Quartet. He started singing with the guys at Boise First Church of the Nazarene and traveled until early 1997. Liberty Quartet wasn't full-time in the early days, so Mike owned his own business, The Printing Press. Since stepping down from Liberty, Mike has continued to operate the Meridian, ID-based company which is now known as Options. The company specializes in providing printing and promotional



solutions. Mike and his wife, Lynette, have four children: Misty, Rebecca, Abby, and Ben. Mike is proud to say that Ben has blessed him with his first grandchild, 20-month-old Megan. Mike and Lynette live in Nampa, where they are active in College Church of the Nazarene. In fact, Mike just stepped down after serving as interim choir and worship director. Mike reflected in a recent interview that his greatest memories include the camaraderie shared by the quartet. He said, "Singing on the platform was cool, but to reflect on how your ministry touched the life of someone with the guys after the concert; that was the highlight for me." Mike enjoyed traveling, but at the time his kids were teenagers and when his son started to play high school sports,

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Mike made the tough decision to leave Liberty. Royce shares that "Mike's dry sense of humor and his great knowledge of the hymns of the faith added to the great fellowship we had as a group."

Liberty Quartet owes these three men a debt of gratitude for the sacrifices they made while preparing for our current ministry. If you would like to thank them personally, send them an email at liberty@libertyquartet.com.



The original Liberty Quartet: (L to R) Mike Peters, Keith Jones, Royce Mitchell, Ralph Yerkes