



### **Russ Young**

Russ has been a barbershopper since 1978 when he began singing with the Scottsdale, Arizona Chapter. He became an Assistant Director to Lloyd Steinkamp soon after, until joining the Phoenicians in 1984. Under the wings of then chorus director Lou Laurel, Russ was moved into the Assistant Director position one year later.

As a member of the Far Western District Chorus Director's Guild, Russ served as a Board Member as well as on the faculty for several Director Seminars sponsored by the Guild. In addition, he serves as a faculty member for schools in other districts across the Society including Harmony University/Director's University, Harmony College East, West and Northwest.

He also gives much of his time coaching both men's and women's choruses and quartets in the US and abroad.

Quartetting is nothing new to Russ. His most recent quartet, "Applause!" placed as high as 12<sup>th</sup> at International. But you may better know him as the baritone of the four-time International medalist quartet, "Standing Room Only". Although he is not currently involved with a quartet, he claims there's something in the works.

Having taught high school choral music for 22 years, Russ worked as a school administrator for several years before returning to the classroom to teach high school television and video production classes. He is also the Director of Educational Television for the school district.

Russ is currently the Musical Director for the Spirit of Phoenix Chorus in Phoenix, Arizona. A recent Singing Category Specialist for the Society Contest and Judging system, he is now the Director of Contest & Judging for the Far Western District. He and his wife Wendi live in Mesa.