



H. Douglas Custance, Music Director

The announcement in May 2003 that H. Douglas Custance had accepted the position as Conductor of the Leisure World Chorale began five exciting and happy years in the recent life of the Chorale. Mr. Custance, well known in the world of music, has an impressive resume of appearances throughout the United States and Europe both as a soloist and as a conductor.

Now in his 28th year as a Saddleback College Emeritus Institute adjunct professor of music, Mr. Custance leads several musical groups in addition to the Village Chorale and teaches a successful voice class. In addition to his teaching, Maestro Custance continues a successful career as choral conductor, soloist and clinician. He has conducted such diverse groups as the Los Angeles Mozart Orchestra and the Boston Pops.

For more than 10 years, he was the music director and conductor of the Southern California Mormon Choir in Los Angeles. He has performed at the Hollywood Bowl, Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, Orange County Center for the Performing Arts, Carnegie Hall, and the Sistine Chapel in Vatican City. He has sung Handel's *Messiah* in Moscow and St. Petersburg.

Mr. Custance lives in Laguna Hills with his wife, Linda and their son Nathan. The Custances have five children, eleven grandchildren and five great grandchildren.