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Food to eat, songs to sing, and Officers to install

Yes, the annual installation banquet is once again history.

Sure, we've done this every year since we started it and we will continue doing it until we stop. It has become a tradition as well it should be. We meet, get a drinky poo at the bar, visit and eye the pot luck line in anticipation, visit some more and maybe sneak into the line acting like we are curios and cop a piece of fudge when we think no one is looking. Then the new President calls for some singing, like "The Old Songs" followed by a blessing and a mad rush to be first in the chow line. Eat, burp, and get on with the ceremony. You know, a visitor dignitary will administer the needed sayings and admonitions for each and every position, followed by some pictures, some back slapping, and more pictures. Then singing, more singing, and finally heading home, full and happy. Sure, that's the way it generally is and that's pretty much the way it went again this year, but with some twists and turns and stuff.

First, thanks to Dr. Sam's busy E.R. Schedule in Rifle, incoming President Larry asked (actually he was asked to ask) FOURMATA to do a couple of songs so Sam could eat and drive the 100 miles or so to his 9:00 PM shift at the Rifle hospital. I talked to Sam on his cell phone about 8:45 and he was passing through Parachute. Hope nobody was waiting for him in the E.R. since he was running a tad late. Then the blessing, this year by pastor Duane, primed the pump and the mad dash to the food. Oh, what incredible food. All of it was to die (or live) for. Ate and ate and ate.

New President Larry (now IPP Vern had to back out at the last minute as he was called to do a funeral in Pueblo or Cortez, depending on who is providing the information. Larry introduced Dennis, who is our repeating PR Vice- President and who was a proud BOTY in, oh, 2007 or so. Dennis drew the honor of presenting the 2010 BOTY. And no one could have been more surprised than the recipient. He was, thankfully, speechless.

Then our guest quartet from the North (CLOSE HARMONY) sang us several very good songs in preparation of the official ceremony and prestigious installation of the unworthy. Well, some are worthy. Heck, they ALL are. You elected them, even by mistake. Just kidding. *Olyn Carlson*, the Lead in CLOSE HARMONY and a Registered Nurse in case you over ate, did the honors as at least half of the audience gathered in front of the other half for the vaunted installation and vows of competence and dedication. Ole does such a fine job we hope he accepts a standing invitation to bring his three compadres and do this every year. We really appreciate their making the trip from Grand Junction to Montrose and always enjoy their songs.



Gary, Tim, Geno, and Dave belt out Coney Island Baby for the pure enjoyment of everyone.

THE BANQUET, THE INSTALLATION, THE FUN

Our incoming Officers, ready for another big and busy year.



Here are the guys and two gals that swore to do their part to keep us all singing and playing and doing all the things we should do when we have such a wonderful hobby.

It's great to be a Barbershopper!

“Close Harmony”

Lead— Olyn Carlson Bass— Mark Edwards

Tenor—Carroll Owen

Baritone—Tim Winegardner



The biggest surprise of the evening, for one person anyway, was the presentation of the Barbershopper of the year.

Believe it or not, I am humbled and touched by the honor. Surprised was not the only feeling I felt. Emotion, after an afternoon of emotion, just about got me. Larry had mentioned to me, when I asked him if anyone was considered for BOTY, that there probably would not be one this year. I said, OK. I had no suggestions anyway.

It was a totally unexpected honor, one that means a great deal to me.

Thank you, Dennis, and Dave, and Chuck. Yeah, I may be a little critical at times, and I'll try to temper it ... but, well, you know.

Bill Sutton

To see all, or some, of the pictures taken at the Installation Banquet, visit our website, go to the Members Only page, and click on the more pictures link. I'm sure you will find yourself feeding yourself too much food.

Splinters from the Board

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Not a board meeting,
but a RETREAT
with a treat. Pizza,
salad, and brownies,
that is.

New President Larry took good care of us.
Lots got done. Some will get done later.

Jason told us that the 25th Anniversary of the Silverton Harmony Festival would happen on July 16 with John Coffin as festival director.

Dennis said he will be the
POSTER GUY for Valentine
singing and will **challenge**
all members to print some
or put them up.

Rex will print both V-day and
Show posters at the bank.
Also the Show Programs.

MaryAnn showed up to make sure we did all the
right things. She is pretty picky, doncha know.

Donors, how to get them and how to get
more was a big discussion. Vern was
appointed by Motion to be the Chairman of
that very important committee dedicated to
keep us above the surface of financial water.

In a weak moment, Dr. Bob
volunteered to be the SHOW
CHAIRMAN for the 2012
SHOW. Wow, I can hardly wait
to see what the theme will be.
Pat him on the back for his
willingness. Not hard, though.
He is getting old.

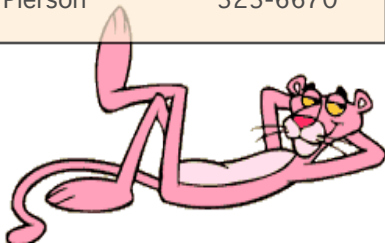
All future board meetings will be held
on the 3rd Tuesday of every month.
Except for the next one which is
planned for Feb. 1 so we can go over
Show stuff and make sure we are
doing all we should be doing.

Vern and Barny will continue to find
a place for our Afterglow. Previous
attempts have not succeeded... yet.

Lots of hanging
un-addressed
issues were dealt
with in a most
efficient manner.

The time is nigh for all of YOU to get in
the spirit of sell singing Valentines, and
start seeking donors and selling Show
tickets. This is our big and only chance to
make enough money to keep the chapter
running for the rest of the year. Sell and
sing. Can't beat the combination.

Yeah sure, we met from 10 AM to 2 PM and
one would think we got a lot done. One
would think it was really successful and all
the problems were solved. One would think
so. And we did. But more meetings are
planned and needed. This was necessary and
fruitful. Thanks, Larry. It was good.



Don't take yourself so seriously. No one else does



I don't see anything wrong with seconds. Seconds just mean the firsts was not enough. So quite taking pictures.



Birthday 1
Birthday 2

date
date

*We don't stop singing because we get old,
we get old because we stop singing.*

*No one is in charge of
your happiness but
you*



Fourmata singing for their supper



Tim about to choke on a sausage or something

Chapter Registered
Quartets

Blue Denim

Contact: Chuck Frush 249-0543

FOURMATA

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The Gunnison Tunnel Talkers

Black Canyon Chorus members underground

Some thoughts from the Shadow ...

Notes from the underground; start of Chorus process.

Hey, join the underground scribes and send me your anonymous thoughts so others can guess who you are and put a tack on your chair, if you can find it.

Did you ever notice the energy at the start of an Olathe Chorus session? Everyone happy to see others, does anyone have a church key (actual not the one for beer, we are all old enough to know what a church key is). Then it's set up the chairs, ask "where do I sit" and ready to go. Some will grab a quick coffee and perhaps sample the cookies. One of our members always checks out the cookies, do you know who that is? Excellent way to end a Thursday; friends, food and song!

SHOWTIME IS NIGH SO GET TO WORK

The time is here to step up and do your part to make sure this Show is the most successful Show ever. Learning all the songs perfectly is just one thing you have to do. You will have to move all together when you are supposed to move, and not move when you shouldn't. And you gotta sell some tickets or there won't be anyone out in those seats in front to appreciate how hard you've worked. You will sell some tickets, won't you? Oh, there is ONE MORE THING you have to do. Go to our website at www.blackcanyonchorus.org and visit the 2011 Show Page. There is all kinds of information you will need, and there is ONE MORE THING. There is a list of past donors and possible new donors for this year. There is a column where your commitment can be listed. Make your own list of all the businesses you will visit and give it to Vern so he can track how we are doing. The more donors you get, the better our Chapter financial health will be for the rest of the year. Do it, visit the donor page and let Vern know who you will contact. Really, do it now.

When It's Sing Time In The Rockies
ROCKY MOUNTAIN HARMONY COLLEGE 2011
JIM BAGBY COMING TO ESTES PARK FEB. 4-6

The Funny Stuff Page

Will I Live to see 90?

Here's something to think about.

I recently picked a new primary care doctor. After two visits and exhaustive Lab tests, he said I was doing 'fairly well' for my age. (I just turned 75).

A little concerned about that comment, I couldn't resist asking him, 'Do you think I'll live to be 90?'

He asked, 'Do you smoke tobacco, or drink beer, wine or hard liquor?'

'Oh no,' I replied. 'I'm not doing drugs, either!'

Then he asked, 'Do you eat rib-eye steaks and barbecued Ribs?'

'I said, 'Not much... my former doctor said that all red meat is very unhealthy!'

'Do you spend a lot of time in the sun, like playing golf, boating, skiing, sailing, hiking, or bicycling?'

'No, I don't,' I said.

He asked, 'Do you gamble, drive fast cars, ride motorcycles or have a lots of sex?'

'No,' I said...

Do you sing in a Barbershop quartet or in a chorus?'

"Of course not!" I replied.

He looked at me quizzically, then frowned and said,.. 'So, why do you even care?'

The latest survey shows that three out of four people make up 75% of the population

A mom was concerned about her kindergarten son walking to school. He didn't want his mother to walk with him. She wanted to give him the feeling that he had some independence but yet know that he was safe.

So she had an idea of how to handle it. She asked a neighbor if she would please follow him to school in the mornings, staying at a distance, so he probably wouldn't notice her.

She said that since she was up early with her toddler anyway, it would be a good way for them to get some exercise as well, so she agreed.

The next school day, the neighbor and her little girl set out following behind Timmy as he walked to school with another neighbor girl he knew. She did this for the whole week.

As the two walked and chatted, kicking stones and twigs, Timmy's little friend noticed the same lady was following them as she seemed to do every day all week. She said to Timmy, "Have you noticed that lady following us to school all week?"

Timmy shrugged and replied, "Yeah, I know who she is."

The little girl said, "Well, who is she?"

"That's just Shirley Goodnest," Timmy replied, "and her daughter Marcy."

"Shirley Goodnest? Who the heck is she and why is she following us?"

"Well," Timmy explained, "every night my Mom makes me say the 23rd Psalm with my prayers, 'cuz she worries about me so much."

"The Psalm says, 'Shirley Goodnest and Marcy shall follow me all the days of my life', so I guess I'll just have to get used to it!"

Time's fun when you're having flies.

.....*Kermit the Frog*

“The Story of the Rose” Heart of My Heart

By David Wolfe

The origins of “The Story of the Rose” are somewhat vague. The Barbershop Harmony Society credits Andrew Mack for the music and "Alice" for the lyrics. Mack was a producer and actor at the Academy of Music in New York and reportedly wrote the song for his 1899 production *The Last of the Rohans*. This musical comedy was Mack's second of twelve productions and performed 55 times on Broadway. No one named "Alice" is listed in the credits. In case you've never heard or seen the verses, here are the lyrics:

A youth one day in a garden fair,
A rose found withered and dying,
And all for love, ah! Love in vain,
The rose was sadly sighing:

Chorus: Heart of my heart, I love you,
Life would be naught without you;
Light of my life, my darling, I love you, I love you.
I can forget you never,
From you I ne'er can sever.
Say you'll be mine for ever, I love you.

Oh, sweet wild rose of a summer day,
Thy love has all been in vain;
Loved by a maid, then cast away,
I echo thy refrain. (repeat chorus)

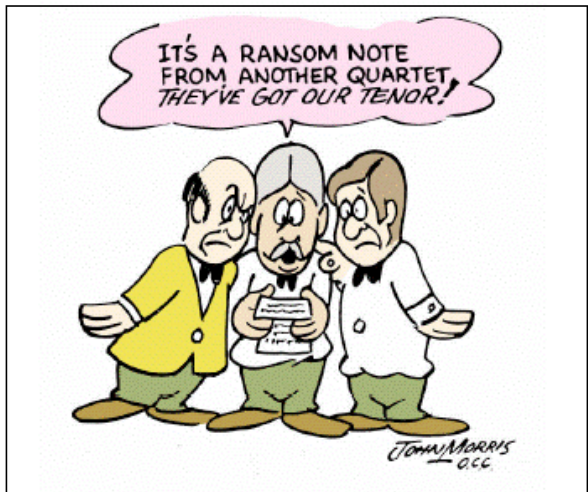
Today, barbershoppers the world over know the song, or at least the chorus. It is one of the most popular Valentine's Day songs; performed as quartets deliver Singing Valentines to unsuspecting recipients in their homes, offices, classrooms, shops, and other places. Quartets will typically only sing the chorus in this context.

Singing Valentines are a major fundraiser for BHS; singingvalentines.com was set up as a central referral site for Singing Valentines. For those without internet access, the Society's toll free number is 800 876-SING (7464).

“Heart of My Heart” is also mentioned in another song titled (The Gang that Sang) Heart of My Heart. The music and lyrics about singing in a youthful quartet was written by Ben Ryan in 1926. This song was popular even into the 1950s and early 1960s, when the Four Aces, Frankie Laine, Trini Lopez and a group consisting of Don Connell, Alan Dale, and

Johnny Desmond all recorded it.

Lifted from Steve Jackson's “Mountain Talk” Thanks, Steve



HOW TO INSTALL A HOME SECURITY SYSTEM

1. Go to a secondhand store and buy a pair of men's used size 14-16 work boots.
2. Place them on your front porch, along with a copy of *Guns & Ammo Magazine*.
3. Put four giant dog dishes next to the boots and magazines.
4. Leave a note on your door that reads:
Bubba,

Don't mess with the pit bulls; they attacked the mailman

this morning and messed him up real bad. I don't think Killer took part, but it was hard to tell from all the blood. Anyway, I locked all four of 'em in the house.

Better wait outside, Be right back.
Cooter

Puns for the Pathetic Punsters

Those who jump off a bridge in Paris are in Seine.
A man's home is his castle, in a manor of speaking.
Dijon vu - the same mustard as before.
Practice safe eating - always use condiments.
Shotgun wedding - A case of wife or death.
A man needs a mistress just to break the monogamy.
A hangover is the wrath of grapes.
Dancing cheek-to-cheek is really a form of floor play.
Does the name Pavlov ring a bell?
Condoms should be used on every conceivable occasion.
Reading while sunbathing makes you well red.
When two egotists meet, it's an I for an I.
A bicycle can't stand on its own because it is two tired.
What's the definition of a will? (It's a dead give away.)
Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.
In democracy your vote counts. In feudalism your count votes.
She was engaged to a boyfriend with a wooden leg but broke it off.
A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion.
If you don't pay your exorcist, you get repossessed.
With her marriage, she got a new name and a dress.
The man who fell into an upholstery machine is fully recovered.
You feel stuck with your debt if you can't budge it.
Local Area Network in Australia - the LAN down under.
Every calendar's days are numbered.
A lot of money is tainted - Taint yours and taint mine.
A boiled egg in the morning is hard to beat.
He had a photographic memory that was never developed.
A midget fortune-teller who escapes from prison is a small medium at large.
Once you've seen one shopping center, you've seen a mall.
Bakers trade bread recipes on a knead-to-know basis.
Santa's helpers are subordinate clauses.
Acupuncture is a jab well done.

Teach the Children to Sing

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The President's Corner with Larry Wilkinson

After our work shop on the 15th of this month, I came away with a renewed feeling of enthusiasm and energy about the coming year. We have several new faces to swell the ranks, we do have the talent and great directorship so the biggest thing that we all need to keep in mind is, we are professional and need to demonstrate it with our attitude and actions especially when we are performing.

Larry

**USE YOUR LEARNING
TAPES! THEY WILL
MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**



Sam Kevan was featured in a two page story about his recent medical trip to Cambodia. Most of you may not have seen it, but it was in the *Mountain Valley News*, the January 26 issue, published in Cedardege. Sam also presented a slide show about his adventure. It was life dream Sam was able to live. If you have to visit the Emergency Room in Rifle, be sure to thank Sam for his medical compassion. Or thank him at rehearsal.