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# More information from the Board meeting and general sources.

The invite for the chorus or a quartet to participate at one or all of the 4 days planned by Dragon Unchained has been limited to a quartet at their leisure. Coop feels the needed time to polish for the Show is more important at this time than singing outside for a questionable audience. Thanks to ROCKY ROAD for stepping up to fill in the gap.

Time is starting to bite us.  
We realized we only have  
**ONE MORE BOARD**  
meeting before the Show.  
Now that is scary.

Coop and Carol are trying to decide where is the best place to put the Delta Show banner. Should it be in front of the Arts Center or should it be hanging above Main Street? Should it be in front of Kwiki Tires or should it be in front of City Market on the lawn? Give them some help. This is a tough question.

Barney continues to select and present a HARMONIZER OF THE MONTH to an unsuspecting recipient. The selection for April is Bob Strong.  
**CONGRATULATIONS TO BOB**

Don't miss the Spring Convention near Denver. It is **QUALIFICATION TIME** for RMD's best quartets. McPhly will be there.

There was some general grumbling about the lack of 'fun' singouts this summer, mainly due to the timing of our June Show. As such, a suggestion was made and supported to consider returning to our traditional Show time of March, April, or May to allow for more singouts in the summer. IPP Larry Wilkinson agreed to contact the Pavilion to find out what dates are available for 2015. Once we get that information, we will actively consider the options at some future Board meeting. In the meantime, Del Dyck sort of offered to host a barbecue after the show, possibly at his house or possible at some park. It sounds like a great opportunity to celebrate the success of our Show over a snack and beverage or your choice.

# Splinters from the Board

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Notice: These are NOT the official minutes and merely present a tongue in cheek observation of our Board Meetings. Official minutes can be found on our website.

The Board voted anonymously, without any official motion or silly stuff like that, to sponsor a fundraiser to purchase a reliable alarm clock for the very sleepy President. If you have any great ideas on how to get him a really good alarm clock that will work on naps as well as overnight sleeping, please contact any board member.

A goodly amount of time was spent worrying about our missing President and just about as much time was devoted to worrying about the Show. We did find the President but the show is still worrisome.

Future singouts were a hot topic for the evening, especially the rapidly upcoming traditional pot-luck and singout at Ridgway State Park. But there is a timing problem; that is the Memorial Day weekend(May 24) precedes our annual Show by 13 days and only one more practice. So, should Ridgway be used as a semi-final rehearsal for our best show songs or we just forget it and the money it adds to our treasury? That is the question that much be addressed by MaryAnn. Many members have a long-term reservation for camp sites and need to be considered.

All of you guys need to sign up for the Gray Stone singout at the end of the month. Hopefully we might have a couple of quartets and the chorus to put on a great show for a great place and wonderful audience. Coop will be our leader.

Rex has pretty much taken over all the duties and responsibility for making and selling tickets for both shows and the afterglow. What a guy!

We are needing a quartet to sing for the patrons of the Delta Arts Center on May 6. It is a wonderful opportunity to get some free advertisement and sell some Show tickets.

## At an Optometrist's Office:

"If you don't see what you're looking for, you've come to the right place."

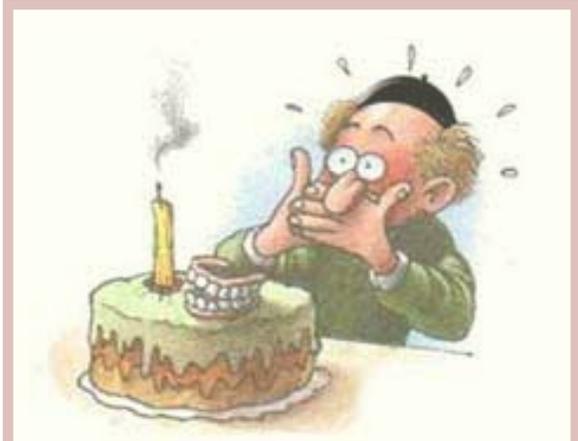
**Men have feelings too.  
For example, we feel  
hungry.**

Congratulations to the guys who are making an effort and actually qualifying for PoleCat songs. It is not as easy as it looks. The songs are traditional Barbershop with great harmony, but it does take time to learn them. Hopefully we will be able to continue with the qualifications until everyone is qualified on every Barbershop PoleCat song.

*If you haven't signed up to sing at the Gray Stone supper club on April 30, you should reconsider. That is a super venue which serves excellent food. There is a very good chance they will be our caterers for the Afterglow. Come join with Rocky Road for an evening of fun singing to a fun audience.*

A most warm welcome to our new members.  
Darrin Reed  
John Thrasher  
Derek Hillburger  
Bill Knight

*The biggest lie I tell myself  
is "I don't need to write  
that down, I'll remember  
it"*



Vern Dockter  
David Stannard

April 16  
May 4

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

Birthdays are good for you. The more you have, the longer you live.



**Chapter Quartets**

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# Teach the Children to Sing

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 "Flourishing and growing as individuals, as a chorus, and as a chapter by singing in an atmosphere of musical excellence and by promoting harmony in our lives, our relationships, and our community."

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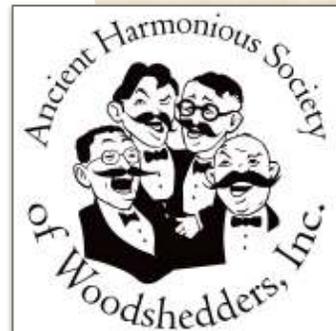
## The President's Corner with Rip Von Taylor

*The strangest thing happened the evening of our April 8th, Board Meeting. I had set up tables and chairs for the meeting in the dining room of The Fairlamb House Bed and Breakfast, baked some chocolate centered cookies and set up coffee after working on an agenda and budget presentation. I was all ready by 6:00 p.m., but wasn't expecting anyone for the meeting until 7:00. I thought I might go down to Davito's and join the gang for supper but decided to lie down and rest for a moment instead. Oops!*

*Well, the next thing I knew, Elizabeth was waking me up, saying, "Aren't you going to your meeting downstairs?" "Oh, yeah," I replied glancing at the clock. Holy Crap! It was 8:30 p.m.!!!*

*I stumbled downstairs and met Dennis in the kitchen. He said they had found the coffee and the cookies. The meeting was just winding down. "Go back to bed." he said, "We don't need you." Well, I was a bit embarrassed and still groggy, so I took his advice.*

*Next time, Gentlemen, please make a bit more noise! When I can sleep through the singing of "The Old Songs" and the presentation of the financial report, you know you're not making enough racket! You can do better. :-)* J.T.



**The best cure for sea sickness, is to sit under a tree.**  
 – Spike Milligan