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United Methodist Church of Olathe



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## Both Shows were successful, as were both afterglows.

The stars were shining, the bottle was just about empty and the wings about gone when Coop slipped between the singing McPhly guys all comfortable in shorts and bare feet, and sat down at the table. The weather was beautiful and the B&B backyard was exquisite with a long table set with wings and things and a cooler filled with other stuff.

“Geez Coop, where have you been? You’ve missed a goodly portion of a goodly sweet afterglow after a goodly Delta show?”

“Couldn’t find the truck keys.” grumped Coop under his breath.. “Finally called Carol who was already home in Cedaredge. She said they were in my pants pocket. So she made the 20 mile back to bring them to me.”

“Bet that made her happy.” I offered, not expecting the response. “Not really, she got stopped by the police on the way down.” “And it’s her birthday.”

At this point I stifled my emerging laugh to enjoy McPhly some more before it got funnier.

The Friday night show in Delta went off with a minimum of glitches but a faulty speaker did have an effect on the sound. But that didn’t much matter when some of the guys got confused about where they were in a song and jumped from one place to another. The look on MaryAnn’s face was priceless. All three chorus quartets sang two songs each with no clinkers. Emcee Jim Kerschner was as entertaining as usual, doing a yeoman’s job of keeping order on stage. Friday was a challenge for DelRose but they did a fine job with only 9 or so on stage. Saturday in Montrose was a different story for them. They looked to be a full strength as they belted out “Big

Spender” with he able assistance of Cory Hulse strutting and spinning his walking stick. Darn good job, girls.

Montrose was a repeat of the Delta performance sans one quartet who opted to go to Durango for their show. As such the other two quartets were requested to sing 3 songs rather than the 2 on Friday. As usual the sound guys at the Pavilion did their excellent job of placing mics in the most favorable spots to make us sound as good as we could. No serious glitches with the songs this night, and some who attended both performances opined that we sounded better on Saturday.

The Afterglow at the Pavilion was totally different from the one in Taylor’s back yard. Montrose offered another show and full dinner after the show for only \$10. Carol and her connection to Eckert Graystone did wonders to provide excellent cuisine to a large audience combined with more McPhly magic. They even sang a special Birthday song to Carol and another fan to make up for her extra trip down to Delta on Friday night. I think Coop was hoping for some forgiveness. from the key deal the night before. The 2014 efforts in preparing for and presenting “SHOW TIME IN LAS VEGAS” were all stupendous. Best Show Ever was the most heard comments. There is no way to adequately express appreciation to MaryAnn, Carol, Coop, JT, Dennis, Rex, Del & Del., etc. etc. who pulled together to make this a truly memorable Show. McPhly was, and is always, a special treat to have in out duo-communities. Wish them the very best in their upcoming competition in the ‘other’ Las Vegas.

Good job, everyone. Is it too soon to start planning for 2015? There’s a thought for you.

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# Splinters from the Board

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.



If you still are thinking attending a board meeting is always bored, you should have attended the meeting on June 10. Sometimes when it gets hot, not necessarily the weather, longer follows. Hot and long is not synonymous with boring.

A rather lengthy review of the 2014 show pretty described all the good things along with a couple of glitches, like a serious misunderstanding between the signed contract with the Pavilion and the intentions of the Pavilion person who probably signed the contract. She insisted we vacate the Afterglow room by 10 pm. Carol, our shy Administrative Officer, took gentle exception with her and succeeded to allow us to revel in the sounds of McPhly to almost 11. Firm and binding (and understood) contracts are really important.

Yes Virginia, the Board voted to again pay the registration fees for each and every member who attends Silverton in July. Now is the time to check to make sure you have all the music. Carol can only do so much to 'help' you. It's YOUR responsibility.

A goodly portion of the remaining meeting was spent emotionally dissecting the nasty cancer of mixed and conflicting priorities. Varied opinions of loyalty vs choice, fun vs obligation, and consideration vs disrespect pretty much killed any levity generated earlier in the evening. So after some really good cookies, all grumped out the B&B door to go home and kick the dog.

Some planning about summer activities sort of pointed out there isn't much. But, if all works out we should still plan on a pot-luck and singout overlooking Ridgway Reservoir on the Saturday night before Labor Day. Coop pretty much assured us it would happen. Del Dyck was corralled to cough up some possible dates for a possible lawn

party at his house. Joni may have some other ideas, but Del sheepishly said July 12 would be OK, but August should be considered. Not being intimidated by the lack of enthusiasm, the board jumped quickly on the July 12 date. Of course Del insisted Joni sign off on the date and the obligation Del volunteered for her. We can hardly wait for his report.

If you have a burning desire to host the 2015 Show, now is the time to make that desire known to President JT so he can relay it to the Board so they can select you with little ado. What a deal. Carol reluctantly agreed to take on the daunting job of planning the Afterglow again. One less thing to worry about.

Questions about Silverton? See the Q&A section on the Silverton Page of our website. Most of your questions will be answered quicker than they will be when you ask people who don't know.

**SUMMERTIME quartet incognito**



|                 |         |
|-----------------|---------|
| Dennis Olmstead | June 19 |
| Don Barnett     | June 23 |
| Larry Wilkinson | June 28 |
| Del Dyck        | July 8  |

*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**

**FOURMATA**

Contact: Bill Sutton 874-9280

**ROCKY ROAD**

Contact: Vern Dockter

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MePhly singing special birthday songs to Carol and another

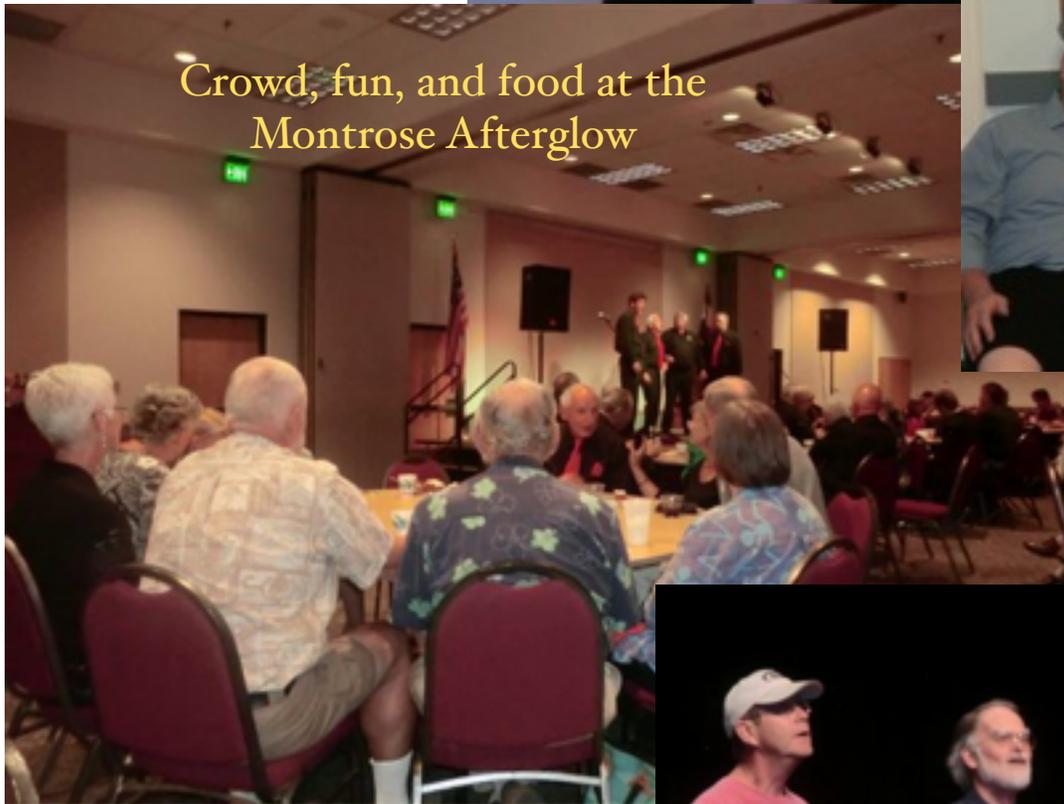




All pictures are from the roving non-intrusive camera of Dennis Olmstead. See him if you want a copy. Don't bother if you have a complaint. This is the way you look. Not his fault.



Crowd, fun, and food at the Montrose Afterglow



It's sign-up times for Silverton. If you don't already have a room, it may be darn tough to find one.



Good job ROCKY ROAD at the DMEA meeting.



SOUND PRODUCTION one more  
time



Are we  
having  
fun yet?  
You bet  
we are  
having  
fun.  
One of  
the best  
Shows in  
history.





## Teach the Children to Sing



### CHAPTER MISSION STATEMENT

"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."

## Keep the Whole World Singing

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## Society Code of Ethics

The Society aspires to preserve for its members and for all future generations of members the sacred right of men to seek haven from the burden of their daily cares through indulgence in old fashioned vocal quartet harmony, and to that end we do hereby solemnly pledge ourselves to abide by the precepts of the Code of Ethics.

- We shall do everything in our power to perpetuate the Society.
- We shall deport ourselves and conduct the Society's functions in such manner as to reflect credit upon the Society and its membership.
- We shall conform in all aspects to the bylaws of the Society and the rules from time to time promulgated by its Society Board of Directors.
- We shall accept for membership only congenial men of good character who love harmony in music or have a desire to harmonize.
- We shall exhibit a spirit of good fellowship toward all members.
- We shall refrain from forcing our songs upon unsympathetic ears.
- We shall not use our membership in the Society for personal gain.
- We shall not permit the introduction of political, religious or other similar controversial issues into the affairs of the Society.
- We shall by our stimulus to good music and vocal harmony, endeavor to spread the spirit of harmony throughout the world.
- We shall render all possible altruistic service through the medium of barbershop harmony.

## The President's Corner with John Taylor

Well, I'm still having fun! Are you?

As the current president of the Black Canyon Barbershop Chorus, I am learning a lot and remembering why I joined this organization and continue to pay dues. I think we completed a survey not so very long ago about why we were members. The number one reason, as I recall was "To have fun." Number two was "The camaraderie and fellowship with other members." Number three, at least for me, was "The chance to perform in the community and provide some type of community service." "Personal growth and feelings of well being" were up there near the top. "Building friendships" was a high consideration. Lower on the hierarchy was, "The music." A good barbershop song done well is a joy to hear, but personally, it's not the genre of music that I buy and listen to a lot at home. I like the blues, rock & roll, country, and folk, but my tastes are constantly changing and the more barbershop I hear and learn, the more I like it.

The point is, we are all here for different reasons and no doubt hold our membership in BCBC in different regard. We have different opinions. We have different values and responsibilities. I would like to have everyone think exactly like me.....no, not really.....I can learn from others and what a boring world that would be if everyone thought the same. So, please share your different ideas!

I love it when someone has a different opinion than I. I love Board meetings where we have some controversy, like the last one. Wasn't it fun when we voted whether or not to secede from District and National? Wasn't it fun when we discussed one quartet's decision to miss one of our shows to attend another chapter's show in Durango? And now it appears we have a conflicting show date for 2015 with the Grand Junction Chapter.

I don't have a problem with discussing or voting on any issue. That's why we have a Board and why the Board's make up is so diverse! And, that's why I'm still having fun! Aren't you? Ring those chords and share those discords, too! We're all in this together. --John T.