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Sweet Corn Festival

The word is that this year's festival and our Chapter involvement was nothing but successful, from both entertainment and financial sides. Del D. reported that all comments from the audience, and those on

the Festival planning committee, all praised us for singing professionally and well. The general consensus is that we, those of you who attended that is, did a super job of singing and having a good time. Plus we put a buck or two in the bank for a rainy day.

As long as there are tests, there will be prayer in Public Schools

To be sure of hitting the target, shoot first and call whatever you hit the target.

Special Quartet meetings

As most of you know, Del Wiesner and Larry Cooper have initiated a quartet only session every Thursday at 5:45 before the regular chorus rehearse. The intent is to give all you guys who want the experience to sing in a quartet that opportunity without the pressures of singing in public.

PoleCat qualifications are also offered for those who would like to learn all the PoleCat songs and sing them well enough to qualify.

This is a FUN thing for Barbershoppers to do. Remember, the founding theme was singing in a quartet. Be a part of it.

Sometimes I sit quietly and wonder why I am not in a Mental Institution. Then I take a good look around at everyone, and realize Maybe I already Am!

2015 Show on April 10 (Delta) and April 11 (Montrose)

As a gentle reminder, the dates for both 2015 Shows have been set, and venue reservations are being confirmed and paid. BMI/SESAC fees have been paid, and the dates are firm with RMD. But nothing else has happened. We don't have a Show Chairman, a Theme, or a guest quartet. Remember, the Show date is a couple months earlier than the last 2 years. Come on, time to step up and get involved.

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2014 SHOW CHAIRMAN

MaryAnn Rathburn

At my age I need glasses,
preferably full

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.



The Board recognized two letters of resignation from the Board. Both positions were voted to be abolished and no replacements were appointed.

The Board voted to accept the invitation for the Chapter to appear on the November 15 DelRose Sweet Adeline Show in Delta.

An Election Committee was appointed. Chair: John Taylor, members: Bob Brethouwer and Del Dyck. They will prepare a slate of nominations for Secretary, Treasurer, Membership VP, and both Members-at-Large. See the list of Board Members and dates of expiration at left.

A reminder that the Fall Convention will be held in Midway, Utah from Sept. 18 to Sept 21. Now is the time to make reservations. All information is on the RMD website.

Larry Cooper has been named as new chairman for the Silverton Harmony Festival, replacing Carl Schultz. The Board was in favor of changing the historical date from the 3rd to 4th weekend in July is necessary to allow this year's director to return in 2015.

The previous 3 BOTYs were reminded that they have the obligation to choose the 2014 BOTY recipient to be awarded at the annual installation banquet in January. And it will remain a secret until that time.

The Board met in the conference room of Daveto's rather than Fairlamb B&B due to the number of guests as this time. The location was fine, and the food before was excellent as usual. Seven Board members gladly attended. Those who did not

attend missed the discussion of pairing down the size of the board. Consensus at the close of the meeting was to hold the next meeting at Daveto's. Stay tuned for any changes.

I have enough money to live comfortably for the rest of my life. ~ ~ If I die by next Tuesday.

Explanation of 2105 Show success

There is no question that this year's show was really fun and most enjoyable. It was a huge success for the audience and the participants. But any concern that it was a dismal failure financially is a product of comparing apples with oranges. Up until this show, accounting included all donations as part of the Show summary. From early shows, it was thought that any donations to the chapter should be coupled with the annual show, thus providing us an incentive to sell advertisement. Advertisement was simply donations with another name. When publishing programs became more expensive and the complexity of including ads in programs, the board chose to reconsider. Selling ads was replaced by soliciting donations from supporters. This was done every year just prior to the Show to encourage donations. All income from donations was included as part of the total income for the show.

That income was separated from show income in 2015 with the election of Don Barnett to the Board as our Economic Development VP. His task is to solicit donation on a year-long basis, not just for the show. When one reviews previous show financial reports and subtract the income for donations, it is apparent that our 2015 Show was just as financially successful as previous shows. The fact is that profits displayed for previous shows were directly tied to donations.

The bottom line is that this year's show was as successful financially as previous shows, but the donation total was more than usual, thanks to the hard work of Barny. With the donations no longer a part of the show balance sheet, we have a much clearer picture of what we need to consider in the future to improve show results. Of course we must rely on the continuing donations from our supporters to help keep us solvent. And a big thanks to Barny for accepting that challenge.

After last months mention about how fast those cars that complete in drag racing really are, RMD bulletin publisher Steve Jackson offered a 'new' banner for our Bulletin. Thanks Steve. I'm sure Del W. and car guys will appreciate it.

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Lloyd Wenzel	August 19
Sam Kevan	August 21
MaryAnn Rathburn	August 26

*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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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."

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Keep the Whole World Singing

The President's Corner with John Taylor

LET'S PUT THE FUN BACK INTO "DYSFUNCTIONAL"

Greetings, Barbershop Gang,

I know our mission for this Chapter is to have fun. When we stop having fun, we stop participating in the Chapter functions. When we ARE having fun, the expenses of dues and travel and chapter responsibilities and donations "for the good of the order" don't matter and even an occasional disagreement with another member will not deter us, because we gain enough self and community satisfaction that we want to "keep on singing." I realize there is some disharmony among our members over dues, travel, conflicts with fellow members of the chapter, ambitions for our Chorus and time restraints (It's difficult to imagine, but some of our members still go to work every week and have other priorities.)

Anyway, I want you to know that the Board and I are aware of the discord and would like to try to fix what we can. Please share any ideas you have to solve these problems with one of us or all of us. Our meetings are the second Tuesday of the month and you are invited. (Our next meeting is at 7:00 p.m. at Daveto's in Delta, Sept. 9th; Dinner on your own at 6:00 p.m.) Please let me know if you plan to attend and I will warn the wait staff.....and maybe the police department. :-)

"Fun, Fun, Fun till Daddy takes the T-Bird away",

