

Canyon Chords



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Simple Logic

If for some strange reason you missed the practice on April 14, you missed a part of setting a record for attendance. My goodness gracious, there must have been 30 guys singing and swinging their hearts out as director MaryAnn smiled and cajoled us into sounding pretty dang good. With the June show getting closer every day, sounding pretty dang good is not quite good enough, but getting closer. We are so happy to welcome a group of high school guys attending and planning to sing in a quartet on our show. Wow, how can it get any better? I know, sell tickets and learn your music perfectly. Then the chorus will sound perfect and we'll show a nice profit. It's simple logic.

Gems on Singing...

*By Jay Giallombardo,
from The Orange Spiel, John Alexander, Editor*

Having to concentrate on notes and words keeps the body from moving. We must tell the audience, "I'm having fun."

While we do tell a story, we don't sing words, we sing sounds that represent words.

Audiences hear emotion, not just words.

Circle singing (and sitting in the chairs) is for teaching, working, and fixing. The risers are for performance.

If each man believes he can get just a little bit better and works to be so each and every day, the chorus will get a LOT better.



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I'm great at multi-tasking...I can waste time, be unproductive, and procrastinate all at once.

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 are available from Secretary Frush.



Once again a few in need of sustenance met at Davetos' for an early repast prior to the fun of a regular bored meeting. Whoops, board. As usual Chuck had pizza, Rex had a special, Bob had pasta, and Bill and Larry W. had whatever. Then the later guys and gal showed up to drink a brew or two and in one case to eat even though everyone else was done. Then the nuts and bolts of chasing rabbits until they went down the rabbit hole commenced. Some call it wandering through wilderness along the the verbal path of confusion. Others call it progress.

Rightfully so, most of the meeting was devoted to discussing the progress, and there was some, of Show planning in spite of Prez Coop's intention to delay such discussion to the end of the meeting. Just wasn't going to happen.

Carol announced that she has some extra long red ties on hand for us guys who need one for obvious and protruding reasons.

Dennis felt spending some time with his wandering daughter was of higher priority than fussing his way through the evening listening to a cacophony of opinions. However he did provide Larry W. with a list of upcoming singouts, all of which are available on the website calendar. Try it. And maybe it will continue to be provided. Maybe.

Another and continuous THANKS to Carol for a bunch of stuff she does for our Chapter. This time she is renewing the Chapter membership to Delta Chamber of Commerce as her gift. This gal is an incredible addition to our hobby.

SHOW STUFF: Rex paid our insurance. Larry W. will check with Red Arrow about rooms for the Guest Quartet. Rex ordered 800 show tickets. Tim (rumor since he was not at the meeting) plans to give each member 20 tickets to sell plus other tickets to the Pavilion Delta C of C, and other strange places. John the Thrasher one, will soon have cost estimates for the new and fancy proposed program. He thinks it will be close to \$1000. John, the Taylor one, will send a letter of invitation to all nursing homes.

The next board meeting will really be a Show meeting held at the regular board meeting place and time and date. . Yes that is May 10. Din-din at Davetos' before is optional. If you are on a Show Committee you should come. If you are not, but want to know what the heck is going on, you are welcome.

Continuation of Splinters from the Board

The board assumes and accepts the notion that selling advertising in a more expensive and professional Show program may result in an increase of cash flow to the Chapter. With full board approval, John Thrasher is currently obtaining printing estimates from several printing companies. The general estimate based on previous ventures indicate that they may run in the \$700 range which seems to be acceptable by the board. The most expensive program on record over the past 10 years was about \$350. The cheapest \$78. The question that is not being addressed is 'will the increase in donations be more than enough to offset the increased cost of printing?' Will any increase of donations result directly from the advertising program? Since there has been no effort to consider or accept a budget for the show, there should be some concern about large expenditures without logical assurance of reasonable returns. A request to our Treasurer for historical numbers to either support or oppose this effort is not available. The limited historical figures that are available do not support any such increase, but the jury is out until results are tallied. As such, the board should be very cautious about approving such an expense.

Print off two copies of this newsletter to share - one with your family and one with someone you are bringing to a chapter meeting. Let them know they belong here!

Women spend more time wondering what men are thinking than men spend thinking.

A Gentle but not subtle Reminder

It is Chapter policy that you must be a BHS member to sing on stage with the Black Canyon Barbershop Chorus on our Annual Barbershop Show. For more information, talk to President Coop or Membership VP Taylor.



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.



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Teach the Children to Sing

Stamp
here

*Never tell your problems
to anyone, because 20
percent don't care and
the other 80 percent are
glad you have them.*



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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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Keep the Whole World Singing

The VP Membership Corner with John Taylor

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Hello.

I am a past president of the Black Canyon Barbershop Chorus in Montrose, CO. We are a nonprofit organization that likes to sing old and new music. Our newsletter writer, Bill Sutton, and I are big fans of your Dilbert cartoons. They seem to often represent some of our board (bored) meetings.

What would we have to do or pay to reprint some of yours cartoons in our monthly newsletter? This publication goes out to our local members (about 35) and a copy goes to officers of other regional chapters in western Colorado of which there are four

Maybe Dilbert or one of his buddies could become a "Barbershopper."

Thank you for a response.

John Taylor
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**Women
sometimes
make fools
of men, but
most guys
are the do-
it-yourself
type.**