

Canyon Chords



Singing every Thursday at 7:00 PM, Community
United Methodist Church of Olathe



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Coop leads those who are done eating in a song or two.

Learning how to remain young requires growing old.

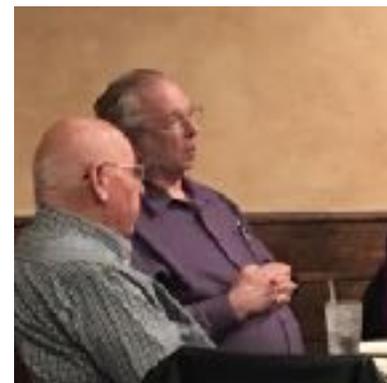
Remember, we do have a website with pertinent information available to those who are interested.

THE BANQUET



Dockter and doctor (Vern and Sam) sing along as needed

It was a nice banquet at Daveto's. Daveto's food is always excellent and the abbreviated buffet with lasagna and spinach stuff with a great salad was more than most could eat. Coop led us singing a couple of songs including one to the wait staff and possible some of the cooks. Even though we were spread out, we sounded, from my point, pretty good. It was a get together time, a time to visit and eat without any strings. The attendance number was somewhat less than anticipated as there were several 'no shows'. It was nice way to spend the evening. Big thanks to Rex for making it happen.



Ken and Chuck discuss the song Coop chose for us to sing and try to remember the words.

A conclusion is the place where you got tired of thinking

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

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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 may be found on one of Chucks computers.



Almost the entire Board showed up at Daveto's to eat before the meeting. That may have been a record but who keeps records? By the time the official meeting was banged into existence, all, everyone, unanimously complete 100% of the board was present to attend the board meeting which was NOT bored this time. Not that they ever are, but this one wasn't. And another record was set.

The bulk, and rightfully so, of the meeting was spent trying to untangle the logistics of scheduling various entertainers within a firm time constraint Which means, who is going to sing and when and how will we get off-stage and how will they get on without too much dead time and how can MC John fill in the time without taking too much time and not making the audience really bored and wish it was all over.

And if that wasn't enough to fill the plates, Thrasher had to bring up the Program and how in the heck could he list all the kids and stuff without costing a fortune and what else should be shown and where and what about having a screen showing the donors, assuming we have some, and can Tim do it like he did last year and will he?

Chuck said the BHS website is again being very difficult, which it has been from the very beginning. However, with all the show stuff going on, the BHS site problems will be dealt with at another time. But probably the same place.

Your future self is watching you right now through memories.

ONE MORE BOARD MEETING BEFORE THE SHOW. ARE YOU READY?



Some pretty serious discussion at one of the tables.



And at this one too



John Reick
 Chuck Frush
 Lee Ervin

March 27
 April 2
 April 12

*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.



Every time you clean something, you just make something else dirty

ROCKY ROAD

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Some minds are like concrete
Thoroughly mixed up and
permanently set.

From the Concho Capers, Twin Mountain Tonesmen
Barbershop Harmony Society, Inc.

Highlights from 2018 Midwinter

Our 2018 Midwinter Convention had an electric current running through it of connectivity: of people connecting to one another, of a wide range of men's and women's ensembles blending in new ways, and of the barbershop world connecting to communities outside ourselves.

St. Croix Crossing captures Seniors crown

Six tries, five medals, and years of patience have paid off for St. Croix Crossing from the Land O' Lakes District, who were crowned 2018 International Seniors Quartet Champion last week at the Midwinter

Convention.'

The top five quartets were:

St. Croix Crossing, 1367 points / 75.9%

Easy Street, 1352 points / 75.1%

Unfinished Business, 1348 points / 74.9%

Renaissance, 1335 points / 74.2%

Spotlight, 1330 points / 73.9.0%

*The sooner you fall behind, the
more time you'll have to catch
up*

**ENJOY TODAY. BECAUSE
YESTERDAY IS GONE AND
TOMORROW ISN'T PROMISED.**

DEATH OF TRADITIONS

I heard on TV this morning that the Boy Scouts in Oregon are now accepting female members. What happened to Girl Scouts? Why is PC so darned important? Traditions seem to be a thing of the past especially but not exclusively to Barbershopping. Most of the traditional barbershop music with an abundance of barbershop 7th chords seem to have been replaced with more modern music with bass providing 'dum dum, dummity dum' as opposed to learning the words. Possibly some kind of comment about basses, but I don't think so.

From our chapter's registration in the mid 70's, a recognition of a member who has been outstanding in helping to grow and prosper our hobby has been a tradition. That tradition, still observed by most Chapters and Districts in BHS, has always been identified as "Barbershop of the Year" abbreviated as BOTY. A list of our Chapter's BOTYs can be found on our website, under 'History.' That award has always been given to a male member, but in 2015 that unwritten policy was ignored. For the first time in history, two females, well deserved, were awarded that coveted honor. Then, for unknown reasons, there was no BOTY for 2016 or 2017. Once traditions are changed, they soon cease to exist.

In the mid 90s, Del, Joe R., Gene B. and Sutton, all members of the Silver Haired Daddies quartet, finished coffee at the Montrose Starvin' Arvin's and decided to cross the street to Holiday Inn Express to sing to the gal on duty and inquire about having our Annual Installation Banquet at their facility. It happened, and for several years the almost forgotten banquet comprised of importing a quartet from Grand Junction, a person to do the formal duties of installation of Officers, and at one time including our Chapter Representative from out of town. That person, for those who may remember, was Ivan Jensen. He now lives in Arizona. Our local quartets were part of the entertainment, and they took it quite seriously.

For many years the Installation Banquet and presentation of BOTY was a big deal. It was an elaborate potluck furnished by our wives and S.Os and it was simply scrumptious. Alcohol was available at the motel bar in close proximity of the banquet room. For many years, it was a special event, one that we all looked forward to attending.

When Holiday Inn Express began charging for the banquet room, we moved originally to the Lion's Park facility and then to a buffet at Daveto's. Even with the venue change, the formality continued. One year President Larry Wilkinson dressed in a judge's robe to administer the installation ceremonial procedure for all officers. Very formal, very funny, and much enjoyed.

Now the formal Installation/BOTY Banquet has been reduced to a normal run-of-the-mill buffet with some friendly conversation.

For as long as I have been a BCBC member, one of the most fun and biggest money raisers of the year have also gone the way of the DoDo bird. Singing Valentines to lovely ladies and ugly men were some of the most rewarding experiences I have had with this chorus. Some years we had 4 active V-Day quartets shuffling around Montrose between singing appointments in Paonia, Cedaredge, Ridgway, Delta and just out in the tulies. Some years we raised close to \$1000 for our treasury. Most other Chapters are still singing Valentines. We have essentially relegated the tradition, obligation and fun to one quartet, Rocky Road, who are willing to carry on this precious custom. Thank you Vern, David, Tim, and Dan.

So times have changed. Some folks use the word Progressive to explain it, but others question that definition. A more appropriate word is apathy.

I, personally, find it sad.

Opportunity may knock once, but temptation bangs on the front door forever.



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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Keep the Whole World Singing

Why is it that no plastic bag will open from the first end you try?



I don't have gray hair; I have "wisdom highlights"! I'm just very wise.

