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Installation Banquet

Twas an evening to toss traditions into the trash and try some new stuff and new stuff is not always bad stuff. It happened at one of the Board Meeting when someone, whose name will remain confidential fearing reprisal, suggested we forgo the conventional potluck shindig to install Chapter Officers, and try a catered or restaurant buffet. Some expected opposition ably argued the point that 'it's always been done that way' along with some very good reasons why it should. Others suggested that perhaps we should give the wives and partners a well-deserved break and make it an enjoyable evening for *them* as well as for us. Guilt feelings kicked in and a decision was made to give a PAID buffet probably at Daveto's a try. So we tried it and filled the room with laughter, food, and good fellowship along with a song or two. Wow, there were so many in attendance it was impossible to get a count, but the general observation was that this was the largest attendance of an Installation banquet in recent history. So it worked well and we will probably do it this way again next year.

Larry Wilkinson agreed to again do the formalities of the installation, and this year donned a judge's robe for the very stern and serious pronouncements. He sentenced each Officer for a term in 2016 with a humorous and clever judgement. He even required them to bring their own chairs for the sentencing. Thank you Larry for another great installation.

After installation, the time had come for the revered and secret announcement of the 2015 BARBERSHOPPER OF THE YEAR, an award traditionally selected by the previous three recipients. Larry Cooper, the 2013 BOTY made the presentation.

As I said at the top, this was an evening to nudge traditions to the side and do something different, and the BOTY selection was no exception. This year, two people were selected at BOTYs, something that has only been done a couple of times in the past. Normally only ONE person is recognized for what they have contributed to the welfare of our Chapter and Barbershopping in general. This year is different not only for that exception, but for another. Not only were two people recognized and deserving of the award, but for the first time in history, a woman, not one but two women were selected to receive this honor. Wow! I can feel the 'hairs of concern' raising on back of barbershopper necks all over the world.

OUR SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS TO MARYANN RATHBURN AND CAROL MORRELL.

This dynamic duo has been a super-positive on this Chapter for years and we are so happy and proud to have them with us. The festivities ground to a halt after a few songs, some as a thank you to the waitstaff, and some for our enjoyment. Now if we ever have another Board Meeting, there will be people to attend.

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Someone told me to "Follow your dreams." So I went back to bed.



Splinters from the Board

Because of the busyness of Christmas, New Years, and the Installation Banquet, there apparently is not going to be a January Board Meeting. So there will be no silly comments about a meeting for you to wish no one had said. However, some things worthy of reporting have occurred at regular practices. So they are reported here. So there.

For the first and only time since prior to 1980, the Chapter will NOT this year officially participate in the traditional event of providing Singing Valentines to the community. The recent decline of interest in the potential customers and chapter members coupled with concern over a Sunday Valentine's Day plus reluctance to get involved with the difficulties and complications of assuring a good program, the board's lack of enthusiasm has resulted in shifting all the responsibility to Rocky Road, the only active chapter quartet. A big thanks and GOOD LUCK go out to Tim, Rod, Vern, and David. I know your quartet will make a lot of ladies very happy and their guys grateful for your effort.

The word is that John Taylor has just about finished a funny and clever script for our June Show. Now if we can find someone to read it, we are in pretty good shape.

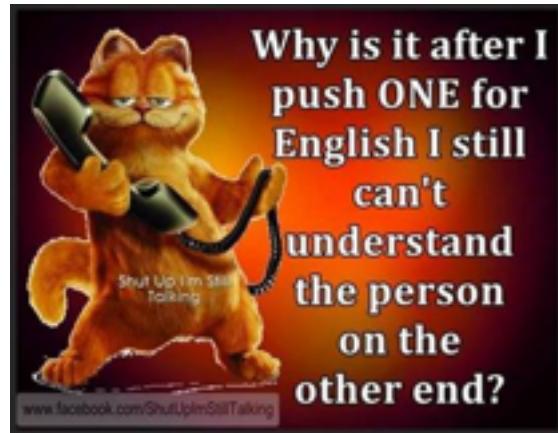
As the chorus begins the countdown on learning songs for the June Show, the battle has become somewhat easier thanks to Tim Lund. Tim has prepared a bunch of Barbershop learning tracks for our use, pending on your proficiency and understanding of computers. Tim provided a detailed guide on how to access and listen to the tracks. Hope you all take advantage of it. Thank you Tim. It is a big help!

There have been a couple of inquiries and semi-requests for chapter singouts which are currently under consideration by our newly elected Program VP Dennis. Hopefully we will learn more later.

Don't forget the TAP NIGHT on Feb. 2. Rex expects you to be there to sing to him.



**I thought
growing old
would take
longer.**



Rex Pierson

Bill Sutton

Don Weiszbrod

February 2

February 8

February 10

*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.



ROCKY ROAD

Contact: Vern Dockter

970-210-1793

The gathering crowd waiting for a wonderful buffet and some good entertainment.



The tables were set for the festivities



2016 President Larry Cooper present 2015 Barbershopper Of The Year awards to MaryAnn Rathburn and Carol Morrell. Both are Associate Members of BHS.



For some reason, this was the loudest table in the room, but they did have fun.



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Keep the Whole World Singing

The President's Corner with Larry Cooper

This is the scoop from Coop

I think that the year is starting out great. We all are in good spirits with new technology out there so we may learn the songs with ease .

The songs are fun and the show will be great.

Everyone in BCBC are great people

Thank you for letting me be your President.

