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## Our second "Give Back" Concert

### *Grand Mesa Southern Baptist Church*

Thanks to the hard work of Bill Snyder, the second free concert given to show our appreciation for past support was another success. We didn't have the size of audience we hoped but posters, articles in local newspapers, and Church support may not be enough. More soul searching and being more creative in advertising may be the solution.

If you have the patience to count the number of fuzzy chorus members, you may find there was a darn good turnout. The fuzziness may result from cropping a picture taken from the back of the sanctuary, or it may be some kind of sneaky Baptist filter to maintain privacy of all those who attend.

After the singing most of the chorus members filled the patio of the nearby golf club restaurant where brews of many species coupled with a diversity of hamburgers, salads, and other treats closed out the remaining of a very enjoyable evening. And of course there was some singing. There always is when a bunch of Barbershoppers get together for food ... or anything.

The plan is to continue the "Give Back to the Community" concert series with future options at the Montrose United Methodist Church, The Olathe United Methodist Church, and the Center of Spiritual Living.

For this series to succeed, someone must step up to be a leader for the event. To suggest a date and dump all the responsibility on the hard working Program VP is just not going to make it happen. Planning the event is akin to planning a mini annual show. Most of the details have to be considered. Let's jump in and keep this series moving forward.



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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.



I have to admit that the nasty stuff dispensed by the Indians in Towaoc is really yucky and I just didn't feel comfortable spreading it to the rest of the board so I missed it. Thus I send out a request for information about the proceedings. Very few board members responded. When they didn't, I just assume not much happened so I may, just may, make some stuff up to fill the page. Your call.

Quick review of status of Silverton by COOP. Guest Conductor still a little unknown. Carol asks members attending Silverton to let her know and check out music to see what they need. Time is running out.

Maybe we will have another Delta show, or maybe we won't. Not sure if any real decision was made or if it is still in the wind. Guess if you really care, you can ask John Taylor or even Chuck. An answer may be just festering to get out.

The other John T., the Thrasher John T., did his job of drafting a letter to present new member prospectives so they will know in advance what the heck they are getting into. His efforts are greatly appreciated and hope that this information will be furnished to new guests. Following up has always been a failing of our outfit.

Someone said Coop said all is under control for Silverton but the details are sketchy enough to allow some serious concern. But, what the heck, what ever will be will be. So, plan or don't plan to attend. The cost or no cost will be what it is. This may be the best way to let dumb luck rule.

There was some talk, I assume, about the 2016 Show and some progress has been made. Again, an assumption. What progress has been made will be hidden in the board meeting minutes which will not be available until the next

meeting so nothing can be accomplished in between. It is the way it is.

I thought growing old would take longer.

I can't remember the last time I wasn't at least kind of tired.



I don't feel old. I don't feel  
anything until noon. Then  
it's time for my nap.

- Bob Hope



Don Barnett  
Del Dyck

June 23  
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

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God  
Bless  
America



Gary is suffering but he is doing better. Being a tenor in a barbershop quartet may not be his only calling. He said he will land back at home late in July. We miss him.





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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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## The President's Corner with John Taylor



"I'LL DO IT!" What a sweet sound to hear when you're looking for help among the membership! That kind of volunteerism is what keeps our chorus going!

Recently we have had a number of our guys step up to meet certain needs and we still have room in a few areas to keep that altruistic trend going. At the risk of missing several important names, I'll mention a couple.

John Thrasher is a go-to guy. He saw a need for a membership letter explaining exactly what we do and what we are about. He wrote an excellent letter for any new recruits. And by the way, we need some new recruits.....especially tenors.

Don Weisbrod stepped up and volunteered to be 2016 Show Chairman. He may be asking you for help and I encourage you to be one that will answer that call.

The national organization says that most chorus groups can be divided into thirds, as far as volunteerism and participation. One third are the go-getters and volunteers. Another third are active and can be pushed into extra activity. And one third pay their dues, but only show up on occasion. (Not a bad thing.....just have other activities going on.)

Anyway, the go-getters are probably already on the Board, or were asked to be. We have some other needs coming up soon. Del Dyck has moved to the Palisade area and feels he should relinquish his job as Membership Chairman. Vern Dockter has indicated he needs to give up his position as C.A.R.A. points Chairman. Don Barnett has sent a letter to the Board that he may resign from the Sponsorship Chairman duties without some help (even though we have no one else in our group that can sell snowballs to Eskimos like Barney can.) And we need to be looking for new officers for next year.....especially the office of President. How did Larry W. do it for so long without becoming an alcoholic?